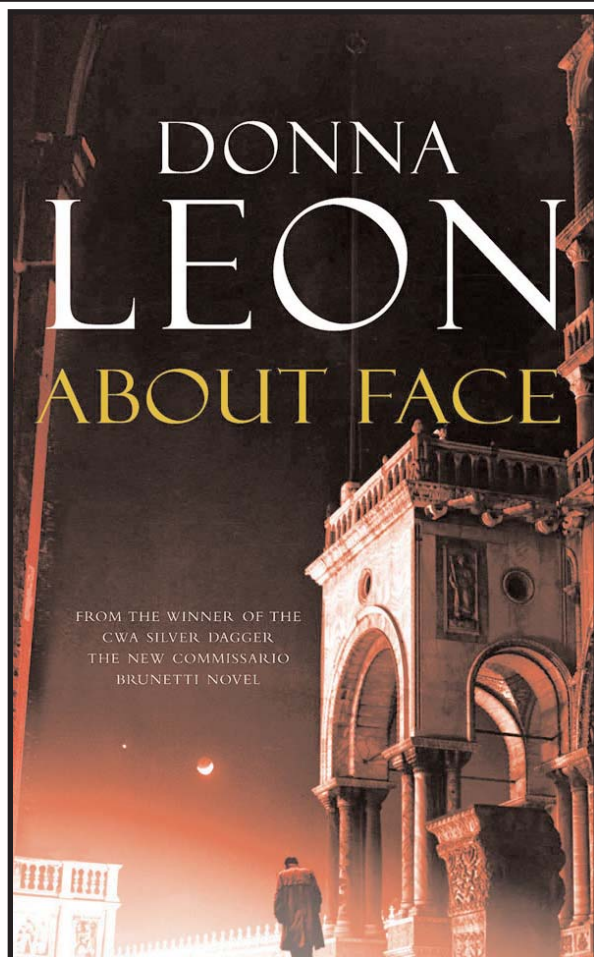


# CRIME CHRONICLE

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**Donna LEON**

**About Face**

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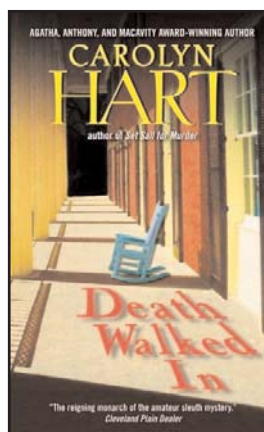
*Guido Brunetti #18.* At a dinner party, Commissario Brunetti meets Franca Marinello, the wife of a prosperous businessman and is charmed by her love of Virgil and Cicero. A few days later, Brunetti is visited by Carabinieri Maggiore Filippo Guarino from the nearby city of Marghera. As part of a wider investigation into Mafia takeovers of businesses in the region, Guarino wants information about the owner of a trucking company who was found murdered in his office. He believes the man's death is connected to the illegal transportation of refuse - and more sinister material - in his company's trucks. No stranger to mutual suspicion and competition between rival Italian police departments, Brunetti is nevertheless puzzled by the younger man's paranoid behaviour. Eventually Guarino agrees to email a photo of his suspect, but by the time the photograph arrives, he himself is dead. Was he killed because he got too close? And why is it that Franca Marinello has often been seen in the company of the suspect, a vulgar man with Mafia connections and a violent past? Also avail in CD \$49.95 *Due Apr (American)*

**"A splendid series... with a backdrop of the city so vivid you can almost smell it."**

**- The Sunday Telegraph (London)**

**Carolyn HART**  
**Death Walked In**

**304pp Pb \$18.95**



*Death on Demand Mystery #18.* Max Darling hasn't been interested in crime since his brush with a seductive young woman put him in danger of losing his freedom. He even refuses to talk to a woman who calls for help and says she is afraid. The caller leaves word she has hidden something in the house Max and his wife, Annie, are restoring. When Annie finds out, she hurries to the woman's home, only to discover she's been murdered. Evidence links the dead woman to a fortune in gold coins that has recently gone missing. Was this mysterious

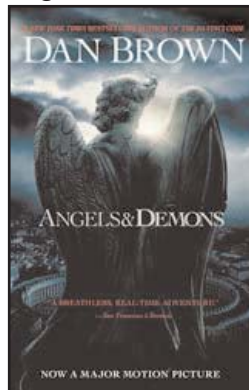
woman killed for the coins? The woman's son is accused, but Max believes in his innocence, and Max and Annie plunge wholeheartedly into the investigation. *Due Apr (American)*

**"This tight, Agatha Christie-style puzzler will keep readers guessing to the end."**

**- Publishers Weekly**

**Dan BROWN**  
**Angels and Demons**

**496pp Pb \$21.95**



*Film tie-in edition. (Movie released 14 May).* World-renowned Harvard symbolist Robert Langdon is summoned to a Swiss research facility to analyse a cryptic symbol seared into the chest of a murdered physicist. What he discovers is a deadly vendetta against the Catholic Church by a centuries-old underground organisation - the Illuminati. Desperate to save the Vatican from a powerful time bomb, Langdon joins forces in Rome with the mysterious scientist Vittoria Vetra.

Together they embark on a frantic hunt through sealed crypts, dangerous catacombs and the most secretive vault on earth - the long-forgotten Illuminati lair. *Due Apr (American)*

**"A breathless, real-time adventure... Exciting, fast-paced, with an unusually high IQ"**

**- San Francisco Chronicle**



**Anzac Day**

**Saturday 25 Apr**

**10am - 5pm**

**Easter Hours**

Good Friday	10 Apr	(Public Holiday)	Closed
Saturday	11 Apr	(Public Holiday)	8.30am - 6pm
Sunday	12 Apr		10am - 5pm
Monday	13 Apr	(Public Holiday)	10am - 5pm



## MODERN CRIME

Peter ABRAHAMS

**Delusion**

336pp Pb \$18.95

20 years ago, Nell Jarreau identified Alvin 'Pirate' DuPre as the murderer who killed her boyfriend right in front of her - and she later went on to marry the detective, now the police chief, who made the arrest. She and Clay raised a daughter and had a happy life - but now, exonerated by recently uncovered evidence, Pirate is free, leaving Nell haunted by doubt, guilt and fear... *Due Apr* (American)



Susan Wittig ALBERT

**Nightshade** 304pp Pb \$18.95

*China Bayles Mystery #16.* China is still reeling from her father's death and has no interest in her half-brother Miles' investigation. When fate forces her to get involved, China realises it's time to bring the past to light - or else it will haunt her forever. Then she discovers that Miles may be keeping secrets himself. Now, one fresh murder and several cold cases will force China Bayles to face her dark past. *Due Apr* (American)

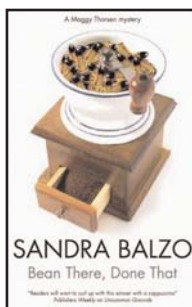
Sandra BALZO

**Bean There, Done That**

192pp Tp \$27.95

*A Maggy Thorsen Coffee mystery.* Here's a tip: if your ex-husband's mistress-cum-missus asks for your help in proving that he cheated on her while he was married to you, just say no. And, whatever you do, don't invite her in...

