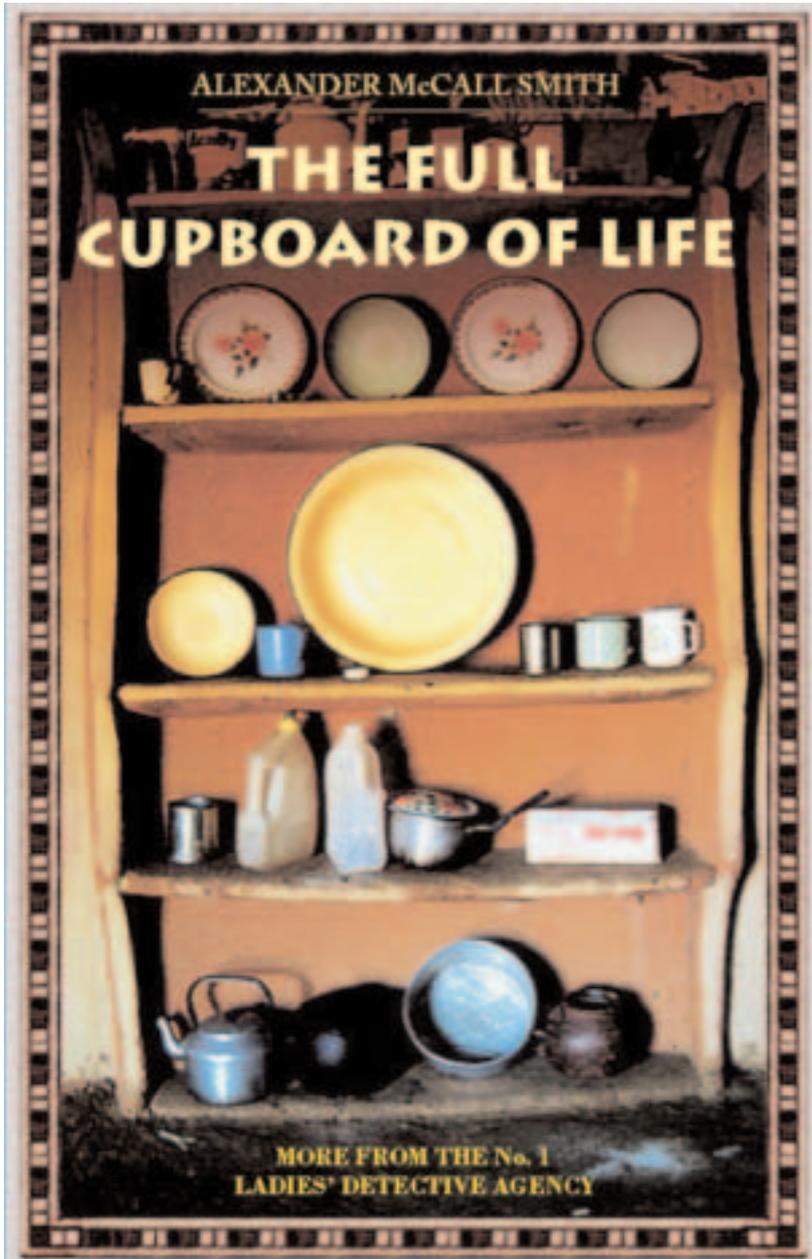


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‘The author’s prose has the merits of simplicity, euphony and precision. His descriptions leave one as if standing in the Botswana landscape. This is art that conceals art.’

**- Anthony Daniels,
The Sunday Telegraph**

‘I was enchanted by the character of Precious Ramotswe, the sly humour of Alexander McCall Smith’s writing and his deft evocation of a culture’

**- Anthony Minghella
(director of
The English Patient)**

THE FULL CUPBOARD OF LIFE

Alexander McCall Smith (Pb 26.95)

This is the fifth novel in the *No 1 Ladies' Detective Agency* series. Once again we are transported to Gaborone, capital of Botswana, and enter the world of Mma Ramotswe and her friends. Mma Ramotswe, who became engaged to Mr JLB. Matekoni at the end of the first book, is still engaged. She wonders when a day for the wedding will be named, but she is anxious to avoid putting too much pressure on her fiancé. For indeed he has other things on his mind - notably a frightening request made of him by Mma Potokwani, pushy matron of the Orphan Farm. Mma Ramotswe herself has weighty matters on her mind. She has been approached by a wealthy lady - whose fortune comes from successful hair-braiding salons - and has been asked to check up on several suitors. Are these men just interested in her money? This may be difficult to find out, but Mma Ramotswe is, of course, a very intuitive lady... *Others in the series - The No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency, Tears of the Giraffe, Morality for Beautiful Girls, The Kalahari Typing School for Men* (all Pb 26.95).



MODERN CRIME

Paul ADAM

 **Genesis II (2000)**
455pp Pb 19.95

Virologist Karl Houseman realises that a new strain of influenza has the potential to kill more people than the 1918 epidemic, but no one will take him seriously. When he pools resources with the defence solicitor of an eco-terrorist, they discover a government-sponsored cover-up, which they must expose. (English)

Nevada BARR

 **Track of the Cat (1993)**
263pp Pb 17.95

The First Anna Pigeon novel. While investigating the violent death of a fellow park ranger in the remote West Texas backcountry, presumably killed by a mountain lion attack, Anna Pigeon discovers that the murderer may be of the two-legged variety. (American)



Gorman BECHARD

 **Ninth Square** 317pp Pb 18.95

When a man's body is discovered in one of Connecticut's sleazier motels, it appears to be a simple case of a prostitute killing a john. But the pressure is on William Shute to wrap it up before the arrival of the Sons of God, a large religious group that will soon descend 60,000-strong upon New Haven for a rally at the Yale Bowl. But the dead man refuses to cooperate, and Shute finds himself in a race to identify the murder suspect and prove her innocence before the trigger-happy Federal agents find her. (American)

