

NEW PHRYNE FISHER FOR JUNE

While many may be awaiting the new Harry Potter in June, the bigger news for us is the new Phryne Fisher, The Castlemaine Murders (Pb \$19.95). The fabulously sexy and indecorous Phryne returns with a flourish to solve a crime, which takes her from the Luna Park ghost train to an abandoned mine in the old goldfields. Meanwhile, there's no rest for her lover Lin Chung. He's on the trail of some lost gold, but has Lin got himself into a situation that only Phryne can get him out of? Inspired by a true story, this latest Phryne Fisher mystery is an impeccably attired, fashionable and thrilling read. Also re-issued with this release are two earlier titles: Urn Burial and Death Before Wicket (both Pb \$19.95). Still available are last year's bestselling crime novels, Murder in Montparnasse, Away with the Fairies and Raisins and Almonds (all Pb \$19.95). More reprints are expected later in the year and hopefully we will see the whole series back in print.

MODERN (RIME

Jeffrev AMES Lethal City

378pp Pb 18.95 In this suspenseful thriller set in

Dallas, Texas, Ames takes us behind the police lines of a homicide investigation and into the private passions that fuel an urban nightmare. A stolen BMW is recovered with a stash of cocaine, lurid photos and a charred, dismembered body. Dallas Metro Detective Ham Benno soon connects the victim to a secret circle of family depravity and sexual indiscretion, a mother and daughter who blur the lines between predator and prey. (American)

EASTER TRADING HOURS

Good Friday 18 April CLOSED 19 April Saturday 8:30am - 6:00pm 20 April 10:00am - 5:00pm Sunday Monday 21 April 10:00am - 5:00pm ANZAC DAY Friday 25 April CLOSED

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POLITICAL/LEGAL



PRIVATE EYE



ROMANTIC SUSPENSE



SPORT

SPY



SUSPENSE/THRILLER

AUTHOR'S NATIONALITY AT END OF BLURB

Susan ANDERSON Getting Lucky

Lily Morrisette wants roots, respect, her

own business and independence. So

what is she doing on a road trip with a

good-looking marine who is carrying

her into the heart of serious peril? It

started out as an impulsive lark, fueled

by her strong chemical reaction to sexy

Zach Taylor, a tough, blustery, yet

military man. He is determined to break

up his darling baby sister Glynnis's

wedding day. But there is no Glynnis

waiting for them at the end of the line,

only a ransom note and a death threat!

Amid a dangerous nest of family

secrets, the heat between them soon

becomes unbearable as the kidnapper's

twisted scheme pulls them closer than

either dreamed possible. And when

passion explodes, Lily's reckless act

could prove to be either the best risk she

An Anna Pigeon novel. When Anna

answers a call to historic Mt Locust, once a producing plantation and inn on

Mississippi's Natchez Trace Parkway and now a tourist spot, the last thing she

expects to encounter is murder. But the

man Anna finds in the stand's old

bedroom is no tourist in distress. He is

nearly naked, and very dead, his body

bearing marks consistent with an S&M

ritual gone awry. On a writing table

nearby is an open Bible, ominous

passages circled in red. (American)

The White Russian

of the

of

For

the opportunity for a new beginning. Banished to Siberia for four years for

pursuing a case his superiors would

rather he had quietly buried, Ruzsky

finds himself investigating the murders

of a young couple out on the ice of the

frozen river Neva. The dead girl was a

nanny at the Imperial Palace, the man an

American from Chicago and, if the

brutality of their deaths seems an

allegory for the times, Ruzsky finds that,

at every turn, the investigation leads

dangerously close to home. (English)

339pp Pb 18.95

444pp Tp 32.95

TOM BRADBY

has ever taken, or her last. (American)

Nevada BARR

Tom BRADBY

St Petersburg in

1917 is the capital

of the glittering

Tsars and a city on

brink

Sandro Ruzsky,

Chief Investigator

of the city police,

even this decaying

provides

Empire

world

revolution.

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Hunting Season

tender-in-spite-of-himself

Lilian Jackson BRAUN

384pp Pb 18.95

The Cat Who Brought Down the 244pp Hb 59.95 House

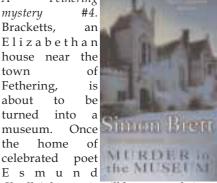
A Jim Owilleran Feline Whodunnit #25. The denizens of Pickax are star-struck: Thelma Thackeray, a native of Moose County, has returned after a Hollywood career spanning six decades. And to ensure she has herself some fun, she has bought the old opera house and plans to turn it into a film club. But when someone kidnaps her Amazon parrots, Qwilleran, Koko and Yum Yum are on the trail. (American)

Simon BRETT

Murder in the Museum

372pp Hb 50.00





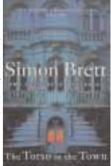
Chadleigh, now it will become a shrine to his life and poetry. But the transition from house to museum is running far from smoothly because buried in the kitchen garden is a human skeleton. And before too long, there is a second body, not yet cold. Murder is no longer just a dreadful possibility, but a certainty. It is a case that will test the sleuthing powers of Board member Carole Seddon and her friend Jude as never before. (English)

Simon BRETT

The Torso in the Town 325pp Pb

A Fethering mystery #3. Grant and Kim Roxby had hoped that their first dinner party at Pelling House would make an impression with their new neighbours. And the next day it is certainly the talk of the town of Fedborough. For their guests, including the couple's old friend Jude had been enjoying a pleasant meal before they were rudely interrupted by a gruesome discovery. A human torso hidden in the cellar. Jude races home to Fethering and her friend Carole with the news. And soon the pair is back in

Fedborough questioning they locals. But cannot help but wonder why a town notoriously distrustful of outsiders is proving so terribly amenable to their inquiries. (English)



Rita Mae BROWN



Catch as Cat Can 332pp Pb 21.00

A Mrs Murphy mystery. Spring fever comes to the small town of Crozet, Virginia. As the annual Dogwood Festival approaches, postmistress Mary Minor "Harry" Haristeen feels her own mating instincts stir. As for tiger cat Mrs Murphy, feline intuition tells her there is more in the air than just pheromones. It begins with a case of stolen hubcaps and proceeds to the mysterious death of a dissolute young mechanic over a sobering cup of coffee. Then another death and a shooting lead to the discovery of a half-million crisp, clean dollar bills that look to be very dirty. Mrs Murphy already knows who it is and who is next in line. She also knows that Harry, curious as a cat, does not have nine lives. And the one she does have is hanging by the thinnest of threads. (American)

Robin BURCELL

Deadly Legacy 290pp Pb 18.95 Homicide Inspector Gillespie's investigation into a bizarre apparent murder/suicide is threatening to careen out of control. A dead man might not be dead. The families of the deceased are hiding something. And there are blood-soaked threads reaching into some very lofty places. The more Kate learns, the less she knows. It is a case puts her perilously high on a rabid killer's hit list. (American)

James M CAIN

281pp Pb 19.95

Crime Masterworks series #25. A classic novel of acute social observation and devastating emotional violence, this ambitious book dissects a mother's obsessive, masochistic love for a pampered and selfish daughter. (American)

Paul CHARLES



I've heard the Banshee Sing 282pp Pb 21.95

A Detective Christy Kennedy mystery #6. When the butchered and dismembered body of an elderly man is discovered in Camden Town's famous Black Cat Building, Kennedy finds this is no ordinary murder. Initial investigation produces not a single clue but an article by Kennedy's some time lover, ann rea (whose name always appears in lower case), reveals a couple of potential leads in his Northern Ireland birth-place. They head over to Portrush: she to work on a follow-up to her story, Kennedy to try and make sense of the bizarre ritualistic killing. Assisted by Ulster Detective McCusker, his investigation takes him through the Irish countryside and back in time to World War II. (Irish)

Suzanne CHAZIN

Flashover 368pp Pb 18.95

A Firefighter novel #2. The fiery deaths of two doctors turn up the heat for New York fire marshal Georgia Skeehan. And when evidence surfaces indicating there is an arsonist, and a murderer,

within the FDNY, Georgia faces blasts of betrayal from every direction. (American)

Lowen CLAUSEN

Second Watch 384pp Pb 18.95 Seattle's Ballard Avenue is the beat for officers Grace Stevens and Katherine Murphy and the scene of a

sadistic murder. Enlisted by the Sex Crimes Unit, the partners are charting darker territory than ever before and discovering, firsthand, the evil that men do. (American)

Tim COCKEY

The Hearse Case Scenario #3 420pp Pb 21.95

Drop-dead gorgeous, undertaker-sleuth Hitchcock Sewell is up to his ears in murders, and the latest clues point to a Baltimore nightclub. Following his nose, Hitch uncovers a host of nefarious goings-on as well as some downright strange characters, including a felonious artist, a Miles Davis wanna-be, an Ida Lupino look-alike, and one very irritated dance instructor. Put them all together, throw in a bag full of cash and an incriminating Polaroid, and you have another sure-fire, humour-laced hit. (American)

Reed Farrel COLEMAN

Walking the Perfect Square 294pp Pb 18.95

A Moe Prager mystery #1. Retired NYC policeman turned private investigator Moe Prager cannot let go of a case he never cracked. After 20 years, an unexpected phone call produces a lead. Mild-mannered college student Patrick Maloney proves to be more than just another suburban runaway. This is an artful mystery that transcends genre and delivers a compelling look at one man's efforts to relieve the burden of his failures and to protect his family from an unbearable truth. (American)

Max Allan COLLINS

True Detective (1983)

358pp Pb 18.95

The Frank Nitti Trilogy #1. Nate Heller is a cop trying to stay straight in one of the most corrupt places imaginable, Prohibition Chicago. When he will not sell out, he is forced to quit the force and become a private investigator. His first client is Al Capone. His best friend is Eliot Ness. His most important order of business is staying alive. (American)

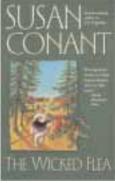


Susan CONANT

The Wicked Flea

286pp Pb 18.95

Doglover's mystery #14. Holly Winter, Dog Life columnist and amateur sleuth. returns with her two Alaskan malamutes, Rowdy Kimi, for another fun, fastpaced outing. Her 'adopted" aunts, 90-year-old



Sherlock Holmes expert Althea and her sister Ceci are determined to find another man for Holly among her dog group from the local park. When a golden retriever attacks Rowdy, Holly notes its aberrant behaviour is not typical of the breed. Its owner, Sylvia Metzner, exhibits behaviour equally as bizarre. When she is found murdered two weeks later, Holly joins the investigation. (American)