Never one to heed her own advice, coffeehouse owner Maggy Thorsen does just that when Rachel Slattery Thorsen comes knocking on her door. When the new Mrs Thorsen disappears that same evening, Maggy is torn between wanting to see her cheating ex fry and protecting their son's college fund. *Due Apr* (American)



Leslie Esdaile BANKS

**Blind Trust** (2005)

304pp Pb \$16.95

When Laura Caldwell set out to bring down Philadelphia's most prominent and corrupt families, she wasn't sure she'd survive. But now she's ready to enjoy the fruits of her victory, millions in the bank and a new romance with detective James Carter. However, her adversaries have started taking their revenge and Laura knows her past is coming back with a vengeance. The families want their money and their power returned and they want to destroy Laura in the process. (American)

Nevada BARR

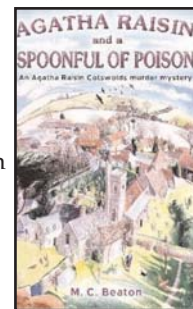
**Winter Study** 496pp Pb \$23.95

*Anna Pigeon #16.* Soon after Anna Pigeon joins the famed wolf study team of Isle Royale National Park, giant wolf prints are found and a female member of the team is savaged, Anna is convinced they are being stalked and what was once a beautiful, idyllic refuge becomes a place of unnatural occurrences and danger beyond the ordinary. *Due Apr* (American)

M C BEATON

**Agatha Raisin and a Spoonful of Poison** 272pp Pb \$17.99

*Agatha Raisin #19.* Agatha must uncover the truth behind jam tampering at the church fete, keep the church funds safe from theft - all while falling for handsome George, who may have secrets of his own. *Due Apr* (English)



M C BEATON

**Death of a Travelling Man** (1999) 272pp Pb \$17.99

*Hamish Macbeth #9.* The doctor's drugs have gone missing. Money vanishes. And neighbours suddenly become unneighbourly and Hamish uncovers a bizarre story he may never be able to forget. *Due Apr* (English)

M C BEATON

**Death of a Gentle Lady** 224pp Pb \$17.99

*Hamish Macbeth Mystery #24.* Hamish is willing to get rough to solve the riddle of a seemingly gentle lady's mysterious demise. *Due Apr* (English)

Elizabeth BECKA

**Unknown Means** 336pp Pb \$23.00

*Evelyn James #2.* Evelyn James is called to investigate two different murders of women in very high security penthouse suites. When her best friend Marissa is attacked by the same man, things get personal. She is also distracted by pressure from her detective boyfriend about their future together and by a crime scene in the salt mine underneath Lake Erie. A third murder convinces her that the killer's choice of victim is anything but random. (American)

Alex BERENSON

**The Silent Man** 432pp Tp \$32.95

*John Wells #3.* CIA special agent John Wells and his fiancée Jennifer Exley are targeted by assassins and Exley is gravely injured. Discovering that the assailants were Russian, he leaves for Moscow. What he finds there is a terrifying plan set in motion by terrorists who have infiltrated Russia's nuclear complex. *Due Apr* (American)

Cara BLACK

**Murder in Belleville** (2000) 356pp Pb \$24.99

*Aimée Leduc #2.* Aimée barely escapes death as she pursues terrorists amongst Algerian nationalists and Islamic fundamentalists who are part of an underground North African network in Paris. *Due Apr* (American)

### KEY

ACADEMIC



BANKING



CANINE DETECTIVES



CLERICAL



COSY/MALICE DOMESTIC



CULINARY/FOOD



FBI



FELINE DETECTIVES



FORENSIC



HORSE RACING MYSTERY



JOURNALISTS



MEDICAL



MILITARY



NATIVE AMERICAN



POLICE PROCEDURAL



POLITICAL/LEGAL



PSYCHOLOGICAL



PRIVATE EYE



ROMANTIC SUSPENSE



SPORT



SPY



SUSPENSE/THRILLER



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**Cara BLACK****Murder in the Marais (1999)**  
**224pp Pb \$24.99**

*Aimée Leduc #1.* Aimée is approached by a rabbi to decipher a 50-year-old encrypted photograph and deliver it to an old woman in the Marais, the old Jewish quarter of the city. When she does so, she finds herself caught up in a dangerous game with links to both modern politics and crimes from WWII. *Due Apr* (American)

**Cara BLACK****Murder in the Sentier (2002)**  
**336pp Pb \$24.99**

*Aimée Leduc #3.* Aimée is shocked to hear that her mother was a member of the notorious 1970s Red Terrorist gang, but before she can discover more, her contact is murdered. Desperate to find her mother, Aimée becomes embroiled with resurgent terrorists ruthlessly seeking hidden loot - which seems to have disappeared without trace. *Due Apr* (American)

**S J BOLTON****Awakening** **400pp Tp \$32.95**

*Veterinary surgeon Clara Benning* is young and intelligent, but practically a recluse. Disfigured by a childhood accident, she shies away from human contact. But when a man dies following a supposed snake bite, the victim's post-mortem shows a higher concentration of venom than could ever be found in a single snake. Assisted by her neighbour and an eccentric reptile expert, Clara unravels sinister links to a barbaric ancient ritual, an abandoned house and a 50-year-old tragedy that left the survivors fiercely secretive. *Due Apr* (English)

**Stephanie BOND****Four Bodies and a Funeral**  
**320pp Pb \$16.95**

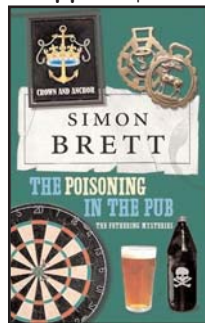
*Body Movers #4.* A surprise visit from her father - who's on the run from the law - has given Carlotta Wren a lot to think about. Should she join her former fiancé, Peter, in proving her father is innocent? If she does, are her body-moving days over? *Due Apr* (American)

**Gary BRAVER****Skin Deep** **464pp Pb \$18.95**

Someone is killing the most alluring women of Boston. Homicide detective Lt Steve Markarian must stop the killer before another woman is sacrificed - possibly even his own estranged wife. Beset with loneliness and addictions, Steve pursues leads all over greater Boston - from the haunts of blue-blooded Brahmins, to seedy strip joints, to mansions by the sea, to the halls of prestigious universities, to the offices of his own precinct - and to the recesses of his own heart, only to discover that he himself may actually be the killer. *Due Apr* (American)

**Simon BRET****The Poisoning in the Pub**  
**400pp Hb \$54.99**

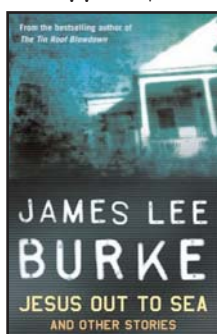
*Fethering #10.* Fethering residents, Jude and Carole, get more than they bargained for when a lunchtime meal in their local pub leaves everyone with food poisoning. Then, when Ray, a young man with the mental age of a five-year-old, is found in the kitchen of the pub with a knife through his heart, Carole and Jude swing into action. *Due Apr* (English)

**Sandra BROWN****The Witness (1995)**  
**448pp Pb \$20.00**

A car crash leaves three survivors: an infant, a man and Kendall Deaton. But she doesn't dare reveal their true identities to the authorities. Instead, she plans her escape. Her perilous flight begins. The best public defender in South Carolina, Kendall had stumbled upon the town's chilling secret, making her marriage into a powerful family a living hell. Now, a terrified mother trying to protect her child, she is surrounded by forces that will stop at nothing to protect what is theirs. (American)

**James Lee BURKE****Jesus Out to Sea (2007)**  
**240pp Pb \$23.00**

The very best of his recent short stories have been gathered together in one collection. Burke paints a vivid picture of 1940s and 1950s Texas and Louisiana. As you would expect of a writer who cares passionately about his fellow man, as well as the environment, the more contemporary stories deal with the devastation left by a hurricane. Here is the first collection of stories in 10 years by a modern master. (American)

**Nancy BUSH****Unseen** **384pp Pb \$16.95**

She woke up in a hospital room, with no memories, bruised, bloody and confused. She knows her name is Gemma La Porte - but that's all. She doesn't remember anything from the last three days. Deputy Will Tanninger is waiting for answers and wants to know if she's responsible for a fatal hit-and-run, but remembering her past could kill her. *Due Apr* (American)

**Chelsea CAIN****Sweetheart** **320pp Pb \$19.99**

*Archie and Gretchen #2.* Investigative journalist Susan Ward is about to print the story of her career - proving long-rumoured allegations about a respected senator's affair with a young girl, but the day before her story is published, the senator is killed in a car crash. Detective Archie Sheridan is trying to rebuild a life with his family. But he remains haunted by beautiful, ruthless serial killer Gretchen Lowell - the woman who tortured him, then saved his life. Now that she is safely behind bars, Archie is determined to stay away from her. But then the unthinkable happens: Gretchen escapes... *Due Apr* (American)

**Andrea CAMILLERI****The Paper Moon**  
**320pp Pb \$22.99**

*Inspector Montalbano Mystery #12.* The gruesome murder of a man, shot in the face at point-blank range with his pants down, commands Inspector Montalbano's attention. Add two evasive, beautiful women as prime suspects, dirty cocaine, dead politicians, mysterious computer codes and a series of threatening letters and things soon get very complicated. *Due Apr* (Italian)

