

SUCKED IN

TP 288PP \$32.95

A new Murray Whelan thriller is something to really look forward to with great delight and with **Sucked In** you will not be disappointed. Murray, now pushing 50 and a member of the Victorian Legislative Council as part of the Labor opposition, has his friend Charlie Talbot die in front of him at the Grand Hotel in Mildura. This death coincides with the discovery of human remains at the bottom of a drained lake and this could tie in with his friend Charlie's past history in the union they were both involved in, along with the dead man. With this basic outline, the story really romps along, including machinations within the Labor Party and the Coalition Government. These include the behind-the-scenes manoeuvring to get a candidate up for the now vacant seat of Charlie's in Federal Parliament, along with Murray getting to the bottom of the mystery surrounding the dead body in the lake bed. For a member of the Victorian upper house, Murray certainly gets involved in some rather shady and rough business – just goes to show how tough life is for an Australian politician. The character of Murray has grown over the last five books: **The Big Ask** (Pb \$22.95), **Brush Off** (Pb \$19.95), **Nice Try** (Pb \$22.95), **Something Fishy** (Pb \$22.95) and **Stiff** (Pb \$22.95). We also have the DVD set of **The Brush Off** and **Stiff**, plus extras, starring David Wenham (\$49.95) or the movies separately (\$24.95 each).

Shane Maloney is one of Australia's national treasures in the crime field and I can hardly wait for the 7th in the series.



MODERN (RIME Susan Wittig ALBERT

Tale of Cuckoo Brow Wood 333pp Pb \$16.95 Cottage Tales of Beatrix Potter #3. Miss Potter's new hometown of Holly How is

having its share of troubles, and three children, favourites of Beatrix, are counting on the help of the fairies of Cuckoo Brow Wood. Now, with her signature tact, Beatrix must work with her friends-human and animal-to set things right. (American)

Margery ALLINGHAM The Beckoning Lady(1955)

256pp Pb \$23.95

Campion's glorious summer in Pontisbright is blighted by death. Amidst the preparations for Minnie and Tonker Cassand's fabulous summer party, a murder is discovered and it falls to Campion to unravel the intricate web of motive, suspicion and deduction with all his imagination and skill. Due May



More Work for the Undertaker (1948) 240pp Pb \$23.95 In a masterpiece of storytelling, Allingham sends her elegant and engaging detective Albert Campion into the eccentric Palinode household, where there have been two suspicious deaths.

And, if poisoning were not enough, there are also anonymous letters, sudden violence and a vanishing coffin... Due May Police at the Funeral(1931) 256pp Pb \$23.95 When Albert Campion is called in by the fiancée of an old college friend to investigate the disappearance of her uncle, he little expects the mysterious spate of death and dangers that follows among the bizarre inhabitants of Socrates Close, Cambridge. He and Stainless Oates must tread carefully, and battle some complex family dynamics, to solve the

case. Due May (English) **Jack ANDERSON &** Robert WESTBROOK 🇱 The Saudi Connection 0

320pp Pb \$18.95

Washington Post Disgraced former journalist Ron Wright takes the first train to New York City after receiving a cryptic message from an old friend - and quickly finds himself thrust into the lead of a lifetime. Saudi Arabian royalty has long provided funding for a powerful group in America that have been accumulating to launch the single most vicious attack on American soil... Due May (American)

Nancy ATHERTON Aunt Dimity and the Deep Blue 2 🍃 Sea (#11) 322pp Pb \$18.95 A series of death threats sends Lori Shepard to a remote island off the Scottish coast and to a fabulous castle restored by an eccentric friend of her husbands. But she finds herself drawn into an elaborate whodunit that may involve smuggling, or worse. Why has a human skull washed up on the beach? (American)

180pp Pb \$16.95

OOD BARCLAY

Linwood BARCLAY 🗯 Stone Rain

Metropolitan newspaper writer Zack Walker has a knack for stumbling onto deadly stories. But it's one that his good friend Trixie Snelling doesn't want told that's about to unleash a storm of trouble. As professional а dominatrix in the

suburbs, Trixie has her share of secrets, but Zack has no idea what she's really hiding - not until he finds a dead body strapped to the bondage cross in her basement dungeon... Due May (American)

Simon BECKETT

The Chemistry of Death 448pp Pb \$21.95

Finding refuge in a quiet rural backwater, Dr David Hunter hoped he might at last have put the past behind him. But then they found what was left of Sally Palmer... Due May (English)

