

2004 EDGAR AWARD NOMINEES

BEST NOVEL

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Guards by Ken Bruen (Pb 19.95) Out by Natsuo Kirino (Hb 49.95) (to order only) Resurrection Men by Ian Rankin (Pb 17.95) Maisie Dobbs by Jacqueline Winspear (Hb 49.95) (to order only) (Tp 29.95 due June)

BEST FIRST NOVEL BY AN AMERICAN AUTHOR

12 Bliss Street by Martha Conway (Hb 49.95) (t/o only) Offer of Proof by Robert Heilbrun (Hb 54.00) (t/o only) Night of the Dance by James Hime (Hb 54.00) (t/o only) Death of a Nationalist by Rebecca Pawel (Hb 49.95) (t/o only) Bridge of Sighs by Olen Steinhauer (Tp 32.95)

BEST PAPERBACK ORIGINAL

Cut and Run by Jeff Abbott (Pb 17.95) Last Witness by Joel Goldman (Pb 18.95) Wisdom of the Bones by Christopher Hyde (Pb 17.95) Southland by Nina Revoyr (Tp 27.50) Find Me Again by Sylvia Maultash Warsh (Pb 17.95)

BEST CRITICAL/BIOGRAPHICAL

Mystery Women V3 by Colleen Barnett (Tp 37.00) Amelia Peabody's Egypt by Elizabeth Peters & Kristen Whitbread (Hb 59.95) Alfred Hitchcock: A Life in Darkness & Light by Patrick McGilligan (Hb 49.95) American Police Novel: A History by Leroy Lad Panek (Tp 90.00) (t/o only) Beautiful Shadow: A Life of Patricia Highsmith by Andrew Wilson (Hb 69.95)

BEST FACT CRIME

Black Dahlia Avenger: A Genius for Murder by Steve Hodel (Hb 49.95) Devil in the White City by Erik Larsen (Tp 32.95) Judgement Ridge: The True Story Behind the Dartmouth Murders by Dick Lehr & Mitchell Zuckoff (Hb 56.00) (t/o only) And the Dead Shall Rise: The Murder of Mary Phagan and the Lynching of Leo Frank by Steve Oney (Hb 70.00) (t/o only)

Rothstein: The Life, Times and Murder of the Criminal Genius Who Fixed the 1919 World Series by David Pietrusza (Hb 58.00) (t/o only)

> **GRAND MASTER** Joseph Wambaugh

SIMON & SCHUSTER/MARY HIGGINS CLARK AWARD Ricochet by Nancy Baker Jacobs (Hb 64.00) (t/o only)

Bloodhound to Die For by Virginia Lanier (Pb 15.95, due June) Samurai's Daughter by Sujata Massey (Tp 29.95) Body in the Lighthouse by Katharine Hall Page (Pb 15.95) Song of the Bones by M K Preston (Hb 54.00) (t/o only)

Results are announced 29 April in New York and the winners will appear in the June Chronicle.

CELEBRATE THE PAPERBACK RELEASE OF DAN BROWN'S THE DA VINCI CODE

Coming in April is the A-format paperback edition of Dan Brown's phenomenal bestseller **The Da Vinci Code** (454pp Pb 19.95). Buy a copy of **The Da Vinci Code** and go in the draw to win one of ten packs containing his three earlier novels: **Deception Point** (Pb 19.95); **Digital Fortress** (Pb 19.95) and **Angels & Demons** (Pb 19.95). The earlier novels will be available for sale but only **Angels & Demons** features Harvard Professor Robert Langdon, who is the main character in **The Da Vinci Code**. I have read them both and enjoyed them immensely. If you like your thrillers laced with enigma piled on secrets stacked on riddles and then some, then these are for you. **Digital Fortress** and **Deception Point** are two earlier thrillers, quite different to the other two. - *Peter*



NODERN (RIME

Sallie BISSELL - Call the Devil by His

370pp Pb 15.95 Oldest Name Haunted by the death of her mother and tortured by the secret that died upon her best friend's lips, assistant district attorney Mary Crow is obsessed with finding the man who holds the key to both those tragedies. When her infant goddaughter is kidnapped, Mary knows the hunt she has been dreading has begun. In a lethal game of cat-and-mouse that will take her along the Cherokee Trail of Tears, Mary must save the child of the man she loves while she rips the secrets from the heart of a killer who could be mistaken for the very devil himself. Bissell delivers a tour de force of relentless suspense and heart-stopping menace. (American)



Kate BORDEN

Death of a Tart 196pp Pb 13.95 20 A Cobb's landing mystery. As mayor of the broke New England town of Cobb's Landing, Peggy Jean Turner is thrilled with the idea of recreating Colonial Williamsburg in Cobb's Landing. All goes swimmingly, until the town tart turns up dead and Peggy must risk everything to solve the crime. (American) Garv BRAVER

Gray Matter 468pp Pb 17.95 Rachel Whitman has everything: a husband and she have a big new house and all the brand-name toys that go along with wealth. And they have a gorgeous, sweet little six-year-old son named Dylan, who has learning disabilities. Rachel cannot accept that her child is less than perfect and she becomes obsessed with a secret and expensive medical procedure that claims to turn slow children into geniuses. Unaware of the consequences of the brain real enhancement surgery, Rachel finds that the costs of the operation go far beyond financial ones. (American)

Suzanne BROCKMANN

Bodyguard FRI ~~ 360pp Pb 8.95 FBI agent Harry O'Dell's personal vendetta against the mob introduces him to the knockout blond wife of a mafia boss, and his feelings for her present the greatest danger of all. (American)

Christopher BROOKMYRE

🌸 Be My Enemy 400pp Tp 29.95 It was a junket, a freebie. A 'teambuilding' weekend in the highlands for lawyers, advertising execs, businessmen, even the head of a charity. Oh, and a journalist, specially solicited for his renowned and voluble scepticism, Jack Parlabane. Amid the flying paintballs and flowing Shiraz there are stalkers in the forest, power cuts in the night, mass mobile phone thefts, disappearing staff, disappearing guests: there's nothing like being scared out of your wits to bring out people's hidden strengths or break down inter-personal barriers. However, when the only vehicular access for 30 miles is cut off, it seems that events are being orchestrated not just for pleasure. And that's before they find the first body! (Scottish)

Dale BROWN

Air Battle Force 564pp Pb 18.95 On America's newest combat base, US Air Force aerial warfare expert Major General Patrick McLanahan and his crew of daring engineers are devising the air combat unit of the future. Known as Air Battle Force, it can launch concentrated, stealthy, precision-guided firepower to any spot on the globe within hours. And soon McLanahan and his warriors will have their first target. (American)

Joanna CARL



A Chocoholic mystery. Lee McKinney and her aunt debut their latest confections, chocolate frogs, at TenHuis Chocolade for the 4th of July celebrations. The first customer to buy a croaker is the town crank. But when he later disappears and police suspect foul play, it is a chocolate clue that leads Lee to the killer. (American)