**Haggai CARMON****The Chameleon Conspiracy**  
**336pp Pb \$18.95**

*Dan Gordon #2.* The master criminal and con man known as the Chameleon has eluded international law enforcement for 20 years. Dan Gordon was sure he finally had him, but he was left empty-handed. Now he won't rest until the Chameleon is stopped. *Due Apr* (American)

**Lee CHILD****Gone Tomorrow** **326pp Tp \$32.95**

*Jack Reacher #13.* Suicide bombers are easy to spot. They give out all kinds of tell-tale signs, mostly because they're nervous. Riding the subway in New York at two o'clock in the morning, Reacher knows the 12 signs to look out for. Watching one of his fellow-passengers, he becomes aware as one-by-one, she ticks off every bullet point on his list. *Due Apr* (American)

**Lee CHILD****Nothing to Lose**  
**528pp Pb \$21.95**

*Jack Reacher #12.* Jack pulls on a tiny loose thread, to unravel conspiracies that expose the most shocking truths, because, after all, he has nothing to lose. *Due Apr* (American)

**Carol Higgins CLARK****Zapped** **304pp Pb \$14.95**

*Regan Reilly #11.* A blackout strikes and both Reillys are called into action. *Due Apr* (American)

**Mary Higgins CLARK****Just Take My Heart****336pp Tp \$29.95**

While Natalie and her roommate, Jamie Evans, were both struggling young actresses, Jamie had been involved with a mysterious married man to whom she referred only by nickname. Years later, Natalie inadvertently addresses him by the nickname Jamie had used and a few days later, is found dying from a gunshot wound. Immediately the police suspect her soon-to-be-ex-husband, Gregg Aldrich, but no charges are brought against him until a career criminal comes forward to claim that Aldrich had tried to hire him to kill his wife... *Due Apr* (American)

**Philippe CLAUDEL****Brodeck's Report****400pp Pb \$29.95**

Brodeck writes a report into the lynching of an artist, a flamboyant figure who had deeply disturbed the fragile equilibrium of the town he briefly settled in. But his account of events and his investigation into potential motives of the townspeople becomes a report into the catastrophe of his own life. Brodeck, himself also an outsider, seems to have lately returned from a concentration camp. In the course of his investigation, he uncovers the truth about his origins and all that happened to his family when he was gone. *Due Apr* (French)

**Ann CLEEVES****Red Bones****400pp Tp \$32.99**

*Shetland Island Quartet* #3. ..When an archaeologist studying on a site at Whalsay discovers a set of human remains, the island settlers are intrigued. Then an elderly woman is shot in a tragic accident. Shetland detective



Jimmy Perez is called in by her grandson - his own colleague, Sandy Wilson. Surrounded by people he doesn't know and in unfamiliar territory, Jimmy finds himself out of his depth. Then there's another death... *Due Apr* (English)

**Harlan COBEN****Long Lost****352pp Tp \$32.99**

*Myron Bolitar* #9. Myron is summoned to Paris at the behest of an old lover, Therese. She is in trouble and needs his help. When he gets there, he discovers that her ex-husband has been murdered and she is the main suspect. The interesting thing is that more than one blood-type has been discovered at the scene - and the other blood can only be attributed to the dead man's daughter, but she died 10 years before... *Due Apr* (American)

**Jeffrey COHEN****A Night at the Operation****304pp Pb \$18.95**

*Double Feature Mystery* #3. It's hard for Elliot Freed to focus on his Comedy Tonight theatre with his ex-wife missing and accused of murdering her patient. With plenty of wanted - and unwanted - help, he embarks on a frantic search, because murder is no laughing matter. *Due Apr* (American)

**Patricia CORNWELL****Book of the Dead****470pp Pb \$19.99**

*Scarpetta* #19. Scarpetta moves to Charleston and opens a private forensic pathology practice. It seems ideal until the violent deaths begin. ..(American)

**Colin COTTERILL****Anarchy and Old Dogs****272pp Pb \$29.95**

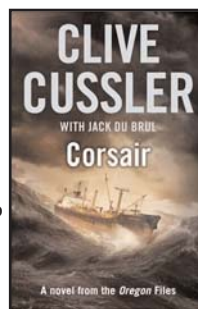
*Dr Siri Paiboun* #4. A blind retired dentist has been run down by a logging truck on the street in Vientiane just opposite the post office. His body is duly delivered to the morgue of Dr Siri Paiboun, the official and only coroner of Laos. He identifies the corpse, helped by the letter in the man's pocket, but first he must decipher it; it is written in code and invisible ink. The dentist's widow explains that the enigmatic letters and numbers describe chess moves, but they are unlike any chess symbols Siri has previously encountered. *Due Apr* (English)

**Charles CUMMING****Typhoon****464pp Pb \$19.95**

Hong Kong 1997. When an elderly man emerges from the seas off the New Territories, claiming to know secrets he will share only with the Governor himself, a young MI6 agent, Joe Lennox, sees an opportunity to make his reputation. But when the old man, a high-profile Chinese professor, is spirited away in the middle of the night by Joe's superiors in collusion with the CIA, it's clear that there's a great deal more than a young spy's career at stake. *Due Apr* (Scottish)

**Clive CUSSLER & Jack Du BRUL****Corsair: Oregon Files****448pp Tp \$32.95**

When the US Secretary of State's plane crashes while bringing her to a summit meeting in Libya, the CIA, - distrusting the Libyans - hire Cabrillo to search for it. The crew locates the plane, but the Secretary of State has vanished. It turns out Libya's new foreign minister has other plans for the conference. *Due Apr* (American)

**Daniel DEPP****Loser's Town 352pp Pb \$29.95**

Summoned to the trailer of a Hollywood star who's receiving death threats, former stuntman-turned-private investigator, David Spandau, assumes this will be another routine case. It turns out to be anything but. A-list actor Bobby Dye has become entangled with B-list gangster Richie Stella, who just wants to make a movie - and you can't make a movie without a star. *Due Apr* (American)

**Garry DISHER****Blood Moon 320pp Tp \$32.95**

*Inspector Challis* #5. When hordes of 1818-year-old schoolies descend on the Mornington Peninsula to celebrate the last of their exams, the overstretched police of Waterloo expect reports of party drugs and underage drinkers. They don't count on a brutal bashing that attracts political attention. The victim is connected and now Detective Inspector Hal Challis is facing interference from on high. Then a bludgeoned corpse is found outside town, and it's clear something much darker than adolescent craziness is going down. *Due Apr* (Australian)

**Alex DRYDEN****Red to Black 512pp Pb \$22.99**

At the dawn of the new millennium, Finn, an MI6 spy, and Anna, a colonel of the KGB, have been sent to spy on each other. Instead they find a love that becomes to only truth they can trust. Finn's masters in London are blinded by the new wealth pouring out of Russia and he must leave the Service and work in secrecy to uncover the deadly threat it poses to freedom. *Due Apr* (English)

**Barry EISLER****Requiem for an Assassin****384pp Pb \$19.95**

*John Rain* #6. For master assassin John Rain, getting out of 'the life' was never going to be easy, but with a new identity in Paris and the help of his lover, Mossad agent Delilah, he was hoping to leave the killing business behind. Then he receives a message from rogue CIA operative Jim Hilger: We have your friend Dox. Do as we tell you, or the sniper dies... *Due Apr* (American)

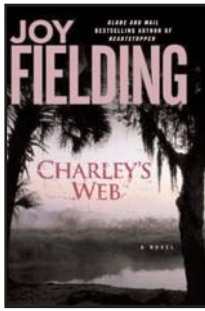
**Robert EVERSZ****Digging James Dean (2005)****288pp Tp \$32.00**

*Nina Zero* #4. A death in the family reunites ex-con turned paparazzi Nina Zero with her long-lost sister, who now touts herself as a successful real estate agent from Seattle. Nina is too busy to question her sister's tale, because an altercation with a has-been Hollywood action hero leaves her with a hot lead in the grandmother of all tabloid stories - the mysterious thefts of celebrity bones from graveyards around the country. *Due Apr* (American)