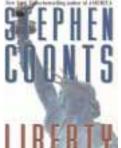
John CONNOLLY

The White Road504pp Pb 18.95 In South Carolina, a young black man faces the death penalty for the rape and murder of Marianne Larousse, daughter of one of the wealthiest men in the state. It is a case with its roots in old evil, and old evil is Charlie Parker's speciality. But Parker is about to be confronted with dark forces that threaten all that he holds dear: his lover, his unborn child, even his soul. In a prison cell, a fanatical preacher is about to take his revenge using a strange, hunched creature that keeps its own secrets buried by a riverbank: the undiscovered killer Cyrus Nairn. Soon, all of these figures will face a final reckoning in southern swamps and northern forests, in distant locations linked by a single thread, a place where the paths of the living and the dead converge: a place known only as the White Road. (Irish)

Stephen COONTS

Liberty This

novel continues the adventures of Admiral Jack Grafton as he pursues major malefactors. This time, a rogue Russian general has sold nuclear warheads to a Mideastern, anti-



425pp Tp 29.95

American terrorist best known for "hacking some tourists to death with a machete" in Egypt. Grafton must identify and locate the terrorist and his cronies before he detonates weapons in the USA. (American)

Harold COYLE

🔆 Against all Enemies

When one man decides to send a message to the government by bombing a federal building, the explosion is felt all across the country. The chain reaction that follows resonates most powerfully with members of a rebel band in Idaho who call themselves Patriots. They want freedom from government control, no matter how much deadly force it takes. Their wellplanned acts of terrorism soon show the

government that they cannot be ignored

and that definite action is needed.

426pp Pb 21.95

(American) Robert CRAIS

The Last Detective

302pp Tp 29.95 Crais returns to his signature character, Los Angeles PI Elvis Cole, in a masterful page-turner that probes the meaning of family and the burdens of the past. Cole's relationship with attorney Lucy Chenier is strained. When she moved from Louisiana to join Elvis in LA, she never dreamed that violence would so easily touch her life and then the unthinkable happens. While Lucy is away on business, her 10-year-old son, Ben, disappears without a trace. Desperate to believe that the boy has run away, evidence soon mounts to suggest a much darker scenario. (With every purchase of The Last Detective, receive a FREE paperback Demolition edition of Angel.) (American)

John CREED

The Day of the Dead 247pp Tp 29.95

Intelligence officer Jack Valentine sets out on another dangerous mission to rescue a friend's daughter and the woman he loves from an evil drug baron. He teams up with his old ally Liam Mellows and they end up in Mexico, where the Day of the Dead is being celebrated. (Irish)

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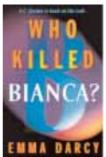
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Emma DARCY

Who Killed Bianca?

398pp Pb 18.95

As Australia's most infamous gossip columnist, Bianca Bernini was relishing every moment of her two-day train trip from Sydney to Alice Springs aboard the legendary Ghan. She is hoping to expose secrets and scandals

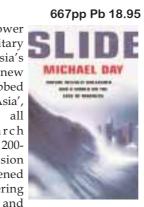


of eight highly privileged passengers. She could not have known unearthing these skeletons from their closets would inspire her own murder. It is up to KC Gordon to find out whodunit? (Australian)

Michael DAY

💥 Slide Seizing power after a military coup, Indonesia's aggressive new dictator, dubbed 'the Tiger of Asia', has banned all ocean-research ships inside a 200mile exclusion zone. Threatened tottering

economy



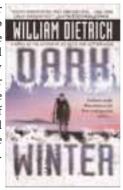
boiling racial tension at home, he has started to illegally mine the ocean floor Nicole Tai-Chung, a young science journalist, is sent from London to find She infiltrates the oceanographic base, only to find herself in deadly danger as she uncovers the sinister truth. In this powerful vision of the future, knife-edged action and breathtaking scenarios combine to create a geophysical thriller of shocking proportions. (English)

William DIETRICH

Dark Winter 463pp Pb 21.95 26 rugged adventurers wave goodbye to the last airplane of the winter and unknowingly isolate themselves with a psychopath in the Antarctic wilderness. While the murderer gradually eliminates the group and communication with the outside world is lost, fear and suspicion overwhelm them.

As the body count rises and the

thermometer drops, the group must overcome the hysteria and dissent expertly sown by the killer to stop him before their chance s u r v i v a l disappears into the arctic darkness. (American)



Garry DISHER

Kittyhawk Down

275pp Pb 19.95

A Detective Inspector Challis mystery #2. Following in the footsteps of the internationally renowned The Dragon Man (Pb 19.95), which won the German Crime Fiction Critics' Award 2001 and was short listed for the Ned Kelly Award. An unidentified man is fished out of the sea with an anchor strapped to his waist. As Challis investigates, an unstable farmer erupts into violence and is the target of a massive manhunt. Meanwhile, Challis' emotional life is strained and, adding further complications, some of his police colleagues have allowed their private and public responsibilities to blur in ways that could have unforeseen results. And Challis finds some aerial photographs in the possession of his friend, Kitty that link her to the murders. (Australian)

Tim DORSEY

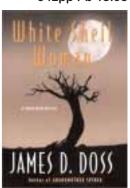
🔆 Triggerfish Twist 383pp Pb 18.95 Ensconced in a lovely tropical villa on idyllic Triggerfish Lane, Jim Davenport anticipates the good life to come. But this is not living, it is Florida, and the neighbourhood is not quite what it seems. It has got overly aggressive Little League parents, drug-free Rastafarians, homicidal hookers, unnatural sex and casual violence. Oh, yes, and there is a psychopathic serial killer-cum-Sunshine-State-folklorist named Serge A Storms living directly across the street. (American)

James DOSS

White Shell Woman

342pp Pb 18.95

Charlie Moon mystery. The sandstone monoliths over towering southern the Colorado landscape are wrapped in ancient mystery. the local tribes, they are



the Twin War Gods, sons of the moon goddess, White Shell Woman. Legends tell of strange happenings in their shadows, of lost treasure and Anasazi blood sacrifice. But it is a much more recent history that troubles former Ute policeman-turned-rancher Charlie Moon, specifically the fresh corpse of a young Native American woman unearthed at an archaeological dig. (American)



David FINE

🚁 Vertical Burn 390pp Pb 21.00

Six months after fire fighter John Finney fought his of a way out Seattle burning warehouse to get help, no one remembers him giving the directions that pinpointed his partner's position inside. No one can



remember anything about Finney except that he left his friend to die. But Finney does not believe the fire was an accident. Finney begins to piece together an astounding conspiracy that will turn friends into suspects and every man inside the department into a potentially deadly enemy. And the most horrific fire is yet to burn. (American)

Janet EVANOVICH & Charlotte HUGHES Full Tilt 338pp Pb 18.95 Jamie Swift has one priority in quiet Beaumont, South Carolina: running the local newspaper. But with the arrival of her silent partner, the notoriously mysterious and sexy Maximillian Holt, Jamie's life gets shaken up. Max claims he is here to give his brother-in-law a vote of confidence. A former wrestler, Frankie Fontana's now taking his shots in the political ring. Beaumont could use a mayor with scruples, but what it gets is a crime while Jamie gets a story that takes her for a ride on the wild side, complete with two assassins, a washed-up stripper and an insane poacher. (American)

Linda FAIRSTEIN

The Bone Vault 376pp Tp 29.95

An Alexandra Cooper thriller. This story begins in the glorious Temple of Dendur at the Metropolitan Museum of Art, where wealthy donors have gathered to hear plans for a controversial new exhibit. An uneasy mix of scholarship and showbiz, the exhibition has raised fierce opposition from some of the museum's elite: IMAX time trips and Rembrandt refrigerator magnets have no place at the Met! Assistant DA Alex Cooper, off duty for the evening, observes the proceedings with bemused interest until the Met director suddenly pulls her aside: the body of a young researcher has been found in an ancient Egyptian sarcophagus. Teaming up with cops Mike Chapman and Mercer Wallace, Alex must penetrate the silent sentinels comprising New York's museum society, investigating not only at the Met but also at the Museum of Natural History and the Cloisters, to find a killer. Atmospheric, chilling and shot through with procedural authenticity. (American)

* The Executioner's Art 207pp Pb 22.95

A derelict Sheffield factory: a man is sandblasted to death, his identity destroyed. Jack Singleterry's department buries evidence and lies to the press. Far more than a story of a corrupt police force, this novel investigates hurt and survival in a city of steel where even the powerful disappear. The atmosphere and unexpected twists and turns will appeal to fans of Patricia Highsmith and Elmore Leonard.

Joanne FLUKE

Blueberry Muffin Murder #2 318pp Pb 17.95

Swensen's (Strawberry Shortcake Murder Pb 19.50) baking plans for Lake Eden's Winter Carnival get stalled when a despotic rival baker is murdered in her bakery. With her oven declared part of a crime scene, Hannah must find the murderer before she can bake. A delightful confection and a recipe included. (American)

Stephen FREY

The Day Trader 347pp Pb 21.00 Augustus McKnight senses his dead-end life is about to change when he makes a shrewd online investment and earns an impressive windfall. But before he can tell his wife about his success, she reveals an adulterous affair and demands a divorce. A day later, she is found brutally murdered, leaving Augustus as the sole beneficiary of her million-dollar life insurance policy. To escape his anguish, Augustus plunges into the world of the full-time day trader and discovers that he has become a pawn in a complex game of manipulation and the target of a twisted quest for revenge. (American)

Bartholomew GILL

The Death of an Irish Consul (1977) 306pp Pb 17. 306pp Pb 17.95

A Peter McGarr mystery. McGarr leaves the shores of his beloved Ireland to investigate the brutal murders of two prominent British subjects, both former SIS chiefs. This book was originally published as McGarr and the Sienese Conspiracy in 1977. Gill died in 2002. (Irish)

Christine GOFF

A Nest of Ashes 212pp Pb 17.95 A Birdwatcher's mystery #3. In her first two novels, A Rant of Ravens (Pb 17.95) and Death of a Songbird (Pb 15.95), Goff offered a bird's eye view of murder in the wilds of Colorado. Now, in her latest mystery, she reveals that there are more things lurking in the trees than birds of prey... (American)

