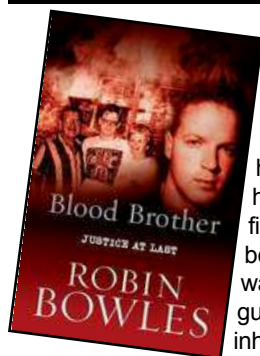


# CRIME CHRONICLE

"WHERE A GOOD CRIME CAN BE HAD BY ALL"

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## AUSTRALIAN TRUE CRIME



**Robin BOWLES**

**Blood Brother: Justice at Last**

Pb \$29.95

On 28 August 1993, 23-year-old Jeffrey Gilham appeared at his neighbour's house, claiming that he had just stabbed his brother, Christopher, to death after finding him standing over the stabbed bodies of their parents, whom Christopher was trying to set on fire. Jeffrey pleaded guilty to manslaughter, received a bond, inherited the family estate, married, fathered a family and became a successful

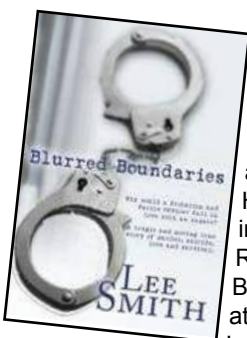
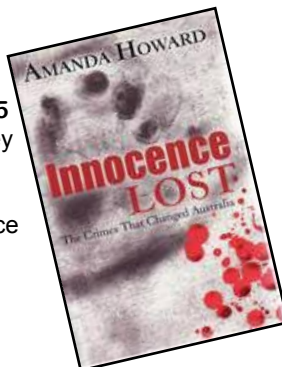
businessman. But his Uncle Tony never believed his story, and in 2008 Jeffrey Gilham was charged with murder. *Due May*

**Amanda HOWARD**

**Innocence Lost: The Crimes that Changed Australia**

260pp Pb \$24.95

Some crimes are so shocking that they change a nation forever. Seasoned crime writer Amanda Howard has interviewed many criminals face-to-face in prison, giving a rare insight into the minds of these killers. *Due May*



**Lee SMITH**

**Blurred Boundaries** 247pp Tp \$24.95

Lee Smith had finally broken free from her oppressive family and was dealing with the issues surrounding her abandonment as a child in the streets of Hong Kong. Then she fell in love with an inmate of the prison where she worked - Russell Oldham, a former member of the Bandidos Outlaw Motor Cycle Club. In an atmosphere of murder and ultimate suicide, Lee wrestles with the underground and her

own heart as she struggles to survive.

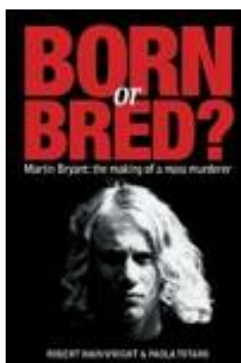
**Robert WAINWRIGHT**

**Born or Bred?:**

**Martin Bryant: The Making of a Mass Murderer**

Pb \$34.99

Martin Bryant murdered 35 people and injured 37 during the Port Arthur massacre in Tasmania in 1996, a crime for which he is serving 35 life sentences in Hobart's Risdon Prison. With exclusive insight, the authors have pieced together the never-before-heard story of Bryant's life leading up to the massacre and what happened that fateful day. *Due May*

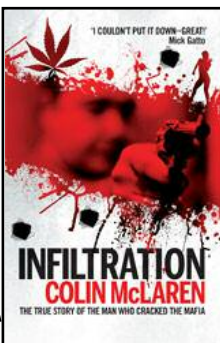
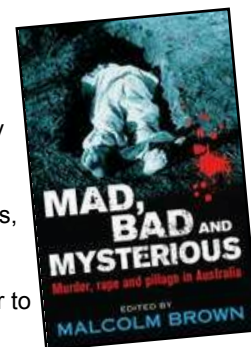


**Malcolm BROWN**

**Mad, Bad and Mysterious**

235pp Pb 34.99

Janelle Patton, Kerry Whelan and Peter Falconio all became household names for the same reason: they were victims of heinous - and mysterious - crimes. This book attempts to uncover what truly happened to Patton, Whelan and Falconio. It also recounts the investigations of other horrendous crimes, including the hunt for the rapist of a 92-year-old woman, the perpetrators of the gruesome bashing death of a benefactor to street kids, and the hunt for a ruthless serial rapist and murderer. *Due May*



**Colin McLAREN**

**Infiltration**

288pp Pb \$34.99

For two years, police detective Colin McLaren disappeared off the face of the earth, eventually surfacing in Griffith as a dodgy art dealer with a pretty girlfriend and talking his way into the Mafia. For days, weeks, then months and years, Colin eats with them, sits in their homes and cuddles their kids, finally befriending the Griffith Godfather, Antonio Romeo.

This is the world of listening devices, wire

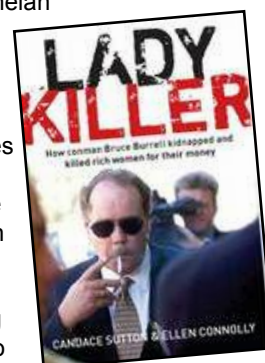
taps and of trying to stay sane while doing deals to buy pure cocaine and tonnes of cannabis. Meanwhile, the Mafiosi know they have a snitch and are leaving no stone unturned in their search for the traitor. **Infiltration** tells the story of two of the bloodiest decades in organised crime, when the police ethos was to shoot first and ask questions later. *Due May*

**Candace SUTTON & Ellen CONNELLY**

**Lady Killer**

405pp Pb \$24.95

In May 1997, mother-of-three Kerry Whelan disappears on the way to a beautician's appointment. 24 hours later, her husband received a ransom letter. The case sparked Australia's greatest police manhunt, with detectives locked into a deadly waiting game for the kidnapper to make contact. As time ticked away and hopes for Kerry began to fade, a surprising suspect emerged. Bruce Allan Burrell was a seemingly respectable advertising executive living the good life with a coterie of well-to-do friends, including the Whelans. But when police delved into his background, Burrell's glamorous lifestyle proved to be a sham: in fact he was a thief and conman with a far more sinister secret.







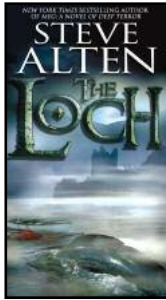
## MODERN CRIME

**Steve ALTEN**

**Loch (2005)**

**560pp Pb \$23.95**

Marine biologist Zachary Wallace once suffered a near-drowning experience in legendary Loch Ness and now, long-forgotten memories of that experience have begun haunting him. The truth surrounding these memories lies with Zachary's estranged father, Angus Wallace, a wily Highlander on trial for murder. *Due May* (American)



**Kate ATKINSON**



**When Will There Be Good News?**

**480pp Pb \$24.95**

In rural Devon, six-year-old Joanna Mason witnesses an appalling crime. 30 years later, the man convicted of the crime is released from prison. In Edinburgh, 16-year-old Reggie works as a nanny for a GP, but Dr Hunter has gone missing and Reggie seems to be the only person who is worried. Across town, Detective Chief Inspector Louise Monroe is also looking for a missing person, unaware that hurtling towards her is an old friend - Jackson Brodie - himself on a journey that becomes fatally interrupted. *Due May* (British)

**Brett BATTLES**

**The Deceived 480pp Pb \$21.95**

**John Quinn #2.** As a professional 'cleaner', Jonathan Quinn disposes of bodies and ties up loose ends - but when he discovers he's been hired to vanish all traces of Steven Markoff, one of his best friends who just happened to work for the CIA, his job suddenly hits too close to home. This time, it's personal. Quinn is determined to get justice for Markoff. *Due May* (American)