**Joy FIELDING****Charley's Web** 448pp Pb \$19.95

A single mother who writes a controversial column for the Palm Beach Post, Charley Webb has spent years building an emotional wall against scathing critics, snooty neighbours and her disapproving family. But when she receives a letter from Jill Rohmer, a young woman serving time on death row for the murders of three small children, her wall slowly begins to crumble... *Due Apr* (American)

**Stephen FREY****The Fourth Order**

Michael Rose is looking for Trafalgar Industries to acquire CIS, a global information technology company. Rose has played the big business power game expertly enough to know he has the moves to outmanoeuvre CIS's opposition. But Rose doesn't know the CIS is linked to the Order, an organisation with a twisted mission, lethal to anyone who stands in their way, and Michael's hardball tactics have made him the Order's number one hard target... (American)

384pp Pb \$18.95

**Alan FURST****Dark Voyage (2004)**

May 1941. A tramp freighter steams up the Tagus river to dock at Lisbon. She is the Santa Rosa, flies the flag of neutral Spain and is there to unload cargo. But she is really a Dutch freighter under the command of Captain Eric DeHaan. She sails for the intelligence division of the British Royal Navy and is involved in a secret mission. On board are a Polish engineer and British spy, Spaniards who fought for Franco and Germans who fought against Hitler. (American)

320pp Pb \$23.00

**Lisa GARDNER****Say Goodbye**

Quincy/Rainie #6. When FBI field officer Kimberly Quincy gets called out to talk to one of the working girls of Sandy Springs girls, she's already got enough on her mind. What was a routine evidence-tagging session at the scene of



a cargo plane crash has gone horribly wrong. Just when they'd recovered all the crew bodies, they get an unwelcome surprise - an extra body caught in a tree... without a head... *Due Apr* (American)

400pp Pb \$19.99

**Jonathan GASH****Bad Girl Magdalene**

Taking Holy Communion in Dublin one Sunday, it suddenly dawns on Magda Finnán how she can earn God's blessing. She vows to kill Father Doran. However, as the ghosts of the past refuse to lie quiet, a very different revelation awaits her. Ultimately, she will have to realise that everything she most believes in might not be God's truth after all. (English)

384pp Pb \$22.99

**Alison GAYLIN****Hide Your Eyes (2005)**

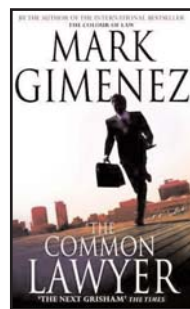
Witnessing two people dump an ominous looking chest into the Hudson, Samantha Leiffer has a horrible feeling about its contents. Not one to let a murder pass unsolved, she sets out to get to the bottom of the mystery, aided by the very hot and hardline homicide detective, John Krull. *Due Feb* (American)

288pp Pb \$13.00

**Mark GIMENEZ****The Common Lawyer**

Andy Prescott is the most laid-back young lawyer in Austin, Texas. Specialising in traffic law, he operates from a small room above a ramshackle tattoo parlour. He rides a trail bike and spends way too much time drinking beer in the sunshine. Then one of Texas's wealthiest men walks into his office. On the spot, billionaire Russell Reeves retains Andy as his lawyer and, in exchange for some easy legal work, pays him more money than he has ever earned before. Andy's life is transformed, but nothing comes for free. Russell is a desperate man whose sole aim is to save his eight-year-old son, Zach, who is dying from leukaemia. He is prepared to do anything-, even if it means putting Andy's life in danger... *Due Apr* (American)

368pp Tp \$32.99

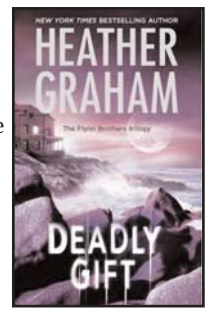
**Joel GOLDMAN****The Dead Man** 384pp Pb \$16.95

Milo Harper wants former FBI agent Jack Davis' help. People in Harper's study of the human brain are starting to die - and dying exactly in the very ways they have dreamed... Harper wants Jack to get to the truth and counter lawsuits aimed at the foundation. But when Jack investigates, the truth explodes: a serial killer is lurking inside one of the most advanced research facilities in the world. For Jack, the case will shatter illusions, raise ghosts and take him onto both sides of the law - and into the path of a murderer's terrifying rage. *Due Apr* (American)

**Heather GRAHAM****Deadly Gift**

Caer is spending this Christmas among strangers. Brought to Newport, Rhode Island, from her native Ireland to nurse ailing millionaire Sean O'Riley, she's living a life few can imagine. But money can't hide the tension between O'Riley's trophy wife, his paranoid daughter, the eccentric aunt in the attic and the staff members who run the house. When O'Riley's business partner goes missing, family friend Zach Flynn arrives. Determined to help him solve the case, Caer becomes enmeshed in a mystery that weaves together the sins of the past with one family's destiny. *Due Apr* (American)

400pp Pb \$22.99

**Jane HADDAM****Cheating at Solitaire**

A Gregor Demarkian Mystery. The small, exclusive Massachusetts island of Margaret's Harbor gets its 15 minutes of fame when aging teen stars Arrow Normand and Marcey Mandret pay a visit to local celebrity heiress, Kendra Rhode. Then Arrow finds herself staggering around town, covered in blood and incoherently drunk. Meanwhile, her actor-boyfriend has been found shot dead. Arrow is the only suspect crime - and she can't remember a thing. Former FBI agent Gregor Demarkian flies in from Philadelphia to review the charges against Arrow and finds a case with little evidence and a nest of motives. *Due Apr* (American)

384pp Pb \$18.95

**Steve HAMILTON****Night Work**

As the last person to see Marlene - a jewellery designer - alive, probation officer Joe Trumble is at the very least a material witness and, as the evidence mounts and another body is found, suspicion begins to centre on him. *Due Apr* (American)

304pp Pb \$19.99

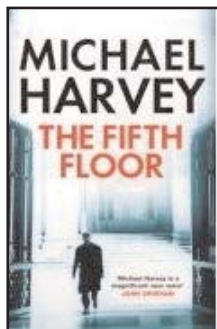
**Charlaine HARRIS****A Fool and His Money (1999)**

Aurora Teagarden #6. Aurora knows that when a day starts out with your handyman going crazy it won't get any better. Sure enough, her niece shows up with a baby whom no one knew she was expecting. Then she disappears, leaving behind the child and a murdered husband. To find her, Roe and Martin retrace her steps from Georgia back to Ohio, where they will uncover dark family secrets at their own peril. (American)

272pp Pb \$18.95

**Michael HARVEY****The Fifth Floor****320pp Pb \$29.95**

When PI Michael Kelly is hired by an ex-flame to tail her abusive husband, he expects trouble of a domestic rather than a historical nature. Life, however, is not so simple. The tail leads Kelly to an old house on Chicago's North Side. Inside it, the private investigator finds a body and, perhaps, the answer to one of Chicago's most enduring mysteries: who started the Great Chicago Fire and why. Ultimately, Kelly finds himself in a world where nothing is quite what it seems, face-to-face with a killer bent on rewriting history and staring down demons from a past he never knew he had. *Due Apr* (American)

**Sam HAYES****Unspoken****496pp Pb \$22.99**

Mary Marshall would do anything for her daughter Julia. She's the rock her family can rely on. Until now. Mary has a past Julia knows nothing about and it's come back to haunt her. Julia's husband Murray French is walking a tightrope. A solicitor with an alcohol problem, he's about to lose his wife and his children to another man: someone successful, someone they deserve. Someone who's everything he's not. Can he ever get his family back? Just when Julia thinks life is starting to turn around, she stumbles upon the brutalised body of a girl she teaches. And as the terrible present starts to shed light on her mother's past, Julia realises her family's nightmare is just beginning. *Due Apr* (English)

**Sue HENRY****Degrees of Separation****288pp Pb \$16.95**

A *Jessie Arnold Mystery*. After healing from knee surgery, Jessie Arnold can't wait to train for the Iditarod, but she and her dogs must work hard to qualify. Jessie's practice run goes smoothly until her sled hits a bump along the trail - a dead body. What the kid was doing on a musher's trail with no sled or dogs is anyone's guess and in a chilling moment, Jessie realises that the case hits close to home... *Due Apr* (American)