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Joel GOLDMAN

The Last Witness

380pp Pb 18.95

Kansas City trial attorney Lou Mason is back and this time it is personal. Hired to defend the accused murderer of local lawyer and political fixer Jack Cullen, he finds himself putting everything on the line to exonerate none other than his friend and mentor, ex-cop Wilson Bluestone, Jnr. (American)

Joe GORES

Hammett (1975)

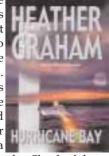
237pp Pb 19.95

Crime Masterworks series #26. From Chinatown's dark alleys to the fogshrouded Golden Gate, crooked politicians ran San Francisco. To Hammett, retired Pinkerton detective and struggling writer, it was all just grist to his fictional mill. Until the night his pal walked into a baseball bat. Then Hammett hung up his typewriter, put on his gumshoes and went out into the brawling, swaggering city to find the brutal murderer. (American)

Heather GRAHAM

Hurricane Bay 395pp Pb 16.95

D a n e Whiteclaw knows something about Sheila Warren that no one else does. Dane knows Sheila's dead. The ex-special forces agent turned private investigator had found a photo under his door. It was a



picture of Sheila's body. She had been strangled with his tie and posed on the beach of his private island in the Florida Keys. The crime appears to be the handiwork of a serial killer currently terrorising the Miami area. Dane is being setup to take the fall for the killings. He just does not know why. (American)

John GRISHAM

The King of Torts 376pp Hb 49.95

The Office of the Public Defender is not known as a training ground for bright young litigators. Clay Carter has been there too long and dreams of a better job in a real firm. When he reluctantly takes the case of a young man charged with a random street killing, he assumes it is just another of the many senseless murders that hit DC every week. As he digs into the background of his client, Clay stumbles upon a conspiracy too horrible to believe. He suddenly finds himself in the middle of a complex case against one of the largest pharmaceutical companies in the world, looking at the kind of enormous settlement that would totally change his life: that would make him, almost overnight, the legal profession's newest king of torts... (American)

Carolyn HAINES

Splintered Bones

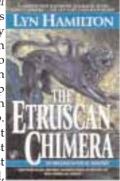
354pp Pb 16.95

A Mississippi Delta mystery. Eulalee McBride has confessed to murdering her husband and wants Sarah Booth to dig up the dirt on the violent scallywag to prove he got what he deserved. Sarah suspects that her friend is lying through her pearly whites, but why? There is certainly no lack of suspects, including Bud Lynch, a horse trainer who arouses killer lust in the town's women. As Sarah begins to put together the pieces of the case, a killer is preparing to strike again. And this time it could send one late-blooming southern sleuth into an early grave. (American)

Lyn HAMILTON

Etruscan Chimera 304pp Pb 17.95

Man Archaeological mystery #6. Lara's negotiations to buy a certain Etruscan sculpture come to an abrupt end when the owner turns up dead in his own Etruscan tomb. Now, Lara must search for that most precious, and most often counterfeited,



rarity in the antiques market, someone she can trust! (American)

Dashiell HAMMETT

The Dain Curse (1929) 250pp Pb 19.95

Crime Masterworks series #27. Miss Gabriel Dain Leggett is young and wealthy, with a penchant for morphine and religious cults. She also has an unfortunate effect on the people around her. They die violently. Is she the victim of a family curse? The short, squat, utterly unsentimental Continental Op, the best PI around, has his doubts and finds he is confronting something infinitely more dangerous. This is the Continental Op's most bizarre case. (American)

Carolyn HART

April Fool Dead 336pp Pb 18.95 A Death-on-Demand mystery #13. Ha-ha! You're dead! Someone is playing a rather nasty April Fool's prank on mystery bookstore owner Annie Darling. A felonious forger on the idyllic, if rarely tranquil, South Carolina island of Broward's Rock has made it appear as if Annie is accusing some of her neighbours of murder. In the wink of a bloodshot eye, the Darling name is mud and then the starts mysteriously count increasing. And now it is up to Annie to follow the well-hidden trail of the vicious trickster, or the next lethal joke may very well be on her. (American)

William HEFFERNAN

Unholy Order 266pp Pb 17.95

A Paul Devlin mystery. "No evil is more frightening than the horror that masquerades as good." In a city as huge and unpredictably dangerous as New York, murder is sadly unremarkable. A new slaying, however, has tossed the red ball squarely in Devlin's lap. This victim is a woman, her throat and midsection viciously slashed open, a lethal dose of heroin found in her system. But this outrage is different. This corpse was that of a nun! (American)

Victoria HOUSTON

Dead Frenzy 294pp Pb 17.95

A Loon Lake Fishing mystery #4.

Between a fishing tournament and a biker convention, Loon Lake is flooded with friendly visitors, and some unsavoury ones. Pretty soon Doc and Police Chief Ferris are spending less time catching bass and more time catching crooks. (American)

Gwen HUNTER

Deadly Remedy377pp Pb 17.95 As a physician in the ER of a rural South Carolina hospital, Dr Rhea Lynch is a dedicated healer, a woman of science and, to some degree, a sceptic. But her most fundamental beliefs are put to the test with the arrival of a travelling faith healer, whose cures produce some baffling mysteries. A young quadriplegic woman can suddenly move her arms. A chronic pain sufferer begins to dance again. Events go from bizarre to deadly with the arrival of a gravely injured but violent young woman determined to practice a dark, deadly magic. As the pieces of this puzzle begin to fall into place, Rhea will find her beliefs, her skill and her understanding tested in unfathomable ways as she enters a realm where science and strange faith collide. (American)

Maddy HUNTER

Alpine for You 246pp Pb 16.95 A Passport to Peril mystery. Accompanying her grandmother on a senior's tour of Switzerland, Emily Andrew had envisioned a vacation straight out of a travel brochure: spectacular scenery, great food and a classy European hotel, all worlds away from her rural Iowa hometown. But her dream trip quickly snowballs into mayhem when smooth-talking tour escort Andy Simon is found dead. To be sure, Andy was as randy as a mountain goat on Viagra, hitting on every Miss, Swiss or otherwise, within striking distance. His constant advances were driving Emily cuckoo, but had someone orchestrated his untimely (American)

Christopher HYDE

Wisdom of the Bones

408pp Pb 21.00

Dallas, November 1963. Homicide Detective Ray Duval is about to collide with history. The President's assassination has sent shockwaves of panic throughout the city. And with six months left to live, Duvall is trying to save one last life before he loses his own. (American)

Lisa JACKSON

The Night Before 464pp Pb 18.95 In the dark shadows of a sultry southern town, a serial killer strikes. It is an act of sinister precision that has happened many times before, every victim an offering to a hunger that can never be sated. The next morning, Caitlyn Montgomery Bandeaux wakes covered in blood. But Caitlyn has no memory of the night before when her estranged husband was brutally murdered, like so many others she has known. Wanted by the police and haunted by horrifying, fragmented memories, Caitlyn turns to Adam Hunt, the town's psychologist. But how far can she really trust him? Caitlyn is about to discover that those who appear the most innocent are usually the most evil. (American)

Dean JAMES

Posted to Death256pp Pb 16.95
A Simon Kirby-Jones mystery. He is Poirot without a pulse. Holmes without a heartbeat. England has a new sleuth to call its own, but Simon is not only a gay vampire, he is an American to boot. He has pulled up stakes in the USA to settle in the quaint English village of Snupperton Mumsley, where his southern charm will be put to work uncovering the deadly secrets of his new neighbours. (American)

Yolanda JOE

Hit Time 256pp Pb 18.95
Hit Time Records was one of the most renowned and cutthroat companies in the music business. So when its head honcho Fab Weaver turns up dead, Georgia Barnett gets right on the case. When suspicion falls on Jimmy Flamingo, a close family friend and struggling blues guitarist, Georgia enlists the help of her spirited twin sister Peaches, a local nightclub owner, to prove Jimmy's innocence. Joined by handsome Detective Doug Eckart, they investigate the

elaborate scheme behind Weaver's murder and uncover the shocking truth about Record Row's success and change the face of music history forever. (American)



Stuart KAMINSKY

A Few Minutes Past Midnight 232pp Tp 29.95

A Toby Peters mystery. Toby Peters is an unusual private eye. He has cracked cases involving Humphrey Bogart, the Marx Brothers, John Wayne and Mae West and now is gumshoeing for the celebrated screen star Charlie Chaplin. A sinister visitor, wielding a large knife, has paid the movie legend a midnight call, threatening him with death unless he stops production on his latest project, a film in which wealthy old women are married and then murdered for their money. Chaplin has been warned to stay away from Fiona Sullivan, or else. Fiona, of course, is Toby's only lead. This calls for help from Toby's team of investigators: an eccentric dentist, a former wrestler and a multilingual Swiss midget. (American)

Andrea KANE

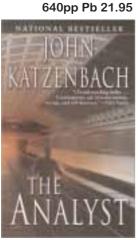
Scent of Danger 479pp Pb 21.95

Dylan Newport is a high-powered attorney for the company that manufactures C'est Moi, revolutionary fragrance that makes women irresistible to men. When he finds his boss, Carson Brooks, shot and nearly dead, he sets out to fulfil what may be the billionaire CEO's last wish: to find out whether a business deal he made 28 years ago also resulted in his fathering a child. (American)

John KATZENBACH

Karanta The Analyst

U"Happy fiftythird birthday, Doctor. Welcome to the first day of your death. You ruined my life. And now I fully intend to ruin yours. You have exactly one fortnight, starting tomorrow morning at 6 a.m., to discover who I am. When



you succeed you must purchase one of those tiny ads at the bottom of the New York Times front page, and print my name there. If you do not succeed, then... you will take note that the second sheet of this letter contains the names of fifty-two of your relatives. If you are unable to purchase the ad as described, then you will have this choice: kill yourself immediately or I will destroy one of these innocent people." Until the moment he opens the letter, New York psychologist Dr Frederick Starks has led a quiet and blameless life. (American)

Fave KELLERMAN

Stone Kiss 504pp Pb 18.95 Rina Lazarus has some shocking news for her husband, LAPD Lt Peter Decker. A horrible murder has occurred in the family of his half-brother, Rabbi Jonathan Levin. The rabbi's brother-inlaw was found slain in a seedy hotel room in upper Manhattan, and the victim's 15-year-old niece, with whom he was spending the day, is missing. They immediately head out to New York. Thrust into a deadly maze of deceit, lies and danger, the couple can no longer trust anyone. And when salvation is finally within Decker's grasp, a depraved lone wolf, hell-bent on his own personal vengeance, can only deliver it. (American)

