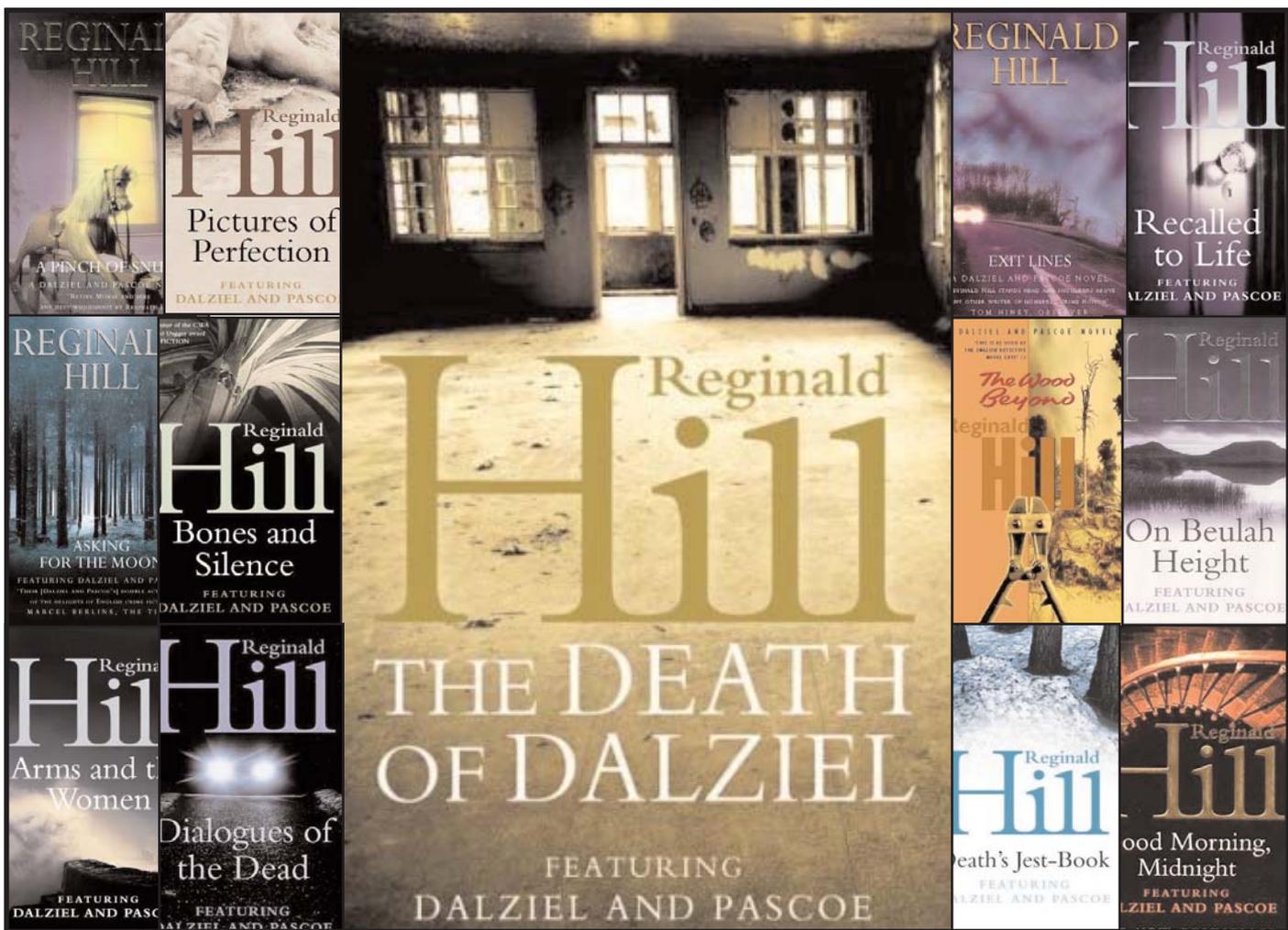


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THE DEATH OF DALZIEL

416PP TP \$33.00

The highly anticipated return of Dalziel and Pascoe in a new psychological thriller. Can it be true? Has the Fat Man really sung? Caught in the blast of a huge Semtex explosion, the only thing preventing Superintendent Andy Dalziel from stepping through death's door might be his own size (and indomitable willpower). As he lies on a hospital bed, it falls to DCI Peter Pascoe to seek justice for Andy. The security services have written it off as an accident, as the terrorist suspects have paid for their clumsiness with their lives. Was there involvement by the Knights Templar, a shadowy group exacting summary public justice on their enemies? Pascoe is certain a conspiracy exists and the attempted murder of Yorkshire police's most inept officer only convinces him further. But if the plot is complex, the climax will prove doubly astounding! Number 21 in the series. Also available in an abridged edition on CD, read by Colin Buchanan (\$30).