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**Jane HILL****Can't Let Go****384pp Pb \$23.95**

When Beth Stephens opens the first mysterious note, she is terrified. Someone out there, someone who seems to be stalking her every footstep, has prised open the terrible secret she's been hiding for over a decade and he is threatening to exact revenge. Just when she finally thinks herself safe, her days filled with new friendships, a boyfriend and a steady job as a teacher, everything starts to unravel. Suddenly, she can trust no one, seeing danger everywhere and she realises that she has to find the stalker before he closes in on her... *Due Apr* (English)

**Thomas HOLLAND****K.I.A.****352pp Pb \$18.95**

*Dr Kel McKelvey #2*. The remains of a soldier who disappeared in Saigon in 1970 have been discovered. Forensic expert Kel McKelvey of the Army's CI Lab has his doubts about the cause of death especially when he discovers a link to a series of brutal murders being committed on military bases in the American South. (American)

**Lesley HORTON****The Hollow Core****304pp Pb \$20.00**

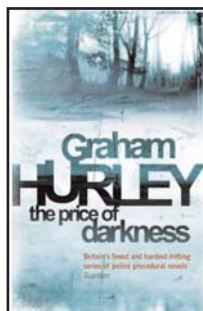
*Detective Inspector Handford #4*. When Diane Ingleby is shot, DI John Handford and DS Kahlid Ali are called in to investigate. Diane's husband, Maurice is involved with the BNP and it seems his wife might have been caught in the middle. (English)

**E Howard HUNT****House Dick****208pp Pb \$16.95**

This is a classic hardboiled story of a detective in a Washington DC hotel investigating a twisted tale of burglary and murder, of skulduggery under cover of darkness, of deception and shifting loyalties - and of the price you pay when you trust the wrong people... *Due Apr* (American)

**Graham HURLEY****The Price of Darkness****352pp Pb \$19.99**

*Joe Faraday #8*. DC Winter has gone undercover in an attempt to infiltrate the inner circle of the city's premier drugs lord Bazza McKenzie. Isolated from his colleagues, resenting the way his superiors have presented him the job as a 'fait accompli' and abroad in a world where money is easy and respect is earned in brutally straightforward ways, DC Winter is in his element. Worryingly so... *Due Apr* (English)

**Linda JOHNSTON****Never Say Sty****304pp Pb \$18.95**

*Kendra Ballantyne Pet Sitter Mystery #7*. Already an LA attorney and pet-sitter, Kendra's taken on a third job, masterminding a new reality show called *Animal Auditions*. But things get messier than the show's pot-bellied pigs when her hot new producer is suspected of murder. *Due Apr* (American)

**Hedi KADDOUR****Waltenberg****672pp Pb \$29.95**

Set in Europe between WWI and the collapse of the Soviet Union, this is a story of love between German Hans and American singer, Lena, and of friendship between Hans and Max, a French journalist. *Due Apr* (French)

**Jonathan KELLERMAN****Bones****544pp Pb \$19.99**

*Alex Delaware #23*. A woman's body is found in marshland outside LA. By the next morning the police have discovered the decaying corpses of three more women. Psychologist Alex Delaware is drafted in by homicide detective Milo Sturgis to help with the case. Details of the crimes suggest a serial killer is prowling LA's gritty streets, but when a new murder deviates from the pattern, derailing a possible profile, Alex and Milo must look beyond the suspicion of madness... and consider an even more sinister mind at work. *Due Apr* (American)

**Jonathan KELLERMAN****Survival of the Fittest (1997)****544pp Pb \$20.00**

*Alex Delaware #12*. The disabled daughter of a diplomat is killed in the Santa Monica mountains. Her father adamantly denies the possibility of a political motive, which leaves LAPD detective Milo Sturgis and Alex Delaware to wonder if the father wants to find the truth, or keep it buried. (American)

**Jonathan KELLERMAN****True Detectives****352pp Tp \$32.99**

Follow Moe Reed and Aaron Fox on the twisted trail of a missing girl, a dark, baffling whodunit that forces the brothers to put aside their mutual animus - and to confront the unresolved family mystery that turned them into enemies. PIs can do things, legally, that cops can't. And cops have access to resources denied their private counterparts. Only by pooling their efforts and by consulting a man both brothers respect, psychologist Alex Delaware, do Fox and Reed stand a chance of peeling back the secrets in high places that explain the fate of an outwardly innocent young woman. And, by doing so, the brothers learn about much more than murder. *Due Apr* (American)



**Jonathan KELLERMAN**

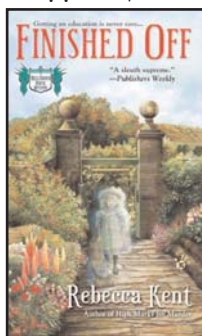
**The Web (1995)** 448pp Pb \$20.00

*Alex Delaware* #10. Dr William Moreland has spent much of his life attending to the inhabitants of Knife Island, a tiny Micronesian community and he asks Alex Delaware for assistance. But Knife Island is not the tropical paradise it first appears. The murder of a young woman has created an atmosphere of fear and division and Moreland himself is not quite what he seems. *Due Feb* (American)

**Rebecca KENT**

**Finished Off** 208pp Pb \$16.95  
*Bellehaven*

*House Mystery* #2. A little girl ghost wants to be reunited with her family. Pained, Headmistress Meredith Llewellyn investigates the child's parents' deaths, but she soon grows wary of snooping - for a lady never goes anywhere uninvited. *Due Apr* (English)

**Simon KERNICK**

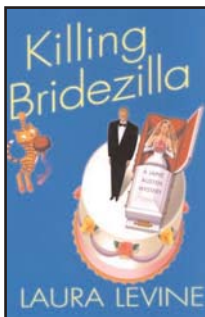
**The Business of Dying (2002)** 464pp Pb \$21.95

Instead of shooting drug dealers, Dennis Milne kills two customs officers and an accountant. The ensuing investigation into their deaths sees Milne, his sideline and what remains of his conscience heading for serious trouble. *Due Apr* (English)

**Laura LEVINE**

**Killing Bridezilla** 256pp Pb \$16.95

*Jaine Austen Mystery* #7. Jaine's accepted her share of lame gigs to pay the bills, but rewriting Shakespeare has got to be an all-time low. The fiasco begins with a call from Jaine's high-school nemesis, uber-rich uber-witch Patti Devane. It seems Patti will soon be sashaying down the aisle with another former classmate from Hermosa High and she'd like the exchange of vows to evoke Romeo and Juliet... except without the 'downer' of an ending. Even worse than the assignment itself, is dealing with Patti as a client. At least Jaine's not alone, as nobody can stand the demanding, spoiled and incredibly rude Bridezilla from Hell. So it isn't a complete surprise when the erstwhile Juliet plunges to her death during her balcony scene... *Due Apr* (American)

**Chuck LOGAN**

**South of Shiloh** 496pp Pb \$18.95

During a Civil War re-enactment of the Battle of Kirby Creek, a sniper's bullet rips through an unsuspecting participant and a man who lived for mock war dies for his obsession. The fatal shot was intended for Kenny Beeman, a Mississippi cop standing next to the victim, a grim discovery that compels the dead man's widow to enlist the aid of her former lover, news photographer John Rane. Rane must now join forces with Beeman in a bizarre world of pretend soldiers. *Due Apr* (American)

**Elizabeth LOWELL**

**Blue Smoke and Murder** 448pp Pb \$18.95

*St Kilda* #4. Jill Breck was just doing her job as a river guide when she saved the life of Lane Faroe, son of two of St. Kilda's consulting premier operators. But when her great aunt dies in a suspicious fire, a dozen old family paintings kick over a hornet's nest in the closed world of the Western art circuit and her own life is threatened, she must call in a favour. Zach Balfour works part-time as a consultant for St Kilda. His expertise is gathering and analysing information from unlikely and often dangerous sources; in a pinch, he'll act as a bodyguard, though being bullet catcher isn't his preferred way to spend time. From the ordinary dust of the Breck homestead cabin to the extraordinary multi-million dollar Western art circuit, Zach and Jill race to stay alive despite the claims and counter-claims, the threats and lies, and the death that waits inside the blue smoke of salesmanship and the brutal truth of murder. *Due April* (American)