Denniger BOLTON

Hippie Hollow: Murder on a Nude

Beach 292pp Tp \$43.00 What do you get when you set your story in contemporary Austin, Texas, mix in multiple murders at a nude beach, stir with lots of action, drop in your hero, ex-rodeo cowboy, former Austin cop and the city's news PI, B B Rivers, and simmer over a page turning plot? The result is a wild ride, Carlos Castaneda meets Hank the Cowdog (American)

C J BOX

In Plain Sight 320pp Pb \$18.95 Joe Pickett Mystery #6. Ranch owner Opal Scarlett has vanished under suspicious circumstances, and her sons Hank and Arlen are battling it out for control of her multi-million-dollar empire. *Due May* (American)

Simon BRETT

The Stabbing in the Stables 400pp Pb \$21.95

Fethering Mystery #6. When healer Jude pays a visit to Long Bamber Stables one evening - to meet her unusually equine new client and his owner Sonia Dalrymple - she does not expect to stumble across a man laying in the darkness. Co-owner of the stables, Walter Fleet, has been viciously stabbed to death. Sleuthing neighbours Jude and Carole begin to make discreet enquiries, but it soon becomes clear that Long Bamber Stables is a hotbed of dangerous passions, murderous rivalries and hidden truths... Due May (American)

Emily BRIGHTWELL

Mrs Jeffries and the Best Laid Plans 240pp Pb \$16.95 (#22)

A friendless old miser, banker Lawrence Boyd, is found dead at home. to the scene, Called Inspector Witherspoon is lucky to have Mrs Jeffries's help - since the list of suspects includes just about everyone Boyd's ever met. Due May (American)



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William BRODERICK The Gardens of the Dead 352pp Pb \$24.95

Father Anslem #2. Elizabeth Glendinning QC has lost faith in the legal system. In an attempt to restore it, she has secretly devised a scheme to bring back to court a guilty man, Graham Riley, whom she had successfully defended some 10 years before. As part of an elaborate contingency plan, Elizabeth leaves the unsuspecting Father Anselm with a key to a safety deposit box, to be opened in the event of her death. Three weeks later she is found dead in the East End of London and, once the box has been opened... *Due May* (English)

Ken BRUEN

288pp Tp \$32.95

♦ Jack Taylor brings death and pain to everyone he loves. His only hope of redemption - his surrogate son, Cody - is lying in hospital in a coma. At least he still has Ridge, his old friend from the Guards, though theirs is an unorthodox relationship. When she tells him that a boy has been crucified in Galway city, he agrees to help her search for the killer. *Due May*

Priest 368pp Pb \$21.95 Ireland, awash in cash and greed, no longer turns to the church for solace or comfort. But the decapitation of Father Joyce in a Galway church horrifies even the most jaded citizen. Bleak, unsettling and totally original, Bruen's writing captures the brooding landscape of Irish society at a time of social and economic upheaval. *Due May* (Irish)

Alex CARR

An Accidental American 240pp Tp \$32.95

After a six-year stint in a dank prison in Marseille, Nicole Blake has relinquished the world of counterfeiting for an unassuming life. But when US intelligence operative John Valsamis shows up at her door, Nicole is soon tracking down her ex-lover Rahim. Except now Rahim isn't just a document forger - he's a suspected terrorist. *Due*

May (American) Tori CARRINGTON

Dirty Laundry 336pp Pb \$16.95 Sofie Metropolis Mystery #2. When Sofie Metropolis decided to stop being a waitress and start being a private detective, she had no idea what she was getting into. With only a few cases under her belt, Sofie has inherited a dead woman's mean-spirited Jack Russell; fallen hard for a mysterious, charming Australian bounty hunter; and gained a rep for an itchy trigger finger. She even shot one of her clients! *Due May* (American)

John CASE The Ghost Dancer 416

Case choreographs his most diabolically chilling novel to date, as the very fabric of civilisation threatens to come apart in the hands of a brilliantly vengeful madman. When Photojournalist Mike Burke's helicopter crashed and burned in Africa, he came away with his life but lost his heart to the beautiful woman who saved him. With nothing left to lose, Burke pursues an American terrorist-a twisted genius who journeys from a lawless weapons arsenal in the Transdneister to the diamond fields of the Congo... *Due May* (American)

Agatha CHRISTIE

The Big Four (1927) 288pp Hb \$30.00 Hercule Poirot's Christmas (1938) 256pp Hb \$30.00 Murder in the Mews (1937) 288pp Hb \$30.00

