

MODERN (RIME

Salar ABDOH

The Poet Game

6 227pp Pb 19.95 In the wake of the World Trade Centre bombing of 1993, Samir

Amir arrives in Brooklyn via Iran and into a world of militants, arms suppliers and spies. An operative from a hidden branch the Iranian counter-intelligence apparatus, Sami is sent to the US to investigate rumours of terrorist plots that are to culminate around Christmas and New Year. But before long, Sami intuits that he has been set up; and at the same time he falls in love with Ellena, a poet and part-time stripper. When the truth of his mission becomes clear, Sami resolves to stop the chain of events he has inadvertently set in motion. (Iranian)



Flash Point 409pp Tp 29.95 Maggie Walsh, a freelance photojournalist with a penchant for dangerous situations, receives a tip that the Dalai Lama is dead. It is the sort of scoop that could pay off the mortgage! In McLeod Ganj, home of the Tibetan community in exile, she confirms the truth of the tip. But as the world's media make their money, Maggie is in detention where she gets to know a young monk, Tsering. She persuades him to take her into Tibet to find the Dalai Lama's reincarnation. It is the beginning of an extraordinary physical and spiritual adventure as they first locate the newly born child, and then attempt to return to McLeod Ganj without alerting the Chinese. (English)

THE ADAMS ROUND TABLE

★ Murder on the Run

336pp Pb 18.95

One of the most renowned groups of mystery writers in the genre, the Adams Round Table delivers a stunning collection of all-new crime fiction to its loyal fans. This volume features 11 original stories by Lawrence Block, Mary Higgins Clark, Stanley Cohen, Peter Straub, Justin Scott, Whitley Strieber and others. (American)

Donna ANDREWS

You've Got Murder

298pp Pb 17.95

Turing Hopper is an Artificial Intelligence Personality, a mainframe computer with a mind like Miss Marple. And when her creator, Zack, begins missing work, the sentient Turing senses foul play. This novel marks the emergence of a perfect cyber-sleuth for a new age. (American)

Robert ANDREWS

A Murder of Promise 349pp Pb 18.95

The new Washington, DC police thriller. In this novel, by the author of the highly acclaimed A Murder of Honor (Pb 19.95), homicide detectives Frank Kearney and Jose Phelps search the anonymous playgrounds of cyberspace for a brutal stalker. (American)

Marion BABSON

The Cat Next Door 192pp Pb 16.95

Margot's Aunt Chloe is standing trial, accused of fatally stabbing her twin sister with a kitchen knife in the garden. Nothing has been the same since Claudia's body was found; her daughter Lynette refuses to leave her bedroom and Tikki, the family's beloved Abyssinian, has moved in with the neighbours. When another body is found in the garden, no one can be trusted! (American)

Marian BABSON

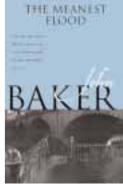
Cover-Up Story (1971) 212pp Pb 17.95

A top country music band, Nashville's Black Bart and the Cousins, is on the road in England, touring their chart-topping songs. Unfortunately, Black Bart has a taste for jailbait, and the local spin-doctor Doug Perkins just cannot keep things clean. What is really going on behind the scenes is shocking and Doug may have to turn PI to figure out who committed murder! (English)

John BAKER

The Meanest Flood Tp 29.95

Turner mystery #6. When Turner returns to his hometown after completing a case in Nottingham, he finds the police waiting for him. He discovers that two of his exwives have been killed and that he



is a suspect. Sam is released on condition that he does not leave York, but he sees a pattern in the two murders and guesses that the next victim will be another ex-, Iulie. Sam rushes to Oslo, where she now lives, but his efforts are in vain. She too is killed. Her murder marks out Sam as a prime suspect. He goes on the run, dodging not only the police, but also the real killer. He finds himself embroiled in a terrifying mystery where he is both the fugitive and the detective, trying to anticipate the moves of the murderer and save his own skin. (English)

Mignon BALLARD

Shadow of an Angel

240pp Pb 16.95

An Augusta Goodnight mystery #3. With her husband dead, Minda Hobbs goes home to seek the comfort of her family home, fondly called the Nut House in Angel Heights, South Carolina. The first sentence clues us in to the tone: "Things got off to a rotten start when I found Cousin Otto dead in the ladies' room." Humour, gentility and understatement

are the order of the day, even regarding the angel, Augusta Goodnight, assists Minda not only in solving the but mystery also in returning to life and its comforts after Jarvis' death (American)



KEY

ACADEMIC



BANKING CANINE DETECTIVES



CLERICAL



COSY/MALICE DOMESTIC



FELINE DETECTIVES

CULINARY/FOOD



HORSE RACING MYSTERY



FBI

MILITARY

FORENSIC



NATIVE AMERICAN



POLICE PROCEDURAL POLITICAL/LEGAL



PSYCHOLOGICAL PRIVATE EYE



ROMANTIC SUSPENSE



SPY



SUSPENSE/THRILLER

AUTHOR'S NATIONALITY AT END OF BLURB

Dave BARRY

* Tricky Business 320pp Tp 32.95 The Extravaganza of the Seas is a 5,000-ton cash cow, a top-heavy tub whose sole function is to carry gamblers three miles from the Florida coast, take their money, and then bring them back so they can find more money. Travelling this trip are Fay Benton, a single mom and cocktail waitress, desperate for something to go right for a change; Johnny and the Contusions, a ship's band with so little talent they are, well, the ship's band; Arnold and Phil, two refugees from the Beaux Arts Senior Centre; Lou Tarant, a wide, bald man who has killed nine people, though none recently; and an assortment of uglies with names like Tark and Kaz whose job it is to facilitate the ship's true business, which is money-laundering or drug-smuggling or...something. (American)

William BERNHARDT

Final Round 319pp Pb 21.00 For pro-golfers Connor Cross and John McCree, The Masters is a chance to catch up on old times and calm each other's nerves before the play turns serious. But when a killer strikes, things suddenly turn too serious. As Connor is drawn into the intrigue, in the company of an alluring female cop, he faces the greatest hazard ever. With one round left to play, and the body count rising while his scores are dropping, Connor Cross is next in line to die. (American)

Cara BLACK

Murder in Belleville 340pp Pb 24.95

An Aimee Leduc investigation. At the request of her friend, the wife of a defence minister, Aimee Leduc and her partner, Rene, journey to the workingclass Paris district of Belleville to investigate a car bombing. They find a neighbourhood torn apart by tension as a group of Islamic fundamentalists take over a church. (French)

Susan BOWDEN

House of Shadows 336pp Pb 18.95 Bowden just gets better and she proves it with her new novel about a beautiful photographer who ventures to Barbados, only to discover hidden family secrets, deadly desire and a murderous past entombed in an isolated plantation. (American)

Rhys BOWEN

Evans to Betsy 228pp Pb 17.95

A Constable Evans mystery #6. Evans and a psychic barmaid are on the trail of the missing director of the recently opened Sacred Grove New Age Centre. Bowen won the Agatha Award for Evan Can Wait (Pb 16.95) in 2002. (American)

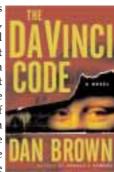
Larry BROOKS

Serpent's Dance 453pp Pb 18.95 Find him. Seduce him. Make him pay. When Bernadette Kane investigates her sister's suspicious death, she falls into an erotically charged relationship, with her sister's mysterious lover. He is rich, powerful and possibly guilty of murder. But has Bernadette stumbled upon the perfect plan to avenge her sister's death or has she stepped into the same nightmarish trap? (American)