David BENIOFF

 **The 25th Hour (2000)**
277pp Pb 18.95

Film tie-in edition. Tomorrow Monty is travelling by bus to the federal prison in Otisville for seven years. With the pulse of Manhattan in its prose, this debut novel follows Monty through the 24 hours of his last day out. At the same time, it illuminates the worlds and souls of his two best friends: Frank Slattery, an edgy bond trader who gambles daily with financial ruin, and Jakob Elinsky, an English teacher who clings to illusions as he compromises his ideals. Friends since their high school days, the three of them nostalgically share a past and warily confront a future that can no longer accommodate their adolescent dreams. What neither Slattery nor Jakob know, however, is that Monty has a plan and it is a shocker. (American)

Peter BENJAMIN

 **Terms and Conditions**
362pp Pb 17.95

Wall Street is soaring and so is the share price of Trident Drug, an economic giant that dominates the world pharmaceutical stage. The word is that they have discovered the cure for AIDS. When Carlos Penn, the scientist responsible, disappears, Dublin financial analyst Joe Grace finds himself under pressure from one of his key investors. Reluctantly, Joe agrees to help find the missing Penn. But on a quest that takes him deep into the heart to Mexico, Joe finds more than he bargained for... (Irish)

Mark BILLINGHAM

 **Scaredy Cat** 460pp Pb 19.95

It was a vicious, calculated murder. The killer selected his victim at Euston station, followed her home on the tube, and strangled her to death in front of her child. At the same time, killed in the same way, a second body is discovered at the back of King's Cross station. This is not a serial killer the police are up against. This is two of them. (English)

Lawrence BLOCK

 **Small Town** 374pp Tp 29.95

In this dazzlingly constructed novel, Block reveals the secret at the heart of the Big Apple. Pulsating with the lives of its denizens - bartenders and hookers, power brokers and politicians, cops and secretaries, editors and dreamers - the city inspires a passion that is universal yet unique in each of its eight million inhabitants. But in the shadows of a city reeling from 9/11, an unlikely mass murderer is waging a one-man war against everyone. (American)

Stephen BOOTH

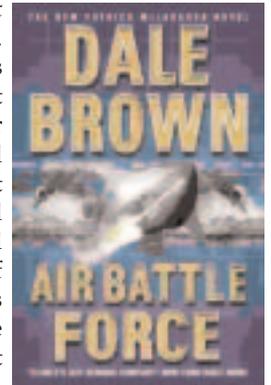
 **Blood on the Tongue**
632pp Pb 18.95

Partners Dianne Fry and Ben Cooper were never a good match but next to DC Gavin Murfin, working with Ben starts to look like a dream. He is on a trail of his own, one as cold as the Peak District in January. In an equally bitter winter in 1945, an RAF bomber crashed on Irontongue Hill, killing everyone except the pilot, who walked away and disappeared. Now his granddaughter, Alison Morrissey, is in Derbyshire to clear his name, and Ben cannot help taking an interest. But is a 50-year-old mystery really the best use of police time? Or does a vicious attack in the dark Edendale back streets prove that the trail is not quite as cold as he had thought? Could the past be the only clue to present violence, as an icy winter looks set to get even chillier? (English)

Dale BROWN

 **Air Battle Force** 426pp Tp 29.95

A Patrick McLanahan novel. On America's newest combat base, US Air Force aerial warfare expert Major General McLanahan and his crew of daring engineers are devising the air combat unit of the future.



Known as Air Battle Force, it can launch concentrated, stealthy, precision-guided firepower to any spot on the globe within hours. And soon they will have their first target. Chased out of Afghanistan, Taliban fighters are planning to invade the neighbouring oil-rich Republic of Turkmenistan, an isolated and incredibly wealthy Central Asian state. As unsteady alliances form, the impending battle for control of the world's largest oil deposits threatens to tear apart the tenuous peace created by America's victories in Afghanistan. (American)

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ACADEMIC



BANKING



CANINE DETECTIVES



CLERICAL



COSY/MALICE DOMESTIC



CULINARY/FOOD



FBI



FELINE DETECTIVES



FORENSIC



HORSE RACING MYSTERY



MEDICAL



MILITARY



NATIVE AMERICAN



POLICE PROCEDURAL



POLITICAL/LEGAL



PSYCHOLOGICAL



PRIVATE EYE



ROMANTIC SUSPENSE



SPORT



SPY



SUSPENSE/THRILLER



AUTHOR'S NATIONALITY AT END OF BLURB

**Christopher BUCKLEY** **No Way to Treat a First Lady**
340pp Pb 22.95

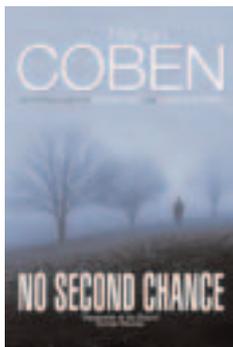
The media has never warmed to Beth MacMann (her nickname in the tabloids is Lady Bethmac), and as America girds for a scandalous, sensational trial, Beth reaches out to the only defence attorney she trusts. Boyce 'Shameless' Baylor charges \$1,000 an hour and has represented a Who's Who of scoundrels: society wife-killers, Los Alamos spies and national-security sell-outs. Why Boyce Baylor? Because Beth loved him once, when they were law students. Boyce wanted to marry her, but Beth chose the future President instead. Now, after all these years, Boyce has a second chance. To what lengths he go to win the Trial of the Millennium and regain the love of his life? (American)

Daniel CHAVARRIA **Adios Muchachos** 190pp Pb 22.95

The beautiful Alicia hatches a plot to ensnare wealthy foreign visitors to Castro's Cuba with an elaborate scam involving a broken bicycle and her voluptuous charms. Taking choreographed spills in front of expensive foreign cars, Alicia squeezes the maximum sympathy and cash out of her clueless, sexually aroused victims. However, when she attempts to trap Victor, a convicted bank robber masquerading as a Canadian businessman, they quickly realise each other's nefarious motives and embark on a misadventure of sex, cross-dressing, kidnapping and death by olive. This is an erotic, brutally funny romp through the underworld of post-revolutionary Cuba. *Edgar Award* nominated. (Cuban)