**M C BEATON**

**Death of a Charming Man (1994) 272pp Pb \$17.99**

*Hamish Macbeth #10.* Physical abuse and murder make statistical history in one of Scotland's most picture postcard-perfect towns. *Due May* (American)

**M C BEATON**

**Death of a Nag (2005) 272pp Pb \$17.99**

*Hamish MacBeth #11.* While on holidays Hamish MacBeth becomes the prime suspect in a murder case. *Due May* (American)

**Greig BECK**

**Beneath the Dark Ice Tp \$32.99**

When a plane crashes into the Antarctic ice, exposing a massive cave beneath, a rescue and research team is dispatched. 24 hours later, all contact is lost. Captain Alex Hunter and his highly trained commandos are sent in find out what went wrong - and to follow up the detection of a vast underground reservoir. *Due May* (Australian)

**Jebediah BERRY**

**The Manual of Detection 288pp Pb 32.95**

In an unnamed city always slick with rain, Charles Unwin is a humble file clerk working for a huge and imperious detective agency and all he knows about solving mysteries comes from filing reports for the illustrious investigator Travis Sivart. When Sivart goes missing and his supervisor turns up murdered, Unwin is suddenly promoted to detective, a rank for which he lacks both the skills and the stomach. *Due May* (American)

**Peter BLAUNER**

**Casino Moon (1994)**

**336pp Pb \$18.95**

Growing up in the bosom of the Atlantic City mob, Anthony Russo dreams of living a comparatively normal life in professional boxing, but he is trapped by a double murder and an affair with a beautiful mud wrestler. *Due May* (American)

**Stephanie BOND**

**Five Bodies to Die For**

**320pp Pb \$18.95**

*Body Movers Mystery #5.* Carlotta Wren is forced to take refuge in her former fiancé's house, her brother Wesley begins to behave as if he has his own death wish and someone close to her is implicated in mass murders. Meanwhile, Carlotta can't shake the feeling that danger is dogging her seemingly cursed family and that a serial killer's exploits are starting to get personal. *Due May* (American)

**C J BOX**

**Blood Trail 320pp Pb \$18.95**

**Joe Pickett #8.** Game wardens have found a man dead at a mountain camp - strung up, gutted and flayed as if he were the elk he'd been hunting. Is the murder the work of a deranged anti-hunting activist or of a lone psychopath with a personal vendetta? *Due May* (American)

**Tom BRADBY**

**Blood Money 394pp Hb \$32.95**

*New York, 1929:* Joe Quinn has been given a shot at the NYPD's main headquarters squad and his first case is one that could put his name up in lights; a banker flops onto Wall Street and all the signs point to murder. Pretty soon, the dead man is not alone; a group of old buddies is being eliminated, in a particularly gruesome manner. For Joe Quinn, a case that starts as an opportunity swiftly becomes a nightmare from which there is no escape. *Due May* (American)

**Allison BRENNAN**

**Sudden Death 448pp Pb \$32.99**

When a homeless veteran is found dead in a squalid Sacramento alley, FBI special agent Megan Elliott vows to find the murdered hero's killer. Her investigation gets complicated fast, for the victim, a former Delta Force soldier, is just one link in a nationwide spree of torture and murder. Straight off a job rescuing medical missionaries, soldier-for-hire Jack Kincaid returns to his home base in the Texas border town of Hidalgo only to receive the news that one of his closest colleagues - also ex-military - has been brutally murdered. Now, as part of a national task force to stop the sadistic killings, by-the-book Megan and burn-the-book Jack form a tense alliance, sparked with conflict and temptation. *Due May* (American)

### KEY

**ACADEMIC**



**BANKING**



**CANINE DETECTIVES**



**CLERICAL**



**COSY/MALICE DOMESTIC**



**CULINARY/FOOD**



**FBI**



**FELINE DETECTIVES**



**FORENSIC**



**HORSE RACING MYSTERY**



**JOURNALISTS**



**MEDICAL**



**MILITARY**



**NATIVE AMERICAN**



**POLICE PROCEDURAL**



**POLITICAL/LEGAL**



**PSYCHOLOGICAL**



**PRIVATE EYE**



**ROMANTIC SUSPENSE**



**SPORT**



**SPY**



**SUSPENSE/THRILLER**



**PB = PAPERBACK**

**TP = TRADE PAPERBACK (SLIGHTLY LARGER)**

**HB = HARDBACK**

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**Simon BRETT**



**Blood at the Bookies**

320pp Pb \$22.99

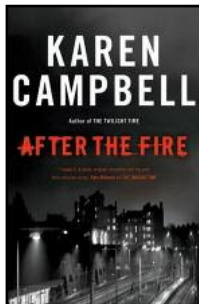
A *Fethering mystery*. Jude has never been averse to a bit of a flutter; her friend Carole, on the other hand, thinks that the local betting shop is a den of iniquity. But when Jude stumbles upon the body of a Polish immigrant, the race is on to find his killer. *Due May* (English)

**Karen CAMPBELL**



**After the Fire** 480pp Pb \$32.99

Newly qualified as a firearms officer, Jamie Worth is called to a domestic disturbance. Events get out of hand and he shoots and kills a teenage girl who appears to have been unarmed. Already wracked with guilt, he is horrified when, with the media baying for blood, he is accused of murder. How can a cop survive in prison, when he suddenly finds himself on the wrong side of the law? *Due May* (American)



**Raymond CHANDLER**

**Trouble Is My Business:**



**Four Philip Marlowe Mysteries** (1939) 288pp Pb \$19.95

The four novellas collected here are quintessential Raymond Chandler: slick, crystal-clear writing that pins the reader to the seat and won't let go until the last page is turned. *Due May* (American)

**Carol Higgins CLARK**



**Cursed** 304pp Pb \$24.95

*Reagan Reilly Mysteries* #12. Private Investigator Reagan Reilly moved from Los Angeles to New York City when she married her husband, Jack 'no relation' Reilly, head of the NYPD Major Case Squad. To help a friend she ends up taking on a case that calls her back to her old stomping ground... *Due May* (American)

**Barbara CLEVERLY**



**Folly du Jour** 288pp Pb \$21.99

*Joe Sandilands* #7. Paris, December 1926: Joe hurries to the assistance of an old friend who has been arrested for murder. In a cell of the Quai des Orfèvres, he meets with Sir George Jardine, still in the evening dress stained with the blood of the dead man. The only other witness, a blonde who was sharing the victim's box, has vanished. *Due May* (American)

**Michael CONNELLY**



**The Poet** (1995) 512pp Pb \$14.99

The apparent suicide of his policeman brother prompts Denver crime reporter Jack McEvoy to look into a whole series of police suicides, putting him on the trail of a cop-killer. *Due May* (American)

**John CONNOR**



**Unsafe**

368pp Pb \$32.99

*Karen Sharpe* #5. On the day Karen Sharpe is promoted to Detective Sergeant, she loses control and attacks a prisoner she is interrogating. Duly suspended, Karen is investigated and seemingly cleared, but more than a year later the incident still casts a long shadow. When the battered body of a young girl is discovered, it kicks off an inquiry which pushes Karen and a trainee DC, Marcus Roth, too close for comfort, both on and off-duty. Before the scores are finally settled Marcus will be wondering whether Karen's legitimate world and Mary Bradley's illegitimate one are really any different. *Due May* (American)

