

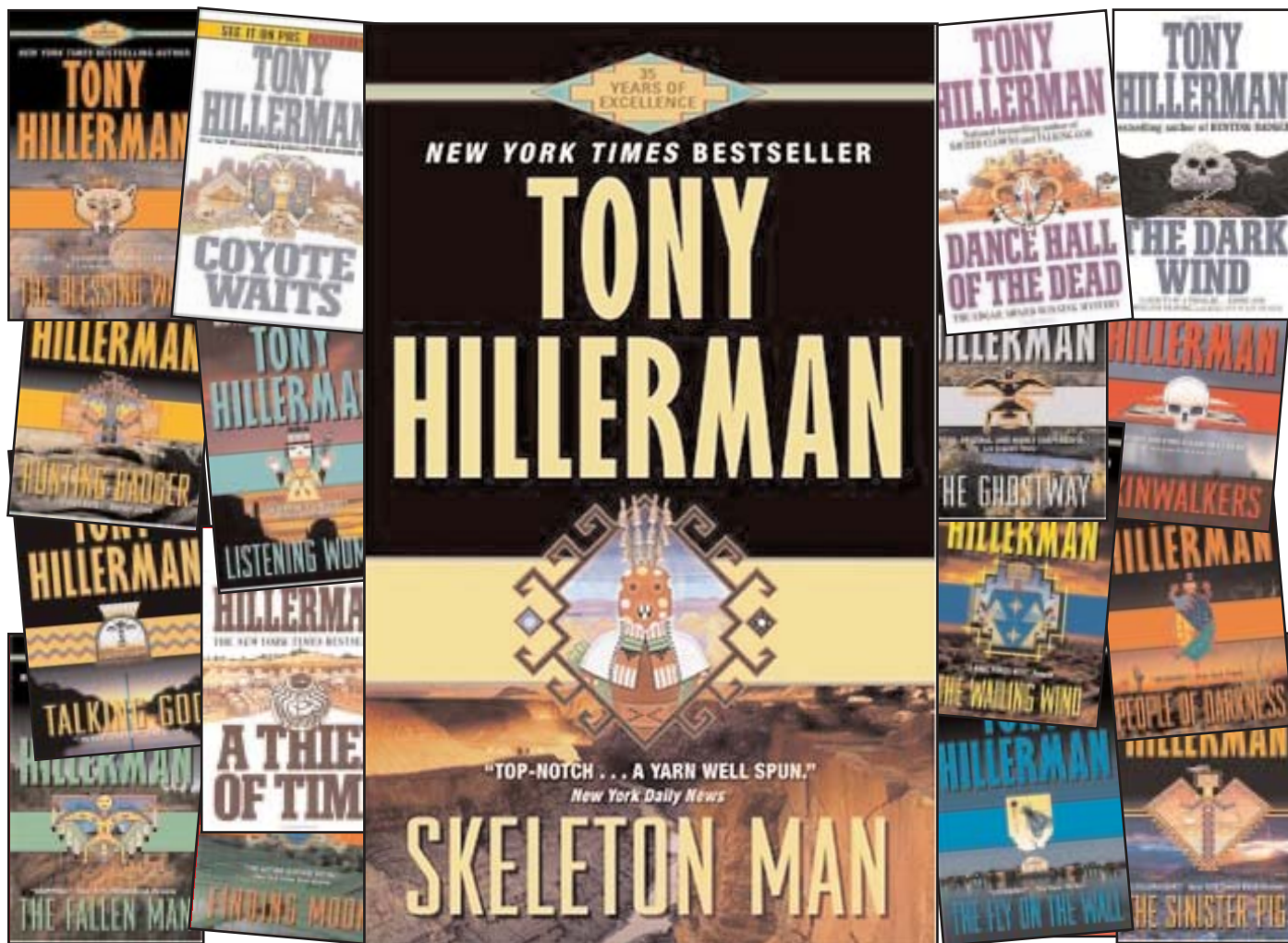
# CRIME CHRONICLE

"WHERE A GOOD CRIME  
CAN BE HAD BY ALL"

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## AUTHOR OF THE MONTH



### **Skeleton Man: A Joe Leaphorn and Jim Chee novel**

Leaphorn comes out of retirement to help investigate what seems to be a trading post robbery. The simple kid nailed for the crime is related to a former colleague. Proving the kid's innocence requires finding the remains of one of 172 people whose bodies were scattered over the Grand Canyon in an epic airline disaster 50 years ago. One of those passengers, a diamond dealer, had an attaché case containing a fortune in diamonds handcuffed to his wrist. Now his daughter is also seeking his body, and so is a most unpleasant fellow who is willing to kill to make sure she doesn't succeed. These two tense tales collide deep in the canyon at the place where an old man died trying to build a cult-reviving reverence for the Hopi guardian of the Underworld. It is a race to the finish in a thunderous monsoon storm to see who will be brought to justice and who will finally unearth the **Skeleton Man** (Pb 19.95).