Dan BROWN

The Da Vinci Code 454pp Tp 29.95

While in Paris business, on Harvard symbologist Robert Langdon receives an urgent late-night phone call: the elderly curator of the Louvre has been murdered inside the museum. Near the body, police have



found a baffling cipher. While working to solve the enigmatic riddle, Langdon is stunned to discover it leads to a trail of clues hidden in the works of Da Vinci; clues visible for all to see yet ingeniously disguised by the painter. He joins forces with a gifted French cryptologist, Sophie Neveu, and learns the late curator was involved in the Priory of Sion (an actual secret society whose members included Sir Isaac Newton, Botticelli, Victor Hugo and Da Vinci, among others). In a breathless race through Paris, London and beyond, Langdon and Neveu match wits with a faceless powerbroker. Unless they can decipher the labyrinthine puzzle in time, the Priory's ancient secret will be lost forever. (American)

Ken BRUEN

Blitz 268pp Pb 18.95 In the fast-moving follow-up to A

White Arrest: A Trilogy (Pb 19.95), the south-east London police squad are suffering collective burnout: with tragic deaths, excessive habits, uncontrollable anger and the wrong kind of friendships, the team never had it so bad. When a serial killer takes his show on the road, things get progressively worse. Nicknamed 'The Blitz', a vicious murderer is aiming for tabloid glory by killing cops. (Irish)

Ken BRUEN

A White Arrest: A Trilogy 457pp Pb 19.95

As a serial killer is murdering the English cricket team, in Brixton a vigilante group is hanging drug dealers from lampposts. The cases must be tackled hastily by London's Metropolitan police force. (Irish)

Andrew CAMILLERI



The Terra-Cotta Dog 208pp Pb 16.95

An Inspector Montalbano mystery #2. Montalbano has garnered millions of fans worldwide with his sardonic take on Sicilian life. His latest case begins with a mysterious têtê à têtê with a Mafioso, some inexplicably abandoned loot from a supermarket heist and dying words that lead him to an illegal arms cache in a mountain cave. There, the inspector finds two young lovers, dead for 50 years and still embracing, watched over by a lifesized terra-cotta dog. His passion to solve this old crime takes him on a journey through Sicily's past and into one family's darkest secrets. With sly wit and a keen understanding of human nature, Montalbano is a detective whose earthiness, compassion and imagination make him totally irresistible. (Italian)

Lee CHILD



395pp Tp 29.95

Reacher novel. Some unfinished business has now found Reacher, a man who hates unfinished business. 10 years a key investigation went sour and someone got away with murder. Now, a chance encounter



brings it all back and Reacher sees his one last shot. Some would call it vengeance. Some would call it redemption. Reacher would call it justice. Publishers' Weekly said, "What makes the novel really zing, though, is Reacher's narration - a unique mix of the brainy and the brutal, of strategic thinking and explosive action, moral rumination and ruthless force marking him as one of the most memorable heroes in contemporary thrillerdom." (American)

Lee CHILD

Without Fail 556pp Pb 19.95

A Jack Reacher novel. No job, no ID, no last known address. But he never turns down a plea for help. Now a woman tracks him down because she needs a hand with her new job. Her task? Protecting the Vice President of the United States from a killer. And so Reacher, with nothing but his toothbrush, enters a very exclusive club at the very heart of Washington power: the offices of the US Secret Service. Here he must literally put himself in the line of fire, pitting his native cunning, surly charm and instinctive but controlled violence against the wiliness of bureaucrats as well as the ruthlessness of the mystery assassin. (American)

aura CHILDS



Shades of Earl Grey

242pp Pb 16.95

A Tea Shop mystery. Indigo Tea Shop owner Theodosia Browning is finally invited to a social event that she does not have to cater. Meanwhile, trouble is brewing at the engagement soiree of the season when an exquisite wedding ring, a family heirloom from the crown of Marie Antoinette, is mysteriously missing. delicious recipes entertaining ideas for a specialty tea. (American)

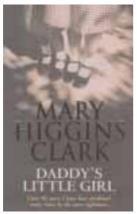
Tom CLANCY

Red Rabbit 618pp Tp 29.95 A series of deadly encounters with an IRA splinter group had brought Jack Ryan to the attention of the CIA's Deputy Director, as well as his counterpart with the British SIS. When the CIA asked him to come aboard as a freelance analyst, Jack was quick to accept. The opportunity was irresistible because one of his first assignments was to help debrief a highlevel Soviet defector, and the defector told an amazing tale: Top Soviet officials, including Yuri Andropov, were planning to assassinate the Pope, John Paul II. (American)

Mary Higgins CLARK

Daddy's Little Girl 336pp Pb 16.95

©Ellie Cavanaugh was only seven years old when her 15-year-old sister, Andrea, was murdered near their home in a rural village in Westchester County. It was Ellie who led her parents to a hideout in which Andrea's



body was found, a secret hideaway where she met her friends. And her parents blamed Ellie for her sister's death. Why didn't she tell them about it the night Andrea was missing? Her testimony eventually convicts the man she believed to be the killer. Steadfastly denying his guilt, he spent the next 22 years in prison. Now, they have let him out...(American)

Joan COGGIN



The Mystery at Orchard House (1946) 187pp Tp 42.00

A Rue Morgue Vintage mystery. A Lady Lupin mystery #2. In this sequel to Who Killed the Curate? (1944) (Tp 39.00), set on the eve of WWII, the kind-hearted, scatterbrained Lady Lupin Lorimer Hastings investigates a crime wave at a country hotel in Kent. (English)

Michael CONNELLY

Lost Light 496pp Tp 29.95 Fed up with the hypocrisy and bureaucracy of the LAPD, Harry Bosch has retired. But the life of a retiree doesn't suit him. He has devoted himself to law enforcement out of a deep drive to seek justice equally for all. On his own, he is still drawn toward the abyss. And when he rediscovers a startling, unsolved murder among the old case files he has been poring over, he knows he cannot rest until he finds the killer, with or without a badge. Moving ever further inside the remarkable character of Harry Bosch, whom the New York Post calls "the quintessential mystery book hero," Connelly takes another step closer to the classic novels of Raymond Chandler in this breakneck, relentless and potent new novel. (American)

David CRAY

Bad Lawyer 343pp Pb 17.95 No one wept for Sid Kaplan when booze and cocaine plummeted him to disrepute. Now, though, a big case has come his way. Thelma Barrow, a housewife, has sought out Sid to defend her accused daughter, Priscilla, in a media-hot murder case. For Sid, the publicity more than compensates for the pittance Thelma can afford to pay. Nor is Sid put off by the fact that Priscilla is probably lying about more than a few details. Then the drug dealers show up. Matters grow more criminally perilous when the only two friends Sid has managed not to lose are killed. (English)

Mary DAHEIM et al

Motherhood is Murder Pb 16.95 Four of mystery's reigning matriarchs have joined together to concoct a delectable stew of clues, corpses and felonious hi-jinks, all spectacularly seasoned with a mother's loving touch! In this witty and winning quartet of all-new mysteries, the incomparable Mary Daheim gives harried mom Cousin Renie (from the bestselling Bed-and-Breakfast series) a triple dose of the murderous wedding bell blues; the inimitable awardwinner Carolyn Hart (of Death on Demand fame) lets madcap mother-in-law Laurel Darling take a turn at the investigative chores; the remarkable Jane Isenberg sets menopausal mother Bel Barrett loose to solve a dastardly case of nanny-cide; and the fabulous Shirley Rousseau Murphy (whose Joe Grey mysteries are the cat's meow) enchants once again, as a delightful duo of feline mamas sinks their claws into a murder investigation. So sit back and enjoy the Mother of All Mystery Collections! (Various)