Lee Charles KELLEY

A Nose for Murder

288pp Pb 18.95

Ex-cop Jack Field abandoned New York to run a canine kennel in the rustic Maine woods. But murder and mavhem still seem to hound him wherever he goes. He is a dog trainer and a behavioral specialist not to mention the "main squeeze" of smart and sexy, part-time medical examiner, Jamie Cutter. That is why he's standing in a secluded cabin by a lake on an icy December evening, with Allison DeMarco lying dead on her kitchen floor, and her high-strung Airedale, Ginger, going ape in the corner. You can't teach an old dog - or cop new tricks, so this homicide has Jack hooked, especially since poor Ginger seems to be the only witness! In a world of misbehaving mutts and pesky purebreeds, a killer may be waiting to make Jack, Jamie and their puppy-pals roll over and play dead. (American)

Norman KELLEY

Black Heat (1997)

304pp Pb 17.95

A Nina Halligan novel. A New York private eye and a former prosecutor, who had everything she loved destroyed by a vengeful drug dealer, Halligan is blackheat personified. Decades ago, the Civil Rights movement took a major hit when respected black activist Malik Martin was brutally slain, execution-style, driving his beautiful actress-wife Veronica Thorn into a mental institution. Now their grown daughter, Malika, has vanished, and Halligan has been hired to find her. But this is much more than a missing person's case as Nina's hunt pulls her deeper into "McChurch" evangelism, hip-hop nationalism, and NYPD/FBI dirty tricks, where hidden secrets about a terrible crime and a dark past could prove fatal to anyone who gets too curious. (American)

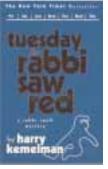
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Harry KEMELMAN

Tuesday the Rabbi Saw Red 333pp Pb 14.95

A Rabbi Small mystery #5. Murder is not kosher! When David Small, our favourite rabbi and most unorthodox detective, becomes enmeshed in the murder of a fellow Windemere Christian College, he discovers



things are not at all kosher around the school. From the moment the bomb goes off in the dean's office, everyone is under suspicion. (American)

Gordon KENT

Top Hook 580pp Pb 18.95

From the deafening roar of jet fighters launching off an aircraft carrier to nerve-shattering clandestine meetings in some of the most dangerous regions on earth, this novel is a highaction tale of modern espionage and military adventure. (American)

Andrew KLAVAN

Man and Wife 338pp Pb 19.95 Psychiatrist Cal Bradley runs a highly respected clinic in New England and shares a contented life with his wife and three children. He is convinced that his patient is not guilty of a murder charge, but revealing the identity of the

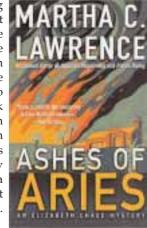
real killer will destroy Cal. (English)

Martha LAWRENCE

Ashes of Aries 288pp Pb 19.95

An Elizabeth Chase mystery #5. When Matthew Fielding, the four-yearof son a San Diego mogul, telecommunications goes missing, the psychic skills of PI Chase are requested. The stakes are raised soon after she begins her investigation when a wildfire breaks out in Rancho Santa Fe, the secluded community where Matthew and his family (and Elizabeth's own parents) live. Before the ashes can be cleared away, another fire blazes through

everything in its path. It a race against time itself as man and nature combine to wreak destruction n Elizabeth's community and keep a little boy lost forever. (American)



Stephen LEATHER

★ The Eyewitness 339pp Tp 32.95 Iack Solomon is a messenger of death. Working in the fractured remains of Yugoslavia, his task is to identify the victims of ethnic cleansing and to tell families that their loved ones are never coming home. Years of working in the killing fields have desensitised the former London policeman to the horrors of war, but when a truck containing twenty-six bodies is pulled from a lake. Solomon is unable to walk away from the case. He sets out to track down the only survivor of the massacre, a young girl on the run from the killers. Solomon's hunt for the last witness leads from the brothels of Sarajevo to the high-stakes world of London's Internet prostitution where he will discover that the killers are closer to home than he thinks... (English)

Rachel LEE

With Malice 377pp Pb 17.95
In the high-stakes world of passion and politics, everything is worth the risk. Two seemingly unrelated murders put Tampa homicide detective Karen Sweeney in the crosshairs. Both victims were women, but what could connect an elderly nanny and a young exotic dancer? As Karen discovers, the answer is senator Grant Lawrence. Presidential contender and a man with secrets. As she is drawn deeper into a world of lies and hidden motives, the one person Karen is half ready to trust is the senator himself, a man torn by grief and guilt. (American)

Margaret LEROY

Alysson's Shoes 311pp Pb 23.95 When an ambitious psychiatrist releases a schizophrenic patient, she is making a finely balanced assessment, and gets it horribly wrong. A murder she blames herself for leads to a guilty passion and the knowledge that she is next. (English)

David LINDSEY

Animosity 326pp Pb 19.95 American sculptor Ross Marteau, renowned for his sensual depictions of the female form, is retreating to Texas after a particularly traumatic break-up in Europe. In San Rafael to start a new commission, he suddenly finds himself irresistibly drawn to the captivatingly beautiful Celeste, who pleads with Ross to choose Leda, her sister, as his next subject. When he finally meets her, he is stunned - she is, at once, the most beautiful and the most grotesque woman he has ever seen. Fascinated by her misshapen body and the incredible torment in her eyes, he accepts the challenge. But soon he is pulled deeper into their desperate world, and when someone close to them is killed, Ross finds himself ensnared in a web of dark secrets and deadly manoeuvres. (American)

Robert LITTELL

🕵 The Company 888pp Pb 19.95 Littell creates an engrossing, multigenerational, wickedly nostalgic vet utterly candid saga, bringing to life over 40 years of the CIA. At the heart of the novel is a stunningly conceived mole hunt involving such rivals and allies as the MI6, KGB and Mossad. Racing across a canvas that spans the legendary Berlin Base in the 1950s, the front line of the simmering Cold War, to the Soviet invasion of Hungary, the Bay of Pigs, the Afghan war, the Gorbachev putsch and other major theatres of operation for the CIA, this novel tells a thrilling story of agents imprisoned in double lives, fighting an enemy that was amoral, elusive and formidable. (American)

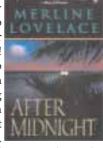
Jeff LONG

🔆 Year Zero 498pp Pb 21.95 In Jerusalem, an American archaeologist working on Project Year Zero (the search for the historical Jesus) crosses the line between science and theft when he helps plunder an old Roman landfill beneath the crucifixion grounds known as Golgotha. Nathan Lee Swift's will have devastating consequences. When an ancient relic is opened on the black market, a 2000-yearold plague is unleashed and the dying begins. As the pestilence threatens to wipe out humanity, he finds a chance for redemption by finding the cure. Skirting the edges of civilisation, Nathan Lee travels to Los Alamos, where a desperate tactic has been adopted: the use of human lab rats cloned from Project Year Zero remains. Now Nathan Lee will come faceto-face with one special cloned human who may hold the key to salvation in more ways than one. Patient Zero claims to remember who he is, and his name is Jesus Christ. By the author of The Descent (Pb 17.95). (American)

Merline LOVELACE

After Midnight 300pp Pb 17.95

Jessica Blackwell learnt early in life that she had to be tough. Her mother was the town tramp! It also led them to being sent out of town by the sheriff, causing Jessica to acquire a deep-seated mistrust lawmen.



Ironically, a quarter of a century later, she finds herself back in her home town as the result of a military promotion, and not long after that, attracted to the sexy sheriff who comes knocking on her door late one night. Dead bodies have begun turning up, and Jessica is the thread that connects them all, and she is the one person with the most obvious motive for wanting these men dead. (American)

Sarah LOVETT

Acquired Motives (1996)

340pp Pb 18.95

A Dr Sylvia Strange novel. When a vengeance-seeking sadist begins executing violent sex offenders who have been released on legal technicalities, Dr Strange makes use of the eerie visions of a shaman convict to uncover the killer's identity. (American)

Charlotte MacLEOD

Exit the Milkman (1996) 311pp Pb 14.95

A Professor Peter Shandy mystery. Jim Feldster will do anything for his cows and his students of dairy management, and anything to avoid an evening at home with his bossy, house-proud wife, Mirelle. But on his way to a meeting of the Scarlet Runners, he disappears. Where is Professor Feldster? What dark secrets could possibly be lurking behind his life of grain supplements and electric milking machines? (American)

Henning MANKELL One Step Behind

440pp Pb 19.95

The new Kurt Wallander novel. It is Midsummer's Eve, three young friends gather in a wood. In the still-sunlit Scandinavian dusk, they don costumes joyfully to enact a kind of masque. A hidden watcher soon brings their performance to an end. His approach is careful; his aim is perfect. The murderer then carefully photographs the grisly tableau. Wallander's only lead is the photograph. Forced to dig more deeply than he would have wanted into the personal life of a colleagues, Wallander's investigation reveals something none of his team could ever have imagined. However, they remain tantalisingly, terrifyingly one step behind the lethal progress of a killer Wallander would have to suppose was deranged if his methods were not so meticulous and his victims so clinically targeted. (Scandinavian)

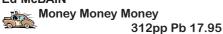
Irene MARCUSE

Guilty Mind 251pp Pb 16.95 🌽 An Anita Servi mystery. Manhattan social worker Anita Servi never had any reason to suspect her husband of cheating. The police, however, have no problem accusing cabinetmaker Benno Servi of murder when the couple's babysitter, Ellen, is found stabbed to death with one of his screwdrivers. As she delves into Ellen's life, she uncovers a cast of possible suspects, including an exboyfriend and an enigmatic married boss and all the proof she needs to clear her husband, if a killer does not silence her first. (American)

Gregory McDONALD

Fat Ollie's Book 271pp Tp 29.95 An 87th Precinct novel. Irritating though he was, Lester Henderson had it all when he strode up to rehearse his keynote address in the darkness of a downtown theatre. Widely tipped to be the next mayor and possessing a nice line in catalogue casual daywear, Henderson stood four square facing his glorious future. But five shots later and his lifeblood was seeping away gunned down by persons unknown from stage right... At that point he became Ollie Weeks' problem. But this savage crime is suddenly overshadowed by a deed even more repugnant. Ollie's life work is his novel. Honed by countless rejection letters, it is finally ready to be released to the general populace. But then the one

