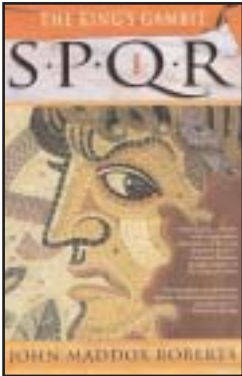


CRIME CHRONICLE

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AUTHOR OF THE MONTH JOHN MADDOX ROBERTS



John Maddox Roberts began his Roman historical mysteries in 1990 with the first in the SPQR series: **The King's Gambit** (Tp 29.95) and followed in 1991 with the second **The Catiline Conspiracy** (Tp 29.95) and the third **The Sacrilege** (Tp 29.95). In 1992, he published the fourth in the series, **The Temple of the Muses** (Tp 29.95), and then stopped writing them. He then released three modern novels in the Gabe Treloar series, plus a number of science fiction and fantasy titles. In 1999, he returned to the world of ancient Rome and released the fifth in the series **Saturnalia** (Tp 29.95) and continued the series each year with **Nobody Loves a Centurion** (Tp 29.95) (#6), **The Tribune's Curse** (Tp 29.95) (#7) and now in paperback the eighth in the series: **The River God's Vengeance** (Tp 29.95). The ninth, **The Princess and the Pirates** is due in hardback later this month @ 49.95. We still have a few copies of **The River God's Vengeance** left in Hb @ 49.95.



The series is set in the later days of the Roman Republic from the times of Crassus and Pompey to Julius Caesar and features the wellborn Decius Caecilius Metellus the Younger as the sleuth. The series is highly entertaining and the characters are convincing, while the historical details are spot on.



The River God's Vengeance (290pp Tp 29.95)

In the waning days of the Roman republic, the adventures of Decius Metellus have taken him from one end of the empire to the other, usually fleeing from trouble just to find himself in more trouble wherever he ends up going. With a family as impressive as his name sounds, a close friendship with the leader of one of Rome's most powerful street gangs, and a marriage to the niece of Julius Caesar, he has finally taken the first step on Rome's political ladder, with an election to the lowly office of aedile. When Decius's official responsibilities require him to investigate the collapse of a tenement building, his sense of duty won't allow him to write it off as just another example of greedy slumlords using shoddy materials. As Decius's hunt for justice implicates some of Rome's most powerful figures, so powerful that even Cicero can't help Decius, he must turn for help to a most unlikely ally. In this eighth instalment of the series, Roberts once again provides authentic detail in the everyday Roman customs, as well as a fascinating picture of the increasingly unsteady position of this famed republic.

If you enjoy Roman historical mysteries, then John Maddox Roberts' SPQR series is not one to overlook.

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MODERN CRIME

Jeff ABBOTT

Cut and Run

389pp Pb 18.95

Many years ago, Ellen Mosley became Eve Michaels. She left her husband, her adored children and her safe life for a life on the run, a new lover and US\$500,000. But when she found out the money belonged to the Mob, there was only one choice. She turned her back on the everyday world and returned the cash to its owners. The Mafia, impressed by her smarts, offered her a job and she thrived. Now her grown-up son Whit wants to find her. His father is dying and he wants to call Ellen Mosley to her husband's deathbed to pay her dues. By the time he finally tracks her down, Eve's position in the organisation is under attack and soon both mother and son are on the run... (American)



Russell ANDREWS

Aphrodite

463pp Pb 19.95

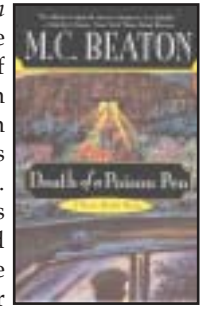
Justin Westwood has retreated from reality by taking a menial post with a small-town Long Island police department, drowning his troubles in mindless traffic duty and lots of booze. But his dormant professionalism is awakened when a young woman journalist is found brutally murdered. She recently got into trouble for quoting erroneous facts in the obituary of a man who had been living in the local retirement home, but that is not the sort of mistake that bring a duo of professional hit men to your door or the FBI to town. As Justin attempts to unravel the puzzle, he finds the FBI, the hit men and the cops are disposing of witnesses and setting him up for the fall. (American)

M C BEATON

Death of a Poison Pen

248pp Pb 16.95

A Hamish Macbeth mystery. When the townspeople of Lochdubh begin receiving poison pen letters, no one takes them very seriously. When the town's postmistress is found hanging from a rope with a poison pen letter at her feet. Though it appears to be a suicide, Hamish suspects something more sinister. Attempting to trace the letter, the last thing Hamish needs is distraction, but soon Jenny Ogilvie arrives, determined to seduce him. Realising that she is unable to take Hamish's mind off his case, Jenny decides to do a little investigating of her own. Now, Hamish finds himself in a race to solve the mystery of the poison pen letters before someone else dies, including one likely target, Jenny. (American)



Nancy ATHERTON

Aunt Dimity: Snowbound

257pp Pb 18.95

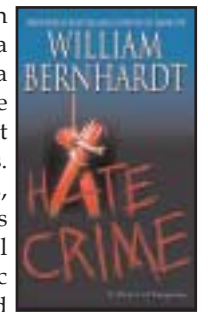
This latest story finds Lori Shepherd overtaken by the blizzard of the century. Fortunately, she is soon safe and dry in Ladythorne Abbey. Or is she? In the abbey's passages there still lingers the haunting presence of its late owner, Lucasta DeClerke, not to mention the danger posed by an unstable caretaker. When Lori thinks she has learned of a plot to steal a priceless family heirloom, she attempts to prevent the theft. Lori will need all the Dimity wisdom she can get to banish the hatred and guilt that shroud Ladythorne Abbey in a blanket considerably thicker than the accumulating snow. (American)

William BERNHARDT

Hate Crime

414pp Pb 16.95

In Tulsa, Ben Kincaid has built a national reputation as a stalwart Defence Attorney who will fight tirelessly for his clients. In Evanston, Illinois, Johnny Christensen has built a national reputation as a sadistic bigot who beat and stabbed a gay man and left him to die. When Johnny's mother comes to Ben and begs him to defend her son, he has one secret reason for saying no. But while Ben turns down the case, his younger, beautiful partner, Christina McCall, does not. (American)



Rosemary AUBERT

Leave Me by Dying

260pp Tp 29.95

An Ellis Portal mystery #4. This book is a prequel to the earlier books in the series. It is set in 1965 when Ellis is 23 and a University of Toronto law student. One night, Gleason Adams, a fellow student of unquestioned wealth but questionable character, persuades Ellis to accompany him to the city morgue for what Gleason claims is a routine autopsy, part of a law-school project they are supposed to be working on. They find the cadaver of a woman who died under circumstances they cannot figure out. Was it murder? Suicide? Or something else? Professional criminologist Rosemary Aubert's series has been optioned for the movies. (American)

Carmel BIRD

Cape Grimm

302pp Pb 22.95

On the far northwest coast of Tasmania at Cape Grimm lies the isolated community of Skye, which practises a religion that reveres the imagination. When Caleb Mean is born, his grandmother has a vision telling her he is the Chosen One. On Caleb's 33rd birthday, he locks the whole community into the meeting hall and incinerates them. The only survivors are Caleb, his lover Virginia and their baby daughter, Golden. How could such a thing happen? Do the answers lie in the history of Skye itself, founded by the unlikely survivors of a 19th century shipwreck? Or do the only real clues lie in the dark truths of fairytales? This is a chilling and bewitching novel about the terrible power of faith, and confirms Carmel Bird as one of our finest and most original writers. (Australian)

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**J Carson BLACK****Darkness on the Edge of Town**
358pp Pb 16.95

Laura Cardinal, a detective with the Arizona Department of Public Safety, is called to a crime scene in the town of Bisbee. The body of a teenage girl has been discovered bearing all the signs of a serial sexual predator, and calling to mind the murder of Laura's schoolmate 18 years earlier. (American)