Diane Mott DAVIDSON

Chopping Spree

351pp Pb 18.95

For Colorado caterer Goldy Schulz, business is not just booming, it is skyrocketing. Her friend Marla is constantly warning her, "Success can kill you." But Goldy does not take the warning literally until her next booking: a cocktail party for the Westside Mall's Elite Shoppers Club. While setting up, Goldy is nearly run down by a truck with no intention of stopping. Then she finds an old friend in a pile of sale shoes, stabbed with one of Goldy's new knives. Goldy must catch the real killer between whipping up Sweethearts' Swedish Meatballs, Quiche Me Quick and Diamond Lovers' Hot Crab Dip. (American)

Jeffrey DEAVER

Stone Monkey Pb 19.95
Lincoln Rhyme #4. When a smuggler, known as "the Ghost", scuttles a ship filled with undocumented Chinese immigrants right outside New York harbour, detective Rhyme and his partner must stop him before he murders the two families who made it to shore. Packed with shocking plot twists, breakneck pacing and heartbreakingly real characters, this novel reminds us once again why People hailed Deaver as "the master of ticking-bomb suspense." (American)

Jeffrey DEAVER

The Vanished Man399pp Tp 32.95 Lincoln Rhyme # 5. A killer flees the scene of a homicide at a prestigious Manhattan music school and locks himself in a classroom. Within minutes, the police have him surrounded. Then a scream rings out, followed by a gunshot. The police break down the door. The room is empty. Rhyme and Amelia Sachs are brought in to help with the highprofile investigation. For the ambitious Sachs, solving the case could earn her a promotion. For the quadriplegic Rhyme, it means relying on his protégée to ferret out a master illusionist they have dubbed "the Conjurer", who pelts them with gruesome murders that become more diabolical with each fresh crime. (American)

Dicey DEERE



228pp Pb 17.95

A Torrey Tunet mystery. Dakin is the son of Natalie Cameron, a beautiful heiress whose husband died tragically two years ago. He is distressed because someone is trying to blackmail his mum, and even more so when blackmail turns to murder. Determined to discover the truth no matter the cost, Torrey must call upon all of her wits and courage to find a cunning killer. (American)

Sarah DIAMOND
Remember Me

213pp Tp 29.95

At 26, Rachel has got a beautiful flat, an outstanding career, the man of her dreams and life is only getting better. She has never told anyone what happened to almost destroy her life. But she still remembers a long, hot summer 15



years ago that sent her into a spiral of self-destruction. Only her childhood best friend and now worst enemy, Sophie Townsend, knows the secrets of that summer. So when Sophie comes back into her life unexpectedly, everything starts to slip. And secrets threaten to destroy all Rachel's struggled to achieve. Diamond details her characters with surgical precision, racing to a devastating climax in a novel that is impossible to put down. (English)

BIII DUKE

Bad Dream 476pp Pb 18.95 10-year-old Megan Ambrose wishes her dilemma was just a bad dream. Instead she is living in a nightmare. While she pretends to be in her room asleep, she witnessed Eddy murder a woman. She risks her life to secretly tell her story to an FBI agent. The agent investigates her account but is killed by Eddy, who does not realise that it was Megan who identified him. FBI Agent Bobby Star and detective Kate Crawford risk their hearts as well as their lives when they team up to try to save a child's life and capture the ruthless murderer. (American)

Alan DUNN

Payback
Security
consultant, ex-cop
and some-time
detective Billy
Oliphant is
suffering from more
than just winter
blues. Billy's friend
Sly thinks that a
weekend at the
Forestcrag

Moorland Holiday



Village will cheer him up. But once there, they discover things are far from idyllic. The park manager believes someone is poisoning his staff. Then the Village is snowed in and the body of Eric Salkeld is discovered. It looks like a straightforward suicide. Left nominally in charge of the investigation by police unable to get to the crime scene, Billy feels that the suicide looks a little too staged. (English)

Carola DUNN

Rattle His Bones

250pp Pb 16.95

A Daisy Dalrymple mystery #8. As Daisy interviews the various curators for her article on the museums of London, she soon discovers that the Museum of Natural History is a hothouse of professional rivalry and jealousy, particularly between Dr Woodward, the Keeper of Geology, and Dr Pettigrew, the Keeper of Minerology. As closing time nears, Daisy hears two voices followed by a tremendous crash. She rushes into the next hall to discover Dr Pettigrew dead, murdered amidst a pile of dinosaur bones. Daisy's fiancé, DCI Alec Fletcher of Scotland Yard, is assigned to investigate and together they unravel a baffling case of missing gems, dispossessed European royalty, professional rivalry and murder most foul. (English)

Martin EDWARDS (Editor)

Crime in the City 262pp Pb 19.95 The Official Anthology of The Crime Writers' Association. An outstanding collection of urban-based murder, mystery and mayhem from such masters of the genre as Ruth Rendell, John Harvey, Bill James, Val McDermid and Reginald Hill, as well as newcomers like Mat Coward, Carol Anne Davies, Jurgen Ehlers, Phil Lovesey and Kathryn Skoyles. It features 22 stories (20 of them specially commissioned), featuring the best of current British crime writing. The 'mean streets' trodden here include those of New York, Rio de Janeiro, Moshi (Tanzania), St Petersburg, Newcastle, Bangor, Edinburgh, Cambridge, London and Weiwyn Garden City. Expect surprises galore. (English)

Paul EDDY

Mandrake 561pp Pb 18.95 Grace Flint is the best undercover cop in the business and (since plastic surgeons re-built her shattered face) probably the most beautiful. Now Flint has a new career. Operation Pentecost is an elaborate sting designed by Flint to trap Karl Kremer, former East German spy turned financial manipulator. But Pentecost has become a snare for Flint's undercover agents. One agent is already dead, and the evidence of treachery is mounting. Mandrake is the MI6 codename for the traitor close enough to Flint to anticipate her every move. Who is Mandrake and who in the US government is determined to protect him? In Eddy's stunning second novel, Grace Flint is back in the firing line, tougher, bolder (and in more trouble) than before. (English)

Selma EICHLER

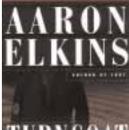
Murder Can Rain on Your Shower 272pp Pb 16.95

Desiree Shapiro hosts a bridal shower for her niece but just a couple of bites into the first course, the groom's aunt keels over. Now the plump PI must sift through the suspects who all have reason to wish the husband-stealing Bobbie Jean dead. (American)

Aaron ELKINS

***** Turncoat

In the days following the assassination of JFK, everything changes for Pete Simon. It begins appearance of a stranger at his door. The man ranting madly about money, death and forgiveness is



271pp Hb 48.15

unknown to Pete but not to his distraught wife of 20 years, Lily. Only when the man has gone does the truth come out. The unwelcome visitor was Lily's father, whom she claimed died long ago in their native France. The next day he is dead, his savagely beaten body washed up in a nearby marsh and Lily disappears, leaving a note behind begging Pete not to follow her. (American)