Other titles in this excellent series starring two Navajo policemen include: **Blessing Way**, **Coyote Waits** (16.95), **Dance Hall of the Dead** (19.95), **Dark Wind**, **The Fallen Man**, **Finding Moon**, **The Fly on the Wall**, **The Ghostway**, **Hunting Badger**, **Listening Woman**, **People of Darkness**, **Scared Clowns**, **The Sinister Pig**, **Skinwalkers**, **Talking God**, **A Thief of Time** and **The Wailing Wind** (all 18.95 unless otherwise indicated).

Another interesting title, which also includes a Jim Chee mini-mystery, is **Talking Mysteries: A Conversation with Tony Hillerman** (Tp 29.95). Hillerman discusses his craft, including his approach to plot, characterisation and setting, and the wrinkles and twists that make his brand of fiction unique. His wonderful series, which I can highly recommend, has earned him the Navajo people's appreciation as 'special friend to the Dineh'.

- Peter



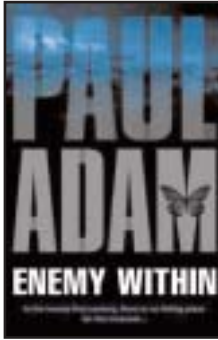
### MODERN CRIME

**Paul ADAM**

**Enemy Within**

336pp Tp 29.95

A respected modern historian with a secure job at a red-brick university, and a father of two in a happy marriage, Tom leads a contented and fulfilled life. Then he is arrested and charged with downloading child pornography. He is suspended from his post and his wife cannot look him in the eye. He knows he is innocent, but even when he proves he was 50 miles away from his computer when the images were downloaded, he knows he has to find out who set him up before anyone will truly believe him. (English)



**Paul ADAM**

**Sleeper**

384pp Pb 19.95

Rainaldi, a violin-maker, is discovered slumped over his workbench, murdered with one of his own chisels, and both the police and his friends are at a loss to discover a motive. Then it comes to light that he believed he was on the track of an infamous Stradivari violin - twin to one housed in the Asmolean Museum and subject to 200 years of myth and rumour. With nothing else to go on, his two close friends pick up the search from where he left off, plunging headlong into a world where great musical instruments change hands for millions, where forgery is an art form and where murder is often a dealer's chosen method of negotiation! (English)

**Deborah ATKINSON**

**Primitive Secrets**

275pp Tp 32.95

*Hawaiian Mystery.* When Storm Kayama walks into her lucrative Honolulu law firm one morning, she is shocked and grieved to find her adopted uncle at his desk, stiff and cold. Years before, Miles Hamasaki had fulfilled a promise to her father and brought her to be raised with his own family. As the questions surrounding Miles's death grow and her adopted family closes ranks, Storm suspects he has been murdered. (American)

**Lori AVOCATO**

**One Dead Under the Cuckoo's Nest** 352pp Pb 16.95

*A Pauline Sokol Mystery.* Sokol's current undercover investigation into a sleazy psychiatric scam has hit a small snag: she has been forcibly committed to a mental institution! She is certainly sane, but try telling that to the nuns who run the place. Even her hunky, crime-solving sometime-cohort Jagger is unwilling to spring her, so she's got nothing better to do than keep digging. Then the strange death of a gender-confused 'sister' further complicates matters and she realises she's in way over her head. (American)

**Colin BATEMAN**

**Belfast Confidential** 416pp Tp 32.95

They say moving house is one of the most stressful things you can do. Well, as far as Dan Starkey is concerned, 'they' can stick it where the sun don't shine because right now helping his wife with the unpacking is the least of his worries... No sooner has he moved into his new Belfast home, his best mate, Mouse, is murdered - leaving him to catch a killer, become editor of the obscenely successful scandal magazine, *Belfast Confidential*, and compile the much-coveted Power List. (Irish)

**M C BEATON**

**Death of a Bore**

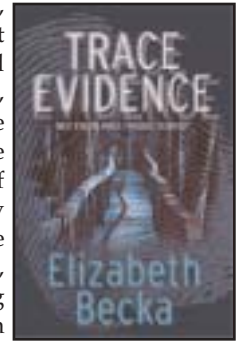
256pp Pb 16.95

*Hamish Macbeth Mystery.* Minor writer John Heppel has a problem - by all accounts, he's a consummate bore. When he's found dead in his cottage, there are plenty of suspects. But surely boredom couldn't be cause for murder? Or so thinks local bobby and sleuth Hamish Macbeth, whose investigation of Heppel's soap opera script uncovers much more than melodrama. (American)