Rita Mae BROWN**Whisker of Evil** 346pp Pb 18.95

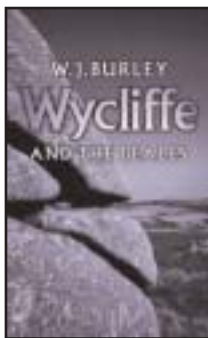
A *Mrs Murphy* mystery. A mysterious death in a Virginia farm town has the locals scratching their heads while frisky feline Mrs Murphy and her friends, fat-cat Pewter and corgi Tee Tucker, uncover clues as they curl their way around a cold-blooded killer. Barry Monteith, the handsome local horse breeder, has been savagely murdered. A true ladies' man, Barry was known to have left a string of broken hearts behind him. But could a spurned lover be responsible for his untimely demise? (American)

Jeff BUICK**Bloodline** 374pp Pb 16.95

The world thinks Colombian drug lord Pablo Escobar was killed in 1993. The world is wrong. Escobar went deep into hiding, taking with him the access code to a Swiss bank account containing hundreds of millions of dollars. His enemies want that code, and they will do anything to get it. They turn to Escobar's cousin, an innocent pawn who has no idea where to begin the search but his wife and daughter are being held as security, and the clock is ticking. He has two weeks to find Pablo Escobar and get that access code, or they die! (Canadian)

W J BURLEY**Wycliffe and the Beales (1983)**
192pp Pb 17.95

The Beales are an odd, reclusive family living in Ashill House, on the edge of Dartmoor: old Simon has withdrawn from active life; Nicholas and Gertrude confine themselves respectively to war games and the bottle; young Edward takes long painting expeditions on the moor. Only Frank Vicary, Gertrude's husband, is able to run the family business with enough drive to compensate for the failings of the others. When there is a murder in the village, there seems no reason to connect it with the Beales. But once Wycliffe is on the case, his investigation uncovers far more than he or the Beales anticipated. (British)

**W J BURLEY****Wycliffe and the Windsor Blue**
(1987) 222pp Pb 17.95

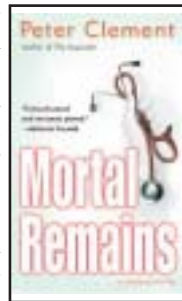
When Edwin Garland dies of a heart attack, no one outside the expectant circle of his relatives is concerned, but the situation changes dramatically when, on the evening of the funeral, his son is shot dead. Wycliffe is faced with a seemingly motiveless killing. Edwin's will, though mischievously contrived, offers no explanation. He had been friends with Gifford Tate, a well-known painter who died several years before. Now, the only clue Wycliffe has to the murder is an artists' pigment called Windsor Blue. He finally identifies the motive behind the crimes but is it too late to prevent another death? (British)

Nora CHARLES**Who Killed Swami Schwartz?**
215pp Pb 16.95

A *Kate Kennedy, Senior Sleuth* mystery #2. Hurrah! #1 in this series sold out, so it is a great pleasure to announce the second in the series. At a dinner benefit for the yoga institute founder Swami Schwartz, Swami sips a spiked double espresso and keels over dead. Now Kate must sort through suspects including a shady business partner and a pretty yoga student, who may have shared more than a lotus-position with the yogi. (American)

Peter CLEMENT**Mortal Remains** 415pp Pb 16.95

In a small upstate New York town, an idyllic lake yields a ghastly discovery when the skeletal remains of a young woman missing for 27 years are pulled from the icy depths, along with unmistakable evidence of her murder.



Suddenly, the long-dormant case of Kelly McShane Braden's mysterious disappearance is reactivated. And for two devastated men, dark emotions and disturbing secrets will also rise to the surface. (American)

Harlan COBEN**Just One Look** 386pp Pb 18.95

Grace Lawson is living a happy, straightforward life in the suburbs with her husband Jack and their two young children. But that security is about to come to a brutal end. For when Grace picks up a set of holiday snaps, amongst them is one shot that does not fit: a faded image of a life that Grace does not recognise and of her husband as she never knew him. Within 12 hours, Jack has disappeared, a brutal hit man is stalking her family and the safe world she knows has been turned upside down. And people are getting hurt... (American)

Thomas COOK**Peril** 312pp Pb 16.95

Sara Labriola is a married woman haunted by the shattering secrets of her past and terrified of the future. Tired of living in fear and knowing that if she stays in her marriage she will be killed, Sara decides to do the only thing she can: she makes herself disappear. In New York City, she will change her identity and maybe even get the happy ending she has always dreamed of. But that dream is about to become a nightmare when her father-in-law decides to make her pay for abandoning his son. (American)

Jodi COMPTON**The 37th Hour** 344pp Pb 18.95

Here debut novelist Compton introduces an extraordinary character: Detective Sarah Pribek, a woman of strength, complexity and instinct; a woman caught in an unimaginable nightmare... In a novel of astounding power and depth, Compton unleashes a haunting tale of one woman's search for her missing husband that spirals into a dark journey strewn with bitter truths and damaged lives. (American)


David CORBETT**Done for a Dime**
356pp Tp 29.95

When blues musician Raymond Carlisle is found shot dead on his doorstep in Rio Mirada, Detective Murchison quickly identifies two prime suspects: Raymond's son Toby, and Arlie Thigpen, a member of a local gang. Murchison suspects that the old blues man's relentless mockery of his gifted son was more than enough to push Toby over the edge. As Murchison tries to unravel the circumstances behind the death, it becomes apparent that this single, brutal homicide has far more sinister ramifications, including a power struggle for control of Rio Mirada primed to erupt in flames. (American)


Michael CORDY**True** 330pp Tp 32.95

How can a drug that makes people fall madly in love be a bad thing? So thinks Professor Bacci when he inadvertently unlocks the biochemical key to falling in love and develops a drug capable of creating emotions indistinguishable from the real thing. Determined that the world benefits from his discovery, he seeks funding and business advice from a private Swiss bank, owned by the secretive Kappel family. Unknown to Bacci, however, Helmut Kappel sees love as a sickness to be exploited, and has his own plan for abusing the drug's power; a cynical nightmare of breathtaking arrogance far removed from Bacci's naive dream of spreading love around the world. (British)


**Patricia CORNWELL**

 **Blow Fly** 526pp Pb 19.95
Dr Kay Scarpetta has left Virginia in quest of peace but instead finds herself drawn into baffling, horrific murders in Florida. There she becomes entangled in an international conspiracy that confronts her with the shock of her life. (American)


William COUGHLIN

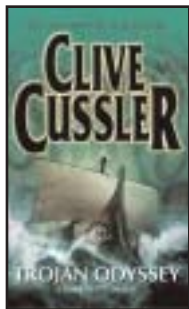
 **Death Penalty** 423pp Pb 16.95
A Charley Sloan thriller. Heading Sloan's rogues' gallery of clients is the infamous Doctor Death, whose patients have a strange habit of dying under very peculiar circumstances. But now Charley steps into a case with the opportunity to do some good. The high stakes include a literal matter of life and death. And, as he quickly discovers, they also include the sinister stench of corruption that reaches to the highest levels of jurisprudence, including Sloan's respected mentor. Suddenly, a rock and a hard place never looked so good. (American)


Blake CROUCH

 **Desert Places** 309pp Pb 16.95
Andrew Thomas is a successful writer of suspense thrillers, living the dream at his lake house in North Carolina. One afternoon in late spring, he receives a bizarre letter that eventually threatens his career, his sanity and the lives of everyone he loves. A murderer is designing his future, and for the life of him, Andrew cannot get away. An edge-of-your-seat thriller, this novel introduces the American public to a new suspense writer who will be scaring us all for years to come. (American)


Clive CUSSLER

 **Trojan Odyssey** 644pp Pb 19.95
A Dirk Pitt novel. There is a black tide infesting the ocean off the shore of Nicaragua. Whilst trying to determine its origin, startling things begin to occur and the inhabitants of a floating resort find themselves directly in the path of a violent storm. Dirk and the NUMA crew rush to their rescue, but they discover that there is an all-too-human evil at work and the black tide is only a by-product of its plan. Soon the world will be a very different place. (American)