**Robin COOK**



**Foreign Body** 350pp Pb \$19.99

When Jennifer Hernandez, a fourth-year medical student, goes to India to investigate the death of her beloved grandmother, she finds a sinister, multilayered conspiracy of global proportions. *Due May* (American)

**Scott COOPER**



**Ripple Effect** 254pp Tp \$29.95

Is this fiction, or is it fact disguised as fiction? You decide! A Prime Minister's death (by drowning or murder). Conscription. Federal election and a new Prime Minister. Dissolution of Government. War, treachery, mateship and politics. (Australian)

**Patricia CORNWELL**



**Scarpetta** 480pp Pb \$32.99

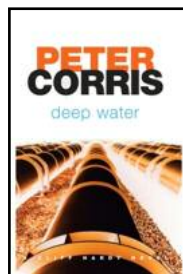
Leaving behind her forensic pathology practice in South Carolina, Kay Scarpetta takes up an assignment in New York City, where the NYPD has asked her to examine an injured patient in a psychiatric ward. The handcuffed and chained patient, Oscar Bane, has specifically asked for her and when she literally has her gloved hands on him, he begins to talk and the story he has to tell turns out to be one of the most bizarre she has ever heard. *Due May* (American)

**Peter CORRIS**



**Deep Water** 213pp Pb \$22.99

*Cliff Hardy* #33. Stripped of his private detective licence and devastated by the murder of his partner Lily, Cliff Hardy travels to the US to help Lily's brother's tilt for a world boxing title. In San Diego he meets nurse Margaret McKinley, who is concerned about the disappearance in Sydney of her father, renowned geologist Henry McKinley. Hardy undertakes to investigate and confronts an old enemy and contending forces bent on exploiting the discovery and prepared to kill for it. (Australian)



**Darren CRASKE**



**The Equivoque Principle**

352pp Pb \$24.99

*Cornelius Quaint* #1. Dr Marvello's Travelling Circus brings a touch of magic and wonder each time it comes to town, but when a series of gruesome murders coincides with their arrival the performers find themselves caught up in some sinister goings on. Ringmaster and master conjuror Cornelius Quaint and his Eskimo valet Butter, investigate the killings to clear the name of the circus strongman who is being held on suspicion of murder. *Due May* (American)

**David Stuart DAVIES**



**The Casebook of Sexton Blake** (1965) 560pp Pb \$12.95

For the greater part of the 20th century, the countless escapades of super sleuth Sexton Blake kept millions of readers on the edge of their seats. Together with his faithful sidekick, the youthful Tinker, and his intelligent bloodhound, Pedro, he stood firm against an onslaught of crime and villainy, defeating his enemies with his extraordinary powers of deduction, iron fists and unyielding determination. *Due May* (American)

**P T DEUTERMANN**



**The Moonpool** 352pp Pb \$18.95

A private detective working is found dead in a restroom. When her body sets off radiation alarms in the pathologist's office, suspicion falls on the nearby nuclear power plant. As the FBI, local police and the power plant's own security team investigate, ex-cop Cam Richter begins his own inquiries. He soon discovers a plan to use the plant's systems to begin a disastrous sequence of events. *Due May* (American)

**Stacy DITTRICH**



**Mary Jane's Grave**

336pp Pb \$18.95

*CeeCee Gallagher Thriller* #2. According to legend, Mary Jane was hanged as a witch and still haunts her grave. But when a teenage girl is found brutally murdered there, Detective Gallagher knows no ghost is responsible. It's up to her to hunt down the very real killer before he strikes again. *Due May* (American)

**Robert ELLIS**



**The Lost Witness**

340pp Pb \$32.99

*Lena Gamble* #2. Detective Lena Gamble has been hailed as a hero by her colleagues for catching a killer, but held in disgrace by LAPD higher-ups for the way the case played out. She hasn't been allowed to handle a murder investigation in eight months. When she finally gets a case, she suspects she is being set up for another public fall. The victim is a young woman with no identity. There are no witnesses and no leads. Just her nude body, chopped into pieces and dropped in a dumpster. *Due May* (American)



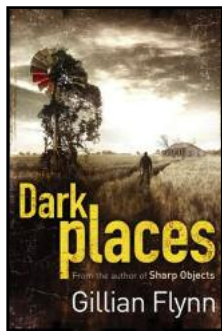
**Dan FESPERMAN****The Amateur Spy (2007)****450pp Pb \$19.99**

Aliyah Rahim is spying on her husband Abbas, a brilliant doctor, crushed by the death of their daughter, which he blames on the post-9/11 mood of hostility towards Arab-Americans *Due May* (American)

**Gillian FLYNN****Dark Places****320pp Pb \$32.99**

Libby Day was just seven-years-old when her older brother massacred her entire family, while she hid in a cupboard. Her evidence helped put him away. Ever since then she has been drifting, surviving for over

20 years on the proceeds of the 'Libby Day fund'. But now the money is running out and Libby is desperate. When she is offered \$500 to do a guest appearance, she feels she has to accept. But this is no ordinary gathering. The Kill Club is a group of true-crime obsessives who share information on notorious murders, and they think her brother Ben is innocent. *Due May* (American)

**Scott FROST****Point of No Return****416pp Pb \$19.99**

Alex Delillo #4. Cathy Salem is desperate for Lieutenant Alex Delillo's help. Her husband, Jack, an ex-LAPD officer now working for a private security firm, has officially been listed as missing after he failed to return home from an 11-month placement in Iraq. Cathy knows that he is in hiding in the States, but it is all too apparent that he is too scared to come home. Her only clue to his whereabouts is a package sent by him to her with a letter inside it addressed to Alex. *Due May* (American)

**Francis FYFIELD****Blood from a Stone****336pp Pb 22.99**

When the body of a successful criminal barrister is found outside a chic Kensington hotel, it looks at first like a suicide. For colleagues and friends, her death comes as a huge shock - Marianne Shearer was at the pinnacle of her career, wealthy and stylish - but for the police the case is open-and-shut. There's something strange about the circumstances, though, something that prompts fellow lawyers Thomas Nobel and Peter Friel to dig deeper. Retracing Marianne's steps, they uncover a carefully concealed darker side of her perfect life that leads them back to her last, gruesome case. *Due May* (English)

**Alex GRAY****Glasgow Kiss 336pp Pb \$32.99**

Eric Chalmers is one of the most popular teachers at Muirpark Secondary School in Glasgow. He is the person the students come to when they want to confide in someone. So when precocious teenager Julie Donaldson accuses Chalmers of rape, the school goes into shock. Then things get worse - Julie Donaldson goes missing. For DCI William Lorimer, this is the second missing persons case in a week. With hope fading, it becomes a breakneck race against time to find both missing girls. *Due May* (Scottish)

**Linda GREENLAW****Fisherman's Bend****256pp Pb \$18.95**

Jane Bunker Mystery #2. When Jane moves back to the sleepy Maine fishing community where she was born, it's to escape the seamy crime scenes and unsavoury characters that crossed her path in Miami. Surely whatever crimes are committed in touristy, idyllic Green Haven won't involve anything as nasty as what she saw in Florida. It's a bit of a shock, then, when Nick Dow, the town drunk, turns up dead and it's not the simple accident that everyone assumes it to be. *Due May* (American)