Harlan COBEN **No Second Chance**
338pp Tp 29.95

Dr Marc Seidman is living in a classic American suburb in New Jersey with his new wife, Monica, and their baby daughter, Tara, when the shocking attack occurs. Marc is left barely clinging to life. When he wakes up at the hospital, he learns Monica is dead and their daughter Tara is missing from her crib. For two weeks there is no word. Then a ransom demand is made but Marc makes a mistake. The kidnappers get away. 18 months pass with no word and no new clues. And then, when Marc has just about given up all hope of seeing his daughter again, he gets a package with a chilling note attached: Want A Second Chance? (American)

**Martina COLE** **Maura's Game** 628pp Pb 18.95

Maura Ryan was the queen of the criminal underworld when she pulled off the most audacious gold bullion robbery of all time. Since then she has retired from a life of crime to be with the only man she ever loved. But enemies from her past who are closing in are about to learn they should never cross Maura Ryan. (English)

Max Allan COLLINS **CSI #3: Cold Burn** 306pp Pb 14.95

Remote. Peaceful. Picturesque. That is how the Mumford Mountain Hotel bills itself in its brochure, and most of the time it lives up to its billing. But this year, the hotel is hosting a prestigious conference for the study of forensic science, and the organisers have extended CSI head, Gil Grissom, an invitation he cannot refuse. (American)

John CONNOLLY **Bad Men** 400pp Tp 32.95

In 1693, the settlers on the small Maine island of Sanctuary were betrayed and slaughtered by one of their own. Now a band of killers has returned to Sanctuary to seek revenge on a young woman and her son, and the only person in their way is the troubled giant known as Melancholy Joe Dupree. But Dupree is no ordinary policeman. He is the guardian of the island's secrets, the repository of its memories. He knows that on Sanctuary, the hunters are about to become the hunted. (American)

Philip CRAIG **Vineyard Enigma**
242pp Pb 18.95

A *Martha's Vineyard mystery*. Ex-cop JW Jackson's loving wife Zee is becoming curiously distant while the arrival of a mysterious visitor searching for a valuable set of stolen statues is certain JW's the man to hunt them down. It is an assignment that plunges him into an unfamiliar milieu: the Vineyard's cutthroat world of art aficionados. Suddenly, he is pitted against some of the island's most powerful and unscrupulous figures, while uncovering lethal threads that may connect an unsolved slaying with those who would stop at nothing to add rare, forbidden objects to their collections. (American)

John CREED **The Sirius Crossing**
251pp Pb 19.95

Jack Valentine has been in the intelligence game too long and it is starting to show. His latest job seems like a simple task but it throws up too many unanswerable questions. What were American Special Forces doing in Ireland 25 years ago and why does it matter now? What is the thread, which leads from a deserted mountainside to the offices of the White House? Suddenly, Valentine has information that everybody wants and he finds himself the quarry in a pitiless chase. (Irish)

Michael CROW **Red Rain** 291pp Pb 18.95

Luther Ewing is like no other cop. Half Vietnamese, half African-American, he is "a complex brooder, scarred by his past, emotionally distant - but exactly the kind of man for those nasty jobs no one else is willing to do" (*Publishers Weekly*). When the Russian mob brings its drug trade to his city, digging up a past he would rather forget, Ewing decides to take on the mob ... alone! (American)

Judith CUTLER **Hidden Power** 291pp Pb 18.95

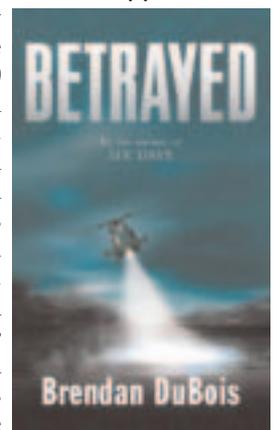
A *DS Kate Power novel*. Kate has gained her promotion but without a job to be promoted into she is sent off to Devon to work undercover. Unfortunately, she is undercover in more ways than one. What is the background is to this investigation into a timeshare holiday company? (English)

David DOCHERTY **The Fifth Season**
481pp Pb 18.95

Brilliant scientist Dr Grace Adams is close to a breakthrough in her groundbreaking research on GM crops. She hopes her new strain of wheat will bring huge benefits to the starving people of Bangladesh, saving thousands of lives. But her involvement in genetically modified foods has made her some dangerous enemies, people who are prepared to go to any lengths to put an end to her research. Realising she is in danger, she turns to the one person who can help: her old childhood friend, Sam Copeland, newly appointed director of the European Anti-Terrorist Unit. But, as he tries to protect Grace, Sam begins to fear he may have under-estimated the forces in opposition. (English)

Brendan DuBOIS **Betrayed** 497pp Pb 19.95

For nearly 30 years, the fate of 2,000 American servicemen, missing in action in Vietnam, has remained a mystery. Now, small-town newspaper editor Jason Harper answers his door in the middle of the night to see an older man, shabbily dressed, with grey hair and a beard. And in a split second, his life turns upside down. The man claims to be his older brother Roy, shot down over North Vietnam in 1972. Jason's joy at reuniting with his brother is quickly tempered, however, as ruthless killers begin pursuing his family and friends. (American)



**KJ ERICKSON****The Dead Survivors****341pp Pb 18.95**

A Mars Bahr mystery. When Frank Beck, a dreamer on a lifelong losing streak, is found hanged during a lonely Minnesota snowstorm, everyone assumes that he committed suicide. Bahr begins to dig deep into Beck's life and uncovers an obscure fact in his ancestry, a connection to the Battle of Gettysburg. To make sense of its bearing on Beck's death, he needs to understand 19 seconds of action at the end of this historical battle. Could his case be related to the Civil War? Then another body turns up, and another. Now Mars is on the trail of a serial killer whose motive seems to be related to a contemporary controversy about Gettysburg. (American)

Janet EVANOVICH**Hard Eight****339pp Pb 18.95**

A Stephanie Plum novel #8. Our Fugitive Apprehension Agent has a big problem on her hands: Seven-year-old Annie Soder and her mother, Evelyn, have disappeared. Evelyn's estranged husband, Steven, a shady owner of a seedy bar, is not at all happy. Finding a kidnapped child is not an assignment for a bounty hunter but Evelyn's grandmother lives next door to Stephanie's parents, so Stephanie follows the trail to find a lot more than she bargained for. (American)