Nancy FAIRBANKS ไอ Chocolate Quake

289pp Pb 16.95

A culinary mystery with recipes. Carolyn Blue's trip to San Francisco includes a visit to her mother-in-law, a few earthquake tremors and a stint in prison as a murder suspect. A column on prison food might make for an interesting change of pace... (American)

Robert FERRIGNO

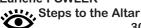
Scavenger Hunt 323pp Tp 32.95 A troublemaker by trade and inclination, Jimmy Gage is a reporter for Slap magazine in Los Angeles. While on a party-scene scavenger hunt, Jimmy meets Garrett Walsh, a former director, just released from prison after serving seven years for the drug-rage murder of a teenage girl. Out for justice, Walsh chooses Jimmy to help him clear his name by getting the right people to read his newest script, Fall Guy, the story of the set-up that sent him away. Walsh dubs it "The Most Dangerous Screenplay in Hollywood" and two weeks later, he is dead. Jimmy sets out after the truth. This novel is fast-paced, darkly funny, unexpected and crowded with indelible characters. (American)

Jessica FLETCHER & Donald BAIN

Murder, She Wrote #19 266pp Pb 17.95

Majoring in Murder. The local police rule Professor Newmark's demise an accident. But Jessica thinks that someone on the sleepy midwestern campus has been taking lessons in murder. (American)

Earlene FOWLER



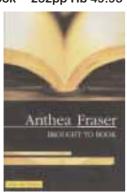
305pp Pb 18.95

A Benni Harper mystery #9. An Agatha Award-winning series. This novel finds California folk art expert Benni Harper preparing for two upcoming weddings, digging up clues to a decades-old unsolved murder and struggling with a very personal crisis of the heart. (American)

Anthea FRASER

Brought to Book 252pp Hb 49.95

When he is u c c e s s f u l biographer Rona Parish is asked to write the lifestory of a recently deceased, bestselling author, she is intrigued. After all, Theo Harvey led a very colourful life, and



died in mysterious circumstances. But Rona's husband Max is wary, apparently with good reason. As Rona delves into Harvey's life and death, and interviews his friends and family, she realises that she has taken on a poisoned chalice. (English)

Anne FRASIER

Sleep Tight 373pp Pb 18.95
A female FBI profiler Mary Cantrell is pitted against a serial killer whose violent history has ties to her own tragic past. (American)

Meg GARDINER

🔆 China Lake 486pp Pb 18.95 Evan Delaney is a heroine of our times: a woman with a big heart, a quick tongue and a hot temper. She is shocked to discover that Tabitha, her ex-sister-in-law, has joined The Remnant, Reverend Pete Wyoming's fanatical band of disciples. Tabitha is trying to regain custody of her six-year-old son, Luke, currently in Evan's care while his father is posted to the Naval Air Warfare Centre. Then one of the Remnant is killed, and Evan's brother is the prime suspect. With her lawyer boyfriend, Evan tries to clear her brother and rescue her nephew. In doing so, she finds herself caught up in a wild plan to steal weapons, and a blazing inferno on a Santa Barbara hillside. (American)

John GARDNER

The Streets of Town 310pp Hb 49.95

Wartime London, December 1941. At Scotland Yard, Suzie Mountford is sent to West End Central with secret instructions to make a case against her former police boss, DCI Anthony 'Big Toe' Harvey, and the Balvak Twins, who run crime in the West End. Can Suzie gather enough evidence to convict the trio? (English)

Bartholomew GILL

The Death of an Irish Lass 292pp Pb 18.95

A Peter McGarr *mystery*. The dead woman is an enigma: a local who emigrated to America some years back, now perched atop a 700-foot cliff, high above the pounding Irish surf with two passports, a pistol

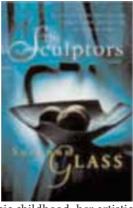


and US\$27,000 in her coat pocket. The brutality of May Quirk's murder, along with the accompanying death of her unborn child, haunts McGarr. What was it that brought her home to County Clare to die? His investigation carries him into the twisted core of a deadly conspiracy centred on money, madness and lethal politics. (Irish)

Suzanne GLASS

The Sculptors 423pp Pb 22.95

To her colleagues in Chicago, Sarit Kleinmann is an enigma. She is a talented plastic surgeon and an unconventional beauty, with a life so shrouded in secrecy that no one really knows her. The real Sarit lies in

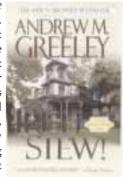


her claustrophobic childhood, her artistic background and her lost relationship with her father. When she is drawn to the work of a reclusive Egyptian sculptor, and then to the sculptor himself, intrigue turns to passion. A passion that threatens Sarit's safe haven and brings the sculptor's own torment into sharper focus. And in the Chicago underworld, uncontrollable events bring both Sarit and her lover dangerously close to the past. (Scottish)

Andrew GREELEY irish Stew!

A Nuala Anne McGrail mystery. And what a stew it is! Here are some of the ingredients: Our heroine, in her guise as

guise as international singing star, accompanied by her spear-carrying husband, Dermot Coyne, is off to a



377pp Pb 18.95

major music festival in Milan, where they meet Seamus Costelloe, a Chicago Irish macher, and his family. Seamus is very bad indeed, but softhearted Nuala sees the sign of death on him and decides to do something about it. She also sees something good in him, which leads to a few hair-raising conflicts with some of Chicago's more desperate characters. (American)

Lucretia GRINDLE

The Nightspinners 405pp Tp 30.00 Marina and Susannah are twins who share some very atypical secrets. Now, Marina is dead, horrifically murdered in her apartment in Alexandria, Virginia. But what haunts Susannah the most is the phone call she never returned, the last chance she would ever be given to make amends with her estranged twin. Until, that is, Susannah herself becomes victim to a stalker, someone who pursues her with an uncanny knowledge of her fears, her regrets and her secret history. And so Susannah is forced into a journey back to her childhood home, to the idyllic past she shared with Marina where, very possibly, clues to the murder quietly lie. (American)

John HADDAM

Somebody Else's Music 483pp Pb 18.95

A Gregor Demarkian mystery. Acclaimed author Elizabeth Toliver was a too-smart, fashion-impaired teen, who was the target of escalating abuse from a circle of popular highschool girls. One summer night she was nailed into an outhouse with over 20 snakes and, while she beat herself into a coma trying to escape, a local teenage boy was murdered just

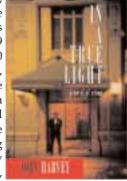
outside. Still haunted by nightmares of that night, she returns to her hometown for the first time in 30 years, triggering a deadly chain of e v e n t s . (American)



John HARVEY

In a True Light 303pp Pb 19.95 Harvey,

whose Charlie Resnick series concluded in 1999 after 10 instalments, helped redefine the British procedural. And now we have something completely different... At 60,



Sloane, a talented painter, has just finished serving two years for art forgery when he receives a mystifying letter from Jane Graham, his celebrated ex-lover. At her deathbed he learns that he fathered a child, Connie, from whom Jane has become estranged. Her last wish is that Sloane find their daughter. He agrees, but his troubles begin when he locates the unhappy Connie, who is wasting her bluesy voice singing in New York's lowrent jazz clubs. And Vincent Delaney, her mob-connected manager and lover, may have killed his last mistress. An unfamiliar paternal instinct leads Sloane into a maelstrom of criminal violence, a risky police investigation, painful alliances, hard truths and increasingly dangerous consequences. A pulp noir cocktail. (English)

