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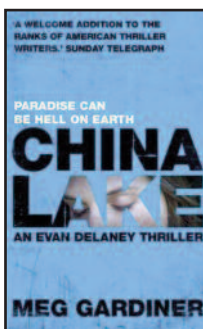


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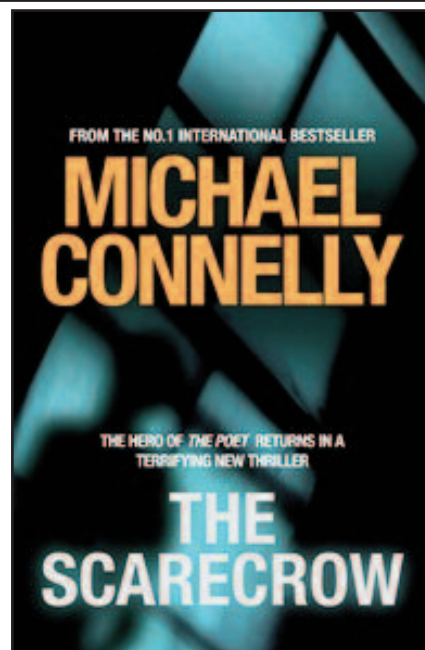
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China Lake by Meg Gardiner

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Michael CONNELLY

The Scarecrow 448pp Pb \$32.99

Jack McEvoy is at the end of the line as a crime reporter. Forced to take a buy-out from the *LA Times*, he's got 30 days left on the job. His last assignment? Training his replacement, a low-cost reporter just out of J-school. But Jack has other plans for his exit. He is going to go out with a bang - a final story that will win the journalism's highest honour: a *Pulitzer Prize*.

Jack focuses on Alonzo Winslow, a 16-year-old drug dealer from the projects who has confessed to police that he brutally raped and strangled one of his crack clients. Jack convinces Alonzo's mother to cooperate with his investigation into the possibility of her son's innocence. But Jack's real intention is to use his access to report and write a story that explains how societal dysfunction and neglect created a 16-year-old killer.

As Jack delves into the story, he soon realises that Alonzo's so-called confession is bogus and Jack is soon off and running on the biggest story he's had since 'The Poet' crossed his path 12 years before. This time Jack is onto a killer who has worked completely below police and FBI radar. His investigation leads him into the digital world of data collocation services, where server farms are watched over by techs who liken themselves to scarecrows - keeping the birds of prey off their clients' data. But Jack inadvertently sets off a digital tripwire and the killer - the Scarecrow - now knows he's coming... (American) *Due June*

"Michael Connelly... has the nerve and timing of a whole SWAT team..."

- Marilyn Stasio, *New York Times*

**MODERN CRIME**

Elizabeth ADLER

 **One Night in Malibu**
(AKA One of Those
Malibu Nights)

272pp Pb \$27.95

Mac Reilly is a private investigator with a penchant for lost causes. One night in Malibu, he comes to the aid of a distraught woman in a black negligee waving a gun in the doorway of a fabulous beach house. When the woman disappears and the gun shows up in his car, Mac is pulled into a web of deception and lies that entangle his whole life. (English) *Due June*




Susan ANDERSEN

 **Hot and Bothered** (2004)
384pp Pb \$17.95

Marine #3. Victoria's father has been murdered and her half brother, Jared, needs her help to prove his innocence. (American) *Due June*

Kelley ARMSTRONG

 **Made to Be Broken**
416pp Pb \$19.99

Nadia Stafford #2. An ex-cop with a legal code all her own, Nadia has a secret life as a world-class assassin, working for a New York crime family. But when a troubled teenager and her baby vanish in the woods near her home, Nadia's old detective instincts and the memory of a past loss compel her to investigate. (American) *Due June*

David BALDACCI

 **First Family** 400pp Pb \$32.99

A birthday party turns into a nightmare when a child is snatched after the celebrations. The First Lady enlists the services of Sean King and Michelle Maxwell to bring the child home safely. But she and King share a past. Years ago he saved her husband from political disaster. And this may not be all that passed between them. With Michelle still battling her own demons, the two are pushed to the limit, with forces aligned on all sides against them. (American) *Due June*

Jefferson BASS

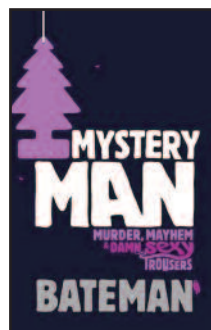
 **The Devil's Bones**
320pp Pb \$29.95

Body Farm #3. A woman's charred body has been found inside a burned car atop a hill in Knoxville. Days later, forensic anthropologist Bill Brockton, receives a mysterious package - a set of cremated remains that seems entirely unreal. As Brockton investigates, he uncovers a truth too horrifying to believe... (American) *Due June*

Colin BATEMAN

 **Mystery Man** 416pp Pb \$32.99

When a detective agency next door goes bust, the agency's clients start calling into his shop asking him to solve their cases. Of course, he's just treating it as another way to sell books and impress the girl in the jewellery shop across the road. When they break into the shuttered shop next door, they discover the bloated corpse of the detective and suddenly their lives are in terrible danger as they follow a murder trail which leads them from small-time publishing to modern dance to Nazi concentration camps and serial killers... (Irish) *Due June*



Lawrence BLOCK

 **Manhattan Noir 2** (2008)
300pp Pb \$24.99

Classic stories from Edith Wharton, Stephen Crane, O Henry, Irwin Shaw, Evan Hunter, Edgar Allan Poe, Geoffrey Bartholomew, Cornell Woolrich, Barry N Malzberg, Donald E Westlake, Joyce Carol Oates, Lawrence Block, Susan Isaacs and others. (American)

Claus BOHLEN

 **Who is Charlie Conti?**
256pp Pb \$19.95

Young, rich and alone, Charlie Conti decides to leave Manhattan and head for Los Angeles. He throws wild parties and everyone comes, but he remains on the outside until he meets Ray Celador, who deals in drugs, women and philosophy. Before long he's indispensable. But who is he? And who, when he finds himself stripped of his home, his money and his identity, is Charlie Conti? (English) *Due June*

Stephanie BOND

 **Six Killer Bodies**
320pp Pb \$17.95

Body Movers #6. One of her closest friends has been arrested as the Charmed Killer, but Carlotta refuses to believe it. To prove her friend's innocence, Carlotta resumes her after-hours body-moving duties. Then, Peter pressures her for an answer to his proposal, her brother Wesley goes missing and the madman stalking the city strikes again. (American) *Due June*

Stephen BOOTH

 **The Kill Call** 416pp Pb \$32.99

On the Derbyshire moor, hounds from the local foxhunt find the body of a well-dressed man whose head has been crushed. Yet an anonymous caller reports the same body lying half a mile away. Called in to investigate the discovery, detectives DS Diane Fry and DC Ben Cooper become entangled in the violent world of hunting and hunt saboteurs, horse theft and a little-known sector of the meat trade. (English) *Due June*

Allison BRENNAN

 **Fatal Secrets** 448pp Pb \$17.95

When a top lieutenant in a notorious ring of human traffickers agrees to turn state's evidence, Immigration and Customs Enforcement senior agent Sonia Knight believes she'll finally take down the illegal operation's devilish mastermind, Xavier Jones. But when an FBI sting collides her stakeout, she is enraged. FBI agent Dean Hooper has been chasing Jones for years on money-laundering and tax-evasion charges. When the Bureau is ordered to join forces with ICE, Sonia is just as livid. But their team effort pays off as fierce mutual resentment fades and passion flares, along with risk. (American) *Due June*

