

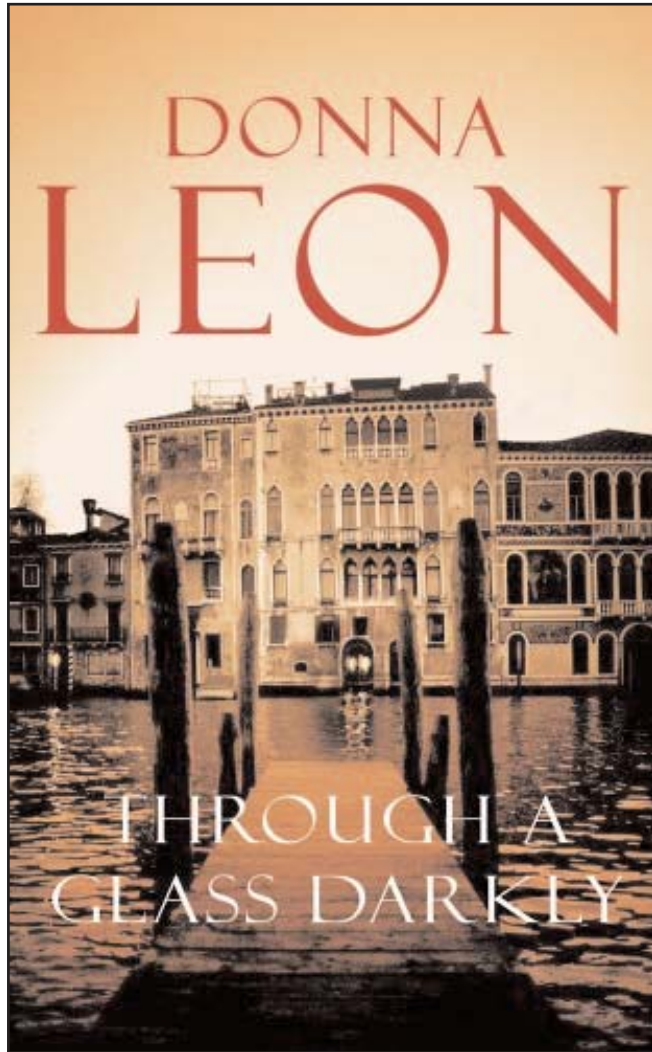
CRIME CHRONICLE

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"WHERE A GOOD CRIME CAN BE HAD BY ALL"

AUTHOR OF THE MONTH

"The thoughtful and charming [Brunetti] is in top form... His nicely balanced world... is cumulatively engrossing. In this domestic detail, Leon roots the power of the ordinary, moral individual."
- **Sunday Times**



"[Leon's] passion for all things Venetian - churches, palaces, statues and especially the food - comes over loud and clear whenever Brunetti steps from his apartment into the street... No one writes about the grey areas of life better."
- **Guardian**

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

DONNA LEON

Through a Glass Darkly (#15)

256pp Tp \$32.95

It's springtime in Venice and Commissario Brunetti plays hooky with Lorenzo Vianello. They leave the Questura and head over to Mestre, where a friend of Vianello's is in some trouble following a non-violent environmental protest he took part in the previous day in Mogliano Veneto. From such a simple beginning does a most complex case develop as Brunetti leads us through the maze of Murano glass-blowing society, toxic waste-dumping, murder and, of course, the pettiest of local politics. There is a salutary lesson or two about love, and some wonderfully cryptic clues in a rather lovely edition of Dante's *Inferno*. Thank goodness Paola does crosswords and Chiara reads Patrick O'Brian! - *Cara*

KILLER GIFT IDEA FOR MOTHER'S DAY...

Buy the latest Donna Leon for your mum - or yourself - and get Carlo Lucarelli's latest, **Day After Day**, for only \$5 (normally \$23.95), while stocks last. In this novel, recently nominated for the 2006 *IMPAC Dublin Literary Award*, Ispettore Grazia Negro must track down a faceless killer. An intelligently woven tale of sex, violence and suspense from the author of *Almost Blue* (\$22.95).

Don't miss the other titles in the excellent Commissario Brunetti series: *Death at la Fenice* (21.95), *Death in a Strange Country* (21.95), *Anonymous Venetian* (18.95), *Venetian Reckoning* (18.95), *Acqua Alta* (18.95), *Death of Faith* (18.95), *Noble Radiance* (21.95), *Fatal Remedies* (21.95), *Friends in High Places* (21.95), *Sea of Troubles* (21.95), *Wilful Behaviour* (21.95), *Uniform Justice* (21.95), *Doctored Evidence* (21.95) and *Blood from a Stone* (21.95).

- Peter



MODERN CRIME

Donna ANDREWS

 **Owls Well That Ends Well**

339pp Pb 16.95

Meg Langslow Mystery #6. Meg was actually looking forward to renovating the old Victorian mansion that she and her boyfriend Michael bought. But she wasn't thrilled by the lifetime of junk accumulated by the house's eccentric previous owner, Edwina Sprocket. The easiest solution: hold the be-all-and-end-all of gigantic yard sales. But when the event attracts the late Miss Sprocket's money-hungry heirs, the over-enthusiastic supporters of some endangered barn owls, and customers willing to go to any lengths to uncover a hidden treasure, Meg suspects things have gotten a little out of hand... (American)



Donna BALL



Smoky Mountain Tracks

287pp Pb 16.95

A Raine Stockton Dog Mystery. North Carolina native Raine Stockton, a dog trainer and the ex-wife of a deputy sheriff, knows the woods of Hanover County as well as anyone. She stopped volunteering for Search and Rescue work after a tragic loss, but now reluctantly returns to active duty - along with a young and inexperienced Golden Retriever named Cisco - to help find a mother and six-year-old girl who have been kidnapped and taken deep into the wilderness. Suspecting there is more to the case than meets the eye, Raine must struggle to overcome her personal demons, turn her search in new directions and learn to trust Cisco to lead the way. (American)

Robert BARNARD

 **A Cry From the Dark**

282pp Pb 19.95

Bettina Whitelaw. Approaching 80, with a beautiful flat in Holland Park and a comfortable income, Bettina's life is not dissimilar to that of her wealthy, elegant neighbours. Brought up in Bundaroo, a small town in the Australian outback, her childhood was dominated by the relentlessly blazing sun, the long daily walk to school, and by the simmering animosities of small-town life. Aged 16, Bettina managed to escape to begin her literary career in Europe. But now, more than 60 years later, her past is coming back to haunt her. As she embarks upon the painful process of writing her memoirs, images from her childhood begin to resurface. And when her former housekeeper is the victim of a violent attack, Bettina begins to realise that she is in serious danger - a danger that has its roots in a small, dusty outback town. (English)

Michael BARON



The Mourning Sexton

402pp Pb 18.95

After an embezzlement conviction, David Hirsch is eager to rebuild his law career. But a new investigation reveals a conspiracy of corruption and cold-blooded murder that could prove his downfall - or total redemption. (American)

Laurien BERENSON



Dog Eat Dog

341pp Pb 16.95

A Melanie Travis Mystery. When money turns up missing from the exclusive Belle Haven Kennel Club and one of the members is found dead in a parking lot, Melanie Travis - teacher, single parent and proud owner of Faith, a rambunctious Standard Poodle pup - finds herself moving closer to a killer desperate enough to strike again. (American)