Three Act Tragedy(1934)

256pp Hb \$30.00

All Facsimile First Edition hardbacks featuring Hercule Poirot. *Due May* (English)

Mary Higgins CLARK

I Heard that Song Before

336pp Hb \$45.00 When Kay Lansing marries wealthy widower Peter Carrington, she is well aware of the rumours surrounding the mysterious death of Peter's first wife Grace, who was found floating in the family pool 10 years ago, pregnant at the time. Kay also discovers that Peter is a chronic sleepwalker who suffers from periodic nightmares. When the police arrive at her doorstep with a warrant for Peter's arrest in connection with another murder - that of a woman Peter had escorted to a high school senior prom 22 years ago - Kay begins to fear that she has married a sleepwalking murderer, and she resolves to find out the truth behind the puzzling deaths. Due May (American)

Harlan COBEN

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The Woods 320pp Tp \$32.95 22 years ago, four teenagers at summer camp walked into the woods at night. Two were found murdered and the others were never seen again. Four families had their lives changed forever. For Paul Copeland, the county prosecutor of Essex, New Jersey, grief at the loss of his sister has only recently begun to subside. When a homicide victim is found with evidence linking him to Copeland, the well-buried secrets of the prosecutor's family are threatened. *Due May* (American)

Max Allan COLLINS

A Killing in Comics

272pp Tp \$29.95 Manhattan, 1948: Donny Harrison, publisher of Americana Comics, gets impaled on a huge cake knife at his 50th birthday party, and Jack Starr, trouble-shooter for a newspaper syndicate, investigates the many who wished Harrison dead. This is a murder mystery among the legends that created the first iconic comic book heroes, represented here as Wonder Guy and Batwing (Superman and Batman). Terry Beatty contributes tongue-in-cheek, retro comic art throughout. *Due May* (American)

Michael CORDY

The Crime Code 480pp Pb \$21.95 2008: violent crime has become a global epidemic, nowhere more so than in the US. Everything from the death penalty to liberal reforms has failed. Nothing has been effective until now. Project Conscience promises to be the solution. It is a bold attempt by a powerful group of scientists, politicians and senior law-enforcement personnel to use gene therapy to treat male criminals and cure violent crime. But among their number are those with a more sinister agenda, who would go further and turn the dream of Project Conscience into the nightmare of Crime Zero. Due May (American)

STAFF REVIEW Andrea CAMILLERI The Patience of the Spider 256pp Tp \$29.95



Inspector Montalbano #11. In Rounding the Mark (Tp \$29.00), we left Montalbano, who had been wounded in a gunfight at the end of the previous investigation, on the way to the hospital accompanied by Fazio and Gallo. After a short stay in hospital he returns home with a medical prescription for a long period of convalescence. He is disheartened and depressed - the house in Marinella, the devotion of Livia, the gastronomical attentions of Adelina - all that comforts him but does not lift his sombre mood. Maybe he misses the police station and when he gets a phone call from Catarella informing him of the disappearance of a girl, Montalbano throws himself into the investigation. In spite of the anxieties that still torment him at night the inquiry moves rapidly

ahead. The girl does not return home but her moped is found, and the hypothesis of a kidnapping takes form. There is a certain magic in the writing of this book that sees a more inspired and tender Montalbano, maybe because he is convalescing and less 'macho' then usual. Due May (Italian) *Review of the original Italian edition (Pazienza del Ragno Tp* \$32.95) by Jacqui Rychner upstairs in the Language Book Centre.

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PH 9264 3111 FAX 9264 8993

Clive CUSSLER 👑 The Treasure of Khan 0 624pp Tp \$32.95

Genghis Khan - the greatest conqueror of all time, who at his peak ruled an empire four times the size of Alexander the Great's, a vast expanse which stretched from the Pacific Ocean to the Caspian Sea. And now somebody wants it back. Dirk Pitt and the NUMA crew are about to come head to head with their most dangerous enemy ever. Due May (American)

K O DAHL

The Fourth Man 66

288pp Tp \$32.95 Frank Frolich #1. In the course of a routine police raid, DI Frank Frolich of the Oslo Police saves Elizabeth Faremo from getting inadvertently caught in crossfire. By the time he learns that she is the sister of Jonny Faremo, wanted member of a larceny gang, it is already too late. He is obsessed. Suspected, suspended, and blindly in love, Frolich must find out if he is being used before his life unravels beyond repair. Due May (Norwegian)