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

AUTHOR'S NATIONALITY AT END OF BLURB

**Suzanne BROCKMANN****Dark of Night** 512pp Pb \$18.95

Troubleshooter #14. Taking on the world's deadliest criminals is what the elite security force Troubleshooters Incorporated does best. But now they face a new and powerful threat from their most lethal enemy yet - a shadowy government outfit known only as The Agency. (American) *Due June*

Sandra BROWN**Exclusive** 480pp Pb \$32.99

Barrie Travis is a good reporter stuck at a low-budget television station when the First Lady calls her and offers her the opportunity of a lifetime. Stunned by the loss of her infant son, the president's wife hints he may have been murdered. Barrie sets out to find the truth with the help of Gray Bondurant, a mysterious former presidential aide. (American) *Due June*

Sandra BROWN**Fat Tuesday** 496pp Pb \$19.99

Burke Basile is a cop with nothing left to lose. Haunted by his partner's death, he focuses on his nemesis, Pinkie Duvall, a flamboyant attorney who helps killers evade justice. Burke looks for revenge and sees his opportunity lies with the lawyer's trophy wife. But Burke hasn't planned on the electric attraction he'll feel for the desperate woman. Nor can he predict the fierce duel that will explode as the clock ticks toward midnight on Fat Tuesday, when Burke must confront his own terrifying secret. (American) *Due June*

Laura CALDWELL**Red Hot Lies** 420pp Pb \$17.95

Hotshot Chicago attorney Izzy McNeil's fiancé, Sam, disappears on the same day her mentor and biggest client is killed. And trouble keeps coming. Sam is implicated in the client's death, her apartment is broken into and it's not just the authorities who are following her. Now, to find Sam and uncover her client's murderer, Izzy will have to push past limits she never imagined. (English) *Due June*

Stephen J CANNELL**At First Sight:** **A Novel of Obsession**

352pp Pb \$17.95

Chick Best is a self-absorbed millionaire, who has resigned himself to a miserable state of acceptance. That is, until he experiences love at first sight when he observes Paige emerging from a hotel swimming pool. His obsession isn't diminished when he learns that she is happily married. Instead, he befriends Paige and her husband, Chandler. A short time later, he drives to Paige's house, where he runs down and kills Chandler. But this is just the beginning of Chick's nightmare as his life spirals out of control... (American) *Due June*

Martina COLE**The Business**

576pp Pb \$21.99

Imelda Dooley has played hard and fast and now she's been caught. She's pregnant and on her own. Her father, not a man to mess with, will see that somebody pays for this. And it's not going to be her. So Imelda Dooley tells a lie that literally causes murders. When Mary Dooley's husband is killed in the night's events, she knows she must graft to keep the family afloat. Caught up in the carnage are Mary's adored grandchildren, Jordanna and Kenny. Jordanna isn't yet three and already knows too much. All she can do is look after her baby brother Kenny and try not to draw unwanted attention to herself. (English) *Due June*

John CONNOLLY**The Lovers**

544pp Pb \$32.99

Charlie Parker's father, a NYPD cop, killed a young couple, a boy and a girl barely older than his son, then took his own life. There was no explanation for his actions. Now Parker is working on his most personal case yet: an investigation into his own origins and the circumstances surrounding the death of his father. The investigation will reveal a life haunted by lies, secrets and by two figures in the shadows, a man and a woman, with only one purpose: to bring an end to Charlie Parker's existence... (American) *Due June*

Glenn COOPER **Library of the Dead**

416pp Pb \$32.95

A serial killer nicknamed the Doomsday Killer, has claimed six victims in two weeks. The victims have nothing in common. All that connects them is that each received a sick postcard in the mail before they died. In desperation, the FBI assigns the case to maverick agent Will Piper, once the most accomplished serial killing expert in the bureau's history, now on a dissolute spiral to retirement. Battling his own demons, Will is soon drawn back into a world he both loves and hates, determined to catch the killer, whatever it takes. (American) *Due June*

Julie CORBIN **Tell Me No Secrets**

304pp Pb \$32.99

Grace has lived in the same village on the east coast of Scotland for almost her entire life. Safe and secure, it is the perfect place for her and her husband Paul to bring up their twin girls. Grace feels that, finally, life is good. Then a phone call from her old best friend threatens to take away everything she holds dear. (English) *Due June*

Clive CUSSLER **Arctic Drift**

528pp Pb \$32.95

Dirk Pitt #20. A potential breakthrough discovery to reverse global warming, a series of unexplained sudden deaths in British Colombia, a rash of international incidents between the United States and one of its closest allies that threatens to erupt into an actual shooting war. Dirk Pitt and his children have reason to believe there's a connection here somewhere, but they also know they have very little time to find. (American) *Due June*

William DIETRICH **The Dakota Cipher**

368pp Pb \$32.99

Ethan Gage #3. Ethan Gage just wants to enjoy the fruits of victory after helping Napoleon win the Battle of Marengo and end an undeclared naval war with the United States. But a foolish tryst with Bonaparte's married sister and the improbable schemes of a grizzled Norwegian named Magnus Bloodhammer soon send Ethan on a new treasure hunt on America's frontier that will have him dodging scheming aristocrats and hostile Indians. (American) *Due June*

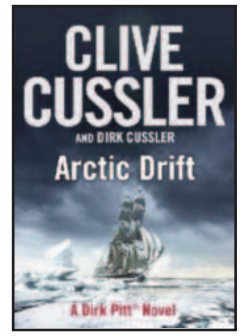
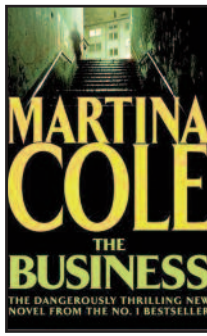
Janet EVANOVICH **Finger Lickin' Fifteen**

320pp Pb \$32.99

Stephanie Plum #15. Celebrity chef Stanley Chipotle comes to Trenton to participate in a barbecue cook-off and loses his head - literally. Lula recruits bounty hunter Stephanie Plum to help her find the killers and collect the reward. Can Stephanie hunt down two killers, a traitor, five skips, keep her grandmother out of the sauce, solve Ranger's problems and not jump his bones? (American) *Due June*

Janet EVANOVICH **Plum Lovin'** 176pp Pb \$19.95

Stephanie Plum #15. It's Valentine's Day and bounty hunter Stephanie Plum needs a relationship expert. One who goes by the name of Annie Hart, because Annie is wanted for armed robbery and assault with a deadly weapon. Diesel knows where she is and he's ready to make a deal - he'll help Stephanie if she plays matchmaker to several of Annie's most difficult clients. (American) *Due June*



**Joy FIELDING** **Still Life****369pp Pb \$29.99**

Happily married and the owner of a successful interior design business, Casey Marshall couldn't be more content with her life, until a car slams into her, breaking nearly every bone in her body and plunging her into a coma. Lying in her hospital bed, Casey realises that although she is unable to see or communicate, she can hear everything. She quickly discovers that her friends aren't necessarily the people she thought them to be - and that her accident might not have been an accident at all. (American) *Due June*