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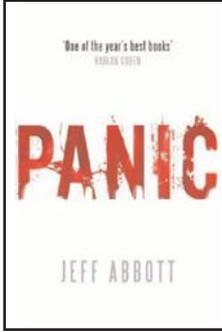


MODERN CRIME

Jeff ABBOTT

Panic 416pp Pb \$19.95

Things are going well for young film-maker Evan Casher, until he receives an urgent call from his mother summoning him home. He arrives to find her brutally murdered and a hit-man lying in wait for him. It is then he realises his whole life has been a lie. His parents are not who he thought they were, his girlfriend is not who he thought she was, his entire existence an ingeniously constructed sham. And now that he knows it, he is in terrible danger. *Due Mar* (American)



Sam BAKER

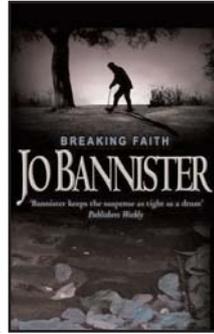
Fashion Victim 352pp Pb \$18.95

When Annie Baker leaves her hard-won job as editor-in-chief of British *Cosmo* to work for *Handbag* magazine, only her boss knows she's doing undercover work. While in Manhattan, she witnesses the murder of Mark Mailer, a hot young designer she has been interviewing. Although the shooting appears to be a random robbery gone wrong, Annie believes otherwise... (English)

Jo BANNISTER

Breaking Faith 256pp Pb \$22.95

Brodie Farrell #5. Brodie Farrell's business, Looking for Something, prides itself on locating just about anything a client wishes. However, her work is cut out for her when she's asked to find the ideal pad for successful demon rocker Jared Fry. To the amazement of Daniel, her shy and awkward best friend, Brodie loves a challenge and soon finds the ideal location for the rocker at the old coaching inn *The Diligence*. Charmed by Fry's business manager Eric Chandos, Brodie wraps up the deal, until matters take an ugly turn and a body is discovered on the rocker's new estate. (Irish)



Laurie BRETON

Point of Departure 384pp Pb \$16.95

When Boston realtor Kaye Winslow disappears, suspicion immediately falls upon her husband, Professor Sam Winslow. Determined to prove his innocence, Sam sets out to unravel the mystery of Kaye's disappearance and in doing so discovers some unnerving and shocking secrets about his wife's past. *Due Mar* (American)

Sandra BROWN

Ricochet 400pp Pb \$19.95

Her husband's pride and joy, Elise Laird is a trophy wife 10 years his junior. Rumour has it that she married him for his money. They couldn't be more wrong. When detectives Duncan Hatcher and Dee Bowen are summoned to the sumptuous home of Judge Laird in the middle of the night, they know that discretion is key to their investigation - and to keeping their jobs. Elise has shot and killed a burglar in self-defence, but there is something suspicious about the whole affair. *Due Mar* (American)

Maggie BRUCE

Gourdfellas 288pp Pb \$16.95

Gourd Craft Mystery #2. Brooklyn girl Lili Marino has found herself starting over in the tiny village of Walden Corners, New York, where she has the time and space to cultivate her first love: crafting gourds. She's also becoming surprisingly expert at cutting to the rotten heart of a mystery. Lily is just starting to feel welcomed in Walden Corners when she finds the local high school football coach dead on the first day of hunting season... *Due Mar* (American)

Leslie CAINE

Killed by Clutter 368pp Pb \$16.95

Domestic Bliss Mystery #4. At first glance, decorator Erin Gilbert fell in love with the charming little bungalow on a quiet street in Crestview, Colorado. Until she stepped inside, where eccentric widow Helen Walker has created a maze of bric-a-brac, papers and junk that she won't throw out. Even worse - two bizarre deaths have convinced Helen she is being stalked by a serial killer, and that any one of her nosy friends and neighbours might be to blame. (American)

Agatha CHRISTIE

Agatha Christie 1960s Omnibus 784pp Pb \$40.00

A brand new Agatha Christie omnibus, bringing together all four stand-alone novels she wrote in the 1960s and early 70s - *Endless Night*, *By the Pricking of My Thumbs*, *Passenger to Frankfurt* and her last book *Postern of Fate*. (English)

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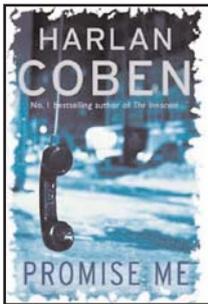
**Carol Higgins CLARK****Hitched** 400pp Pb \$18.95

Regan Reilly Mystery. Regan Reilly and her fiancé, Jack 'no relation' Reilly - head of the NYPD Major Case Squad - are getting married! Arriving at the bridal salon to pick up her gown, Regan discovers the shop has been broken into, the designers bound and gagged, and wedding dresses for four April brides (including her dress) are missing. Even though it's only a week before her wedding, she gets on the case, meeting an unusual mix of brides and grooms-to-be, or perhaps not-to-be... *Due Mar* (American)