**Christopher DARDEN & Dick LOCHTE**

 **Lawless** 353pp Pb 18.95
A rising star at a prestigious African-American law firm must defend a LA cop who shot and killed his lover and then confessed to it. The case seems impossible to win until two more cops kill their spouses in cold blood, raising suspicions of a bizarre and deadly cover-up. (American)


Sarah DIAMOND

 **Remember Me** 243pp Pb 18.95
At 26, Rachel has got a beautiful home, an outstanding career, the man of her dreams and life is only getting better. But even those closest to her do not know how much she has overcome to get where she is. Something almost destroyed her life, something she has told no one. But Rachel cannot forget the long, hot summer 15 years ago that sent her into a spiral of self-destruction. A summer filled with secrets known to only one other person: her childhood best friend Sophie. When Sophie comes back into her life unexpectedly, everything starts to slip. And long-hidden events from the past threaten to destroy all Rachel has struggled to achieve. (British)


Denise DIETZ

 **Footprints in the Butter** 253pp Pb 14.95
An Ingrid Beaumont mystery co-starring Hitchcock the Dog. Ingrid, a flaky but prolific songwriter for B-movie soundtracks, attends her Denver high school reunion for a wild night of fun and good times. However, the morning-after hangover proves sobering indeed when the news of the murder of Wylie Jamestone, a popular local artist and genuine creep, reaches the ears of his classmates. He leaves a mile-long list of enemies and a challenge for Ingrid to find his killer. (American)

Tim DORSEY

 **Cadillac Beach** 384pp Pb 18.95
Serge A Storms is back! The one-man crime spree hits no speed bumps as he swings through Tampa, Disney World and parts south before settling down in Miami Beach to team up with a former sidekick and launch his long-overdue off beat travel service. It is a labour of love as Serge forces customers to confront the underbelly of the Sunshine State's past and present. Some clients get it; others run for their lives. No matter. Bullets fly, cars crash, bodies pile up, fireballs reach into the sky, local lore is recited. The tour continues. (American)


P T DEUTERMANN

 **The Firefly** 493pp Pb 18.95
According to the DC cops, the fiery destruction of an upscale plastic surgery clinic is just business as usual. With the whole city on high alert because of the upcoming presidential inauguration, the Secret Service let it go.

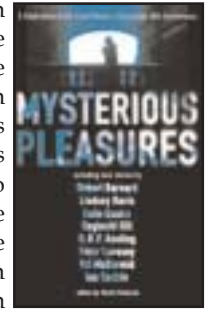



Swamp Morgan pulls what appears to be a 'firefly' case until he digs deeper. Facts do not add up. The clinic's last client has vanished and the only surviving nurse is almost killed. And a mysterious tape indicating an imminent threat against the government puts Morgan on full alert, but his handlers refuse to listen to his warnings. Morgan has got to shut down the brilliant plan to assassinate the incoming and outgoing presidents before America falls into total chaos. (American)

Martin EDWARDS (editor)

 **Mysterious Pleasures** 495pp Pb 19.95

To celebrate the 50th anniversary of the founding of the Crime Writers' Association this volume gathers together short stories by authors who encapsulate the perennial appeal of the mystery novel. From its founder John Creasey to the winner of the 2002 *Cartier Diamond Dagger*, Robert Barnard, here are perfect gems of murder and mayhem from such luminaries as Colin Dexter, Dick Francis, Ian Rankin, Peter Lovesey, Eric Ambler, Julian Symons, H R F Keating, Ngaio Marsh, Ellis Peters, Ruth Rendell and many more. A box of delights, some hard-centred, some soft, sprinkled with a smidgeon of poison. (Various)

**Lynn ERICKSON**

 **Husband and Lover** 390pp Pb 16.95


No one is more shocked than Deputy DA Julia Innes when, based on new evidence, her husband is arrested for his late wife's murder 12 years ago. An officer on the case, former homicide detective Cameron Lazlo, had no doubt they had already nabbed the right guy. So it does not take much to convince him to team up with Julia. But the closer they get to the truth, the riskier the investigation gets until there is no one left to trust except each other. (American)

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**Linda FAIRSTEIN**

Entombed 342pp Tp 29.95
 After a lull of four years, the 'silk stocking rapist' is back on the Upper East Side, but this time Assistant DA Alexandra Cooper and Detective Mike Chapman have perfect DNA evidence to work with. They also have a much older case: a skeleton found entombed in the wall of a house Edgar Allan Poe once lived in but it turns out to be from 1978. When the body's discovery is leaked to the press, Alex is told the silk stocking rapist has struck again. The MO is different to the others, and it transpires that the victim worked in Poe's old house in 1978. Are the cases linked or is someone trying to silence possible witness to a 35 year old murder? (American)


Joy FIELDING

Lost 421pp Pb 18.95
 Ever since she was a child, Julia Carver has tested her mother Cindy's nerves. Forever wilful and self-absorbed Julia, now 21 and an aspiring actress, moves home when her father remarries. But when Julia does not return after a promising audition with a Hollywood film director, Cindy knows it is more than just typical Julia dramatics. Now secrets are revealed, lives are forever altered and Cindy is forced to acknowledge the disturbing truth about the daughter she realises she never really knew. (American)


G M FORD

A Blind Eye 294pp Pb 19.95
 Beneath the rotting floorboards of an abandoned shed are human bones, the last things a rogue true-crime writer and his photojournalist ex-lover expected to find when they took shelter from a vicious Wisconsin blizzard. The grisly nightmare Frank Corso and Meg Dougherty have uncovered is nothing they can turn a blind eye to. The hideous slaughter of a family, undetected for 15 years, must be avenged. But becoming an instrument of justice has made Corso a target of a rage-driven maniac and it is leading to a shocking truth hidden in an isolated place where no law protects the innocent. (American)


Sara Hoskinson FROMMER

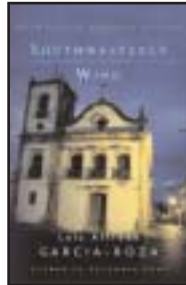
Witness in Bishop Hill 253pp Pb 14.95
 *A Joan Spencer mystery.* When Joan and her new husband Lt Fred Lundquist finally take their 'honeymoon', they have Joan's teenage son Andrew in tow while visiting the tiny historic Swedish-American community where Fred grew up, Bishop Hill. Fred's mother has Alzheimer's so when she witnesses a brutal murder, she is a little too disoriented to clearly describe the killer. Suddenly everyone in the small village is a suspect, and the only person with the key to unlock the mystery floats in and out of clarity, often undetected. (American)


Frances FYFIELD

A Helen West Casebook 552pp Tp 29.95
 **Without Consent** and **Trial by Fire** are the two novels in this edition. John Mortimer says, "Fyfield's women are her strength... all are memorably alive." (British)


Luiz Alfredo GARCIA-ROZA

Southwesterly Wind 242pp Tp 29.00
 *An Inspector Espinosa mystery #3.* A young man predicts a murder and identifies the perpetrator in this critically acclaimed Brazilian crime series. A psychic has predicted that the man would commit a murder and the prediction has become fact in the young man's mind. It is a case more appropriate for a psychiatrist or philosopher, but Espinosa rises to the challenge and slowly enters the web of this psychologically conflicted man. As the south westerly wind, always a sign of dramatic change begins to blow, what at first seems like paranoia becomes brutal reality. Two violent murders occur, and their only link is the lonely, clever man who had sought Espinosa out a few days earlier for help. (Brazilian)


**Lisa GARDNER**

Alone 324pp Tp 29.95
 Alone, that is where the nightmare began for cool, beautiful and dangerously sexy Catherine Rose Gagnon. 25 years ago, she was buried underground during a month-long nightmare of abduction and abuse. Now her husband has just been killed. Her father-in-law, the powerful Judge Gagnon, blames Catherine for his son's death and for the series of unexplained illnesses that have sent his grandson repeatedly to hospital. Now a killer is loose who has woven such an intricate web of evil that no one is above suspicion, no one is beyond harm and no one will see death coming until it has them cornered, helpless and alone. (American)