Clyde FORD **Precious Cargo (2006)****288pp Pb \$17.95**

Charlie Noble and Raven Mystery #2. Charlie Noble is hot on the trail of a human trafficking scheme that begins in Mexico... and ends in murder. (American) *Due June*

Kip GAYDEN **Miscarriage of Justice****336pp Pb \$22.99**

Based on actual events. Anna Dotson is a modern woman of the 1900s stifled by the lingering outdated rules of Victorian society. When her every attempt to rekindle romance and affection with her husband - a prominent local doctor - fails, she finds herself turning to the friendship of Charlie Cobb, a new man in town. But as their relationship becomes more intimate, small-town tongues start wagging and their star-crossed affair leads to a shocking public murder. (American) *Due June*

Jef GEERAERTS **The Public Prosecutor****285pp Pb \$24.99**

Albert Savelkoul, the public prosecutor of Antwerp, has power, money, an aristocratic wife and a high-maintenance mistress. A wonderful life - until Opus Dei takes a less than benevolent interest in it. (Belgian)

Tess GERRITSEN **Girl Missing****272pp Pb \$32.95**

She's young and beautiful. And her corpse betrays no secrets - except for a notebook clutched in one stiff hand. When a second victim is discovered, medical examiner Cat Novak begins to fear that a serial killer is stalking the city streets. The police are sceptical. The mayor won't listen and Cat's chief suspect is one of the city's most prominent citizens. With the death toll rising, Cat races to expose a deadly conspiracy and the brutal killer at its heart. (American) *Due June*

Lee GOLDBERG **Mr Monk Is Miserable****304pp Pb \$17.95**

When Adrian Monk tours the shadowy catacombs beneath Paris streets, he notices that amongst the millions of centuries-old human bones, one particular skull is of a person killed recently. (American)

J G GOODHIND **Walking with Ghosts****224pp Pb \$27.95**

Honey Driver Mystery #3. When hotel owner and police liaison officer Honey Driver accompanies a friend on a ghost walk, the ghosts fail to appear, but one of the walkers is later found hanging from the rafters of an old shop. Could one of the ghost walkers be the killer? (English) *Due June*

Andrew GROSS **Don't Look Twice****480pp Pb \$32.99**

A drive-by shooting nearly kills detective Ty Hauck while out shopping with his daughter. It throws him back into the life he thought he'd left behind. With his estranged brother Warren also in danger, Hauck can't turn away. Now the good life he has made for himself must be put aside. (American) *Due June*

Carolyn HAINES **Wishbones 320pp Pb \$15.95**

Sarah Booth Delaney Mystery #8. It's time for Sarah Booth to pack up her hound dog and her PI business and take a shot at stardom! Soon she aces the screen test for a racy remake of the movie *Body Heat* alongside leading man Graf Miliou, who has already starred in one of Sarah's previous affairs. It's not long before rivalries flare, unexplained accidents occur and this leading lady mysteriously finds herself in some steamy tabloids... without turning up in a single frame of film. (American) *Due June*

Elliott HALL **The First Stone****320pp Pb \$32.99**

Private eye Felix Strange doesn't work homicide cases. He saw enough dead bodies fighting in Iran, a war that left him with a crippling disease that has no name and no cure. So when Strange is summoned to a Manhattan hotel room to investigate the dead body of America's most-loved preacher, he'd rather not get involved. He has a week to find the killer and even less time to get the black-market medicine he needs to stay alive. In an America where biblical prophecy is foreign policy, Strange knows that his hiring is no accident. Strange must face religious police and organised crime, while uncovering a conspiracy that reaches the very heart of his newly fundamentalist nation. (English) *Due June*

Cyril HARE **An Untimely Death (1957)****189pp Pb \$23.95**

When Francis Pettigrew revisits the site where as a young boy he found a dead body, he finds another dead body. When he returns to the scene with the police, the body is gone. Did he really see a body - or was it an hallucination? (English)

Colin HARRISON **The Finder 336pp Pb \$23.99**

Jin Li, the beautiful young manager of a Manhattan office-cleaning firm, is on the run. She has been 'disposing' of valuable information from top corporations, and now the people she has stolen from are desperate for revenge. Meanwhile, the mysterious Ray Grant, Jin Li's former lover, is tracked down by her ruthless brother Chen and offered an impossible choice - help find Jin Li, or place his own father in danger. (English) *Due June*

John HART **The Last Child 373pp Hb \$32.99**

Johnny Merrimon had the perfect life - a warm home, loving parents and a twin sister, Alyssa - until the day Alyssa vanished. Now, a year later, Johnny is certain that she is still alive. Determined to find his sister, Johnny risks everything to explore the dark side of his hometown, but Johnny is not as alone as he might think. Detective Clyde Hunt has never stopped looking for Alyssa either and he watches over the boy and tries to keep him safe. When Johnny uncovers a dangerous lead, Hunt has no choice but to intervene. Then a second child goes missing... (American) *Due June*

John HARVEY **Far Cry 512pp Pb \$32.95**

Will Grayson & Helen Walker #2. DI Will Grayson and his partner, DS Helen Walker are drawn into an investigation which will test their professional and emotional resources to the very limit. Yet as Grayson becomes increasingly obsessed with a recently-released child abuser and Helen is drawn deeper into a destructive love affair with a married colleague, there is a real danger that their most testing investigation yet will slip fatefully through their hands. (English) *Due June*

Jack HIGGINS **A Prayer For the Dying (1973)****368pp Pb \$19.99**

No one becomes a contract killer and expects to hang around to collect a pension, even Martin Fallon, the most ruthless hitman of them all. (English) *Due June*

**Reginald HILL****Midnight Fugue****352pp Pb \$32.99**

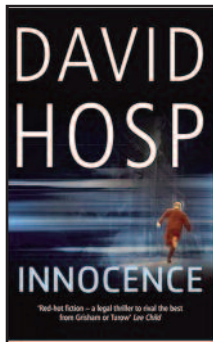
Dalziel & Pascoe #22. Four stories, two mismatched detectives trying to figure it all out and 24 hours in which to do it. Dalziel and Pascoe are about to learn the hard way exactly just how much difference a day makes! (English) *Due June*

Brett HOFFMANN**The Contract****490pp Pb \$32.95**

When Wall Street consultant Stella Sartori follows up a casual remark made during a routine company assessment, she finds an old contract in the archives and within hours she is running for her life. Fellow Australian, Jack Rogers is sent in for damage control, but when he finds Stella's notes, he realises she has stumbled onto a devastating secret. Suddenly, it's vital that he finds her before some else does. (Australian) *Due June*

David HOSP**Innocence****420pp Pb \$19.99**

Attorney Scott Finn has returned to the Charlestown streets of his youth, where he ekes out a living from any legal work he can get. But nothing has prepared him for a case as twisted as the one he now faces. 15 years ago, a female undercover cop survived a brutal attack and was shot with her own revolver. She positively identified doctor and illegal immigrant Vincente Salazar and his fingerprints were found on the gun. Convicted and forgotten by everyone but his grieving family, he always proclaimed his innocence. Now he has support for a new trial and Finn is the only one able to fight to find the truth. (American) *Due June*