**Eily GRIFFITHS****Crossing Places 303pp Tp \$29.95**

When she's not digging up bones or other ancient objects, Ruth Galloway lectures at the University of North Norfolk. She lives happily alone in a remote, wild place called Saltmarsh. When a child's bones are found in the marshes near an ancient site that Ruth worked on 10 years earlier, Ruth is asked to date them. The bones turn out to be 2,000 years old, and DCI Harry Nelson, who called on Ruth for help, is disappointed. He'd hoped they would be the bones of a child called Lucy who's been missing for 10 years. Then a second girl goes missing. Soon it becomes clear that Ruth is in grave danger from a killer who knows that her expert knowledge is being used to help the police. (English)

**Andrew GROSS****The Dark Tide 448pp Pb \$9.99**

They say bad luck comes in threes. But for Karen Friedman's family, bad luck is just the beginning. It starts with her husband Charlie's investments going wrong and the sudden death of a family pet. Then one morning Charlie takes the train to work - straight into a lethal terrorist blast. For his widow Karen and their children, all that remains of Charlie is a shared past. Or is it? Karen turns to Detective Ty Hauck for help. He's determined to keep Karen safe, but Hauck doesn't know about how people who investigate Charlie have a way of ending up dead... *Due May* (American)

**Phillip GWYNNE****The Build Up 352pp Tp \$22.99**

For Detective Dusty Buchanan, a female cop in the very male world of the Northern Territory Police Force, it always pays to expect the unexpected. During the stifling pre-monsoon season known as the build up, a body is found in a billabong near a Vietnam veterans' camp site. To Dusty it's the chance she's been looking for: a spectacular case to revive her flagging career. But wherever Dusty goes, trouble tends to follow and when she's taken off the case and busted back to uniform it looks like someone's just gotten away with murder. *Due May* (Australia)

**Cyril HARE****Tragedy at Law****288pp Pb \$23.99**

This follows a rather self-important High Court judge, Mr Justice Barber, as he moves from town to town presiding over cases in the Southern England circuit. When an anonymous letter arrives for Barber, warning of imminent revenge, he dismisses it as the work of a harmless lunatic. But then a second letter appears, followed by a poisoned box of the judge's favourite chocolates and he begins to fear for his life. *Due May* (American)

**Charlaine HARRIS****Last Scene Alive (2006)****272pp Pb \$18.95**

Aurora Teagarden Mystery #6. Roe is still in mourning over her husband's death when a movie company arrives in Lawrenceton. They've come to make a film based on a book written by her one-time boyfriend Robin Crusoe, a book that detailed their shared investigation of a series of murders that occurred years before. But when the lead actress is killed, Robin and Roe join forces once again to thwart a killer, without knowing that Roe herself is the next target. *Due May* (American)

**Mo HAYDER****Skin Jack Caffery****384pp Pb \$32.95**

#4. The decayed body of a young woman has been found in the woods. All indications are that it's a suicide - but Caffery is not convinced. He is, however, supposed to be directing the high profile police-search for Misty Kitson, a B-list celebrity who has gone missing from a local health clinic. Plus he's becoming obsessed with Flea. In short, he is exhausted, over-worked and increasingly distracted. *Due May* (English)





**Mandasue HELLER****Snatched** 416pp Pb \$32.99

It begins when schoolgirl Nicky Day runs from a gang of bullies, then her little brother starts a fire. But the nightmare that is engulfing Sue and Terry Day is only beginning... A single mother who left a six-year-old on his own while she went clubbing on a Friday night. An absent father with a teenage girlfriend who didn't seem to care who was minding his former family. Suspicious voices ask whether Nicky has run away, whether the fire is really an accident and meanwhile, time is running out for Nicky. *Due May* (English)

**Mick HERRON****Reconstruction** 304pp Pb \$21.99

When a man with a gun breaks into her school, Louise Kennedy knows there's not likely to be a happy ending.. But Jaime isn't there on a whim and is as scared as the hostages he's taken. While an armed police presence builds up outside, he'll only talk to Ben Whistler, an MI6 accountant who worked with his lover, Miro, who has gone missing, along with a huge sum of money intended for Iraq. *Due May* (English)

**Joan HESS****Busy Bodies** 304pp Pb \$16.95

*Claire Malloy Mystery #15.* Since his recent arrival, avant-garde artist Zeno Gorgias has been turning heads and attracting gawkers in the otherwise tame college town of Farberville Arkansas. But strange things keep happening to Zeno and his oeuvre. First, his estranged wife comes to town, demanding he be committed to a mental institution. Then his house goes up in flames. And if that's not enough, a dead body is found inside his infamous coffin. *Due May* (American)

**Jack HIGGINS****The Savage Day (1972)**

352pp Pb \$19.99

The British Army are prepared to forget the ex-Major Simon Vaughan's past, spring him from prison and offer him a free hand - for in Northern Ireland it's time for the dog of war to have his day. *Due May* (American)

**Matt HILTON****Dead Men's Dust** 416pp Pb 32.99

Joe Hunter solves problems and as an ex-CIA agent, he's good at what he does. But when his brother disappears, he learns that everything he's faced before is child's play compared to what's coming. Tubal Cain is a killer. His most precious possession is the set of knives he uses and when one of them is stolen, Cain will stop at nothing to get it back. Unfortunately for Hunter, the thief is his brother, a man who has been on the run from his own mistakes but is now in the crosshairs of a seriously deranged man. *Due May* (English)

**Lesley HORTON****Twisted Tracks**

276pp Tp \$32.99

*DI John Handford #5.* Promotion has set the newly-styled DCI Handford and DI Ali on separate cases. Handford is on the trail of a young woman who's vanished without a trace, while Ali is tracking the killer of a 96-year-old pensioner murdered in her own home. But the stories of these two women, generations apart, look set to converge in gruesome fashion. (English)

**Declan HUGHES****All the Dead Voices**

320pp Pb \$32.99

*Ed Loy #4.* Ed Loy has made some changes. He has moved into an apartment in Dublin's city centre, leaving behind his family home: he wants to break free of the ghosts of his own past, to live in the teeming present. The police are working along similar lines with their new Cold Case unit. Looking back over a 15-year-old murder, they are satisfied by their original findings - but not so Loy. He has been hired by the victim's daughter to investigate the suspects ignored by the first investigation: a rich property developer, an ex-IRA man and Loy's own nemesis, George Halligan. *Due May* (Irish)

**Declan HUGHES****The Dying Breed**

416pp Pb \$19.99

*Ed Loy #3.* Even the best private eye needs more than a name to find a missing person, but that's all that Father Vincent Tyrrell, the brother of prominent racehorse trainer FX Tyrrell, will offer Loy when he comes to him for help. At Christmastime, on the eve of one of Ireland's most anticipated racing events, the intrepid investigator bets his life on a longshot: finding answers in a shady network of trading and dealing, gambling and breeding. *Due May* (Irish)

**Maxim JAKUBOWSKI****The Mammoth Book of Best British****Crime** 512pp Pb \$24.99

This latest volume of the acclaimed annual collection presents 35 short stories of murder mystery, selected from the very cream of new British crime fiction. Contributors include Alexander McCall Smith, Colin Dexter, Christopher Fowler, Anne Perry, Peter Lovesey, Ken Bruen and many more. *Due May* (American)

**Iris JOHANSEN****Dark Summer** 384pp Pb \$18.95

Devon Brady is a devoted veterinarian working in a makeshift hospital on a remote search and rescue mission. When a man arrives with his wounded black Lab named Ned, Devon has no idea that she's about to be plunged into a whirlwind of terror and destruction... *Due May* (American)