Harlan COBEN**Promise Me**

480pp Pb \$19.95

The 2am phone call is from a young, frightened, lost girl who has called the one adult who promised to help her if she ever got into any trouble - Myron Bolitar. Stumbling from his Manhattan bed, he races down



to pick her up from a cold street corner and take her back to safety. But against his better judgment, she persuades him to drop her at an unknown address in the suburbs. This is a mistake that he lives to regret, for Aimee Biel's final wave from a darkened porch turns out to be the last time anyone will see her... *Due Mar* (American)

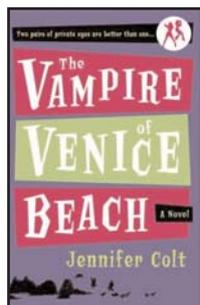
Max ALLAN COLLINS**Road to Paradise** 304pp Pb \$20.00

As a young man, Michael Satariano fought Capone's gang in Chicago. Now in comfortable middle-age, he runs a mob casino in Lake Tahoe with a loving wife, a teenage daughter, and a son earning medals in Vietnam. The year is 1973 and he believes his killing days are behind him. But the bosses have other plans. And when he refuses to do a hit ordered by resurgent godfather Sam Giancana, he finds himself framed for murder and forced to disappear into the government's fledgling Witness Protection Program to keep his loved ones safe. *Due Mar* (American)

Jennifer COLT**The Vampire of Venice Beach**

352pp Tp \$27.00

The dysfunctional crime-fighting duo of Kerry and Terry McAfee somehow survived the Butcher of Beverly Hills and the Mangler of Malibu Canyon. But will they be able to shine some California sunshine onto the Vampire of Venice Beach? *Due Mar* (American)

**Robert CRAIS****The Watchman** 400pp Tp \$32.95

For the first time, Joe Pike is in the driver's seat. But fans don't need to worry, Elvis Cole aids and abets. When the US Marshals and the finest private security firm that money can buy can't protect Larkin Conner Barkley from the men who want her dead, her wealthy family hires the one man money can't buy - Joe Pike. *Due Mar* (American)

Deborah CROMBIE**Water Like Stone**

320pp Tp \$32.95

When Superintendent Duncan Kincaid takes Gemma, Kit and Toby to visit his family in Cheshire, Gemma is soon entranced with Nantwich town's pretty buildings and the historic winding canal, and young Kit is instantly smitten with his cousin Lally. But their visit is marred when, on Christmas Eve, Duncan's sister discovers a mummified infant's body interred in the wall of an old dairy barn... *Due Mar* (American)

Cameron CRUISE**The Collector** 384pp Tp \$27.95

Detective Seven Bushard doesn't know what to make of the gruesome murder of a fortune teller in Orange County's Little Saigon. During the course of his investigation, artist Gia Moon claims she will be one of the killer's victims. Gia appears to be the real deal, but Seven, who doesn't believe in the paranormal, isn't so sure... (American)

Charles CUMMING**The Spanish Game**

480pp Pb \$19.95

In exile, in danger, on the run, for six years Alec Milius has been trying to escape his past. But his past refuses to release him. Abandoned by MI6 after a disastrous operation with the CIA, Milius has slowly rebuilt his life in Madrid: he has a flat, a job - and a relationship with the wrong woman. Older and wiser he still has a talent for deception and a fatal weakness for secrets. So when a prominent politician disappears in suspicious circumstances he can't resist tracking him down. *Due Mar* (Scottish)

Clive CUSSLER**Polar Shift** 544pp Pb \$19.95

Polar Shift: it is the name for a phenomenon that may have occurred many times in the past. At its weakest, it disorients birds and animals and damages electrical equipment. At its worst, it causes massive eruptions, earthquakes and climatic changes. At its very worst, it would mean the obliteration of all living matter! 60 years ago, an eccentric Hungarian genius discovered how to artificially trigger such a shift, but then his work disappeared, so it was thought... *Due Mar* (American)

Casey DANIELS**The Chick and the Dead**

336pp Pb \$16.95

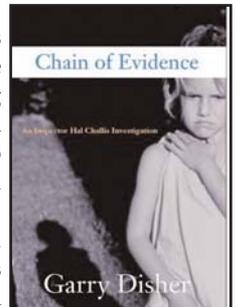
Pepper Martin Mystery #2. In this highly anticipated sequel to **Don of the Dead** (Pb \$16.95), Pepper helps the deceased sister of a celebrated novelist get revenge for her untimely death. *Due Mar* (American)

Garry DISHER**Chain of Evidence**

368pp Tp \$32.95

Inspector Challis #4.