Ed McBAIN



and only manuscript disappears, leaving

Ollie to head off in pursuit of the thief. A

thief who is convinced that Ollie's work

contains the secret location of a hoard of

hidden diamonds... (American)

An 87th Precinct novel. It is Christmas in the city, but it is not the giving season. A retired Gulf War pilot, a careless secondstory man, a pair of angry Mexicans, and an equally shady pair of Secret Service agents are in town after a large stash of money, and no one is interested in sharing. The detectives at the 87th are already busy for the holidays. Steve Carella and Fat Ollie Weeks catch the squeal when the lions in the city zoo get an unauthorised feeding of a young woman's body. And then there is a trash can stuffed with a book salesman carrying a P-38 Walther and a wad of big bills. The bad bills and the dead book salesman lead to the offices of a respected publisher, Wadsworth and Dodds. This is good news for Fat Ollie, because he is working on a police novel, one written by a real cop, and he is sure it is going to be a bestseller. (American)

Ed McBAIN

Three Great Novels: Lullaby, Vespers,
Widows 722pp Tp 29.95
Lullaby: At New Year, a sinister

song of death and destruction echoes through the 87th Precinct, and it isn't Auld Lang Syne. Vespers: The cops of the 87th Precinct must cast the first stone in the bizarre case of a murdered priest and a parish torn apart by the deadliest of sins. Widows: It is summer in the city, and the brutal slaying of a lawyer and his mistress is heating up the 87th Precinct. (American)

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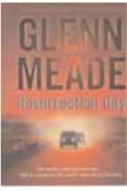
Flynn (1977) 255pp Tp 34.00

Ever since Flynn made his first appearance in Confess, Fletch (Tp 35.00), matching wits with the inimitable Irwin Fletcher, he has befuddled, infuriated and amazed his colleagues on the Boston Police force while in pursuit of blackmailers, murderers, embezzlers, politicians, and, occasionally, his fellow policemen. It might have been an accident that brought down the Boeing 707 over Boston Harbour, virtually in Flynn's own backyard but it seems unlikely, with so many potential targets on board: The heavily insured, elderly Federal judge; the has-been British actor; the middleweight champ; and the Middle Eastern finance minister. The motive could have been greed, murder, revenge or even terrorism and it is up to the good inspector to get to the bottom of it. (American)

Glenn MEADE

Resurrection Day 742pp Pb 18.95

A terrorist cell hidden deep in the American capitol is ready to unleash a terrifying new secret weapon of m a s s destruction, one so powerful it can decimate Washington and tear apart the



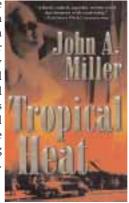
Russian Federation, unless their demands are met within seven days. When Washington and Moscow agree a joint plan to hunt down the terrorists and neutralise their threat before the deadline expires, FBI counter-terrorist expert Jack Collins is put in charge of the manhunt alongside Alexei Kursk, one of Russia's top investigators. For them the hunt is personal... (American)

John MILLER

Tropical Heat 298pp Pb 18.95 A G Farrell gets appointed sheriff

A G Farrell gets appointed sheriff of the small Virginian town of Hopewell in 1942. To his surprise, the 34-year-old bachelor finds himself still sheriff 12 years later. An anonymous phone tip

leads to the discovery of a murder victim, a young soldier from a nearby military base, and thrusts Farrell into a mystery as and dangerous as the sweltering Virginia heat. (American)



J M MORRIS

The Lonely Places

355pp Pb 18.95

Matt loved to beat Ruth Gemmill, until she found the strength to escape the terrifying abuse of her domestic existence. Or so she would like to think. Little does she realise the extent of the crippling cobwebs her vicious lover has spun throughout her mind. But fate deals Ruth another blow when her brother Alex suddenly disappears. To bring him home, Ruth is forced to confront her emotional demons through a bewildering landscape, where the phantoms of a menacing past lurk around every corner, determined to wake Ruth up to the most horrifying reality of all. Some webs can never be swept away, some spiders' sting to destroy. (English)

Walter MOSLEY

Walking the Dog (1999)

260pp Hb 19.95

A Socrates Fortlow novel #2. Nine years after his release from prison, Socrates is still living in a two-room shack in Watts, but now with a lover and a steady job. Having responsibilities and people he cares about makes acting morally even harder, especially with the police watching his every move. (American)

Warren MURPHY The Destroyer #130:

Waste Not, Want Not

346pp Pb 17.95

Mayana, a South American country known only for a masscult suicide, is poised to become the salvation of a trashchoked globe. An ingenious new device called the Vaporizer can turn garbage into thin air and trash into cash for the beleaguered nation. And what could be a more beauteous sight for a global environmental summit than barges piled high with the world's smelly refuses parading through Mayana's harbour? (American)

Magdalen NABB

Some Bitter Taste

247pp Tp 29.95

A Marshal Guarnaccia mystery. Sara Hirsch is a nervous, elderly spinster who still lives in the Florence villa in which she was raised. Frightened, she calls Guarnaccia for help, sure that strangers have been in her apartment. The marshal is preoccupied with an investigation into an Albanian prostitution ring. Before he can respond to her latest alarm, she is found dead. The marshal's search for the villains who precipitated her death brings him into confrontation with the past, with Jewish refugees and with English expatriates, including the ailing heir to the elegant Villa L'Uliveto, Sir Christopher Wrothesly. (English)

Bill NAPIER * The Lure

402pp Pb 18.95

A research station in Eastern Europe is suddenly bombarded with rhythmic bursts of sub-nuclear particles from the skies. It is a pattern so complex that it can only have come from a highly evolved intelligence. The scientists are amazed by the information the messages reveal: secrets of an alien technology far in advance of our own. New Scientist highly recommends the book and says it is "a way to catch up on some physics and planetology while an entertaining and gripping story unfolds." Incidentally, Napier is a real astronomer! (Scottish)

Jonathan NASAW

Fear Itself
327pp Tp 27.95
FBI Special Agent Pender is strapping on his non-regulation calfskin shoulder holster one last time. It is meant to be the last day on the job until a letter turns up from one Dorie Bell. Last year she attended a convention for Persons with Specific Phobia Disorder. Since then, three of her fellow attendees have died under strange circumstances. It looks as though a twisted serial killer is scaring his victims to death... (American)

Brenda NOVAK

Taking the Heat

377pp Pb 17.95

The small town of Florence, Arizona, is known for one thing — its prison. Gabrielle Hadley is supporting herself and her two-year-old daughter by working as a prison guard — just about the only job available in



this bleak desert town. Randall Tucker is a prisoner at Florence, convicted of murdering his wife. He has one goal: to survive until he can prove his innocence - and reclaim his seven-year-old son, Landon, now living in foster care. In the prison's atmosphere of tension and corruption, Gabrielle discovers that Tucker is far from the murderer he's said to be. When he escapes during a prison transfer, she follows him into the unforgiving desert. But the guard becomes the prisoner's captive . . . and more. It is a relationship that is not supposed to exist, and yet it might save them both. (American)

Denise OSBORNE

Designed to Kill208pp Pb 16.95
When a New Age centre attracts
bad energy, Feng Shui expert Salome
Waterhouse must redirect her ch'I and
find the lines that lead to murder.
(American)

Katherine Hall PAGE

The Body in the Bonfire #11 341pp Pb 18.95

Caterer and small-town minister's wife Faith Fairchild might never have accepted the job teaching a course on Cooking for Idiots at Mansfield Academy had it not been for Daryl Martin. An African-American student at the prestigious prep school, Daryl has lately become the target of a series of vicious and anonymous racial attacks and Faith is determined to put an end to the injustice. But Mansfield, she finds, is a seething cauldron of secrets, academic in-fighting, and unspoken rules that complicate her task. When someone tampers with her classroom cooking ingredients - and then the remains of her prime suspect are discovered smouldering in a campus bonfire - she realizes that a monstrous evil is stalking both Daryl and the school. And suddenly Faith's own life is in serious jeopardy as well! (American)

Jefferson PARKER

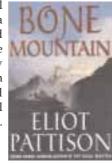
Blackwater 338pp Tp 29.95

Just as the hostility within the department is beginning to die down towards Sgt Merci Rayborn, a young deputy named Archie Wildcraft is found shot in the head outside his home, next to the gun that has just been used to kill his wife. The evidence points to murdersuicide, and Wildcraft, his memory impaired by the bullet lodged in his brain, can offer nothing to contradict this. But with the arrest of one innocent deputy still plaguing her conscience, Merci is determined to defy the district attorney and pursue the unlikely scenario that he has been framed. Wildcraft, in the meantime, is pursuing his own agenda. (American)

Eliot PATTISON

Which will come first: enlightenment or death? When disgraced former inspector, Shan Tao Yun joins a group of reverent Tibetans returning a sacred artefact to its home, it seems he has at last found the peace he has struggled for since leaving prison. What starts as a spiritual pilgrimage, however, quickly turns into a desperate flight through the Tibetan wilderness as their guide, an outlawed monk, is murdered and Sham discovers that the artefact has recently been stolen from the Chinese army. At the heart of

Pattison's powerful tale is a story of a brave, oppressed people who have learned to endure by drawing strength from their land and their rich spiritual t r a d i t i o n s . (American)



George PELECANOS

Three Great Novels

634pp Tp 29.95

For the first time in one volume, the three novels in the gripping Stefanos series: A Firing Offense, Nick's Trip and Down by the River Where the Dead Men Go. (American)

Gerald PETIEVICH

The Sentinel 372pp Pb 21.00

A Secret Service novel. When a White House agent is murdered, another agent fears he's being framed. He has the motive: to hide his affair with the First Lady. And someone has the photos to prove it. To clear his name, he must infiltrate the President's most powerful circles of defence, outguess a killer's next move and trust no one. (American)

R J PINEIRO

≰ Firewall

488pp Pb 22.95

"Firewall...
microfiche..." These are the last words that Mortimer Fox whispered to ex CIA agent Bruce Tucker. Cryptic words said in a code coveted the world over, a code that could wipe all the world's powers off the map and trigger



Armageddon. The words are understood by a few, but are especially desirable to Vlad Jarkko, Tucker's nemesis from his CIA days. And when Jarkko kidnaps Monica Fox, Tucker must resume the blood feud and find Monica before she capitulates to her abductor's unspeakable tortures. (American)

Maurice POSSLEY & Rick KOGAN

When upstanding citizen Bob Lowe witnessed a mob killing, he decided to testify. It was the worst mistake of his life. (American)

