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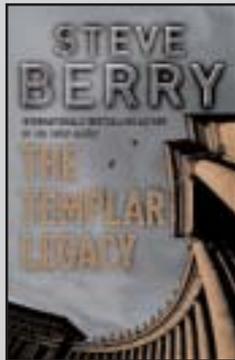
"WHERE A GOOD CRIME CAN BE HAD BY ALL"

AN EXCITING QUINTET

The Templar Legacy

Steve BERRY

480pp Tp 32.95

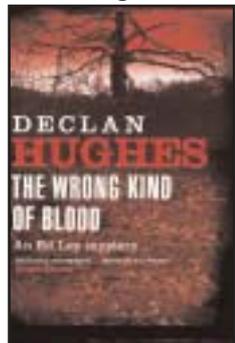


I have been an admirer of Steve Berry since I read **The Romanov Prophecy** (16.95), **The Third Secret** (19.95) and **The Amber Room** (12.95). In his latest thriller, he turns to the Knights Templar and their legendary lost wealth and forbidden knowledge. Cotton Malone is enjoying his quiet new life as an antiquarian book dealer in Copenhagen when he is unexpectedly plunged back into the cloak-and-dagger world he thought he'd left behind at the US Justice Department. The ancient order of the Knights Templar possessed untold wealth and absolute power over kings and popes until the Inquisition, when they were wiped from the face of the earth, their hidden riches lost. But now two forces vying for the treasure have learned that it is not at all what they thought it was - and its true nature could change the modern world. (American)

The Wrong Kind of Blood

Declan HUGHES

346pp Tp 32.95

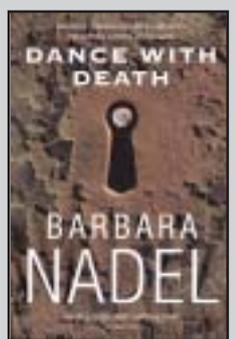


Ed Loy hasn't been back to Dublin for 20 years. But his mother is dead and he has returned home to bury her. He soon realises that the world waiting for him is very different from the one he left behind. Linda Dawson's husband has disappeared. She doesn't want the police involved. Reluctantly, Loy agrees to investigate. Suddenly, in this place where he grew up - among the Georgian houses and Victorian castles - Loy finds a world of organised crime, long-hidden secrets, corruption, violence and murder. Debut mystery. (Irish)

Dance with Death

Barbara NADEL

305pp Tp 32.95

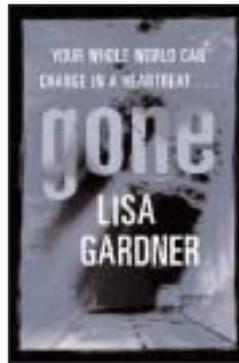


Inspector Cetin Ikmen Mystery #8. The body of a young woman is discovered in a cave in the remote region of Cappadocia, Turkey. Her corpse has been undisturbed for 20 years. Inspector Ikmen is summoned from Istanbul to investigate. Who killed her? Was it her boyfriend, driven mad by love, or her husband, believing she would never bear the son he wanted so badly? When it is revealed the girl was pregnant when she died, the whispers and accusations increase. Stifled among a rural community thriving on legend and folklore, Ikmen begins to think he will never see clearly through all the lies surrounding the case. One thing, however, is clear: the past is as potent as the present. Barbara Nadel is another favourite of mine and this latest outing does not disappoint. (English)

Gone

Lisa GARDNER

342pp Tp 29.95

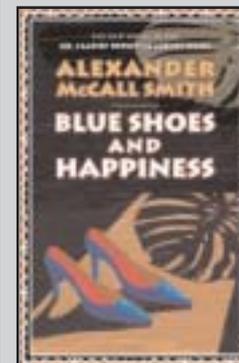


For ex-FBI profiler Pierce Quincy, it's the beginning of his worst nightmare: a car abandoned on a desolate stretch of Oregon highway, engine still running, purse on the driver's seat. And his estranged wife, Rainie Conner, missing, leaving no clue. One man knows what happened that night, and he has already contacted the press, adopting the alias of a killer from 80 years ago. His terms are clear: he wants money, power and celebrity. And if he doesn't get it, Rainie will be gone for good. Sometimes, no matter how much you love someone, it's still not enough. As the clock winds down on a terrifying deadline, Quincy plunges headlong into the most desperate hunt of his life for a killer, a lethal truth, and for the love of his life who may gone forever. (American)

Blue Shoes and Happiness

Alexander McCALL SMITH

233pp Hb 29.95



The #1 Ladies' Detective Agency #7. Precious Ramotswe has many new challenges to face: a cobra trapped in her small office at Tlokweng Road Speedy Motors, a difficult case of blackmail to solve and - to the astonishment and amusement of her friends - a diet to keep to. And she is bemused by the less traditional behaviour of her assistant, Grace Makutsi. The graduate of the Botswana Secretarial College is the epitome of the modern woman, with feminist views and a taste for fashionable footwear. But will her fiancé, Phuti Radiphuti, appreciate Mma Makutsi's progressive ways? Undaunted, Mma Ramotswe deals with these concerns with her usual resourcefulness and unerring intuition. A delightful addition to the series. (Scottish)

PUBLIC HOLIDAY HOURS

April



14 Good Fri	closed
15 Easter Sat	8:30am - 6:00pm
16 Easter Sun	10:00am - 5:00pm
17 Easter Mon	10:00am - 5:00pm



25 Tue Anzac Day	10:00am - 5:00pm
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MODERN CRIME

Alina ADAMS

Axel of Evil

224pp Pb 16.95

A *Figure-Skating mystery*. When a Russian figure-skating coach collapses during practice and is pronounced dead, reporter Bex Levy has a hunch it's cold-blooded murder - on ice. (American)



Madelyn ALT

The Trouble with Magic

272pp Pb 16.95

A *Bewitching mystery*. Maggie O'Neill is initially a little disturbed to hear her new employer Felicity Dow describe herself as a witch. But when Felicity becomes the prime suspect in the murder of her estranged sister, Maggie must quickly enlist Felicity's Wiccan friends for help and discover her own spellbinding talent. (America)

Jennifer APODACA

Batteries Required

311pp Pb 16.95

A *Samantha Shaw mystery*. Samantha Shaw's dating service, Heart Mates, is barely paying the bills, and her relationship with private investigator Gabe Pulizzi isn't exactly a ringing endorsement of her knack for romance.



Now her friend Angel has disappeared, leaving behind a ransacked, bloodstained house. With Gabe in tow, Sam questions Angel's ex-husband, Hugh Crimson. Sam knows her friend's divorce has been filed under 'unpleasant', but she can't believe Hugh is capable of ex-wife-napping or murder. Solving this case will require every ounce of energy Sam's got, and she's going to unearth some high-voltage surprises along the way... (American)

Nancy ATHERTON

Aunt Dimity and the Next of Kin

288pp Pb 18.95

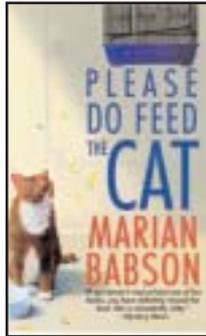
Lori Shepherd decides to become a volunteer at the Radcliffe Infirmary, where she meets Elizabeth Beacham, a kind, retired legal secretary with no family except a brother who has mysteriously disappeared. But after only a few visits, Miss Beacham suddenly passes away, leaving Lori to tie up the loose ends of her late friend's life. Armed with Aunt Dimity's supernatural skills, Lori begins to unearth Miss Beacham's secrets and, ultimately, the surprising truth about her next of kin. (American)