Hal Challis is 1,000km from the Peninsula, watching his father die. Ellen Destry is left to mind his house for a month. And his job. Katie Blasko, aged nine, has disappeared. Ellen fears abduction - the Peninsula is sleepy, picturesque, prosperous, but she suspects there is a paedophile ring. (Australian)

**Tim DOWNS****Plague Maker** 407pp Pb \$24.95

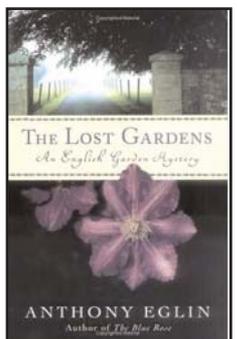
4th of July Fourth, New York City. Hundreds of thousands line the banks of the East and Hudson Rivers awaiting the nation's largest fireworks display. Soon the sky will explode in cascading showers of silver and gold. The air will be filled with clouds of smoke and specks of debris will rain down everywhere. Some will pick bits of paper from their children's hair. And some will absentmindedly scratch at the tiny, biting specks that dot their necks and arms. FBI agent Nathan Donovan must enlist the help of ex-wife Macy Monroe, an expert in the psychology of terrorism - then fireworks really begin... (American)

Anthony EGLIN**The Lost Gardens**

320pp Pb \$16.95

English Garden Mystery #2.

When Californian winemaker Jamie Gibson inherits Wickersham Priory, she moves to England to cultivate a new life on the massive 200-acre estate. She hires Lawrence Kingston, a retired professor of botany, to reproduce the gardens from their heyday. Unable to tame his curiosity, Lawrence begins investigating why Jamie was named heir to this vast fortune. His interest grows when he discovers the old Wickersham well that now holds human bones - and the truth of a long-ago murder... *Due Mar* (English)

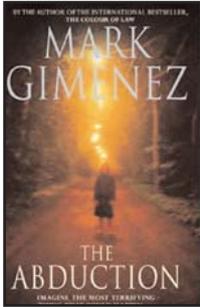


**Colin FORBES****The Savage Gorge****304pp Tp \$29.95**

Tweed and Paula of the SIS take over the brutal murder case of two attractive women from the plodding Chief Inspector Reebeck. A vital clue leads them to a remote and beautiful county, an area controlled by the human but dangerous 'Pit Bull'. *Due Mar* (English)

Mark GIMENEZ**The Abduction****512pp Tp \$32.95**

10-year-old Gracie Ann Brice is the ultimate tomboy and she knows how to take care of herself. But when her mother comes to collect her from soccer practice one day, she is told that Gracie has already left with her uncle. The only trouble is, Grace has no uncle... *Due Mar* (American)

**Christine GOFF****Death Shoots a Birdie****224pp Pb \$16.95**

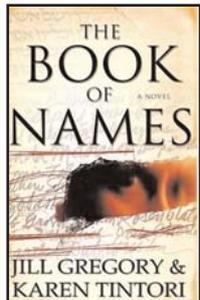
Birdwatchers Mystery #5. When renowned birder Guy Sazby's protégé is killed and he becomes the prime suspect, Rachel Wilder wonders if - like the painted bunting - Saxby really did kill another male who was encroaching upon his turf. *Due Mar* (American)

Tim GREEN**Kingdom Come****368pp Pb \$18.95**

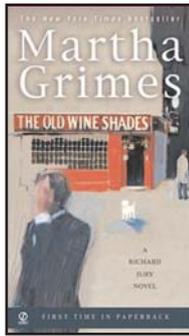
Bob King is a self-made billionaire who parlayed a rusty backhoe into 27th spot on Forbes' list. Now, his corporation instils greed and competition among friends, including his son Scott and his two best friends, Thane and Ben. But instead of handing over the company's crown, Bob reveals a massive public offering that will make him CEO for life. Thane's wife, Jessica, is furious and goads him into a conspiracy to kill Bob. *Due Mar* (American)

Jill GREGORY & Karen TINTORI**The Book of Names****320pp Tp \$32.95**

When a childhood tragedy comes back to haunt Professor David Shepherd, he finds himself in possession of knowledge that holds the world in a delicate balance. He uncovers the Book of Names - an ancient text originating with the biblical Adam. The book contains the names of each generation's 36 righteous souls - the Hidden Ones - legend holds that if all 36 were eliminated, the world would meet its end... *Due Mar* (American)

**Martha GRIMES****The Old Wine Shades****341pp Hb \$56.00**

Richard Jury #19. Over three successive nights, stranger Harry Johnson sits in the London Pub *The Old Wine Shades* and tells a story to Richard Jury about a good friend of his whose wife and son (and dog) disappeared one day in Surrey. They've been missing for nine months - no trace, no clue, and no lead as to what happened. The dog came back, but how? When Jury investigates, all seems to be just as Harry described it. Until they find the body... *Due Mar* (American)

**John HARVEY****Gone to Ground****400pp Tp \$32.95**

When police detective Will Grayson and his partner Helen Walker investigate the violent death of Stephen Bryan, a gay Cambridge academic, their first thoughts are off an ill-judged sexual encounter. But as their investigation widens, their attention focuses on the biography Bryan was writing about the life and death of 50s film star, Stella Leonard, whose death from drowning, when the car she was driving skidded mysteriously off a lonely Fenland road, uncannily echoed the climax of her most notorious film, *Shattered Glass*. *Due Mar*