**Lisa LUTZ**

**The Spellman Files** 432pp Pb \$18.95

*Izzy Spellman Mystery* #1. Izzy Spellman is good at her job as a private investigator with her family's firm, Spellman Investigations. Invading people's privacy comes naturally to Izzy. In fact, it comes naturally to all the Spellmans. If only they could leave their work at the office... (American)

**Henning MANKELL**

**The Man Who Smiled** 354pp Pb \$24.95

*Kurt Wallender* #4. After killing a man in the line of duty, Inspector Kurt Wallender finds himself spiralling into an alcohol-fuelled depression. He has just decided to leave the police when an old friend approaches him for help investigating his father's suspicious death. Kurt doesn't want to know. But then his friend is found shot dead. Against his better judgment, he returns to work to head what may now have become a double murder case. *Due Apr* (Swedish)

**John MANNING**

**All the Pretty Dead Girls** 484pp Pb \$16.95

Two decades ago, at a private women's college in upstate New York, a student was brutally attacked in her dorm room. Her assailant was never found... 20 years later, Sue Barlow arrives at Wilbourne College. When a classmate disappears, Sue thinks it's an isolated incident, but then two other girls vanish... As fear grows on campus, Sue begins to sense she's being watched. And as the body count rises, she soon realises that a twisted psychopath is summoning her to play a wicked game - a game that only will end when she dies. *Due Apr* (American)

**G J MOFFAT**

**Daisychain** 352pp Tp \$29.99

Logan Finch has just about everything he ever wanted, including a penthouse apartment and a shot at making partner in one of Scotland's largest law firms. But there's something missing from his life: he still pines for the woman he thought was 'the one' and who left him without a word of explanation over 12 years ago. Alex Cahill, one of Logan's clients and probably his best friend, owns a successful security business, has a shadowy past and a capacity for violence. Detective Constable Rebecca Irvine, newly promoted to Strathclyde Police's CID, is stuck in a failing marriage. On her first day in the new job, she is called to a murder scene in the affluent Southside of Glasgow. The victim is Penny Grant, Logan's former girlfriend and her 11-year-old daughter is missing. *Due Apr* (Scottish)

**Walter MOSLEY**

**Blonde Faith** 320pp Pb 22.99

*Easy Rawlins* #11. Easy Rawlins 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. Easter's appearance is only the beginning, as Easy is immersed in a sea of problems. The love of his life is marrying another man and his friend Mouse is wanted for murder. As he's searching for a clue to Christmas Black's whereabouts, two suspicious MPs hire him to find his friend Black on behalf of the US Army. His investigation brings him to Faith Laneer, a blonde woman with a dark past. As Easy begins to put the pieces together, he realises that Black's disappearance has its roots in Vietnam and that Faith might be in a world of danger. *Due Apr* (American)

**Malla NUNN****A Beautiful Place to Die****406pp Pb \$22.99**

*Detective Emmanuel Cooper #1.* In a South African town, Detective Emmanuel Cooper investigates the murder of Afrikaans police officer Captain Pretorius. The more he digs, the more dangerous the investigation becomes and Cooper has secrets of his own. If he can survive long enough to learn the truth about Captain Pretorius, it might just save his life. *Due Apr* (Australian)

**Leonardo PADURA****Havana Fever 285pp Pb \$24.99**

*Mario Conde #5.* Mario Conde has retired from the police force and makes a living trading in antique books. Havana is now flooded with dollars, populated by pimps, prostitutes, drug dealers and other hunters of the night. In the book collection of a rich Cuban who fled after the fall of Batista, Conde discovers an article about Violeta del Rio, a beautiful bolero singer of the 1950s who disappeared mysteriously and a murder soon follows. *Due Apr* (Cuban)

**James PATTERSON****8th Confession 320pp Tp \$32.95**

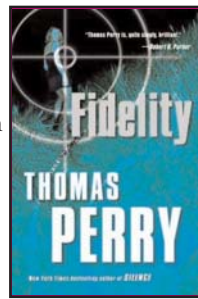
*A Women's Murder Club Mystery.* Behind the closed doors of San Francisco's grandest mansions, beautiful people party the nights away in a heady mix of money, drugs, drink and sex. But the rich and famous aren't the only ones with the keys to these most exclusive of addresses; someone else is intent on crashing the party. A rock star, a fashion designer, a software tycoon and a millionaire heiress. Each is glamorous, stunningly attractive and incredibly rich, but their similarities don't end there, they have something else in common too. They are all dead. *Due Apr* (American)

**Mark PEARSON****Hard Evidence****400pp Pb \$21.95**

Jackie Malone has been murdered. Her body lies in a pool of blood in the north London flat where she worked as a prostitute. For Detective Inspector Jack Delaney this is no ordinary case. He was a friend of Jackie's and she left desperate messages on his answer phone just hours before she was killed. The fear in her voice tells him that this was not a random act of violence. Just as Delaney begins his investigation, a young girl is reported missing and he is immediately tasked with finding her. Delaney knows he must act quickly if there is any chance of finding her alive, but he is also determined to track down Jackie's killer before the trail goes cold. However, he has some powerful enemies on the force and soon finds that this case may provide the perfect opportunity for them to dispose of him, once and for all. *Due Apr* (English)

**Thomas PERRY****Fidelity****464pp Pb \$19.95**

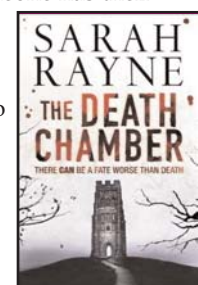
When – despite all his training and 25 years experience as a private detective – Phil Kramer is shot dead on a quiet suburban south Californian street, his wife and partners think it had to have been a professional hit. But why target Kramer? As far as they know he hadn't been working on any case that carried that kind of threat. As his wife leads the investigation into his death, she realises that Phil's life was riddled with secrets he kept from her and his colleagues and buried amongst them is the secret that cost him his life and now threatens hers. *Due Apr* (American)

**Suzanne PRICE****Notoriously Neat****272pp Pb \$16.95**

*Grime Solvers Mystery #3.* Professional cleaner Sky Taylor and her potential new beau, the town's police chief, are on their first dinner date when they're interrupted by a stampede of household pets running through the restaurant. Someone's murdered Dr Gail Pilsner, Pigeon Cove's hugely popular veterinarian, releasing all the critters boarded at her clinic. Then when one of the singers in a vocal group, the La Dee Das, is murdered, Sky must uncover the link between the veterinarian and the songbirds, before a killer finishes cleaning house. *Due Apr* (American)

**Sarah RAYNE****The Death Chamber****560pp Pb \$19.95**

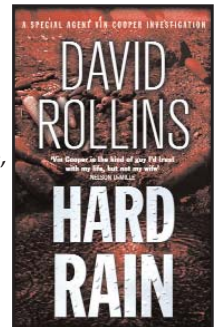
Calvary Gaol exerts a curious hold over Georgina Gray. It's there that her great grandfather worked as a prison doctor in the 1930s, where his involvement in a bizarre experiment would change the course of his life forever. TV presenter Chad Ingram plans to conduct a new experiment in the now disused gaol, in the desolation of the old execution chamber. Chad's experiment and Georgina's curiosity will have horrifying consequences. For someone has their own reasons for suppressing the shocking truth about Calvary. Someone who will go to any lengths to ensure the past remains buried... *(English)*

**Matt REES****The Samaritan's Secret****352pp Tp \$32.95**

*Omar Yussef #3.* When Omar Yussef travels to Nablus, the West Bank's most violent town, to attend a wedding, he little expects the trouble that awaits him. An ancient Torah scroll belonging to the Samaritans, descendants of the biblical Joseph, has been stolen. But when the dead body of a young Samaritan is discovered, a seemingly straightforward theft inquiry takes an unexpected turn. *Due Apr* (English)

**David ROLLINS****Hard Rain****432pp Pb \$19.99**

*Vin Cooper #3.* When the US Attaché to Turkey, Colonel Emmet Portman, is found butchered in his Istanbul residence, Special Agents Vin Cooper and Anna Masters are sent to investigate. Within days of their arrival, Portman's associates begin to die gruesomely. There's a serial killer at large. But there are inconsistencies. *Due Apr* (Australian)