**Linda HOWARD****Death Angel****352pp Pb \$19.99**

When Drea Rousseau, arm candy for notorious crime-lord Rafael Salinas, is loaned to a cold-blooded assassin as payment, she escapes, stealing a mountain of cash from the malicious killer. Salinas dispatches the assassin in hot pursuit. Left for dead, Drea returns to the realm of the living a changed woman and embraces her new life. But in order to feel safe, she will need to take down the man who marked her for death, even if it means joining forces with the most dangerous - but most enticing - man she's ever known... (American) *Due June*

Dorothy HOWELL**Handbags and Homicide****304pp Pb \$15.95**

Haley Randolph Mystery #1. Witty, smart, and always chic, despite a less than glam checking account balance, Haley Randolph has it all - Gucci, Prada, Chanel, Coach, Burberry - and she'd kill for the newest Louis Vuitton handbag. It seems she's not the only one. When someone's passion for designer purses leads to murder, Haley goes shopping for a killer to clear her name... (American) *Due June*

Graham HURLEY**No Lovelier Death****340pp Tp \$32.99**

Two murdered teenagers. Who will get to the killer first? The police or the crime-lord who owes a debt to the dead girl's father? (English)

David IGNATIUS**The Increment****390pp Tp \$29.95**

Harry Pappas, head of the Agency's Iran desk, is looking at the intelligence coup of the decade. But the information starts a clock ticking in Washington. The government wants to use it to justify a pre-emptive strike against Iran. Harry doesn't want to start another war on incomplete intelligence. He contacts an old friend in MI-6 and together they plan to identify the source, extract him from Iran and debrief him before it is too late. They turn to the 'Increment': a shadowy, elite group of British undercover intelligence operatives recruited from the SAS. (American)

Paul JOHNSTON**Crying Blue Murder****416pp Pb \$32.99**

Alex Mavros #4. A tourist has disappeared from an idyllic Greek island and investigator Alec Mavros is hired to trace her. Half-Greek, half-Scots, Mavros is in the perfect position to play the innocent holidaymaker and soon discovers there's more going on than meets the eye. Two young islanders have ended up in the nets of a local fishing boat, a British journalist has left the island without warning and the resident millionaire seems to be very ill at ease. In a race to stop a terrible crime being repeated, Mavros must break through the whitewashed walls of silence to uncover the secrets and lies at the heart of this island paradise. (Scottish) *Due June*

Bruce JONES & Eric ALLISON**The Last Straight Face****376pp Pb \$19.95**

The nameless protagonist leaves prison determined to find out who framed him for a crime he didn't commit. But he soon discovers that his nephew has been murdered, his family has vanished and someone is out to get him. (American) *Due June*

Mari JUNGSTEDT**Unspoken****368pp Pb \$24.95**

Chief Inspector Anders Knutas #2. Winter should be a quiet time on the holiday island of Gotland, but two crimes shatter the peace. The first body found is Henry Dahlström, an alcoholic photographer. He had just had a spectacular success at the races. The next morning his body, badly beaten, is discovered in his darkroom. Days later, a 14-year-old girl is reported missing. She was a lonely child, living with her dysfunctional mother. Her only joy was looking after the horses at the local stables. Can these two crimes be connected? (Swedish)

Jack KETCHUM**Cover (1987)****336pp Pb \$17.95**

This is the story of the disintegration of a Vietnam War veteran and the havoc that ensues. (American) *Due June*

Raymond KHOURY**The Sign****352pp Pb \$32.99**

A small TV crew is braving the harsh conditions to film the breaking off of a major ice shelf in the Arctic circle. Then someone calls out, pointing at something up in the sky overhead. They look up to see a blazing symbol clear, burning high over the bleak, deserted terrain. Thus begins a series of strange events worldwide as the mysterious sign appears over the sites of conflict, natural disasters and terrorist atrocities. (Lebanese) *Due June*


J A KONRATH**Fuzzy Navel 336pp Pb \$17.95**

Jacqueline 'Jack' Daniels Mystery #5. Things are going well for Lieutenant Daniels of the Chicago Police Department. She has solved some tough, high-profile homicides. Her personal life is in order. Her friends and family are safe and happy. And she just got a call that eased her mind like nothing else could - Alex Kork, one of the most dangerous criminals Jack ever arrested, killed herself while in jail. But things sour quickly when a group of vigilantes on a murderous spree decide to take down a cop and the people she cares about... (American) *Due June*


Dean KOONTZ**Odd Hours****416pp Pb \$19.99**

Odd Thomas #4. A mystery in Magic Beach, California has lured Odd to the small town by the ocean - but is it the call of the deep or the cry of the desperate? As he waits to learn why he has been drawn to there, he has found work as cook and assistant to a once-famous film actor. Nothing prepares him for the hard truth of what he will discover. For in Magic Beach, he will come face to face with a form of evil that will test him as never before. (American) *Due June*


**Harley Jane KOZAK****Dead Ex 352pp Pb \$29.95**

 *Wollie Shelley Mystery #4.* When David Zetrakis, the producer of a popular soap opera, is found shot dead, Wollie Shelley finds herself caught up in the murder investigation. Zetrakis left lots of nice bequests to the cast and crew of the show and Wollie quickly discovers that the behind-the-scenes intrigues of TV soaps are as highly charged as the on-screen shenanigans. (American) *Due June*


Jon LAND**The Seven Sins 384pp Pb \$16.99**

 The ancient motto inscribed on a mysterious golden medallion has guided Michael Tiranno to heights few men have achieved. Michael made millions by mastering the intricate world of high finance and is now the owner of the most extravagant casino in the world. When an enemy from the past threatens to undermine everything he has built, his dark history must now be uncovered. (American) *Due June*


Donna LEON**Death in a Strange Country (1993) 384pp Pb \$24.95**

 *Guido Brunetti #2.* Brunetti investigates a crime someone has taken great pains to conceal. (American) *Due June*


Donna LEON**Friends in High Places (2000) 336pp Pb \$24.95**

 *Guido Brunetti #9.* A young bureaucrat is found dead and Brunetti's investigates. (American) *Due June*


Elmore LEONARD**Comfort to the Enemy 256pp Pb \$32.99**

 These stories chart the career of legendary lawman, Carl Webster, beginning with the investigation of a murder at a German POW camp in Oklahoma. Jurgen Schrenk, a well-like young captain who escapes regularly, has fallen in love with a girl by the name of Shemane. Carl promises her he'll help the lovers at the war's end if it's possible. However, Jurgen may be a spy and Carl pursues him to Detroit, a place Jurgen has lived and a place in which arms are being manufactured. (American) *Due June*


John LESCROART**Sunburn 368pp Pb \$21.95**

 As the dictator Franco teeters on the edge of overthrow, two couples are entwined. One is a husband and wife bored with the existence they have drifted into, the other a passionate, combative pair who relish every moment of life. Into this potent mix comes a young American seeking his missing lover, bringing a shadow of danger into the machinations already at work. Soon, loyalty will be tested and blood will be shed as the country of Spain prepares for revolution. (American) *Due June*


Greg LOOMIS**Coptic Secret 336pp Pb \$17.95**

 *Lang Reilly Thriller #4.* At a gala evening to celebrate the find of previously unknown Gospels, they are stolen, along with Lang Reilly's friend. A mysterious organisation will kill anyone who comes close to the parchments, but the more Lang is threatened, the more determined he is to find the truth. (American) *Due June*