Joel GOLDMAN

Deadlocked 407pp Pb 16.95
 As a heat wave stifles Kansas City, a death-row inmate is served his final meal, makes his final confession and uses his final breath to proclaim his innocence. For 15 years, Ryan Kowalczyk denied having slaughtered a young couple in their car as their three year old lay sleeping in the back seat. He was set up by the wealthy Whitney King, who got off scot-free. Attorney Lou Mason understands the pain of being orphaned, so when the victims' now teenage son asks for help in suing blueblood King, Lou cannot turn him down. (American)

Ed GORMAN

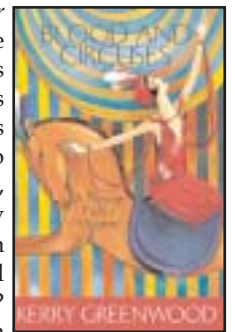
Runner in the Dark 340pp Pb 16.95
 It is five years since David Gerard got out, sprung from the courtroom in a hail of bullets that left nine dead, and kept his brother Roy in jail under sentence of death. Now Roy faces electrocution, unless... David has a helicopter, a pilot and two callous killers on his team. He is taking over a live TV broadcast and holding a city hostage. Whatever the outcome, no one will be switching channels. (American)

Alexander GRACE

Holy War 326pp Pb 16.95
 Set in the steamy streets of Santo Domingo, against the backdrop of an international terrorist network, this non-stop adventure pits against a new and terrifying threat: **Hispanic revolutionaries** trained by the world's most dangerous Islamic fundamentalist terrorists. Led by the charismatic Padre Lazaro, a priest who has renounced his vows and taken up the cause of terrorism, and trained and financed by the most dangerous Islamic terrorist groups in the world, this novel is a non-stop roller coaster ride of action, suspense and excitement. The conclusion will leave readers breathless. (American)

**Kerry GREENWOOD**

Blood and Circuses 289pp Pb 19.95
 *A Phryne Fisher mystery #5.* The Honourable Miss Phryne Fisher is feeling dull. But is she bored enough to leave her identity, her home and family behind and join Farrell's Circus and Wild Beast Show? There have been strange things happening at the circus. And when Samson the Strong Man, Alan the carousel operator and Doreen the Snake Woman ask Phryne to help them, curiosity gets the better of her. Peeling off her wealth and privilege, Phryne takes a job as a trick horse-rider, wearing hand-me-down clothes and a new name. Diving into the dangerous underworld of 1920s Melbourne and the wild, eccentric life under the big top, Phryne proves her courage and ingenuity yet again, aided only by her quick intelligence, an oddly attractive clown and a stout and helpful bear. (Australian)



**Kerry GREENWOOD****The Green Mill Murder****259pp Pb 19.95**

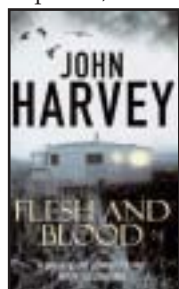
A Phryne Fisher mystery # 6. Gorgeous in her sparkling georgette dress, delighted by her dancing skill, pleased with her partner and warmed by the admiring regard of the banjo player, Miss Phryne Fisher had thought of tonight as a promising evening at the hottest dancehall in town, the Green Mill. But that was before death broke in. In jazz-mad 1920s Melbourne, Phryne finds there are hidden perils in dancing the night away like murder, blackmail and young men who vanish. This adventure leads to smoke-filled clubs, a dashing handsome band leader, some fancy flying across the Australian Alps and a most unexpected tryst with a gentle stranger. (Australian)

Georgie HALE**Hear No Evil****362pp Pb 19.95**

The Somerfords are the kind of family other people envy: the successful husband and his beautiful wife have a gorgeous house and lots of money. But when Ian's secretary is found dead, rumours of a lethal affair start to fly. Ian's sister Diane seems to be the only one who cannot believe he committed a terrible crime. Angelica throws him out of the house as he undergoes police questioning. Several days later, her body is found along with those of her children. Only baby Thomas survived, sleeping peacefully in his cot. Ian's body is found later, a bottle of sleeping tablets in his hand. When the family starts investigations to clear his name during the custody battle for Thomas, unsettling family secrets emerge and it is clear that there is more evidence still undiscovered. (British)

**John HARVEY****Flesh and Blood****440pp Pb 21.95**

15 years ago, Susan Blacklock disappeared. Although DI Frank Elder has taken early retirement, the case still plagues his mind. Prime suspects, Shane Donald and Alan McKeirnan, were convicted a year later of the brutal rape and murder of a young girl, and now that Shane has been granted parole, Elder feels compelled to revisit the past. Then Shane disappears and another young girl is murdered. Elder's involvement is now crucial. This is the first in a series and won the CWA Silver Dagger last year. (British)

**Jon HASSLER****The Staggerford Murders****198pp Tp 29.95**

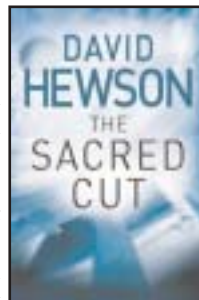
In the first story of this book, residents of the Ransford Hotel solve the nine year old murder of esteemed Staggerford citizen Neddy Nichols and the disappearance of his widow, Blanche. Jon Hassler's wry humour is in full force as this wonderful tale unfolds. In the second story, which is the more poignant and bittersweet *The Life and Death of Nancy Clancy's Nephew*, elderly W D Nestor finds his loneliness dispelled by his friendship with a young Staggerford boy, but it is a sudden visit to his 100-year-old Aunt Nancy that provides the peace he has always been looking for. (American)

Mo HAYDER**Tokyo****457pp Pb 19.95**

Student Grey Hutchins has come to Tokyo because of an obsession. Vulnerable and on the edge, she is searching for a fragment of film supposedly taken during the notorious Nanking Massacre in 1937. Some say the film does not exist. The only man who can help works at the university, immersed in his books and wary of strangers; he will at first have nothing to do with Grey. Increasingly desperate, she accepts a hostess job at an exclusive nightclub catering for gangsters and it is there she comes to the attention of one particular man. Ancient, wheel-chair bound and guarded by a terrifying nurse, it is rumoured he relies on a strange elixir for his continued well-being - an elixir others want, at any price. Not for the feint hearted. (British)

David HEWSON**The Sacred Cut****374pp Tp 30.00**

For the first time in decades The Eternal City is paralysed by a blizzard. And a gruesome discovery is made in the Pantheon, one of Rome's most ancient and revered architectural treasures. Covered by softly falling snow is the body of a young woman, her back horribly mutilated. But before Nic Costa and Gianni Peroni of the Questura can begin a formal investigation, the US Embassy has brought in FBI Agents who want the case closed down as discreetly as possible. But Costa is determined to find out why the enquiry is so sensitive and as the FBI grudgingly admits that this corpse is not the first, the mutilations of the woman's body point to Leonardo Da Vinci's Vitruvian Man, and to a conspiracy so sinister and buried so deep, that only two people know its true, crazed meaning. (British)

**Jilliane HOFFMAN****Retribution****447pp Pb 18.95**

Prosecutor CJ Townsend's new case involves a depraved serial killer. But there is a twist: years ago, she was the victim that got away. Now, she is walking the fine line between justice and revenge. Even CJ is not prepared for where it will take her. This debut novel has received rave reviews in the USA. (American)

Gwen HUNTER**Shadow Valley****377pp Pb 16.95**

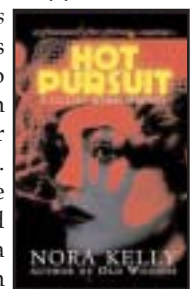
Mackenzie Macon thinks she is doing the right thing by taking her teenaged daughter Bella into the Appalachians on a photography shoot. But when a drifter abducts Bella and carries her on horseback deep into the woods, Mac must pull from her greatest reserves to fight for her daughter's safe return. When her soon-to-be ex-husband arrives, old wounds flare; Mac turns to Caleb Howell, a local ranger, who helps keep her focused on finding Bella. Then astonishing evidence comes to light that reveals the abduction was not as random as they first believed. (American)