**Andrew ROSENHEIM****Without Prejudice****352pp Pb \$24.95**

Late one night, Robert Danziger receives an unexpected call from a childhood friend, Duval Morgan. Duval has spent more than 20 years in an Illinois state penitentiary for the rape and assault of a young nurse. Now he is finally out. Robert has recently returned to his native city of Chicago to make a fresh start. Robert reluctantly agrees to meet him and is astonished to find he is proclaiming his innocence. But as Duval gradually starts to spend more time with the Danziger family, Robert's trust is pushed to the limit and he finds himself wondering what his old friend really wants. *Due Apr* (American)

**Pauline ROWSON****The Suffocating Sea****240pp Tp \$27.95**

*DI Horton Marine #5.* Andy Horton is called to investigate a suspicious fire on board a boat, but as soon he arrives at the marina he experiences a strong premonition. As he views the charred remains of the dead man he knows instinctively that this investigation will be like no other and he is right. Soon he is forced to confront the past, not just his own, but the mystery surrounding his mother's disappearance over 3030 years ago. As the pieces of a long ago puzzle begin to unravel it soon becomes clear that this is one case someone is determined he should never solve. *Due Apr* (American)



**Craig RUSSELL****The Carnival Master****448pp Pb \$24.95**

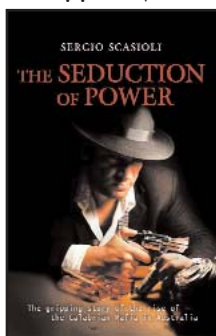
*Jan Fabel #4.* The Cologne police know a woman is going to die. They know the day it will happen and they're powerless to stop it. They call on an outside expert: Jan Fabel, head of Hamburg's Murder Squad and Germany's leading authority on serial killers. Fabel is on the point of leaving the police for good, but Carnival in Cologne is a time when the world goes crazy and he is drawn into the hunt for the Carnival Cannibal. What he doesn't know is that he is on a collision course with a crack special forces unit from Ukraine and a disturbed colleague with a score to settle. *Due Apr* (Scottish)

**James SALLIS****Salt River****160pp Hb \$29.99**

*Turner #3.* The sheriff's long-lost son comes ploughing down Main Street into City Hall in what appears to be a stolen car. And waiting at Turner's cabin is his good friend, Eldon Brown, who may have killed someone. Haunted by his own ghosts, Turner nonetheless goes in search of a truth he's not sure he can live with. (American)

**Sergio SCASIOLI****The Seduction of Power****376pp Pb \$24.99**

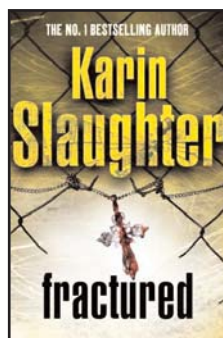
"I make a Calabrian promise. If you don't do as you are told, you are going to have an accident and you will die." From the tiny Italian village of Montebello, to the leafy Melbourne suburb of Toorak, a war of honour, greed, crime, vendettas and merciless codes is fought in the name of La Famiglia. Follow Paolo Valente's relentless pursuit of power that takes him through businesses and bedrooms. *Due Apr* (Australian)

**Elizabeth SIMS****The Actress****400pp Pb \$16.95**

*Rita Farmer #1.* Aspiring actress and single mother Rita Farmer has gone from struggling to find work to downright desperate. If she doesn't land a paying job soon, she fears her ex-husband will take away Petey, her four-year-old son. While charming the crowd at 'story-time' at the LA public library, a celebrity defence attorney approaches her with an unusual job offer. So long as she's discreet, Rita can rake in \$1,000 a day preparing his client for her appearance in court. His client, Eileen Tenaway, a wealthy heiress and a queen of the tabloids, has been charged with the murder of her own child... *Due Apr* (American)

**Karin SLAUGHTER****Fractured****480pp Pb \$21.95****Will Trent #2.**

When Atlanta housewife Abigail Campano comes home unexpectedly one afternoon, she walks into a nightmare. A broken window. A bloody footprint on the stairs. Most devastating of all, the horrifying sight of her teenage daughter lying dead on the landing, a man standing over her with a bloody knife. The struggle which follows changes Abigail's life forever. When the local police make a misjudgement which not only threatens the investigation, but places a young girl's life in danger, the case is handed over to Special Agent Will Trent of the Criminal Apprehension Team - paired with detective Faith Mitchell, a woman who resents him from their first meeting. But Will and Faith realise that they must work together to find the brutal killer who has targeted one of Atlanta's wealthiest, most privileged communities - before it's too late... *Due Apr* (American)

**Roger SMITH****Mixed Blood****320pp Tp \$32.99**

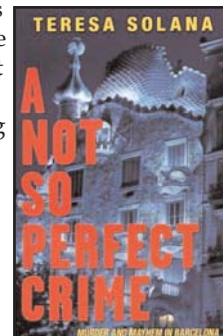
Reluctant bank robber Jack Burn is on the run after a heist in the United States that left \$3 million missing and one cop dead. Hiding out in Cape Town, South Africa, he is desperate to build a new life for his pregnant wife and young son. But on a tranquil evening in their new suburban neighbourhood they are the victims of a random gangland assault that changes everything... *Due Apr* (American)

**Tom Rob SMITH****The Secret Speech****464pp Tp \$32.95**

Undercover Russian agent Leo Demidov has been assigned to infiltrate Priest Lazar's church by order of the State: it is suspected of being a counter-revolutionary movement. Lazar and his wife are sent to the gulag and Leo proves himself once more to be a worthy agent. But what goes around comes around... Years later, Leo realises his past is catching up to him. When he finds himself embroiled in a murder investigation and a photograph of Lazar is found at the scene, Leo senses trouble. Especially when a scrap of paper found with the body has Leo's address written on the back - along with a portion of the 'Secret Speech,' a mysterious and highly confidential document that could force Russia's government to its knees and tear the country apart... *Due Apr* (English)

**Teresa SOLANA****A Not So Perfect Crime****295pp Pb \$24.99**

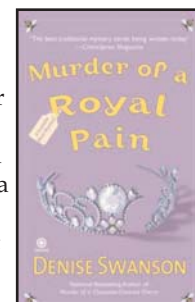
Lluís Font discovers a portrait of his wife in an exhibition that leads him to conclude he is being cuckolded by the artist. Concerned only about the potential political fallout, he hires twins Eduard and Pep, private detectives with a supposed knack for helping the wealthy with their dirty laundry. *Due Apr* (Spanish)

**Paul SUSSMAN****The Hidden Oasis****544pp Tp \$32.95**

2152 BC, Egypt. As the Old Kingdom disintegrates and anarchy slowly engulfs the Nile valley, 5050 priests set out under cover of darkness, dragging a sled on which rests a mysterious object. Later, having reached their destination, they commit mass suicide. 1988, Georgia USSR: a plane takes off from an airfield near the recently decommissioned nuclear facility of Mtskheta. Its cargo will alter the balance of power in the Gulf. The plane disappears somewhere over Egypt... The present day, Egypt: a group of Bedouin travelling near the edge of the Great Sand Sea stumble across a desiccated corpse, half buried in the dunes. With it are a compass, a camera and a notebook, its pages covered in an indecipherable jumble of jottings and figures. When Dr Freya Hannan travels to Egypt to attend the funeral of her sister, Alex, she embarks on a quest to discover the answer to one of archaeology's greatest mysteries: the location of the legendary lost oasis of Zerkura and the key to the astonishing, terrifying secret that lies at its heart... *Due Apr* (English)

**Denise SWANSON****Murder of a Royal Pain****272pp Pb \$16.95****Scumble River Mystery**

*#11.* When school psychologist Skye Denison stumbles over the body of pushy 'Promfest' chairperson Annette Paine during a Halloween fundraiser, it looks like a clear-cut case of promicide. Annette was not the only prom mom desperate to see her daughter crowned queen, but she was also wearing the same witch costume as Skye, so which witch was the intended victim? *Due Apr* (American)