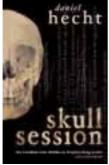
Daniel HECHT

The Babel Effect 516pp Pb 17.95 Global violence is escalating at a frightening pace. A culture of hate has been identified in populations across the world and the endgame can only be widespread civil conflict and genocide. They appear to be symptoms of an 'epidemic' termed the Babel Effect. Major-league problem-solver McCloud and his creative team of misfit intellectuals have been hired to establish whether the epidemic has a biological, neurological basis. In the face of opposition from sinister and powerful organisations, Ryan is desperate to find a way of halting the Babel Effect's contagion. (American)

Daniel HECHT

Skull Session (1998) 568pp Pb 18.95 Paul Skoglund, a sufferer of Tourette's

syndrome, has not seen his difficult, eccentric aunt in years. But when her house (a lavish hunting lodge perched above the Hudson River) gets systematically smashed to pieces, he volunteers to help



David HEWSON

★ A Season For the Dead 469pp Tp 30.00

This is the first in a new crime series set in Rome, and featuring Caravaggio-loving Detective Nic Costa. Whilst Sara Farnese pours over ancient texts in the silent Vatican reading room, a brutal murder is taking place in a nearby church. Then, suddenly, a crazed man enters the Vatican carrying a bloodied bag, which he plonks on Sara's desk and shows her the contents. Soon, Sara is inextricably linked to a series of horrific and cunning murders, each one representative of the death of a martyr of the Church. Enter Detective Costa, enlisted to track down the killer, and to protect Sara. (English)

Reginald HILL

Death's Jest-Book

668pp Pb 18.95

A Dalziel and Pascoe novel. Deadpan joker Franky Roote is working on his dead friend's unfinished biography Beddoes. Three times Pascoe has been wrong about Roote. This time he is determined to leave no gravestone unturned as he tries to prove that the excon and aspiring academic is mad, bad and dangerous to know. Meanwhile, Edgar Wield rides to the rescue of a child in danger, and finds he has got a rent-boy under his wing. The boy tips him off about the heist of a priceless treasure and soon Wield is torn between protecting the boy and doing his duty. (English)

Tony HILLERMAN

Wailing Wind 334pp Pb 21.95 The return of Leaphorn and Chee of the Navajo Tribal Police in Four Corners Country is cause for rejoicing. Chee lures his old boss out of retirement with news of a murder that reaches back to an unsolved mystery that has long haunted them both. Officer Bernadette Manuelito, the rookie cop who mishandles the crime scene because she is scared the old drunk's spirit is lingering nearby, is also Chee's romantic interest. A document found later on the body is the link to their old case, which involves a murder-disappearance tied to a legendary lost gold mine called the Golden Calf. (American)

Joanna HINES

Surface Tension 360pp Pb 17.95 Carol's curiosity about husband's role in the unsolved murder of his friend years ago leads her to become involved with a sinister cult headed by the man who has always been regarded as the main suspect. She allies herself with Tim, who is desperate to free his mother and son from the cult's malign influence, but as she penetrates the heart of the mystery and is herself threatened by evil, she is forced to question all her most fundamental beliefs. (English)

Craig HOLDEN

The Jazz Bird 377pp Pb 17.95 October 6, 1927. On a quiet afternoon in Eden Park, Cincinnati, Imogene, the Jazz Bird, is shot and killed by her husband, the notorious bootlegger George Remus. After spending a quiet moment over the body, he returns to his car and directs his driver to the police station, where he turns himself in. Shocked and fascinated by this horrible murder, the country gears up for a sensational trial: The man known as 'the king of the bootleggers' versus Chief Prosecutor Charlie Taft, the youngest son of the former president. Was the Jazz Bird at the centre of a complicated love triangle or an innocent victim of circumstances beyond her control? (American)

Quintin JARDINE

Head Shot 400pp Pb 18.95 A DCC Bob Skinner novel. Skinner has witnessed the aftermath of murder countless times. Yet nothing could have prepared him for identifying the strangled bodies of his wife's beloved parents, killed at their lakeside cabin in New York State. Driven by cold rage, he quickly muscles in on the investigation, and soon finds links with three other cases where the killing is too professional to be the result of a burglary gone wrong. But can he penetrate the multiple layers of intrigue to unearth the killer? (Scottish)

Michael KAHN

Bearing Witness

333pp Pb 18.95 A Rachel Gold novel. It began as a routine age discrimination lawsuit, but when a key witness is gunned down in her Cadillac, the savvy up-and-coming attorney finds herself with a case far older and more dangerous than she and her 63-year-old client understand. How has Beckman Engineering, the powerful St Louis construction monolith, been managing to rake in exorbitant profits from government contracts for over 50 years? (American)

Jonathan KELLERMAN

Cold Heart Tp 32.95

Juliet Kipper is strangled in the LA gallery where her first solo show has opened to critical acclaim. Milo Sturgis takes on the murder investigation as a favour to an old friend. He consults Alex Delaware, who, researching parallels with other deaths, looks for artists killed when on the verge of a breakthrough or comeback. He finds two others and discovers both were clients of Robin Castagna, his ex-lover. The investigation points to a gruesome, sadistic pattern of death, taking Milo and Alex into the dark side of the art world, and Robin into terrible danger. (American)

repair it. (American)

Nancy KOPP **炒Blind Trust** 340pp Pb 18.95

When multi-millionaire Oak Greythorne dies of a drug overdose, Louis Brisbane, executor for the estate, taps attorney Emma Davis to work on Greythorne's trust. At first, Emma, a newcomer to the Chicago firm of Franklin & Holland, puzzles over the plum assignment, but she quickly becomes caught up in preparing the property for sale. Meanwhile, Emma and her well connected neighbour search for "Mr Right." A chance meeting pairs Emma with handsome architect Flynn Fielding, and together the two expose the unholy alliance between Brisbane and building contractor Tommy Corona, stereotypical Mob thug. (American)

Jon LAND

393pp Pb 21.95 The West African country of Sierra Leone has long been known as a diamond-rich area. Guerrilla rebels, in their lust for the resource-rich land, have sunk to depravity and terrorism to evict people from it. Ben and Danielle must go into this maelstrom of political and emotional turmoil. The leader of the rebels, a fanatical and charismatic woman known only as the Dragon, is not content with ravaging her own country. She plans a final coup that will perfect her power and topple Western governments, unless Ben and Danielle can stop her in time. Stars Osama bin Laden. (American)

Joel LANE

The Blue Mask

Neil, a young research student at Birmingham University, follows a stranger onto a canal towpath, after an argument with his boyfriend. Suddenly, the stranger turns on him and attacks, leaving him



mutilated. Neil's recovery is a journey through surgical reconstruction and sexual alienation. (English)

David LAWRENCE

The Dead Sit Around in a Ring 435pp Pb 19.95

A DS Stella Mooney novel #1. Jimmy Stone died of a broken heart. Someone put a sharp object between his ribs and pushed, hard. He was found sitting in a circle with three other corpses in the living room of a Notting Hill flat. Notting Hill, with its million-pound houses 100-yards away from sink estates, is DS Mooney's patch, so it is up to her to discover who broke this heart of Stone's. But when Mooney's private life gets caught up in the quest to find the murderer, what will it cost her and those she loves? (English)