Graham HURLEY**Cut to Black****358pp Tp 29.95**

A DI Joe Faraday novel #5. Portsmouth's major drug dealer's time is up. For years Bazza Mackenzie has made millions selling cocaine and heroin. He launders the money so on the surface he appears to be one Hampshire's model citizens. The police have had enough and a year long undercover campaign operation is set up to trap Mackenzie. But when one of the investigation's leading lights is run over and put in hospital, Joe Faraday is drafted in to wrap things up. (British)

Nora KELLY**Hot Pursuit****325pp Pb 16.95**

A Gillian Adams mystery. Gillian Adams has moved to London to live with policeman Edward Gisborne, her lover of many years. Feeling displaced, she seeks out her old friend Charlotte, once a brilliant television producer. But Charlotte is sunk in despair while her daughter Olivia, a young actress, is fleeing from a disturbed fan who may be a dangerous stalker. London, on the brink of the new millennium, boils with traffic, money and a record heat wave. After Charlotte is found dead, events gather towards an explosive climax as Olivia confronts her pursuer. Complex characters, diamond-sharp prose and a vivid sense of London draw the reader into a novel of suspense in which love, obsession, tragedy and renewal are inextricably linked. (American)



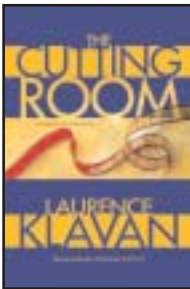
**David KENT****The Mesa Conspiracy**

349pp Pb 16.95

A *Department Thirty* novel. Colleen is dying. Eric Anthony, single dad to his young deaf son, is left with a mind-boggling mystery revealed in his distant cousin's last breaths: a cryptic directive from the man who was his father. Piecing together his shadowed past begins in the dust of Oklahoma's rugged terrain and leads to Department Thirty, where US Marshal Faith Kelly chases the mastermind behind a wave of domestic terror. The nexus where their solo quests meet will have explosive implications for them both. (American)

Laurence KLAVAN**The Cutting Room** 272pp Pb 16.95

Like the hero in a classic Hitchcock thriller, the innocent movie buff at the centre of this witty and suspenseful novel finds his ordinary life suddenly transformed when he is plunged into a harrowing game of intrigue, duplicity and danger. Spurred into a frantic race from New York to Hollywood to Barcelona and back, he will encounter enough hairpin twists, shocking surprises, white-knuckle tension and sinister characters to give even the master of suspense himself a serious case of vertigo. But in *this* scenario, the mayhem and murder are all too real. (American)

**John LESCROART****The Second Chair** 459pp Pb 18.95

In the latest of his acclaimed novels featuring Dismas Hardy, John Lescroart skilfully and subtly weaves together a story of a privileged youth on trial for murder, and an entire city on the brink of panic. It takes this popular series to new heights of stylish suspense. (American)

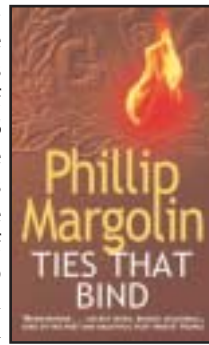
Elizabeth LOWELL**Colour of Death**

376pp Pb 14.95

It is the opportunity of a lifetime for Kate Chandler, the chance to cut seven rare, priceless sapphires and solidify her reputation as a world-class jewel cutter. But something goes horribly, tragically wrong during what should have been a simple transfer of goods. The sapphires vanish without a trace. Missing also is her half brother Lee, who now, quite possibly, is dead. And suddenly she is on the run, pursued by federal agents who suspect her of being the criminal mastermind of a cunning bait-and-switch scheme. This is a story of treachery, greed, conspiracy and murder that will hold the reader spellbound until the final word. (American)

Phillip MARGOLIN**Ties that Bind** 438pp Pb 19.95

Jon Dupre, who runs an upscale call-girl service, is accused of murdering a US senator. Dupre claims to possess proof of the existence of a secret society of powerful men who have banded together for a commonly held political agenda. The rite of passage that binds them together – the initiation into this powerful brotherhood – is murder. To lawyer Amanda Jaffe these seem the desperate claims of a man who will lie to save his own skin, until she is pressured to walk away from the case. Determined to put a knife in the heart of the fear and psychological trauma that has plagued her ever since the Cardoni trial (*Wild Justice* Pb 19.95), she refuses to abandon her investigation. (American)

**Max McCOY****Hinterland**

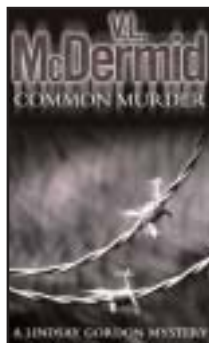
370pp Pb 16.95

Andy Kelsey is a reporter who may have just stumbled on the story of a lifetime. He has infiltrated a white separatist group in the Ozarks, an underground organisation ready to fight and die (and kill) for their extreme beliefs. The deeper Kelsey gets in the group, the more he is trusted, and the bigger his story becomes until he realises the shocking extent of their scheme... The separatists have finalised plans for a spectacular cataclysm that they hope will bring about Armageddon. What terrifies Kelsey is that they have the weapon and the means to achieve their mad goal. Will he be able to fight them from the inside without being discovered? Or has he gotten in too deep to ever get out? (American)

V L McDERMID**Common Murder (1989)**

311pp Pb 18.95

A *Lindsay Gordon mystery* #2. When her former lover is accused of murder in a women's peace camp, Lindsay must bring all of her expertise as an investigative reporter into play. As she peels back the layers of deception surrounding the protest and its opponents, she finds that no one (ratepayer or reporter, policeman or peace woman) seems wholly above suspicion. Then Lindsay uncovers a truth that even she can scarcely believe. (British)

**Gregory MCDONALD****Fletch and the Man Who (1983)**

219pp Tp 27.00

When Fletch arrives as the new press representative for Governor Wheeler's presidential campaign, he is not sure which mystery to solve first: what his new job actually is or why the campaign has been leaving dead women in its tracks. He finds himself on the other side of the press, a human shield deflecting the questions he is asking himself. Are the murders just coincidences, or is a cold-hearted killer looking for a job in the White House? "A natural storyteller, McDonald is the Kurt Vonnegut of the mystery story... fast-moving, quizzical, amusing, ironic." – *The New York Times Book Review*. (American)

Neil McMAHON**To the Bone** 367pp Pb 16.95

Cosmetic surgeon Dr Welles D'Anton has a reputation as a surgical guarantor of perfection and agelessness. This has conferred on him a guru-like status. But this is the story of Dr Carroll Monks, an ER physician, who is accused of killing a recently breast-augmented patient. The fallout is immediate and intense. Criticism from Monks' hospital colleagues quickly follows and the threat of a lawsuit is not far behind. Monks' career is in jeopardy, but his own guilt and uncertainty are what haunt him worst of all. But then Monks uncovers a frightening secret: other young women in D'Anton's care have wound up missing, dead or horribly disfigured. (American)

David MORRELL**Assumed Identity (1993)****Extreme Denial (1995)**

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Together in one volume for the first time, two page-turners from David Morrell. (American)

Doris MORTMAN**Before and Again**

442pp Pb 16.95

Callie Jamieson has a mysterious link to the past. She has the same disturbing dreams her mother had, ones that drove her mother to suicide. But Callie is determined not to let them destroy her life, too. They are under control until the death of her ex-lover sends Callie on a quest to find out the truth. Her search intensifies her dreams, and leads her to an old-money New York family with a revered and respected name, to secrets that someone will kill to protect and to a passionate love she never expected. This explores the fascinating issues of memory's long reach and the hold the past can have on the present. (American)



**Fiona MOUNTAIN****Bloodline 277pp Tp 29.95**

This is a strong follow-up to her first novel in the series, **Pale as the Dead** (Pb 17.95), featuring genealogist (or ancestor detective) Natasha Blake. The anonymous note ('Cinderella is in the bluebell woods at Poacher's Dell') means nothing to Natasha until one of her clients, an enigmatic old man who had commissioned a family tree of his granddaughter's boyfriend, is shot dead at his isolated farm in the Cotswolds, just as shocking facts about the past are brought to light. Seemingly unconnected yet haunting stories begin to emerge from ancient paper trails, like slowly developing photographs. It is these individual lives that become the clues in Natasha's investigation, ghostly fingerprints that must solve a cold-blooded, blue-blooded crime, hidden for generations in the bluebell woods at Poacher's Dell. (British)