**R T JORDAN****Final Curtain** 288pp Pb \$16.95

*Polly Pepper Mystery #2.* Polly Pepper, the legendary superstar of television's golden age, is finally back in the entertainment headlines. She's landed the title role in a new production of a musical and though it's off-off-off-off Broadway, Polly's bank account - and her ego - need the job. There's one minor detour, though: on the second day of rehearsals, wunderkind director Karen Richards turns up dead. Of course Polly's nose for news needs to know, and though Karen was well liked, it seems some last-minute casting changes did her in. *Due May* (American)

**Toni KELNER****Curse of the Kissing Cousins**

240pp Pb \$16.95

Boston freelance reporter Tilda Harper writes articles about former stage and screen stars - and where they've crash-landed. But when someone starts murdering the cast from the TV show *Kissing Cousins* and the actress who played Tilda's favourite character, Mercy, vanishes, Tilda must find her before a killer cancels her contract once and for all. *Due May* (American)

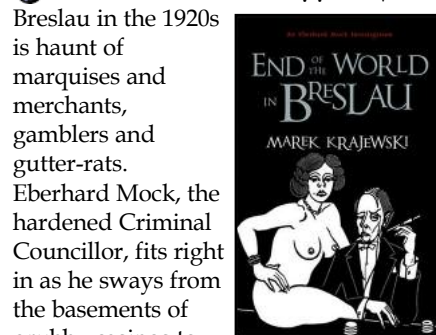
**Marek KRAJEWSKI****End of the World in Breslau**

304pp Pb \$29.95

Breslau in the 1920s is haunt of marquises and merchants, gamblers and gutter-rats. Eberhard Mock, the hardened Criminal Councillor, fits right in as he sways from the basements of grubby casinos to his beautiful young wife in their palatial mansion. A series of sinister murders linked by the dates of past crimes has taken Mock out of the bedroom and into the archives. While Mock ransacks the city for clues, his wife is seeking attention elsewhere. Engaging in perverted games with her less-than-innocent girlfriends, she is being seduced by a mysterious sect that preaches the imminent end of the world. *Due May* (Polish)

**Camilla LACKBERG****The Preacher** 400pp Pb \$32.99

Foul play was always suspected in the disappearance 20 years ago of two young holidaymakers in the area. Now a young boy out playing has confirmed this grim truth. Their remains, discovered with those of a fresh victim, send the town into shock. When a second young girl goes missing, local detective Patrik Hedstrom's attention focuses on the Hults - a feuding clan of misfits, religious fanatics and criminals. *Due May* (Swedish)



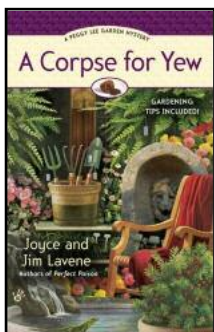


**Martin LANGFIELD****The Secret Fire 480pp Pb \$32.95**

A paper by Sir Isaac Newton is sold at auction to a bookseller's agent and within minutes of leaving the auction house, he is killed and the paper stolen. The Nazis are desperate to get their hands on a Newton formula that will unleash the Secret Fire – a weapon beyond all imagining that can wipe their enemies off the face of the earth. New York, 2007. Katherine Reckliss inherits her grandmother's SOE radio and starts to pick up disturbing messages from occupied France, warning that a V1 containing the Secret Fire is being launched by the Nazis. Its target? Present day London. *Due May* (American)

**Joyce & Jim LAVENE****A Corpse for Yew 304pp Pb \$18.95**

Peggy Lee Garden Mystery #5. No rain means profits are wilting at *The Potting Shed*, so Peggy Lee joins her mother on a 'bone harvest' expedition for the local historical society. But she stumbles upon a perplexing mystery when a fellow volunteer became a corpse with curiously red lips. *Due May* (American)

**Donna LEON****Blood from a Stone (2005) 368pp Pb \$24.95**

Guido Brunetti #14. On a cold night shortly before Christmas, an immigrant street vendor is killed and Commissario Brunetti discovers that matters of great value are at stake in the immigrant community. *Due May* (American)

**Donna LEON****Death at La Fenice (1992) 352pp Pb 24.95**

Guido Brunetti #1. Commissario of Police, Guido Brunetti investigates the murder of a world-famous conductor, Maestro Helmut Wellauer. *Due May* (American)

**Donna LEON****Doctored Evidence (2004) 336pp Pb \$24.95**

Guido Brunetti #13. Commissario Brunetti investigates the brutal murder of a wealthy Venetian woman. *Due May* (American)

**Donna LEON****The Girl of His Dreams 336pp Pb \$24.95**

Guido Brunetti #17. One rainy morning Commissario Brunetti and Ispettore Vianello respond to an emergency call reporting a body floating near some steps on the Grand Canal. Reaching down to pull it out, Brunetti's wrist is caught by the silkiness of golden hair, and he sees a small foot – together he and Vianello lift a dead girl from the water. But no one has reported a missing child, nor the theft of the gold jewellery that she carries. *Due May* (American)

**Donna LEON****A Sea of Troubles 336pp Pb \$24.95**

Guido Brunetti #10. Commissario Brunetti investigates the murder of two clam fishermen off the island of Pellestrina. *Due May* (American)

**Donna LEON****Suffer the Little Children (2007) 352pp Pb \$24.95**

Guido Brunetti #10. Commissario Brunetti investigates the violent assault of an eminent paediatrician. *Due May* (American)

**Donna LEON****Through a Glass, Darkly (2006) 352pp Pb \$24.95**

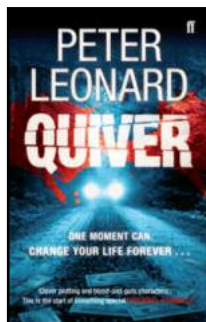
Guido Brunetti #15. It is a luminous spring day in Venice, as Commissario Brunetti and Ispettore Vianello take a break from the Questura to come to the rescue of Vianello's friend Marco Ribetti, who has been arrested while protesting against chemical pollution of the Venetian lagoon. *Due May* (American)

**Donna LEON****Wilful Behaviour 368pp Pb \$24.95**

Guido Brunetti #11. Brunetti investigates the murder of one of his wife's students. *Due May* (American)

**Peter LEONARD****Quiver 368pp Pb \$19.99**

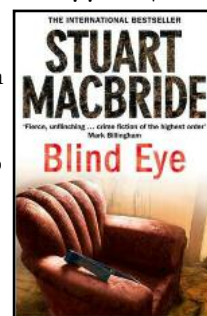
Kate McCall's husband has been killed by her teenage son, Luke, in a tragic bow-hunting accident. In the aftermath, Jack, a charismatic but troubled ex-con from Kate's past, shows up. When Luke takes off on his own for their rural Michigan cabin, Kate and Jack follow, but they're not the only ones hot on his heels. Two-time losers Teddy and Celeste, along with hitman DeJuan, are all looking to cash in on the money left to Kate. As they all head for the woods of Northern Michigan, events rapidly spiral towards a dramatic life-and-death confrontation. *Due May* (American)

**Laura LIPPMAN****Life Sentences 352pp Pb \$24.99**

Author Cassandra Fallows has achieved remarkable success by baring her life on the page. But now, after a singularly unsuccessful stab at fiction, Cassandra believes she may have found the story that will enable her triumphant return to non-fiction. But her homecoming and latest journey into the past will not be welcomed by everyone, especially by her former friends, who are unimpressed with Cassandra's success – and are insistent on their own version of their shared history. And by delving too deeply into Calliope's dark secrets, Cassandra may inadvertently unearth a few of her own... *Due May* (American)

