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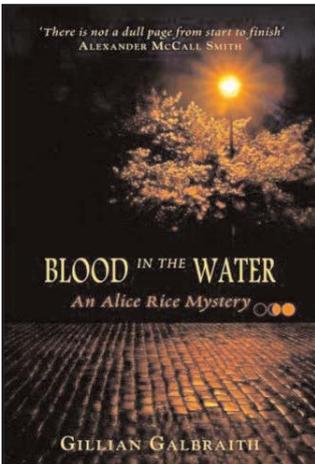
"WHERE A GOOD CRIME CAN BE HAD BY ALL"

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AUTHOR OF THE MONTH

GILLIAN GALBRAITH

Blood in the Water 192pp Pb \$19.95

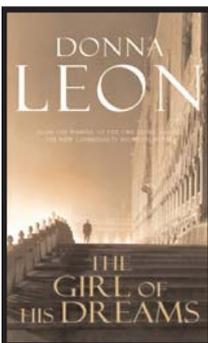


"If it was me, if I was the murderer, Alice thought, where would I go? What would I do? The job he had set himself was unfinished, he must be aware that his luck could not go on forever. It was a simple calculation; at best, a lifetime in prison, at worst he'd be killed by the police whilst attempting to complete his self-appointed task."

Introducing Alice Rice, Edinburgh detective. Smart and capable, but battling disillusionment and loneliness, she races against time and an implacable killer to solve a series of grisly murders among Edinburgh's professional elite in the well-to-do New Town.

Gillian Galbraith grew up near Haddington and is an Advocate specialising in medical negligence cases. She was the legal correspondent for *The Scottish Farmer* and has written on legal matters for *The Times*.

"This is a vivid and exciting story, set against the background of Edinburgh's legal and medical circles. There is not a dull page from start to finish."
- Alexander McCall Smith



THE GIRL OF HIS DREAMS
The new Commissario Brunetti novel from *Sunday Times* bestselling author **DONNA LEON**
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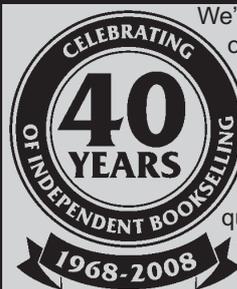


Anzac Day
Friday 25 Apr (Public Holiday) 10am - 5pm



Random House celebrates Abbey's 40th birthday with 20% off 40 great crime books AND... anyone who buys a Random House crime book in April goes in the draw to win a full set of the 40 discounted books! (see page 3 for the list of titles)

ABBEY'S TURNS 40 A Continuing Retrospective: Part 4



We've discovered over the years that our shop isn't really geared for author events, primarily as we don't have a suitable space to hold them. However, we have held some events over the past 40 years that have attracted quite large numbers of people. The first event that proved very popular was for P D James, who attracted a crowd of over 250. We ended up having to move out our New Titles fixtures to accommodate them all. The next time we hosted James, we relocated to the nearby Bowlers' Club!

Another big in-store event was for Janet Evanovich. When we promoted this, we asked people to RSVP to assist with catering and the response indicated we would have around 110 people. However, unbeknown to us, the event had been mentioned in a popular women's magazine, and Janet had also mentioned it in a radio interview and publicised it on her website. The result was that 340 people turned up and we were packed to the rafters! Our catering was stretched to the limit - as was our stock of her books - but we all enjoyed a very entertaining Saturday afternoon.



Janet Evanovich, crime author

Other events held in-store on a smaller scale have included Ruth Rendell, Jonathan & Faye Kellerman, Lisa Scottoline, Kinky Friedman, Andrew Vachss, Kerry Greenwood, Alexander McCall Smith and Ian Rankin. Nowadays we tend to limit ourselves to having authors simply come into the shop to sign copies of their books for customers and have a bit of a chat, rather than to address an audience.

- Peter

**MODERN CRIME****Peter ABRAHAMS** **Nerve Damage****368pp Pb \$15.95**

Sometimes the dead live on in your dreams - at least that's true for Roy Valois. His wife, Delia, died 15 years earlier while working for a private think tank and he has never forgotten her. Roy is a well-known sculptor in the art world. His newest piece, a magnificent creation he calls *Delia*, has just been finished, a sign that he's found a little closure at last. Then Roy gets some news of the grimmest kind... *Due Apr* (American)

**Susan Wittig ALBERT** **Spanish Dagger****304pp Pb \$15.95**

China Bayles Mystery #15. While harvesting yucca plants to make paper, China Bayles finds a body - cause of death unknown. It seems that the simple lives of many residents of Pecan Springs hide complex and dangerous pasts. And now, while also unravelling secrets that hit close to home, China must set the record straight and find a killer. *Due Apr* (American)

Sam BAKER **Fashion Victim 336pp Pb \$22.95**

Annie Anderson, feature writer with one of Britain's leading broadsheets, decides to take a break from the tougher end of journalism. After years working undercover befriending prostitutes and drug addicts, the strain is beginning to tell. But even so, no one expects her to throw it all in and join a fashion magazine. Thrown into the heart of New York Fashion Week, Annie is unprepared for the ultra-glamorous world of models, designers, gossip and rivalry. Then an up-and-coming designer is shot dead right in front of her... (English)

Nevada BARR **Firestorm 320pp Pb \$15.95**

Anna Pigeon Mystery #5. A raging forest fire in California's Lassen Volcanic National Park traps exhausted fire-fighters, including Ranger Anna Pigeon, in its midst. Afterward, Anna finds two from her group have been killed. One a victim of the flames. The other, stabbed through the heart. Now, as a rampaging winter storm descends, cutting the survivors off from civilisation, Anna must uncover the murderer in their midst. *Due Apr* (American)

Lorna BARRETT **Murder is Binding****288pp Pb \$13.95**

Booktown Mystery #1. The streets of Stoneham, New Hampshire are lined with bookstores, and paved with murder. When she moved to Stoneham, city slicker Tricia Miles met nothing but friendly faces. And when she opened her mystery bookstore, she met friendly competition. But when she finds Doris Gleason dead in her own cookbook store, killed by a carving knife, the atmosphere seems more cutthroat than cordial. *Due Apr* (American)

Sydney BAUER **Gospel 668pp Pb \$19.95**

US Vice President Tom Bradshaw is the perfect candidate, a 'sure thing'. But when he is found dead in the penthouse of Boston's finest hotel, the American people want answers and his administration needs a scapegoat. It has been 12 years since Boston attorney David Cavanaugh's ex-wife Karin left him for another man. Now, she has called to ask the impossible. She wants him to represent her husband. *Due Apr* (Australian)

Sydney BAUER **Alibi****512pp Tp \$32.95**

Set among the hallowed grounds of Deane University, the most expensive college in the country, this tells of the brutal murder of 19-year-old Jessica Nagoshi, in her third year of economics, and of David Cavanaugh, Boston's most sought-after defence attorney, who is unwittingly forced into this high-society murder case. *Due Apr* (Australian)

Elizabeth BECKA **Unknown Means****336pp Tp \$33.00**

Evelyn James #2. When forensic pathologist Evelyn James is called out to the penthouse of a beautiful Cleveland heiress, she discovers the young woman's body, violently strangled and left in a life-like pose, a priceless diamond necklace carefully arranged about her neck. Despite the most exclusive security system money can buy, there is no trace of the killer's deadly visit to the scene of the murder... *Due Apr* (American)

Raymond BENSON **A Hard Day's Death****352pp Pb \$15.95**

After fading rock star Peter Flame is found dead from hanging, it's up to Detective Spike Berenger to sort through the colourful music industry types to find the killer. *Due Apr* (American)

Michael BLACK **Random Victim****384pp Pb \$15.95**

A special task force has been assigned to investigate the high profile murder of a woman. Sergeant Frank Leal must find the killer while dealing with a dirty cop on the take, in this stunning second novel by the author of *A Killing Frost* (\$15.95). *Due Apr* (American)