Elizabeth BLOOM



See Isabelle Run 278pp Pb 16.95

 Dumped by her fiancé for her maid of honour 22 minutes before walking down the aisle (not to mention being stuck with an apartment lease she can't afford), Isabelle doesn't jump from the nearest window. She dances on the tables at her almost-wedding reception and takes a job at Becky Belden Multimedia, a design and lifestyle empire presided over by America's favourite homemaking guru. Even as she learns 600 ways to fold a napkin, Isabelle finds her dream job morphing into a nightmare when she discovers BBM's employees are dropping faster than an overcooked soufflé. (American)

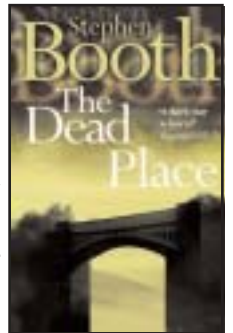
Stephen BOUTH



The Dead Place

597pp Pb 19.95

"It's perfectly simple. All you have to do is find the dead place." The anonymous caller who taunts the Police with talk of an imminent killing could be a hoaxer, his descriptions of death and decomposition a sick fantasy. But Detective Diane Fry is certain she's dealing with a murderer. The voice - so eerily, shiveringly calm - invites the police to meet the 'flesh eater'. Fry fears it may already be too late to save the next victim. DC Ben Cooper, meanwhile, is looking into Derbyshire's first case of body snatching. The investigation takes him into the dark, secret world of those whose lives revolve around the dead and their disposal - from funeral directors to crematorium staff and a professor whose speciality is the study of death. Where is the dead place? And what terrible deeds are done there? (English)



James BORN



Shock Wave 310pp Pb 18.95

Florida Department of Law Enforcement agent Bill Tasker, still smarting from a run-in with the FBI that almost got him killed, reluctantly teams up with the bureau again on a case involving a stolen Stinger missile. The op goes smoothly enough (though the feds take all the credit-what else is new?), but something about the whole setup just doesn't feel right. Tasker pokes around a bit and stirs up more trouble than a nest of rattlesnakes: with his boss, with the FBI, with the ATF, and, worst of all, with a certain gentleman who loves to see things blow up... (American)

KEY

ACADEMIC



BANKING



CANINE DETECTIVES



CLERICAL



COSY/MALICE DOMESTIC



CULINARY/FOOD



FBI



FELINE DETECTIVES



FORENSIC



HORSE RACING MYSTERY



MEDICAL



MILITARY



NATIVE AMERICAN



POLICE PROCEDURAL



POLITICAL/LEGAL



PSYCHOLOGICAL



PRIVATE EYE



ROMANTIC SUSPENSE



SPORT



SPY



SUSPENSE/THRILLER

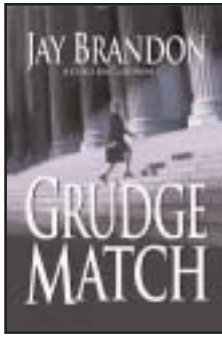


AUTHOR'S NATIONALITY AT END OF BLURB

**Jay BRANDON**

Grudge Match 371pp Pb 18.95

A Chris Sinclair Mystery. Eight years ago, Chris Sinclair sent him to jail for armed robbery. New DNA evidence now shows he is innocent, so Sinclair sees that Greerton is set free. Then two police officers are



murdered and Greerton is found at the scene of the crime with no alibi. Sinclair grows suspicious. Either crooked cops are trying to cover up a years-old crime, or he was a fool to help free Greerton. As murders pile up and clues point to more than one suspect, Sinclair realises that he - or his teenage daughter Clarissa - could be the next victim. (American)

Simon BRETT

The Witness at the Wedding 372pp Pb 19.95

Carole Seddon's son is about to be married. But as plans for the big day get underway, Stephen's future parents-in-law, Marie and Harold, seem desperate to keep the affair as discreet as possible. Then, after a quiet engagement party, Harold disappears, only to be found dead the next day in a burnt-out car in Epping Forest. While the family try to deal with their grief, Carole discovers they are concealing secrets that can be traced back 30 years to the murder of Marie's best friend. (English)

Suzanne BROCKMAN

Out of Control 458pp Pb 12.95

After learning that her uncle Alex is being held for a \$250,000 ransom in Indonesia, Savannah von Hopf sets out to rescue him, but has to stop first in San Diego to pick up Navy SEAL Ken Karmody. (American)

Sandra BROWN

Hello Darkness / The Crush (Omnibus) 404pp Pb 19.95

In *Hello Darkness*, a caller to a late-night radio talk-show announces his intention to murder a woman he has kidnapped within 72 hours. And Paris Gibson, the mysterious host of the show, finds herself in the spotlight for the first time in years. In *The Crush*, when Dr Rennie Newton is summoned to jury duty, she brings to the courtroom the same level of competence that she displays in the operating room. Her commitment to precision compels her to deliver a 'not guilty' verdict in the murder case against notorious contract killer Ricky Lozada. It will be the most regrettable decision of her life... (American)

Ken BRUEN

Priest 290pp Tp 32.95

Ireland, awash with cash and greed, no longer turns to the Church for solace and comfort. But the decapitation of Father Joyce in a Galway church brings a gasp to the most hardened cynics. Not to Jack Taylor. Emotionally bruised, battered and still struggling with the demon drink, he's back in town, trying to get his life on course after the trauma of personal loss. And it seems that Jack has a job: he's been asked to investigate the murder of Fr Joyce, but to proceed with caution and discretion. No further scandals must destabilise the Roman Catholic Church. But discretion is not a word Jack understands, especially when the dead priest has a long history of abusing small boys and is responsible for a terrible crime... (Irish)

Richard BURKE

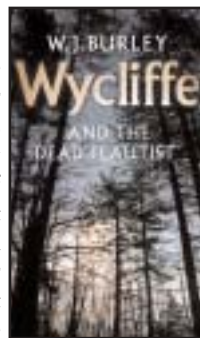
Redemption 277pp Tp 29.95

When Matthew's wife Charlotte is kidnapped, his world is thrown into chaos. Who has taken her and why? There are no demands made for her release, just a threat that if he calls the police, Charlotte will lose the baby she is carrying, then Matthew will lose her. Matthew is paralysed, haunted by the gloating phone calls of her captor. As a prison governor, Matthew is convinced that Charlotte's abduction is related to his job. Unable to talk to anyone in authority, he resorts to the only help he can find - Monk, an ex-prisoner who appears to have gone straight since his release, but still has various underworld contacts. He knows it's a devil's pact, but time is running out... (English)

W J BURLEY

Wycliffe and the Dead Flautist 224pp Pb 18.95

On the secluded estate of Lord and Lady Bottrell, the body of amateur flautist Tony Mills has been found, shot by his own gun. Chief Superintendent Wycliffe is called in when a closer inspection of what appears to be suicide reveals some sinister inconsistencies. As Wycliffe begins to unravel the last days of the dead man, another mystery is revealed: the disappearance of the Bottrell's pretty young maid. Gradually, bitter family feuds and secret illicit relationships are uncovered, then another body shatters the pastoral peace of the Cornish estate forever... (English)