**Elizabeth BECKA**

**Trace Evidence** 356pp Tp 29.95

Evelyn James, forensic pathologist for the Cleveland Medical Examiner, is called out to the river's edge to take a look at the body of a girl, recently pulled from the water. A Caucasian, the dark marbling of decomposition has spread through her limbs like poison. After years in the job, Evelyn is used to such things - to the sight of victims washed up by poverty or grief - but this is quite different, and much nastier. Her feet have been encased in concrete, her body wrapped in chains. Even worse, it seems the girl was alive when she went in - alive and terrified, clawing at the dark water. And she isn't alone - other girls have recently met a similar fate. When the daughter of a prominent family also disappears, she finds herself in a desperate bid to put the pieces of the puzzle together before she is called, once again, to the water's edge. (American)



**Sallie BISSELL**

**Legacy of Masks** 432pp Pb 16.95

Ex-prosecutor Mary Crow didn't expect a hero's welcome when she returned home to Pisgah County, North Carolina. But she never guessed her first case in her own law firm would tear the town apart. (American)

**Alice BLANCHARD**

**Life Sentences** 384pp Tp 29.95

Daisy Hubbard, a genetic researcher in a prestigious Boston lab, is driven to find a cure for a rare genetic disease that claimed the life of her younger brother. But her progress is halted when her mentally unstable sister, Anna, is discovered missing from her California home. Fearing the worst, Daisy drops everything and flies across the country to find Anna. Once there, she is informed by the LAPD that the known serial killer, Roy Gaines, has confessed to Anna's murder, but he will only reveal where he has hidden the body if he can lead Daisy to it himself. (American)

#### KEY

**ACADEMIC**



**BANKING**



**CANINE DETECTIVES**



**CLERICAL**



**COSY/MALICE DOMESTIC**



**CULINARY/FOOD**



**FBI**



**FELINE DETECTIVES**



**FORENSIC**



**HORSE RACING MYSTERY**



**MEDICAL**



**MILITARY**



**NATIVE AMERICAN**



**POLICE PROCEDURAL**



**POLITICAL/LEGAL**



**PSYCHOLOGICAL**



**PRIVATE EYE**



**ROMANTIC SUSPENSE**



**SPORT**



**SPY**



**SUSPENSE/THRILLER**



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**Bill BONANNO & Joe PISTONE**

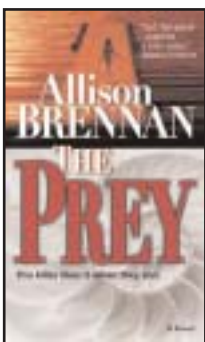
**The Good Guys 368pp Pb 18.95**  
The authors provide an inside look at both a Mafia crime family and the FBI. Both end up looking for a Russian literature professor who has disappeared from Columbia University. When the Mafia 'soldiers' and FBI agents cross paths, well, all's fair in love and war. (American)

**Sam BOURNE**

**The Righteous Men 440pp Tp 29.95**  
A pimp is found dead in a rough New York neighbourhood. A far-right extremist is fatally shot at his remote log cabin outside Seattle. An 18-year-old computer hacker is murdered on his way home from working at a call centre in India. One thing unites these victims. All had, at some point in their largely wasted and grubby lives, performed an act of exceptional goodness. Someone is murdering good people. Why? For rookie journalist Will Monroe, in his first week on the crime beat for the *New York Times*, the story is a gift, the launch pad for a glittering career. But then his wife Beth is kidnapped and the riddle becomes personal. (American)

**Allison BRENNAN**

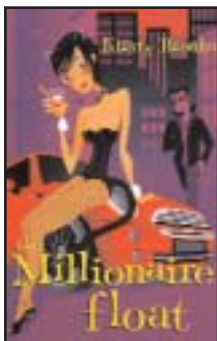
**The Prey 416pp Pb 16.95**  
First, she imagined it. Then a killer made it real. Rowan Smith is living in a borrowed Malibu beach house while her bestselling novel is made into a Hollywood movie. A former FBI agent with a haunted past, she thinks she has outrun her demons, but fiction and reality collide when a dismembered body is found in Colorado: the real-life victim had the same name, occupation and looks as a character in Rowan's novel. By the time the FBI, the LAPD and her own private bodyguard gather around her, another person is killed - and again, the murder is ripped from the pages of Rowan's book! (American)



**Kirsty BROOKS**

**Millionaire Float 320pp Pb 19.95**

Cassidy Blair returns in her third sexy PI adventure with more confidence, more money in her bank account and more Officer Sam Tasker in her life than ever before. So when Cassidy lands a job infiltrating one of the city's most dangerous nightclubs while wearing the skimpiest of outfits, the odds are Sam isn't going to be too thrilled. Meanwhile, Cass has to survive a battle with her crazed parrot, a complete body wax and the disturbing reappearance of her high school nemesis. Fortunately, she also has a terrific set of friends, a sexy lingerie collection and a brand new Mini that even Wonder Woman would want to drive. So buckle up for another hilarious, racy adventure as Cassidy Blair solves crimes and protects the innocent. (At least, that's her poorly formulated plan!) (Australian)