Lisa LUTZ**Revenge of the Spellmans 384pp Pb \$32.99**

 *Izzy Spellman #3.* Izzy is on hiatus from Spellman Inc. But when her boss, Milo, simultaneously cuts her bartending hours and introduces her to a 'friend' looking for a private eye, Izzy reluctantly finds herself with a new client. She assures herself that the case will be short and sweet, but with each passing hour, Izzy finds herself with more questions than hard evidence. (American) *Due June*


Brian McGILLOWAY**Bleed a River Deep 304pp Pb \$32.99**

 *Inspector Devlin #3.* When a controversial American senator is attacked during the opening of a Donegal gold mine, Garda Inspector Benedict Devlin is blamed for a lapse in security. The shooting of an illegal immigrant in Belfast the same day leads Devlin to a vicious people-smuggling ring operating in the city. When the environmentalist who attacked the senator is found murdered, it becomes clear that the mine is a front for something far more sinister. (Irish) *Due June*


Brian McGILLOWAY**Gallows Lane 304pp Pb \$19.99**

 *Inspector Devlin #2.* When a young woman is found beaten to death on a building site, in what appears to be a sexually-motivated killing, Devlin's enquiries soon point to a local body-builder and steroid addict. But days later, born-again ex-con James Kerr is found nailed to a tree having been released from prison and returned to his hometown to spread the word of God. (Irish) *Due June*


Barry MAITLAND**Bright Air 304pp Pb \$22.99**

 On a cliff-face in New Zealand, two men fall to their deaths. Four years before, Luce, another member of the same close-knit group of friends, also died. As the circle of friends dwindles, two of the surviving members, Luce's ex-lover Josh and best friend Anna, attempt to uncover the truth. They follow the trail to Lord Howe Island, where they begin to suspect an island-wide conspiracy to hide what really happened. (Australian) *Due June*


Guillermo MARTINEZ**The Book of Murder 224pp Pb \$22.99**

 Luciana is desperate. In the decade since she last had anything to do with either of two well-known writers, nearly all her close family have died, in highly unusual circumstances. And Luciana or her sister could be next. Luciana's convinced that her one-time employer is behind the deaths, punishing her for her part in the break-up of his marriage. But which comes first, murder or novel? (Argentinian) *Due June*


Deon MEYER**Blood Safari 384pp Pb \$32.99**

 Lemmer is a freelance bodyguard for a personal security company in South Africa. Lean, angry, violent, he is way down on the price list where the bargains are to be found. Emma le Roux wants to find her missing brother, who supposedly died 20 years ago, but whom she is convinced she's seen on the news as a suspect in a recent killing. She hires Lemmer to watch her back when she goes looking for answers. As they look for clues, it becomes clear someone wants to keep them in the dark - someone who will go to any lengths to stop them. (South African) *Due June*


Gladys MITCHELL**The Saltmarsh Murders (1932) 288pp Pb \$24.95**

 Mrs Bradley sets out on an investigation that takes in a smuggler, the village lunatic, a missing corpse, a public pillory, an exhumation and, of course, a murderer. (English) *Due June*


Gladys MITCHELL**Tom Brown's Body (1949) 256pp Pb \$24.95**

 When Gerald Conway, a junior master at Spey College, Mrs Bradley must make the boys and their masters divulge the truth. (English) *Due June*

Gladys MITCHELL**When Last I Died 208pp Pb \$24.95**

 A story of vanished children, haunted mansions and family secrets from one of the masters of the genre. (English) *Due June*

Natasha MOSTERT**The Keeper 480pp Pb \$32.95**

 Mia Lockheart has a secret. Her mother was a Keeper - women who were warriors, healers and protectors. As Mia practices her craft among boxers and martial artists and falls in love with Nick Duffy, she has no idea that a man who calls himself Dragonfly is watching. Adrian Ashton is a brilliant scientist, a skilled martial artist and a modern-day vampire, who preys on other martial artists Mia is drawn to his dark genius, but when he targets Nick as his next victim, she is forced to choose between the two men. (South African) *Due June*

**Ziyalan MUSTAFA (ed)****Istanbul Noir** 300pp Pb \$24.99

A city at once ancient and modern, Istanbul is the quintessentially postcard-perfect metropolis. But beneath its veneer as the meeting place of cultures, religions, and ethnicities lies a heart of darkness, seething with suppressed desire, boiling with frustration and burning with a fervour for vengeance. (American) *Due June*

Saskia NOORT**Back to the Coast** 275pp Pb \$24.99

Maria has money problems, two children from a failed marriage and a depressive boy friend. When she gets pregnant, she decides not to keep the baby, but then threatening letters start to arrive. She suspects pro-life activists at first, but then begins to suspect others, eventually her own boyfriend. Fleeing to her family home, the death threats follow her and Maria begins to fear for her life and her sanity. (Dutch) *Due June*

Hilary NORMAN**Ralph's Children** 240pp Pb \$27.95

The gang have played their 'games' since childhood, Ralph is their protector. Their aim is to punish sins against other kids. Journalist Kate Turner tends to speak first and regret later. No regrets vaster than her miscarriage and marriage breakdown. As a pregnant teenager Laurie Moon fought termination, but now her son Sam lives in a special needs home and Laurie exists to visit him. Neither knows that a game has been created especially for them - a killing game. (English) *Due June*

Andrew NUGENT**Soul Murder** 352pp Pb \$19.99

When a house master is found dead at a leading boys' boarding school in Ireland, Superintendent Denis Lennon and Sergeant Molly Power struggle to uncover any probable motive for this brutal killing. Then the existence of a letter from an old boy is discovered and they realise something very sinister has provoked this murder. (Irish) *Due June*

T Lynn OCEAN**Southern Poison** 304pp Pb \$15.95

Jersey Barnes Mystery #2. The last time Jersey Barnes tried to quit her career as a security specialist, she ended up in the middle of a high-stakes cover-up and a scheme to steal millions from hardworking Americans. This time her early retirement is for real. Then her former handler shows up with other ideas and reminds her of a clause in the contract she signed back when she was first recruited - she can be recalled into service at *any* time. With personal plans on hold yet again, Jersey straps on her weapon and goes undercover to help root out a terrorist threat. (American) *Due June*

Christian OLIVER**The Viper of Kerman** 288pp Pb \$32.99

A cleric with massive commercial and military influence, Ayatollah Ali Baharvand has stepped down as one of Tehran's nuclear negotiators. Sickened by the stagnation of a revolution that never elevated his country to the heights it deserved, he plans to seize power and strike his own deal with the West. But can he be trusted? And what does he really want? (English) *Due June*

Alex PALMER**The Tattooed Man** 377pp Pb \$19.99

Paul Harrigan is a top cop who has survived the corruption and political manoeuvrings of the NSW Police. His partner Grace Riordan works undercover. Harrigan is called to a murder scene in Sydney's wealthy north - four guests, including a missing detective, are seated around the dinner table - all dead. The condition of the detective's body suggests he has been dead for some time... While Harrigan is facing the demons of his past, Grace is drawn into the investigation through some unofficial enquiries of her own. (Australian) *Due June*

P J PARRISH**Dark of the Moon (1999)** 480pp Pb \$19.99

Detective Louis Kincaid is about to uncover a trail of blood-chilling evil as he hunts a shadowy killer... (American) *Due June*