**Mark BURNELL**

The Third Woman 400pp Hb 45.00

Stephanie has been living life as her alias - the professional terrorist Petra - to the full. Having completed an intelligence contract in St Petersburg, she is lured to France by the call of a friend in need. In Paris, a bomb blast triggers a chain of events that contaminates every aspect of her life. It's clear that she's been betrayed. But by whom? (English)

Stella CAMERON

Body of Evidence 410pp Pb 18.95

Emma Lachance is taken by surprise when she runs into her old flame, Finn Duhon, at a construction site in Pointe Judah, Louisiana. But the last thing she expects to find is the corpse of her friend, a local journalist whose relentlessly scathing articles have enraged every lawmaker and opportunist in town, including the mayor - Emma's husband. When more bodies are found, Emma and Finn wonder if the link is Secrets, an eclectic support group for women in which all the murder victims were members (and a group that has helped Emma find the strength to divorce her abusive, unfaithful husband). Could an innocent women's club drive a furious husband or boyfriend to murder, or are the killings only made to look as if that's the connection? Emma and Finn intend to find out, before Emma becomes the next body of evidence... (American)

Andrea CAMILLERI

The Voice of the Violin 256pp Pb 19.95

Inspector Montalbano #4. Montalbano's gruesome discovery of a naked young woman suffocated in her bed immediately sets him on a search for her killer. Among the suspects are her ageing husband, a famous doctor; a shy admirer, now disappeared; an antiques-dealing lover from Bologna; and the victim's friend Anna, whose charms Montalbano cannot help but appreciate. But it is a mysterious, reclusive violinist who holds the key to this murder... (Italian)

Sammi CARTER

Chocolate Dipped Death 261pp Pb 16.95

Candy Shop Mystery. When poisoned bonbons end the life of a town trouble-maker, candy shop owner Abby Shaw finds herself trapped in an extremely sticky situation. (American)

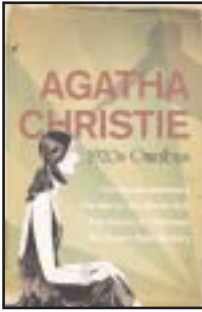




AGATHA CHRISTIE

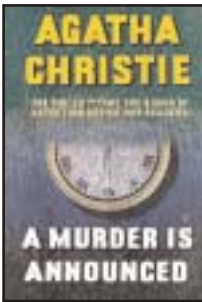
Agatha Christie Years: 1920s Omnibus 841pp Tp 39.95

A brand new Agatha Christie omnibus, bringing together all four stand-alone novels written in the 1920s - **The Secret Adversary**, **The Man in the Brown Suit**, **The Secret of Chimneys** and its sequel **The Seven Dials Mystery**.



Facsimile editions

To mark the 75th anniversary of Miss Marple's first appearance, and to celebrate her renewed fortunes as a prime-time TV star, this collection of facsimile first editions reproduces the original typesetting and formats from the Christie family's own archive copies. The original covers have been painstakingly restored from the best available copies, reflecting five decades of iconic cover design.



A Murder is Announced 256pp Hb 29.95
(facsimile first edition 1950)

A Pocket Full of Rye 191pp Hb 29.95
(facsimile first edition 1953)

4.50 from Paddington 256pp Hb 29.95
(facsimile first edition 1957)

Paperback tie-in editions

These new tie-in editions coincide with the broadcast of the new series starring Geraldine McEwan as Miss Marple and David Suchet as Poirot. They include full-colour plates and exclusive cast interviews.



Miss Marple: Sleeping Murder 303pp Pb 19.95 (1976)

Miss Marple: The Moving Finger 298pp Pb 19.95 (1943)

Poirot: The Mystery of the Blue Train 383pp Pb 19.95 (1928)

Poirot: Cards on the Table 320pp Pb 19.95 (1936)

Lee CHILD

The Hard Way 397pp Tp 32.95
In Lee Child's astonishing new thriller, ex-military cop Reacher sees more than most people would, and because of that he is thrust into an explosive situation that is about to blow up in his face. For the only way to find the truth - and save two innocent lives - is to do it the way Jack Reacher does best: the hard way.... (Anglo-American)

Laura CHILDS

Chamomile Mourning 306pp Pb 16.95
Tea Shop Mystery #6. At Charleston's Spoleto Festival, Theodosia Browning's Poet's Tea is forced indoors by rain, which is the least of her problems after a local auction house owner plummets from the balcony to his death. With a full kettle of suspects, Theodosia finds herself chasing a criminal who plans on showing her just how dangerous it is to stick her sensitive nose where it doesn't belong. (American)

Mary Higgins CLARK

No Place Like Home 368pp Pb 18.95

"I cannot believe I am standing in the exact spot where I was standing when I killed my mother..." When she was 10, Liza Barton shot her mother dead, trying to protect her from her violent stepfather. The court ruled the death a tragic accident. Many believed it to be deliberate murder. 24 years later, Liza is known as Celia. Now a successful interior designer living in Manhattan, she is happily married for the second time, with a young son, Jack, by her first marriage. Nothing can disturb their peace. But when her new husband surprises her with a gift, her world is suddenly shattered, for it is the very same house where her mother met her death. (American)



Chris COLLETT

Blood of the Innocents 320pp Pb 19.95

When two teenagers go missing on the same day, it seems to be nothing more than a coincidence. Leaving aside their age and disappearance, the two have little in common. Yasmin Akram is the talented grammar school educated daughter of devout Muslim professionals. Ricky Skeet disappears from his council house after a row with his mother's latest boyfriend. Investigating further, Inspector Tom Mariner soon discovers that the innocent image painted of Yasmin by her parents is far different to that painted by her school-friends. (English)

Max Allan COLLINS

Road to Purgatory 321pp Pb 19.95
It is 1942 and - from the Atlantic to the Pacific - the world is torn apart. 10 years earlier, Michael O'Sullivan accompanied his gangster father on the road, fleeing from the mobsters who killed his mother and young brother. After an idyllic upbringing by loving adoptive parents in a small Midwestern town, Michael is now deep in the jungles of Bataan, carrying a tommy gun like his father's, fighting the Japanese. When brutal combat unearths deep-buried feelings of violence and revenge, Michael returns to the home-front, a battle-scarred veteran of 22, ready to pick up his old war against the Chicago Mob. (American)



Natalie COLLINS

Wives and Sisters 335pp Pb 16.95

When Allison Jensen was six, she and her best friend were playing in the woods near home. One moment her friend was beside her; the next she was gone. When no leads emerged, she was given up for dead. Now, years later, trying to fill in the gaps of a patchwork memory, to make sense of the senseless, Allison still gets no answers from the Mormon community in which she lives. Why is she being fed half-truths? Why is her father able to tyrannise and torment as the self-appointed messenger of God? When a brutal attack on her as a young adult makes her desperate to escape Mormon bonds, Allison finds herself on a collision course with community leaders as they cover the steps of a sexual predator. She must stop them before they find her and keep her from piecing together the tragic past that has haunted her life. (American)