Dennis LEHANE

Shutter Island Summer, 1954. US Marshal Teddy Daniels has come to Shutter Island, home of Ashecliffe Hospital for the Criminally Insane. Along with his partner Chuck Aule he sets out to find an escaped



murderess named Rachel Solando. But nothing at Ashecliffe is what it seems. Are they there to find a missing patient? Or have they been sent to look into rumours of Ashecliffe's radical approach to psychiatry? It is an approach that may include drug experimentation, hideous surgical trials and lethal countermoves in the shadow war against Soviet brainwashing. The closer Teddy and Chuck get to the truth, the more elusive it becomes. They may never leave the island because someone is trying to drive them insane. (American)

Donna LEON

Uniform Justice

272pp Tp 29.95

The New Commissario Brunetti novel. Neither Brunetti nor his wife Paolo have ever had much sympathy for the Italian armed forces, so when a young cadet is found hanged, a presumed suicide, in Venice's elite military academy, Brunetti's emotions are complex: pity and sorrow for the death of a boy, close in age to his own son, and contempt and irritation for the arrogance and highhandedness of the boy's teachers. The young man is the son of a doctor and former politician, a man of an impeccable integrity all too rare in Italian politics. Dr

Moro is clearly devastated by his son's death. As Brunetti investigates further, a wall of silence faces him. Is this the natural reluctance Italians to involve themselves with the authorities, or is Brunetti facing a



conspiracy of silence? (English)

Laura LIPPMAN

The Last Place 340pp Tp 29.95 A Tess Monaghan investigation #6. In this terrific new novel, Tess's case is a series of unsolved homicides that may or may not be overlooked cases of domestic violence. After a while, she realises she is on the trail of a serial killer but the Maryland State Police are convinced that the killer she seeks is dead and therefore, no threat. But he is. And his target is Tess. There are two voices in the novel: Tess Monaghan who is feisty, funny and cool and, as yet, unaware of the serial killer who is stalking her. His is the chilling, second voice. In addition, Tess has to attend anger counselling classes following a brilliant first scene. This is a book that will be rewarding to Lippman's fans but a good starting point for those who have never read her. (American)

Constance & Gwenyth LITTLE * The Black Shrouds (1941) 155pp Tp 39.00

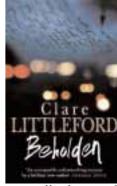
A Rue Morgue Vintage mystery. A screwball comedy mystery. When Dianna Prescott runs away from home and a domineering father to become an actress in NYC, she little suspects she will soon become involved in the murder of two old maids at a boarding house full of eccentric characters. (Australian)

Clare LITTLEFORD

Beholden

328pp Pb 17.95

Peter is planning officer at Nottingham City Council. Every day, as he boards the bus for work, he notices a girl who gets on at the same stop and spends the journey scribbling furiously in a battered notebook.



One day she does not get off at her usual stop, but dashes off to the railway station instead, leaving her notebook on the bus. Peter picks it up and starts to read. When the girl (Sophie) goes missing and the police are called in, Peter, having read her journal, knows more about her than anyone else. He also knows that the truth about what finally happened to Sophie is a truth he must keep entirely to himself. (English)

Trevor LYLE-WILSON

The Trace 191pp Tp 26.95

A psychological mystery. Tracey has fled from tragedy on the Gold Coast, only to be found by a predator in her hometown of Melbourne. Tracey, who has a desire to end her own misery, is completely vulnerable. She knows she has to change her life, urgently. Nothing feels right. (Australian)

Henning MANKELL

White Lioness Pb 19.95 Kurt Wallander series #4. The tenacious sleuth returns to investigate a horrific crime in his Scandinavian homeland, which soon involves him with troubled apartheid-era South Africa. When he uncovers a plot to assassinate Nelson Mandela, Wallander finds himself in a tangle with the South African secret service and a ruthless ex-KGB agent. Combining heart-pounding suspense with probing commentary, this novel is certain to win new readers for this master of the

Val McDERMID

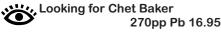
detective genre. (Swedish)

Distant Echo Tp 29.95 Four in the morning, mid-December, and snow is smothering St Andrews. Student Alex Gilbey and his three best friends are staggering home from a party when they stumble upon the body of Rosie Duff. She has been raped, stabbed and left for dead in the ancient Pictish cemetery, and the only suspects are the four young men. 25 years later, Fife police mount a cold case review. Meanwhile, one of the original quartet dies in a suspicious house fire. Soon after, a second is killed in what looks like a burglary gone sour. Alex fears the worst. He has to find out who it is before he becomes the next victim. And it might just save his life if he can uncover who really killed Rosie all those years ago. (English)

Chandler McGREW

381pp Pb 17.95 ★ Night Terror Four years apart, two boys vanished without a trace in a picturesque community in Maine. For Sheriff Virgil Milche, the disappearances are a black mark on a fine career. For the mother of one of the victims, the mystery is a dark journey through grief, hope and madness. (American)

BIII MOODY



AnEvan Horne Pianist mystery. Horne's European interlude lands him a gig in Amsterdam, where the old jazz clubs are alive and well. Here unexpectedly finds himself reliving the days last of legendary blues



trumpeter Chet Baker, who died under mysterious circumstances. Did Baker fall from a hotel balcony or was he pushed? The answers lead Horne on an odyssey into one of the greatest mysteries of the jazz world. (American)

Tamar MYERS

Tiles and Tribulations

340pp Pb 18.95

A Den of Antiquity mystery. Abigail Timberlake Washburn would rather be anywhere else on a muggy Charleston summer evening than at a séance. But her best friend, Calamity Jane, thinks a spirit lurks in the 18th-century Georgian mansion, (complete with priceless 17thcentury Portuguese kitchen tiles), that she bought as a fixer-upper. Luckily, Abby's mama located a psychic in the yellow pages, Madame Woo-Woo. Together, with a motley group of feisty retirees known as the "Heavenly Hustlers," they all get down to give an unwanted spook the heave-ho. But, for all her extrasensory abilities, the Madame did not foresee that she would be forced over to the other side, prematurely. (American)

Tim MYERS

Murder Checks Inn

185pp Pb 16.95

A Lighthouse Inn mystery. Hatteras West Inn owner Alex Winston hosts an inn full of suspects, when his uncle is murdered right before a scandalous will reading. (American)

Barbara NADEL

Harem #5 312pp Tp 32.95 Inspector Ikmen is troubled by the discovery of a body in one of the ancient cisterns beneath Istanbul. The dead girl was a friend of his daughter's and her body is found dressed in the elaborate costume of a 19th century Ottoman princess. With his promise of justice to the dead girl's mother still fresh on his lips, Ikmen is perturbed when reassigned a higher profile investigation, the kidnapping of an ageing movie star's wife. A powerful secret exists in the labyrinthine city, one that those on either side of the law will do anything to prevent escaping. The Evening Standard said, "The narrative is tightly organised and the dark, Byzantine plot springs organically from the tensions of race and class in Turkish society, which is treated with a depth and detail unusual in a crime novel." (English)

Sister Carol Anne O'MARIE Advent of Dying (1986)

242pp Pb 17.95

Sister Mary Helen is investigating the murder of her secretary, who just

completed a successful night of blues singing in the Sea Wench Bar. But Sister Mary Helen's good intentions lead from righteousness into one of the deadliest secrets of the heart. (American)

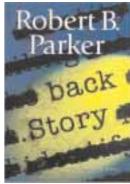


Robert B PARKER

Back Story A Spenser

304pp Hb 59.95

novel. In 1974, a revolutionary calling group itself The Dread Scott Brigade held up the Old Shawnut Bank Boston's Audubon Circle. Money was stolen and a woman named