**W J BURLEY**

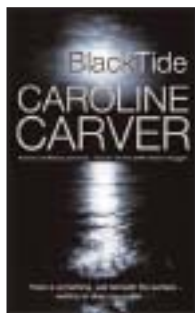
**Wycliffe's Wild Goose Chase (1982) 176pp Pb 18.95**

Wycliffe's home overlooks a peaceful, West Country estuary, but even there he can't get away from crime. While taking a Sunday morning walk along the shore, he comes across a service revolver with one chamber recently fired. In recent years, Wycliffe has often regretted the fact that his rank cuts him off from the early stages of an investigation, but here he is, in at the very start. The case takes him into the world of art robberies and crooked dealers to a suicide that may be a murder and a hunt for a missing yacht. As the investigation escalates, Wycliffe begins to wonder exactly where the clues are leading... (English)

**Caroline CARVER**

**Black Tide 256pp Pb 19.95**

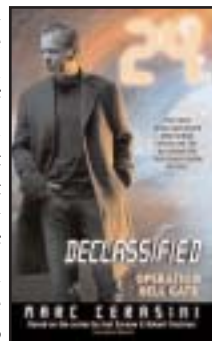
When journalist India Kane agrees to accompany the Greenpeace ship, *Sundancer*, in its pursuit of a whaling fleet, she has no idea what awaits her. Buffeted by high winds and blinded by freezing fog, by the time they spot the huge tanker bearing down on them, it is simply too late. Eight crewmembers are lost. Ned, one of India's closest friends, is among them. It seems the tanker is unregistered - a kind of ghost ship, untraceable and unaccountable - but India is determined to bring the owner to justice. (English)



**Marc CERASINI**

**Operation Hell Gate: Twenty Four Declassified 336pp Pb 18.95**

Within 24 hours, a nightmare will be unleashed that could cause the death of untold millions and devastate a great nation. It's a plot being carried out by the unlikeliest of allies. A powerful mole within the deepest reaches of US Intelligence has secretly conscripted the very criminals he has been charged with investigating - former IRA terrorists, Latino and Asian gang members, Middle Eastern assassins and others - creating one of the most insidious terrorist networks that law enforcement has yet to take down. One man stands between the destroyers and the death tide: Jack Bauer, lone wolf operative for America's brand-new, elite Counter Terrorist Unit. But he's 3,000 miles from the CTU command centre without backup in a strange city, New York. He's been artfully set up and is being hunted by the FBI for the murder of two of its agents. And time's almost up... (American)



**Peter CLEMENT**

**The Inquisitor 384pp Pb 16.95**

*A Medical Thriller.* A new and vicious strain of Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) has hit America and is menacing the hospital like a wolf at the door. Wrapped in spacesuit-like garb to search for every possible source of infection, the hospital staff desperately try to protect the lives of patients - and of each other. Yet despite St Paul's best efforts, people are dying. In this chilling medical landscape, no one notices the slight spike in the death rate in a palliative care ward. But when ER chief Dr Earl Garnet gets blamed for the unexpected death of a patient, he defies protocol and opens an independent investigation. (American)

**Harlan COBEN**

**The Innocent 400pp Pb 19.95**

Matt Hunter's life has already been blown apart once. A fight, a friend in trouble, and the dull crack of someone's skull on the concrete cost him four years in jail, and a small sliver of his soul. When he got out, he set about rebuilding his life. He carved himself a job as a lawyer and fell in love with a beautiful woman. The break in the road seemed only to have made him a stronger person. But now someone is following him and he realises his new existence is under threat. (American)

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**Richard CONDON**

**Winter Kills** 288pp Pb 21.95  
 President Timothy Kegan has been assassinated, shot dead in a motorcade. A presidential commission condemns a lone psychopath as the killer and America settles down to mourn its dead. But 14 years later, the confession of a dying man rouses Tim's half-brother, Nick, to reassess the story behind his brother's death. Soon he is drawn into a murky underworld of oil kings, mobsters and starlets on the make, where nothing is what it seems. And as paranoia takes hold, he must follow a trail that leads into the black heart of a very American dream... (American)

**Patricia CORNWELL**

**Trace** 416pp Pb 19.95  
 Now freelancing from south Florida, Dr Kay Scarpetta returns to Richmond, Virginia, the city that turned its back on her five years ago. Investigating the death of a young girl, she must follow the twisting leads to make the dead speak and to reveal the sad truth that may be more than even she can bear. (American)

**Robert CRAIS**

**Bestsellers: LA Requiem / Demolition**

**Angel / Hostage** 854pp Tp 29.95  
 This is Crais at the height of his game - three stunning novels in one great value omnibus. (American)