Duncan FALCONER**The Hostage****376pp Tp 29.95**

When an undercover operative monitoring the Real IRA goes missing, British Intelligence turn to the one man who can get their agent out: Stratton, an operative with a lethal reputation. It is a dangerous race against time: if the Real IRA get to The Republic before Stratton gets to them, his colleague is as good as dead. There can only be one way the Real IRA knew about the British agent: someone within MI5 is tipping them off. (English)

Monica FERRIS**Hanging by a Thread****265pp Pb 17.95**

A Needlecraft mystery. Betsy is still new enough to Excelsior, Minnesota, to not know a scandal when she causes one. So, when she hires Foster Johns to fix her roof, the resulting uproar has her needed. The whole town has pinned a five-year-old unsolved double murder on him. Betsy believes Johns when he says he is not guilty. But she will have to use every stitch of her sleuthing skills to tie up all the loose ends that will prove his innocence once and for all. (American)

**Steven FORD****Mortality****337pp Pb 21.00**

Plastic surgeon Paul Tobin works for an exclusive clinic specialising in a revolutionary new therapy, which not only halts the aging process, but also actually reverses it. It is a medical miracle until the patients start dying, one by one. (American)

Nicci FRENCH**Land of the Living****308pp Pb 19.95**

Abbie Devereaux wakes in the dark. She is hooded and bound, with no idea where she is or how she got there. Kept alive by a man she never sees, his only promise is that eventually he will kill her, like the others. But Abbie has spirit and bloody-mindedness on her side. She counts the seconds spent alone and plots her survival. Grasping at memories, Abbie recalls snatches of her identity, her career and her disintegrating relationship with her boyfriend. Is there a connection between her real life and the voice in the darkness? (English)

Frances FYFIELD**Seeking Sanctuary**

282pp Tp 29.95
When Theo Calvert was driven out of the family home by his wife's cloying piety, he had determined that his daughters would follow him but in the face of the law, he failed. If he lost the battle for their souls in life, he would make amends in death, craftily shaping his will to benefit them so long as they did not follow their mother's example. His daughters felt they had lost either way, especially Anna. She had promiscuously turned her back on her mother's teachings, but watched in horror as her sister Therese followed those same lessons and blindly accepted the faith that Anna was certain had ruined their lives. In her rebellion she at first doesn't notice the worm in their midst when the convent where Therese has settled employs a new gardener. (American)

Joseph GEARY**Spiral****418pp Tp 28.95**

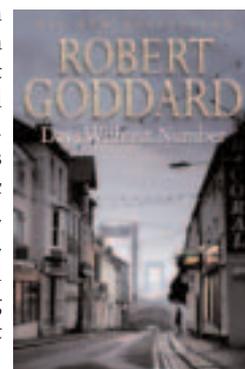
For six years, Nicholas Greer has been working on a biography of the late British painter, Frank Spira. Then comes the call that changes his life forever. Former art critic Barb Segal informs Nick that she has just bumped into Spira's ex-lover, Jacob Grossman, who disappeared in 1972. When Nick tracks him down in New York, Grossman mentions a mysterious painting, *The Incarnation*, which Spira was alleged to have painted in Tangier in the late 1950s. If it really exists, this painting would be worth over US\$6m. An hour after this meeting, Grossman is brutally murdered. (American)

Bartholomew GILL**The Death of an Irish Tradition****(1979) 360pp Pb 18.95**

A Peter McGarr novel. The Dublin Horse Show is one of the city's proudest traditions; a grand institution tarnished this year by the murder of elderly Margaret Caughey. McGarr is puzzled by the strange death of a seemingly harmless old woman whose apartment contains not a trace of her past life. Nearly everyone associated with the unfortunate victim has connections to the Horse Show, from dowdy Margaret's racetrack gadfly brother, to her surprisingly elegant daughter who is scheduled to compete, to an ex-IRA contract killer. And with race day rapidly approaching, McGarr knows he must work quickly to untangle this knotted skein of deadly secrets. The author passed away in 2002. (Irish)

Robert GODDARD**Days without Number****382pp Tp 29.95**

Michael Paleologus, retired archaeologist and supposed descendent of the last Emperors of Byzantium, lives alone at Trennor, a remote and rambling house on the Cornish bank of the Tamar. A ridiculously generous offer has been made for the house, but he refuses to sell, despite the urgings of his children, for whom the proceeds would solve a variety of problems. His son Nick accomplished little in the role of mediator, but the stalemate is soon tragically broken. The siblings' increasingly desperate efforts to conceal the truth drag them into a deadly conflict with an unseen and unknown enemy, who seems as determined to force them into a confrontation with their family's past as he is to conceal his own identity. This book is another classic Goddard mystery, intricate, fascinating and deeply satisfying to the very last page. (English)

**Carol GOODMAN****The Seduction of Water****356pp Tp 32.95**

Many years ago, Iris Greenfeder's mother disappeared. They were living at Hotel Equinox where Iris's father was the manager and where her mother wrote delicate, powerful fantasies. Then she took a train and never returned, dying in a hotel fire in Brooklyn. Now a struggling academic, Iris needs to find the truth about her mother; some keys are held in those fantastical writings and others in the memories of those who knew her. (English)

**Tom GRACE**

 **Twisted Web** 342pp Pb 18.95
Deep in the frozen wasteland of Antarctica, a remote NASA research lab rests atop a two-mile thick glacier, covering a vast underground water reservoir. The true discovery is not the lake buried in ice, but what has been found within its boundaries. Something amazing. Something alive. And it may hold the answers to existence itself. (American)

Alex GRAY

 **Never Somewhere Else** 373pp Pb 22.95
When a series of young women are discovered strangled and mutilated in a Glasgow park, it is up to DCI Lorimer to find their killer. He enlists the services of Dr Solomon Brightman, a psychologist and criminal profiler. Events take a bizarre turn when a homeless man is questioned (English)