Agatha CHRISTIE The Complete Quin & Satterthwaite Omnibus

552pp Tp 27.95

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Detectives. LOTE Together they are an unstoppable, crimefighting tour de force: Ouin's subtle questioning hones Satterthwaite's skills observation, of bringing to light the most pertinent clues in any crime. With



each acting as a catalyst for the other, the criminal fraternity had best beware ... This volume brings all the Quin and Satterthwaite novels and short stories together for the first time, and showcases the pair's talents in a way that clearly explains why Agatha Christie herself was so fond of them. (English)

John CONNELLY

Bad Men 544pp Pb 18.95 300 years ago, the settlers on the island of Sanctuary were betrayed by one of their own and slaughtered. Now, a band of killers has returned to seek revenge on a young woman and her son and the only people who stand in their way are a rookie officer and the island's resident policeman. (Irish)

Stephen CORNELL

🔅 Crisis Pending 221pp Pb 26.95 When US oil refineries blow up, the White House and the Feds move fast, but not fast enough. Sherman Nassar Ramsey - terrorist for hire, a loner, brilliant, multilingual and skilled with knives, pistols and bare hands - moves around the country with contempt, ease and cunning. Paid almost beyond price to bring down the American economy, Ramsey lets nothing stop him. It is a matter of professionalism, of matching wits and staying alive while others do the dying. Ramsey fights his way across America, killing off Russian Mafia opponents, redneck vigilantes, cops and anyone else who gets in his way. But Ramsey hasn't counted on Lee Hamilton, an oil refinery manager who knows his way around pressure vessels, pumps, compressors, valves and miles of pipe. (American)

CRIME CHRONICLE



Amanda CROSS $_{\Lambda}$ The Edge of Doom 225pp Pb 17.95

A Kate Fansler mystery. Here, Cross takes her beloved protagonist into uncharted territory, turning Fansler's world upside down. Just when Kate thinks life couldn't possibly hold any more surprises, she receives a phone call from Laurence, the eldest of her imperious brothers. But a woman as sharp as Kate knows that the moment one stops believing in life's little bends in the road is the time when it has more twists in store. (American)

Sandy CURTIS

288pp Tp 30.00

🗯 Until Death DIn a war-torn African country, a mercenary slits the throat of a young native girl. 14 years later and half a world away in Sydney, Libby Daniels staggers out of bed in her parents' harbour side home to see two men crouched over her mother's battered body. Already in shock, she hears them say, "Libby killed her". Terrified, she flees to Brisbane, where she hopes to find help from the grandfather she has not seen for years. Brutally mugged on the city streets, she takes refuge on the doorstep of Conor Martin, a man with his own horrifying secrets. Distrustful and suspicious, Libby and Conor are wary of each other, until past and present collide in a violent attack that forces them to confront their enemies and their deepest fears. (Australian)

Gaylord DOLD

The Last Man in Berlin

340pp Hb 34.95 This novel evocatively depicts a corrupt and desolate Berlin at that turning point in history when Hitler is on the cusp of taking power. It is the story of Detective Harry Wulff, a member of an elite police force, who is assigned to solve the murders of two transvestites whose deaths are connected to the Nazis' rise to power. The book is peopled with unforgettable characters, including Wulff's father, a revered Prussian officer who served during the Great War; Harry's lover, Johanna, a Jewish psychoanalyst filled with insight, passion and terror; a trooper in charge of Nazi hooligans determined to overthrow the Republic; and a maniacal killer who maintains chilling ties to those who will soon rule Germany. (American)

Martin EDWARDS (editor)

Green for Danger 315pp Tp 21.95 The Official Anthology of the Crime Writers' Association, 2004. It is a delicious selection of the best modern British crime writing, featuring some of the biggest and best names in the business. The theme is 'crime in the countryside' and most of the 20 stories are unavailable elsewhere. (English)

Selma EICHLER Murder Can Botch Up Your Birthday 257pp Pb 13.95

A Desiree Shapiro mystery. On Vicky Pirrelli's sixth birthday, her father was charged with murdering his mistress. 10 years later, Vicki wants podgy PI Desiree Shapiro to clear his name. But since the case is a decade old, the evidence is likely to be tainted and, to top it off, Vicky's father has just recently died in prison. Meanwhile, Desiree's new boyfriend, Nick, is showing a serious interest in her and Desiree is ready for seconds... (American)

David ELLIS

Life Sentence 396pp Pb 17.95 Jon Soliday is legal counsel to a powerful politician who is running for governor. The two have shared political success and undying loyalty in their adult lives but an anonymous letter hinting at blackmail and a colleague's mysterious death remind them of something else they have in common: A dark secret from the summer of 1979, murder! (American)

G H EPHRON

305pp Pb 15.95

Delusion Forensic neuro-psychologist at Boston's prestigious Pearce Psychiatric Centre and expert defence witness Peter Zak regularly testifies at murder trials on issues like a defendant's conception of right and wrong or the reliability of a witness's memory. This time a lawyer calls Peter to the scene of a crime: Nick Babikian has just found his wife brutally stabbed and floating in their backyard pool. The lawyer wants Peter to assess Nick's state of mind. A brilliant but paranoid man who has made millions inventing and marketing his own computer role-playing game, Babikian was working in the house while his wife was stabbed, and it is certain he will be accused of wielding the knife. (American)

Bill FITZHUGH

🔅 Heart Seizure 416pp Pb 17.95 Lawyer Spence Tailor loves his mama Rose. Mama, with her advanced cardiomyopathy and rare blood type, is finally scheduled for a heart transplant. But AB-negative US President Webster needs one also, after his ticker goes on strike during a photo opportunity jogging session just three months before the national election. So, the FBI has been ordered to appropriate Rose's designated heart in the name of democracy. Spence, however, isn't going to let anybody steal what rightfully belongs to Mama. With the help of his reluctant older brother, he has taken to the road in a '65 Mustang with a hijacked organ in a cooler, a beautiful cardiac surgery resident by his side and with almost all the president's men in potentially murderous pursuit. (American)

Lisa GARDNER

萨 Three Great Novels 809pp Tp 29.95

The thrillers included in this volume are The Perfect Husband (1998), The Other Daughter (2000) and The Third Victim (2001). (American)

Jonathan GASH 蘑 Bone Dancing

The latest in the series featuring Dr Clare Burtonall and male escort Bonn. The death of one of the syndicate's street girls arouses Clare's suspicions and the disappearance of a young boy from a local children's home



319pp Pb 19.95

puts Martina on edge. Plus Clare's way of life is under threat. Will Bonn provide her with the support she needs? (English)

Jane GOODALL 萨 The Walker

362pp Tp 29.95

Detective Briony Williams, just starting out on her life in London, is attached to the team hunting down psychopathic killer nicknamed The Walker. He is a practised anatomist with a theatrical streak: he likes arranging his victim's bodies in twisted parodies of Hogarth's engravings, in particular 'The Reward of Cruelty'. Then he sends a perfectly extracted eye to the police in a Tupperware container, with a defiant message: He plans a reunion with the schoolgirl who found his first victim on a train in Plymouth in 1967. This book received the Australian Women's Weekly Great Read stamp of approval. (Anglo-Australian)