**Deborah CROMBIE**

**Now You May Weep** 400pp Pb 19.95

A welcoming community, a beautiful vista, a deadly past. When Detective Inspector Gemma James is persuaded by her friend, Hazel, to take a trip to the misty Scottish Highlands, she jumps at the chance. But upon their arrival, it becomes clear that Hazel has been concealing a dangerous secret. At their remote B&B, they encounter Donald Brodie, the owner of a local distillery... and Hazel's former lover. Their relationship had ended abruptly years before. Donald is convinced he can win Hazel back, but the lovers' reunion yields shocking consequences. (English)

**Clive CUSSLER**

**Black Wind** 544pp Pb 19.95  
*Dirk Pitt.* In the waning days of WWII, the Japanese tried a last desperate measure, a different kind of kamikaze mission, this one carried out by two submarines bound for the west coast of the US, their cargo a revolutionary new strain of biological virus. Neither sub made it to the designated target. But that doesn't mean they were lost. Someone knows about the subs - what they carried and where they might be - and has an extraordinary plan that could reshape the world as we know it. (American)

**Philip DAVISON**

**A Burnable Town** 248pp Tp 36.95  
 Following an MI5 operation that saw him catastrophically betrayed, Harry Fielding is to be rehabilitated. Starting with a job as personal assistant to his controller, he sits brooding within the corridors of power, until the chance to avenge his betrayal turns him against the MI5 machine. (Irish)

**Sarah DIAMOND**

**The Spider's House** 448pp Pb 19.95

When Anna's husband tells her he's been offered a job in a different part of the country, she's as happy to move as he is. But with few ideas for her new novel and little else to do, life in the country isn't quite what she imagined. But all that changes when she discovers something unexpected: Rebecca Fisher, the notorious child murderess of the 1960s, was the previous owner of their cottage. The more she learns about Rebecca, the more determined Anna becomes to reveal the truth that has remained unexplored for over 30 years. But someone else has other ideas... (English)

**Sean DOOLITTLE**

**Rain Dogs** 352pp Pb 16.95

It was one hell of an inheritance for former Chicago reporter Tom Coleman: a broken-down pickup truck, ramshackle campground, a canoe livery, and one pot-smoking, barely working employee he doesn't need, doesn't want and can't afford. But the truth is, after losing a child and a marriage, Tom doesn't really care. And at least life is nice and quiet in the middle of nowhere. Then a drug lab blows up near his property, putting him in contact with the woman he once loved, as well as a small-town cop with a chip on his shoulder and a powerful local who doesn't want him poking his nose where it doesn't belong. (American)

**Linda FAIRSTEIN**

**Death Dance** 416pp Tp 32.95

Once again, Linda Fairstein uses her experience as Manhattan's leading DA to create a tantalising web of intrigue, betrayal and murder. Teaming up with long-time friends and colleagues, Mike Chapman and Mercer Wallace, Alex Cooper investigates the disappearance of a world-famous dancer who has vanished from the Metropolitan Opera House. Drawn behind the scenes of New York's theatrical community, the team is haunted by ghosts of the dramatic old theatres - and from their own pasts. At the same time, Alex and Mercer are trying to collar a doctor who has been using his extensive knowledge of drugs to overpower women before assaulting them. (American)

**Robert FERRIGNO**

**The Wake up** 384pp Pb 23.95  
 "Strange the things our fates pivoted on: a kid selling gum and candy, a hard charger in a hurry, and a beached spook with a bad attitude." The beached spook is Frank Thorpe, in limbo having recently left an off-the-books American intelligence unit after an operation went down river. The 'hard charger' was a stranger whom Frank saw mow down a young kid selling sweets at the airport and keep going without so much as a backward glance. Almost on a whim, Frank decides to use all his skills and resources to give that stranger a big wake-up call. But as he tries to mend things, he finds someone from his own past is out to give him an even bigger wake-up! (American)

**Colin FORBES**

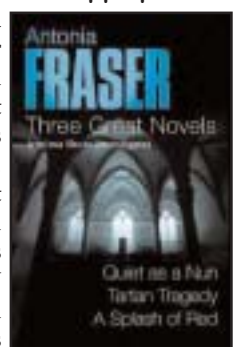
**The Main Chance** 304pp Tp 29.95

Tweed, once ace detective, now Deputy Chief SIS, is persuaded by his old friend, Commander Buchanan of Scotland Yard, to visit Mrs Bella Main, formidable matriarch controlling the Main Chance, the most powerful private bank in Europe. Bella tells Tweed and his assistant, Paula Grey, that she has refused an enormous offer from Calouste Gubenkian, the most ruthless and villainous man in Europe. Within days of their visit, Bella is murdered. Tweed and Paula return to investigate the atrocious act. (English)