Kerry GREENWOOD

 **The Castlemaine Murders** 270pp Pb 19.95
A Phyrne Fisher mystery #13. Phyrne, sister Beth and maid Dot decide that Luna Park is the place for an afternoon of fun and excitement with Phyrne's two daughters, Ruth and Jane. But in the dusty dark ghost train, amidst squeals of horror and delight, a mummified bullet-studded corpse falls to the ground in front of them. Her pleasure trip has definitely become business. Digging to the bottom of this long-standing mystery takes her to the country town of Castlemaine where it soon becomes obvious that someone is trying to muzzle her investigations. Meanwhile, her lover Lin Chung has his own mystery to solve. Feuding families and lost gold fill his mind until he learns that Phyrne herself has become a missing treasure. This is an Unputdownable read! (Australian)

Kerry GREENWOOD

 **Death Before Wicket (1999)** 224pp Pb 19.95
A Phyrne Fisher mystery #10. Test cricket, sightseeing and the Artist's Ball are all recreational activities in Sydney, which Phyrne has to cast aside when her thoroughly respectable sister leaves her family for the murky nightlife of Kings Cross. Phyrne is enmeshed in blackmail, secrets, lies and the dangerous influences of deep magic. (Australian)

Kerry GREENWOOD

 **Urn Burial (1996)** 258pp Pb 19.95
A Phyrne Fisher mystery #8. Phyrne is holidaying at Cave House in the Victorian countryside when her host starts receiving death threats; lethal traps are set without explanation and the parlourmaid is found strangled to death. (Australian)

Jessica HALL

 **The Steel Caress** 294pp Pb 18.95
Raven had no intention of ever returning to her life as an undercover government agent. The stunning beauty never doubted that the agency and her devastatingly handsome boss, General Kalen Grady, betrayed her. Now, Raven has launched a new career and a new life. But just when she is certain the past is behind her, Grady turns up on her doorstep with one final and crucial assignment. (American)

Jules HARDY

 **Mister Candid** 406pp Pb 24.95
This is a dark and deeply moving tale about a serial killer with the brain of a genius and a heart of gold. For 17 years the FBI has been hunting him down. For 17 years he has rid America of its scum. They call him Mr Candid. Born into a life of privilege and wealth on America's East Coast, Charlie Kane was a child prodigy. Reading the *New York Times* at the age of three, a mathematical genius at 13, this gentle boy went to Harvard University where he found the love of his life, until that Thanksgiving when Charlie and his family all but vanished. (English)

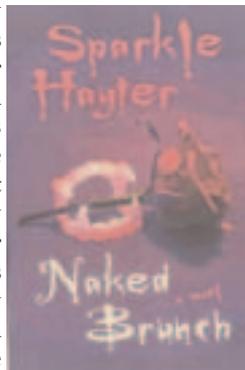
Erin HART

 **Haunted Ground** 417pp Tp 32.95
When a red-haired girl's severed head is found in an ancient bog in southeast Galway, it may be an historical relic or the answer to a local mystery. As archaeologist Cormac Maguire and pathologist Nora Gavin investigate, they reawaken an interest in the missing Mina Osborne, who vanished with her young son two years ago. Why are the Osbornes of Bracklyn House so secretive? How are the strange lights in the old tower and the curious thefts from the local church connected to these riddles? (Irish)

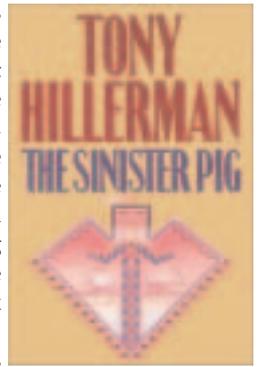
Sparkle HAYTER

 **Naked Brunch** 315pp Pb 16.95

 **Secretary**
Annie Engel is content with her life even though her boss chews her out and the man she put through law school left her for a model. So she is naturally horrified when she discovers she has been running loose during full moons, ripping out the throats of wealthy men and having bestial sex with another wild werewolf. Can she resist her urge to kill? Can two werewolves find love while the police, the media, her psychiatrist and maverick hunters are closing in? This is offbeat modern storytelling at its genre bending best. (American)

**Tony HILLERMAN**

 **The Sinister Pig** 227pp Hb 62.00
The victim is found at the edge of the vast Jicarilla Apache natural gas field, just inside the jurisdiction of the Navajo Tribal Police, facing Sergeant Chee with a complex puzzle. Hillerman leads his readers through another of his intricate plots with a cast of vivid characters: a Washington political mogul and his more-or-less renegade pilot; a customs official who bends the rules; a Mexican smuggler with a conscience; and, finally, Legendary Lt Joe Leaphorn, now retired, who connects the lines on a dusty old map to find the answers (and the Sinister Pig) among the great scimitar-horned Oryx grazing on the historic Tuttle Ranch. (American)

**Stephen HORN**

 **Law of Gravity** 400pp Pb 21.00
Washington lawyer Philip Barkley was on the fast track until scandal and personal tragedy brought him down. Left shattered and haunted, he now has a chance to make a fresh start when an aide to Senator Warren Young, the head of the Senate Intelligence Committee, vanishes and may be a spy, an eventuality that could destroy Young's plans for a White House run. But when his investigation into the disappearance uncovers a corpse, everyone wants the matter quickly closed; except Barkley who will not rest until the whole truth is revealed, no matter who is determined to stop him. (American)

SW HUBBARD

 **Take the Bait** 319pp Pb 12.95
The remote village of Trout Run lies inside New York State's vast Adirondack Park, a tiny community cloistered within deep forests and rugged mountains. You can drive for miles without seeing another soul, so when high school senior Janelle Harvey vanishes while walking home along a lonely forest road, only the trees are mute witnesses to her disappearance. (American)

Alex KAVA

 **The Soul Catcher** 399pp Tp 27.95
A Maggie O'Dell novel. FBI Special Agent O'Dell and her partner Tully investigate two cases: The murder of a senator's daughter in Washington, and a deadly shootout in Massachusetts, both of which are linked to Reverend Joseph Everett, who is dating Maggie's mother. (American)