Carol GOODMAN The Seduction of Water \mathbf{O}

438pp Pb 22.95

Many years ago, Iris Greenfeder's mother disappeared. They were living at Hotel Equinox where Iris's father the was manager and where Iris's mother wrote delicate, powerful fantasies. Then she took a train and never



returned, dying in a hotel fire in Brooklyn where she was registered as another man's wife. Returning to Hotel Equinox, now an established English professor, Iris needs to find the truth about her mother; some keys are held in those fantastical writings and others in the memories of those who knew her. Kay, it seems, was a woman without a past. But as Iris begins to untangle the secrets of years before, she realises that the past was very different to what she had believed, and much more dangerous. (English)

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Caroline GRAHAM A Ghost in the Machine 400pp Tp 32.95

A Chief Inspector Barnaby novel #9. Every man should have a hobby. It keeps them out of mischief and from under their wives' feet; a nice bit of DIY, gardening, bowls or snooker, mysterious activities in the potting shed. Fine. But killing machines, Dennis Brinkley's hobby, is something else. Not what you'd call a nice hobby at all! (English)

J M GREGSON The Wages of Sin

218pp Hb 49.95

A Chief Inspector Peach mystery. A novice prostitute is found murdered after her first night on the game. Peach sets out to find her killer, only to uncover a divorced policemen and a Catholic priest as local clients. Peach cannot believe one of them is the murderer and delves into the town's underbelly in his hunt. (English)

Jessica HALL

Into the Fire 291pp Pb 15.95 Praised by Catherine Coulter for 'wild' and reckless romantic her suspense, Jessica Hall once more takes readers close to the edge. A warehouse fire in the New Orleans' French Quarter kills a local politician and ignites intrigue and pent-up passion between former lovers... (American)

Lyn HAMILTON

The Thai Amulet

269pp Pb 15.95

An Archaeological mystery. Toronto shopkeeper Lara McClintoch solved her first archaeological mystery in The Xibalba Murders (Pb 15.95), nominated for the Arthur Ellis Award for Best First Novel. Since then, Hamilton's acclaimed and popular series has taken readers around the world to various exotic locales, where rare antiquities and base human nature add up to murder. Now, in this novel, Lara must sift through the layers of Bangkok society to find a fellow antique dealer, dead or alive ... (American)

Donald HARSTAD

💺 A Long December 307pp Tp 29.95

In a rural part of Nation County, the body of a dead male is discovered in a ditch with one gunshot wound to the head. What appears to be a routine investigation for Deputy Sheriff Carl Houseman and his



team turns into a mysterious case, as they learn that there is no way of identifying the dead man: no fingerprint records, no dental records, nothing. This is the cue for an FBI investigator to enter the scene, who suspects it is the body of a Columbian terrorist. (American)

Janis HARRISON 12 A Deadly Bouquet

259pp Pb 15.95 A Gardening mystery #4. Harrison's gardening mysteries combine a popular 'cosy' pastime with a delightfully populated small Missouri town and juicy mysteries. Bretta Solomon has been hired along with a few other River City business owners to put together the town's wedding of the year. But when the landscaper responsible for the nuptial's setting and the bride's hairdresser both die suspiciously on the same day, Bretta cannot help but think there is something more sinister in the air than love and marriage. (American)

Hazel HOLT

Mrs Malory and the Silent Killer 22 1 States 247pp Pb 13.95

The village of Taviscombe is sent reeling when the popular Sidney Middleton dies in a tragic accident. However, it soon becomes apparent that his death was a most deliberate act. How could someone so likable have enemies, especially one driven to kill? Mrs Malory is dead-set on finding out. (American)

Victoria HOUSTON

Dead Hot Mama 290pp Pb 15.95 💒 A Loon Lake fishing mystery #5. It is ice-fishing season in Loon Lake and Doc Osborne is thoroughly hooked but things heat up when Police Chief Lew Ferris discovers the bodies of two snowmobilers under the icy waters of nearby Two Sisters Lake. (American)

Evan HUNTER (aka Ed McBain) Barking at Butterflies and

Other Stories 240pp Hb 49.95 Meet cocky young culprit Stevie in 'First Offence', whose cameo behind prison bars is a bigger role than he has bargained for. In 'Uncle Jimbo's Marbles', enter the gates of Camp Marvin, where a bout of marble madness turns into a competition for life and death. And witness an almostperfect canine murder in the title story, 'Barking at Butterflies'. These and eight more chilling tales from a master of suspense are gathered together for the first time. (American)

Maxim JAKUBOWSKI (editor) 🗼 The Best British Mysteries Ò 345pp Hb 39.95

From the Golden Age of classic mystery writing onwards, British talent has captured the imagination of readers in a unique way, and the modern era has been no exception. The art of the short story has always been one that mystery writers have excelled at, and here are 25 examples of the bite-sized mystery from the very best authors in Britain today. The stories cater for every criminal taste from the locked-room puzzle to the action-packed vignette - and several have been short-listed or are winners of prestigious awards. (British)

Bill JAMES

🚕 A Man's Enemies 267pp Tp 21.95

🔁 A section of British Intelligence is still reeling from the unsolved murder of one of its officers. The pain goes deeper because insiders might have carried out this killing and others before it. Now, to



make matters worse, Olly Horton has left the Service and is about to write a book. His former chiefs fear what might come to light and order their most experienced and skilled man - Simon Abelard, the section's 'token black' - to dissuade Horton from going ahead, giving him new girl, Iris Insole, to help. Pretty soon both Iris and Simon find themselves in real danger, unsure of who is friend, who is foe. (English)

Morag JOSS

🚁 Half Broken Things

304pp Pb 18.95 Loners Jean, Micheal and Steph are drawn together to Walden Manor by a mixture of deceit, good luck and misfortune. There, they shape new lives, full of hope and happiness. When their idyll is threatened they discover their new lives are worth preserving. But at what cost? Scotland on Sunday said, "It is a fantastic moral exercise as well as a gripping novel". (English)

Nicolas KUBLICKI The Diamond Conspiracy

524pp Pb 12.95

Department of Justice Patrick lawver Carlton lands the case of his life, and it will be his last if he cannot locate а hidden diamond Russian stockpile, bring a corrupt White House chief-of-staff to justice and break up а



diamond monopoly controlled by the nefarious Waterboer Mining Company. A compelling page-turner from beginning to end, Kublicki delivers the goods with legal and military realism. (American)

Thomas LAIRD

Black Dog 243pp Hb 42.95 Detective Jimmy Parisi is fighting against fatigue and homicide burnout. Someone is draining the blood out of young women and leaving them to die. There are signs that a crude needle is being used in the process, and it looks like the work of someone who knows the art of mortuary science. (American)