Robin COOK

Marker 592pp Pb 19.95

A 28-year-old man seems the picture of health until he fractures his leg while skating in New York's Central Park. Within 24 hours of his surgical treatment, he is dead. Next, a 36-year-old mother has knee surgery to repair a torn ligament in her knee, and within 24 hours she too has died. Confronted with a series of puzzling deaths of young, healthy patients after routine treatment, medical examiners Dr Laurie Montgomery and Dr Jack Stapleton begin to investigate. Could all these deaths be intentional? With time winding down, they embark on a race to connect the dots. (American)



**Ted DEKKER****Obsessed 382pp Pb 24.95**

Stephen Friedman is making a good living in good times. He's just an ordinary guy. Or so he thinks. But one day an extraordinary piece of information tells him something different. It's a clue from the grave of a Holocaust survivor. A clue that makes him heir to an incredible fortune that only he and one other man can possibly understand. That man is Roth Braun, a serial killer who has been waiting for Stephen for 30 years. Roth was stopped once before. This time nothing will get in his way... (American)

Robert DOHERTY**Bodyguard of Lies 292pp Pb 16.95**

Who guards the world of covert operations? Enter the Cellar, a most secret spy organisation hiding deep within the United States. Two women become inextricably involved in a dangerous web of lies, intrigue and betrayal as they fight for their lives and the safety of their country. Neeley is the lover and protégé of Gant, a Cellar operative, and is trying to both pick up the pieces of her life after Gant's death and also unveil a mystery that Gant always held close to his chest. Hannah, a housewife, is equally lost after her husband simply disappears. They soon learn that the men in their lives shared a dangerous secret, one that some very powerful people are prepared to shed blood to protect. (American)

John DONOHUE**Deshi 288pp Pb 18.95**

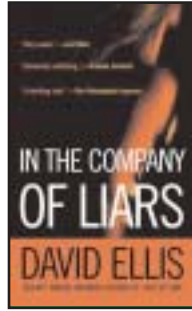
Asian scholar and black-belt artist Connor Burke labours as a deshi, a student under the tutelage of a master warrior. This practice draws him into the execution-style murder of a Japanese businessman, into the dangers of a lethal samurai heritage, and finally into the unknown darkness of an elite mountain temple where Connor's deadliest challenge awaits. (American)

Laura DURHAM**For Better or Hearse 258pp Pb 16.95**

Annabelle Archer Mystery #2. Wedding planner extraordinaire Annabelle Archer is used to dealing with difficult personalities - neurotic brides, despotic mothers and prima-donna bridesmaids. However, being chased from a swank hotel kitchen at knifepoint by the shrieking Chef Henri takes the cake. Soon after, Washington's most thoroughly despised culinary artist is discovered dead, impaled on an ice sculpture. The crime surprises no one since revenge is, after all, a dish best served cold. (American)

**David ELLIS****In the Company of Liars 388pp Pb 18.95**

This is a truly original thriller, strikingly fresh and unpredictable. Told in chronological reverse, from its enigmatic end to its brilliant beginning, the novel is centred on a woman who is on trial for murder - Allison Pagone, a mother caught between competing forces, each represented by someone who may not care if the pressure kills her in the end. A prosecutor wants Allison convicted and put on death row. An FBI agent believes she can squeeze her into ratting on her family. A daughter and an ex-husband need to save their own skins. And circling them all: a group who would prefer to eliminate her quietly and anonymously, but who also are not what they seem. (American)

**Linda FAIRSTEIN****Entombed 437pp Pb 19.95**

It was a crime scene that Edgar Allan Poe himself could have conjured, only it was all too real: workers demolishing a 19th-century Greenwich Village brownstone where Poe once lived unearth the skeleton of a young woman, buried standing upright behind a brick wall. Manhattan Assistant DA Alexandra Cooper takes on the gruesome case while in pursuit of the Silk Stocking Rapist, who is terrorising the Upper East Side. But Alex discovers that one crime thread leads to the other as she follows a trail of clues to the Bronx Botanical Gardens, where a group of Poe devotees may shed light on a stone-cold, modern-day murder of gothic proportions, and a cunning killer with a bone-chilling tale to tell. (American)

Robert FERRIGNO**Prayers for the Assassin 397pp Tp 32.95**

Seattle, 2040. The Space Needle lies crumpled. Veiled women hurry through the busy streets. Alcohol is outlawed, replaced by Jihad Cola, and mosques dot the skyline. New York and Washington DC are nuclear wastelands. Phoenix is abandoned, Chicago the site of a civil war battle. At the edges of the empire, Islamic and Christian forces fight for control of a very different United States. Burning with cinematic violence, fiendish betrayal and global intrigue, Ferrigno asks: What would happen to America if the terrorists won? (American)

**Amy FETZER****Naked Truth 379pp Pb 16.95**

Clandestine operative Alexa Gavlin has nothing left. No country. No contacts. No memory. 30 days have been chemically erased. She knows who was responsible, but why is anyone's guess. Accused of murder and treason, she becomes the hunted, trapped by what she can't remember and betrayed by her own people. Her new mission is to stay alive long enough to learn the truth. (American)

Jacey FORD**Dead Heat 360pp Pb 16.95**

Partners in Crime. Three beautiful ex-FBI agents - Aimee, Daphne and Raine - have founded a security firm and their latest job uncovers a fatal plot against America's top CEOs. (American)

Meg GARDINER**Crosscut 438pp Pb 18.95**

For Evan, China Lake was a tough place to grow up. But she didn't realise just how tough until, returning to the desert military base for her high school reunion, she discovers that a disturbing number of her classmates have died young. The morning after the reunion, another is found savagely butchered. Someone in China Lake has a major axe to grind with the class of '91. And that includes Evan... (American)

Alexander GARROS**& Aleksei EVDOKIMOV Headcrusher 307pp Pb 23.95**

26-year-old Vadim hates his job in the PR department of Latvia's biggest bank. He spends his time playing his favourite shoot-em-up computer game, *Headcrusher*, and composing insulting emails about his bosses. When his manager catches him writing one such email, Vadim is so overcome with rage that he kills him. Then he kills the bank's security guard too, because he has seen him disposing of the body. Bumping people off becomes as easy as playing a computer game (or moving money between bank accounts) and Vadim embarks on a killing spree, putting paid to anyone who annoys him. But as he becomes embroiled in the murky activities of the corrupt bank, which is laundering money for Mafia criminals, he starts to lose touch with reality. Where does truth end and fantasy begin? Is life just one big computer game? (Russian)

Lee GOLDBERG**Diagnosis Murder #6 :****The Dead Letter 234pp Pb 16.95**

A blackmailer, a dead detective and a mysterious letter that make an unusual request of Dr Sloan: avenge a murder. (American)

**Alan GRAUBARD** **The Astral Sacrifices****378pp Pb 28.95**

A series of violent deaths is happening in New York City and the surrounding tri-state area and Robert Crowley, the Commander of the newly formed Violent Crimes Division, is in charge of the investigations. Even the FBI becomes involved because one of the victims was a US Postal employee. (American)

Tim GREEN **Exact Revenge****448pp Pb 16.95**

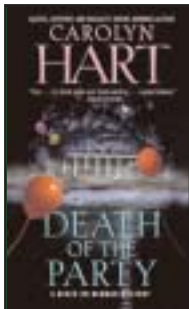
A promising attorney and political candidate, Raymond White was on the fast track when his life was suddenly derailed. Unexpectedly framed and convicted of murder, he is sentenced to solitary confinement in a maximum-security prison. Alone with his inner rage, Raymond methodically plots his revenge against those who schemed to ruin his career and take away his life. Now, after spending 18 years behind bars, Raymond makes his escape - and is ready to finally put his plan into action. (American)