Flesh and Blood**(Special Edition)****462pp Pb \$12.95**

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. Now that Shane has been granted parole, Elder feels compelled to revisit the past. Then Shane disappears and another young girl is murdered. Taunted by postcards from the killer, an increasingly desperate Elder battles to keep his estranged family from being drawn into the very heart of the crime... (English)

Philip HAWLEY**Stigma****496pp Pb \$18.95**

In southern California, a young Mayan boy with a blue-crescent-moon tattoo on his chest dies mysteriously. In Central America, a puzzling illness is spreading among tribal villages. And soon - Luke McKenna, a paediatric ER physician in Los Angeles, will discover the link between these events and demons from his dark past. *Due Mar* (American)

Mo HAYDER**Pig Island****496pp Pb \$21.95**

Journalist Joe Oakes makes a living exposing supernatural hoaxes. But when he visits a secretive religious community on a remote Scottish island, everything he thought he knew is overturned. Questions mount: Why has the community been accused of Satanism? What has happened to their leader, Pastor Malachi Dove? And perhaps most important, why will no one discuss the strange apparition seen wandering the lonely beaches of Pig Island? *Due Mar* (English)

Jack HIGGINS**The Valhalla Exchange****320pp Pb \$20.00**

On the 30 April 1945, Russian radar reported a light aircraft leaving the vicinity of the Tiergarten in Berlin. But who was on board, and where was the plane going? Berlin was in ruins as the Russians moved relentlessly towards the concrete bunker where the Nazi administration was in ruins. But one man, Reichsleiter Martin Bormann, Adolf Hitler's secretary and eminence grise had a daring plan to escape... *Due Mar* (English)

Reginald HILL**An Advancement of Learning:****An April Shroud (1971)****272pp Pb \$12.95**

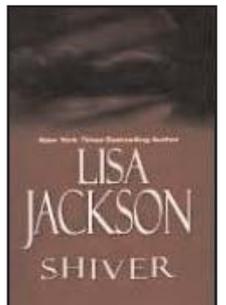
At the college, he finds black magic and lecturers fraternising with students, but to Dalziel, murder doesn't quite fit in. He hadn't reckoned on a series of killings as he and Pascoe are sent to investigate a disinterred corpse. (English)

Greg ILES**Dark Matter****528pp Pb \$19.95**

Yesterday David Tennant was a highly respected Ethicist with the ear of the President, working on a top secret Government project. Today, he is running for his life. Project Trinity has the power to change life forever. Only a few, handpicked men and women know the potential of the biggest artificial intelligence study the world has ever seen. (American)

Lisa JACKSON**Shiver****512pp Pb \$18.95**

Detective Reuben 'Diego' Montoya is back in New Orleans. Thanks to years of working with the dark side of society, his youthful swagger is gone, replaced by a determined, take-no-prisoners stride. He'll need every bit of it, because a serial killer is turning the Big Easy into his personal playground... *Due Mar* (American)

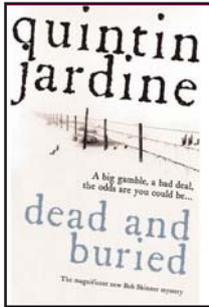


**Sue Ann JAFFARIAN****The Curse of the Holy Pail****374pp Tp \$29.95**

An Odelia Grey Mystery. Is the Holy Pail cursed? Every owner of the vintage Chappy Wheeler lunchbox, a prototype based on the 1940s TV Western, has died. And now Sterling Price, business tycoon and a client of Odelia Grey's law firm, has been fatally poisoned. Is it a coincidence that Price's one-of-a-kind lunch pail, worth over 30 grand, has disappeared at the same time? (American)

Quintin JARDINE**Dead and Buried****448pp Pb \$19.95**

Bob Skinner #16. DCC Bob Skinner has a failed marriage on his hands, and a death on his conscience, but little time to deal with either as he faces the biggest challenge of his career within the secret corridors



where dark power is wielded. As his hunt develops, he goes to the very top - the Prime Minister - lest he himself becomes collateral damage. Meanwhile, back in Edinburgh, Skinner's daughter is being harassed by a stalker. Can he protect her? *Due Mar* (Scottish)

Katherine JOHN**By Any Name (1995)****320pp Pb \$19.95**

A bloodstained man runs half-naked down a motorway at night dodging high-speed traffic - and worse. Cornered by police, then admitted to a psychiatric ward suffering trauma-induced amnesia, all he can recall is a detailed knowledge of sophisticated weaponry and military techniques that indicate a background in terrorism. When two armed soldiers guarding his room are murdered and Dr Elizabeth Santer, the psychiatrist assigned to his case, is abducted at gunpoint, a desperate hunt begins for a dangerous killer...