Emily Gordon, a visitor in town, was shot and killed. No one saw who shot her. Despite security camera photos and a letter from the group claiming responsibility, the perpetrators have remained at large for nearly three decades. Enter Paul Giacomin, the closest thing Spenser has to a son, whose friend Darvl Gordon decides she needs closure regarding her mother Emily's death. The lack of clues and a missing FBI intelligence report force Spenser to reach out in every direction, testing his resourcefulness and his courage. Taut, tense and expertly crafted, this is Parker at his storytelling best. (American)

David PEACE

🔆 Nineteen Eighty Three

405pp Tp 34.95

This novel concludes his Red Riding Quartet and, once again, the Ripper is the backdrop for a roller coaster of fear and corruption. The three intertwining storylines see the Quartet's central themes of corruption and the



perversion of justice come to a head. BI (the rent boy from Nineteen Seventy Four Pb 19.95), the lawyer Big John Piggott, (who is as near as you get to a hero in Peace's world), and Maurice Oldfield, (the senior cop whose career of corruption and brutality has set all this in motion), find themselves on a collision course that can only end in a terrible vengeance. This is an epic tale, which concludes a body of work confirming Peace as the most innovative and remarkable new British crime writer to have emerged for years. Also available: Nineteen Seventy Seven (Pb 19.95) and Nineteen Eighty (Pb 19.95). (English)



George PELECANOS

Hell to Pay 416pp Pb 17.95 Derek Strange and Terry Quinn,

the team of investigators who made their bestselling debut in Right As Rain (Pb 17.95), are hired to find a 14-year-old girl who has run away from her suburban home. It is easy to learn the girl is now working as a prostitute in one of DC's most brutal neighbourhoods. Getting her to leave is harder. The two ex-cops think they know this world, but nothing in their experience has prepared them for the vengeance of Worldwide Wilson, the ruthless operator whose territory they are intruding upon. Their mission is fractured by a violent criminal act against a young player from the neighbourhood football team that Strange coaches. Their investigation leads them deep inside the city's labyrinth of crime and back again, to the lethal Worldwide Wilson. (American)

George PELECANOS

Soul Circus

Washington DC crime overlord is fighting for his life court. Two younger dealers are fighting for territory, prestige and millions of dollars in future profits. It takes only one slip, a kid going



Tp 29.95

out of control with a rented pistol, to push friction closer to wholesale slaughter. In the midst of this extraordinary tension, private investigator Derek Strange has found a woman whose testimony could mean death or freedom for the crime lord. Strange wants her to talk, but first he will have to find a way to keep her alive. (American)

Kathy REICHS

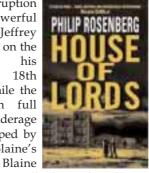
Grave Secrets 419pp Pb 19.95

🥉 A Dr Temperance Brennan novel. Our forensic anthropologist for the medical examiners in Montreal and North Carolina departs from home turf to journey to Guatemala, where her skills will be tested to the limit. Tempe digs in the cold, damp pit. The soil begins to yield ash and cinders. Her trowel uncovers the bone of a child no more than two years old. Something savage happened in this village 20 years ago. And something savage is happening today. Four girls are missing from Guatemala City, including the daughter of a high-ranking government official. When a young archaeologist is brutally murdered, Tempe realises that she may be the next victim in a web of intrigue that connects the historical and contemporary murders. (American)

Philip ROSENBERG

House of Lords

The corruption of powerful **Jeffrey** financier Blaine begins on the night of his daughter's 18th birthday. While the party is in full swing, an underage woman is raped by one of Blaine's



480pp Pb 21.00

agrees not to call the police but a notorious gossip columnist witnesses this complicity making him vulnerable to Chet Fiore scandal. Enter immediately sets things in order. Fiore's grace under pressure commands attention. What Blaine eventually learns about Fiore (he is a rising figure in organised crime) both terrifies and energises him. In one sense, he is being blackmailed; in another, Chet is exactly what he has been looking for. The tempestuous relationship between these two powerful men will take several unexpected detours in what turns out to be a deadly dance of money and corruption that pits organised crime against the glittering world of Wall Street finance. (American)

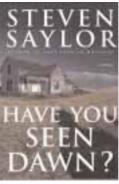
Joann ROSS

Confessions 395pp Pb 16.95 Investigating the high-profile murder case of a charismatic senator's wife, Whiskey River sheriff Trace Callihan finds his job complicated when the victim's sister, Mariah, insists on being fully involved. (American)

Steven SAYLOR Have You Seen Dawn?

262pp Hb 36.30

When Rue Dunwitty goes back to Amethyst, Texas. it is definitely a trip made more out of a sense of duty than desire. On her arrival she realises that something in the has changed. In the



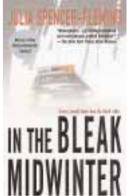
local store's window there is a sign that reads, 'Have you seen Dawn?' With the sign is a picture of a pretty teenage girl. Putting aside all thoughts of the missing girl, Rue begins her visit with her grandmother but the disconcerting sense of menace she first felt at the store refuses to go away. Soon she becomes embroiled in a mystery in which it seems everyone in town knows more about Dawn's disappearance than they are willing to admit. (American)

Julia SPENCER-FLEMING

In the Bleak Midwinter

370pp Pb 18.95

This book won Malice the Domestic Contest in 2002. It is a cold, snowy December in the upstate New York town of Millers Kill, and newly ordained Clare Fergusson is on thin ice as the first female priest of its small



Episcopal church. The ancient regime running the parish covertly demands that she prove herself as a leader. However, her blunt manner, honed by years as an army pilot, is meeting with a chilly reception from some members of her congregation. Chief of Police, Russ Van Alystyne, in particular, does not know what to make of her. The last thing she needs is trouble, but that is exactly what she finds. When a newborn baby is abandoned on the church stairs and a young mother is brutally murdered, Clare has to pick her way through the secrets and silence that shadow that town like the ever-present Adirondack Mountains. As the days dwindle down and the attraction between the avowed priest and the married police chief grows, Clare will need all her faith, tenacity and courage to stand fast against a killer's icy heart. (American)

Andy STRAKA

Cold Quarry 288pp Pb 16.95
A Frank Pavlicek mystery. When an expert falconer is found shot to death, PI Pavlicek smells something far more deadly than a simple hunting accident. Something is contaminating the surrounding woods; something the Feds do not want to discuss. Seeking justice for his friend's life, he threatens to uncover a group of domestic terrorists with a chilling agenda. (American)

Sarah STROHMEYER

Bubbles in Trouble #2 Pb 18.95 Her friend, bride-to-be Janice, never showed up at the altar, and everybody's blaming Bubbles for singing Lynyrd Skynyrd's "Free Bird" at the bachelorette party the night before. Now Bubbles has just found Janice's uncle Elwood dead on his bathroom floor, his skull bashed in and his Rolls Royce missing. The baffling murder could be her Big Break as she goes deep undercover in Whoopee, Pennsylvania, as a plain girl from Ohio boarding with a local Amish family. That means no spandex, no showers and no makeup! (American)

Denise SWANSON

Murder of a Snake in the 262pp Pb 16.95 Grass

A Scumble River mystery. Skye Denison and the rest of Scumble River are celebrating its bicentennial in style with historical reenactments, a bingo tent and a coal-tossing contest. Best of all, the guest of honour is the



great great founder's grandnephew, Gabriel Scumble. But his visit turns out to be short-lived when he is found dead. The murder weapon: a pickaxe. Meanwhile, Skye's ex-fiancée is back in town, but is he here simply to create turmoil in her love life, or does he have a connection to Gabriel's death? (American)