**Stuart MacBRIDE****Blind Eye 496pp Pb \$32.99**

Aberdeen's Polish community is under attack from a serial offender who leaves mutilated victims to be discovered on building sites. Detective Sergeant Logan McRae is assigned to the investigation, but with the victims too scared to talk, it's going nowhere fast. When the next victim turns out to be not a newly arrived Eastern European, but Simon McLeod, owner of the Turf n' Track bookies, Logan suddenly finds himself caught up in a world of drug wars, prostitution rings and gun-running courtesy of Aberdeen's oldest and most vicious crime lord. *Due May* (Scottish)

**Mary Jane MAFFINI****Death Loves a Messy Desk 304pp Pb \$16.95**

Charlotte Adams #3. Charlotte's free time has been taken up solving fatally untidy cases. Her latest task: a woman has hired her to organise a co-worker's hopelessly cluttered desk. But when the miss behind the mess goes missing, workplace tempers rise. Now, Charlotte must open a brand-new folder – one she hopes won't be filed under M for murder. *Due May* (Canadian)

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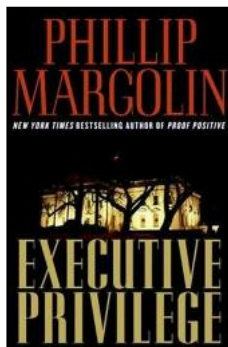


**Executive Privilege**

480pp Pb \$23.95

When private detective Dana Cutler is hired to follow college student Charlotte Walsh, she never imagines the trail will lead to the White House. But the morning after Walsh's clandestine meeting with

Christopher Farrington, President of the United States, the pretty young co-ed is dead - the latest victim, apparently, of a fiend dubbed "the D.C. Ripper." *Due May* (American)



**Steve MARTINI**



**Shadow of Power**

576pp Pb \$19.99

Paul Madriani #9. When a controversial legal scholar is found dead in a hotel room and a young man with connections to hate groups is charged with first-degree murder, defence attorney Paul Madriani is offered a case he can't pass up. *Due May* (American)

**Amy Patricia MEADE**



**Shadow Waltz 232pp Pb \$23.99**

*Marjorie McClelland Mystery.*

Newly betrothed and looking forward to the future, wealthy Englishman Creighton Ashcroft and mystery author Marjorie would like nothing better than to enjoy some quiet time in which to write about their adventures and plan their impending nuptials. Fate has different plans for the couple when a young mother shows up on Marjorie's doorstep asking for help to find her missing husband. (American)

**David MORRELL**

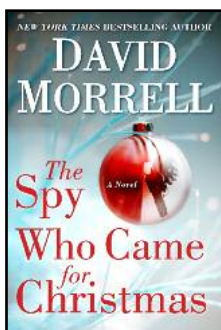


**The Spy Who Came for Christmas**

250pp Pb \$24.95

It's Christmas Eve in Santa Fe, but among the revellers on Canyon Road, a decidedly unholy scene is taking place. A desperate man, dressed all in black, feverishly seeks refuge for himself and the squirming bundle

he holds tightly against his breast. Agent Paul Kagan's bundle is a baby who has the power to change the course of global events. His pursuers are his former colleagues - members of the Russian mafia who will stop at nothing to accomplish their mission. Now Kagan is a spy on the run - he must ensure this baby's survival, even if it will cost him his own life. (American)



**Steve MOSBY**

**Cry for Help**

320pp Pb \$22.99



Haunted by his brother's murder when they were children and scarred by his parents' grief, Dave Lewis has built a bitter life working as a magician and drowning his sorrows over his lost love, Tori. Meanwhile, detective Sam Currie feels that his failure to prevent his son's death ended his marriage and cast a shadow over his life and career. He's directed his hatred towards the one man he sees as responsible, but he has other priorities right now - a killer is stalking the city. When Dave Lewis appears to connect both investigations, it's an opportunity Currie can't resist. *Due May* (English)

**Jo NESBO**



**The Redeemer**

464pp Pb \$32.95

Harry Hole #4. One freezing night in Oslo, Christmas shoppers gather to listen to a Salvation Army street concert. An explosion cuts through the music and a man in uniform falls to the ground, shot in the head at point-blank range. Harry and his team have little to work with: no immediate suspect, no weapon and no motive. But when the assassin discovers he has shot the wrong man, Harry's troubles have only just begun. *Due May* (Norwegian)

**G F NEWMAN**



**Crime and Punishment**

702pp Pb \$32.95

In 1951, the Festival of Britain marks a new golden age of hope and prosperity for the country. Things are certainly looking up for the criminal elite who run the East End. For Jack, a draft-dodger with aspirations to be a champion boxer, there's easy money to be made for providing a bit of muscle. Meanwhile his sister Kath must keep secret the fact that she killed their father to protect her son. Younger, nastier criminals like the Kray twins and the Richardson brothers begin to carve out criminal empires. Brutalised and embittered by years of failure and imprisonment, Jack decides to make a stand. *Due May* (English)

**Katherine Hall PAGE**



**The Body in the Gallery**

336pp Pb \$18.95

Faith Fairchild Mystery #17. Faith's catering business has been slow, so when her friend Patsy proposes that she takes over the café at Aleford's Ganley Art Museum, it seems like a good opportunity. And Patsy has an ulterior motive - she discovers that the Romare Bearden piece she lent the museum has been switched with a fake and wants Faith to snoop around to find the culprit. Her investigation takes Faith into Boston's art scene and historic Beacon Hill, as well as into the lives behind the façade of the Ganley's very proper board of trustees. *Due May* (American)

**Francis PATRY**



**The Liar's Diary 320pp Pb \$19.95**



Imagine your best friend has been murdered and your teenaged son accused of the crime. How far would you go to protect him? How many lies would you tell? *Due May* (American)

**James PATTERSON**



**An Alex Cross Omnibus 2**

480pp Pb \$29.99

Contains **Roses are Red & Violets are Blue**. A series of bank robberies ends in murder and Alex Cross must pit his wits against the bizarre and sadistic mastermind behind the crime. The Mastermind is back - and he's hot on Alex Cross's trail. *Due May* (American)

**James PATTERSON**



**Maximum Ride: Max**

320pp Pb \$32.95

Until now, Max and the flock have lived a lonely existence: hunted down, tortured and pushed to the fringe of society; always on the run they have never been able to live a normal life. But things are changing. The flock have finally found acceptance for their unusual skills. Together, they have taken on new challenges and used their extraordinary powers to fight for the greater good on a global scale. *Due May* (American)

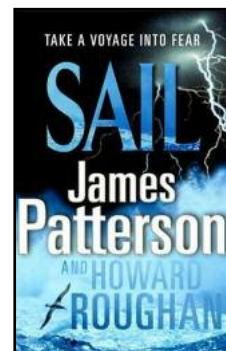
**James PATTERSON**



**Sail**

480pp Pb \$21.95

As Peter Carlyle waves his wife, children and brother-in-law off on a sailing holiday, all they have in mind is lying back and relaxing. But as a violent storm breaks out, an explosion causes the boat to vanish without a trace and the family are lost, presumed dead. Until now. When a message in a bottle is washed up on a shore, it becomes apparent that there must have been at least one survivor. The race is on to rescue any survivors, and to discover what really happened aboard the luxury yacht. *Due May* (American)



**Douglas PRESTON & Lincoln CHILD**



**The Book of the Dead (2005)**

544pp Pb \$19.99

The New York Museum of Natural History receives their stolen gem collection back... ground down to dust. Diogenes, the psychotic killer who stole them is throwing down the gauntlet to both the city and to his brother, FBI Agent Pendergast, who is currently incarcerated in a maximum security prison. *Due May* (American)