Robert DALEY

Pictures 352pp Tp \$29.95 A mystery that considers the dangerous side of fame, as an American detective follows a trail of evidence and death across Europe. Due May (English)



The Other Woman 5

352p Pb \$16.95

Pam Leighton is a smart, ambitious, sexy aide to a handsome Washington lobbyist named John Duke. For the last two years, she's also been his lover. After the President nominates Duke for a cabinet post, his wife delivers an ultimatum: either fire Pam or get ready for a very public, ugly divorce. Duke ends the relationship and fires Pam from the job she loves. But Pam is not about to go quietly: A powerful New York publisher is offering her big money for what could be the ultimate Washington tell-all. But when people around her begin dying, Pam realises that finishing the book may be a matter of life and death... Due May (American)

Carole DOUGLAS Cat in a Red Hot Rage

384pp Hb \$54.00 Midnight Louie #20. Temple Barr and Midnight Louie are up to their tails in froufrou, chapeaux, and murder when the Red Hat Sisterhood convention hits Las Vegas. Due May (American)

Arthur Conan DOYLE

200 **Sherlock Holmes**

Boxed set \$49.95

Contains 10 paperbacks in the classic Penguin orange and white jackets in a slipcase. Due May (English)

Barry EISLER

😫 One Last Kill 400pp Pb \$19.95 🕵 Iohn Rain #4. Rain has a new employer, Israeli intelligence organisation the Mossad, which wants him to fix a "problem" in Manila; and a new partner, Dox, whose good-ol' boy persona masks a sniper as deadly as Rain himself. He also has a new hope: that by using his talents in the service of something good, he might atone for all the lives he has already taken. But when Rain's conscience causes him to botch an assignment, he finds out that the Mossad's next assignment is himself. Due May (English)

Kate ELLIS

The Shining Skull The p

320pp Hb \$60.00 Wesley Patterson #11. Little Marcus Fallbrook was kidnapped in 1976, and when he never returned home, his grieving family assumed the worst. Then, 30 years later, teenage singing star Leah Wakefield disappears and DI Wesley Peterson has reason to suspect that the same kidnapper is responsible. Due May (English)

Duncan FALCONER The Protector

Three men: an former Iragi. а coalition soldier and a journalist, drive together from Baghdad towards Fallujah as the US Marines encircle the city to take it apart. It seems the men are on a single mission to

seek a recent kidnap victim, but in truth all three have very different aims in the besieged town, and each keep a dark secret from the others. Due May (English)

Earlene FOWLER The Saddlemaker's Wife

368pp Pb \$18.95 Ruby McGavin inherits part of a cattle ranch from her late husband, Cole, only to discover the family he claimed had died years ago is very much alive. As she is drawn to handsome saddlemaker Lucas McGavin, long-buried secrets about her husband are revealed, making her wonder if she ever really knew Cole. Due May (American)

Francis FYFIELD

The Sarah Fortune Collection

720pp Pb \$32.95 Includes the novels Shadows on the Mirror, Perfectly Pure and Good and Staring at the Light. Few people know that Sarah Fortune escapes the tedium of her legal career by freely offering physical comfort to transform the lives of lonely men. Her generosity of spirit is often rewarded, but it also leads her into dark and dangerous waters. Due May (English)

Cindy GERARD

🔆 To the Limit

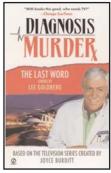
352pp Pb \$11.95

Former Secret Service agent Eve Garrett doesn't trust her missing friend Tiffany's safety to anyone else and decides to hunt for her on her own. Due May (American)

Lee GOLDBERG

Diagnosis Murder #8: The Last Word 256pp Pb \$16.95

When a young woman falls down a flight of stairs and is left brain dead, her family agrees to donate her organs. Dr Iesse Travis oversees the grim task, saving several other seriously ill patients. But one of the organ recipients



returns to the hospital with complication no one could have seen coming - West Nile Virus. Soon, other patients who received organs at Community General begin dying of West Nile-related illnesses, and Jesse is suspected as being at fault. Due May (American)

David GOODIS

The Wounded and the Slain(1955) 0 256pp Pb \$16.95

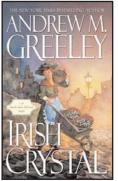
Hard Case Crime. To save his disintegrating marriage, James Bevan takes his wife to Jamaica - but will the island vacation bring them redemption or death? Due May (American)