William TAPPLY

Muscle Memory 286pp Pb 18.95

A Brady Coyne novel. Our Boston attorney does not handle criminal cases. He does, however, handle divorces and, against his better judgment, he decides to represent Mick Fallon, a former professional basketball player, in a divorce suit brought against him by his wife. Brady soon discovers that Mick is a compulsive gambler, deep in debt to a local mobster, and has a talent for making difficult situations worse. When Mick's wife is found brutally murdered in her living room, the obvious suspect is Mick himself. Of course, he has disappeared! (American)

Jim THOMPSON

★ Pop. 1280 (1964) 187pp Pb 19.95 Crime Masterworks # 28. Nick Corey likes being the high sheriff of Potts County. But Nick has a few problems he needs to deal with: his loveless marriage, the pimps who torment him, the honest man running against him in the upcoming elections and the women who adore him. And it turns out that Nick is not as amiable, easy going or as slow as he seems. He is as sly, brutal and corrupt as they come. (American)

Ann WALDRON



Big-Crime-on-Campus series. Professor McLeod Delaney gets her first course in crime as the hallowed halls of one of the world's great universities offers an unexpected education in murder. At Princeton, an intellectual with a grudge is targeting English professors. (American)

Robert WALKER

Bitter Instinct 392pp Pb 18.95 A Iessica Coran novel, FBI Medical Examiner Dr Coran is investigating a series of bizarre murders attributed to "the Poet". His calling card is human skin engraved with toxic ink and verse. For Jessica, the most baffling aspect of the crimes is that no victim shows signs of resistance, or even fear. Only she has the insight to read between the Poet's lines and stop him before his final stroke of insane genius. (American)

James WEBB

Lost Soldiers 365pp Tp 29.95 This novel captures the Vietnam of past and present: its beauty and squalor, its politics and people. Propelled by a page-turning mystery, shot through with adventure and intrigue, it irrevocably transforms our view of that haunted land brings us as complete an understanding as we will ever have of what happened after the war, and why. The author is one of the most highly decorated combat marines of the Vietnam War. (American)

Gillian WHITE

330pp Tp 29.95 Copycat Martha's life was ideal. Jennie and Martha became friends when Jennie moved in next door. At least, Jennie thought they were friends. As Jennie grew in confidence, Martha's life seemed to fall apart. They became bitter and twisted in a relationship which only one of them could survive . . . With insidious and unnerving accuracy, White once more shows us the horrors that can lurk within the most ordinary of families. (English)

Gillian WHITE

399pp Pb 19.95 💥 Refuge Shelley loves all her kids with a fierce passion but Joey, her eldest, has always been a problem. Surely, Joey did not set light to a pram with a small baby in it? When the police take him away to be questioned, she has to endure the primitive hostility of a neighbourhood outraged by the death of an innocent child. Shelley has to take her other children to a place of safety, and the authorities put her in touch with the Boltons, a kindly farming couple who take in problem families and work miracles on them. On their remote Dartmoor farm, Shelley and her kids find a refuge with fresh air, wholesome food and a discipline, which they have never known before. The children seem calmer and happier. Many families have come to the Boltons' farm, but not all of them have left it! (English)



Greg WILSON

The Final Account

703pp Pb 18.95

When once prominent New York banker, Matthew Forbes, meets a violent death, his grandson, Chris Davenport, uncovers a set of wartime journals that implicate him in an explosive financial conspiracy. His mother, Jessica Davenport, is about to make her play for the US presidency but could the revelations contained in her father's diaries threaten her political career? Certainly someone recognises their significance, someone who will stop at nothing to seize the journals. With his girlfriend Anna, Chris follows a trail that begins 60 years ago in a Europe devastated by war, fascism and corruption; seeking the truth from the past to protect those he loves. (Australian)

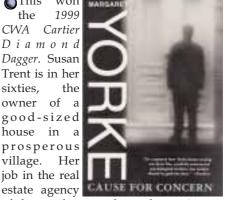
Tom WILSON

Black Sky 447pp Pb 21.00 When a respected US Senator is found dead (killed by his own people, the Manido-Ojibwe tribe), a treaty prevents the FBI from investigating. Enter Native American covert operative Link Anderson, who is determined to find the killer. But the facts surrounding the senator's grisly fate lead Link down a trail of deception and murder, where one ruthless man is prepared to destroy anyone who stands in his way. (American)

Margaret YORKE

🗽 Cause for Concern 330pp Pb 19.95

This won the 1999 CWA Cartier Diamond Dagger. Susan Trent is in her sixties, the owner of a good-sized house in a prosperous village. Her job in the real



of the nearby town keeps her active, as does her garden. She ought to be well satisfied with her lot. Instead, she lives in terror of her semi-employed, abusive and middle-aged son. Her friends and neighbours suspect his fists cause her cuts and bruises, not her clumsy falls as she claims, but no one voices their fears to her. They keep a wary eye on the wonder between situation and themselves why she does not bar him from the house. Then a stranger comes to lodge in the village and his arrival triggers a series of events, which eventually reveal why Susan has been so protective of her son, but not until more of her blood is spilled. (English)



HISTORICAL CRIME

Albert BELL All Roads Lead to Murder





magistrates are on the scene, so Pliny the Younger, Rome's answer to Sherlock Holmes, takes charge until the provincial governor can be summoned. Pliny surprises Cornelius Tacitus by suggesting the cause of death might be something other than the obvious knife wounds. And Pliny learns some surprising things about one of the victim's slave girls, a beautiful young blonde. But his sleuthing may be in vein if it turns out that the killer has another victim in mind, Pliny himself. (American)

Emily BRIGHTWELL Mrs Jeffries Pleads Her Case 196pp Pb 16.95

A Victorian mystery. When a magistrate rules Harlan Westover's death a suicide, something smells fishy. Amidst a sea of unanswered questions, the clever Mrs Jeffries wants to get to the bottom of it and make sure someone does not stage another "suicide"... (American)

Ava Dianne DAY

Cut to the Heart 391pp Pb 17.95

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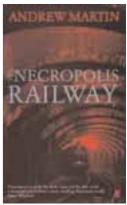
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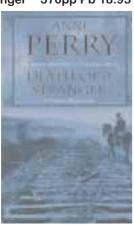
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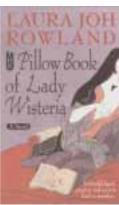


become ill as a result of their trade. But the injuries are becoming more serious, and now a body has been discovered in one of the area's brothels. The dead man is none other than the wealthy and respectable Nolan Baltimore, head of Baltimore and Sons, a successful railway company. With calls for the police to clean up the streets, Hester decides she must intervene to protect these women stand to lose everything. Meanwhile, her husband, William Monk, has been approached by Katrina Harcus, who suspects that the company her fiancé works for may be guilty of fraud. That company is Baltimore and Sons. (English)

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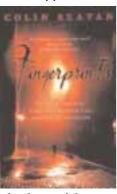
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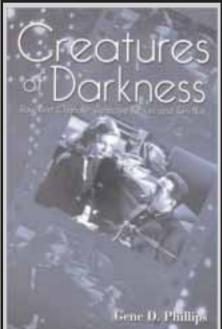
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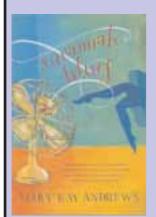
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