Marian BABSON

Please Do Feed the Cat

256pp Pb 16.95

Mystery writer Lorinda Lucas is disturbed by the half-starved state of Roscoe, the cat next door. Before Lorinda left for her latest book tour, Roscoe was as pampered as her own two felines. It only takes a modicum of sleuthing to find out that in Lorinda's absence, Roscoe's owner, Macho Magee, has acquired a new girlfriend, who has put the gentle Macho and his pet on a strict diet. And that's only the first disturbing news in *Brimful Coffers*. Lorinda soon discovers that a hit-and-run has ended a child's life, professional jealousy has taken a deadly twist, and murder is just around the corner... (American)



Robert BARNARD

The Bones in the Attic

205pp Pb 32.95

Soccer star Matt Harper has purchased a rambling old house in Leeds, where he plans to settle down with his partner and her children. A survey of the attic produces a shock - a tiny skeleton, identified as that of a two-year-old who died some 30 years ago, that same summer of 1969 when Matt was sent to Leeds to live with his aunt. Detective Inspector Charlie Peace acknowledges the low priority of the case for the local police, so Matt mounts his own investigation, struggling to understand how a child could just disappear, yet never be reported missing, just turning into bones in an attic. (English)

Nevada BARR

Hard Truth **336pp Pb 18.95**

Just days after marrying Sheriff Paul Davidson, Anna Pigeon moves to Colorado to assume a post as district ranger at Rocky Mountain National Park. When two of three children who had gone missing from a religious retreat reappear, Anna's investigation brings her face-to-face with a paranoid sect and a villain so evil that he'll make the hairs on the back of your neck stand up. (American)

M C BEATON

The Deadly Dance

256pp Pb 16.95

An *Agatha Raisin mystery*. Infuriated that her holiday was ruined by a mugging, Agatha Raisin decides to open her own detective agency. The romance-minded sleuth is thrilled by visions of handsome fellow gumshoes and headline-making crimes, but soon finds the only cases she gets are a non-glamorous lot of lost cats and errant teenagers. But when a wealthy divorcée hires the agency to investigate a death threat against her daughter, Agatha thwarts a vicious attack on the heiress bride. Now she is in hot pursuit of the culprit. When the groom's father turns up dead, Agatha must untangle a growing list of suspects, from Carsely's quiet village lanes to the most fashionable streets of Paris. (American)

Simon BECKETT

The Chemistry of Death

368pp Tp 32.95

Hidden away as a country doctor, David Hunter's past as a high-profile forensic anthropologist is a secret he hopes to keep hidden. Then the bizarrely mutilated and long-dead body of a young woman is found in a ditch in the Norfolk marshlands and David is asked by the police to use his arcane skills to help track down the killer. He is reluctant to become involved, knowing this will only stir up painful memories. Then another young woman disappears and he realises it will take all his knowledge and expertise to stop the killer. (English)

KEY

ACADEMIC



BANKING



CANINE DETECTIVES



CLERICAL



COSY/MALICE DOMESTIC



CULINARY/FOOD



FBI



FELINE DETECTIVES



FORENSIC



HORSE RACING MYSTERY



MEDICAL



MILITARY



NATIVE AMERICAN



POLICE PROCEDURAL



POLITICAL/LEGAL



PSYCHOLOGICAL



PRIVATE EYE



ROMANTIC SUSPENSE



SPORT



SPY



SUSPENSE/THRILLER



AUTHOR'S NATIONALITY AT END OF BLURB



William BERNHARDT

 **Dark Eye 480pp Pb 18.95**
When a killer begins decorating Las Vegas with the disfigured bodies of beautiful young women, detective Susan Pulaski's own demons go on a binge. A violent incident earns her a pink slip and a trip to detox. Things appear hopeless as she desperately tries to regain her job and good reputation, until Darcy O'Bannon, an autistic savant, causes her to view the serial murders from a new perspective. Thanks to Darcy's astonishing skills, Susan is now the key player in the hunt for the killer. She is also in more danger than she knows, as the killer needs her to finish his masterwork of horror. (American)

Gary BIRKEN

 **Embolus 352pp Pb 18.95**
At Gillette Trauma Hospital, patients of Dr Runyon have been dying, victims of a pulmonary embolus, or fatal blood clot. Journalist David Airoway has been investigating, until he ends up as a patient too. Now his sister, a surgeon, must expose a deadly conspiracy before Dr Runyon takes care of her brother. (American)

J Carson BLACK

 **Dark Side of the Moon 384pp Pb 18.95**
Two newlyweds are murdered in an Arizona campground and Detective Laura Cardinal is enlisted to investigate. Still reeling from a tragedy of her own, Laura is already walking an emotional tightrope. What she discovers - a secret of a love gone wrong, an underground society and a high stakes conspiracy - could send her over the edge. (American)

Laurence BLOCK

 **Five Great Novels 576pp Tp 35.00**
Five of Block's early novels, all first published in the 60s: **Coward's Kiss, Grifter's Game, You could Call it Murder, The Girl with the Long Green Heart** and **Deadly Honeymoon**. (American)

Lilian Jackson BRAUN

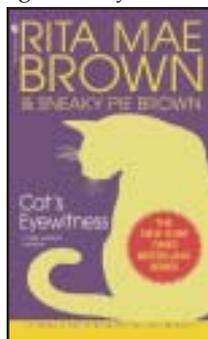
 **The Cat who Dropped a Bombshell 212pp Hb 55.00**
A Jim Qwilleran Feline Whodunit. While the town of Pickax is swept up in sesquicentennial celebrations, Koko has developed a strange new hobby: he drops himself from balconies, occasionally landing in the oddest of places. When a young man comes to visit his wealthy relatives, he plummets straight onto his head! Meanwhile, a hurricane is brewing and the visitor's family members soon fall deathly ill. Qwill has his work cut out for him because Pickax - as foreshadowed by Koko - is about to be hit by a bombshell. (American)

Allison BRENNAN

 **The Kill 416pp Pb 16.95**
For 30 years, FBI scientist Olivia St Martin has lived with guilt, and one abiding certainty: she wasn't able to save her sister's life, but at least she testified and helped convict the rapist and killer. When shocking new evidence exonerates the man Olivia is sure she saw abduct her sister, she breaks every rule in the book to uncover the truth. (American)

Rita Mae BROWN

 **Cat's Eyewitness 352pp 18.95**
A Mrs Murphy mystery. With the holidays approaching, Mary Minor 'Harry' Haristeen and her best friend, Susan Tucker, take a much-needed timeout at the mountain monastery of Mount Carmel. Under the benevolent gaze of the statue of the Virgin Mary, their worldly worries are soon overshadowed. Before their eyes, the statue begins to cry tears of blood! Legend has it that Mary's crimson tears are harbingers of crises. When Susan's great-uncle Thomas, a resident monk, is found frozen to death at the base of the statue, it's only the beginning of a series of deadly events. (American)



Leslie CAINE

 **Manor of Death 400pp Pb 16.95**
A Domestic Bliss mystery. Erin Gilbert's new decorating job starts with the sighting of a ghost and leads to the discovery of a decades-old secret, a hidden dead space in the attic, and the shocking death of a beautiful young woman. Teamed with her insufferably self-confident competitor, Steve Sullivan, Erin finds herself up against the neighbours, a troubled teen, a woman communing with the dead, and one very unnerved client. As Erin continues to work on the house, the perfect blueprint for murder is revealed all too clearly. (American)

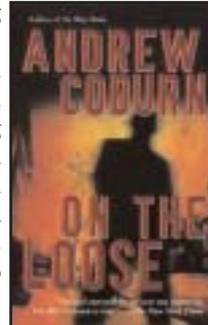
Philip CARLO

 **Smiling Wolf 321pp Pb 16.95**
Anne Fitzgerald is young, beautiful and intelligent, but she may also be dead, having disappeared after interviewing the mysterious Santos Dracol. Now it's up to detective Frank De Nardo to find her. But the more Frank investigates, the deeper he descends into a shocking world of dark clubs and darker perversions, hidden in the shadowy underbelly of New York City. (American)