Robert BLOCH **Shooting Star/ Spiderweb****(Two novels in one)****340pp Pb \$15.95**

Hardcase Crime. A one-eyed detective and a blackmailer find themselves neck-deep in murder and deception as they explore the seamy underbelly of Hollywood. These two complete novels by the acclaimed author of *Psycho* and other classics are published for the first time in more than 50 years. *Due Apr* (American)

Anna BLUNDY **Double Shot 288pp Pb \$23.00**

Faith Zanetti doesn't much care who put the bomb on flight TAA67, the plane that blew up over the tiny Scottish village of Cairbridge 25 years ago. Wasn't it those Libyan blokes who went to prison for it? For a woman whose comfort zone is a war zone it seems like the boring assignment from hell. But as the conspiracy theories start seeming less theoretical and the threats get increasingly real, Faith realises she's skating on thin ice. *Due Apr* (English)

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Lindsey Davis	Saturnalia (#18)	PB \$24.95	\$19.95	Pierre Magnan	Death in the Truffle Wood (Commissaire Leviolette #4)	PB \$23.95	\$19.00
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Georgette Heyer	Penhallow	PB \$24.95	\$19.95	Craig Russell	Blood Eagle	PB \$21.95	\$17.50
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Simon BRETT



Blood at the Bookies

320pp Hb \$55.00

All bets are on when there's a body found at the bookies... When Jude wanders into Fethering's local bookies she has no idea that she will shortly be investigating the murder of Polish immigrant Tadeusz Jankowski. With her partner in crime, friend and next-door-neighbour Carole, she's determined to discover who killed him - and why? (English)

Andrew BRITTON



Heart of Betrayal

576pp Pb \$19.95

When brutal terrorists strike at the heart of Washington, the usual suspects are blamed. But this time, America's worst nightmare has come true, the terror comes from within. Former 'black ops' soldier Jason March is the mastermind behind the vicious attacks. *Due Apr* (American)

Lynn BULOCK



Less than Frank

304pp Pb \$13.95

Gracie is pulled into the investigation of the disappearance of Frank, the no-good contractor who was renovating her apartment. Winner of the 2006 *Daphne du Maurier Award for Best Inspirational Mystery*. *Due Apr* (American)

Chelsea CAIN

Heartsick

320pp Pb \$19.95

When beautiful serial killer Gretchen Lowell captured her last victim, the man in charge of hunting her down, she quickly established who was really in control of the investigation. So why, after 10 days of horrifying physical and mental torture, did she release Detective Archie Sheridan and hand herself in? *Due Apr* (American)

J M CALDER



And Hope to Die 396pp Pb \$19.95

Solomon Glass knows what to expect when another child goes missing: an anonymous letter to the mother, making a promise "kill yourself and your child will be released". He knows because two women are dead already... (Australian)

Andrea CAMILLERI



Rounding the Mark

350pp Pb \$22.95

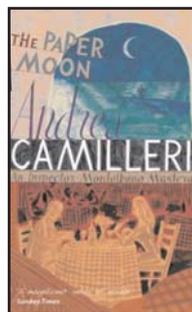
Inspector Montalbano #10. Inspector Montalbano is considering retirement. He is starting to feel his age, and even his favourite restaurant has closed. But when he bumps into a dead body during a bracing swim, his detective instincts are aroused once more. Particularly when the most likely identity of the victim is a man already long buried... (Italian)



The Paper Moon

320pp Tp \$25.95

Inspector Montalbano #12. Moody Inspector Montalbano further beset by the existential questions that have been plaguing him of late. But he does not have much time to wax philosophical before the gruesome murder of a man shot at point-blank range in the face with his pants down commands his attention. Add two evasive, beautiful women as prime suspects, some dirty cocaine, mysterious computer codes, and a series of threatening letters, and things soon get very complicated at the police headquarters in Vigata. *Due Apr* (Italian)



Dorothy CANNELL



Withering Heights

272pp Pb \$13.95

Ellie Haskell Mystery. When her in-laws invite her to Yorkshire moors, Ellie can't resist. The name "Cragstone House" just sounds so much like the delightfully musty manors she reads about in books. And so she and her husband set off for Yorkshire, accompanied by their irrepressible housekeeper and co-conspirator in crime solving, Mrs. Roxie Malloy. But things at Cragstone turn out far less idyllic than Ellie expected. *Due Apr* (American)

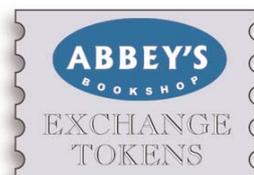
Tori CARRINGTON



Foul Play 320pp Pb \$13.95

Sofie Metropolis Mystery #3. After shooting one of her own clients and accidentally getting involved with the mob, Sofie Metropolis is finally starting to get the hang of the PI business. She's just landed her first high-profile case. The wife of a pitching phenomenon just signed by Sofie's beloved New York Mets, arrives on Sofie's doorstep in a gigantic bright yellow Hummer and declares that something is wrong with her husband. *Due Apr* (American)

Take the worry out of gift-giving with...

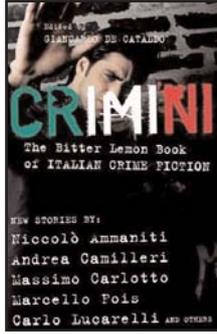


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- no receipt required

**Giancarlo De CATALDO**

 **Crimini: The Bitter Lemon Book of Italian Crime Fiction**
385pp Pb \$24.95

Italy's best crime writers present nine gripping, often darkly humorous short-stories with settings ranging from Milan to Palermo by way of Rome and even Guadeloupe. These brilliant tales do not feature psychopathic cannibals or obscure power-mad sects but ordinary criminals: a drug-addled cosmetic surgeon, inept blackmailers and various other low-lives lusting after easy money. *Due Apr* (Italian)

**Lee CHILD**

 **Bad Luck and Trouble**
528pp Pb \$19.95

Jack Reacher #11. The events of 9/11 changed Reacher's drifter life in a practical way. In addition to his folding toothbrush, he now needs to carry photo ID to get around. Yet he is still as close to untraceable as a human being in America can get. So when a member of his old Army unit manages to get a message to him, he knows it has to be deadly serious. *Due Apr* (American)

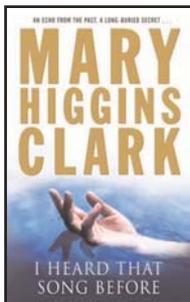
 **Nothing to Lose** 432pp Tp \$32.95

Jack Reacher #12. Two small towns in Colorado: Hope and Despair. Between them, nothing but 12 miles of empty road. Jack Reacher can't find a ride, so he walks. All he wants is a cup of coffee. What he gets are four redneck deputies who want to run him out of town. Mistake. They're picking on the wrong guy. *Due Apr* (American)

Mary Higgins CLARK

 **I Heard that Song Before**
336pp Pb \$19.95

When Kay Lansing marries wealthy widower Peter Carrington, she is well aware of the rumours surrounding the mysterious death of Peter's first wife Grace, who was found floating in the family pool 10 years ago, pregnant at the time. Kay also discovers that Peter is a chronic sleepwalker who suffers from periodic nightmares. When the police arrive at her doorstep with a warrant for Peter's arrest in connection with another murder, that of a woman Peter had escorted to a high school senior prom 22 years ago, Kay begins to fear that she has married a sleepwalking murderer, and she resolves to find out the truth behind the puzzling deaths. *Due Apr* (American)

**Jane K CLELAND**

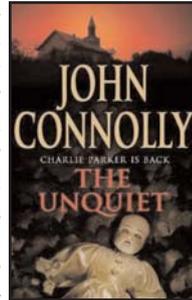
 **Deadly Appraisal**
320pp Pb \$13.95

Josie Prescott Mystery #2. Josie Prescott's new life in New Hampshire is proceeding more or less as planned, despite her involvement in a murder investigation last year. Her business is thriving, her friendship with the local police chief has become something much more intimate, and she has even collected a few candidates for close friends. Not bad after completely uprooting her life as a New York City auction house expert and starting fresh. With so much suddenly to lose, Josie's heart falls when another suspicious death occurs very close to her new world. *Due Apr* (American)