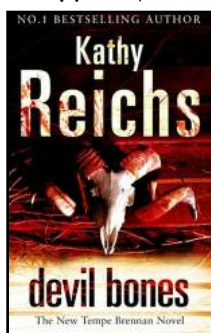


**Andrew PYPER****★ The Killing Circle 432pp Pb \$24.99**

Patrick joins a creative writing circle in hope of realising a life-long dream - to write a novel of his own. But this circle is somewhat unorthodox. And to make matters creepier, a gruesome serial killer is prowling the streets of Toronto - with an M.O. which bears more than a passing similarity to one circle member's tale about a child-snatcher called The Sandman. As the line between fact and fiction becomes increasingly hazy, Patrick decides to cut all contact with the circle - until he finds that once you're in this book group, there's only one way out! *Due May* (Canadian)

**Kathy REICHS****★ Devil Bones****416pp Pb \$21.95***Temperance*

Brennan #11. An underground chamber is exposed in a seedy, dilapidated house with sagging trim and peeling paint. In the dark cellar, a ritualistic display is revealed. A human skull rests on a cauldron, surrounded by slain chickens and bizarre figurines. Beads and antlers dangle overhead. Called to the scene is forensic anthropologist Dr Temperance Brennan. Bony architecture suggests that the skull is that of a young, black female. But how did she die? And when? *Due May* (American)

**Matthew REILLY****★ The Six Sacred Stones****528pp Pb \$19.99**

Jack West Jr. #2. Jack West Jr and his loyal team of heroes must find and rebuild a legendary device known as 'The Machine' before the deadline for global destruction arrives. But the only clues to locating this Machine are held within the Six Sacred Stones, long lost to history. *Due May* (Australian)

**Karen ROBARDS****★ Guilty****496pp Pb \$19.99**

One cold November night when Kate White was 15-years-old, her friends held up a store. One of them killed an off-duty cop. They got away with it. 13 years later, Kate has built a new life for herself. Now a single mother with a nine-year-old son, she is a prosecutor in the Philadelphia district attorney's office. Until the nightmare morning when violence explodes in her courtroom - and she comes face to face with the old friend who killed that cop so many years ago. *Due May* (American)

**Karen ROBARDS****★ Pursuit****416pp Pb \$32.99**

The car crash that leaves the First Lady dead and Jessica Ford badly injured is just the beginning of a nightmare. The lawyer who drew her into the disaster commits suicide, his secretary is killed in yet another car accident and the Secret Service agent on the case, Mark Ryan, believes that Jess, the only survivor, is hiding something. As her world falls apart around her, Jess realises that everyone who knew what the First Lady was doing that Saturday night is dead - except her. *Due May* (American)

**Michael ROBOTHAM****★ Shatter****496pp Pb \$19.99**

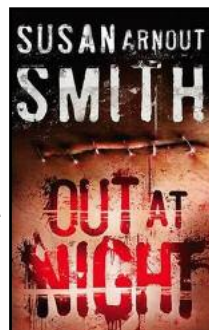
A naked woman in red high-heeled shoes is perched on the edge of Clifton Suspension Bridge with her back pressed to the safety fence, weeping into a mobile phone. Clinical psychologist Joseph O'Loughlin is only feet away, desperately trying to talk her down. She jumps. Later, Joe has a visitor - the woman's teenage daughter, who refuses to believe that her mother would have jumped off the bridge. Joe wants to believe her, but what would drive a woman to such a desperate act? Whose voice? What evil? *Due May* (Australian)

**Robert SIMS****Tropic of Death****384pp Pb \$29.99**

After the body of local greens activist Rachel MacArthur is discovered minus her head and hands, local police call on Melbourne profiler, Detective Rita Van Hassel, to help track down the killer. What Rita finds on arriving in Whitley are not the tranquil tropical waters and magical hinterland rainforest of the tourist ads for northern Queensland, but a seething hotbed of intrigue and malignant passion, where nothing is as it seems and no one can be trusted. *Due May* (Australian)

**Susan Arnout SMITH****Out at Night****304pp Hb \$29.99***Grace*

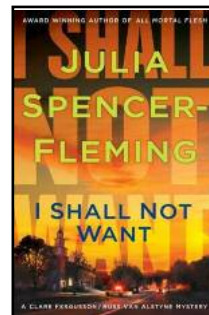
Descanso #2. It's the dead of night and Professor Thaddeus Bartholomew is frantically crawling through a field to stay alive. With mere moments to act, he has only enough time to type out a text message before his stalker overcomes him. Soon, political leaders and extremists will converge at the world's largest agricultural conference and all signs indicate that Bartholomew's brutal murder in a field of genetically modified soy is just the beginning of something much larger than one man's death. *Due May* (American)

**Stephen SOLOMITA****★ Monkey in the Middle****182pp Pb \$27.95**

A mercenary turned hit-man. An aging gangster with arthritic knees. A bent cop playing more angles than a Brooklyn pool shark. Which of these men is the hunter? Which the hunted? And who's just the monkey in the middle? (American)

**Julia SPENCER-FLEMING****I Shall Not Want 416pp Pb \$18.95**

Clare Fergusson #6. Reverend Clare Fergusson is trying to keep everyone happy while denying her own wounded soul. When a Mexican farmhand stumbles over a Latino man killed with a single shot to the back of his head, Clare is sucked into the investigation. The discovery of two more bodies executed in the same way ignites fears that a serial killer is loose. *Due May* (American)

**Michael STANLEY****Deadly Trade 384pp Pb \$32.99**

#2. Detective Kubu faces his most disturbing investigation yet when he finds himself caught up in a case of betrayal and mistaken identity on the outskirts of northern Botswana. *Due May* (South African)

**Wendy Corsi STAUB****★ Dead Before Dark 416pp Pb \$16.95**

For psychic Lucinda Sloan, fame is a double-edged sword. Through her television appearances, she helps police capture America's most elusive serial killers. Unfortunately, she also catches the eye of the Night Watchman. Once this madman learns that Lucinda 'sees' murders after they're committed, it's time to play... *Due May* (American)

**Wendy Corsi STAUB****★ She Loves Me Not (2005)****384pp Pb \$16.95**

Life goes on. That's what young widow Rose Larrabee tells herself each day as she has to be both mother and father to her two young children, a task that leaves little time for new romance. That's why she's surprised to find the simple, homemade valentine in her mailbox, a paper heart with no signature. It could be a sweet reminder, but for Rose, the red heart is a link to a secret she shares with two other women...a secret that has just gotten one of them brutally murdered. *Due May* (American)




**Olen STEINHAUER****The Tourist** 416pp Tp \$32.99

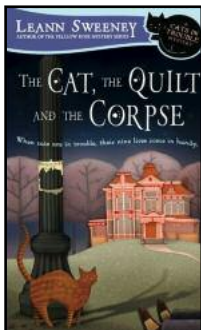
In the global age of the CIA, wherever there's trouble, there's a Tourist: the men and women who do the dirty work. They're the Company's best agents - and Milo Weaver was the best of them all. Following a near-lethal encounter with foreign hitman the 'Tiger', a burnt-out Milo decides to continue his work from behind a desk. Four years later, he's no closer to finding the Tiger than he was before. When the elusive assassin unexpectedly gives himself up to Milo, it's because he wants something in return: revenge. *Due May* (American)