Lincoln PRESTON

The Cabinet of Curiosities
464pp Tp 29.95

In downtown Manhattan, a gruesome discovery has just been made: an underground charnel house containing the bones of dozens of murder victims. Research reveals that a serial killer was at work in New York's notorious Five Points neighbourhood in the 1880s, bent on prolonging his lifespan by any means. When a newspaper story on the old murders appears to ignite a new series of horrifyingly similar killings, panic overtakes New York City. Now, FBI agent Pendergast, journalist Smithback and archaeologist Nora Kelly join forces to protect themselves from a vicious killer. (American)

Richard PRICE

🔆 Samaritan 377pp Tp 29.95 Ray Mitchell is lying in a hospital bed, drifting in and out of consciousness, his head a bloody mess of swabs and bandages. He knows who did it, but he's not saying. He had been a successful and wealthy TV scriptwriter, but losing his job he returned to the mean streets of his youth - the projects of Dempsey, New Jersey, across the river from the glittering metropolis of New York, in order to try and give something back to the community where he grew up. But being charitable isn't always easy, and parachuting back into his childhood life was never going to be without its difficulties. His attempt to be a 'good man' leads him down many dark avenues, where his ostentatious displays of wealth can only incite trouble. (American)

Julian RATHBONE

Homage 215pp Pb 19.95 Reformed alcoholic, ageing hippy, victim of a dysfunctional marriage and British private eye Chris Shovelin answers a call for help from the other side of the world. Arriving in San Diego he discovers Jefferson, the friend in need, lying on the floor of his apartment with a hole in his head. Shovelin's instinct is to run, but China Heart, chic and mega-rich, wants him to take over where Jefferson failed and find Jerry Lennox, her missing brother. From a dude ranch in the desert to Los Angeles and San Francisco the chase is on. But who is being hunted -Shovelin or Lennox? Catastrophic air crashes, extortion, drugs and murder all play their part in bringing about a tumultuous climax, which makes Waco seem like a fireworks party. (English)

Luanne RICE

Safe Harbour 337pp Pb 18.95 Dana Underhill's artistic gift has led her all over the world. Her breathtaking underwater canvases evoke all the beauty and romance of the seas she and her beloved sister, Lily, have sailed since childhood. But when a shattering event takes Lily from her forever, Dana must leave her nomadic artist's life for the salt marshes and tidal creeks of her childhood home at Hubbard's Point, Connecticut, to become a mother to her two nieces, 10-year-old Allie and 12-yearold Quinn. Support comes to Dana unexpectedly in the person of Sam Trevor, a young marine biologist who had once taken sailing lessons from Dana and Lily. As Dana searches for the truth behind what happened that night, first she must find the strength to look into her own heart for the truth about her future. (American)

Liz RIGBEY

<u>₩</u> Summertime 440pp Tp 29.95 Why would anyone want to kill a retired geology professor? The police want to know, as does Lucy. But when she is forced dive into the deep waters of her past to try to make sense of this horror, she discovers that her memories are oddly incomplete. (English)

Cynthia RIGGS

Deadly Nightshade 249pp Pb 16.95

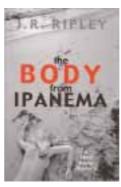
A Martha's Vineyard mystery. At 92 years of age, poetess and Martha's Vineyard native Victoria Trumbull is about to take on a new vocation of solving murders. (American)

J R RIPLEY

🔆 The Body from Ipanema

249pp Pb 16.95

Tony Kozol mystery. Sleuthing guitarist Tony accompanies Latin pop star at Rio de Janeiro's Carnaval. Tony and his bassist pal Rock are seduced by Brazil's bathing beauties, music and nightlife, but not so much that



they won't try to nail a rich and powerful man for murdering a young woman. (American)

J D ROBB

Portrait in Death

368pp Pb 21.95

Eve Dallas #16. After a tip from a reporter, Lt Eve Dallas finds the body of a young woman in a Delancey street dumpster. Just hours before, the news station had mysteriously received a portfolio of professional portraits of the woman. The photos seemed to be nothing out of the ordinary for any pretty young woman starting a modelling career. Except that she was not a model. And that these photos were taken after she had been murdered. Now Dallas is on the trail of a killer who is a perfectionist and an artist. He carefully observes and records his victim's every move. And he has a mission: to own every beautiful young woman's innocence, to capture her youth and vitality in one fateful shot. (American)

Nora ROBERTS

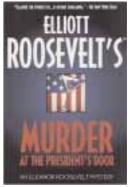
* Three Fates 376pp Pb 18.95

When a family heirloom is stolen, a small silver statue belonging to the only survivor of the Lusitania, Malachi, Gideon and Rebecca Sullivan are determined to recover the treasure. Their quest takes them from their home in Ireland to Helsinki, Prague and New York. (American)

Elliott ROOSEVELT

Murder at the President's Door 127 232pp Pb 17.95

An Eleanor Roosevelt mystery. Written bv William Harrington for estate of Elliott Roosevelt (d. 1990), who was the son of FDR and Eleanor as well as the author of this elegant but



cosy historical mystery series starring his parents. It entwines the stoic first lady in her 21st sleuthing adventure. This time, an assassination attempt sends her deep into D.C.'s criminal world, where, despite the efforts of the nation's top investigators, it is she who hunts down the would-be assassin. (American)

Pernille RYGG

* The Golden Section 277pp Tp 32.95

An Igi Heitmann mystery. Igi is being stalked. In the suburb of Oslo where she lives with her cross-dressing husband and their daughter, someone is spraypainting the walls of the houses. HEITMANN = CHILD KILLER, the graffiti says. Who would think such a thing and how do they know where she lives? On a bitter winter's evening, Igi attends the opening of the exhibition of an artist whose use of violent great pornography has caused controversy. A video is playing, in which a young man is strangled as part of a sadomasochistic sex game. The video is real; the killing played out live to its unwitting audience and one of Igi's clients is accused of murder. Igi finds herself trapped in a post-modern nightmare, as she explores the world in which art, sex and violence meet. (Norwegian)

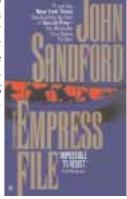
John SANDFORD

* The Empress File (1991)

356pp Pb 17.95

A Kidd novel. The con artist team of Kidd and LuEllen targets a wealthy and corrupt mayor of a small Mississippi

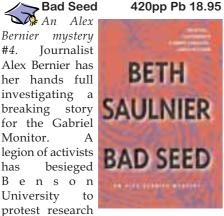
river town, and as their progresses, they believe that they have devised the perfect crime. until everything goes wrong. (American)



Beth SAULNIER

Bad Seed An Alex Bernier mystery **Journalist** Alex Bernier has her hands full investigating a breaking story for the Gabriel Monitor. Α legion of activists has besieged

University

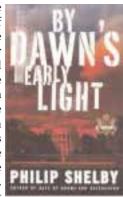


on genetically engineered food. The debate threatens to rip the town in half, as people in favour of using bioengineering face off against those who oppose the technology at any cost. When Kate Barnett, a charismatic plant science professor and avid proponent of genetic engineering, is found beaten to death in her lab, the activists are the number one suspects. But is it really such an openand-shut case? As Alex searches for the truth, she discovers that her best friend, hard-drinking science reporter Jake Madison, is out of commission after an overdose everyone assumes was selfinflicted, everyone except (American)

Philip SHELBY

By Dawn's Early Light 500pp Pb 21.95

Moving from the desolation of North Korea to the oak-and-leather preserves of Wall Street to the subterranean surveillance headquarters in the Pentagon, this novel traces the journey of Sloane Ryder, a young, straight-shooting



financial analyst who gets caught in the of large-scale political undertow manoeuvrings involving the USA's eversensitive relationship with China. (American)

Georges SIMENON

* The Blue Room 139pp Pb 19.95 Ocrime Masterworks series #24. Vain, womanising Tony and passionate, manipulative Andrée met eight times in 11 months in the blue room at the Hôtel des Voyageurs for afternoons of abandoned love. For Tony the conversation that last time was just the casual, almost banal, talk of lovers. But for Andrée it was something else. And it led inevitably to an appalling double murder and a nightmare, which Tony could not escape. (Belgian)

John SMOLENS

The Invisible World

301pp Tp 32.95

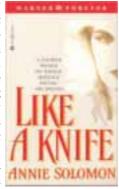
The invisible world is a place of halftruths, mystery and deceit. It is a place locked in the subconscious mind where dreams and memories act as windows to the outside. And it harbours the deepest pain. It is where Samuel Xavier Adams sees his sister who died from heroin addiction, and it is where he glimpses his recently deceased mother. It is also the place where the memories of his father are locked away; a father shrouded in mystery. So, why has his father returned after such a long time, and what did he do that keeps him in constant hiding? Samuel wants answers. (English)

Annie SOLOMON

以Like a Knife

366pp Pb 16.95

A bad boy with a shady past and goodya goody with an equally weird history come together to bring down a nasty villain in this debut romantic suspense novel. Handyman Nick Raine, an orphan



who was adopted by an illegal arms dealer, lives with the painful knowledge that he could have saved a boy's life during a deal gone wrong. The past catches up with Nick when his former father figure summons him to find a boy of mysterious parentage. (American)

Jessica SPEART

🗯 Coastal Disturbance

304pp Pb 18.95

In many ways, hottempered field agent Rachel Porter deals better with endangered animals than she does with people, which is why her superiors at the US Fish and Wildlife Service dispatch her to the most god-forsaken places.