**Joseph TELLER****Bronx Justice** 384pp Pb \$18.95*Jaywalker*

*Mystery* #2. Criminal defence attorney Harrison J Walker, better known as Jaywalker for his rebellious tactics, is struggling to build his own practice when he receives a call from a desperate mother. Her son,

Darren Kingston, has been arrested for raping five white women in Castle Hill, an area of the Bronx long forgotten by the city. A young, good-looking black man, Darren is positively identified by four of the victims as the fifth prepares to do the same. Everyone - from the prosecution to the community at large - sees this as an open-and-shut case. Everyone, that is, except Jaywalker. The young attorney looks deep into the crimes, studying both the characters involved and the character of society. What he finds will haunt him for the rest of his career. *Due Apr* (American)

**Brad THOR****The First Commandment**

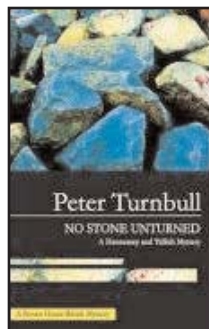
496pp Pb \$19.95

*Scott Harvath* #6. In the dead of night, five of the most dangerous detainees in the war on terror are pulled from their isolation cells in Guantanamo Bay, stripped of their orange jumpsuits, given civilian clothes and driven to the base airfield where they are loaded aboard a Boeing 727 and set free. Six months later, covert counterterrorism agent Scott Harvath awakes to discover that his world has changed violently and forever. *Due Apr* (American)

**Peter TURNBULL****No Stone Unturned**

208pp Tp \$27.95

*A Hennessy & Yellich Mystery*. When a small-time crook offers information in return for police leniency, Hennessy and Yellich find themselves seeking the body of a man missing for 10 years. But the mystery turns into murder - and naturally the grieving widow is a suspect in his murder. And then a second and third body is discovered - along with a particularly nasty brand of political extremism involving just a few too many respected local businessmen... *Due Apr* (English)

**Fred VARGAS****This Night's Foul Work**

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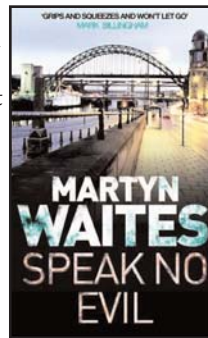
*Chief Inspector Adamsberg* #4. On the outskirts of Paris, two men have been found with their throats cut. It seems to be a drug-related incident, but Adamsberg is convinced that there is more to it. Anxious to keep control of the case, he must call in a favour from the pathologist Ariane Lagarde, someone he had come up against 23 years previously. The trail also leads Adamsberg to a cemetery, where a grave has been disturbed with no apparent motive. Could this be the work of the elderly nurse - a serial killer caught by Adamsberg two years ago and recently escaped from prison? *Due Apr* (French)

**Martyn WAITES****Speak No Evil**

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*Joe Donovan* #4.

Anne Marie Smeaton is back in the hometown she hasn't seen for 40 years, trying to live a normal life with her partner and teenage son, but that's impossible because 40 years ago, when she was 11, she killed a little boy. She is trying to make peace with her past by telling her story to journalist Joe Donovan, but it's not that simple. By dredging up memories and emotions she usually keeps repressed, Anne Marie is unleashing old nightmares from the past. *Due Apr* (English)

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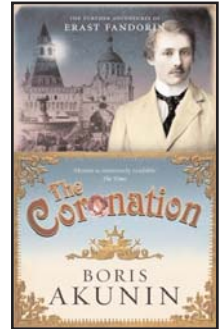
Enrique 'Rick' Garcia, district attorney in the small New Mexico county of Chupadera, is a man of principle. When he is tapped to run for governor, he will learn just how rocky the road to Santa Fe really is. He has a mortal enemy in Stanford Brown, a wealthy rancher Garcia convicted of manslaughter. Through his campaign Garcia has been guided and encouraged by Ashley McCarver, an attorney and state Democratic Party operative. Ashley's relationship to her candidate evolves from campaign manager for a man she admires into an abiding love for him. After Garcia's political triumph, the two marry. Meanwhile, Stanford Brown, now free, begins to unfold an elaborate plot to have his rival impeached. Will this attempt to jeopardise Garcia's political life become a serious threat? And will this shadow from the past cement or destroy his burgeoning relationship with Ashley? *Due Apr* (Mexican)

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Grand Duke Georgii Alexandrovich arrives in Moscow for the coronation, accompanied by three of his children and their governess. During an afternoon stroll, daughter Xenia is dragged away by bandits, only to be rescued by an elegant gentleman and his oriental sidekick. The passing heroes introduce themselves as Fandorin and Masa, but panic ensues when they realise that four-year old Mikhail has been snatched in the confusion. A ransom letter arrives from Dr Lind, an international criminal, demanding the handover of an enormous diamond. Can Fandorin find Mikhail, or will the Grand Duke's son meet with the same gruesome fate as Lind's last abductee... *Due Apr* (Russia)



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*Marcus Didius Falco* #9. Falco and his friend Petronius find their local fountain has been blocked by a gruesomely severed human hand. A sadistic killer lurks somewhere on the festive streets of Rome preparing to strike again. *Due Apr* (English)

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*Marcus Didius Falco* #10. With a star gladiator dead, Falco is forced to investigate and the trails lead from Rome to the blood-soaked sand of the arena in North Africa. *Due Apr* (English)

**Lindsey DAVIS****One Virgin Too Many**

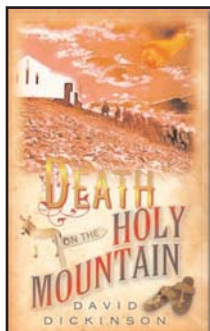
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*Marcus Didius Falco* #11. A frightened child approaches Roman informer Marcus Didius Falco, pleading for help. Nobody believes Gaia's story that a relation wants to kill her - and neither does he. Beset by his own family troubles, by his new responsibilities as Procurator of the Sacred Poultry and by the continuing search for a new partner, he turns her away. Immediately he regrets it. Gaia has been selected as the new Vestal Virgin and when she disappears Falco is officially asked to investigate. Finding Gaia is then a race against time, ending in Falco's most terrifying exploit yet... *Due Apr* (English)



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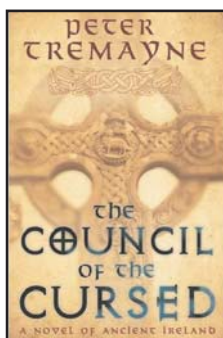
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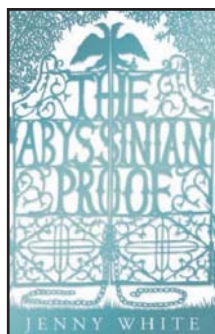
*Liberty Lane* #1. Thomas Jacques Lane, scholar and devoted father had led an unconventional life but of one thing his daughter, Liberty, is certain, he would never have taken part in a duel. So when she receives a note informing her of his death in just such a manner, Liberty sets off in pursuit of the truth. With only her wits, she travels to the Continent and back in search of her father's killer. As the nation prepares for the coronation of a young Victoria, Liberty uncovers murder and treachery at the very highest levels. (English)

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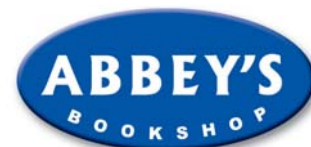
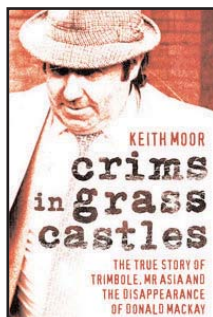
Early one morning, Kara Borden, a pretty 14-year-old, is caught by her parents as she sneaks back home. After spending the night with 18-year-old David Ludwig, her parents - evangelicals who had home-schooled their daughter - are beside themselves with anger. They summon David to talk immediately. But David arrives to the house with another plan in mind... Two hours later, police arrive at the Borden residence to find that Mr and Mrs Borden have been shot dead - and David and Kara are nowhere to be found... *Due Apr* (American)

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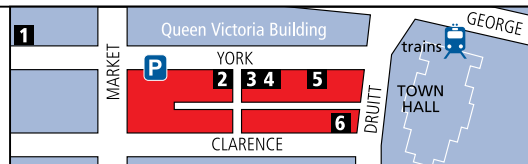
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