John CONNOLLY

 **The Unquiet** 480pp Pb \$20.00

Daniel Clay, a once-respected psychiatrist, has gone missing. His daughter insists that he killed himself after allegations surfaced surrounding the harm done to patients in his care. Now a killer obsessed with finding the truth about his own daughter's disappearance is seeking revenge, and Charlie Parker finds himself trapped between those who want the truth about Clay to be revealed, and those who will go to any length to keep it hidden. *Due Apr* (American)

**Natasha COOPER**

 **Greater Evil** 336pp Pb \$19.95

Abandoned as a baby and brutalised in care, sculptor Sam Foundling is the obvious suspect when his wife Cecilia is found beaten to death in his studio. Trish Maguire, who acted for him when he was a child, hopes he didn't do it. Her campaign for him brings her up against DCI Caro Lyalt, the senior investigating officer, and her own best friend. *Due Apr* (American)

Donn CORTEZ

 **CSI: Miami Cut and Run**
352pp Pb \$14.95

In a field outside the Everglades a hot air balloon comes to land, the lone passenger in the basket dead, an apparent suicide. Then a bullet-riddled yacht limps into the Port of Miami, where the sole survivor, a gravely wounded hijacker, reveals that there are illegal drugs on board. It's just another day for the Miami Dade CSI team, until the body count is added to by the death of a well-known local writer. Before long, Horatio Caine and his team are caught up in a dangerous web of intrigue and murder that reaches all the way to Castro's Cuba. *Due Apr* (American)

Colin COTTERILL

 **Disco for the Departed**
256pp Tp \$32.95

In Vientiane's Mahosot Hospital morgue, 73-year-old Dr Siri Paiboun, national coroner of Laos, handles the fatalities at the state hospitals, and the odd murder. His assistants - the gorgeous, clever, fat Nurse Dtui and the slow but irreplaceable Geung - have helped Dr Siri out of scrapes before. Leaving Geung guarding the morgue, Siri and Dtui land in a remote mountain village where a mummified arm is protruding from recently buckled concrete paving. Just how is this arm connected to the President of the People's Democratic Republic of Laos? *Due Apr* (American)

Cleo COYLE

 **French Pressed**
288pp Pb \$13.95

Coffeehouse Mystery #6. Clare Cosi's daughter, Joy, is interning, and falling, for a top New York chef when his kitchen turns cutthroat, and Joy becomes a murder suspect. Clare knows she must catch the real killer - even if it lands her in the hottest water of her life. *Due Apr* (American)

Jordan DANE

 **No One Heard her Scream**
384pp Pb \$13.95

Not known for playing by the rules, Detective Rebecca Montgomery will do whatever it takes to track down the monster that is killing young women, especially when it seems that one of his victims includes her baby sister, even if that means teaming up with Diego Galvan, a man whose motives are murky at best. *Due Apr* (American)

Adrian D'HAGE

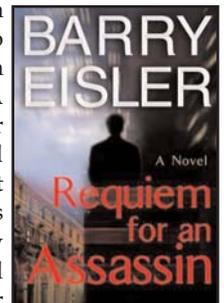
 **The Beijing Conspiracy**
544pp Pb \$19.95

Dr Kalid Kadeer, a brilliant Muslim microbiologist, sends a warning to the White House, but the President ignores it. CIA agent Curtis O'Connor knows Kadeer isn't bluffing. Together with Australian scientist Kate Braithwaite, O'Connor works to unravel the riddles of Kadeer's warning. They uncover a threat more sinister than imagined... *Due Apr* (Australian)

Barry EISLER

 **Requiem for an Assassin**
384pp Tp \$32.95

John Rain #6. When John Rain decides to get out of the assassin business, rogue CIA operative Jim Hilger kidnaps Rain's trusted partner and closest friend. Hilger offers Rain a choice, carry out a final assignment, or bear the responsibility for his best friend's murder. *Due Apr* (American)



**Robert EVERSZ** **Digging James Dean** 288pp Tp \$29.00

Nina Zero Mystery. A death in the family reunites ex-con turned paparazza Nina Zero with her long-lost sister, who now touts herself as a successful real estate agent from Seattle. But Nina is too busy to question her sister's tale, because an altercation with a has-been Hollywood action hero leaves her with a concussion, two broken cameras and a hot lead in the grandmother of all tabloid stories, the mysterious thefts of celebrity bones from graveyards around the country. (American)

Duncan FALCONER **Undersea Prison** 352pp Tp \$33.00

After the British military lose an officer to Taliban insurgents in Afghanistan, a race begins to find and destroy a computer chip. Little do the thieves know that the chip could bring down the entire network of Western intelligence in the Mid-East. *Due Apr* (American)

Joseph FINDER **Power Play** 416pp Pb \$20.00

Jake Landry is a junior executive at the Hammond Aerospace corporation with a gift for keeping his head down and a turbulent past that he would rather forget. Ordered to fill in for his boss at the annual company retreat, Jake is out of his element, surrounded by the arrogant, swaggering men who run the company and his only distraction is the CEO's special assistant - his ex-girlfriend. *Due Apr* (American)

Allan FOLSOM**The Machiavelli Covenant** 704pp Pb \$19.95

Former LAPD Detective Nichola Marten's investigation into the murder of his former girlfriend leads him across the globe and to a chance meeting with US President John Henry Harris. But President Harris is on the run from a murderous cabal. With the help of Demi Picard, a French photojournalist, Marten and Harris uncover one of the most secretive and brutally powerful groups this world has ever known. This brotherhood of blood will stop at nothing to realise their ambitions. (American)

Eugenio FUENTES **The Pianist's Hands** 240pp Tp \$29.95

Detective Ricardo Cupido. Breda, Spain, is home to a modest construction company that wants to take advantage of the booming times to construct a luxury housing-complex in the suburbs. Then suddenly one day, the corpse of one of the partners appears inside one of the newly constructed buildings. Detective Ricardo Cupido delves into an investigation where the alibis matter less than the dark and desolate description of the human condition. *Due Apr* (Spanish)

Gillian GALBRAITH **Blood in the Water** 192pp Pb \$19.95

This thrilling debut introduces readers to Alice Rice, Edinburgh's latest fictional detective and a new female presence in the macho world of crime detection. Galbraith draws on her own experience to give a realistic portrayal of the medical and legal worlds. Smart and capable, but battling disillusionment and loneliness, Alice races against time and an implacable killer to solve a series of grisly murders amongst the professional elite of Edinburgh's well-to-do New Town. *Due Apr* (Scottish)

Mark GIMENEZ **Abduction** 544pp Pb \$20.00

When hotshot lawyer Elizabeth Brice turns up to collect her daughter Grace from football practice, the coach tells her she needn't have bothered as Grace's uncle has already picked her up. The only problem is Grace has no uncles. And so begins a furious race against time to save Grace from unknown kidnapers. *Due Apr* (American)

Christopher GOFFARD **Snitch Jacket** 272pp Pb \$24.95

"Everyone knows that California sunshine is the world's loneliest light," says Benny, who inhabits an underworld of desperados and grotesques and spends much of his free time at the Greasy



Tuesday, a squalid, southern California neighbourhood dive teeming with local legends. One night, one of these legends walks through the door: Gus 'Mad Dog' Miller, a huge, tattoo-laden Vietnam vet whose job is to keep the riff-raff out. But Benny, our morally ambiguous hero, soon finds himself transfixed by this twisted Falstaffian personality. Six months later, Benny is arrested on suspicion of double murder... *Due Apr* (American)

Joel GOLDMAN **Shakedown** 384pp Pb \$13.95

In this page-turning thriller by the *USA Today* bestselling author, the lives of three people collide during a mass murder investigation led by a troubled Kansas City special agent. *Due Apr* (American)