Robert GOTT Amongst the Dead

304pp Pb \$27.95 William Power #3. Failed Shakespearean actor and would-be private detective William Power returns in this brilliant, wry sequel which recreates the tension and fear of WWII in Australia. Due May (Australian)

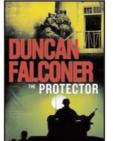
Andrew GREELEY 🔆 Irish Crystal

This latest tale of Nuala Anne McGrail begins with a foreboding of dream some terrible impending evil, but what is the of this origin nameless peril? The true danger becomes shockingly apparent when a catastrophic car-



304pp Pb \$14.95

bombing rocks the Chicago riverfront. Uncovering the twisted minds behind the bombing is not easy; Nuala and her husband, Dermot, soon find themselves enmeshed in a complicated tapestry of lies and secrets. (American)



384pp Tp \$29.95

Allan GUTHRIE 🔆 Hard Man

272pp Tp \$26.95 A time-served Edinburgh hard man, Pearce is still recovering from the recent loss of his mother in a stabbing incident in a post office robbery. He's invited by the dysfunctional Baxter family to protect their pregnant 16-year-old daughter from Wallace, her 26-year-old husband, a man with a penchant for killing family pets. Having found out that the baby's not his, Wallace has sworn vengeance. Pearce declines the job - but when Wallace kills Pearce's dog - now it's personal. It's time to find out who the real hard man is. Due May (Scottish)

Sophie HANNAH

K Hurting Distance 416pp Tp \$32.95 Three years ago, something terrible happened to Naomi Jenkins - so terrible that she never told anybody. Now Naomi has another secret - the man she has fallen passionately in love with, unhappily married Robert Haworth. When Robert vanishes without trace, Naomi knows he must have come to harm. Due May (English)

Honor HARTMAN

On the Slam 256pp Pb \$16.95 Bridge Club Mystery #1. Meet Emma Diamond: novice bridge player, recent widow, and the kind of person who never leaves her grocery cart sitting willy-nilly in the parking lot. And now, after a vile woman in her new neighbourhood in Houston is poisoned during a bridge game, Emma has a new identity: amateur detective. Due May (American)

Sam HAYES

384pp Tp \$32.95

Blood Ties OA mother searches frantically for her missing baby. A few streets away, a teenager gives birth in her bedroom, frightened and alone. 13 years later, Robert Knight, a solicitor, wonders why his new wife is so cagey about her past, and so strangely protective of her 13year-old daughter. Three separate lives, bound by one shocking secret. The past is about to catch up with the present ... Due May (English)

H K HEIN

The Forensic Mission 30

264pp Pb \$19.95

In this novel, detectives (and readers) try to solve a string of homicides that includes some local high school students. Fast-paced, riveting action with bookies, bullets, bloodstains and forensics keeps readers involved in the plot and the underlying science. Chapter-end lessons cover crime scene procedures and analysis, fingerprinting, blood typing, DNA, hair and fibre collection and analysis, ballistics identification, and more. Due May (American)

Angela HENRY

🔆 Tanaled Roots 256pp Pb \$16.95 🏷 Kendra Clayton Mystery. The unforgettable Kendra Clayton - part-time English teacher and reluctant sleuth finds herself persuaded to search for a killer in order to clear a friend's name. Due May (American)

Georgette HEYER

No. Footsteps in the Dark (1932)

336pp Pb \$24.95 The Priory may be ramshackle in appearance, but Peter, Margaret and Celia, who have inherited it from their uncle, love it for its rambling charm. But there's more to this house than is at first apparent: for years hardly a single person has set foot in the place and even their uncle chose to live in a different house, far away from this particular property. Local wisdom says that the house is haunted. And when things start going bump in the night, it certainly seems as if something ghostly is walking the Priory's halls (English)

Joanne HINES

The Murder Bird 384pp Pb \$19.95 At the heart of every murder, there's a child crying ... Kirsten Waller, the acclaimed and well known poet, is found dead in the bath in her remote cottage in Cornwall. The police claim it is suicide, but her daughter Sam refuses to believe her mother would take her own life and sets out to prove it was murder. Due May (English)