Andrew COBURN

 **On the Loose 277pp Pb 16.95**
By the age of 12, Bobby Sawhill had brutally killed two people, showing no remorse. Tried as a juvenile and sentenced to youth detention, he refused counselling. All he cares about is bodybuilding, getting bigger and stronger. Soon he'll be 21 and he'll be released, and then Bobby's coming home. Home to a small town that will live in fear, certain that he will kill again, yet unable to do anything but wait. (American)



Michael CONNELLY

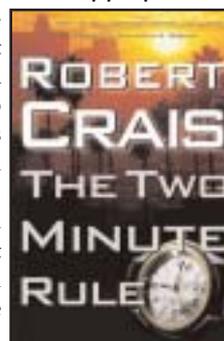
 **The Closers 528pp Pb 19.95**
After three years as a PI, Harry Bosch returns to the LAPD, working with his former cop ally and partner, Kizmin Rider. Harry and Kiz are immediately thrown into a politically sensitive and dangerous case when a DNA match connects a white supremacist to the 1988 murder of a mixed race 16-year-old girl. But as they navigate the case, someone is watching, waiting and hoping Harry makes a mistake. (American)

Donn CORTEZ

 **CSI Miami: Cult Following 320pp Pb 14.95**
Lieutenant Horatio Caine is called to investigate a mysterious death at an organic eatery. He finds the victim, waiter Phillip Mulroony, bent over a stainless steel toilet, his clothing shredded, burn marks on his face, shoes blown off his feet. The staff at the eatery believe Mulrooney's death is an act of God - punishment for straying from the Vitality Method, their spiritual philosophy. But the only philosophy Horatio believes in is justice for the victim, and he'll move heaven and earth to get it. (American)

Robert CRAIS

 **The Two Minute Rule 336pp Tp 29.95**
When an ageing ex-con finally gets out of jail, freedom doesn't taste too sweet. His son is gunned down in a drive-by shooting. It seems like a random crime, but when the victim is a cop, the motives are never simple. When the hit is exposed as a revenge killing and the question of police corruption is raised, it becomes a father's last duty to clear his son's name and catch the killer. (American)



**Sandra DALLAS**

New Mercies 320pp Tp 29.95
 Nora Bondurant, running away from the ghosts of her husband's death, learns she has inherited a house in Natchez, Mississippi. Along with it, she has inherited a mystery. Nora's aunt was killed in a murder/suicide and the locals are saying nothing. As Nora becomes more enmeshed in the community, she learns surprising things about the life and death of her aunt: kinship isn't always what it seems, loyalty can be as fierce as blood relations, and each day gives us new mercies to heal the pain of loss and love. (American)

Claire DANIELS

Final Intuition 288pp Pb 16.95
 A *Karma Crime mystery*. Cally's Thanksgiving holiday becomes a hell of a day when her ailing Aunt Daphne keels over after the turkey dinner. But her illness isn't the cause. According to Daphne's devoted caretaker, someone has been trying to poison Daphne - someone who was at the dinner table that very night. When Daphne dies, Cally and her quirky family start their own investigation to uncover a motive. But as they get closer to the culprit, another poisoning occurs, and Cally has to use every extra sense she has to catch a conniving killer. (American)

Deborah DONNELLY

You May Now Kill the Bride 304pp Pb 14.95
 Wedding planner Carnegie Kincaid has come to San Juan Island to oversee her best friend's wedding. When her own mother announces her engagement to a local millionaire, Carnegie inherits more than two hostile stepsisters and a new father whom she doesn't quite trust. Juggling cops and caterers, secret lovers and sullen in-laws, Carnegie finds a season of love in an idyllic setting turning into chaos. Then the millionaire's key employee turns up dead and the local police start breathing down her neck. Can she stop a match made in heaven from becoming an invitation to murder? (American)

Jack DUBRUL

Charon's Landing 496pp Pb 18.95
 Years ago, a secret Soviet plan was made to strike a fatal blow to the US by destroying the Alaskan oil pipeline. Now those plans have been stolen by the brilliant and treacherous ex-KGB agent Ivan Kerikov. Joining forces with a powerful Arab oil minister, 'Charon's Landing' is about to be unleashed at last. But they didn't count on Philip Mercer, the one man with the determination and daring to stop them cold. (American)

Selma EICHLER

Murder Can Run Your Stockings 272pp Pb 16.95
 A *Desiree Shapiro mystery*. Wisecracking New York detective Desiree Shapiro always offers queen-sized entertainment. This time, a client wants her to nab his old aunt's killer. But things get sticky as the suspects keep multiplying and Desiree's tepid relationship with her hot neighbour Nick starts to simmer. (American)

Aaron ELKINS

Where there's a Will 288pp Pb 16.95
 A *Gideon Oliver mystery*. After going missing 10 years ago, the plane of Alex Torkelsson's late uncle Mangus's has been found south of Hawaii's Big Island. So have the skeletal remains of Mangus, now handed over to the only man who can fit together the pieces of this mystery. What forensic detective Gideon Oliver discovers could shake the Torkelsson family tree. (American)

Adam FAWER

Improbable 464pp Pb 18.95
 David Caine, compulsive gambler and brilliant mathematician, possesses the uncanny ability to calculate odds in the blink of an eye. One night at an underground poker club, he makes a costly miscalculation, sending his life spinning out of control. In desperation, he agrees to test an experimental drug with unnerving side-effects: inexplicable visions of the past, present and future. Unsure whether he's perceiving an alternate reality or suffering a psychotic breakdown, he gradually discovers the extent of his astonishing new ability. But powerful, shadowy forces also know his secret, and he must fight for his survival... and his sanity. (American)

Joanne FLUKE

Peach Cobbler Murder 360pp Pb 16.95
 A *Hannah Swensen mystery with recipes*. When Shawna Lee Quinn, a rival bakery owner, is found shot dead in the back of the Magnolia Blossom Bakery, Hanna becomes the prime suspect in the crime. With a little help from her friends, she sets out to serve up the real killer. (American)

Rebecca FORSTER

Privileged Witness 384pp Pb 18.95
 Attorney Josie Baylor-Bates swore off rich clients years ago, but she succumbs to Grace McCreary's plea for help. The sister of a Senate hopeful - Josie's former lover - Grace is accused of murdering her disturbed sister-in-law. As Josie steps back into the world of privilege and power to prove her client's innocence (and her own worth), she risks everything she holds dear. (American)

Scott FROST

Run the Risk 352pp Pb 18.95
 When a serial bomber kidnaps the daughter of LAPD's homicide detective Alex Delillo and plans to unleash his incendiary powers on live TV, he ignites white-hot rage and a mother's revenge. (American)

Frances FYFIELD

Half Light 352pp Pb 19.95
 Elisabeth is a picture restorer, allowing her the privacy and independence she craves. When a mysterious and wealthy man commissions her to restore his fabulous collection, an uncharacteristic combination of curiosity and financial need prompts her to accept his offer. Elisabeth soon realises her error, as the past and present combine to make privacy her nemesis. As she becomes hostage to her patron, her partner and her friend realise they know nothing about her, or where she might be. (English)

Leslie GLASS

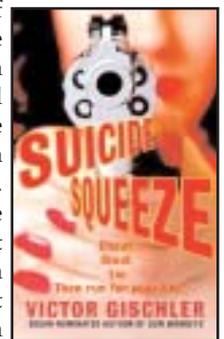
For Love and Money: A Novel of Stocks and Robbers 304pp Pb 16.95


Annie's best friend, Carol, asks her to do a slightly illegal favour for Carol's eccentric parents, and the successful stockbroker reluctantly agrees. Soon Carol's father is accusing Annie of stealing valuable assets, putting her job and family at risk. Fraud, theft and a possible murder threaten to change her life forever. Pitted against the shady side of the cutthroat brokerage business, Annie faces the ultimate betrayal from the friend she tried to help, her husband, her children and a younger lover... who happens to be her boss. (American)