**Jim HANSEN** **Night Laws****382pp Tp 29.95**

Denver homicide detective Bryson Coventry is on the hunt for a vicious killer who has warned attorney Kelly Parks that she is on his murder list. Something from the beautiful young lawyer's past has come back to haunt her, something involving the dark secret of Denver's largest law firm. With the elusive killer always one step away, Kelly frantically searches for answers, not only to save her life, but also to find out whether she unwittingly participated in a murder herself. (American)

Carolyn HART **Death of the Party****338pp Pb 16.95**

Death on Demand Mystery. Britt Barlow knows that the fatal fall of her media mogul brother-in-law, Jeremiah Addison, a year ago was no accident - she discovered, and disposed of, the tripwire that someone had strung across the stairs. Now she's bringing all who were in attendance that weekend back to Golden Silk - Addison's luxurious secluded island estate - and inviting two extra guests, Annie and Max Darling, to help uncover a killer. (American)

**Mo HAYDER** **Pig Island****351pp Tp 32.95**

Journalist Joe Oakes makes a living exposing supernatural hoaxes. A born sceptic, he believes everything has a rational explanation. But when he visits a secretive religious community on a remote Scottish island, everything he thought he knew is overturned. Questions mount: Why has the community been accused of Satanism? What has happened to their leader, Pastor Malachi Dove? And most importantly, why will no one discuss the strange apparition seen wandering the lonely beaches of Pig Island? Their confrontation, and its violent and bloody aftermath, is so catastrophic that it forces Oaksey to question the nature of evil, and whether he might not be responsible for the terrible crime about to unfold. (English)

Lynne HEITMAN **Pandora Key****375pp Pb 16.95**

Alex Shanahan #4. She left the corporate world of airlines, lured by the dark art of private investigation. Now Alex is stirring up a cold case with global implications. Years after she dumped him for a younger man, the scheming ex-wife of Alex's partner, Harvey Baltimore, returns for an unexpected visit. While Alex tries to figure out why Rachel is back, another mystery begins to unfold halfway around the world. Four years after a bloody, high-profile airline hijacking, personal effects belonging to the victims are found in a terrorist safe-house. The discovery of this chilling time capsule triggers a chain reaction that leads straight back to Rachel. By the time Alex has untangled Rachel's lies, she will be on the run from the Russian Mafia, caught in the web of a global vigilante group and forced to take a reluctant trip into her partner's past - where she will find the key to solving the mystery, but also learn painful lessons about holding on, letting go, and why some keys should never be used. (American)

Sue HENRY **Murder at Five Finger Light****265pp Pb 16.95**

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**Graham HURLEY****Blood and Honey**

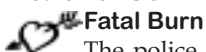
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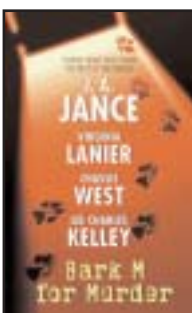
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The police don't believe Shannon Flannery when she says someone is out there, watching her, trying to kill her. The only person on her side is Travis Settler. The former Special Forces agent is convinced Shannon's dark past has something to do with the disappearance of his daughter, Dani, a child whose connection to Shannon is just the beginning of a nightmare... (American)

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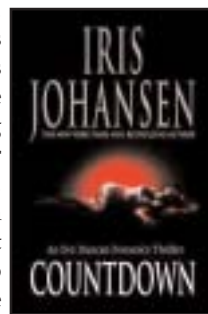
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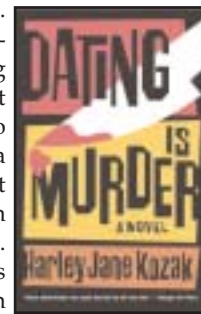
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**Stephen LEATHER**

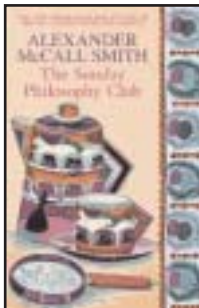
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Stephen LEATHER

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Alexander McCALL SMITH

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Michael MARSHALL

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The serial killer, the Upright Man, has escaped from prison. His brother, Ward Hopkins, suspects he may have been aided by the Straw Men, a shadowy conspiracy of killers. But apart from his girlfriend Nina, a discredited FBI agent, the only other person who believes the Straw Men exist is John Zandt, a former homicide cop turned lone vigilante obsessed with tracking down the killers of his daughter. But Ward's brother was broken out for a reason... the Straw Men are planning something new and terrible. (English)


**Nancy MARTIN**

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Susan Cummins MILLER

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Frankie Macfarlane Geologist Mystery #2. Jorge Desierto's bound body is discovered in the Sea of Cortez. A young American flamenco dancer, Carla Zorya, disappears during police interrogation in Mexico. Two weeks later, in Tucson, Carla's doppelganger, community college student Angelisa Corday, is stabbed to death in the school amphitheatre. On Angelisa's finger is a rare alexandrite ring – perhaps the very one Carla wore when she went missing. The next day, chemistry professor Hector Ortiz dies when his office is bombed. And Frankie finds herself in a shadow war with unwritten rules and unknown foes. (American)

Sabina MURRAY

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From the monuments of Italy, through literary New York to the dusty ranches of Mexico, 23-year-old Katherine Shea is undertaking a restless journey of discovery. But her free-spirited movements are shadowed by a string of unexplained murders. As the victims pile up, slightly too close for comfort, she finds relief and inspiration in the gory manifestations of cannibalism in literature, art and history. With mounting dread, she closes in on the real reason for her own obsession with aberrant, savage behaviour... (American)

John NANCE

 **Saving Cascadia** 543pp Pb 16.95
A few hundred years ago, Cascadia Island didn't even exist. Like the Washington seacoast, it was simply rock submerged beneath the Pacific. A massive earthquake changed that, exploding the rock upward, making it land – unstable land, according to seismologist Dr Doug Lam. Mega-wealthy developer Mick Walker stands to earn millions from the construction of a luxury resort on Cascadia. The elegant casino, hotel and convention centre will reap millions for him, even if the tiny island only lasts for a short time. When a series of earthquakes begins to shake the Northwest Corridor, Doug's worst fears are confirmed. In an attempt to convince Walker to evacuate Cascadia immediately, Doug hurries to join guests arriving for the resort's grand opening. As the tremors wreak havoc across the Northwest coastal area, the military is left with too few resources to assist people on Cascadia. Convinced that the island will be in ruins within hours, Doug reluctantly seeks the help of his girlfriend, Jennifer Lindstrom, president of Nightingale Aviation, a major medical transport helicopter company. (American)

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**Hakan NESSER****Borkmann's Point****321pp Tp 32.95**