Georgia's steaming coastal swampland is her latest assignment, where she quickly runs afoul of the local authorities. But someone is operating an illegal manatee water park here, and she is determined to shut it down. Worse still, these fascinating mammals are dying in alarming numbers for unknown reasons. And when people begin dying as well, Rachel's righteous fury is tinged with fear. Because answers and predators alike are waiting for her in a dark and terrifying place: a toxic "Dead Zone" that spells certain doom for any trespassing human, manatee or wildlife agent. (American)

Chad TAYLOR

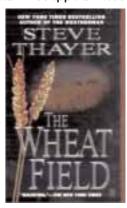
Electric 208pp Tp 29.95

It is the middle of February and all over Auckland the power lines are down, the traffic is gridlocked and it is the hottest summer on record. Samuel Usher is a data-retrieval specialist: a broken man working on broken machines, resurrecting other people's pasts while he tries to forget his own. He is drinking too much when he meets Candy and Jules, two drifting mathematicians who make their livings playing games with reality. Each is after a Holy Grail, the one perfect theory that will make their worlds complete. Then Jules is found in a coma, and Candy disappears. All Sam's left with is a strange list of numbers and three ANYWAY **FREEDOM** GOODBYE. In Taylor's remarkable new novel, Sam's pursuit of the truth will lead him into an underworld of chaos and turbulence, where numbers rule and love and friendship collides. Intense, poetic and darkly funny it is the perfect noir for a new generation. (New Zealand)

Steven THAYER

The Wheat Field 384pp Pb 21.00

The retired deputy in the Kickapoo Falls sheriff's department, ponders a 40vear-old case. hoping to make some sense out of double murder that has made his life a waking nightmare ever



since. In 1960, young deputy Pennington is called to a wheat field at whose centre, in a ritual-like circle, are two shotgunblasted bodies. One of the victims is a woman he has loved, forlornly and secretly, since high school, in 1941. His investigation spins into a world of secrets, even spiralling into a presidential assassination plot. (American)

Peter THOMPSON

352pp Pb 18.95 Living Proof Government secrets, biological weapons and human subjects, the ultimate military experiment begins on Death Row. He thought his day of execution would finally bring him peace but it was only the beginning of the nightmare. In a secret underground facility in the Texas wasteland, the US military is developing new forms of germ warfare. And they need human subjects for their research. Who better to use than the men on Death Row. That is, until someone makes it out of the research lab, only half-dead. (American)

Allan TOPOL

Dark Ambition 467pp Pb 18.95
Topol explores the highest levels
and darkest corruptions of power. When
the Secretary of State is murdered, Justice
Department lawyer Ben Hartwell
uncovers a lifetime of political intrigues,
private indiscretions and personal
enemies in a high-level career with
questionable ties. The answers could
expose America's darkest secrets and get
anyone who knows too much killed.
(American)

Andrew VACHSS

🄀 The Getaway Man 🛮 193pp Tp 31.00 DEddie starts stealing cars long before he is old enough to get a license, driven by a force so compelling that he never questions, just obeys. After a series of false starts, interrupted by stays in juvenile institutions and a state prison term, Eddie's skills and loyalty attract the attention of JC, a near-legendary hijacker. When he gets out, Eddie becomes the driver for JC's ultra-professional crew. JC, the master planner, is finally ready to pull off that one huge job every con dreams of, the Retirement Score. But some roads have twists even a professional getaway man could not foresee. (American)

A Claire Reynier mystery. An ancient religion, a family's hidden past, and a modern-day murder confront archivist Claire Reynier in her search for the controversial last words of a Jewish mystic condemned to death in 1596. (American)

John WESTERMANN Exit Wounds (1990)

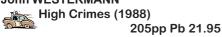
273pp Pb 24.95

The 13th Precinct is the department's dumping ground for misfits, malcontents and malingerers. Orin Boyd is one of them. But then, Boyd discovers that someone has bought the precinct and does not want



anyone else to find out! This is the ultimate raunchy burnt-out-cop saga, set in a hilarious precinct of mavericks. (American)

John WESTERMANN



Long Island detectives Tibaldi and Nelson prefer golf and girls to fighting crime. And in the sleepy commuter town of Seaport, there is not much crime to fight. But suddenly Seaport is gripped in a vise of crack, mayhem and murder. (American)

Donald WESTLAKE

Put a Lid on it Meehan, a career thief staring at life without parole, is awaiting sentencing at the Manhattan Correctional Centre when someone masquerading as his lawyer calls him to a meeting. The man, it turns out, represents the presidential re-



290pp Pb 21.00

election campaign committee, now finding itself in need of a little professional help. So they "outsource" Meehan in return for a walk from all pending criminal charges. All he has to do is steal compromising videotape before the other side springs an "October Surprise" on the president. A shrewd burglar, Meehan bites, and shows just how easy Watergate would have been had they left it to the professionals. (American)

Angela WINTERS

Dangerous Memories
318pp Pb 19.95

Jena Doe knows her amnesia is the result of more than a simple mugging. Thank goodness for the kind woman who found her unconscious in the street and took her in. Wealthy and generous, the widowed Emma Leyden offers just



the kind of motherly love Jena needs to recuperate. In fact, her future might even look hopeful if not for Emma's protective son, Lucas. Suspicious of Jena's motives, Lucas has hired a private investigator to find out the truth. But what he uncovers is a past more disturbing than Jena could ever have imagined. She should hate Lucas for what he has done, and yet there is a connection - and an attraction - between them that neither can deny. (American)

Robert WILSON

The Blind Man of Seville 434pp Tp 29.95

It is Semana Santa in Seville, the Easter week of passion and processions. A leading restaurateur is found bound, gagged and dead in front of his TV. The self-inflicted wounds tell of the man's struggle to avoid the unendurable images he has been forced to watch. When confronted by this horrific scene the normally dispassionate homicide detective Javier Falcon is inexplicably afraid. Painful revelations churn up Falcon's unreliable memory and more killings push him to the edge of terrifying truth. And he realises that this is not just a hunt for the all-seeing killer who knows his victims' secret lives but also the search for Falcon's missing heart. From the Gold Dagger award-winning author of A Small Death in Lisbon (Pb 17.95) (English)

Stuart WOODS

The Short Forever

354pp Pb 21.95

A Stone Barrington novel. The unflappable Stone flies to London to see a client he has never met and comes face-to-face with two, possibly three, murders and the affectionate attentions of two former lovers. And when the intelligence services of three countries become involved, he can only hang on for a wild ride and hope for a not-too-bumpy landing. (American)

Qiu XIAOLONG

Death of a Red Heroine (2000) 464pp Pb 24.95

Contemporary Shanghai comes vividly to life in this new mystery series. Inspector Chen of the Shanghai Police must find the murderer of a National Model Worker, and then risk his own life and career to see that justice is done. This book is an Anthony Award winner and an Edgar Award nominee. Xiaolong, a Chinese poet and literary critic, is adept at threading social commentary of China in the 1990s with his detective's movements through social strata in search of the killer. (Chinese)



RECOMMENDED READING

John Hartley WILLIAMS Mystery in Spiderville 180pp Pb 22.95

The Times called this book "the evil twin of the novel: a form locked in the literary basement that deserves to see the light of day". The décor is by Dali, the plot is a mixture of Breton and Burroughs and the main character – the protean and unkillable Spider Rembrandt – has six toes, sleeps in a grave and dreams of congress with the pert and playful Reedy Buttons. I made two attempts at this. On the second, I realised I was introducing my imagination to a new genre – one born out of poetry rather than prose. This book is for readers who are looking for something truly different. – SK (American)



HISTORICAL CRIME

Paul DOHERTY

Domina 322pp Pb 18.95

15-68 AD, Rome. Wife of Claudius, mother of Nero, Agrippina was a beautiful and talented woman who saw her father murdered, was exiled by her brother, and killed on her son's orders. Her freed man, a one-eyed former gladiator named Parmenon, tells of Agrippina's battle to survive in the depraved and violent Imperial Roman court, and the crumbling relationship between mother and son. (English)

Paul DOHERTY

The Plague Lord 280pp Tp 29.95

A Marco Polo mystery #1. 13th-century, China. The legendary Kublai Khan rules over Cathay and the Middle Kingdom. Of his many ministers and advisors, his favourite is a foreigner, the Venetian Marco Polo, whose understanding of the language and etiquette of the court is exemplary, and whose advice is widely sought. So when a flood of portents, strange visions and ghastly murders occur throughout the kingdom and even across the oceans, Marco's wisdom is called upon. The leaders of a demonic sect have disappeared from the desert to which they were banished, and Kublai Khan believes that they will attempt to release the Plague Lord himself, and open the gates of Hell. This title previously previewed (January) but only now in stock. (English)

Tracy GRANT

Daughter of the Game592pp Pb 18.95

A tale of scandal, betrayal and suspense in the aftermath of the Napoleonic Wars. November 1819. London. Six-year-old Colin Fraser vanishes from the safe cocoon of his family's Berkeley Square home. For his father Charles, an idealistic



MP, former intelligence agent, and grandson of a duke, and mother Mélanie, a beautiful war refugee and society's most charming hostess, it is a tragedy that will rip their extraordinary marriage asunder and force them to question everything they believe in. Colin's captors are demanding a bizarre ransom: an exquisite ring surrounded by the promise of power. The search for it will pull the Frasers into a maze of intrigue that winds through the lowest and highest levels of London secrets and a shocking truth that binds Charles and Mélanie inextricably together even as it threatens to destroy them both. (American)

Lauren HANEY

Flesh of the God 338pp Pb 18.95

An Ancient Egypt mystery #7. A proud officer in the service of Queen Hatshepsut, it was Lt Bak's great misfortune to lead his charioteers in a raid of a House of Pleasure frequented by Egyptians of very high station. Reassigned for his transgressions, Bak is exiled to Buhen, a fortified city in the most desolate part of the Nile Valley. Barely has he set foot in this nest of vipers when he discovers Nakht, Buhen's capable commandant, slain with a dagger in his breast and the very beautiful, young wife covered with fresh blood. Bak's carefully honed instinct makes him hesitate to condemn the frightened widow. (American)

Karen HARPER

The Queene's Cure

An Elizabeth I mystery #4. 1562, England. With handsome Lord Robert Dudley by her side. Elizabeth Tudor leads her retinue to London's Royal College of Physicians to demand its help in the raging battle against disease and



pestilence. But the stalwart queen is shaken when a frighteningly lifelike effigy of herself ravaged by pox turns up in her royal coach. With the help of her Privy Plot Council, Elizabeth resolves to unmask a murderer who wears a false face and is beset by the vilest humours of the soul. But when she herself falls ill, an entire realm is caught in the grip of a treasonous conspiracy as the indomitable voung monarch fights for her life, her realm and her rightful crown. (American)

ETAHOFFMANN Mademoiselle de Scuderi

112pp Pb 18.95

A Tale of the Times of Louis XIV. 1680, Paris. This story is one of the earliest examples of the classic murder mystery. Characterised by Hoffmann's remarkable ingenuity and attention to detail, it has been the inspiration for a host of thriller and crime writers. Already the victim of a spate of ingenious poisonings, Parisian society is ill prepared for the latest arrival of cold-blooded murders. Men, once free to enjoy late-night visits to glamorous mistresses, now fear to walk in darkness. The elderly and highborn Mlle de Scudéri spends her nights safely indoors writing novels, and so has little to fear from these nocturnal atrocities. That is, until she receives an unexpected visit and a mysterious casket of jewels that inexorably draw her deep into a web of jealousy, passion and murder. Foreword by Gilbert Adair. (French)