Thomas GREANIAS **The Atlantis Prophecy** 352pp Pb \$15.95

An ancient organisation more powerful than the federal government has targeted the USA. They'll stop at nothing to destroy the republic and raise an empire. *Due Apr* (American)

James GRIPPANDO **Last Call** 336pp Tp \$33.00

Many years ago, Jack Swyteck saved Theo Knight's life. Theo grew up on the streets of Miami's roughest neighbourhood and lost his mother to a violent crime. Although his uncle Cy tried his best to raise him right, by the time he was a teenager, Theo was on death row for a murder he didn't commit. Jack was the lawyer who proved him innocent. Now a successful bar owner, Theo has turned things around. But he needs Jack's help again, this time more than ever. *Due Apr* (American)

Allan GUTHRIE **Savage Night** 272pp Tp \$29.95

How much blood would you spill to avenge those you love? What if you're a psychopathic ex-con from Edinburgh? Andy Park thinks he's discovered a way to make a care worker pay for his ill-treatment of Park's brain-damaged wife, Liz. But Park isn't prepared for the fallout. Because in Park's world, when things go wrong, they go spectacularly wrong. *Due Apr* (Scottish)

Jane HADDAM **Glass Houses** 432pp Pb \$13.95

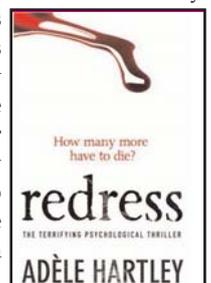
Gregor Demarkian Mystery. Philadelphia has been plagued by a serial killer dubbed the 'Plate Glass Killer' by the media, until the police finally catch a break. Henry Tyder, the scion of a prominent Main Line family, is found literally with blood on his hands at the scene of the most recent murder. But even though Tyder has made a confession, his own attorney has doubts. Enter Gregor Demarkian, retired head of the FBI's Behavioural Sciences Unit, who's been asked to look into the case. Gregor's evaluation of Tyder turns up a grim truth: The police have got the wrong guy. *Due Apr* (American)

Carolyn HART **Set Sail for Murder** 320pp Pb \$13.95

When retired newspaper reporter Henrietta O'Dwyer Collins responds to a former lover's call for help, she discovers that the flame of love is never completely extinguished, in this twisting tale set aboard a murder-filled Baltic cruise. *Due Apr* (American)

Adele HARTLEY **Redress** 320pp Pb \$22.95

This terrifying noir thriller presents a nightmare scenario: a man so tortured by his own sense of loss that he seeks redress in increasingly extreme solutions. The problem is, he's never quite satisfied. How many people have to die before he feels the scales have been balanced? (American)



**John HARVEY****Cold in Hand 384pp Tp \$32.95**

Charlie Resnick. On Valentine's Day, Lynn Kellogg was shot and survived. The teenage girl standing next to her was less fortunate. Recently promoted to Detective Inspector in the city's Major Crime Unit, Lynn's rescue of a badly-beaten 15-year-old from Eastern Europe links her to an international investigation into people trafficking and gun smuggling, and teams her up with the Serious and Organised Crime Agency. And when DI Charlie Resnick rouses himself from near-retirement to lend a hand, he finds he's blocked at every turn. *Due Apr* (English)

Jack HIGGINS**The Wrath of the Lion (1964)****304pp Pb \$20.00**

A fanatical militia roam the northern seas, ready to take on all comers in the name of a self-proclaimed vision of France. To track down the maverick militia and bring them to justice is a task for the agent they call 'The Butcher'. *Due Apr* (English)

Tami HOAG**The Alibi Man 352pp Pb \$20.00**

The Palm Beach elite go to great lengths to protect their own and their own no longer includes Elena Estes. Once a child of wealth and privilege, Elena turned her back on that life. Betrayed and disillusioned by those closest to her, she chose the life of an undercover cop, the hunt for justice her own personal passion. Then a tragic, haunting mistake ended her career. *Due Apr* (American)

Jilliane HOFFMAN**Plea of Insanity****608pp Pb \$19.95**

The perfect father and model husband, David Marquette seemingly just snapped. His experienced defence team claims paranoid delusions caused by schizophrenia drove him to slaughter his entire family. But the state suspects Marquette's insanity defence is being fabricated to disguise murders that were cold-blooded and calculated. To bring him to justice, the young, ambitious prosecutor, Julia Valenciano, must embark on a terrifying personal journey back into her own past... *Due Apr* (American)

Lisa JACKSON**Lost Souls 432pp Pb \$33.00**

27-seven-year-old Kristi Bentz is lucky to be alive. Not many people her age have nearly died twice at the hands of a serial killer, and lived to tell about it. Her dad, New Orleans detective, Rick Bentz, wants Kristi to stay in New Orleans and out of danger. But if anything, Kristi's experiences have made her even more fascinated by the mind of the serial killer. *Due Apr* (American)

Peter JAMES**Not Dead Enough****400pp Pb \$19.95**

Roy Grace #3. On the night Brian Bishop murdered his wife, he was 60 miles away, asleep in bed at the time. At least, that's the way it looks to Detective Superintendent Roy Grace who is called in to investigate the kinky slaying of beautiful young Brighton socialite, Katie Bishop. Soon, Grace starts coming to the conclusion that Bishop has performed the apparently impossible feat of being in two places at once. Has someone stolen his identity, or is he simply a very clever liar? *Due Apr* (English)

Jonathan KELLERMAN**Obsession 464pp Pb \$20.00**

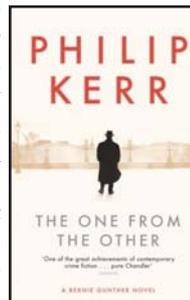
Tanya Bigelow was a solemn little girl when Dr Alex Delaware successfully treated her obsessive-compulsive symptoms. Now, at 19, she still seems older than her years, but her problems go beyond hyper-maturity. Patty Bigelow, Tanya's aunt and adoptive mother, has made a deathbed confession of murder and urged the young woman to seek Delaware's help. *Due Apr* (American)

**Compulsion 352pp Tp \$32.95**

A young woman who disappeared into the inky black night... A retired schoolteacher stabbed to death in broad daylight... Two women butchered in a small-town beauty parlour... Three baffling murder cases, linked only by a perplexing lack of motive... Until, LAPD detective Milo Sturgis and psychologist Alex Delaware are called to the scene of a bizarre crime. *Due Apr* (American)

Philip KERR**The One from the Other****400pp Pb \$22.95**

Bernie Gunther is the ideal narrator for Kerr's bleak tale of the dirty deals made by victors and vanquished alike in post-war Germany. Having learned that there's no way to distinguish "the one from the other", the cynical PI has the moral clarity to see through the deceit and hypocrisy of both friend and foe. *Due Apr* (English)

**Diana KILLIAN****Corpse Pose 288pp Pb \$13.95**

Mantra for Murder Mystery #1. Readers will bend over backward for the debut of the first yoga mystery series. Ever since her husband ditched her for another man, AJ hasn't exactly been on the road to inner peace. Then her yoga-guru aunt is found dead, and AJ's named the sole heir to her lucrative yoga studio-making her a multimillionaire, a prime suspect, and the killer's next target. *Due Apr* (American)

Natsuo KIRINO**Grotesque****480pp Pb \$24.95**

Two prostitutes have been murdered in Tokyo. Yuriko had been working as a prostitute all her adult life, starting while still at school, where her stunning beauty compensated for what she lacked in intellect and commanded attention from older men. Kazue worked for a blue-chip company and had good career prospects, but was unpopular with colleagues and felt isolated. She chose to walk the streets at night where she hoped to get noticed. 20 years previously, both women were educated at an elite school for young ladies, and both exhibited exceptional promise prior to their brutal, unnecessary deaths. How and why did this tragedy occur? *Due Apr* (Japanese)