**Antonia FRASER**

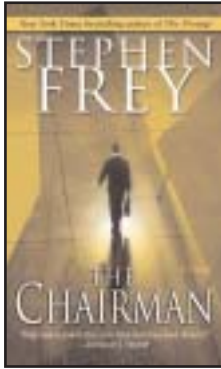
**Three Great Novels: Quiet as a Nun / Tartan Tragedy / A Splash of Red** 490pp Tp 35.00

In **Quiet as a Nun**, a murder takes place in a secluded tower at Blessed Eleanor's Convent in Sussex. The victim turns out to be an old school friend of Britain's most popular TV reporter, Jemima Shore, and the nuns call on Jemima for help... In **Tartan Tragedy**, when Jemima takes a welcome break from the stresses of TV reporting, all she wants is the peace and isolation of her remote Scottish island. But she arrives to find her friend Charles dead and a bitter and bloody feud raging in the community... In **A Splash of Red**, London is in the grip of a summer heat wave. Jemima is looking forward to some peaceful research time in the British Library, while she stays in her friend Chloe's flat. When Chloe suddenly disappears and a shocking murder is discovered, Jemima finds herself reluctantly involved... (English)



**Stephen FREY****The Chairman** 320pp Pb 18.95

A towering legend among New York private equity partnerships, Everest Capital is aptly named. When its founder meets an untimely death, 36-year-old superstar Christian Gillette gets the top job. But with the power and prestige come risks. When he narrowly escapes a fiery explosion that consumes his limo and takes two innocent lives, Gillette instantly understands how intense those risks are. It comes as no surprise to him that he has enemies in the world of multibillion-dollar deals. But now that he controls Everest, he's not going to let those enemies keep him from taking the firm – and himself – to even greater heights. Gillette has never hesitated to be aggressive, even ruthless, in his pursuit of success. This time will be no exception. (American)

**David FULMER**

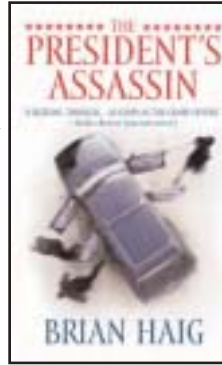
**Jass** 334pp Tp 29.95  
In the rowdy red-light district of Storyville, four players of the new music they call 'jass' have turned up dead. When Creole detective Valentin St Cyr begins to investigate, he discovers that every one of the victims once played in the same band, and the only one left alive has gone into hiding. As he digs deeper, Valentin becomes convinced that a shadowy woman is the key to the mystery. (American)

**Frances FYFIELD**

**Safer than Houses** 288pp Tp 29.95  
Sarah Fortune inherited her flat from one of her many lovers. Now a son has appeared, claiming it is his, morally if not strictly legally, and he is using illegal means to persuade Sarah to give it up: abusive letters threatening her personal harm. As it becomes more difficult to ignore these missives, Sarah comes across Henry, a timid, lonely man whose upstairs neighbour is using every trick in the racketeer landlord's book to make him leave his home: litter in the shared hallway, continual noise, poison set out for his cat. It seems that if they swap accommodation for a while, they may be able to deal with each other's problems. But these two strangers have unknown connections in common: a well-meaning widow, a struggling therapist and a man who sets fire to other people's property for a living. (English)

**Brian HAIG****The President's Assassin** 416pp Pb 18.95

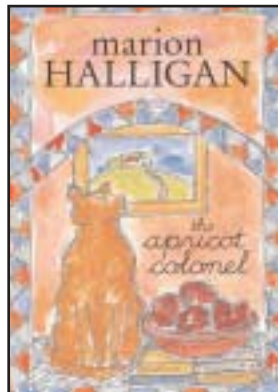
With just three days to prevent the assassination of the President, Army lawyer Sean Drummond races the clock in the high-stakes countdown of his career. His new posting is to the Office of Special Projects, a CIA cell that handles the most dangerous threats. When the White House Chief of Staff is found brutally murdered, there is a note beside him promising more victims, including the President. Sean leaps into action, teaming up with a beautiful colleague to try to stop the assassin. As the killer stalks the campaign trail, apparently driven by a \$500 million bounty on the President's head, all arrows point to a member of the White House security detail who has gone missing. (American)

**Patricia HALL****The Sins of the Fathers** 256pp Hb 49.95

A young boy running for his life through the snow, his sister hovering between life and death in intensive care: it seems that another father has been driven to the edge and turned on his family when DCI Michael Thackeray reluctantly enters a family home turned blood-stained charnel house. But as he and his lover Laura Ackroyd dig deeper, the tragedy becomes darker and much more dangerous. (English)