James PATTERSON**Swimsuit** 320pp Pb \$32.95

A supermodel disappears from a swimsuit photo shoot in Hawaii. Only hours after she goes missing, her parents receive a terrifying phone call. Fearing the worst, they board the first flight to Maui and begin the hunt for their daughter. Ex-cop Ben Hawkins, now a reporter for the *LA Times*, gets the assignment. The ineptitude of the local police force forces Ben to start his own investigation. (American) *Due June*

James PATTERSON**A Women's Murder Club Omnibus** 576pp Pb \$32.99

Contains *The 4th of July*, *The 5th Horseman* and *The 6th Target*. (American) *Due June*

Terri PERSONS**Blind Rage** 352pp Pb \$21.95

A string of troubled, young women committing suicide haunts the Twin Cities. FBI Agent Bernadette St Clare believes these women didn't die by their own hand, but were murdered. There is the English professor who teaches a course on Suicide in Literature, the uncooperative psychiatrist who treated two of the dead girls. She is going to have to use unorthodox methods to unlock their secrets. (American) *Due June*

George PELECANOS**The Way Home** 336pp Pb \$32.99

After years of trouble and rebellion that enraged his father and nearly cost him his life, Christopher Flynn has a steady job in his father's company, he is dating a woman he respects and his mistakes are firmly in the past. One day, Chris and his partner come across a temptation almost too big to resist. Chris does the right thing, but old habits and instincts rise to the surface, threatening this newfound stability with sudden treachery and violence. With his father and his most trusted friends, he takes one last chance to blast past the demons trying to pull him back. (American) *Due June*

**George PELECANOS (ed)****DC Noir (2006)** 325pp Pb \$23.00

This collection of stories details the seedy underside of the nation's capital. Authors include George Pelecanos, James Grady, Jim Beane, James Patton, Jennifer Howard, Richard Currey, Lester Irby and others. (American) *Due June*

Scott PRATT**In Good Faith** 368pp Pb \$17.95

A family is slaughtered in rural Tennessee. Two Goth teens stand accused of the murders and now it's up to prosecutor Joe Dillard to convict them. Joe is determined to win this case to atone for his past. A young woman, who apparently inspired the slayings, is walking around free because the boys are afraid to implicate her. Now, Joe must risk everything to bring a guilty woman to justice. (American) *Due June*

Douglas PRESTON & Lincoln CHILD**Cemetery Dance** 400pp Pb \$29.99

William Smithback, a *NY Times* reporter, and his wife Nora Kelly, a Museum of Natural History archaeologist, are found brutally attacked in their apartment on the Upper West side of Manhattan. Captain Hayward leads the official homicide investigation, while Pendergast and D'Agosta undertake a private quest for the truth. (American) *Due June*

Patrick QUINLAN**The Drop-Off** 416pp Pb \$22.99

Smoke Duggan, one-time bomb-maker for the mob, is on the run. With him are his girlfriend (Lola), her best friend (Pamela) and a retired professional assassin (Cruz) and \$2.5 million in cash. They flee to a tiny Caribbean island, but the unexpected presence of ex-Navy Seal Stone, sets the scene for a game of cat and mouse amid palm trees and on the high seas. (Australian) *Due June*



Jonathan RABB



Shadow and Light

384pp Pb \$32.99

Berlin 1927: when an executive at the newly-famous Ufa film studios is found dead in his bath, it falls to Chief Inspector Nikolai Hoffner, of the Kriminalpolizei to investigate. With the help of the German film director Fritz Lang and the head of the most powerful crime syndicate, Hoffner finds his case reaches deep into Berlin's sex and drug trade and into the political world of Hitler's Brownshirts (the SA). (American) *Due June*

R T RAICHEV



The Hunt for Sonya Dufrette

288pp Pb \$24.99

Country House Crime #1. On the day of the Royal Wedding in 1981, a little girl vanishes. Her doll is found floating in the river, but the child is never found. 20 years later, Antonia Darcy, divorcee and assistant librarian at the Military and Naval Club, still puzzles over the disappearance. Assisted by her new admirer, Major Payne, she embarks on a mission to solve the mystery. (English) *Due June*

Caro RAMSAY



Singing to the Dead

528pp Pb \$32.95

It's Christmas and half the Partickhill police squad is down with flu. Not good timing, with a series of cyanide poisonings in the area, plus two small boys reported missing in the space of a few days. For Detective Inspector Colin Anderson, the nightmare is about to get terrifyingly close to home. A third boy has now gone missing - Colin's own son, Peter. (Scottish) *Due June*

James ROLLINS



The Last Oracle 496pp Pb \$17.95

Scientists have discovered a way to manipulate and enhance autistic children who show savant talents, but a strange side-effect begins to arise. Before it can be analysed fully, a rogue group of scientists begin their own secret experimentation, seeking to create a world prophet for the new millennium, but a biological meltdown among the children turns the innocent into something frightening. Can Commander Gray Pierce and his elite SIGMA Force stop the experiments before they engineer the extinction of mankind? (American) *Due June*

Julie SCHAPER (ed)



Twin Cities Noir (2006)

256pp Pb \$30.00

This collection of stories from David Housewright, Steve Thayer, William Kent Krueger, Ellen Hart, Pete Hautman, Larry Millett, Quinton Skinner, Gary Bush Chris Everheart and others, are based around the Twin Cities of Minneapolis and St Paul. (American) *Due June*

Lisa SCOTTOLINE



Look Again

400pp Pb \$32.99

Ellen, a single mother, has a three-year old adopted son, Will, who is the love of her life. As she goes to collect her post one morning, she picks up a Missing Child card and is struck by the uncanny resemblance between Will and the little boy, Timothy Braverman, who was kidnapped from his home two years ago. Timothy's parents have a website for their child and the story is grim. Ellen begins to delve into the story of Will's birth mother and uncover a horrendous story that has far-reaching consequences. (American) *Due June*

Maggie SEFTON



Dyer Consequences

304pp Pb \$17.95

Knitting Mystery #5. Kelly's spring project is rehabbing an alpaca ranch. But someone has different ideas for keeping her busy, including slashing tires and cracking windshields. Then a knitting shop is trashed and a woman is found drowned in a tub of dye. And as disturbing incidents pile up, she must pick up the stitches of these crimes before the killer strikes again. (American) *Due June*



Stav SHEREZ



The Black Monastery

352pp Pb \$32.99

When Nikos, a detective in the final years of his career, is persuaded back to his home town he is faced with the murder of a young boy near the old monastery. As Nikos begins his investigation, two crime writers arrive on the island and are drawn into an investigation of their own. (English) *Due June*

Yrsa SIGURDARDOTTIR



My Soul to Take

464pp Pb \$32.99

A grisly murder is committed at a health resort situated in a recently renovated farmhouse. Attorney Thora Gudmundsdottir is called upon by the owner of the resort - the prime suspect in the case - to represent him. Her investigations uncover some very disturbing occurrences at the farm decades earlier... (Icelandic) *Due June*

Patricia SMILEY



Cool Cache

304pp Pb \$17.95

Tucker Sinclair Mystery #4. Entrepreneur Tucker Sinclair is adding 'chocolatier' to her résumé. Surrounded by sugar, her dream job turns into a nightmare when the cleaning woman is found dead in the fridge of her chocolate shop. Is there a homicidal chocoholic on the loose? (American) *Due June*