Margaret MURPHY**The Dispossessed****423pp Tp 32.95**

Bled to death and left in a bin, the teenage prostitute is just the first victim. DI Jeff Rickman's investigation into the Afghan refugee's death leads first to the heart of a community that will not talk to him. Then the investigation comes home to Rickman's own private life. He is framed for a murder he did not commit. (British)

Warren MURPHY**The Destroyer #138****346pp Pb 16.95**

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John NANCE**Fire Flight****548pp Pb 18.95**

Veteran pilot Clark Maxwell thought his fire bombing days were well behind him. But when Jerry Stein, air tanker fleet-owner, calls at the height of the fire season to beg him to re-enter the war, he does not hesitate. A pair of ferocious forest fires is raging out of control, threatening to destroy Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks and incinerate thousands of homes. As the wildfires spread, whipped by massive winds, and the federal forces arrayed against the fires reach their limits, anxiety grows in the local population. Paranoia plagues the fire bombers as well, after a mysterious string of airborne accidents among the air tanker fleet claims the lives of some of the most fearless and experienced veterans. (American)

Jonathan NASAW**27 Bones****360pp Pb 18.95**

Former FBI Special Agent Pender may be retired, but he jumps at the chance to help solve a particularly gruesome series of crimes in the Caribbean, all expenses paid. After a false start, Pender discovers the real murderers are a cunning husband-and-wife team of anthropologists who believe that if they breathe in their victim's last breath, they will live forever. Never before has Pender come up against such savvy, diabolical opponents. According to the *Daily Record* this is "a skin-crawling psycho-thriller that combines heinous murders with a hefty dose of sexual deviance." (American)

Karen NOVAK**The Wilderness 358pp Tp 35.00**

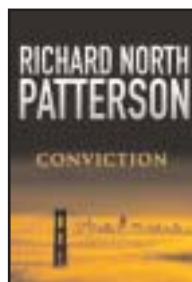
A Leslie Stone novel. Can violence and its legacy ever be absolved? When the body of an elderly man is found naked, frozen to death on the grounds of an abandoned petting zoo near where PI Leslie Stone lives with her family, the discovery triggers what she calls the 'haunted amusement park' of her mind. Voices and apparitions she knows to be hallucinatory disrupt her waking world. And she is unable to forget that the old man has left behind what seems like a riddle: an odd drawing and a children's poem with a shifting meaning, titled *The Wilderness*. (American)

P J PARRISH**Dark of the Moon (1999)****449pp Pb 11.95**

The first Louis Kincaid thriller. See where it all began, as Kincaid investigates murder in a sleepy, secret-ridden southern town where some believe the past is best left buried... (American)

Richard North PATTERSON**Conviction 465pp Tp 30.00**

When the body of 11 year old Thuy Sen is found in San Francisco Bay, the police swiftly charge Rennell and Payton Price with her grisly murder. A 12 person jury, helped along by an incompetent lawyer for the defence, are quick to find the brothers guilty and to sentence them both to die for their crimes. 12 years later, Payton is days from his execution and overworked pro bono lawyer Teresa Peralta Paget, her husband Chris, and stepson Carlo, a recent Harvard law graduate, become convinced not only that Rennell did not receive a fair trial, but that he is innocent. Racing against the clock and against insurmountable legal obstacles, Teresa, Chris and Carlo desperately try and stop the execution of an innocent man. (American)

**Tony PERONA****Second Advent 267pp Pb 14.95**

A Nick Bertetto mystery. The shocking suicide of the beloved and wealthy patriarch of his Indiana hometown lures investigative reporter Nick Bertetto briefly out of his new role as a stay-at-home dad to take a closer look. The dead man left a will that bequeathed a huge sum of money to a religious organisation called Children of the Second Advent, now run by his granddaughter Martha, who is convinced her grandfather was murdered. Nick soon comes to the chilling realisation that Martha has the most to gain by a murder investigation, especially since her grandfather's generous bequest to her organisation is void if his death is ruled a suicide. (American)

Stan POTTINGER**The Last Nazi****430pp Pb 19.95**

Pottinger seamlessly weaves genetics, terrorism and the very human struggle of right and wrong into a terrifying and unforgettable story. Melissa Gale is an attractive, ambitious lawyer and investigator for the Justice Department's Nazi Hunters. Using a deadly biological virus, born of the genetic projects started in the Nazi labs, bad guy Adalwolf is about to unleash the ultimate weapon of mass destruction. Melissa Gale and the baby she is carrying could be the key to his success. Trapped in his nightmare scheme, she is forced to fight for her life. (American)

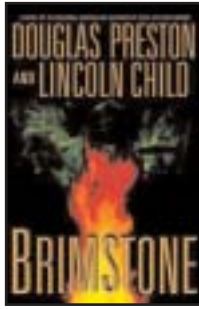
**Michael PRESCOTT****Dangerous Games 385pp Pb 18.95**

A killer is using labyrinthine storm drains to dispose of his victims, who are found handcuffed and drowned, washed out of the rain-filled drainage lines like garbage. The crimes compel FBI Agent Tess McCallum to crack the case, but they are touching a nerve in Personal Security Consultant Abby Sinclair. She fears it is the same madman who invaded her nightmares once before. As the two women work with each other to solve the case, tensions rise and tempers flare. And as sure as the rain, a new killing season begins. (American)

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**Douglas PRESTON & Lincoln CHILD****Brimstone** 495pp Tp 29.95

Art critic Jeremy Grove is found dead, his face frozen in a mask of terror. His body temperature is grotesquely high, the smell of brimstone is everywhere and the unmistakable imprint of a claw is burned into the wall. As more



bodies are discovered, their only connection the bizarre but identical manner of death, the world begins to wonder if the Devil has, in fact, come to collect his due. Teaming with Officer Vincent DAgosta, Agent Pendergast is determined to solve this case. Their investigation takes them from the luxury estates of Long Island to the crumbling, legend-shrouded castles of the Italian countryside, where Pendergast faces the most treacherous and dangerous adversary of his career. (American)

M K PRESTON**Song of the Bones****247pp Pb 14.95**

A *Chantale Mystery* #2. This book won the 2004 *Mary Higgins Clark Award* in Oklahoma. Filled with mistaken identities, waking dreams of a strange, lost girl, a bogus oil company, robbery, murder, a crazy hermit and a handsome cowboy, this is sure to thrill Preston's growing fan base. Billy Ray Patterson, the younger man Thelma married 30 years before, disappeared soon after. And now Thelma needs to find him. An oil company wants to lease Thelma's land for exploration, but Billy Ray's name is still on the property and she needs to clear the title. They assume he is dead, that is until a handsome cowboy claiming to be Billy Ray shows up in Tetumka and moves in with Thelma. After a few days, Thelma is convinced the man living in her house is not her husband. (American)

Christie RIDGWAY et al**Mistletoe and Mayhem****371pp Pb 16.95**

In the expert hands of four unsurpassed storytellers, the season of giving takes on an air of mystery. The incomparable Christie Ridgway sends a shy, lonely teacher on a mundane pre-Yuletide errand that becomes the most daring, dangerous and titillating adventure of her life. Award-winning mystery master Katherine Hall Page's plucky sleuth Faith Fairchild discovers a Christmas miracle that comes wrapped in deception. Judi McCoy's spirited career girl Claire St Germaine receives a truly magical gift with very mysterious origins. And Rebecca Mayfield, the delightful creation of Joanne Pence, discovers the hard way that Santa is not always a saint. (American)

Rick RIORDAN**Southtown** 279pp Pb 16.95

For Tres Navarre, English professor turned PI, business has lately taken a drastic turn south. But if chasing down bail jumpers, adulterous spouses and workmen's compensation cases seemed like the dregs of the PI game, it was at least a living. Not as much could be said for tracking down a man like Will 'the Ghost' Stirman. (American)