Michael JECKS

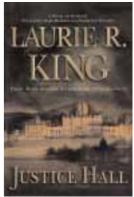
The Mad Monk of Gidleigh #14 460pp Hb 59.95

1323, Dartmoor. As the winter arrives life has never seemed so bleak to the young priest in his isolated, windswept chapel. It is a far cry from the cathedral cities of Europe of which he dreamed as a novice. So who could blame him for accepting some longed-for human contact and companionship when the local miller's daughter, Mary, offers it? But when Mary and the unborn child she carried are found brutally murdered, it is obvious where the villagers will point the finger blame. However, investigators Baldwin Furnshill, Keeper of the King's Peace, and Bailiff Simon Puttock soon begin to have their doubts. It becomes clear that Mary was far from the simple village girl she seemed. (English)

Laurie KING Justice Hall

424pp Pb 18.95

A Mary Russell Sherlock H o l m e sadventure. 1920s, England. This is mystery that begins during the Great War. when Gabriel Hughenfort died amidst scandalous rumours that



have haunted the family ever since. But it is not until Holmes and Russell arrive at Justice Hall, a home of unearthly perfection set in a garden modelled on Paradise, that they fully understand the irony echoed in the family motto, Justicia fortitudo mea est: "Righteousness is my strength". A trail of ominous clues comprises a mystery that leads from an English hamlet, to the city of Paris, to the wild prairie of the New World. The trap is set, the game is afoot; but can Holmes and Russell catch an elusive killer, or has the murderer caught them? (American)

Michael KURLAND (editor)

My Sherlock Holmes 370pp Hb 70.00 *Untold Stories of the Great Detective.* This is an anthology of 13 new, mostly topdrawer Sherlock Holmes stories, all featuring various viewpoints. The stories are written by a diverse group of authors and imitators and it is extremely entertaining. Rather than adhering strictly to Conan Doyle's narrative style, the featured authors write original tales recounted by characters other than Dr John Watson. (American)



Robin PAIGE

Death at Dartmoor

336pp Pb 17.95

A Victorian mystery. Sir Charles is visiting Dartmoor Prison as part of his ongoing project to fingerprint prisoners, while doing Kate is research for one of penny the dreadfuls" she writes under the Bervl name



Bardwell. The Sheridans have been invited to attend a seance at Thornworthy Castle, the home of Sir Edgar Duncan and his beautiful wife, Rosalind. Their fellow guests include the noted author Dr Arthur Conan Doyle and a journalist named Fletcher Robinson, with whom Conan Doyle is collaborating on a new story. When one of the attendees at the seance whispers of murder, the others look askance, but a dead body soon turns up. Meanwhile, a murderer has escaped from Dartmoor Prison, one in whom Sir Charles had taken great interest. (American)

James PATTERSON & Andrew GROSS The Jester 439pp Tp 32.95

11th century, France. Arriving home from the Crusades disillusioned, Hugh discovers that his village has been ransacked. Knights in search of a valuable relic have abducted his wife. Only by taking on the role of a jester is he able to infiltrate his enemy's castle, where he thinks his wife is captive. With an unstoppable pace and the plot of a pageturner, this novel is a breathtakingly romantic, pulse-pounding adventure. (American)

Jose Carlos SAMOZA

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The Athenian Murders 314pp Pb 22.95

riddles. In classical Athens, one of the pupils of Plato's Academy is found dead.

His idealistic teacher suspects that this

was not an accident and asks Herakles,

known as the "Decipherer of Enigmas",

to investigate. He finds a dark, irrational

and subversive cult. The second plot

unfolds in parallel through the footnotes

of the translator of the text. As he

proceeds with his work, he becomes

increasingly convinced that the original

author has hidden a second meaning,

which can be brought to light by

interpreting certain repeated words and images. This novel constitutes a highly

compelling, entertaining and intelligent

game about the different ways we can see

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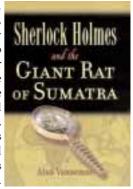
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interpret hidden meanings into everyday

Alan VANNEMAN

Sherlock Holmes and the Giant Rat of Sumatra 316pp Tp 39.00

1900s, Singapore. Elizabeth Trent, a bereft widow determined to clear her husband's name of both suicide a n d embezzlement, visits literature's most celebrated detective at his Baker Street flat.



Within hours, though, Mrs Trent herself is dead, and her curious suicide note draws Holmes and Watson into a hunt for a brutal murderer that takes them to rich, mysterious Singapore. Throughout the course of their sea journey the duo find an ally in the captain of the Prophet, who tutors them in the mysteries of Bada, a nation of sub humans ruled by the gigantic rat Harat. (American)

CRIME AUDIO



Michael CONNELLY

Chasing the Dime 4 x cassettes 320 minutes 35.00

This abridged version is read by Alfred Molina.

Michael CONNELLY

City of Bones 5 x compact disks 360 minutes 49.95

4 x cassettes 360 minutes 49.95 Len Cariou, who won a Tony Award for Best Actor in Sweeney Todd, reads this abridged Harry Bosch mystery.

Patricia CORNWELL

Portrait of a Killer 2 x cassettes 220 minutes 22.95

Jack the Ripper – Case Closed. Lorelei King reads this abridged version of Cornwell's controversial (but not too popular) theory that Walter Sickert was the ripper.

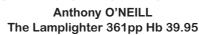
Victor THOMPSON

life. (Cuban)

Murder on the Mulberry Bend 352pp Pb 18.95

A Gaslight mystery #5. Turn-of-the-century, New York City. Midwife Sarah Brandt and Detective Sergeant Frank Malloy discover how the squalor of the streets can breed madness and murder. (American)

RECOMMENDED READING





1880s, Edinburgh. The brutal murder of a university professor, coming soon after the killing of a retired lighthouse keeper and quickly followed by a bizarre exhumation, has the entire city on edge. Carus Groves, a conceited police inspector, is assigned the case. Baffled by the superhuman strength required to rip two men apart and drag up a coffin, Groves latches on to the odd behaviour of an anguished young woman, Evelyn Todd, who claims to have dreamed of the crimes in great detail. Meanwhile, two unlikely friends – Thomas McKnight, a jaded Professor of Logic and Metaphysics, and Joseph Canavan, a compassionate cemetery attendant – are drawn inexorably towards Evelyn and the secrets of her tormented psyche. They discover her extraordinary imagination was violently suppressed in childhood, but in her dreams she retains the image of 'the lamplighter', whose presence outside her orphanage she heard each evening, and whose face is a concoction of all the friendly men she knew. Evelyn now insists the killer is this lamplighter. And as a strange beast gallops through Edinburgh's misty alleys, and Groves's investigation flounders, McKnight and Canavan use the only weapons they possess (reason, logic, intuition, philosophy and sheer luck) to unearth the secrets buried in the dark recesses of Evelyn's mind. (Australian)



CRIME NON-FICTION



Christopher BERRY-DEE & Tony BROWN

Monsters of Death Row

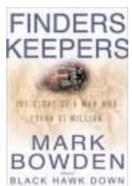
277pp Pb 19.95

From the cells of Death Row come the chilling, true-life accounts of the most heinous, cruel and depraved killers of modern times. Meet grisly killers such as Bill Joe Benefiel, the Superglue Monster, who glued his victims' eyes and noses shut, causing them to suffocate. Or Willie Crain, the deviant fisherman, who put his victim into a lobster pot, where it was eaten by sea creatures. (American)

Mark BOWDEN

Finders Keepers 208pp Tp 28.00

What would you do if you found \$1 million in the street? Times were hard for Joey Coyle. A dockworker from a struggling neighbourhood of south Philadelphia, Joey lived with his ailing mother and a drug habit he could barely support. One February afternoon in 1981, on his way to score, he found two curious yellow containers lying in the street. They had just fallen off the back of an armoured van and contained \$1.2 million, in cash, in unmarked notes from a casino. Bowden tells how Coyle secretly shared the money with everyone around him, including his girlfriend, random strangers and the area's most notorious mob boss. (American)



John FOLLAIN City of Secrets

307pp Hb 49.95

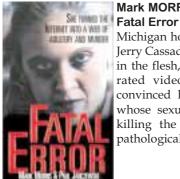
The truth behind the murders at the Vatican. On the heels of one of the greatest public scandals to rock the Catholic Church, comes an explosive exposé of murder and corruption in the highest reaches of the Vatican, the oldest and most secretive autocracy in the world. In May 1998, in Vatican territory, the bodies of the Commander of the Swiss Guard, his wife, and a young lance corporal were found in the barracks of the picturesque force historically entrusted with protecting the Pope. It was the worst bloodbath to take place in more than a century in the heart of the supreme authority of the world's one billion Roman Catholics. Four hours later, the Vatican announced that the lance corporal, 23-year-old Cédric Tornay, had shot the couple, then committed suicide in "a fit of madness" brought on by frustration with the unit's discipline, a conclusion it reaffirmed after a nine-month internal inquiry. Timely and explosive, this is the story of a still-unsolved crime committed on holy territory, and of a systematic attempt to hide the fatal failings of a security force charged with protecting one of the world's most influential leaders. (English)

Steve JACKSON

No Stone Unturned

448pp Pb 18.95

The true story of the world's premier forensic investigators. Necrosearch International boasts a brain trust of the USA's top scientists, specialists and behaviourists who use the latest technology and techniques to solve "unsolvable" crimes, no matter how decayed the corpse, no matter how cleverly the killer has hidden the victim's body. (American)



Mark MORRIS & Paul JANCZEWSKI

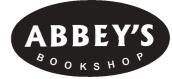
334pp Pb 17.95

Michigan housewife and mother Sharee Miller met ex-cop Jerry Cassaday in an Internet chat room. After they had met in the flesh, she kept his infatuation for her alive with X-rated videotape of herself. Meanwhile, she carefully convinced him her husband was a chronic wife-beater whose sexual abuse had caused her to miscarry. After killing the husband, Cassaday discovered she was a pathological liar and killed himself. (American)

Carlton SMITH Blood Will Tell

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After 33 years of marriage, Ken Fitzhugh inflicted a series of horrific blows to the head of his wife and then dumped her body at the bottom of their basement's staircase. He then rang the police and said he had found her like that. Protesting his innocence, he was arrested. (American)



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