Mary STANTON



Angel's Advocate

304pp Pb \$17.95

Beaufort & Company Mystery #2. Money's been tight ever since Bree inherited Savannah's haunted law firm Beaufort & Company along with its less-than-angelic staff. But she's finally going to tackle a case that pays the bills - representing a spoiled girl who stole someone's Girl Scout cookie money. But soon enough she finds that her client's departed millionaire father needs help too. (American) *Due June*

Jason STARR



Fake ID (2000)

256pp Pb \$17.95

Hard Case Crime. Tommy Russo needs \$10000 to join a horse-owning syndicate. What's an ambitious young man to do? Anything he has to... (American) *Due June*

Terence STRONG



President Down 528pp Pb \$19.99

Former intelligence officer Phil Mason is struggling to make ends meet as a private investigator when he's contacted by his former M15 liaison officer. The security service needs all the help it can get hunting down members of al-Qaeda terror cells and Mason needs the cash. But nothing is what it seems. As a routine surveillance operation escalates into an international crisis, Mason realises there must be a traitor within Britain's security forces. (English) *Due June*

Anne STUART



Silver Falls

384pp Pb \$16.99

After years of wandering, Rachel has married the perfect man and settled into the ideal life. But as her sleepy little town turns into a killing ground, she realises that this new life might come at too high a price and she must decide whether to trust her dream life or her instincts... before the town of Silver Falls becomes her grave. (English) *Due June*

Colleen THOMPSON



Beneath Bone Lake

336pp Pb \$17.95

Ruby Monroe knows she's way out of her depth the minute she lays eyes on Sam McCoy. She's been warned to steer clear of the sexy bad boy with a criminal past. But with her four-year-old daughter missing, her home incinerated and her own life threatened by a tattooed gunman, where else can she turn? (American) *Due June*

Lisa UNGER



Beautiful Lies (2006)

464pp Pb \$21.95

When Ridley Jones saves a child from being run over, she becomes an celebrity. Just as her life is settling down, an envelope is slipped under her door. The note reads simply: "Are you my daughter?" Forced to question everything she thought she knew, Ridley wanders into a dark underworld she never knew existed. (American) *Due June*

**Lisa UNGER**

Black Out 560pp Pb \$21.95
Annie Powers seems to live a happy, pampered life in a wealthy Florida suburb with her husband and their daughter, until disturbing events trigger strange memories and she now realises she has to quickly piece them together before her past comes to claim her and her daughter. (American) *Due June*

Lisa UNGER

Die for You 368pp Pb \$32.95
 Isabel and Marcus Raines are the perfect couple. But one morning Marcus leaves for work and disappears. When his call finally comes, she hears only a man's terrified scream. The police are of no use. The screams she heard may have been a prank, they tell her. Men leave. Isabel races to Marcus's office and finds herself in the middle of an FBI raid. Knocked unconscious, she awakes in a hospital to learn that everyone Marcus worked with is dead, her home has been ransacked and all their money is missing. Furthermore Marcus Raines is a dead man - years dead. Isabel has been married to a stranger. (American) *Due June*

Lisa UNGER

Sliver of Truth (2007) 368pp Pb \$21.95
One day Ridley Jones stepped off a street corner and into an abyss of violence, deception and fear. Just as she's beginning to move on with her life, another seemingly ordinary act puts her life in danger and makes her question everything and everyone who's close to her. (American) *Due June*

Eric van LUSTBADER

Robert Ludlum's Bourne Deception 332pp Pb \$32.99
With the threat of a new world war brewing, Bourne finds himself in a race against time to uncover the truth. (American) *Due June*

Esther VERHOEF

Close-Up 352pp Pb \$29.95
 While the bath was filling up, my eye fell on the razor in its case. Not the disposable kind, but the sort you sometimes see in Italian barber shops, extremely sharp. My heart skipped a beat, such was the feeling the sharp razor awakened in me and the ideas that occurred to me. Then I shook my head. No. Stick to the plan. No improvisations. There's always a next time. (American) *Due June*

Barbara VINE

Asta's Book (1993) 448pp Pb \$24.95
1905: With her husband constantly away on business, Asta keep loneliness at bay by writing a diary. Published over 70 years later, they appear to hold the key to an unsolved murder and to the mystery of a missing child. (English) *Due June*

Barbara VINE

The Birthday Present (2008) 288pp Pb \$24.95
1990: A love affair is flourishing between Tesham, a rising star of Thatcher's government and Hebe, a housewife stuck in a dull marriage. On the eve of her birthday, he decides to give her a present to remember. Involving a fashionable new practice known as 'adventure sex', a man arranges for his unsuspecting, but otherwise willing girlfriend to be snatched from the street, bound and gagged, and delivered to him at a mutually agreed venue... (English) *Due June*

Barbara VINE

The Chimney Sweeper's Boy (1998) 448pp Pb \$24.95
When successful author Gerald Candless dies of a sudden heart attack, his eldest, adoring daughter Sarah discovers that her father was not all he appeared to be. (English) *Due June*

Barbara VINE

A Dark-Adapted Eye (1986) 304pp Pb \$24.95
 Prim Vera Hillyard and her beautiful, adored younger sister, Eden, are locked in a dark and bitter combat. (English)

Barbara VINE

A Fatal Inversion (1987) 320pp Pb \$24.95
 In the summer of 1976, a group of young people are camping in Wyvis Hall. Ten years later, the bodies of a woman and a child are discovered in the Hall's animal cemetery. (English) *Due June*

Barbara VINE

King Solomon's Carpet (1991) 368pp Pb \$24.95
 Jarvis Stringer lives in a crumbling schoolhouse overlooking a tube line. His presence draws a band of misfits into his orbit, gradually brought closer together in violent and unforeseen ways. (English) *Due June*

Barbara VINE

The Minotaur (2005) 464pp Pb \$24.95
 When Kerstin Kvist enters crumbling Lydstep Old Hall to act as nurse to John, a grown man fed drugs by his family to control his lunatic episodes, she discovers something sinister. (English) *Due June*

Martin WALKER

Bruno, Chief of Police 288pp Pb \$24.95
 It's market day in St Denis, a small town in the Perigord region of south-west France. For Captain Bruno Courreges, St Denis' Chief of Police, this particular market day turns serious. An old man, head of a local immigrant family, is found murdered. Suspicion falls on the son of the local doctor, but Bruno believes it to be an act of vengeance, with its motive hidden deep in France's divisive Vichy past. (American) *Due June*

Elizabeth WILSON

War Damage 256pp Pb \$29.99
 London in the aftermath of WW2 is a beaten-down, hungry place, so it's no wonder that Regine Milner's Sunday house parties in her Hampstead home are so popular. Everyone comes to Reggie's: ballet dancers and cabinet ministers, left-over Mosleyites alongside flamboyant homosexuals like Freddie Buckingham. And when Freddie turns up dead on the Heath one Sunday night there is no shortage of suspects. (English) *Due June*

Bruce WINTER

The Fourth Ace 519pp Tp \$32.95
 Convicted killer Henry Pilling has only one reason to stay alive - his son Vincent. Serving a life sentence for murder, Henry is balloted to take part in a television reality show, where contestants must play for their life and the winner of must slay a fellow inmate on a live broadcast. Henry discovers the television network is not in control of this episode. Someone is pulling all the strings and Henry, to ensure his survival, must find out whom. (Australian)