Victor GISCHLER

Suicide Squeeze 334pp Pb 16.95


The high point of Teddy Folger's life was the day he got an autographed baseball card from Joe DiMaggio. It's been downhill ever since. Which is why, in one of the stupidest insurance scams in history, he just torched his own comic-book store. Enter Conner Samson. Hired to repossess Teddy's boat, he is unaware of the baseball card on board that some men are willing to kill for. With bodies piling up, the squeeze is on for the penultimate piece of Americana. And Conner will be lucky if he ends up back where he started: broke and (still) breathing. (American)



**Andrew GREELEY**

 **Irish Cream** 320pp Pb 16.95
 *A Nuala Anne McGrail novel.* Damian 'Day' O'Sullivan is a troubled young man who blames himself for a tragic vehicular homicide. But it seems he may be innocent, with his entire family apparently conspiring to pin the crime on him. Always something of a black sheep in the family, now he is also a scapegoat. This leads Nuala Anne to wonder who really ran over Rodney Keefe in the parking lot of a ritzy Chicago country club. (American)

Lois GREIMAN

 **Unplugged** 368pp Pb 16.95
 Christina McMullen, psychologist extraordinaire, has problems, not least of which are her needy clients and her sizzling-then-fizzling romance with Lieutenant Jack Rivera. But Chrissy has yet another problem: finding the missing boyfriend of her secretary. Although there is no evidence of foul play, when her razor-sharp instincts start screaming, she has to use all her skills to avoid a fate far worse than heartbreak. (American)

Judith GUEST

 **The Tarnished Eye** 352pp Pb 16.95
 The community of Blessed, Michigan, is shattered by the murder of the Norbois family - Paige, Edward and their four children - in their summer home. Sheriff Hugh DeWitt, still grieving the loss of his infant son, is determined to find answers. When did the murders occur? Which family member was the primary, intended victim? What could have fuelled such hate-driven violence? As suspects and secrets swirl around the case, one stunning revelation awaits him: a shattering clue that may be right in his line of sight. (American)

Gene HACKMAN & Daniel LENIHAN

 **Justice for None** 352pp Pb 16.95
 The year is 1929 and Vermilion, Illinois is a prosperous small town where WWI veteran Boyd Calvin lives. When Boyd stumbles upon the scene of his wife's brutal killing, he runs, only to be captured and jailed for murder. In prison, he meets and befriends George, a black convict accused of raping a white woman, and together they escape, fleeing to the anonymity of Chicago. But Boyd soon discovers the fugitive's underworld is not for him, returning to Vermilion to surrender to his fate. What he doesn't expect to find is a small group of supporters who believe in his innocence, convincing him to fight for justice. As the country stumbles toward collapse, a dramatic trial unfolds and a man's fate hangs in the balance... (American)

Jane HADDAM

 **The Headmaster's Wife** 480pp Pb 16.95
A Gregor Demarkian mystery. Windsor Academy ranks as one of the best New England prep schools money can buy, as long as nobody notices that the headmaster's wife has a student lover and drugs are as available as candy. When freshman Mark DeAvecca looks out a window to see a body across the campus, he wonders if he's hallucinating, especially when no corpse is found. Since everyone thinks he's on drugs, they all ignore him, until he returns to his dorm room to discover his roommate dead. Mark calls his mother's friend, the one person he knows will listen, Gregor Demarkian. (American)

Gary HARDWICK

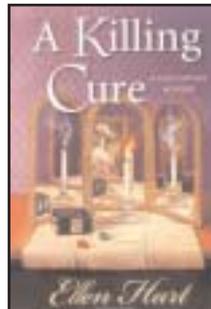
 **The Executioner's Game** 272pp Pb 18.95
 Luther Green, the CIA's best assassin, is facing his toughest assignment: the execution of his best friend and mentor, Alex Deavers. Those at the top say Deavers has gone rogue, possibly insane. But the pieces of the puzzle don't quite fit. As Deavers leads his protégé on a deadly game of cat and mouse, Luther realises that the fate of millions may depend on the outcome of his mission. (American)

Lee HARRIS

 **Murder in Greenwich Village** 304pp Pb 16.95
 *A Manhattan mystery.* When NYPD detective Jane Bauer checks in for her new assignment, she reopens a cold case. 10 years earlier, police discovered an undercover cop, Micah Anthony, shot dead in Greenwich Village. The murder remains a baffling mystery, except for two things: Micah had infiltrated a lucrative gun-trading operation, and it seems likely he knew the killer. As Jane begins her investigation, a mastermind of murder resumes operations. (American)

Ellen HART

 **A Killing Cure** 304pp Tp 29.95
A Jane Lawless mystery. Members of the prestigious Amelia Gower Women's Club are suddenly dropping like flies. The director has been strangled to death and the founder's granddaughter has taken a fatal fall from the third floor. Minneapolis restaurateur-sleuth Jane Lawless enlists the help of her best friend, Cordelia, to help her search for clues. But the crime scene becomes more dangerous with each secret they uncover, including a possible connection between Jane's lover and the murders. (American)

**John HARVEY**

 **Ash and Bone** 400pp Pb 21.95
 The daughter of retired Detective Inspector Frank Elder, Katherine, is running wild. Frank's fears are underscored by guilt, since it was his involvement in a case that led directly to the abduction and rape that has so unbalanced Katherine's life. Persuaded out of retirement, he reopens a cold case that could have devastating repercussions for the crime squad itself, and he must battle his own demons before he can uncover the truth. (English)

Illona HAUS

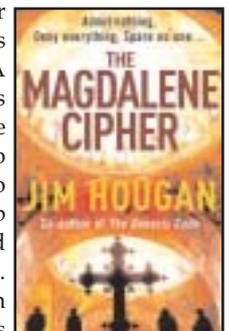
 **Blue Valor** 384pp Tp 16.95
 The killer doesn't leave a body. Only a human heart, savagely ripped from an unknown victim and left on the snowy grounds of an elite private high school. Is it a calling card for the Baltimore police or a demented message for someone else? Uncovering tenuous ties to previous unsolved murders, Homicide Detectives Kay Delaney and Danny Finnerty are drawn into the bizarre investigation, braving the darkest side of human nature and obsession. (American)

Reginald HILL

 **The Stranger House** 640pp Pb 19.95
 For over 500 years, the Stranger House has stood in Cumbria, offering refuge to all manner of travellers. People like Sam Flood, a brilliant young Australian mathematician who believes that anything that can't be explained by maths isn't worth explaining. And Miguel Madero, a Spanish historian running from a priests' seminary, who sees ghosts. Both want to dig up bits of the past that others would rather keep buried. As they uncover intertwining tales of murder, betrayal and love, they must put aside their differences to uncover the dark mysteries at the heart of this ancient place. (English)

Jim HOUGAN

 **The Magdalene Cipher** 432pp Pb 19.95
 After someone under his surveillance is slaughtered, CIA agent Jack Dunphy is ordered to leave London and return to the US, dumped into a tedious desk job that seems calculated to make him quit. Determined to learn why, Jack uses all his CIA tradecraft on the agency that has turned against him, discovering a conspiracy reaching back to the time of Christ, a conspiracy so vast and deep that the CIA itself is but a cover for it. (English)



**Greg ILES****Turning Angel 512pp Tp 32.95**

Penn Cage returns to his home town in Mississippi. At first glance, it is an idyllic place to raise children, but beneath the surface the town is stretched to breaking point by racial tension and civic corruption. News breaks that a 17-year-old student has been found raped and murdered – a girl with whom Penn's best friend Drew confesses to having an affair. When Drew is accused of the murder, he asks Penn to defend him in the most explosive case the town has ever seen. (American)