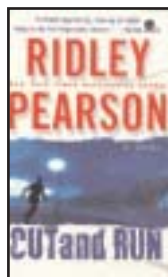
Borkmann's rule was hardly a rule, it was more of a comment, a landmark for tricky cases. In every investigation, he maintained, there comes a point beyond which we don't really need any more information. When we reach that point, we already know enough to solve the case by means of nothing more than some decent thinking. In his memoirs, Borkmann went so far as to claim that it was precisely this ability, or lack of it, that distinguishes a good detective from a bad one. A wealthy real-estate mogul is brutally murdered with an axe in the quiet coastal town of Kaalbringen, apparently the second victim of a serial killer. Chief Inspector van Veeteren, growing bored of his holiday nearby, is summoned to assist the local authorities. But as the investigation proceeds, there seems to be nothing to link the mogul with the first victim, a seedy ex-con. Then another body is discovered, again with no apparent connection to the others, and one of Van Veeteren's colleagues, a brilliant young female detective, goes missing. Perhaps she has reached Borkmann's Point before anyone else... (Swedish)

Jefferson PARKER**The Fallen****400pp Tp 32.95**

When detective Robbie Brownlow plunged six storeys from a burning hotel, he developed synesthesia - a condition where words take on shapes and colours indicating the speaker's emotions. So he's now a human lie detector. Murder victim Gus Asplundh used more conventional methods of detection. Hired to investigate rumours linking high-ranking officials with an elite prostitution ring, what he found in the Squeaky Clean Madam's little black book could have ruined careers, but he was killed before he could act. Now Robbie has the dossier. And the killer knows it! (American)

Ridley PEARSON**Cut and Run****368pp Pb 18.95**

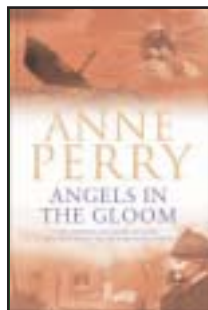
Six years ago, witness protection agent Roland Larson did the unthinkable: he fell in love with Hope Stevens, a protected witness whose testimony had put away prominent members of the Romero crime family. They planned to 'cut and run' together, escaping from both the government and the mob, but in the end only Hope ran, taking with her the daughter Larson never knew they had. Larson thought he would never see them again, but when the Romeros steal the witness protection list from the Justice Department, Larson is put back on Hope's trail. (American)

**George PELACANOS****Drama City****291pp Pb 19.95**

Lorenzo Brown is fresh out of the clink. The former drug enforcer has found himself a job as an officer for the Humane Society and vowed to go straight. He patrols downtown DC looking for ill-treated pets, but in the course of his day repeatedly comes face-to-face with his old life. Rachel Lopez is an attractive young probation officer and Brown is one of her clients, but also fast becoming a friend. Perhaps Brown is one that can be saved? Nigel Johnson is a smart young drug-dealer on the make with plans to make a lot of money and stay alive to spend it. He already runs his neighbourhood, but doesn't realise that he stands on the brink of a vicious turf war that could destroy him. (American)

Anne PERRY**Angels in the Gloom****312pp Tp 32.95**

World War One #3. It is March 1916 and Joseph Reavley is on sick leave, finding recovery slow and hard. His sister Hannah is caring for him at home and it's a delight to them both when Shanley Corcoran, an old friend, comes to visit. Corcoran confides in Joseph that he's come very close to completing an invention that will paralyse the deadly German U-boats. Soon afterwards, however, the leading scientist on that project is found murdered and it's clear that someone has been betraying secrets to the enemy. Joseph's brother, Matthew, of the SIS, comes to investigate and together the two men embark on a search for the spy. (Scottish)

**Jonathon RABB****Rosa****416pp Tp 29.95**

In the last days of the WWI, socialist revolution swept across Germany. For Detective Inspector Nikolai Hoffner, the revolution is a mere inconvenience. He is trying to catch a killer who has left a trail of dead women in the slums of Berlin, all with identical markings etched into their backs. When Rosa Luxemburg, one of the leaders of the socialist uprising, is found murdered with the same carvings in her skin, the political police begin to interfere, making things even more complicated for Hoffner. (American)

Trisha RAINSFORD**The Knack of Life****396pp Pb 19.95**

The story of how a grown man learns to be a grown-up, while solving a murder and finding love. A sort of lad-lit and whodunit combined. (Irish)

Ian SANSOM**The Case of the Missing Books****329pp Pb 19.95**

This title introduces Israel Armstrong, one of literature's most unlikely detectives, in the first of a series of novels from the author of the critically acclaimed **Ring Road** (Pb 25.95). Israel is an intelligent, shy, passionate, sensitive sort of soul - he's Jewish, he's a vegetarian and he could maybe do with losing a little weight. And he's just arrived in Ireland to take up his first post as a librarian. But the library has been shut down and Israel ends up stranded on the North Antrim coast, driving an old mobile library. There's nice scenery, but 15,000 fewer books than there should be. Who on earth steals that many books and how? When would they have time to read them all? And is there anywhere in this godforsaken place where he can get a proper cappuccino and a decent newspaper? Israel wants answers... (English)

Daniel SILVA**Prince of Fire****366pp Pb 19.95**

Few recent thriller writers have excited the kind of critical praise that Silva has, with his novels featuring art restorer and sometime spy Gabriel Allon. Now Allon is back in Venice, when a terrible explosion in Rome leads to a disturbing personal revelation: the existence of a dossier in the hands of terrorists that strips away his secrets, lays bare his history. Hastily recalled home to Israel, drawn once more into the heart of a service he had once forsaken, Allon finds himself stalking an elusive master terrorist across a landscape drenched in generations of blood. The trail keeps turning in upon itself until finally he can no longer be certain who is stalking whom. (American)


Peter Moore SMITH**Los Angeles****338pp Pb 23.95**

"Angel", says a hoarse voice over a crackling cell phone connection, then she is gone. Angel Veronchek is convinced that the voice belonged to his mysterious and beautiful new neighbour, Angela, and that she is terrified for her life. So begins Angel's dangerous and desperate quest to uncover what happened to Angela, a woman he knows nearly nothing about, except her name (which turns out to be false), a woman Angel is in love with. But Angel has his own secrets. The son of one of Hollywood's most powerful producers, he has renounced a world of wealth and glamour that most people only dream of. It is only Angela's arrival, and her eerie disappearance, that knock his solitary, reclusive life off balance and plunge him into the sinister world of Los Angeles nights, a world of secrets that aren't meant to be told, and lost people who aren't meant to be found. (American)


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After a seven-year stretch inside a Florida penitentiary for attempted murder, Johnny Harrow knows exactly what he'll do when he gets out. He's going home to the shabby Jersey shore town where his girlfriend Nikki made the most selfless decision of her hard life: giving up their newborn son for adoption. It's time for Johnny to claim what's his... (American)

Aimee & David THURLO**White Thunder 272pp Pb 16.95**

 *Ella Clah Mystery #10.* FBI agent Andrew Thomas has disappeared after interrupting a Navajo ritual being performed by a group of medicine men, or hataaliis. Navajo Police Special Investigator Ella Clah is assigned to the case, over the objections of Thomas's supervisor, who unfavourably recalls Ella's time with the FBI and believes her to have received special treatment as a Native American. Determined to find the missing man, Ella studies Thomas's latest case - a fraud investigation - and finds that evidence is missing or has been tampered with. (American)