Lassiter WREN & Randle McKAY

The Baffle Book (2006) 146pp Pb \$18.95
 In words, charts and diagrams, the authors put you at the crime scene and present you with the facts established by the police. Each question is scored to a degree of difficulty. And if you find you are stumped, you can turn to the back of the book, where the answers are printed. (American)

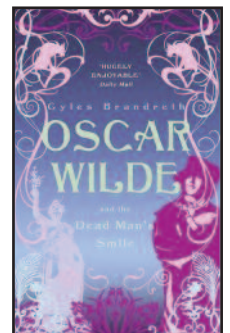
Lassiter WREN & Randle McKAY

The Baffle Book Strikes Again 135pp Pb \$18.95
 Here are 15 more brain-teasing miniature investigations - puzzles sure to set your suspicious mind abuzz. (American)

HISTORICAL CRIME

**Giles BRANDRETH**

Oscar Wilde and the Dead Man's Smile 365pp Pb \$32.99
#3. Paris, 1883. Oscar Wilde has come to Paris to discover its charms, to rekindle his friendship with the divine Sarah Bernhardt and to collaborate with France's most celebrated actor-manager, Edmond La Grange. But he discovers dark secrets lying at the heart of the La Grange company and is confronted by murders both foul and bizarre. (English) *Due June*



**Kenneth CAMERON****The Frightened Man** 320pp Pb \$22.99

American novelist Denton is plunged into the dark heart of a society where privilege and propriety hide unspeakable horrors, when a stranger turns up at his door declaring he has just seen Jack the Ripper. Then a prostitute's mutilated body is discovered and Denton becomes obsessed with finding out who the victim was and who killed her... (American) *Due June*

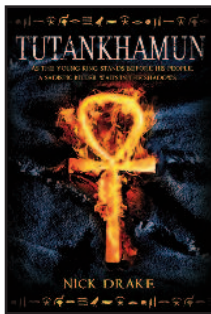
Alys CLARE**The Paths of the Air** 256pp Pb \$27.95

Hawkenlye #11. 1196: A secretive stranger arrives at New Winnowlands and Sir Josse d'Acquin guesses that he is a returning Crusader. Josse allows him to put up in an outhouse and has his injuries treated. Then the demons on the man's trail turn up and Josse realises that his guest has brought with him danger and a terrible secret. (English) *Due June*

R S DOWNIE**Ruso and the Demented Doctor**

480pp Pb \$24.95

Ruso #2. Thessalus, the current doctor at the Fort of Coria, has confessed to a grisly murder and his Prefect demands Ruso take charge of the patients and convince Thessalus to retract his confession.



Unfortunately, the corpse is offering up few answers other than to suggest that the natives might be more murderous than restless. (English) *Due June*

Nick DRAKE**Tutankhamun** 384pp Hb \$32.95

Rai Rahotep #2. It is 1324 BC and for Rahotep, chief detective, life is about to get very complicated. The cryptically mutilated bodies of several young people are discovered in Thebes. Perplexed, Rahotep receives a mysterious invitation to the halls of the Royal Palace. But what he discovers at the dark heart of power will put his life and his family in grave danger... (English) *Due June*

Ariana FRANKLIN**The Death Maze**
(AKA *The Serpent's Tail*)

448pp Pb \$24.95

Adelia Aguilar #2. Henry II's favourite mistress, Rosamund Clifford, has been poisoned and, rumour says, by his jealous wife, Eleanor of Aquitaine. If Henry believes the stories, England will be torn apart as King battles Queen. In a race against time to prove Eleanor's innocence, Adelia has never faced greater danger. (English) *Due June*

Susanna GREGORY**A Vein of Deceit** 480pp Hb \$55.00

Matthew Batholomew #15. When the Brother in charge of the account books dies unexpectedly, it is revealed that large amounts of money are missing. Matthew is more concerned with the disappearance of a quantity of pennyroyal - a pregnant visitor to his sister's household has died from an overdose of the substance. When Matthew learns that it was the dead woman's husband who had received the missing money, he begins to search for other connections and exposes a conspiracy. (English) *Due June*

Andrea JAPP**The Breath of the Rose**

320pp Pb \$19.95

Agnes De Souarcy Chronicles #2. Alencon, September 1304. Imprisoned by the Inquisition, Agnes de Souarcy faces interrogation and torture. At the same time, the religious community of Clairets Abbey is shaken to the core when a nun is horrifically poisoned by a murderer hidden in its midst. (French) *Due June*

Andrew MARTIN**Death on a Branch Line**

272pp Pb \$23.99

Jim Stringer Steam Detective #5. 1911: A young aristocrat arrives into the custody of detective Jim Stringer, a man recently found guilty of murdering his father in the sleepy village of Adenwold. He warns Jim of another murder likely to happen in the same village. When Jim and his wife Lydia arrive at Adenwold they encounter a host of likely suspects and the intended victim and suddenly Jim has one weekend in which to stop a murder and unravel a conspiracy... (English) *Due June*

Pat McINTOSH**The Rough Collier** 304pp Pb \$24.99

Gil Cunningham #4. The corpse is believed to be that of a local missing man. His wife and the widow who runs the local coalmine are sure the body belongs to someone else, but then they find themselves accused of having killed him by witchcraft. And if the corpse is not the missing man, who is it? Together Gil and his new wife, Alys, uncover more murders than they bargain for... (English) *Due June*

Jean-Francois PAROT**The Man with the Lead Stomach**

329pp Pb \$19.95

Nicolas le Floch #2. October 1761 finds the newly-promoted Commissioner Le Floch on duty at a Royal performance of Rameau's latest work. Events take a dramatic turn and Nicolas is soon embarked on his second major investigation when the body of a prominent courtier's son is found. The initial evidence points to suicide, but Le Floch believes he is dealing with murder. (French)

Candace ROBB**A Vigil of Spies** 416pp Pb \$24.95

Owen Archer #10. York, 1373: John Thoresby, the Archbishop of York, lies dying. Owen Archer, Thoresby's master of the guards, is determined to ensure that his lord's last days are as peaceful as possible, but his plans are thrown into disarray when Thoresby agrees to a visit from Joan, Princess of Wales, wife of the Black Prince and mother of the young heir to the throne of England. Within minutes of Joan's arrival things go disastrously wrong when a member of the royal party is murdered and Owen races against time to find the murderer. (English) *Due June*

Imogen ROBERTSON**Instruments of Darkness**

384pp Pb \$29.99

Sussex, 1780. Anatomist and recluse Gabriel Crowther is drawn into the lives of local high society when a dead body is found by impulsive, frustrated Harriet Westerman. Her lands share a boundary with Thornleigh Hall, home of the crippled Earl of Sussex, his second wife and his younger son. The Earl's heir disappeared 15 years earlier and has not been seen since. When a second body is discovered, the secrets of the Hall, both ancient and modern, threaten to overwhelm them all. (English) *Due June*

Victoria THOMPSON**Murder on Bank Street**

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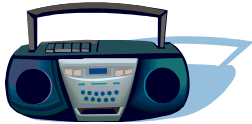
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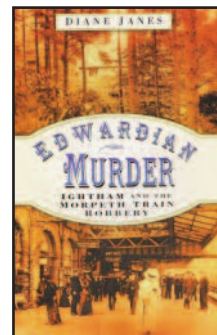
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