**Marion HALLIGAN****The Apricot Colonel** 264pp Pb 19.95

A beautiful man, and all she can do is tinker with his prose... For Cassandra, an editor, books are easy. It's real life that's the challenge: it doesn't sit quietly and let itself be fixed. Right now, her life seems far too heavy on the suspense, and the romance is distinctly unconvincing. But that was before the murders started, and before she suspected her own name was on the killer's hit list. Murder, match-making and the dark arts of book editing - Halligan at her light-hearted best. (Australian)

**Donald HAMILTON****Night Walker** 256pp Pb 16.95

**Hard Case Crime.** When Navy Lieutenant David Young wakes up in a hospital bed, his face is covered with bandages and nurses are calling him by a stranger's name. But his nightmare is only just beginning. Because the man they believe him to be was suspected of treason and of driving his wife to murder. Now David has to make his way through a shadowy world of suspicion and deception, of dirty deals and brutal crimes. He needs to stay one step ahead of his enemies - whose identity he doesn't even know - or his impersonation of a dead man will become a lot more realistic... (American)

**Dashiell HAMMETT****The Big Knockover (1925)** 480pp Pb 19.95

**Crime Masterworks #44.** Short, thick-bodied, mulishly stubborn and indifferent to physical pain, Hammett's Continental Op was the prototype for generations of tough-guy detectives. He is also the hero of most of the nine stories in this volume. The Op's one enthusiasm is doing his job and here the jobs entail taking on a gang of modern-day freebooters, a vice-ridden hell's acre in the Arizona desert and the bank job to end all bank jobs, along with assorted grifters like Babe McCloor, Bluepoint Vance, Alphabet Shorty McCoy and the Dis-and-Dat Kid. (American)

**Richard HAWKE****Speak of the Devil** 336pp Tp 32.95

It's a beautiful Thanksgiving morning in New York City. A perfect day for a parade and Fritz Malone just happens to have drifted up Central Park West to take a look at the floats. Across the crowd-filled street, he sees a gunman on a low wall, taking aim with a shiny black Beretta. Seconds later, the air is filled with bullets and blood. Fritz isn't one to stand around and watch. A child of Hell's Kitchen and the bastard son of a beloved former police commissioner, he is all too familiar with the city's rougher side. As the gunman flees into the park, Fritz runs after him. What he doesn't know is that he is also running into one of the most shocking and treacherous episodes of his life. (American)

**George V HIGGINS****The Easiest Thing in the World: The Unpublished Fiction of**

**George V Higgins** 308pp Tp 35.00  
This is a riveting collection: stories, film treatments and two never-before-published novellas. It's the kind of stuff we've come to expect from Higgins: tales of corruption and revenge, wrapped in sizzling dialogue and a wicked sense of humour. (American)

**Jane HITCHCOCK** **One Dangerous Lady****336pp Pb 24.95**

Jo Slater, the wily heroine of **Social Crimes** (Pb 24.95), returns in a dazzling new story of passion, money and murder. Jo is in Barbados, preoccupied by the notion of a new romance with a dashing English lord, when Russell Cole, a very wealthy art collector, disappears from his yacht. Jo suspects his wife knows more than she is letting on, but she soon discovers a figure from her past puts her at great risk. A unique blend of wicked social satire and page-turning mystery. (American)

**J A JANCE** **The Day of the Dead****320pp Pb 19.95**

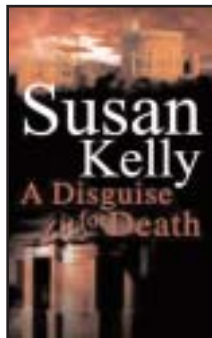
The butchered body of a local Papago girl was found stuffed into a large cooler left on the side of Highway 86. For more than 30 years, the case has remained stone cold. Brandon Walker, retired Sheriff of Pima County, Arizona, becomes involved via 'The Last Chance', an exclusive group of former cops and forensic experts who delve into unsolved murders. A forgotten homicide in the Arizona desert is only the beginning of a nightmare that is about to ensnare this diligent ex-cop and his family... (American)

**Jesse KELLERMAN** **Sunstroke** **384pp Tp 29.95**

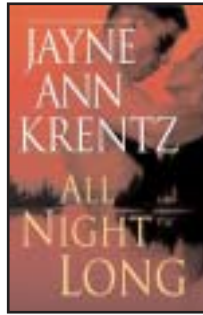
Gloria Mendez is single, 36 and secretly (and somewhat hopelessly) in love with her oblivious boss, Carl Perreira. He is both single and solitary, and far too old for her, but she has worked for him, side by side, for 10 oddly companionable years. When he disappears on his annual trip to Mexico - the one aspect of his life to which Gloria has never been privy - her sudden and impulsive search for him reveals the wreckage of a hidden past. It seems Carl was not who Gloria thought he was, nor was he anything she could have imagined. (American)