David ROBERTS**Dangerous Sea** 248pp Pb 24.95

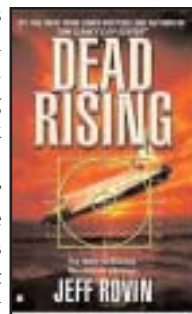
A *Lord Edward Corinth and Verity Browne investigation* #4. 1937. Distinguished economist Lord Benyon is aboard the *Queen Mary*, bound for New York. His highly important mission is to persuade President Roosevelt to assist Britain with arms and money if it comes to war with Germany. Many want his mission to fail, thus Special Branch send in Edward and Verity to keep an eye on him. (British)

**Theodore ROSZAK****Flicker (1991)** 688pp Pb 26.95

A novel which is part thriller, part occult horror, part film history. Jonathan Gates loves going to the Classic, a legendary little art house cinema in West LA. There he succumbs to what will be a lifelong obsession with the mysterious Max Castle, a nearly forgotten genius of the silent screen and film noir director who vanished in the 1940s, at the height of his power. 20 years later Gates seeks the truth behind Castle's disappearance and finds himself on a journey deep into Hollywood's own heart of darkness, where nothing on the silver screen is quite what it appears. A macabre detective story, an occult tale of medieval heresy, an apocalyptic thriller and a secret history of film, this novel is a richly evocative study of the dark side of human genius. (American)

Jeff ROVIN**Dead Rising** 409pp Pb 18.95

The covert organisation known as the Huntsmen has taken control of a powerful US satellite, capable of monitoring any computer network throughout the world. Only Commander Amos Evans and the elite members of his Stealth War Unit possess the technology and expertise to wrest control of the satellite away from the Huntsmen before it can be used against America. (American)

**Barbara SERANELLA****Unpaid Dues** 283pp Pb 16.95

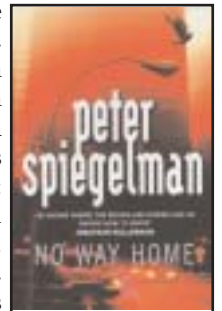
A *Munch Mancini novel*. Munch's biker life returns to haunt her when the battered body of an old friend and fellow 'biker mama' is discovered. When her photo appears in the woman's criminal file, Munch will do what it takes to clear her record of the drunk-driving rap. She has cut all ties with the people she used to know. Especially the victim, whose hard case old man Thor was a walking nightmare. Munch's detective boyfriend discovers a link between her friend's death and three brutal decade-old murders, and the evidence points to Thor. (American)

Barbara Burnett SMITH**Bead on Trouble****292pp Pb 14.95**

A *Kitzi Camden mystery* #1. Meet Kitzie Camden, former stateswoman. When she retired, Kitzie dreamed of doing what she loves best: beading. She certainly did not plan to try her hand at amateur sleuthing, but lately, trouble seems to find her wherever she goes even deep into the woods. When a young beader is killed at a beading retreat, Kitzie is faced with almost as many suspects as there are beads in her bag. (American)


Peter SPIEGELMAN**No Way Home** 341pp Tp 32.95

After the slaying of his wife, New York PI John March made an uneasy peace with grief and guilt but his truce came at a price: a life of solitude and rigid self-discipline. It was a hard bargain, but one he was willing to make until he met the brilliant and beautiful Jane Lu. But with the hope of a larger life came a terrible reminder of how fragile happiness can be: Jane was nearly swept away in the violent currents of his work. Now, trapped between the lonely familiarities of his Spartan existence, a flood of dangerous memories and the promise of a relationship with Jane, the last thing he needs is a case that spills over into his personal life. But that is exactly what he gets when he goes to work for Nina Sachs. (American)


**Mike STEWART****A Perfect Life** 416pp Pb 16.95

Scott Thomas does not know it, but he has been chosen. Not because he is handsome, smart or on the verge of a brilliant career as a clinical psychologist trained at Harvard. No, Scott has been chosen because he has the perfect life for someone who needs a life to destroy! (American)


**Terence STRONG**

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 Haunted by the brutal killing of his UN interpreter wife in Bosnia, ex-SAS Ed Coltrane is consumed with the need to avenge her murder. Then an ex-colleague offers him a chance to make some real money working in 'black ops'; the job on offer is a commissioned assassination. His disgust is tempered by the knowledge that the target is one of the three men responsible for his wife's death. Against his better judgement, he accepts. This marks the start of a dangerous journey into the dark heart of modern Europe, where Coltrane finds himself in deadly conflict with the new mafias and the security apparatus of an emerging superstate. (American)


James SWAIN

 **Loaded Dice** 298pp Pb 16.95
 A *Tony Valentine Mystery* #4. For ex-cop Tony Valentine, life in balmy Florida provides little R&R. In fact, he is in demand more than ever. Armed with a special grift sense, Valentine can spot card cheats and even bigger game whose sole purpose is to relieve a casino of its cash. But when his son, who was going to card-counting school, goes missing, Valentine jets to Las Vegas. Once in town, he is pressed into service and lands inside a treacherous game with higher stakes than he has ever encountered before. (American)


Ross THOMAS

 **Chinaman's Chance (1978)**
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 Arthur Wu and Quincy Durant, Southern California's most unlikely pair of detectives, find that the local mix-up they are looking into has suddenly expanded from Vietnam to Washington through 20 years of intrigue and deception. (American)

Jim THOMPSON

 **Nothing More Than Murder (1949)**
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Crime Masterworks series #40. Jim Thompson (1906-1977) was born in Anadarko, Oklahoma. Among his many novels are: **The Killer Inside Me**, **The Grifters**, **The Getaway** and **After Dark, My Sweet** (all Pb 19.95). Joe Wilmot is a smooth operator. He runs the picture house in Stoneville and he knows how to deal with everyone, from the movie distributors and union representatives to his projectionist and the punters. But when it comes to handling his wife, his mistress and a bogus insurance claim, it turns out he is not quite as clever as he thought. This is an uncompromising and terrifying vision of small-town corruption and romantic triangles from the author of the toughest crime novels ever. (American)


Kathy Hogan TROCHECK

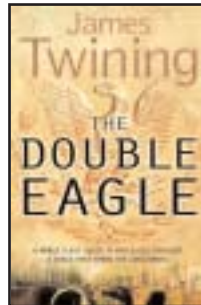
 **Every Crooked Nanny (1992)**
 319pp Pb 16.95
 A *Callahan Garrity mystery*. After 10 years of cleaning up the dirt on Atlanta's streets, Callahan Garrity is trading in her police badge for a broom and house cleaning personnel. But, though the uniform is a little different, Callahan is soon back in the middle of a mystery when a client's pretty, pious 19 year old nanny goes missing, along with the jewellery, silver and a few rather sensitive real estate documents. Now she has to roll up her sleeves and start some industrial strength sleuthing to solve the mess. (American)




James TWINING


 **The Double Eagle** 423pp Tp 29.95

 A murdered Parisian priest has a secret that reveals itself during his autopsy and reawakens memories of Depression-era politics and a 70 year old heist. Jennifer Browne, an ambitious FBI agent is assigned to the case. This is her last chance to kick start a career that has stalled. Her investigation uncovers a daring robbery from Fort Knox and Tom Kirk, the world's greatest art thief, is the prime suspect. Tom, caught between his desire to get out of the game and another job for criminal mastermind Cassius, faces a thrilling race against time to clear his name. It takes him from London to Paris, Amsterdam to Istanbul in a search for the real thieves and the legendary Double Eagle. (British)


**Stephen WHITE**

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 A madman plunges into psychologist Alan Gregory's office, his pistol against a young woman's head. He demands his wife, Claire. She is in the next office, in session with Dr Diane Estevez. The cops save Diane, but not Claire or the hostage. Claire was to testify before a grand jury. Curiously, another witness in the same case dies, also in front of Gregory. Sam Purdy, a detective with the Boulder police, figures Gregory may be able to help with the case. But Gregory himself needs help. With his own life at risk, he and Diane ransack their files for clues. In this race for truth, life itself is the prize! (American)