Jodie LARSON At First Sight (2001)

294pp Pb 15.95 A Kaycee Miller mystery. What would you do if you woke up in a strange motel room to find a terrified child at your bedside? At first, Kaycee Miller, a psychologist specialising in handwriting analysis, is certain she is dreaming. But one touch of the girl's tear-streaked face convinces her that this nightmare is all too real. The door to the adjoining room is open and the man sleeping inside is armed. Kaycee and the girl flee, but soon discover that it is already too late to escape. The deranged kidnapper is following them, consumed by a murderous rage. (American)

John LAWTON

Sweet Sunday 349pp Pb 21.95 It is the summer of 1969, the hottest, sweatiest summer in history. The USA is about to land a man on the moon and the Vietnam War is ripping the country to pieces, setting sons against fathers, and fathers against sons. The Woodstock festival is in full swing and Norman Mailer is standing as candidate for Mayor of New York. Against this backdrop, second-rate detective Turner Raines finds himself investigating a series of murders that begin with the death of his best friend, a reporter on the Village Voice. (American)

Stephen LEATHER

Hard Landing 376pp Tp 32.95 Shepherd is used to putting his life on the line as a detective in an elite undercover squad. But when a powerful drugs baron starts killing witnesses, Shephard faces his most dangerous assignment yet - undercover in a top security prison, where one wrong move will mean certain death. (English)

Elmore LEONARD

289pp Pb 29.95 🐞 Mr Paradise 🚺 84 year old Tony Paradiso (aka Mr Paradise) loves watching videos of old Michigan football games while his young girlfriend Chloe plays cheerleader, complete with pleated skirt and blue-andgold pompoms. One night Chloe convinces her model friend Kelly to join in the fun, along with Montez Taylor, Tony's smooth-talking right-hand man. But things go awry and before the end of the evening there will be two corpses, two angry hit men, one switch of identity, a safe-deposit box full of loot up for grabs, and, fast on the scene, detective Frank Delsa, who now has a double homicide to add to his already heavy caseload. With a cool cast, snappy dialogue and all the twists and turns fans crave, this is Elmore Leonard at home in Detroit and sharper than ever. (American)



Roy LEWIS Dead Man Running ಶಶ 239pp Hb 49.95

An Eric Ward mystery. Following the devastating impact of foot-and-mouth hill-farmer disease, Paddy Fenton is facing financial ruin. When a casual acquaintance offers to lease one of DEAD MA his outbuildings for cash, the temptation of



making a little money on the side is too good to turn down. It is the worst decision Fenton has ever made. A police raid on his barn uncovers the production of 'smokies' (illegal meat manufacturing) and the farmer is accused as an accessory. The criminal underworld that Fenton has unwittingly entered stretches far beyond the local countryside. Lawyer Eric Ward rescues Fenton but soon it becomes clear that meat manufacturing is the least of their worries. Botched operations, a divided and corrupt workforce, and a bleak landscape filled with desperate and disillusioned characters provide the backdrop for Ward's chilling journey into the dark underworld of the north. (English)

David LINDSEY

The Rules of Silence

 \circ 400pp Pb 17.95 Titus Cain, a highly successful businessman with a rock-solid marriage and a loving circle of friends, is being kidnapped, but this is no ordinary abduction. Cain will not be bound, gagged and carried away to a deserted cabin. He will live his life as usual: kiss his wife, go to work and slowly, carefully, make a series of 'unfortunate investments' totalling \$64m. But if he refuses to cooperate, tells anyone or attempts to get help, the price will be much higher because Cain's abductor is a criminal whose greed is exceeded only by his sadism. Cain, unwilling to give up his family and his life, will soon understand his kidnapper's talent for atrocity. (American)

Michael MADDEN

The Seesaw Syndrome 236pp Hb 39.95

This terrifying journey slices with a scalpel, exposing the greed and corruption that can happen when drug executives and medical researchers

position themselves for huge profits. Biosense Pharmaceuticals has produced a drug that needs testing on patients to gain FDA approval, but it has side effects; side effects that include death. (American)



John MALCOLM 🛓 Mortal Instruments 265pp Hb 49.95 \sim

Johnny Barber is a coffee connoisseur. He is also a sharp businessman with South American connections: his lover Katie is the wife of an extremely powerful and ruthless South American capitalist. When a machine that



can detect a potentially fatal coffee fungus is stolen, Lawrence Edwards (an official from the Department of Trade and Industry) secretly recruits Barber's assistance in tracking down those responsible. Then Edwards and his associate are found dead in suspicious circumstances. It is a painful discovery and one that will take him into South America and the murky depths of the international business community where people play by different rules and nothing is quite as it seems... (English)

Robert MIDDLEMISS **The Cormorant Documents**

345pp Tp 26.95

Who is Cormorant, and why is his coded letter on Hitler's stationary found on a WWII Nazi bomber preserved in the Arctic? And why is the plane loaded with Goering's plundered art treasures? Mallory must find out, or die. A womanhater and a killer on the run for murdering a prostitute in Berlin, Mallory volunteers for the British Arctic Institute's latest scientific expedition. But his discovery of the Nazi bomber, his taking of a Degas miniature, 'Woman With Green Apple', has more than Berlin's police after him. He finds himself caught up in a secret going back to 1945, and a fugitive from swiftly moving British Secret Service and CIA agents out to eliminate him. (English)

Benjamin MILLER

Deep Current What if . . . you were marooned on an iceberg the size of Manhattan with a species that has evolved to prey on the Earth's largest predators? Rica Lopez was one of the first women Marines allowed in combat. She never expected



354pp Pb 17.95

to find herself in command of a billiondollar covert mission gone awry. And even in her worst nightmares, she never imagined an enemy like this. (American)

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Kvle MILLS 📥 Smoke Screen

C Through a series unwanted of promotions, Trevor Barnett has become the lead spokesman for the tobacco industry just as it is on the verge of extinction. Plaintiffs' attorneys have finally found the weakness they had



349pp Pb 19.95

been searching for and have filed a \$200 billion lawsuit that the industry will be unable to appeal. America's tobacco react by companies doing the unthinkable; they close their plants and recall their products from retailers' shelves. The message is clear: Not another cigarette will be manufactured or sold until the industry is given ironclad protection from the courts. As the economy falters and chaos takes hold, Trevor finds himself the target of enraged smokers, gun-toting cigarette smugglers and a government that has been cut off from one of its largest sources of revenue. Soon it becomes clear that this had always been his function, to take the brunt of the backlash and shield the men in power from the maelstrom they've created. As he is slowly abandoned by an industry that his own ancestors helped to create, he begins to hatch a plan to fight back. (American)