Michael HOLMAN Last Orders at Harrods

320pp Pb \$24.95

Charity Mupanga is the widowed owner of Harrods International favourite Bar. а meeting place for the movers and shakers of Kibera. While she can handle most challenges, from an erratic supply of Worcestershire sauce,



the secret ingredient in her cooking, to the political tensions in East Africa's most notorious slum and a cholera outbreak that follows the freak floods in the state of Ubuntu, some threatening letters from London lawyers are beginning to overwhelm her. Due May (English)

Linda HOWARD

Cover of Night 320pp Pb \$19.95 Cate Nightingale owns and operates a struggling guest house in a small community; occasionally enlisting the help of Cal Harris, the shy, enigmatic local handyman. To Cate's shock, Cal proves much bolder than expected when a trio of thugs invades her home, demanding the possessions of a guest who vanished some days before. Due May (English)

Katherine HOWELL 🔆 Frantic

432pp Tp \$32.95

In one terrible moment, paramedic Sophie Phillips' life is ripped apart. Her police officer husband, Chris, is shot on their doorstep, and their 10-month old son, Lachlan is abducted. Chris's name has been tainted with police corruption, but Sophie believes the attack is much more personal, and the perpetrator far more dangerous... Due May (Australian)

Declan HUGHES 🔆 The Colour of Blood

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352pp Tp \$32.95

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Ed Lov #2. Emily Howard is 19 years old, slim and petite with а pale complexion and a red rose tattoo. She is also She missing. disappeared three days ago, and now her father has been sent photographs of her



naked body. He is desperate to find her. So he calls Ed Loy, a private investigator who knows the dark streets of Dublin better than most; a man who will find Emily Howard within 24 hours. But locating Emily turns out to be only the beginning... Due May (Irish)

David IGNATIUS

Body of Lies 352pp Hb \$34.95 🔂 Roger Ferris is one of the CIA's soldiers in the war on terrorism. He has come out of Iraq with a shattered leg and an intense mission - to penetrate the network of a master terrorist known only as "Suleiman". Due May (English)

Rique JOHNSON

A Dangerous Return

224pp Tp \$32.95 Detective Jason Jerrard Mystery #3. The long awaited return of Detective Jason Jerrard. Due May (American)

Daniel JUDSON

The Darkest Place368pp Pb \$16.95 The cold of winter has come to the far reaches of Long Island, New York. The summer people are gone. So is the sunshine. And in the dark, a man carries a body to the water's edge. It's not his first - and he's not done yet ... The police are talking about suicides. But a handful of people suspect something darker is going on. Due May (American)

Daniel KALLA

Rage Therapy 320pp Pb \$18.95 Dr Stanley Kolberg was not just murdered. His lifeless body was battered and broken almost beyond recognition, as though his unknown killer had been driven by a ferocious rage that had exploded madly out of control. A compelling psychological thriller that probes the darkest compulsions of the human mind. *Due May*

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Daniel KALLA

391pp Pb \$18.95 Resistance E No treatment. No cure. No hope. Once it seemed as though penicillin and other antibiotics had won humanity a lasting victory over harmful bacteria. But now hardier bugs, resistant to most common classes of antibiotics, are emerging-with potentially catastrophic consequences. Due May (American)

Peter KERR **Sporran Connection** 66

320pp Pb \$23.95

Bob Burns Investigates #2. Burns, the droll Scottish detective is once again aided by his game-for-anything forensic scientist lady friend, Julie Bryson, and abetted by keener-than-smart rookie detective, Andy Green. The investigation of a bizarre murder in a small Scottish town rapidly enmeshes the trio in a complicated web of international intrigue and Caledonian skulduggery, as the action shifts to Sicily, New York and a remote Hebridean island, where the line between the good guys and the bad guys becomes increasingly blurred. Due May (Scottish)

Chris KUZNESKI

Sign of the Cross624pp Tp \$29.95 A Vatican priest is found murdered on the shores of Denmark - nailed to a cross in the shadow of Hamlet's castle. He is the first victim in a vicious killing spree that spans the world. Each horrific murder exactly mirrors the crucifixion of Christ... Due May (American)

Rita LAKIN

Getting Old is Criminal No. 336pp Pb \$16.95

Gladdy Gold had reached a golden moment. There she was, soaking in a hot tub with a man she adored, far from Fort Lauderdale and her nosy neighbours until an urgent message sent her running home. Now her exotic vacation is a memory, Gladdy's would-be beau, Jack, is furious, and not only are the girls of the Gladdy Gold Detective Agency all alive and well, they're onto a hot new murder case. Is a retirement-home Romeo to blame for the mysterious deaths in Florida's most luxurious communities? Gladdy and her curious kibitzers will have to go undercover to find out, covering themselves with as many fancyschmancy airs as possible. Due May (American)

Joe LANSDALE

🔆 A Fine Dark Line 320pp Pb \$22.95 Ult is the summer of 1958 in Dewmont, Texas, a town the great American postwar boom passed by. The kids listen to rockabilly on the radio and waste their weekends at the Dairy Queen. And an undetected menace simmers under the heat that clings to the skin like molasses...