Jan Costin WAGNER**Ice Moon****276pp Tp 32.95**

 When a young woman dies peacefully in her sleep, her husband sits distraught at her side. Returning to his job at the Finland CID, he finds that a murder inquiry is just beginning. A woman has been smothered with her pillow while she slept and, as the case unfolds, others will be found having met death in the same eerily quiet and bloodless way. It is a very tranquil, peaceful sort of death, in which the victims appear to have experienced neither fear nor pain. The young policeman, stricken with his own feelings of grief and loneliness, starts to feel an affinity with this humane killer. Meanwhile, the murderer's dysfunctional relationship with his own cracked personality spawns increasingly macabre behaviour. (German)

Donald WESTLAKE**Watch Your Back!****345pp Pb 18.95**

A Dortmund Novel. It's the score of a lifetime - easy access to a lavish New York City apartment, hordes of valuables and an absentee owner avoiding the lawyers of his unhappy ex-wives. But before they pull the job, Dortmund's crew is startled to find their beloved gin joint, the OJ, in the clutches of the Mafia, who consider it perfect for a little fraud, courtesy of a nice big fire. For tactical and highly superstitious reasons, the fate of the OJ is even more important to the crew than the enormous score. Now Dortmund and his gang are determined to split their time fighting the mob and robbing the rich simultaneously. (American)

Randy Wayne WHITE**Dead of Night 348pp Pb 18.95**

It started when Doc Ford got a call from his old friend Frieda Matthews; her reclusive biologist brother, Jobe, wasn't answering the phone. Could Doc check up on him? Ford can't think of a reason not to, but he will soon think of a hundred. Not only will it be one of the worst scenes he has ever encountered, the consequences will draw him into the heart of a nightmare. (American)

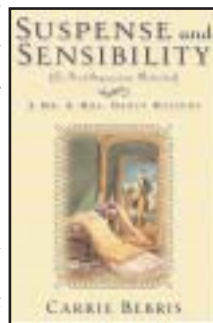
Jacqueline WINSPEAR**Birds of a Feather****306pp Pb 22.00**

Maisie Dobbs #2. Spring 1930, and Maisie has been hired to find a runaway heiress. But what seems a simple case soon becomes increasingly complicated when three of the heiress's old friends are found dead. Is there a connection between the woman's mysterious disappearance and the murders? As Maisie investigates, she discovers that the answers lie in the unforgettable agony of the Great War. (American)

HISTORICAL CRIME

**Carrie BEBRIS****Suspense and Sensibility:****Or, First Impressions Revisited****297pp Pb 16.95**

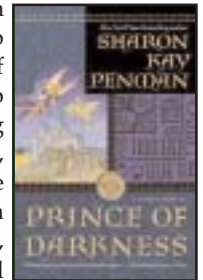
A Mr & Mrs Darcy Mystery. Fresh from the curious and unsettling matter of Caroline Bingley (as related in *Pride and Prescience* Pb 16.95), Mr and Mrs Darcy have every intention of enjoying their still newlywed status at Pemberly until they are confronted with another mysterious situation... one of *Suspense and Sensibility*. (American)

**Owen PARRY****Rebels of Babylon 384pp Pb 18.95**

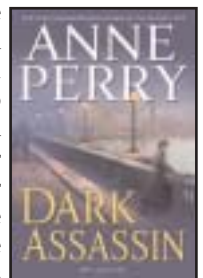
New Orleans, 1863 - occupied and impoverished, yet defiant. The "embarrassed" corpse of a Yankee heiress washes up on a levee. Citizens disappear in the night from the alleys of the French Quarter. Tales of ritual murder taunt the authorities as an uneasy truce between newly freed slaves and their bankrupt former masters, voodoo priestesses, smugglers and unwelcome Union troops, stretches to the breaking point. And Civil War detective Abel Jones, arriving to investigate the death of a young crusader, finds himself facing fantastic rumours of the resurrected dead as the city approaches riot and hysteria. (American)

Sharon PENMAN**Prince of Darkness 326pp Tp 29.95**

Medieval Mystery. Justin de Quincy hastens to Paris at the request of his former lover, only to discover she was acting on behalf of his nemesis, Prince John. The prince has been implicated in a plot to kill his brother, King Richard, and wants Justin to prove the incriminating document false. Realising that John's suspected treachery may also risk the welfare of the woman he serves, Eleanor of Aquitaine, Justin reluctantly agrees to help. But his investigation unravels a sinister conspiracy that might change the course of English history. (American)

**Anne PERRY****Dark Assassin****281pp Hb 60.00**

William Monk #15. The two figures had been on the bridge. He had grasped hold of her. To save her or to push her? Murder, suicide or accident? Inspector William Monk of the Thames River Police watches helplessly as the man and woman fall to their death. Still feeling his way in a new post, Monk knows he must solve the mystery to gain the respect of his men. He and Hester soon find themselves involved in the story of the dead woman, Mary Havilland, and her quest to vindicate her father. Two months previously, James Havilland had been found dead. An engineer working for the Argyll Construction Company, he was convinced that a major disaster was about to happen in the tunnels where London's desperately needed new sewer system was being built. Maddened by his obsession, he apparently shot himself, but Mary had never accepted that. Now she was dead too. Was it chance or something more sinister? (Scottish)



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Frank TALLIS

Mortal Mischief 473pp Pb 23.95

It is Vienna at the beginning of the last century and Dr Max Liebermann is a young psychoanalyst and disciple of Freud. Psychoanalysis is only just developing and viewed with a mixture of excitement and suspicion. The world of 1900s Vienna is one where philosophy, science and art are at their most exciting and flourishing, with the coffee shops full of men and women debating the latest cultural and political theories. Liebermann's good friend, Oskar Rheinhardt, is a Detective Inspector - hard working, but lacking Liebermann's insights and forensic eye. It is through Rheinhardt that Liebermann is called upon to help with police investigations surrounding the death of a beautiful young medium in what seems to be supernatural circumstances. While Liebermann attempts to get to the bottom of the mystery, he must also decide whether to follow his father's advice and marry the beautiful, but reserved, Clara. (English)

CRIME AUDIO



James PATTERSON

The Fifth Horseman 5 CDs 47.00

The Women's Murder Club faces an unspeakable horror in this irresistible hospital and courtroom thriller. Read by Loreli King. (American)

CRIME NON-FICTION



Colin BELL

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Charles BRANDT

"I Heard You Paint Houses":

Frank 'The Irishman' Sheeran & Closing the Case on Jimmy Hoffa 307pp Tp 35.00

The title comes from the first words Jimmy Hoffa ever spoke to Frank 'The Irishman' Sheeran. To paint a house is to kill a man. The paint is the blood that splatters on the walls and floor. As a boy, Sheeran took on older kids in bar fights so his dad could win free beer. During WWII, he was a highly decorated infantryman with 411 days of active combat duty and a willingness to follow orders. He became a hustler and hit man, working for legendary crime boss Russell Bufalino and eventually becoming one of only two non-Italians on the FBI's famous La Cosa Nostra list. He was also a good friend of Jimmy Hoffa. When Hoffa disappeared in 1975, Sheeran became a leading suspect. For the first time, The Irishman tells all - a lifetime of payoffs (including hand-delivering bags of cash to Nixon's attorney general, John Mitchell) and manipulation (supporting Joe Biden's election to the Senate with a Teamster action) - for the book that became his deathbed confession. He died on 14 December 2003. (American)