**Jonathan KELLERMAN****The Murder Book**

562pp Pb 18.95

Alex Delaware's relationship with his girlfriend is on the rocks. He is floored when Robin announces she is heading off on a three-month music tour. Soon, he has other things to think about when he is sent an envelope with no return address. Inside, is an album with gold letters on it, "The Murder Book". It is full of macabre pictures of murders and one is marked 'Not solved', the horrifically mutilated body of a young woman. Unsettled, Alex calls his friend, LAPD detective Milo Sturgis, who seems familiar with the case. What connects the photograph with Milo's past? This novel is ingenious, shocking and unpredictable. (American)

Harry KEMELMAN**Wednesday the Rabbi Got Wet** (1976)

325pp Pb 14.95

A Rabbi Small mystery. An unpleasant member of the Barnard's Crossing congregation dies mysteriously and the suspect is a troubled young man. (American)

Simon KERNICK**The Murder Exchange**

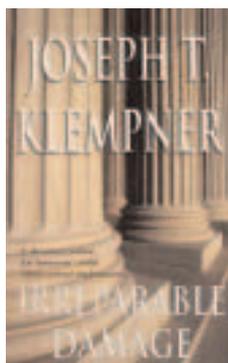
363pp Tp 29.95

When bodyguard Max Iversson is introduced to nightclub owner Roy Fowler, he immediately senses that the man is in trouble. He wants security for a meeting with a group of 'businessmen' who are looking to buy his club. \$5000 for a couple of hours' work is too tempting a proposition to turn down, so Iversson, who runs his own security firm, takes the job. But when they accompany Fowler to a deserted north London industrial estate to exchange deeds for money, it turns out to be a bloodbath. Three men end up dead, while Iversson only just gets out alive. (English)

Joseph KLEMPNER
Irreparable Damage

305pp Pb 18.95

Since his divorce, writer Stephen Barrow has made a new life with his six-year-old daughter, Penny. It is a life that revolves around silly jokes, Barbie dolls and a bond most fathers would envy. But all that changes when Stephen takes an innocent photo of his daughter as she plays in the tub. The picture causes a stir in the photo lab, the police are called and, suddenly, Stephen is forced to defend himself against the worst accusation a father could ever face... (American)

**William LANDAY****Mission Flats** 369pp Tp 29.95

A body is found in a cabin by the lake in Versailles, Maine. The dead man turns out to be from the Boston DA's office, a prosecutor who had been investigating a series of gang-related murders. Ben Truman, Chief of Police, investigates, finding rather more than he bargained for. (American)

Suzann LEDBETTER**A Lady Never Trifles with Thieves** 199pp Pb 16.95

#1 in a new series. "The simple truth is, I was born clever..." So says spirited young Denver City detective Joby Sawyer, and she is not bragging. With a whip-sharp mind, self-taught expertise in biology, herbology, chemistry, criminality and legal action, Joby can pretty much get her man. But there is one still hanging on the line: her devoted policeman beau, Jack O'Shaughnessy. In Joby's line of work, murder and mayhem come before matrimony. And with two new cases to crack, her wedding gown can wait. (American)

Gonzalo LIRA**Acrobat**

418pp Pb 18.95

They are young, tough and resourceful, and they have been targeted for assassination by the very agency that made them. They are the CIA work-group known as Acrobat, and they are on the run. Accused of stealing \$60m and selling US secrets, Acrobat must go underground. Pursued from the secret corridors of the CIA to the gritty streets of New York by their former allies and friends, they soon realise there is a traitor among them. But who would betray the trust of the group? (American)

David MANUEL**A Matter of Time** 291pp Pb 18.95

A Faith Abbey mystery #3. Monastic sleuth Bartholomew takes a personal retreat in Bermuda to unravel a deep-seated spiritual crisis of his own, but soon finds he is untangling a bizarre murder mystery involving a local fisherman. (American)

Kat MARTIN**Midnight Sun** 349pp Pb 18.95

Hermit-like, Call Hawkins lives in splendid isolation at Dead Horse Creek until Charity Sinclair arrives, fresh from New York City. Shamefully ignorant of the untamed wilderness, Call grudgingly helps her learn the ropes. However, Charity's dream of life on the Yukon may have led her into something much more savage than the forest. (American)

Sujata MASSEY**The Samurai's Daughter**

282pp Tp 29.95

Antiques dealer Rei Shimura is in San Francisco visiting her parents and researching a personal project to trace the story of 100 years of Japanese decorative arts. But work is interrupted by the arrival of long-distance boyfriend, lawyer Hugh Glendinning, who is involved in a class action lawsuit on behalf of people forced to engage in slave labour for Japanese companies during WWII. Suddenly, when one of Hugh's clients is murdered, their two projects intertwine. Before long, Rei uncovers troubling facts about her own family's actions during the war. (American)

Richard MATHESON**Hunted Past Reason**

294pp Pb 18.95

The enforced isolation of the hike through the wilderness toward a remote cabin in the woods of northern California soon exposes long-hidden rivalries and resentments between the two friends. The deeper they get into the primeval wilderness, the greater the tension between them, until the simmering hostility erupts into a terrifying life-or-death battle for survival! (American)

Patricia MacDONALD**Not Guilty** 435pp Pb 21.00

Years ago, Keely Bennett's world was shattered by her husband's suicide, witnessed by her young son, Dylan. Determined to go on, Keely has remarried, and now lives a comfortable life with a newborn baby girl. The darkness of the past is all but forgotten until the nightmare begins again, and this time the authorities think it is murder. The prime suspect: Dylan, now a brooding, troubled teen. (American) PSY

Dinah McCALL**The Perfect Lie**

377pp Pb 18.95

CIA agent Jonah Slade is back from deadly undercover work in the jungles of South America. He is battered, bloodied, but successful in putting a notorious drug tsar behind bars. But, he discovers, the war has just begun. He learns the woman he loved, and lost years ago, has been killed in cold blood, her 15-year-old son kidnapped. Her sister, Macie Blaine, turns to Jonah for help, and gives him no chance to refuse when she tells him the boy is his son. It has come down to a battle as old as time itself: An eye for an eye, a son for a son, and a drug lord bent on revenge while a CIA agent searches for love. (American)