Jane ISENBERG**Hot Wired 36pp Pb 14.95**

A Bel Barrett mystery. An angry ex-student posts a nasty hip-hop screed about her on a popular college website, and community college professor Bel Barrett is devastated. When the venomous poet is discovered lying dead on the subway tracks, Bel is suddenly the chief murder suspect. Her career and freedom on the line, this post-menopausal professor must enter the alien world of hip-hop culture, making unlikely friends and dangerous enemies on her quest to clear her name and unmask a killer. (American)

J A JANCE**Edge of Evil****400pp Pb 18.95**

Replaced on air by a younger face and with a divorce from her cheating husband pending, there is nothing left to keep TV journalist Alison Reynolds in LA. Summoned home to Arizona by the death of a childhood friend, she launches an online blog as therapy for others who have been similarly cut loose. As threatening posts begin appearing, she learns that a blog is far more personal than a news desk. And far more dangerous. Suddenly something dark and deadly is swirling around her life, and a killer may be hunting her next. (American)

Yolanda JOE**Video Cowboys 320pp Pb 16.95**

A Georgia Barnett mystery. Georgia and her partner Zeke are taken hostage in a bank by a bomb-wielding gunman who demands national media coverage for his missing daughter. In exchange for access to the airwaves, Georgia can walk. Zeke, however, is going nowhere. With her tough cop boyfriend away on assignment, Georgia takes help where she can find it. Enter the Video Cowboys, a camera crew hungry to ride with her. With a trigger-happy police force facing off against a desperate father, she is under the gun to find the missing girl and save Zeke from the crossfire. (American)

Andrea KANE**I'll be Watching You****432pp Pb 18.95**

Psychologist and popular radio personality Taylor Halstead's world was violated when Gordon Mallory - her cousin Stephanie's wealthy, sadistic boyfriend - attacked her in her own apartment, then swore he'd return to finish the job when the assault was interrupted. Gordon's death soon after in a mysterious yacht explosion does not calm her, especially as Stephanie was also killed in the blast. Now an electronically disguised voice on the telephone promises he'll be coming for her soon... (American)

Faye KELLERMAN**Straight into Darkness****500pp Pb 19.95**

Munich 1920. Detective Axel Berg is called to the scene of the grisly murder of a young society wife. Soon a second body is discovered, also a woman of high society. Then a third body is found. Is the killer possessed by both political and personal demons? With the rise of Hitler, Munich is overrun by political factions, and a dedicated policeman can never know who to trust. (American)

Judith KELMAN**Whilst Angel's Sleep****352pp Pb 18.95**

Strange, terrible things happened at Thornwood when Emily was a child. Thinking the horrors are over, she returns with her own children, only to find the sins of the past still linger in the shadows. (American)

Judith KELMAN**Hush Little Darlings****368pp Pb 18.95**

Known as the Velvet Viper, he has abducted four young girls, but when they reach safety, all they can remember is a strange dream of black velvet walls, fragrant flowers and soft music. Unfortunately for Assistant DA Sarah Spooner, dreams aren't much to go on, but they soon lead her on a maddening descent into the workings of one man's poisoned mind. And Sarah has a young daughter of her own... (American) (1989)

Kate KINGSBURY**Wedding Rows 208pp Pb 16.95**

Manor House Mystery #8. Sitting Marsh, a World War II town threatened by invasion, is overdue for a celebration. But when a stranger appears at a wedding - and is stabbed - sleuth Lady Elizabeth is on the case, with no shortage of suspects. (American)

John LAWTON**Flesh Wounds 352pp Tp 27.00**

An Inspector Troy novel. An old flame has returned to Troy's life: Kitty Stilton, now wife of an American presidential hopeful. With her is private eye Joey Rork, hired to make sure Kitty's amorous liaisons with a rat-pack crooner don't ruin her husband's political career. Joey wants to know why Kitty has been spotted with Danny Ryan, whose brothers, in addition to owning one of London's hottest jazz clubs, are said to have inherited the crime empire of a fallen mobster. Before Joey can find out, he meets a gruesome end. And he isn't the only one: bodies start turning up around London, dismembered in the same horrifying way. Does the trail of blood lead back to Troy's own police force and his own forgotten past? (English)

John LESCROART**A Certain Justice (1995)****464pp Pb 18.95**

When the angry white mob poured out of the bar on San Francisco's Geary Street and surrounded an innocent black man, Kevin Shea was the only one who tried to stop them, but he failed. Now, thanks to a deceptive news photo taken during the melee, he is wanted for the murder himself, and the real culprits have threatened his life if he says a word. As riots rage and politicians posture, Lieutenant Abe Glitsky finds himself under pressure to bring Shea in at all costs. (American)

John LESCROART**The Motive 448pp Pb 18.95**

When Paul Hanover's multimillion-dollar Victorian home went up in flames, it was all over very quickly. The bodies of Hanover and his girlfriend were found in the charred debris. Judging from the bullet holes in them, their end came even more quickly. But this isn't just any double homicide. Hanover was a friend and donor to the mayor, who wants answers. In trying to provide them, Abe Glitsky and Dismas Hardy face an old lover, an old enemy, and follow a trail of evidence that stretches far beyond their usual jurisdiction. (American)

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Hailey LIND**Feint of Art 336pp Pb 16.95**

An *Annie Kincaid mystery*. Annie breaks the news to her curator ex-boyfriend Ernst: his museum's new \$15 million Caravaggio is a fake. Then the janitor is killed, Ernst disappears and a dealer makes off with several Old Master drawings. If she breaks the case using her old connections, Annie can finally pay the rent. But doing so could also draw her back into the underworld of forgers she swore she'd left behind. (American)

Jeff LINDSAY**Dearly Devoted Dexter****304pp Tp 29.95**

Sergeant Doakes won't let Dexter Morgan - Miami's best-dressed serial killer - out of his sight. Dexter may be Miami PD's blood-spatter analyst, but Doakes has a pretty good idea of how Dex likes to spend his free time and he's determined to catch him in the act. Dex hasn't killed in months and is getting twitchy. To throw Doakes off his scent, he's spending more time with his girlfriend. Then a body turns up, horribly mutilated and barely alive. It's the work of a torturer extraordinaire - a man who abducts his victims and keeps them alive for weeks while he performs his hideous operations. To trap the torturer, Doakes and Dexter have to work together. It's a devil's pact and one of them has to be the bait... (American)

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David McKEOWEN**Grip****512pp Pb 19.95**

The one deal James Carroll needed to close to get to film school went wrong. Now he owes £30,000 to drug dealer Roger Oates. For Roger, if James can't pay, his parents must. But Francis Carroll has put everything he has into a project that will finally bring him the success he craves. He simply cannot afford to help his son. And it's no good asking his ambitious new wife Rachel, who wants a baby. Meanwhile, his first wife wants him back. Everyone wants to keep a grip: on their money, on their jobs, on their dreams. But something's got to give. (English)

Evan McNAMARA**Fair Game****336pp Pb 18.95**

When a councilman is found with a bullet hole in his head, Sheriff Bill Tatum knows this was no hunting accident. After nearly losing his life to his corrupt predecessor, he has his doubts about everyone's innocence. (American)

Tamara MYERS**Assault and Pepper****272pp Pb 16.95**

A Pennsylvania Dutch mystery with recipes. Magdalena Yoder and her Mennonite congregation gather for the annual chilli cook-off, only to have beloved Reverend Schrock fall face-first into his bowl. For his widow's sake, Magdalena looks into the victim's death and discovers that Schrock was not well liked by his flock. (American)

Tim MYERS**Dead Men Don't Lye****240pp Pb 16.95**

A *Soapmaking mystery*. Benjamin Perkins thought he had his hands full taking care of his family's specialty soap store and keeping his quirky clan in line and out of trouble. But he's about to learn that when it comes to murder, there's no such thing as a clean getaway. (American)