**Asa LARSSON****The Savage Altar****320pp Pb \$19.95**

On the floor of a church in northern Sweden, the body of a man lies ritually mutilated and defiled - and in the night sky, the aurora borealis dances as the snow begins to fall. Rebecka Martinsson is heading home to Kiruna, the small town she'd left in disgrace years before. A Stockholm tax lawyer, Rebecka has a good reason to return: her friend Sanna, whose brother has been horrifically murdered in the church of the cult he helped create... *Due Apr* (Swedish)

Camilla LECKBERG**The Ice Princess 400pp Tp \$33.00**

Returning to her hometown after the death of her parents, writer Erica Falck finds a community on the brink of tragedy. The death of Erica's childhood friend, Alex, is just the beginning. Her wrists slashed, her body frozen in an ice-cold bath, it seems, at first, that Alex has taken her own life. When Erica delves further, however, it becomes clear that her death is connected to events long in the past. *Due Apr* (Swedish)

Donna LEON**Suffer the Little Children****384pp Pb \$23.95**

Guido Brunetti #16. When Commissario Brunetti is summoned to the hospital bedside of a senior paediatrician whose skull has been brutally fractured, he is confronted with more questions than answers. Three men burst into the doctor's apartment in the middle of the night, attacked him and took his 18-month-old son - but why? *Due Apr* (American)

**Pam LEWIS** **Perfect Family** 352pp Tp \$33.00

When Pony Carteret is found drowned in the waters of Lake Aral her family is quick to accept a verdict of accidental death, but something doesn't seem to fit: how could Pony, an able and experienced swimmer, die within feet of their exclusive holiday home while her toddler son played on the shore? *Due Apr* (American)

John Ajvide LINDQVIST **Let the Right One in** 496pp Pb \$24.95

Oskar and Eli. In very different ways, they were both victims. Which is why they became friends. And how they came to depend on one another, for life itself. Oskar is a 12-year-old boy living with his mother on a dreary housing estate at the city's edge. He dreams about his absentee father, gets bullied at school and wets himself when he's frightened. Eli is the young girl who moves in next door. She doesn't go to school and never leaves the flat by day. She is a 200-year-old vampire, forever frozen in childhood and condemned to live on a diet of fresh blood... (Swedish)

Jeff LINDSAY **Darkly Dreaming Dexter** 288pp Pb \$20.00

Dexter Morgan isn't exactly the kind of man you'd bring home to your mum. At heart, he's the perfect gentleman and seems to lead a quiet life. Despite the fact that he can't stand the sight of blood, he works as a blood-spatter analyst for the Miami police. But Dexter also has a secret hobby: he is an accomplished serial killer... *Due Apr* (American)

Sheila LOWE **Poison Pen** 320pp Pb \$13.95

Forensic Handwriting Mystery #1. Before her body was found floating in her Jacuzzi, publicist-to-the-stars Lindsey Alexander had few friends, but plenty of lovers. To her ex-friend, forensic handwriting expert Claudia Rose, she was a ruthless, back-stabbing manipulator. But even Claudia is shocked by Lindsey's startling final note: "It was fun while it lasted." It would be easy to write it off as suicide, but Claudia's instincts push her to investigate further and she quickly finds herself entangled in a far darker scenario than she bargained for. *Due Apr* (American)

Ross MACDONALD **The Blue Hammer (1976)** 288pp Tp \$25.95

Lew Archer Mystery. Southern California in the 1970s is the turf of Lew Archer, Macdonald's laconic private eye. In this case he's asked to find a painting by an artist who vanished in 1950. Archer digs through lies that have been festering for more than 20 years until he uncovers the startling truth. *Due Apr* (American)

Ross MACDONALD **Instant Enemy (1968)** 256pp Tp \$25.95

Lew Archer Mystery. She was 17 years old. Her parents were paying Lew Archer to bring her home. When he'd started looking for her, she was just another runaway. Now she was a kidnapper. *Due Apr* (American)

John MACKEN **Trial by Blood** 374pp Tp \$32.95

Reuben Maitland, brilliant scientist and devoted father, was once the head of Genecrime, the UK's elite forensic unit. But in his single-minded quest for the truth, he violated one of the sacred tenets of his profession and used his greatest forensic discovery for his personal gain. Now he is paying the price. Cut off from the outside world, and hunted by a psychopath, Rueben must stay alive so he can leave the prison and become a real father when his son needs him most. *Due Apr* (American)

Mary Jane MAFFINI **The Cluttered Corpse** 288pp Pb \$13.95

Charlotte Adams #2. When Charlotte Adams agrees to help Emmy Lou Rheinbeck organise her stuffed animal collection, she never imagines she'll find herself fending off pranksters whose shenanigans lead to murder... *Due Apr* (American)

Shane MALONEY **Sucked In** 288pp Pb \$22.95

Now pushing 50, Murray Whelan is spinning his wheels in parliament, a toothless cog in Labor's stalled political machine. But when the remains of a long-lost union official are found in dried-up Lake Nillahcootie, Murray soon gets sucked into some murky waters. For a start, it seems that his old mate Charlie Talbot was implicated. But Charlie has just dropped dead of a coronary occlusion in the dining room of the Mildura Grand Hotel, leaving behind a lot of unanswered questions. *Due Apr* (Australian)

Dominique MANOTTI **The Lorraine Connection** 208pp Pb \$29.95

A factory owned by the Korean Daewoo group in Pondage, Lorraine, manufactures cathode ray tubes. Working conditions are abysmal, but as it's the only source of employment in this bleak former iron and steel manufacturing region, the workers aren't protest. Until a strike breaks out and there's a fire at the factory. But is it an accident? Intrepid private cop Charles Montoya is called to Lorraine to carry out an investigation, and explosive revelations follow - murders, dirty tricks, blackmail, wheeling and dealing. (French)

Michael MARSHALL **The Intruders** 400pp Pb \$20.00

For Jack Whalen, it all starts with a visit from a childhood friend, now a lawyer, who asks for his help on an odd case. The family members of a scientist have been brutally murdered, and the scientist, who may have had something to hide, is nowhere to be found. But Jack has more pressing matters on his mind. His wife has told him that she's on a routine business trip to Seattle, yet she hasn't checked into her hotel. Calls to her cell phone go unanswered, and when Jack travels to Seattle to investigate, she's vanished. *Due Apr* (American)

Hal McDONALD **The Anatomists #14** 320pp Pb \$19.95

Edward Montague and Jean-Claude Legard, medical students at Guy's Hospital in London in 1825, have hired a 'resurrectionist' to 'snatch' a body for their research. However, the body is obviously not Lady Abigail Darcy as the grave marker claims, but a young man who appears to have been murdered... *Due Apr* (American)

G A McKEVETT **Fat Free and Fatal** 443pp Pb \$13.95

Savannah Reid Mystery #12. Beloved PI Savannah Reid rubs elbows with the rich, famous, and deadly in this delicious new instalment in McKevevett's acclaimed cosy mystery series. *Due Apr* (American)

Catriona McPHERSON **Bury Her Deep** 352pp Pb \$23.00

Dandy Gilver #3. "Dear Alec, Remember my engagement yesterday? The annual duty luncheon for the Reverend Mr Tait from which and whom I expected only boredom? I could hardly have been more wrong, Alec dear. A stranger, you see, is roaming the night and pouncing on the ladies of the Rural. But since half the village think he's a figment and he only ever strikes at the full moon, I cannot help but wonder if there's something even odder going on ...Much love and remember me fondly if the dark stranger gets me, Dandy xx" *Due Apr* (Scottish)

John Ramsay MILLER **Smoke and Mirrors** 432pp Pb \$13.95

The murder was shocking in its brutality: A thousand-yard high-velocity shot that left an innocent 19-year-old babysitter dead on a Mississippi plantation. At first, police called it a hunting accident. But the killer left a calling card for ex-US Marshall Winter Massey. And when Massey investigates, he knows exactly who the shooter is. He just doesn't know why.... *Due Apr* (American)