**Mariah STEWART** **Mercy Street** 368pp Pb \$19.99

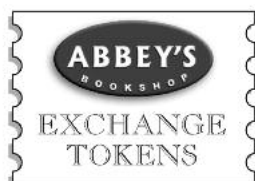
It's a balmy spring evening when four teenagers meet for the final time - the next morning, two are dead, the others missing. Were they, too, the victims of a ruthless killer? Or are the missing kids on the run for murder? Ex-cop turned PI Mallory Russo is determined to figure out what happened in the park that night. And with the unofficial help of detective Charlie Wanamaker she resolves to find the kids and prove their innocence - whether they be dead, or alive. *Due May* (American)

**Leann SWEENEY** **The Cat, the Quilt and the Corpse** 288pp Pb 16.95

*Cats in Trouble Mystery #1.* Recently widowed Jillian Hart is rebuilding a life for herself and her three beloved cats - Chablis, Syrah and Merlot - as a quilter in a small South Carolina town. When she returns from an overnight quilting show, she discovers Chablis sneezing - and since Chablis is allergic to humans, that can only mean one thing: Someone has broken into her house. When she realises Syrah is missing, Jillian suspects catnapping. Spurred by Chablis and Merlot's mournful meowing, she investigates - and discovers more missing cats and a murder. *Due May* (American)



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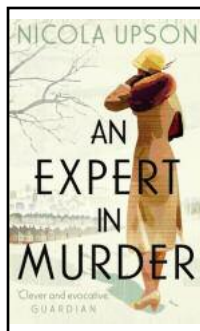

**L C TYLER** **The Herring Seller's Apprentice** 233pp Pb \$22.99

Ethelred Tressider is a crime writer with problems. His latest novel is going nowhere, mid-life crisis is looming and he's burdened by the literary agent he probably deserves: Elsie Thirkettle, a diminutive but determined individual who claims to enjoy neither the company of writers nor literature of any sort. But however bad things look they can always get worse, as Ethelred discovers when his ex-wife, Geraldine, vanishes close to his Sussex home. When the disappearance becomes a murder enquiry, the police decide that Geraldine has been the victim of a local serial killer. Soon Elsie has bullied Ethelred into embarking upon his own investigation, but as their enquiries proceed, she begins to suspect that her client's own alibi is not as solid as he claims. *Due May* (English)

**Nicola UPSON** **An Expert in Murder**

304pp Pb \$23.99

*Josephine Tey #1.* It's March, 1934 and Tey is travelling from Scotland to London to celebrate what should be the triumphant final week of her celebrated play, *Richard of Bordeaux*. However, a seemingly senseless murder puts her reputation, and even her life, under threat. *Due May* (English)


**Elaine VIETS** **Clubbed to Death**

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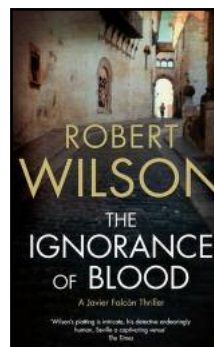
*Dead End Job Mystery #7.* In the Superior Club's complaint department, Helen Hawthorne has to deal with the rich and spoiled. Then her deadbeat ex-husband sails back into her life aboard the yacht of his new lady - known as the 'Black Widow' because of her string of dead spouses. When Helen's ex goes missing, she fears the Black Widow may have struck again. *Due May* (American)

**Kevin WIGNALL** **People Die (2001)** 284pp Pb \$16.95

JJ is a pro. He's quick. He's reliable. He's efficient. Murder by contract is his business - and each job makes JJ feel alive. Still, killing is an uncertain profession, and a shake-up in the company stirs grim shock waves. Minor people are being taken out. Major people aren't running for cover. And somebody wants JJ dead - as dead as he makes his jobs. As those closest to him are taken out one by one, the rules blur and the hunter becomes the hunted. *Due May* (English)

**Robert WILSON** **The Ignorance of Blood** 432pp Hb \$32.99

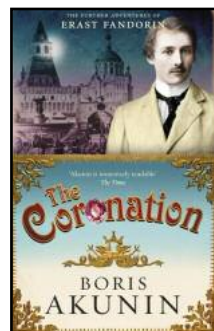
*Javier Falcon #4.* A sweltering Seville is recovering from the shock of a terrorist attack and Inspector Jefe Javier Falcon is struggling to fulfil his promise to its citizens: that he would find the real perpetrators of the outrage. The death of a gangster in a spectacular car crash offers vital evidence implicating the Russian mafia in his investigation, but pitches Falcon into the heart of a turf war over prostitution and drugs. *Due May* (English)

**Stuart WOODS** **Hot Mahogany** 400pp Pb \$23.95

*Stone Barrington #15.* Stone Barrington is hired to protect a former intelligence agent with a penchant for antique furniture - and a bad case of amnesia. And what he's forgotten, some will kill for... *Due May* (American)

**HISTORICAL  
CRIME****Boris AKUNIN****The Coronation** 311pp Tp \$29.99

*Erast Fandorin Mystery #7.* Grand Duke Georgii Alexandrovich arrives in Moscow for the coronation, accompanied by three of his children and their alluring governess, Mademoiselle Declique. During an afternoon stroll, daughter Xenia is dragged away by bandits, only to be rescued by an elegant gentleman and his oriental sidekick. The passing heroes introduce themselves as Fandorin and Masa, but panic ensues when they realise that four-year old Mikhail has been snatched in the confusion. Our inimitable hero returns in a tantalisingly closely-matched battle of wits and of wiles. (Russian)

**J M C BLAIR****The Lancelot Murders** 320pp Pb 18.95

*Merlin Investigates #2.* When Lancelot is accused of murdering Queen Guenevere's father, she begs Merlin to prove his innocence. Though inclined to leave the faithless knight to his fate, Merlin risks his very life to find the truth at King Arthur's bidding. *Due May* (American)

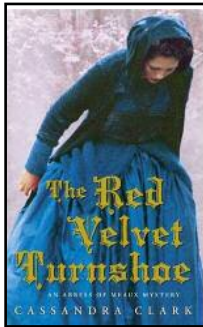




**Cassandra CLARK**  
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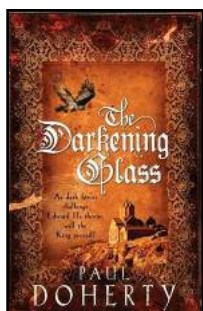
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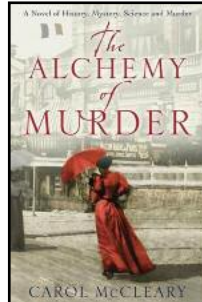
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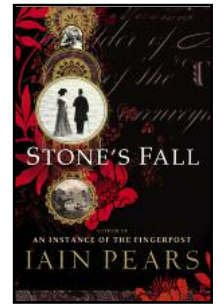
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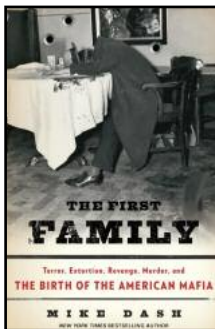
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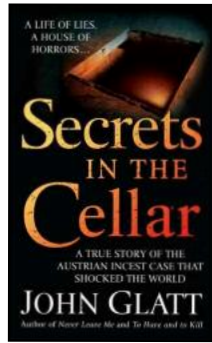
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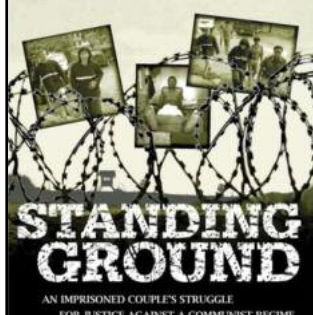
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