Barbara NADEL**Last Rights****320pp Pb 19.95**

Francis Hancock is an undertaker in the London borough of West Ham in the 1940s. WWII is in full swing and Francis, a veteran of WWI, is still dealing with nightmares of the Flanders trenches. During an air raid one night, he sees a madman screaming about being stabbed, but there is no sign of blood, so he passes him by. Two days later, the man's body turns up at his funeral parlour. So begins a frightening sequence of events that has Francis pitted against violent thugs, an almost impenetrable network of secrets and his own fragile sanity. (English)

Chris NYST**Crook as Rookwood****544pp Pb 19.95**

When Gold Coast lawyer Eddie Moran comes to Sydney to look after his friend Slick's interests after the death of her ex, he finds a simple drug overdose isn't so simple after all. (Australian)

Thomas O'CALLAGHAN**Bone Thief 377pp Pb 16.95**

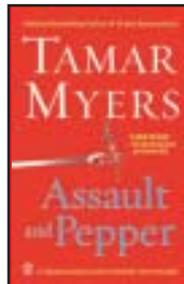
A housewife snatched in broad daylight. A tattooed drifter displayed under a boardwalk. A wealthy, high-society heiress left in a city dump. A busy, young mother on her last errand.... All victims of the Bone Thief, a twisted madman who slays his victims and steals their bones as gruesome trophies. Lieutenant John Driscoll, a man on the edge of both sanity and life since tragedy struck his own family, must conquer his own demons to hunt a cunning predator whose most shocking revelation is yet to come. (American)

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Newly married Miami lawyers Gail Connor and Anthony Quintana travel to Cuba to see the island that still captures Anthony's heart. But the trip is anything but nostalgic as they face violence, murder, a terrorist threat and a past love that could tear them apart. (American)

P J PARRISH**An Unquiet Grave 429pp Pb 16.95**

As bulldozers arrive to raze a ruined sanitarium and its forgotten cemetery, a terrifying secret emerges. The body in Claudia Olsen's grave certainly suffered a horrible death, but it's not the woman who should be buried there. So what happened? This unanswered question leads Louis Kincaid to the long, dark tunnels below the asylum and to crimes of unimaginable depravity. In a place where the walls are stained with secrets and the air thick with the lingering history of screams, he must match his wits with a monster whose work will not be silenced. (American)



**Joanne PENCE**

 **Red Hot Murder 368pp Pb 16.95**
Am Angie Amalfi mystery. Chef Angie Amalfi follows her fiancé, homicide detective Paavo Smith, back to the sun-drenched Arizona town where he grew up. Paavo is helping a friend investigate the murder of a wealthy local and it soon appears that this tiny desert community houses a hotbed of deadly secrets. When a second course of murder is served up, Angie's tasty getaway with her lover starts to look more and more like her final meal. (American)

Thomas PERRY

 **Dead Aim 400pp Tp 29.95**
 An encounter on a beach with a mysterious young woman shatters the peaceful, carefully constructed life of Robert Mallon. Despite Mallon's desperate attempts, he loses her, and becomes obsessed with discovering why. He hires detective Lydia Marks to uncover the secrets of this stranger's life, propelling them into a terrifying world of sinister secrets and deadly hatreds. (American)

Candice POARCH

 **Discarded Promises 349pp Pb 16.95**
 Shop-owner Quilla Day stumbles upon a woman's body which, by the time the police arrive, is gone. Angry at being ignored by the cops, she is soon on a collision course with undercover agent Denton Manning. Aloof, arrogant and gorgeous, Denton believed he was immune to any sexy lady until feisty Quilla proves him wrong. Denton wants Quilla in his arms, but decides not to reveal the truth about who he is until the end of his undercover case. Yet one thing that can kill their growing love is Denton's lies. Another is a ruthless murderer who plans to end Quilla's future before it begins. (American)

**Richard POWELL**

 **Say it with Bullets (1953) 253pp Pb 16.95**
Hard Case Crime Series. Bill Wayne told his beautiful tour guide that he took the bus trip through the west to relax. But who can relax with dead bodies turning up at every stop? From Cheyenne to Salt Lake City, from Reno to Yosemite, Bill is secretly on a mission to discover which of his former army buddies shot him four years ago and left him for dead. But with all the lead that's flying around, Bill will be lucky to make it to the end of the tour in one piece... (American)

Michael PRESCOTT

 **Mortal Faults 384pp Pb 18.95**
 A one-woman private operative, Abby Sinclair stalks the stalkers. Her new client is a US congressman who is being shadowed by a mystery woman believed to be a disgruntled ex-employee. What Abby doesn't know is that FBI agent Tess McCallum is already on the case. Despite vowing never to work together again, Abby and Tess have been partnered in a deadly game. (American)

Bill PRONZINI

 **Nightcrawlers 304pp Pb 16.95**
A Nameless detective novel. Tamara, the agency's new partner, would give Nameless a chance to enjoy life and spend time with his wife and daughter. At least, that was the plan, before the call informing him that Russ Dancer - a name from the past and not a pleasant memory - was dying and needed to speak to him. The visit to Dancer opens a door into another and more personal hell, one filled with nightcrawlers beyond imagining. (American)

Ann PURSER

 **Theft on Thursday 288pp Pb 16.95**
A Lois Meade mystery. A friend has asked working-class mother and housecleaner Lois Meade to help crack a case. It looks like the handsome new choirmaster may have been poisoned. Lois soon finds herself untangling a web of secrets, bigotry and intrigue - and can't let the culprits get away clean. (American)

Sheila QUIGLEY

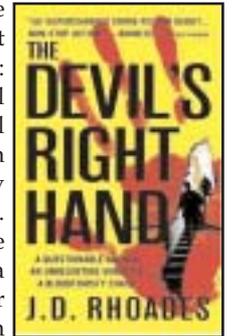
 **Bad Moon Rising 448pp Pb 21.95**
 Three women are dead and Detective Inspector Lorraine Hunt is searching for a serial killer. In Houghton-le-Spring, it's Feast week, a time when all hell is let loose as the fair comes to town. The frenzy of celebration and decadence provides a temporary distraction from the grim realities of everyday life. It's not a good time to be searching for a stranger, nor is it a good time to be a woman alone... (English)

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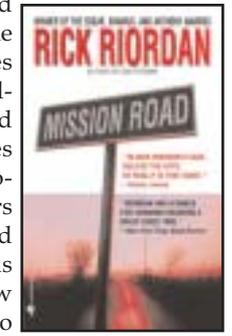
 **The Devil's Right Hand 352pp Pb 16.95**
 Ex-cons DeWayne and Leonard thought it was a simple plan: swipe the payroll from a local construction company. Pity they left the owner dead. Bigger pity is that the owner's son is a violent drug dealer who is crazier than the low-calibre ex-cons he's vowed to nail. Enter bounty hunter and war vet Jack Keller. Caught in a violent vendetta between two trigger-happy rednecks and a psycho blinded by rage, Keller is soon spiralling into a revenge plot set to explode in the North Carolina backwoods. (American)

**Gene RIEHL**

 **Sleeper 368pp Pb 16.95**
 Puller Monk is assigned to investigate when a da Vinci masterwork is stolen from a private collector. No ordinary agent, he plays by his own rules. He's just what the FBI needs. Because they're not looking for any ordinary thief, but rather a young American 'sleeper' who answers to many names and is trained in deadly arts. Only a select few know who she really is and her ultimate objective: take out Puller Monk. (American)

Rick RIORDAN

 **Mission Road 352pp Pb 16.95**
 When an old friend appears at the door of PI Tres Navarre, blood-spattered and wanted for homicide, Tres jumps into a no-man's-land. 18 years ago, an unsolved murder on notorious Mission Road threw the San Antonio underworld into bloody chaos. Now, armed and dangerous, the target of a citywide manhunt, Tres is on a collision course with the past. On Mission Road, a secret awaits that will tear his life apart. (American)