Gerard Charles WILSON

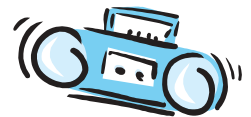
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Stephen WOODWORTH

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Marcus WYNNE

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Kerry GREENWOOD

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HISTORICAL CRIME



Oakley HALL

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Michael JECKS

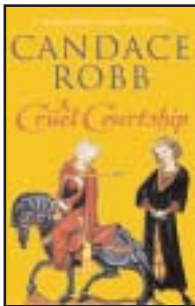
The Chapel of Bones 334pp Hb 59.95

A Sir Baldwin Furnhill and Bailiff Simon Puttock mystery. 1323, Exeter. In 1283, Exeter Cathedral Close rang to the clamour of weapons, shouts of defiance and screams of pain. Afterwards, the bodies lying in their own blood bore silent witness to the conflicts that were tearing at the heart of the Cathedral itself. Now more deaths have occurred. Is the first an accident? The second is surely murder, brutal and foul. The victim Henry Potell, a wealthy saddler, was feared and hated for his savage deeds all those years ago... What first appears to be a matter of lust or greed soon grows much more troubling as Baldwin becomes aware of the disturbing and ominous Chapel of Bones, built long ago in reparation for a terrible murder. (British)

Candace ROBB

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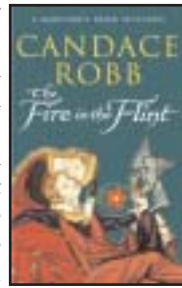
A Margaret Kerr mystery #3. 1297, Scotland. In the weeks leading up to the battle of Stirling Bridge, Margaret Kerr takes up residence in Stirling to discover why the informer (providing Wallace and Murray with details of the English plans) has become unreliable. She has accepted the undertaking at the request of James Comyn, kinsman of the deposed King of Scots. It is an important and difficult mission, for who holds Stirling Castle holds Scotland, and a battle is imminent. Margaret's loyalty is tested when her estranged husband Roger is killed, and she suspects James is his murderer. Now her spying role is duplicitous and doubly dangerous. (British)



Candace ROBB

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A Margaret Kerr mystery #2. 1297, Edinburgh. Margaret is living with her uncle Murdoch during the summer. She had come to search for her long-absent husband who is in the service of Robert the Bruce. Margaret is loyal to the deposed King John. Then terrifying raids and a brutal murder on the Kerr property bring the wrath of the English down on the heads of Margaret and her uncle. The sudden reappearance of husband Roger, gives Margaret the chance to escape and together they make for Perth. But soon she begins to suspect that Roger's newfound enthusiasm for their marriage is just a foil for a mission for Robert the Bruce. (British)



C J SANSOM

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A Matthew Shardlake mystery #2. 1540, England. Shardlake is pressed to help a friend's young niece who is charged with murder and despite threats of torture and death by the rack, the girl is inexplicably silent. Shardlake is about to lose her case when he is suddenly granted a reprieve; one that will ensnare him in the dangerous schemes of Henry VIII's feared vicar-general, Thomas Cromwell. In exchange for two more weeks to investigate the murder, Shardlake accepts Cromwell's dangerous assignment to find a lost cache of 'dark fire', a legendary weapon of mass destruction. With its attention to period detail and its brilliant handling of suspense, this book is sure to captivate readers of Philippa Gregory and David Liss. (British)

CRIME NON-FICTION



Bill BASS & Jon JEFFERSON

Death's Acre 345pp Pb 24.95

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John CAMPBELL

& Don DeNEVI (editors)

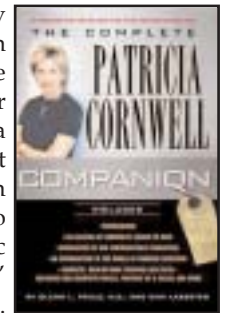
Profilers 377pp Hb 56.00

Leading Investigators Take You Inside the Criminal Mind. Hollywood's artistic licence has oversimplified the role of forensics in police detection. This book redresses this stupefaction with a compilation of expert articles written by internationally recognised homicide investigators, most of them pioneers in developing the science and art of profiling. The contributors cover many gripping topics, including an interview with cannibal Jeffrey Dahmer, details of autoerotic fatalities, the challenges of creating psychological profiles, the use of forensic linguistics to track the Unabomber and much more. A must for readers of true crime, forensic investigations and murder mysteries, this unique collection of revealing articles offers a chilling and unparalleled glimpse into the inner workings of the criminal mind. (American)

Glenn FEOLE & Don LASSETER

**The Complete Patricia Cornwell
Companion 352pp Tp 29.95**

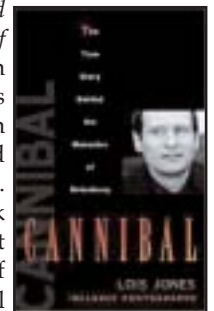
Cornwell's fans can delve into her life and work with this definitive guide. It features: book-by-book synopses with excerpts and little-known facts; an examination of Cornwell's life, writing accomplishments and forensic expertise; character portraits of both good and bad guys - from Kay Scarpetta, Pete Marino and Andy Brazil to the cold-hearted killers; a handy in-depth chronology of all her novels; the many connections between the author's life history and her fascinating fiction; a comprehensive list of settings from Tangier Island to Paris; and, forensic detection "shop talk" and procedures. (American)



Lois JONES

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The True Story Behind the Man-eater of Rotenburg. German native Armin Meiwes killed and ate a man who answered his ad on a cannibal website. Now, this book discloses for the first time the true story of this real-life Hannibal Lecter and his perfectly willing victim. And with details never before divulged to the public, it takes readers step-by-step through the unspeakable crime that fascinated and revolted the world. (American)



Judith MORAN**My Story****269pp Tp 32.95**

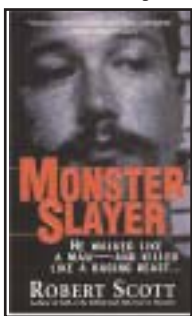
Judith Moran is a remarkable survivor. Aged 16, she was diagnosed with a rare form of cancer and told she had 12 months to live. In remission, she later survived a horrific car accident. After meeting Lewis Moran, she found herself at the centre of gangland war in Melbourne, a war that has claimed countless lives since it began, including those of her husband and two sons. This is her life story in unflinching and shocking detail. (Australian)

Tony REEVES**Mr Big****282pp Pb 24.95**

The True Story of Lennie McPherson and His Life of Crime. When Nellie McPherson reached her 80th year, her clan got together to give the sprightly grandmother a birthday bash. Her youngest son, Lenny, was not invited. He turned up nevertheless, with a small white rabbit. What he did to that rabbit in front of his mother sent a clear message. Brutality punctuated Mr Big's entire life. Corruption was his mark. He was a stand-over man, a murderer, a rapist and a thief. He ran crooked police and corrupt politicians. And he did business with the Mafia and the CIA. This story of Lennie's life could only be told after his death. (Australian)

Andrew RULE**Sex, Death and Betrayal****405pp Tp 24.95**

True Crimes and Other Stories. Currently a feature writer for the *Sydney Morning Herald*, Andrew Rule has broken or covered some of the most notorious Australian stories of the late 20th century and lived to tell the tales, many of them in this book. He has had an interest in crime and punishment throughout a career in the media. His first book, the crime classic **Cuckoo**, is included in this volume. (Australian)

Robert SCOTT**Monster Slayer****293pp Pb 16.95**

Skinwalker is the Navajo term for a demon in human form. But no mythical beast was as frightening as the true-life fiend who for four years spread fear throughout the deserts of the Shiprock, New Mexico area. Justice finally arrived in the form of county detectives Bob Melton and Tyler Truby, whose investigation zeroed in on hulking, hate-ridden Bobby Fry, a misfit with a taste for brutality. Aided by Navajo trackers, Melton and Truby conducted a sleepless two-and-a-half day manhunt to bag the killer before the trail went cold. (American)

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Alan WHITICKER**Twelve Crimes that Shocked the Nation****207pp Pb 24.95**

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