**The Corpse's Tale****128pp Pb \$9.95**

Quick Reads. Dai Morgan has the body of a man and the mind of a child. He lived with his mother in the Mid Wales village of Llan, next door to bright, beautiful 19-year-old Anna Harris. The vicar found Anna's naked, battered body in the churchyard one morning. The police discovered Anna's bloodstained earring in Dai's pocket. The judge gave Dai life. After 10 years in jail, Dai appealed against his sentence and was freed. Sergeants Trevor Joseph and Peter Collins are sent to Llan to reopen the case. But the villagers refuse to believe Dai innocent. The Llan police do not make mistakes or allow murderers to walk free. Do they?

**Midnight Murders****320pp Pb \$19.95**

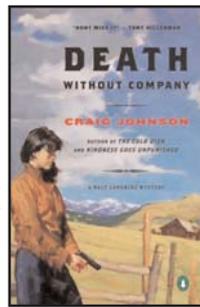
Compton Castle is a Victorian psychiatric hospital long overdue for demolition. Its warrens of rooms and acres of grounds, originally designed as a sanctuary for the mentally ill, now provide the ideal stalking ground for a serial killer. Physically and mentally battered after his last case, Sergeant Trevor Joseph is a temporary inmate, but the hospital loses all therapeutic benefit when a corpse is dug out of a flowerbed...

**Murder of a Dead Man (1992)****320pp Pb \$19.95**

Sergeant Trevor Joseph has started a promising new life with Lyn Sullivan. But their developing relationship begins to disintegrate when a vagrant's gruesome murder pulls Joseph away from home and onto Jubilee Street - the skid row of a small English seaside town. When Joseph and his colleagues report to the crime scene, they find only an unrecognisable body, an empty bottle of whiskey, and the lingering scent of gasoline... (Welsh)

Craig JOHNSON**Death Without Company****320pp Tp \$29.95**

Walt Longmire Mystery. When Mari Baroja is found poisoned at the Durant Home for Assisted Living, Sheriff Longmire is drawn into an investigation that reaches fifty years into the mysterious woman's dramatic Basque past. Aided by his friend Henry Standing Bear, Deputy Victoria Moretti, and newcomer Santiago Saizarbitoria, Sheriff Longmire must connect the spectre of the past to the present to find the killer among them. *Due Mar* (American)

**Andrea KANE****Wrong Place, Wrong Time****400pp Pb \$18.95**

New York Times bestselling author Andrea Kane's gripping new page-turner, bolts out of the starting gate and straight into the winner-take-all world of competitive horse showjumping, where drugs, alcohol, money and egos collide and two strong-willed families risk everything to protect the ones they love. *Due Mar* (American)

Julie KENNER**The Givenchy Code****368pp Pb \$16.95**

A mind-bending code spawned from the mind of a madman...or maybe just a jealous ex. A desperate race through the cathedrals and hotels of New York City - with a teeny bit of time for shopping, it's true. An astonishing truth concealed for years, unveiled at last...with more than a little help from a super-cute new guy. *Due Mar* (American)

Henry KISOR**A Venture into Murder****224pp Hb \$46.95**

In Porcupine County, there lies a small Michigan town where the people all know each other and gossip cannot be silenced for long. But there's one secret that someone has tried to keep quiet for years - and those who try to uncover it seem to wind up dead. Deputy Steve Martinez lost his heart to the region after running away from a secret of his own. The peace and quiet is broken when a mob hit man's corpse washes up on the shore of Lake Superior. Then, during a routine police operation, one of Steve's colleagues falls over the long-buried body of one of Porcupine County's missing persons - a man who had been last seen alive almost a century before. The two deaths are seemingly unrelated...at first. (American)

Jayne Ann KRENTZ**White Lies****320pp Tp \$32.95**

Clare Lancaster has a psychic talent for perceiving lies and deception in others. Passion ignites immediately between Jake, an undercover agent of the Arcane Society, and Clare, but each knows that the other is keeping dark secrets. Together they must overcome their mutual distrust in order to unravel a web of conspiracy and murder... *Due Mar* (American)

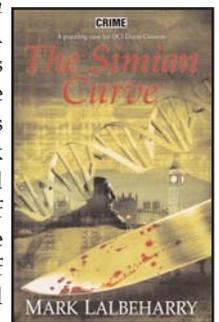
Ken KUHLEN**The Loud Adios****217pp Tp \$32.95**

On the home front during World War II, MP border guard Tom Hickey calls on his skills as a PI to help a naive farm boy retrieve his sister from a sordid Tijuana dive, where she is the prisoner of a gang of German and Mexican Nazis. (American)