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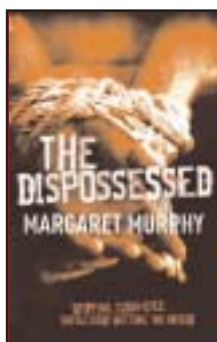
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**Warren MURPHY**

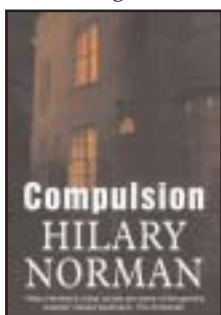
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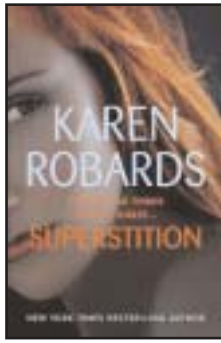
Agent Pendergast has become one of crime fiction's most endearing characters. His greatest enemy is one who has stalked him all of his life, his cunning and diabolical brother Diogenes. And Diogenes has thrown down the gauntlet. Now several of the people closest to Pendergast are viciously murdered and Pendergast is framed for the deeds. On the run from federal authorities with only the help of his old friend NYPD Lieutenant Vincent D'Agosta, Pendergast must stop his brother. But how can he stop a man who is his intellectual equal - one who has had 20 years to plan the world's most horrendous crime? (American)



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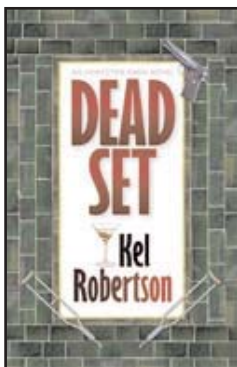
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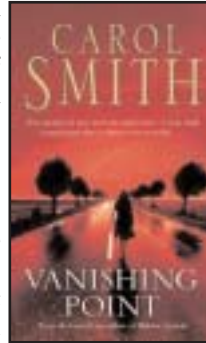
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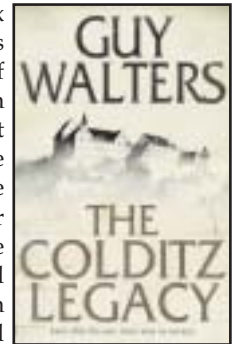
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It's the fall of 1980, eight days before a presidential election that pits the downtrodden Jimmy Carter against the suspiciously sunny Ronald Reagan ("Are you better off than you were four years ago?"). In a quiet house in Spokane, Washington, Vince Camden wakes up at 1:59 am, pockets his weekly stash of stolen credit cards and drops in on an all-night poker game with his low-life friends on his way to his witness-protection job dusting crullers at Donut Make You Hungry. This is the sum of Vince's new life: donuts, forged credit cards, marijuana smuggled in jars of volcanic ash and a neurotic hooker girlfriend who dreams of being a real estate agent. But when a familiar face shows up in town, Vince realises that no matter how far you think you've run from your past, it's always close behind you. (American)

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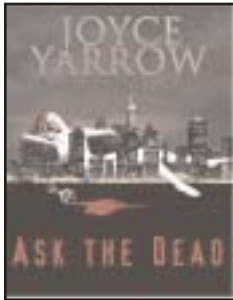
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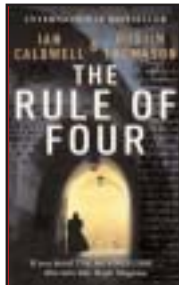
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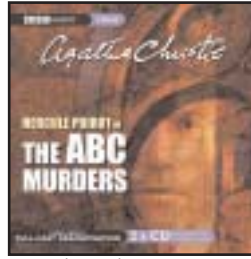
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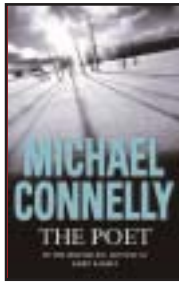


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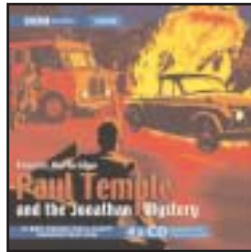
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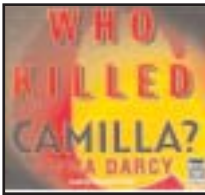


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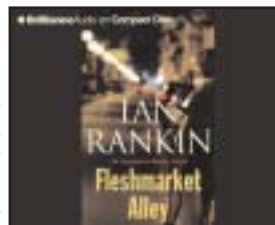
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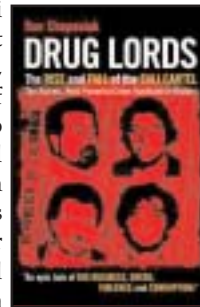
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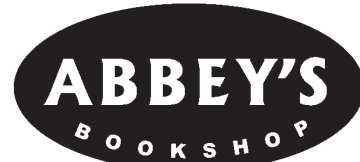
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