Simon CRITTLÉ

The Last Godfather: The Rise and Fall of Joey Massino 256pp Pb 18.95

As head of the Bonanno clan, Joey Massino was the last don and ran his world with an iron hand, until he got hit with a murder rap and turned on his own people. Here, for the first time, is his shocking true story - a glimpse inside the world of organised crime that we may never see again. (American)



Malcolm DODD & Beverly KNIGHT

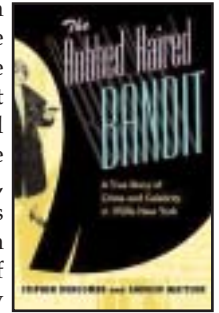
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As an experienced forensic pathologist, Malcolm Dodd thought he was well hardened to almost any gruesome situation he might confront. But when he got to East Timor, they told him he would have to 'harden up'. They were right. Working calmly and steadily through the horrific aftermath of violence in East Timor, mass graves in Kosovo and the jungles of the Solomon Islands, Malcolm applies his forensic expertise to help bring justice and dignity to the dead, and to the loved ones left behind. (Australian)

Stephen DUNCOMBE

The Bobbed Haired Bandit: A True Story of Crime and Celebrity in 1920s New York 381pp Hb 52.95

Ripped straight from the headlines of the Jazz Age, this is a tale of flappers and fast cars, of sex and morality. In the spring of 1924, a poor, 19-year-old laundress from Brooklyn robbed a string of New York grocery stores with a baby automatic, a fur coat and a fashionable bobbed hairdo. Celia Cooney's crimes made national news, with the likes of Ring Lardner and Walter Lippman writing about her exploits for enthralled readers. (American)



Jim GREENHILL

Someone Has to Die Tonight 445pp Pb 16.95

It was big news in Ft Myers, Florida when an abandoned historic building was destroyed by vandals in a spectacular blast. Behind it lay the Lords of Chaos, a band of teenage misfits led by Kevin Foster, 18, a vicious hater who idolised Oklahoma City bomber Timothy McVeigh and was known as 'God' to his five-man gang. The explosion was only one episode in a month-long crime spree that began with vandalism and theft, escalating into what a local sheriff later called "a vortex of bloodlust and arson." The rampage culminated in the brutal shotgun murder of high school band director Mark Schwebes, 32. Police busted the gang before they could unleash a planned racist mass murder at Disney World, but their leader wasn't done yet... (American)

Damian MARRETT

White Lies 244pp Tp 27.95

"You're a professional liar. You lie for a living." "They're only white lies. It's part of my job." The defence barrister stood still, measuring his next question before taking aim. "Can you give me an example of a white lie?" "Sure," I replied. "Me pretending that I'm a hit man when a criminal wants to kill someone." "You'd call that a white lie?" He almost laughed. "Yes, because it was intended to save a man's life." Marrett, author of the bestselling *Undercover* (Pb 27.95), returns with more tales from his days as a covert operative in the Victoria Police. This time around, he pits himself against drug-dealing neo-Nazis, nude ecstasy freaks, Romanian heroin dealers, kidnappers with a bent for witchcraft and a drug-trafficking Olympian. Expect plenty of thrills, spills and underworld dills! (Australian)

Debbi MARSHALL**Killing for Pleasure****399pp Pb 23.95**

A disused bank vault holding eight dismembered bodies immersed in barrels of acid. Two bodies buried in a suburban backyard. A further two found in the bush. Five years in the research, investigative journalist Debbi Marshall probes deep inside the sinister world of the killers and behind the veil of secrecy that shrouds Adelaide society in presenting the definitive account of the Snowtown serial murders. Informed by material never seen before - an interview with Bunting's last lover Elizabeth Harvey, and with the Crown's key eyewitness James Vlassakis, and with details of the torture and crimes not previously released - this is a tensely woven and microscopic examination of tawdry lives and tragic deaths. (Australian)

James MORTON**Gangster Speak: A Dictionary of Criminal and Sexual Slang****184pp Pb 19.95**

This is an Aladdin's cave of criminal slang as spoken in the UK, America and Australia. If you're "scratching" or "set tripping", if you're "viper mad" or "coming heavy", if the "ming are on the wing" and you've no idea what any of this means, then you need this book! Providing a useful guide to the nicknames of criminals, as well as fascinating word histories and multiple definitions for different uses of a word around the globe, you'll never be lost for words. (English)

Carlton SMITH**The BTK Murders****346pp Pb 16.95**

From 1974 to 1991, someone in the Midwestern city of Wichita was leaving behind slain, tortured bodies and anonymously proclaiming himself to police and reporters as 'BTK' (for Bind, Torture, Kill). For the next 14 years, BTK was silent. But when he began sending letters again, investigators would not miss their chance... Stunningly, police arrested Dennis Rader, the president of his church board and the father of two. As a shocked community watched, evidence piled up. Then Rader coldly described how he went about "his projects" as the families of his victims relived the horrific scenes this supposed pillar of the community had unleashed on their loved ones. From the tricks he used to enter his victims' homes to the puzzles he sent the media and the key role his own daughter may have played in his arrest, this is the definitive story of the BTK killer. (American)

Steven WALKER**Blood Trail****352pp Pb 14.95**

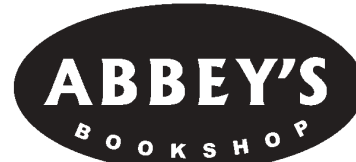
On October 29, 1997, hooker Andrea "Slick" Hendrix's, beaten, naked body was discovered in a roadside ditch near Stewartsville, Indiana. With no leads for police to follow, the case eventually went cold, but it wouldn't stay that way. In 2003, sadistic sexual predator Joseph W Brown claimed to have strangled Hendrix with his favourite murder weapon - a shoelace from a woman's size-8 shoe. In 1977, Brown had been sentenced to life in prison for kidnapping and armed robbery. In 1995, he was released despite the fact that he'd beaten a fellow inmate nearly to death. Brown later confessed that during the next five years, he indulged in a seven-state rampage of torture and murder, his victims female hitchhikers and prostitutes. Now, doing time in Wabash Valley Corrections Centre, Brown maintains that he murdered no less than 13 other women. (American)

Cindy WOCKNER & Madonna KING**One-way Ticket: The Untold Story of the Bali 9****302pp Tp 29.95**

On 17 April 2005, nine young Australians were arrested in Bali on charges of trafficking heroin. Four of the group - Renae Lawrence, Martin Stephens, Scott Rush and Michael Czugaj - were caught with the drugs taped to their bodies. Two others, Andrew Chan and Myuran Sukumaran, were alleged to be the ringleaders of the operation. And a final three - Si Yi Chen, Tan Duc Thanh Nguyen and Matthew Norman - were also scooped up as the final element in the Bali 9, as the group came to be known. With the cooperation of several family members of the Bali 9, the authors explore the histories of these eight men and one woman who have so unwittingly come into the public eye, to try to discover why these young people would take such a perilous risk. They also look at the controversial role of the Australian Federal Police in the fate of the Bali 9, and they are present at the trials and sentencing. (Australian)



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