Steve MOSBY

🙀 The Third Person 🛛 264pp Tp 24.95

Amy Sinclair did not come back. The note on the kitchen table was the last her boyfriend Jason heard of her. At first, he had let her have her space but as the weeks turned to months, the worries had set in and eventually he went



after her. What he found appalled him. It seems that Amy had had a secret life on the Internet and had met some people she should not have. And one of them took her. Now Jason sits at home and cruises the same horrific websites she once surfed through to find her kidnapper. But when he lays a trap for a monster he meets in a chat-room, he gets more than he bargained for. He finds that nothing in this story is as it seems and that the clues lie in the mistakes of his own past. This is a debut novel claimed by some as a 'cracking futuristic thriller'. (English)

Warren MURPHY

🛓 Destroyer #134 346pp Pb 15.95 Bloody Tourists. Country music heartbreak becomes a head-break when the Destroyer hits Dixie... (American)

T Jefferson PARKER 🙀 Black Water

A beautiful young woman is dead in the bathroom of her home. Her husband, a promising young cop named Archie Wildcraft, is shot in the head but still alive. It looks like an attempted murder/suicide, but something tells



320pp Tp 32.95

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BAD BUSINESS

Detective Merci Rayborn that there is more to the story. When the suspect vanishes from his hospital bed, he draws Merci into a manhunt that leaves the entire department questioning her abilities and her judgment. This sharp new thriller will satisfy Parker fans across the country and leave first-time readers clamouring for more. (American)

Robert B PARKER Bad Business

A Spenser novel #31. A cheating husband and a wayward provide wife Spenser with an unconventional and dangerous surveillance job. When Marlene Cowley hires Spenser to see if

her husband Trent is cheating on her, he encounters more than he bargained for: Not only does he find a two-timing husband, but a second investigator. As a result of their joint efforts, Spenser soon investigating finds himself both individual depravity and corporate corruption. It seems the folks in the Cowley's circle have become enamoured of radio talk-show host Darrin O'Mara, whose views on Courtly Love are clouding some already fuzzy minds with notion of cross-connubial the relationships. O'Mara's brand of sex therapy is unconventional at best, unlawful and deadly at worst. Then a murder at Kinergy, where Trent Cowley is CFO, sends Spenser in yet another direction. Apparently, the unfettered pursuit of profit has a price. With razorsharp characterisations and finely honed prose, this is Parker writing at the height of his powers. (American)



Stuart PAWSON



Limestone Cowboy 247pp Hb 49.95

The sun is shining in Heckley, and DI Charlie Priest is wisecracking his way through the daily routine. Work is, if not quite relaxed, at least stress-free. The biggest case on the books? A petty thief is pinching underwear from the washinglines of unsuspecting housewives. Charlie's pretty confidant he can handle it. And the detective has another reason to be cheerful; Local geology teacher Rosie Barraclough has fallen for his charms and romance is the order of the day. But it is not long before the clouds roll in. Two people nearly die after eating contaminated food from a local supermarket where someone has been tampering with the tins. When media is alerted, a national scare ensues and it is clear that if Charlie does not act fast he could be dealing with a murder inquiry. As if that wasn't enough, intelligence soon reaches him that an organised dogfighting ring has set up operations nearby. (English)

George PELECANOS

Soul Circus 362pp Pb 17.95 Derek Strange and his partner Terry Quinn are running a Private Investigations business in the seedy underbelly of Washington DC. Strange and Quinn are approached by a young man asking them to find his missing girlfriend. And so they find her. Just another day? Not quite. In the grimy underworld inhabited by Strange, nothing is that simple. For Strange and Quinn's efforts have led to a young mother being brutally murdered; a devastating discovery that causes them both to question the morality by which they live. At the same time they need to continue the search for another missing girl, a teenage runaway who shows up in a porn video and has not been seen since. Bleak, gritty and moving, this novel superbly brings to life the devastating story of life and death in Washington's black ghettos. (American)

RJ PINEIRO

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Brian PINKERTON 🐞 Abducted

When she sees the face on the bus. Anita Sherwood knows it was her son who had been kidnapped two years before. She was certain it was he, but how could she get anyone to believe her? She had given police the leads before that went

nowhere. Wasting their time is out of the picture. So, it will be up to Anita and an unexpected ally to get him back. (American)

Dennis POWELL

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Michael ROBOTHAM

The Suspect With a beautiful loving wife, а daughter and а successful career as a clinical psychologist, O'Loughlin Joseph appears to have the perfect life. But nothing can be taken for granted. Even the most flawless existence is only a

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loose thread away from unravelling. All it takes is a murdered girl, a troubled young patient and the biggest lie of his life. Caught in a complex web of deceit and haunted by images of the slain girl, he embarks upon a search that will take him from London to Liverpool and into the darkest recesses of the human mind. Ultimately, he will risk everything to unmask the killer and save his family. (Australian)

Greg RUCKA

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🚋 A Fistful of Rain 364pp Pb 15.95 DIn an electrifying departure, Rucka creates a new kind of heroine: a damaged young woman in free fall who is not only in danger, but dangerous. The photos are invasive, obscene and all over the Internet for anyone to see. How they got there, where and when they were shot, and by whom, Mim Bracca has no idea. And before the investigation into the matter even begins, a brutal murder makes it clear that whatever Mim thinks her life has been up to now, she is about to learn it is all a lie. (American)

Richard SAND

Hands of Vengeance 221pp Pb 26.95

A Lucas Rook mystery. This won the Ben Franklin Mystery of the Year Series' Award. Private detective Rook is still haunted by the murder of his twin brother. Facing business setbacks as his commercial client goes bankrupt and a drug-dealing dentist kills himself at the breakfast table, the former homicide detective takes an assignment to investigate workplace violations in The Bottle House, an Upstate New York factory. This routine case soon becomes a confrontation with domestic terrorists who are insanely committed to taking revenge on the USA for the influx of immigrants and for 9-11. The Brothers of the Half Moon are committed to mass murder with a chemical called the Palms of Christ, which is 6,000 times more deadly than cyanide and completely undetectable. A must read for lovers of dark mysteries. (American)

Gerald SEYMOUR

Unknown Soldier 399pp Tp 32.95 Armed with a full range of sophisticated electronics at their service (including an unmanned Predator aircraft) American and British counterterrorism experts search for the Outsider in the Empty Quarter of the Saudi Arabian desert. The Outsider is the leader of an Al Qaeda cell. His mission will wreak havoc in a teeming Western city. (English)

Les STANDIFORD Bone Key

A John Deal novel. A hustler is beaten-up by a cop. Two days later the hustler is found slain. The cops claim ignorance. All John Deal has to go on are the rumours of the man's connection to a 70 year old tale of piracy, murder and greed. (American)



Les Standiford

Boris STARLING 🙀 Vodka

🖸 Vodka is the symbol of Russian identity. It is the country's main entertainment, its main currency and its main scourge. Vodka affects every aspect of Russian life: business, politics and crime... If there