Mark LALBEHARRY**The Simian Curve****224pp Hb \$46.95**

DCI Diane Cresson Mystery #1. A

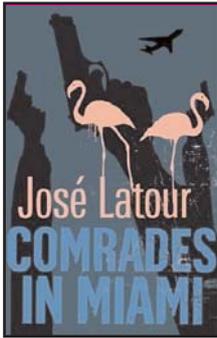
headless corpse is found in the garage belonging to Thomas Tranmore, a maverick scientist who worked for the Ministry of Defence. His house has been stripped of all furniture and possessions and his bank account emptied. There is no family, few friends and colleagues are reticent in talking about him. DCI Diane Cresson and her team are assigned to the case. They soon discover that some very high-up people seem to know quite a lot about Tranmore's recent activities and prove reluctant to share that information. Then another body is found in a nearby lake... Debut. (English)



**Jose LATOUR** **Comrades in Miami**

352pp Pb \$22.95

Without spy satellites or supercomputers, communist Cuba has relied on its intelligence operatives for the last 45 years. Colonel Victoria Valiente, one of the most respected officers in the General



Directorate of Intelligence, is the Havana-based spymaster of greater Miami. During the past decade, however, her husband has convinced her that Castro's regime is corrupt and moribund and that they must defect. This exquisitely crafted, erotically charged novel culminates in an electrifying showdown, offering an inside view into the regime's dark corners while shedding light on contemporary Cuba. *Due Mar* (American)

John LINDQVIST **Let the Right One in**

432pp Tp \$32.95

Oskar lives with his mum in a high rise building in the western suburbs of Stockholm. It's the early 80s and he likes listening to Kiss on his walkman, solving puzzles and pasting grisly murder stories from the newspaper into his scrapbook. *Due Mar* (German)

Gabrielle LORD **Spiking the Girl (2004)**

496pp Pb \$12.95

When PI Gemma Lincoln agrees to investigate a missing student from exclusive Netherleigh Park Ladies' College, she finds herself drawn into a double murder case surrounded by a wall of silence. Gemma's best friend Detective Sergeant Angie McDonald helps, but Angie is overworked, unsupported by an incompetent superior officer and crazy in love. *Due Mar* (Australian)

**Gayle LYNDS** **The Last Spymaster**

448pp Pb \$16.95

As chief of the CIA's elite Clandestine Services, Jay Tice was a legend throughout the world of international intelligence. But secretly he was also a traitor, selling information that would compromise the security of the United States for decades to come. Since his treachery was exposed, Tice has been kept under strict surveillance in a maximum security prison. Then one morning, his cell is discovered empty... *Due Mar* (American)

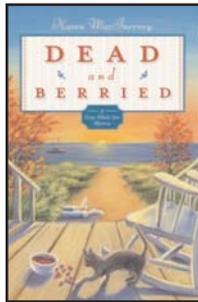
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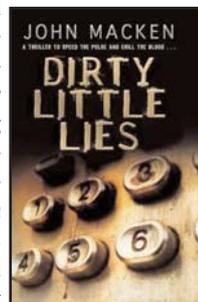
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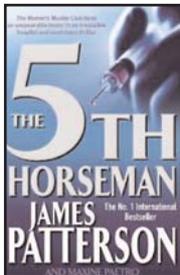
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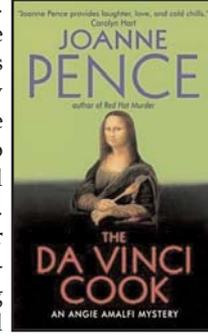
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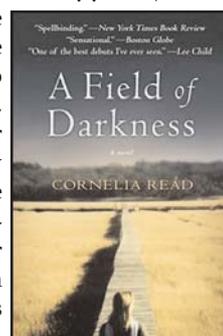


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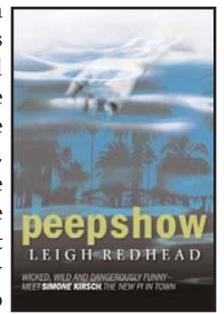
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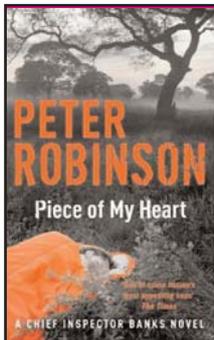
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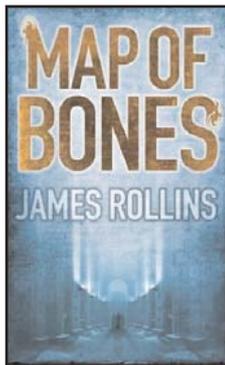


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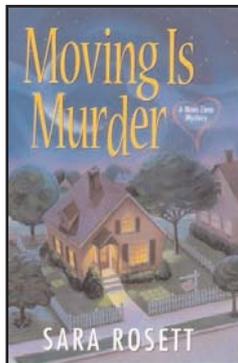
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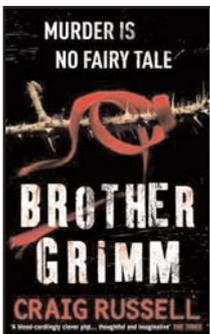
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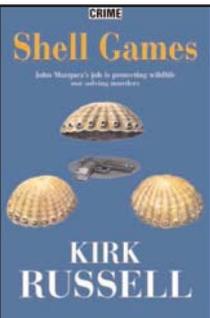