**J D ROBB**

 **Origin in Death #21 320pp Pb 19.95**
 2059. A pioneer of modern reconstructive and cosmetic surgery, Dr Wilfred is murdered in a chillingly efficient manner: one swift stab to the heart. Struck by the immaculate condition of the crime scene, Dallas suspects a professional killing. Security cameras show a stunningly beautiful woman calmly entering and leaving the building. (American)

**Gillian ROBERTS**

 **Till the End of Tom**
288pp Pb 16.95

An Amanda Pepper mystery. When Philly Prep English teacher Amanda Pepper finds blue blood Tomas Severin dying at the foot of the school's marble staircase, the Severin family call on her to investigate. Amanda soon realises that many people felt their lives would improve if Tom's life ended. Not only did Tom leave behind a string of angry ex-wives, he was disliked by everyone. The End of Tom is just the beginning of the grief he caused. (American)

Jonathan SANTLOFER

 **Color Blind** 464pp Pb 16.95

 Two horribly mutilated corpses are linked by a strange painting left at each scene. The NYPD turn to former cop Kate McKinnon, whose expertise extends equally into the worlds of crime and art. Despite herself, Kate is drawn into a chilling game of cat-and-mouse where nothing is ever black and white. (American)

Sharon SHORT

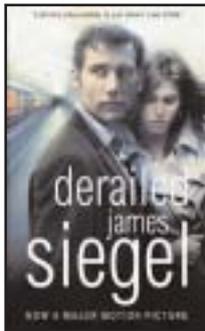
 **Hung Out to Die** 272pp Pb 16.95

 *A Toadfern mystery.* Ostracised from the family unit ever since her parents dumped her as an 8-year-old in a local orphanage, small-town laundress Josie Toadfern is stunned to be invited to crabby family matriarch 'Mamaw' Toadfern's Thanksgiving celebration. But an even bigger shock awaits: Josie's unapologetic long-lost parents. When a dead body is tossed into the already explosive chaos of bitter feelings, intra-family feuding and incinerated turkey meat, Josie finds herself in the most uncomfortable position of having to prove her disreputable dad innocent of murder. (American)

James SIEGEL

 **Derailed** 416pp Pb 19.95

 The day Charles Schine misses his regular train is the day that changes his life. Catching the later train instead, he meets the beautiful Lucinda Harris. Before long, journeys into work become lunch dates, which become cocktails and eventually lead to a rented room in a seedy hotel. Both married, they know the risks they are taking, but not in their worst nightmares could they foresee what is to follow. Suddenly their temptation turns horrifically sour and their illicit liaison becomes caught up in something bigger, more dangerous and more brutally violent. Now a major motion picture starring Clive Owen and Jennifer Aniston. (American)

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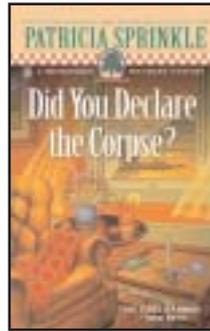
 **Driven to Murder**
368pp Pb 18.95

A Rebecca Moore mystery. Rebecca's love of all things automotive have enticed her to pit lane at the Indianapolis Speedway, where the bullet that shatters the windshield of the vintage race car in her care cannot be as easily ignored as the taunts tossed her way. Neither can the body she finds in the cockpit the day before the race. Attempting to uncover the killer, deadly secrets threaten to make this high-speed lap her last. (American)

Patricia SPRINKLE

 **Did You Declare the Corpse?**
288pp Pb 16.95

A Thoroughly Southern mystery. Georgia Magistrate MacLaren Yarbrough and her friend Laura are off to Scotland to explore their genealogical roots, along with a tour group full of unusual travel mates. When two empty coffins mysteriously appear in the church in the small town where the group is staying - although none of the locals have died - things take a turn for the macabre. Then the bodies of two Americans are discovered occupying the coffins and MacLaren finds herself back on the job. (American)

**J B STANLEY**

 **A Killer Collection**
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A Collectible mystery. Introducing amateur sleuth Molly Appleby, a sharp-witted writer for *Collector's Weekly* magazine. She has a keen knowledge of antiques and a special fondness for collectibles. When a fellow collector is murdered, she quickly develops an uncanny understanding of the criminal mind. (American)

Mariah STEWART

 **Voices Carry** 400pp Pb 16.95

 FBI agent Genna Snow's successful career cannot fully erase the heartache of a shattered childhood. After breaking the silence surrounding the abusive acts of a summer camp counsellor, young Genna was abandoned by her family even as justice was being served in the courtroom. Assigned to the investigation of a series of seemingly random abductions of young women, Genna sees a terrifying pattern emerge and faces the chilling realisation that someone from her past may be on the way back into her life. (American)

Anne STRIEBER

 **An Invisible Woman**
288pp Pb 16.95

 Kealy Ryerson has everything a New York socialite could want: wealth, power, a devoted husband and loving children. Then her attorney husband calls while she's at the salon. "Run", he says. "Take the children. Go now. Trust no one." But Kealy waits too long and, within a half hour, her husband is dead. Now Kealy cannot run: her apartment is under surveillance and she has no access to money. Alone on the streets, without her fancy clothes and expensive makeup, no one recognises her - not even her husband's partner or her best friends. Kealy can walk invisible among the people who want her dead. (American)

Cecelia TISHY

 **Now You See Her** 336pp Pb 16.95

 *A Regina Cutter mystery.* The victim of her husband's midlife crisis, Regina is out of a marriage, an income and a place to live. She relocates to Boston's Back Bay, where her psychic aunt bequeathed her some paranormal ability, along with a townhouse. Adjusting to her new job as a police psychic, she is called upon to help prove the false imprisonment of a drug felon and end the possible haunting of a recently renovated townhouse. (American)

Fred VARGAS

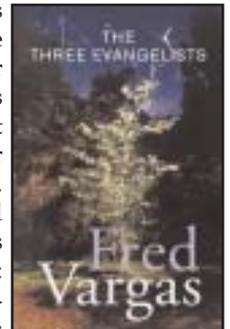
 **Seeking Whom He May Devour**
272pp Pb 23.95

 Disturbing things have been happening up in the French mountains - sheep are being found with their throats torn-out. The evidence points to a wolf of unnatural size and strength, but Suzanne thinks it's a werewolf. Then Suzanne is found slaughtered in the same way. Her friend Camille attempts, with the help of Suzanne's son Soliman, to find out who, or what, is responsible. (French)

Fred VARGAS

 **The Three Evangelists**
240pp Tp 32.95

 Sophia Simeonidis wakes up one morning to discover that a tree has appeared overnight in the garden of her Paris house. Intrigued and unnerved, she turns to her neighbours: Vandoosler, an ex-cop, and historians Mathias, Marc and Lucien, three evangelists. They agree to dig around the tree and see if something has been buried there, finding nothing but soil. A few weeks later, Sophia disappears and her body is found burned to ashes in a car. Vandoosler and the three evangelists set out to find who killed her. (French)





Marcos VILLATORO

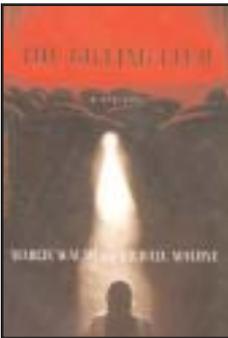
A Venom Beneath the Skin 320pp Pb 16.95
A Romilia Chacón novel. Inside the FBI, Latina detective Romilia Chacón is the only link to a legendary criminal who may have just taken down one of their own. FBI agent Chip Pierce was found poisoned, with the single word “cabrón” carved into his stomach. The only suspect is the infamous Tekún Umán, a seductive and brilliant Guatemalan drug dealer who once got under Romilia’s skin and never quite left. Skirting official regulations to begin a personal hunt for Tekún, Romilia stumbles into a world where terror, fanaticism and murder collide. (American)