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is one thing that unites the President with the frozen drunk found dead on a Moscow street, it is vodka. Alice Liddell seems to have it all: she is attractive, warm, fun loving and successful. A double outsider in Russian business (as an American and a woman), she still feels more at home running her Moscow consultancy than she ever did in the USA. But all this stands to be washed away in a sea of vodka, for Alice is an alcoholic. Sergei Korshkachesh, consigliore to the head of the largest Slav mafia gang in Moscow, knows that in Russia vodka means power: control the drink and you control the people. Negotiating the sale of one of the largest distilleries draws Alice into Sergei's world where the two begin a dangerous affair. (English)

Terence STRONG

🔈 Cold Monday Haunted by the brutal killing of his UN wife. а interpreter in Bosnia, ex-SAS operative Ed Coltrane is consumed with the need to hunt down her murderers. Drinking too much, his life is going into meltdown. Just as it

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seems he can fall no further, a former colleague informs him that one of his wife's killers is in London, as a guest of the British government. Certain people in power offer Coltrane a contract to assassinate the culprit, which he accepts. What he does not know is that there is an elaborate game of bluff and double bluff being played throughout Europe, and certain high-ranking officials have a vested interest in his failure and removal. Thus begins a dangerous journey into the dark heart of modern Europe. (English)



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Chad TAYLOR 🔹 Electric

208pp Pb 22.95 It is the middle of February and all over Auckland the lights are going out. Samuel Usher is a data-retrieval specialist: a broken man working on broken machines, drinking too much and taking too many drugs, trying to get by. Candy and Jules are two drifting mathematicians, each after a Holy Grail the one perfect theory - that will make their worlds complete. After five years together, neither is getting any closer to their goal. As for Sam, he just wants Candy. And for a while, it looks as if he may have her. Then Jules is found in a coma, and Candy disappears. All Sam has left is a strange list of numbers and three words: ANYWAY FREEDOM GOODBYE. His pursuit of the truth will lead him into an underworld of chaos and turbulence, where numbers rule while love and friendship collide. (New Zealand)

Peter TEMPLE

🙀 Black Tide (1999) 🛛 356pp Pb 22.00 When Des Connors, the last link to Jack Irish's father, calls to ask for help in the matter of a missing son, Jack is happy to lend a hand. But sometimes, prodigal sons go missing for a reason... This classic thriller by the four-time Ned Kelly Award winner is reprinted by popular demand. (Australian)

Steve THAYER

Wolf Pass 348pp Pb 17.95 Deputy Sheriff Pennington is suspected of a vicious double homicide. But Pennington suspects an old wartime nemesis, the Nazi SS colonel known as The Wolf, who vanished after the war. Now, it is 1962 and The Wolf is on the prowl... (American)

Michael TOLKIN

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man goading his four year old daughter into an act so vulgar that Tom vows he must pay for it with his life. The next day, they come to grips atop the Dunn's River Falls and Tom kills him in cold blood. Condemned to prison, Tom faces a world unlike any he has ever known, among the most brutal and hardened men of Jamaica. Does an elusive story hold the key to their salvation, and Tom's own? And once Tom has told it, can he find a way to re-enter the hearts of those he has left behind? This novel is insightful and haunting, grippingly wrought with layers of power and meaning. (American)

Ross THOMAS Ah, Treachery! (1994) ×

This is the last novel Thomas wrote before his death. It tells the story of Captain Edd 'Twodees' Partain, who was drummed out of the Army and hounded by rumours of his involvement in a secret operation in El Salvador. Twodees



is hired to help the 'Little Rock folks' recover funds that were stolen from an illicit stash used to smooth over problems and pay hush money. Meanwhile, he is involved in a storefront operation called Victims of Military Intelligence Treachery (yes, VOMIT!), which defends former intelligence operatives such as himself from those who are trying to cover up the past, permanently! (American)

Ross THOMAS

🐞 Missionary Stew (1983)

 \circ 290pp Tp 29.95 Hired by a political kingmaker to investigate a cocaine war, journalist Morgan Citron uncovers a scandal involving the FBI and the CIA. It is a story that will make Watergate look like a parking ticket, if Citron lives to tell about it. (American)

Christian THOMPSON 👟 Sing No Sad Songs 247pp Hb 49.95

A PI Chris O'Brien mystery. New Year spent with his new girlfriend Debra has put a smile on face of wisecracking private eye Chris O'Brien. But the calm can only last so long, and it is not long before a trip to London gets



the PI involved in a hunt to find the leaders of a gang of neo-nazi thugs responsible for a racially-motivated attempted murder. Back in Bradford, a chance meeting with an old friend soon gives O'Brien something to think about and will set him on the trail for justice. Trying to right this wrong will be difficult. Ouite how difficult becomes apparent when he tracks down his target and is horrified by what he uncovers. With another murder in London and the escalation of the situation in Bradford, he and Debra set about assembling a multiethnic band of brothers (and sisters) who will meet adversity with diversity. Adversity is about to get its ass kicked... (English)

Amee & David THURLO

- Tracking Bear 382pp Pb 15.95 An Ella Clah novel. A group of businessmen are working to open a uranium mine and nuclear power plant on the Navajo Reservation. The NEED project will provide cheap power to the Navajo nation, employ many who are out of work, and earn income for the tribe by selling surplus power to Arizona, New Mexico and other western states. Investigating the murder of a Navajo cop during a break-in and robbery, Police Special Investigator Ella Clah learns that the dead man's father, a retired physicist, is strongly opposed to uranium mining and nuclear plants. (American)

Fred VARGAS

Have Mercy On Us All

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Commissaire Adamsberg investigates. Joss le Guern is a town crier in Paris's 14th arrondissement. He calls out the local news three times a day to all who will listen. Over the course of a few days, however, a



number of enigmatic and disturbing messages are slipped in to the daily news, and he becomes increasingly alarmed. An extremely troubled woman who has found strange marks on the door of her visits Superintendent building Adamsberg: upside down 4s marked out in black paint. These, and the appearance of the frightening messages, are exactly the kind of mysteries Adamsberg loves. In the course of his inquiries he begins to sense a sinister and often grotesque menace. And when a charred corpse is found, Adamsberg knows he is dealing with a particularly serious and chilling case. Translated from the French by David Bellos. Winner of the Grand Prix Litt-raire des Lectrices and of the Prix des Libraires, 2002. (French)

Robert WALKER Final Edge

The bodies of young girls are turning up, piece by piece. The ghastly mementos are being delivered to Detective Lucas Stonecoat and Dr Sanger, Meredyth signalling the beginning of а gruesome game. But who is playing it and



why? And how far will it go? Stonecoat and Sanger are going to find out. (American)



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James WEBB

Brandon Condley survived five years of combat in Vietnam as a marine only to lose the woman he loved enemy to an assassin. Now he is back, and working recover to the remains of unknown American soldiers. On а

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routine mission, Condley finds a body that does not match its dog tags, a body that propels him into a vortex of violence and intrigue where past and present become one. (American)