**Clinton McKINZIE** **The Edge of Justice #1****326pp Pb 17.95**

Combining high-altitude climbing action with sizzling courtroom drama, this is a thriller like no other. Set amid the towering beauty of Wyoming and the gritty underbelly of crime, here is storytelling on a grand scale in a gut-wrenching debut novel that features one of recent fiction's most original and complex heroes: Special Agent Antonio Burns, climber, cop, brother, son, risk-taker. Burns knows the hunger that drives climbers up the faces of mountains. It is a hunger that has shaped his life and pushed his brother, Roberto, onto the wrong side of the law. (American)

Clinton McKINZIE **Point of Law #2 417pp Pb 17.95**

Antonio Burns has come to Colorado for a family reunion of sorts. For 30 years a father and his sons have shared an addiction to dangerous, extreme climbing in the world's most beautiful places. On their first night in the valley, violence erupted, as a bitter dispute between local activists and developers leaves a young man dead. When Roberto stands accused, Antonio knows he must find the real killer to clear his brother's name. Now, with a beautiful environmentalist by his side, Antonio embarks on a perilous journey where he will come face-to-face with a woman's secrets, a man's evil, and an amazing undiscovered treasure deep within a hidden labyrinth of caves. (American)

Robyn McWILLIAMS **House of Shadows****273pp Tp 29.95**

Teacher Alison Winters is obsessed with the family living in her former home on Sydney's northern beaches. Problem student James Chambers' nervy mother makes her wonder if the husband Robert is as violent as her own father had been. Is the sinister aura of the house projecting itself onto another generation? When Alison intervenes, we have to start wondering who will survive? (Australian)

Leslie MEIER **Birthday Party Murder****245pp Pb 17.95**

A *Lucy Stone* mystery. To fight the doldrums and to honour Miss Tilley, their former librarian, Lucy and her friends decide to organise a town-wide 90th birthday party for her. The anticipation of the party lifts Lucy's spirits until she hears that respected lawyer Sherman Cobb has been found dead in his office. The police declare death by suicide, but Cobb's partner suspects murder and asks Lucy to investigate. (American)

Kyle MILLS **Rising Phoenix 418pp Tp 32.95**

Special Agent Mark Beamon is a maverick. His open disdain for the FBI's rules has exiled him to a no-profile post in the boondocks. But when a shadowy right-wing group starts flooding America's emergency rooms with dead and dying, Beamon is summoned back to Washington. As the body count rises, Beamon realises there is something eerily familiar about his adversary, reminding him of the coldest killer he ever encountered: not a criminal but a law enforcement colleague. And for the first time, he wonders why he was chosen for this assignment. Was it his expertise or his expendability? (American)

JM MORRIS **Fiddleback 329pp Pb 18.95**

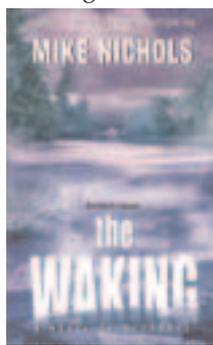
When Ruth Gemmel's younger brother Alex fails to return her calls, she checks up on him. Unable to find him in Greenwell, the town where he has been teaching, she soon discovers the locals to be frustratingly unhelpful, whilst the eerie town holds more questions than clues. Why are the police so uncooperative? Why is Greenwell so dark and lonely? And who is the 'grey man' the schoolchildren saw Alex with not long before he went missing? When she glimpses the abusive ex-boyfriend she left behind in London, her nightmare really begins. (English)

Helen MYERS **No Sanctuary 379pp Pb 17.95**

Metal sculptor Bay Butler spent six years in a Texas prison for a crime she did not commit. Only the efforts of a powerful client get her conviction overturned. Suddenly she is free, but she is still plagued with questions. Why was her imprisonment based on circumstantial evidence? And what really happened the night her business partner was found brutally murdered in their studio? (American)

Mike NICHOLS **The Waking 305pp Pb 21.00**

To neighbours in a mid-western town, the Dunby's are a golden couple: wealthy, attractive, selfless and very much in love. But when a skid on the March ice sends Sandy's car over a bluff, plunging her into a coma, the facade of their perfect marriage is shattered, revealing a complex web of lies and betrayals underneath. A once-devoted husband, Lee is now the target of vicious accusations and slander and must divine what is truth, what can destroy a love and what can kill. (American)

**Kevin O'BRIEN** **Watch Them Die 381pp Pb 18.95**

An inconsistent series of murders in Seattle proves particularly challenging and points to a killer who obsessively stalks single women, believing that they have betrayed his love. (American)

Vince PASSARO **Violence, Nudity, Adult Content 302pp Pb 24.95**

"Passaro takes the now-formulaic legal thriller, in which an idealistic young man takes on corporate evil, and gives it several good spins and a deeper meaning." - *Booklist*. Will Riordan, lawyer, husband and father, is a modern man, and this is the story of his awakening and return to humanity in a powerful tale of New York City and modern faith, family and redemption. (American)

Jenny PITMAN **Double Deal 499pp Pb 18.95**

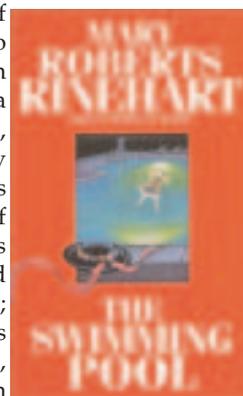
With her professional training license under her belt, Jan Hardy visits Ireland to buy horses at auction where she meets influential tycoon AD O'Hagan. She comes to depend on the friendship and support of Angie Sharp, who persuades her parents to appoint Jan as their new trainer. While her reputation begins to soar, family troubles still demand attention. Then as her jockey inexplicably loses his winning touch, life appears to spiral out of control. And a mysterious person from Jan's past is waiting in the wings. (English)

Nicholas RHEA **Constable over the Stile (1998) 189pp Pb 21.95**

From the Constable series which inspired the hugely successful TV series, Heartbeat. In this collection of rustic tales, Constable Nick continues his fascinating duties in Aidensfield, deep in the North Yorkshire Moors. (English)

Mary Roberts RHINEHART **The Swimming Pool (1952) 332pp Pb 16.95**

Reprint edition of a story about two sisters: Judith Chandler, a glamorous, spoiled beauty who has barricaded herself in her room and is desperately afraid of the night-time; and Lois Chandler, detective fiction writer who has no patience with her sister's strange behaviour until a real-life mystery unfolds. Judith has disappeared from her locked bedroom without a trace. (American)