Martyn WAITES

The Mercy Seat 432pp Pb 18.95
Since the disappearance of his 6-year-old son, Joe Donovan has lived a broken, reclusive life. He is abruptly thrust back into the real world when a teenage boy, Jamal, makes contact, in possession of something that holds a key to Joe’s past. As long-buried secrets emerge and bodies pile up, Joe is caught up in a harrowing web of fear. He and Jamal are hunted by a serial killer with a 100% success rate who doesn’t know the meaning of the word mercy. (English)

Marcie WALSH & Michael MALONE

The Killing Club 304pp Pb 16.95
Over a decade ago in the small town of Gloria, New Jersey, feisty outcast Jamie Ferrara and 11 of her high school friends started a club. The Killing Club came up with ingenious ways to kill people they didn’t like, recording their ‘pretend’ murders in a Death Book. 10 years later, these ‘pretend’ murders are becoming a grisly reality as club members are dying one by one. Now a detective, Jamie must find the killer before everyone in the group, including herself, is dead. (American)



Charles WILLIAMS

A Touch of Death (1953) 250pp Pb 16.95
Hard Case Crime Series. When Lee Scarborough came upon the brunette sunbathing topless in her backyard, getting involved in a heist was the last thing on his mind. But somehow that’s where he found himself – sneaking through a stranger’s house, on the hunt for \$120,000 in embezzled bank funds. It looked like an easy score. But one thing stood between him and the money: the beautiful and deadly Madelon Butler. (American)

Kim WOZENCRAFT

Wanted 352pp Pb 16.95
When a Texas drug dealer is charged with murdering three teenagers, police officer Diane Wellman knows the case is built on a lie. She was first on the scene. Now those who framed an innocent man have set Diane up for a fall as well. Political activist Gail Rubin, crucified for the crimes of others, has been nursing revenge behind the walls of New York’s Sundown prison for 18 years. She finds common ground with her desperate new cell mate. Neither of them have anything to lose. They want justice and they’ll risk everything to get it. (American)

CRIME AUDIO



Martina COLE

The Take 6 CDs 49.95
Jackie Jackson is preparing a party to welcome home her husband Freddie. Everyone is gathered at the party. But after six years in prison, Freddie thinks he’s the Essex equivalent of the Godfather, and he’s going to make sure everyone knows it. Narrated by Nicola Duffett. (English)

Linda FAIRSTEIN

Entombed 5 CDs 39.95
Workers demolishing a 19th century Greenwich Village brownstone where Edgar Allan Poe once lived unearth the skeleton of a young woman buried standing upright behind a brick wall. Manhattan Assistant DA Alexandra Cooper takes on the gruesome case while also investigating the Silk Stocking Rapist, who is terrorising the Upper East Side. She soon discovers that one crime thread leads to the other as she follows a trail of clues to the Bronx Botanical Gardens, where a group of Poe devotees shed light on a stone-cold, modern-day murder of gothic proportions... and a cunning killer with a bone-chilling tale to tell. Narrated by Blair Brown. (American)

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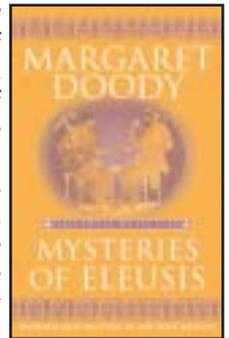
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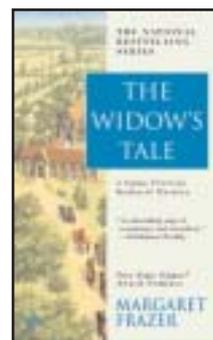
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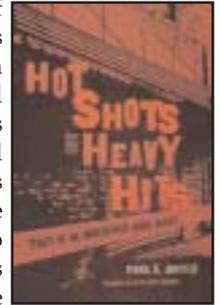
Newlywed John Bruce Dodson's first hunting trip turned out to be his last. Struck by three rifle bullets, he died high on Colorado's Snipe Mountain, one of the hundreds of annual hunting accident victims in America. Or so said his wife of three months, Janice, a crack markswoman who happened to gain \$500,000 in life insurance. Something never seemed right about that story to DA Frank Daniels. When he learned that Janice had remarried - and convinced her new spouse to take out a valuable life insurance policy - he faced a race against time to substantiate their suspicions and prove them to a jury before another man suffered the same fate. (American)

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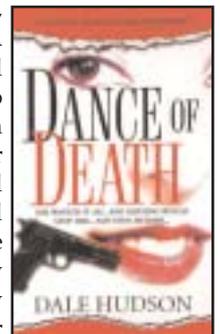
The mean streets of Boston in the 1970s played host to a nefarious underworld of pimps, pushers and addicts. Paul 'Sully' Doyle was there. From Kenmore Square hippies to South Boston junkies to Combat Zone prostitutes, this undercover operative with the DEA met every type of unsavoury character in town in his fight to bust violent rings of drug dealers during a turbulent era in the city's history. Doyle bluntly chronicles the riveting, true stories from his years on the inside. (American)

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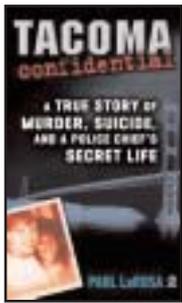
Kimberly Poole, 21, led a double life. A housewife and mother, she was also a topless dancer at a strip club. Her hopelessly devoted spouse, Brent, denied her nothing, but she wanted his money and his life. Fantasy turned to reality after she began an affair with John Frazier, a patron at the strip club. On the pretext of celebrating their wedding anniversary, Renee lured her husband to an oceanfront hotel and delivered him to Frazier, who shot him dead. (American)



Paul LAROSA

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Gig Harbour, Washington - a quiet Tacoma suburb - knew little of tragedy and scandal until 26 April 2003 when David Brame, distraught over his impending divorce, shot his wife to death in a busy public parking lot. With their children only feet away, he then turned the gun on himself. Local residents had special reason to be shocked since Brame was their chief of police. As the investigation unfolded, the bizarre and depraved side of Brame and his marriage came to light. (American)

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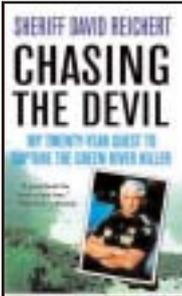
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In 2003, the bodies of three plastic-wrapped infants were found inside boxes auctioned off as unclaimed property by a self-storage company. Police traced them to Dianne Odell, 50, mother of eight, who admitted the babies were hers, but claimed they died of natural causes. She had kept the bodies for over 20 years before abandoning them. Would her story of a violent childhood sway the jury and buy her mercy? (American)

David REICHERT

Chasing the Devil: My 20-Year Quest to Capture the Green River Killer 314pp Pb 16.95



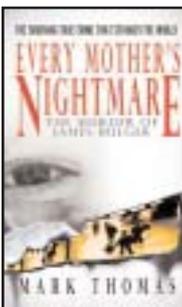
It began with the discovery of three women's bodies near Seattle's Green River in 1982. More corpses and human remains were soon found, some as far as Oregon. They were all the victims of a faceless murderer whose rampage would span two decades and take as many as 49 lives. No other serial killer in America's history had killed so many people. In 2001, a DNA breakthrough finally saw 52-year-old truck painter Gary Ridgway linked to three of the victims, signalling the end of a long nightmare for the victims' families and Sheriff David Reichert. (American)

Carlton SMITH

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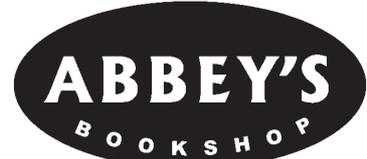
Wayne Adam Ford was a long-distance trucker who picked up young, vulnerable women, then raped, killed and dismembered them. He scattered some of their bodies in waterways along the road and kept parts of others for over a year in his freezer. Then, claiming he had been sent by God to confess, he walked into the sheriff's office to confess, asking to be stopped before he killed again, before he murdered his ex-wife and made his beloved 3-year-old son an orphan. (American)

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