Donald WESTLAKE

Money for Nothing 324pp Pb 17.95

• Josh Redmont was 27 when the first cheque arrived, and he had absolutely no idea what it was for. Issued by something called 'United States Agent' through an unnamed bank with an indeterminate address in W a s h i n g t o n,



someone seemed to think Josh was owed \$1,000. One month later, another cheque arrived and continued for a full seven years, until we find him on his way to meet the wife and kids for a summer vacation. Puzzled by the approach of a smiling stranger, Josh's stomach seizes with dread when the unwanted greeting begins with, "I am from United States Agent and you are now active." (American)

Margaret YORKE

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HISTORICAL CRIME

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Simon LEVACK

Demon of the Air 382pp Tp 29.95 An Aztec mystery. Mexico, Tenochtitlan, 1517. The vast, teeming city of the Aztecs is at the height of its glory. As the novel opens, the Chief Minister's trusted slave Yaotl is escorting a sacrificial victim up the steps of the Great Pyramid to celebrate the Festival of the Raising of Banners. Used to the bloodstained rites of the War-God's priests, Yaotl is unperturbed at the ritual slaughter of the so-called Flowery Death. When the victim runs amok and leaps to his death before he can be sacrificed, Yaotl's only worry is how to explain it to his master. When more bodies appear, the Emperor Montezuma questions the absence of soothsayers who have vanished from his impregnable prison. Yaotl realises he needs some answers soon. The secrets he uncovers will unlock nightmares from his own youth and threaten the future of everything he knows. (American)

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PURCHASE

Anthony O'NEILL The Lamplighter

Edinburgh, 1860s. At the Fountainbridge Institute for Destitute Girls, clever orphan Evelyn Todd spins fantastic tales of the lamplighter who passes her window nightly. Her imaginings, forbidden by the home's strict

governor, are all but forgotten when Evelyn is spirited away by a man who claims to be her father. Years later, a wave of vicious killings stains the city's cobbled streets. Three men from different worlds are drawn to the sensational case: a detective hungry for recognition, a disillusioned professor of logic and a strapping young gravedigger. Their paths lead to Evelyn Todd, a woman haunted by dreams of the murders and of a mysterious lamplighter. As her nighttime terrors begin to illuminate the face of the dreadful predator, this unusual trio of investigators uses reason, intuition, philosophy and luck in a hunt that rapidly hurtles past the bounds of conventional detection. (Australian)

Robin PAIGE Death at Glamis Castle

332pp Pb 15.95

A Victorian mystery. Northumberland, 1901. Lord Charles Sheridan and his clever American wife, Kate, have been summoned by the king to clear the name of a prince who has been living secretly at Glamis Castle under an assumed name,



while keeping his true identity secret. (American)

Anne PERRY

The Shifting Tide 278pp Hb 59.95

A William Monk mystery #14. Victorian England. After Monk is hired to investigate the theft of a cargo of ivory from a merchant ship and a related murder, he becomes aware of what a world the river represents, and a crimeriddled one at that. It is fascinating to watch Monk try (and fail) to apply his London street smarts to a secretive milieu totally governed by the tides. Monk's investigation blends into his wife's work (Hester runs a clinic for assaulted or sick prostitutes) when a shipowner's cast-off mistress is brought in to the clinic with a mysterious ailment. This ailment eventually threatens all of London. Remember that Monk found his memory in the last novel, Death of a Stranger (Pb 18.95)? Well, Monk without his amnesia is like Sherlock without Watson, a different experience indeed! (English)

John Maddox ROBERTS Nobody Loves a Centurion

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SPOR VI. Rome 70 BC. Roman playboy-detective Decius Caecilius Metellus the Younger is faced with the necessity of serving in his country's armed forces. He sets out to join Caesar in Gaul where the



occupying Roman army is at a standstill. Caesar sets him the task of discovering who murdered one of his centurions, a cruel and unfair officer feared and hated by every man of the 100 soldiers under him. A further prod to Decius is that the main suspect is a youth whose father is a close friend of the Metellus family. With Caesar's decree that another killer be found in a matter of hours or the young man dies, Decius has his work cut out for him. (American)

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John Maddox ROBERTS The River God's Vengeance 286pp Hb 49.95

SPOR VIIII. Rome. 70BC. Ancient Rome, in this accurate and evocative series, is just as politicsdriven as anv major American city, possibly even more. Decius has, through a series of rather wild adventures, and in



the act of tracking down killers and other reprobates, barely escaped annihilation several times. Now, newly elected to the office of aedile, the lowest rung on the ladder of Roman authority, he must smoke out the corruption and conspiracy that threaten to destroy all of Rome. (American)

John Maddox ROBERTS

Saturnalia (1999) 275pp Tp 29.95 SPOR V. Rome, 61BC. Every culture has its wild entertainment, but the Roman Saturnalia is looked upon as the granddaddy of them all. Roberts's vivid fictional account of the annual event is a historically correct picture of excess, with the city's ordinary life shut down, all rules and most laws inoperative, and even slaves permitted to celebrate without restraint. At the same time, the noted family of Metellus have reluctantly summoned the young playboy, banished to the island of Rhodes for his wild ways, to seek his help in solving a crime. They need him to look into the poison death of a politically powerful relative and the suspicion is it was his wife who administered the dose. Decius, convinced she is innocent (of this murder, at any rate), is bound on a quest that leads him to a secret, banned cult of witchcraft being practiced by highborn Romans of both sexes. (American)



NON-FICTION

Neil BARRETT **Traces of Guilt**

Barrett takes the reader into the world of the computer criminal and guides us through some of the high profile cases he has worked on, from Gary Glitter's conviction as а paedophile through cases of computer hacking and fraud to rape and, even, murder... (English)

CRIME CHRONICLE



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David BOWEN Body of Evidence

What the post mortem revealed – 40 years as a forensic pathologist. Without sensationalism but with a generous dusting of dark forensic humour, Bowen writes of the trial-making and breaking clues uncovered he during his career as



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one of London's kev forensic pathologists. In these memoirs we find his take on many of the famous and challenging cases he worked on, including the tragic Railway Murders of the 1960s; the unsolved London Nude Murders; the baffling death of Robert Calvi, chairman of Italy's largest bank, found hanging from Blackfriars Bridge; the frustrating PC Keith Blakelock case; and the mystery surrounding the apparent WW2 defector, Rudolf Hess. (English)

Michael CORBITT

Double Deal 373pp Pb 17.95 The inside story of murder, unbridled corruption, and the cop who was a mobster. A provocative exposé of organised crime and its unholy alliance with world leaders, intelligence agencies, and law enforcement, this book is a 40-year saga told with unflinching honesty by mob insider and former chief of police Michael Corbitt. (American)

Patricia CORNWELL Portrait of a Killer

Jack the Ripper: Case Closed. Cornwell utilises the demanding methods of modern forensic investigation to reexamine the evidence in the Jack the Ripper murders. These include state-of-the-art DNA testing on various