Joyce & Jim LAVENE Star Star **Poisoned Petals** 272pp Pb \$16.95

Peggy Lee Garden Mystery #3. Peggy Lee is just about to deliver some endangered sunflowers to Darmus Appleby when a gas explosion blows out his door - and Peggy finds her fellow botanist dead on the kitchen floor. Two weeks later his brother dies, with an overpoweringly sweet purple hyacinth tucked in his pocket. Now Peggy must follow her nose and some cryptic clues from an internet informant, to root out a killer before he strikes again. Due May (American)

David LAWRENCE

Down into the Darkness 416pp Tp \$32.95 The naked body of a young woman is found hanging from a tree on a London roadside. Scrawled across her back are the words "DIRTY GIRL". Detective Sergeant Stella Mooney and the AMIP 5 squad are faced with a murder as baffling as it is chilling. Then a man is found on a bench by the river, his throat cut back to the vertebrae. And, as before, the killer has left a trademark comment: "FILTHY COWARD". Stella and her team can see there's a connection: but what? Due May (English)

Suzanne LEDBETTER

Halfway to Half Way 28 200 400pp Pb \$16.95

Hannah Garvey, the resident manager of Valhalla Springs, an exclusive retirement community, thought she had this love thing all sewn up. She's engaged to David Hendrickson, the hunky Kinderhook County sheriff, and thinks the future looks pretty rosy - until one of Sanity, Missouri's most esteemed citizens becomes the county's latest homicide victim. Due May (American)

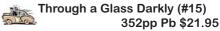
Rachel LEE

The Jericho Pact 528pp Pb \$16.95 In this latest instalment of Lee's Office 119 series, agent Renate Bachle finds herself crossing a moral line she'd never expected to reach. One of Europe's leaders is secretly forming a Muslim uprising to attain universal power for himself. To stop him, Renate forms an unlikely alliance with a renegade priest, an Arab terrorist and the Pope. Due May (Canadian)

Patrick LENNON

👑 Corn Dolls 304pp Pb \$19.95 It begins for Tom Fletcher with what looks like a very bloody accident in a farm machinery showroom, and reaches back into the past - his own and that of the local police force - before slamming into the present with all the force of the most up-to-date criminal power in the world. Due May

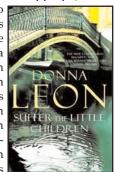
Donna LEON



On a luminous spring day in Venice, Commissario Brunetti and his assistant Vianello play hooky from the Questura in order to help Vianello's friend Marco Ribetti, arrested during an environmental protest. They secure his release, only to be faced by the fury of the man's father-inlaw, Giovanni De Cal, a cantankerous glass factory owner who has been heard in the bars of Murano making violent threats about Ribetti. Brunetti's curiosity is piqued, and he finds himself drawn to Murano to investigate. Due May

Suffer the Little Children (#16) 60 272pp Tp \$32.95

When Commissario Brunetti is summoned to the hospital bedside of a senior paediatrician whose skull has been fractured, he is confronted with more questions than answers. Three men a Carabinieri captain and two privates



from out of town - have burst into the doctor's apartment in the middle of the night, attacked him and taken away his 18-month old son. What can have motivated such a violent assault by the police? Due May (American)

Laura LEVINE **The PMS Murder** 27

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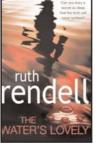
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Weeks went by when Ismay never thought of it at all. Then something would bring it back or it would return in a dream. She and her mother would be the stairs, climbing following Heather's lead through the bedroom to WATER'S LOVED what was on the other



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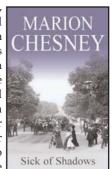
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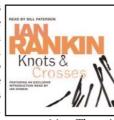
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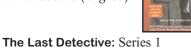
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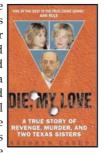
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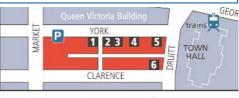
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