**Stephen MILLER** **The Last Train to Kazan** 432pp Pb \$25.00

When ex-Tsarist agent Pyotr Ryzhkov is picked up by the Bolshevik secret police, he has two choices: find the Romanovs, or face the firing squad. It appears that one choice is little better than the other as he ventures into the war-torn city where they are rumoured to be held. Yekaterinburg is at the end of the line, a frontier town cut off from Moscow by the White Russians and their allies. It is a nest of foreign spies armed with gold and guns, Bolsheviks determined to sell the family to the highest bidder, and local soviets desperate to kill them. *Due Apr* (American)

Steve MOSBY **The Fifty Fifty Killer** 288pp Pb \$23.00

Mark Nelson is a young police officer, newly assigned to the team of John Mackey, a highly-decorated and successful detective, and author of a bestselling true crime book based on his years of experience catching killers. Mackey is a legend in the force and it's a huge opportunity for Mark, who has dedicated his life to his job ever since the death of his girlfriend years before. When a man is found burned to death in his own home, Mackey's team is thrown into an investigation that grows darker and more complex at every turn. *Due Apr* (English)

Walter MOSLEY **Fortunate Son** 320pp Pb \$23.95

In a riveting story of modern-day resilience and redemption, two brothers confront separate challenges, and when circumstances reunite them years later, they draw on their extraordinary natures to confront a common enemy and, ultimately, save their lives. *Due Apr* (American)

 **Blonde Faith** 304pp Tp \$33.00

Easy Rawlins, LA's most reluctant detective comes home one day to find Easter, the daughter of his friend Christmas Black, left on his doorstep. Easy knows that this could only mean that the ex-marine Black is probably dead, or will be soon. *Due Apr* (American)

Warren MURPHY & James MULLANEY **New Destroyer #3:**

Dead Reckoning 256pp Pb \$13.95
A daring daylight prison break at a top security federal penitentiary frees the infamous '20th hijacker', the only 9/11 terrorist to miss his flight that September morning. It seems Mustafa Mohammed's been hiding a toxic secret right under the noses of federal authorities. Soon, hundreds start dying throughout the country... *Due Apr* (American)

Camilla NOLI **Still Waters** Pb \$25.00

In the suburbs, a young mother is looking after her two children. She has been a successful career woman in control of her life and used to attracting her husband's undivided attention. But now her control is slipping away. Motherhood is devouring her life. *Due Apr* (Australian)

Martin O'BRIEN **Jacquot and the Fifteen** Pb \$20.00

Jacquot #4. When dark jealousies surface on the French Riviera during Rugby team reunion, Chief Inspector Daniel Jacquot suspects that someone is out for revenge. Of the original 15 players, only 11 of the team now remain alive. Is there a killer amongst them? *Due Apr* (English)

Gregg OLSEN **A Cold Dark Place** 400pp Pb \$13.95

In a secluded farm house in the Pacific Northwest, a family has been slaughtered, and a teenage son has disappeared. Single mother and cop, Emily Kenyon spearheads a dark hunt for a killer. But Emily's teenage daughter Jenna is one step ahead of her... *Due Apr* (American)

Leonardo PADURA **Havana Blue** 286pp Pb \$24.95

Lt Mario Conde #3. A brutally mutilated body is washed up in the bay of Havana. The body of Miguel Forcade Mier, head smashed in by a baseball bat, genitals cut off by a dull knife. Forcade, once an official in the Cuban government responsible for the confiscation of the belongings of the bourgeoisie fleeing the revolution, was an exile in Miami. Had he really returned to Havana just to visit his ailing father? (Spanish)

Julie PARSONS **I Saw You** 304pp Tp \$32.95

For 10 years, retired Policeman Michael McLoughlin has been haunted by the case of a young woman brutally murdered and the affection he felt for the victim's mother, Margaret. A favour for a friend leads him to another woman who has lost a child - her daughter has been found drowned in the same lake her stepfather died in years earlier. Was it an accident, suicide or murder? (New Zealander)

James PATTERSON **An Alex Cross Omnibus: (Cat and Mouse / Pop Goes the Weasel)** Tp \$35.00

In *Cat and Mouse*, Alex Cross is called to Union Station train terminal a man is on the loose, firing at random into the swarming crowds of travellers. In *Pop Goes the Weasel*, the mounting numbers of bodies threatens to spiral out of control with the murder of yet another Jane Doe. Alex Cross must work alone to find a dangerous and clever killer with the perfect cover, someone beyond suspicion and almost impossible to track down... *Due Apr* (American)

 **Maximum Ride: The Final Warning** 288pp Tp \$32.95

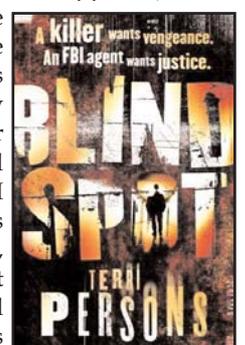
Max, Fang, Iggy, Nudge, Gazzy and Angel are six extraordinary kids created by the crazed Uber Director in a twisted laboratory experiment that left them with the ability to fly. They are back for another wild adventure as they try to save the world - and themselves. Led by heroine Max, their task takes them in a fast-paced, high-speed chase across the world to the South Pole but, as ever, danger is never far away... *Due Apr* (American)

Suzetta PERKINS **Behind the Veil** 368pp Pb \$15.95

Jefferson Myles, a successful businessman and CEO of his own securities firm, might be in over his head. For one thing, he's embezzling money from his clients to fund 'Operation Stingray' - an organisation headed by Robert Santiago that steals ammunition from a military base to sell to a rebel group in Honduras. To make matters worse, Jefferson is cheating on his wife with his married neighbour, Linda Montgomery. And to top it all off, Blake, Linda's husband, knows about affair and knows that Jefferson is involved in some kind of illegal activity... *Due Apr* (American)

Terri PERSONS **Blind Spot** 352pp Pb \$15.95

Bernadette Saint Clare can see through a killer's eyes, an ability which makes her valuable, and volatile, as an FBI agent. Not always easy to work with, she's languishing at the off-site St Paul office when bodies begin appearing along the sandy banks of the Mississippi. And it will take her strange ability, an uneasy alliance with her boss, and a mysterious new upstairs neighbour to help bring a bloodthirsty killer into focus. *Due Apr* (American)



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**Sarah RAYNE****The Death Chamber**

560pp Tp \$29.95

Calvary Gaol, standing bleak and forbidding on the Cumbrian hillside, exerts a curious hold over Georgina Gray. For her family's history is closely bound up in its dark and terrible past. It's there that her great-grandfather worked as a prison doctor in the 1930s; where his involvement in a bizarre experiment would change the course of his life forever. TV presenter Chad Ingram is fascinated by Calvary too. For he plans to conduct a new experiment in the now-disused gaol - in the old execution chamber. Chad's experiment and Georgina's curiosity will have horrifying consequences... *Due Apr* (English)

Jay RAYNER**The Oyster House Siege**

336pp Pb \$24.95

It's General Election night, 1983. The great and the good have gathered in the Jermyn Street Oyster House restaurant in central London to celebrate a Tory victory. But when two masked gunmen burst through the door and take a group of diners hostage, none of them has any idea just how hellish their night has just become. (English)

John RICKARDS**Burial Ground 400pp Pb \$19.95**

"You have to find the crosses. Find them or other people could die..." It was a short note, signed simply "Sam". But it was enough to send ex-FBI agent Alex Rourke on a search to an isolated valley in the American mid-West. (American)

John RINGO**Unto the Breach 752pp Pb \$15.95**

Michael Harmon has been there and done that. Rescued co-eds, killed major terrorists, stopped nuclear assaults. Now he'd just like to kick back and relax with his harem of lovelies. Unfortunately, the world keeps turning. *Due Apr* (American)

Karen ROBARDS**Obsession 352pp Pb \$20.00**

Katharine Lawrence remembers the burglars who shot her best friend, the terror she felt the night she nearly died. But there are things she doesn't remember at all. Like her lover's voice on the phone. Like her clothes in her luxurious townhouse. Like the face in her mirror. Everything in her life feels utterly wrong, as if the trauma has given her some kind of amnesia. *Due Apr* (American)