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materials, computer enhancement of watermarks and expert examinations of handwriting, paper, inks and other relics. She also uses her knowledge of profiling on the possible suspects, as well as consulting experts in the field. On presenting her conclusions to a very senior Metropolitan Police officer she learns that had the investigators of the time been presented with the facts she has unearthed, her suspect would definitely have been arrested and would probably have faced trial. Naming the killer as the artist Walter Sickert, Cornwell details the reasons and evidence for this conclusion. You may not agree with her but this book is highly readable. (English)

Don DeNEVI & John CAMPBELL Into the Minds of Madmen

438pp Hb 57.95

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How the FBI's Behavioral Science Unit Revolutionized Crime Investigation. In their introduction the authors state, "Although officially authorized by the FBI, the book is far from a bland, bureaucratic puff piece that covers



up mistakes and elevates every minor accomplishment into a brilliant triumph." Unfortunately, Campbell is a one-time head of the Behavioural Science Unit in the FBI and his bureaucratic approach is pretty much self-congratulatory. The book does not scope in any detail what profiling is or how it works and one gets the feeling the book was written to coverup its failure to stop the World Trade Centre fiasco. It is probably more interesting to the initiated reader for what it does not disclose. (American)

Andrea EGGER

Grave Accusations 302pp Pb 15.95 A true story of lies, family secrets and death. A real-life whodunit, this book exposes the shocking secrets of a doomed marriage and a sensational trial that would destroy lives and tear apart a town with whispers of betraval, obsessive romance and violent death. (American)

John FOLLAIN

City of Secrets 309pp Tp 27.95 The startling truth behind the Vatican murders. Drawn from an extensive investigation, this shocking expose delves into the truth behind the murder of the Swiss Guard, his wife and a young vicecorporal at the Vatican, revealing a world of corruption, hypocrisy, betrayal and injustice that reaches to the highest level of this mysterious autocracy. (English)

Rose KEEFE Guns and Roses

The untold story of Dean O'Banion, Chicago's big shot before Al Capone. This book traces O'Banion's rise from Illinois farm boy to gang boss of Chicago in the 1920s. An enigmatic character, he was a powerful



boss who could crack skulls as brutally as his henchmen, but he also supported entire North Side slums with his charity. While he had few gangster allies, the charismatic criminal inspired fanatical loyalty among his own men, who mourned his murder and sought violent revenge against those who ordered it. (American)



Neer KORN Life Behind Bars

223pp Tp 24.95 Conversations with Australian male inmates. This book opens up the clandestine world of NSW prisons and introduces us to Jason, Shane, Michael, Gordon, Stuart, Darren and David. They are experienced inmates with a history of violent crime. This shocking portrait of the NSW prison system shows a Darwinian society riddled with racial tension and unchecked violence. (Australian)

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The Lawyers. Dishonest lawyers act as a go betweens for gangsters with the police, providing false alibis, bribing and intimidating witnesses, bribing judges and jurors and, from time to time, financing and setting up robberies and



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Mark NICHOLS

Scorsese's Men 191pp Tp 29.95 Melancholia and the Mob. Nichols traces Scorsese's central themes of melancholia, nostalgia and loss through five films: The Age of Innocence, Raging Bull, Taxi Driver, Goodfellas and Cape Fear. The author is Lecturer in Cinema Studies at the University of Melbourne, where he teaches a course called The Cinema of Martin Scorsese. (Australian)

Peter REES **Killing Juanita**

A true story of murder and corruption. Juanita Nielsen was a wealthy heiress, a Sydney newspaper publisher and an anti-development campaigner. On the morning of 4 July 1975, she went to an appointment at a Kings Cross



nightclub and simply disappeared. Her case has remained one of Australia's unsolved murder mysteries. Peter Rees pursued it for over 25 years, forcing a federal parliamentary inquiry and a secret reopening of the case under the personal orders of the former NSW Police Commissioner, Peter Ryan. Rees also found a witness to the murder. In his unflinching examination of a crime that remains a shameful blot on the administration of justice, he finally puts to rest the mystery of Juanita's disappearance. (Australian)

Thomas REPPETTO

American Mafia 315pp Hb 46.00 A history of its rise to power. Structuring his narrative around a series of case histories featuring such infamous characters as Lucky Luciano and Al Capone, Reppetto draws on a lifetime of field experience and access to unseen documents to show us how the Mafia grew out of their neighbourhoods. The Italian American crime families were shaped by conditions in big cities, but it was not until the 1920s, thanks to prohibition, that the Mafia assumed what we now consider its defining characteristics, especially its octopus-like tendency to infiltrate industry and government. (American)

Jerry SPEZIALE 273pp Tp 29.95 Without a Badge

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Cali, Colombia, Speziale has an amazing life story to tell, and in a breathless narrative, he nails the high points of his 20-year career. (American)

Colin WILSON & Damon WILSON Written in Blood 690pp Tp 29.95

A history of Forensic From Detection. poisoners in ancient Rome to modern serial murderers, this newlv extended edition of Colin Wilson's forensicdetection bestseller is gruesome yet gripping history of forensic toxicology,



ballistics, sexual criminology and the latest advances in the armoury of investigation techniques like genetic fingerprints and psychological profiling. A chilling catalogue of case studies, taken from original sources, shows how the tiniest scraps of evidence often produce momentous results: Nancy Titterton's murderer was betrayed by a single horsehair. Here too, in all its depth and notoriety, is the surprisingly modern criminal, the serial sex killer: Jack the Ripper, the Moors murderers, Charles Manson, Peter Sutcliffe and others. First published in 1989. (English)



Eddie MULLER Dark City Dames (290pp Lp 49.95)

The wicked women of film noir. Hollywood's devotion to 'good girls' took a beating after WW2. That is when the crime movies, later to be called film noir, introduced a new archetype: the hardboiled dame. Shrewd, sexy and strong-willed, these dames knew what they wanted, and stopped at nothing to get it. Eddie Muller, escorts readers behind the scenes with the tough, flinty femmes fatales of such noir classics as Out of the Past, Tension, Kiss of Death, The Prowler, Detour and The Killing. He profiles six extraordinary actresses (Jane Greer, Evelyn Keyes, Ann Savage, Colleen Gray, Audrey Totter, and Marie Windsor), who embodied, onscreen and off, the changing roles of American women as they balanced love and career, struggled against typecasting, and sought fulfilment in a ruthless business. Filled with delicious gossip and attitude and cameos by Tinseltown figures like Howard Hughes, Robert Mitchum, John Huston, and Otto Preminger, this book reveals the traps and triumphs of being a working actress in 1940s Hollywood. And in revisiting them 50 years later, it goes further, offering hardearned insights on the vagaries of life, love, success and celebrity. Muller's previous book, Dark City: The Lost World of Film Noir, was nominated for the Edgar, Anthony and Mecavity Awards for non-fiction. It is the only book so recognised by all three major mystery-writing associations. (American)

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The winners of the 2004 Dilys, Lefty, Otter and Bruce Alexander awards were announced at Left Coast Crime in Monterey, California on February 21 as follows.

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LEFTY AWARD Mumbo Gumbo by Jerrilyn Farmer (Pb 15.95)

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