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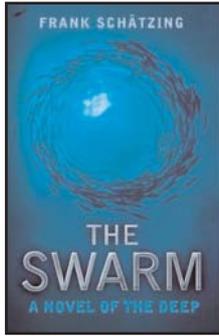
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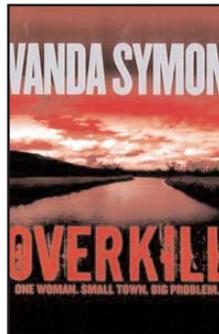
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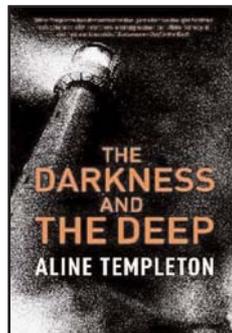
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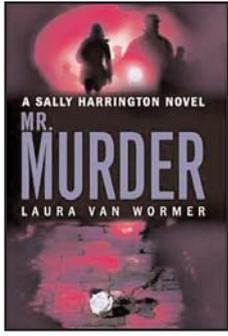
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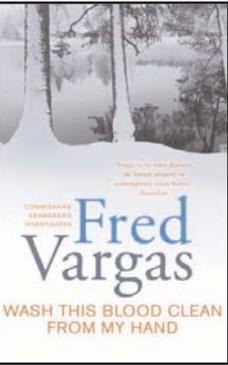
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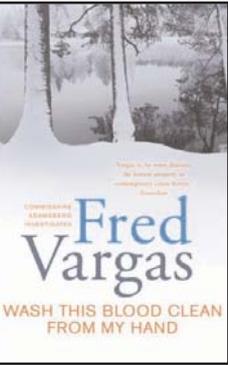
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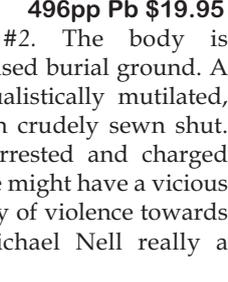
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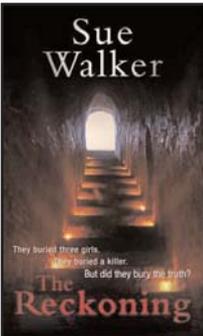
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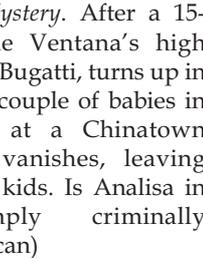
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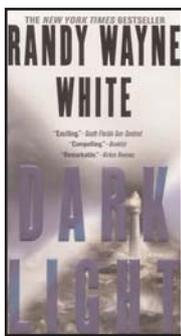
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 It was on a beautiful morning in June 1973 that 11-year-old Miller McAllister's world fell apart... That was the weekend that police found the remains of three missing teenage girls on the tiny Scottish island of Fidra. And that was the weekend that Miller's father, Douglas, was arrested for triple murder. 32 years later, Douglas has died in prison and Miller returns home after decades of self-imposed exile. The McAllister family always maintained Douglas' innocence - as steadfastly as Miller maintained his guilt. But when Miller is given the legal archive and a letter his father wrote to him just days before his death, suddenly everything looks less clear. *Due Mar* (Scottish)

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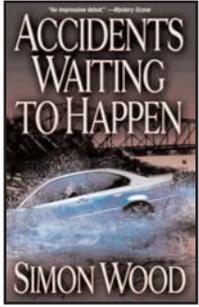
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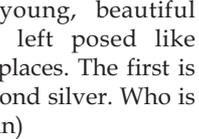
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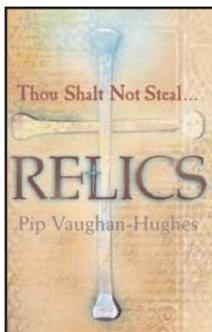
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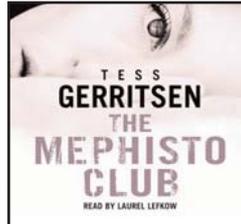
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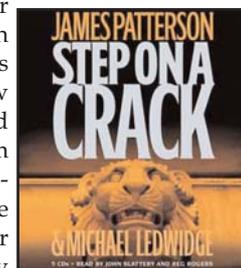
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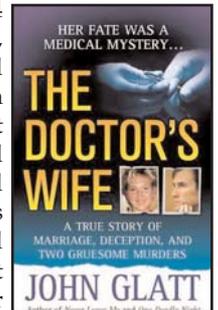
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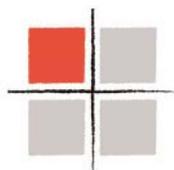
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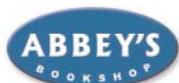
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