Gillian ROBERTS**All's Well that Ends**

288pp Pb \$13.95

Amanda Pepper Mystery. This is the final novel in Roberts's acclaimed Amanda Pepper series. Amanda's farewell adventure brings the genius of "the Dorothy Parker of mystery writers" (Nancy Pickard) into full flower. *Due Apr* (American)

J D ROBB**Creation in Death**

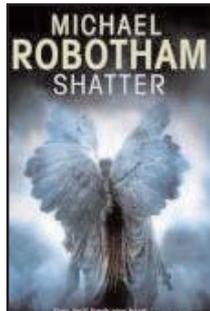
352pp Pb \$20.00

In Death #25. When the body of a young brunette is found in East River Park, marked by signs of prolonged and painful torture, Eve Dallas is catapulted back to nine years ago. A man the media tagged 'The Groom' because he put silver rings on the fingers of his victims had the city on edge with a killing spree that took the lives of four women in 15 days. But now, The Groom has returned - and Eve is determined to finish him. *Due Apr* (American)

Michael ROBOTHAM**Shatter**

352pp Tp \$33.00

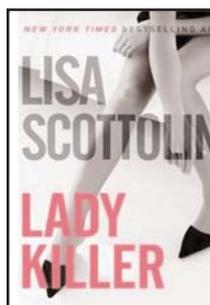
A naked woman in red high-heeled shoes is perched on the edge of Clifton Suspension Bridge with her back pressed to the safety fence, weeping into a mobile phone. Clinical psychologist Joseph O'Loughlin is only feet away, desperately trying to talk her down. She whispers, "you don't understand," and jumps... *Due Apr* (Australian)

**Jack ROSS****Requiem 416pp Tp \$32.95**

Deborah Jones, rookie reporter on the *Miami Herald*, is determined to discover the truth about William Craig, an 82-year-old Scot and Second World War hero who is on death row for killing a senator's son who raped his granddaughter. Although Deborah admires the old man, her interest in the case and her resolve to save Craig from execution is personal as much as professional. In the desperate final countdown to save Craig, she too may be forced to disregard the law... *Due Apr* (American)

Lisa SCOTTOLINE**Lady Killer 400pp Tp \$32.95**

In recent years, Mary DiNunzio has become a big-time business-getter at Rosato & Associates, but the last person she expects to walk into her office one morning, in mile-high stilettos, is super-sexy Trish Gambone, her high school rival. Back then, while Mary was becoming the straight-A president of the Latin Club and Most Likely to Achieve Sainthood, Trish was the head Mean Girl, who flunked religion and excelled at smoking in the bathroom. As it turns out, however, Trish's life has taken a horrifying turn... (American)

**Lisa SCOTTOLINE****Daddy's Girl 356pp Pb \$22.95**

Natalie Greco loves being a law professor, even though she can't keep her students from cruising sex.com during class and secretly feels like Faculty Comic Relief. She loves her family, too, but as a bookworm, doesn't quite fit into the cult of Greco football, headed by her father, the team captain. The one person she feels most connected to is her colleague, Angus Holt, a guy with a brilliant mind, a great sense of humour, a gorgeous facade, and a penchant for helping those less fortunate. When he talks Nat into teaching a class at a local prison, her comfortably imperfect world turns upside down. (American)

Kelly SIMMONS**Skylight 288pp Tp \$33.00**

Claire - mother of three; wife of an often-absent husband; plagued by an acute anxiety disorder and secret-filled past - discovers a kidnapper in her daughter's bedroom in the middle of the night. Desperate, she offers herself up as hostage instead. Tied up in the boot of an old car, she is driven by her abductor, a quiet Mexican, to a rundown motel. Tense days pass in which Claire learns more about her kidnapper, but not what he wants. Was she the random victim of stalking? Or is it something to do with her husband's work? *Due Apr* (American)

Joshua SPANOGLE**Flawless 576pp Pb \$13.95**

A former medical detective for the Centre for Disease Control, Dr Nate McCormick had seen enough suffering to last a lifetime. Now he's left the CDC, determined to begin a new life with his girlfriend in San Francisco, until the vicious murder of a biotech researcher, an old friend, hurtles him back into the medical world he'd left behind. *Due Apr* (American)

Mariah STEWART**Last Breath 352pp Pb \$13.95**

As renowned archaeologist Dr Daria McGowan readies the most important project of her career, a University museum exhibit showcasing the priceless artefacts her great-grandfather unearthed a century earlier in the Middle East, she makes a shocking discovery: many of the most significant pieces have vanished. Panicked, Daria turns to the FBI. *Due Apr* (American)

Denise SWANSON**Murder of a Chocolate-Covered Cherry 272pp Pb \$13.95**

A Scumble River Mystery. Grandma Sal's Soup-To-Nuts Cooking Challenge is coming to town, and Skye Denison is entering. And though she can't solve the mystery of the perfect mousse, murder is another story. Because a cocky contestant has been found delectably drowned in a chocolate fountain... *Due Apr* (American)

**Andrew TAYLOR****The Old School Tie****312pp Pb \$23.00**

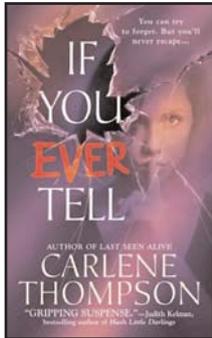
James Hanbury is a reformed character. Or he would like to be. He plans to marry into respectability: his bride Molly is both rich and of good family. But alas, on the very day of their return from honeymoon, Molly is electrocuted. Accident or murder? *Due Apr* (English)

Peter TEMPLE**Shooting Star (1999)****240pp Pb \$22.95**

Anne Carson: 15, beautiful, wayward. Abducted. The rich Carsons have closed ranks and summoned Frank Calder, retired police negotiator, subject to strict instructions. This is not the first kidnapping in the Carson family, and hard lessons have been learned. (Australian)

Carlene THOMPSON**If You Ever Tell****384pp Pb \$13.95**

It took everything in Teresa Farr's power to return to her hometown of Point Pleasant, West Virginia. Eight years earlier, she had walked in on the savage murders of her father and stepmother, both of whom she hated. She barely managed to save herself and her eight-year-old stepsister, Celeste. But even after notorious serial killer Roscoe Lee Byrnes confessed, people still wondered if Teri was the guilty one. And with Celeste unable to remember that night, or to speak at all, those suspicions never went away... *Due Apr* (American)

**Nicola UPSON****An Expert in Murder****352pp Tp \$32.95**

Josephine Tey #1. An expert in Murder is the first in a new series which features Golden Age crime writer Josephine Tey as its lead character, placing her in the richly-peopled world of 1930s theatre which formed the other half of her writing life, and using real events as the basis for an original murder mystery. *Due Apr* (English)

Simone VAN DER VLUGT**Reunion****320pp Tp \$32.95**

Sabine was 15 when Isabel disappeared, isolated at school and tormented by her former friend. What if she'd seen something back then, nine years ago, the day of Isabel's disappearance? What if she'd blocked it out almost entirely? What if her memory was returning to her? And what if it was dangerous? This riveting and disturbing psychological thriller will appeal to fans of Nicci French and Ruth Rendell. *Due Apr* (Dutch)

Diane WEI LANG**The Eye of Jade****240pp Pb \$19.95**

Mei Wang #1. Mei is a modern, independent Chinese woman. She runs her own business in Beijing, working as a private investigator; she owns a car; she even has that most modern of commodities, a male secretary. One day, 'Uncle' Chen, no relation but a close friend of her mother's, comes to Mei with a case to investigate. He asks her to find the Eye of Jade, a Han dynasty artefact of great value. (Chinese)

**Paper Butterfly****Tp \$32.95**

Mei Wang #2. Mei Wang is hired on the case of a missing person by talent magnate Mr Peng. The subject in question is Kaili, a gorgeous young pop star, whose life was not as glittering as it first appeared. As the case rapidly slides into murder, Mr Peng chooses a corporate cover-up over the risk of finding out too much of the messy truth. But Mei is compelled by her instincts to do just that, following a mysterious clue in a beautiful handmade paper butterfly... (Chinese)

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London, June 1940. When the body of silent screen star Mabel Morgan is found impaled on railings in Fitzrovia, the coroner rules her death as suicide, but DI Ted Stratton of the CID is not convinced. Despite opposition from his superiors, he starts asking questions, and it becomes clear that Morgan's fatal fall from a high window may have been the work of one of Soho's most notorious gangsters. *Due Apr* (English)

Felicity YOUNG**Harum Scarum****300pp Pb \$22.95**

When the body of 11-year-old Bianca Webster is found dumped it is soon clear to DS Stevie Hooper that the murder is connected to paedophile Internet site, the Dream Team. Another murder leads her to suspect that she might have a vigilante on her hands. Katy Enigma, Lolita, and Harum Scarum; just who or what lies beneath these Internet nicknames? Stevie Hooper finds herself racing against time to discover the identities before another child is taken. *Due Apr* (Australian)

**HISTORICAL
CRIME****Rhys BOWEN****In Dublin's Fair City****281pp Pb \$13.95**

Molly Murphy #6. When New York theatre impresario Tommy Burke asks Molly to help him take care of some family business back in Ireland, Molly is happy to oblige. Tempted by the prospect of going home for the first time in years (and putting her fledgling detective agency on firm financial ground), Molly throws caution to the wind and climbs aboard the White Star Liner *Majestic* with hopes of sneaking on and off the island without raising a peep. Until one passenger, who happens to be a famous Broadway actress goes missing, and another turns up dead. So much for smooth sailing... (American)

Gerri BRIGHTWELL**The Dark Lantern****336pp Tp \$32.95**

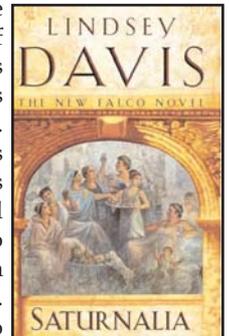
Victorian England comes to atmospheric life in a 19th century home turned upside down when two women's dark secrets are revealed. This book exposes the genteel 'upstairs' of a Victorian home, as well as the darker underbelly of its servants' quarters. The clash of these two classes makes for a suspenseful novel of mistaken identities, intriguing women, and dangerous deception. *Due Apr* (English)

Carina BURMAM**The Streets of Babylon****312pp Tp \$32.95**

The setting is London in 1851, the year of the Great Exhibition. Together with a Welsh police inspector the successful Swedish authoress Euthanasia Bondeson goes in search of her beautiful companion, who has disappeared in the narrow streets and alleyways of London. *Due Apr* (Swedish)

Lindsey DAVIS**Saturnalia****352pp Pb RRP \$24.95****40th Birthday Special Price \$19.95**

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**Lindsey DAVIS**

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Falco #1. Rome, AD 70. One hot day in the Forum, Marcus Didius Falco, private informer, runs into sweet 16-year-old Sosia Camillina. She is fleeing for her life. Rescuing her is the start of a dangerous game, involving stolen imperial ingots and a dark political plot. *Due Apr* (English)

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Falco #2. Rome, AD 71 - Against his better judgement, Marcus Didius Falco secretly disposes of a decayed corpse for the Emperor Vespasian, and then heads for the beautiful Bay of Naples with his best friend Petronius. *Due Apr* (English)

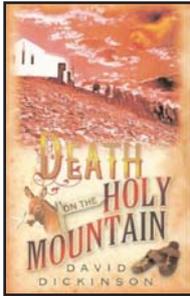
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L M JACKSON**Most Dangerous Woman**

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When an old friend is brutally murdered, Sarah Tanner is the only witness. Unable to turn to the police, she finds herself drawn back into the dark underworld of the Victorian metropolis. Relying on her wits, and trading on her past, Sarah Tanner risks her own life on a desperate quest for justice and vengeance. *Due Apr* (English)

Ben PASTOR

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Nick RENNISON**The Rivals of Sherlock Holmes**

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Sherlock Holmes is the most famous fictional detective ever created. He and Dr Watson, will forever be associated with the gas lit and smog-filled streets of late 19th and early 20th century London. Yet Holmes and Watson were not the only ones solving mysterious crimes and foiling the plans of villainous masterminds in Victorian and Edwardian England. This volume highlights some of those 'Rivals of Sherlock Holmes'. (English)

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Michael ROBOTHAM

Shatter CD \$45.00
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CRIME NON-FICTION**Bill BASS****Beyond the Body Farm**

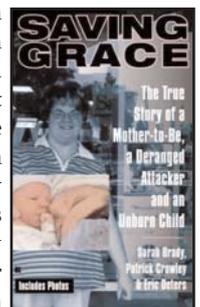
351pp Tp \$32.95

There is no scientist in the world like Dr Bill Bass. A pioneer in forensic anthropology, Bass created the world's first laboratory dedicated to the study of human decomposition - three acres of land on a hillside in Tennessee where human bodies are left to the elements. His research at 'the Body Farm' revolutionised forensic science, helping police crack cold cases and pinpoint a time of death. In this riveting book, the bone sleuth explores the rise of modern forensic science, using fascinating cases from his career to take readers into the real world of CSI. *Due Apr* (American)

Sarah BRADY, Patrick CROWLEY & Eric DETERS

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The true story of a mother-to-be, a deranged attacker and an unborn child. It seemed like a simple case of mistaken identity. Sarah Brady was nine months pregnant and the baby gifts she registered for were being sent to a Sarah Brody. Little did she know that it was a trap set up by a woman so desperate to be a mother that she would try to steal Sarah's unborn child. *Due Apr* (American)



Colin EVANS

The Father of Forensics: How Sir Bernard Spilsbury Invented Modern CSI
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Keith Elliot GREENBERG & Vincent FELBER

Perfect Beauty: A Glamorous Socialite, Her Handsome Lover and a Brutal Murder
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Cynthia George was the stunning wife of one of Akron Ohio's most successful restaurateurs, and a mother of seven. She flaunted her money, her body and even her extra-marital affairs. Until she got in too deep with Jeff Zack, her younger, long-time lover who was also the father of one of her children - a secret that she kept for many years. In a crime that shocked the heartland, Zack was killed execution-style in a parking lot. *Due Apr* (American)

John KERR

Bloody Relations: True Stories of Murder in the Family 308pp Pb \$19.95

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Paul LAROSA & Erin MORIARTY

Death of a Dream 384pp Pb \$15.95

Aspiring dancer Catherine Woods was a gifted mid-western beauty, the daughter of Ohio State University's marching band director. Soon after high school graduation, Catherine left Columbus for New York City, determined to be a star. Three years later, she was dead - murdered in cold blood in her East Side apartment. *Due Apr* (American)

Don LASSETER & Ronald BOWERS

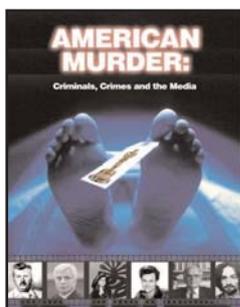
Meet Me for Murder 400pp Pb \$13.95

The horrifying true story of Victor Paleologus, a sexual predator who lured hopeful Hollywood beauties to a fake casting call, and murdered one of them. *Due Apr* (American)

Mike MAYO

American Murder: Criminals, Crimes and the Media
500pp Pb \$39.95

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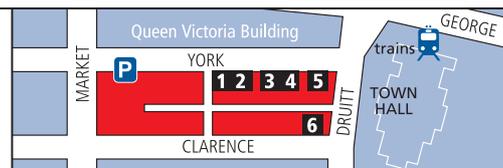
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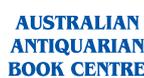
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