**Phil RICKMAN****The Lamp of the Wicked** 551pp Tp 30.00

A Reverend Merrily Watkins mystery. The unlovely village of Underhowle is confronting a new prosperity, but is also home to a man the police have identified as the killer of several young women with the help of the local exorcist, Merrily. As police hunt for more bodies, Merrily is increasingly worried that the detective-in-charge might have become blinkered by ambition. (English)

Michael RIDPATH**Fatal Error** 440pp Tp 29.95

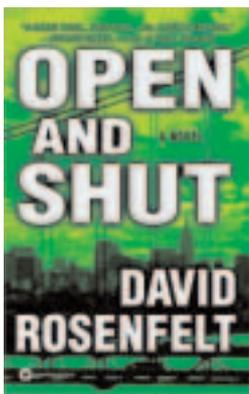
Set against the ferocious rise and spectacular fall of the dot.com industry, Ridpath serves up another scintillating thriller. The year is 1999 and Internet companies are springing up everywhere. Anything seems possible for those who think big. So when David Lane (a quiet, cautious banker) is invited by his old friend Guy Jordan to help start up ninetyminutes.com he decides that for once he will do something daring, something dangerous. If only he had realised quite how dangerous! (English)

Mike RIPLEY**Angel Underground** 320pp Pb 21.95

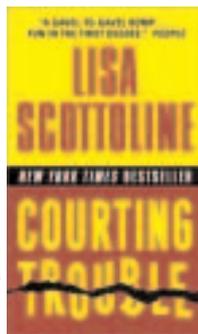
Out of the blue, his mother, who is living a semi-bohemian life in darkest Suffolk, contacts Angel. She is concerned about her neighbour who has funded a private archaeological dig on his own farmland, convinced he will find the remains from Queen Boudica's Royal Mint. There is a lot more at stake than just Iron Age remains, making Bouica's revolt against the Romans look like a National Trust family day out. (English)

David ROSENFELT**Open and Shut** 305pp Pb 18.95

DA Andy Carpenter manages to sail through any tough situation, whether inside the courtroom or in his personal life. But this all changes when his marriage breaks up and his father suddenly dies, leaving him distraught but \$22m richer. Andy does not know how his father accumulated this fortune or why his father begged him to take on the appeal of a death row prisoner. With the help of his newfound love, PI Laurie Collins, and the support of his golden retriever companion, Tara, he discovers a link between three of the most prominent men in New Jersey, including a senator, and his new client, Willie Miller. (American)

**Lisa SCOTTOLINE****Courting Trouble** 422pp Pb 18.95

Anne Murphy is the redheaded rookie at the Philadelphia law firm of Rosato and Associates, and one morning she wakes up to front-page headlines proclaiming "lawyer murdered" above her own picture. To find the killer, Anne's got to play dead, if she wants to stay alive. Though she tries to go it alone, she quickly realises she will have to trust people she barely knows: colleagues who hate her, a homicide squad that wants her out of the crime-fighting business, and a new love who inconveniently happens to be opposing counsel. (American)

**Georges SIMENON****The Maigret series** Pb all 21.95

Georges Simenon (1903-1989) was born in Liege, Belgium. He published his first novel at 17 and went on to write more than 200, becoming one of the world's most prolific and bestselling authors. His books have sold more than 500 million copies and have been translated into 50 languages. The following seven titles have recently arrived: **Madame Maigret's Own Case** (1959 167pp); **Maigret and the Apparition** (1964 159pp); **Maigret and the Bum** (1963 149pp); **Maigret and the Burglar's Wife** (1956 167pp); **Maigret and the Gai-Moulin** (1940 166pp); **Maigret and the Saturday Caller** (1962 123pp); and **Maigret and the Spinster** (1940 164pp). (French)

Roland SMITH**Zach's Lie** 210pp Pb 15.95

Jack is a pretty average kid until the night men in masks break into his house, threaten his family and ransack their home. It is that same night that Jack discovers that his father has been arrested for drug trafficking. Forced to enter the Witness Security Program with his mum and sister, Jack becomes "Zach" and moves to Elko, Nevada, a town in the middle of nowhere. There he meets Sam, the strangest school custodian he has ever encountered, and Catalin, a girl who might make Zach's uprooting worth the trouble. But if they are found, it will be more than their secret identities that will be destroyed. (American)

Emily TOLL**Murder Pans Out** 268pp Pb 17.95

A Booked-for-Travel mystery #2. A widow at the age of 52, Lynne Montgomery has rediscovered her first love: travel. But murder adds itself to the itinerary when Lynn and her group head for California's Gold Rush Country. (American)

Elaine VIETS**Shop Till You Drop** 275pp Pb 16.95

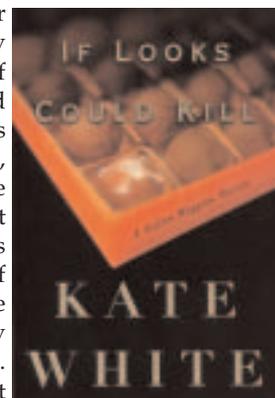
A Dead-end Job mystery. Once on the fast track to success, Helen Hawthorne is now going nowhere fast. Now she is on the run, jumping from dead-end job to dead-end job, trying to stay one step ahead of her past. After two weeks as the new salesclerk at Juliana's, Fort Lauderdale's ultra-exclusive clothing boutique, Helen still feels out of fashion. Until she discovers the manager has been embezzling money and selling designer drugs along with the designer clothes. Add murder to the mix, and Helen's dead-end job is downright deadly! (American)

Barbara VINE**The Blood Doctor** 469pp Pb 19.95

This novel is about blood: Blood in its metaphysical sense as the conductor of an inherited title and blood in its physical sense as the transmitter of disease. The current Lord Nanther embarks on a biography of his great-grandfather, the first Lord Nanther, favoured physician to Queen Victoria, expert on blood diseases and particularly the royal disease of haemophilia. What he uncovers horrifies him as he realises that Nanther died a guilty man carrying a horrific secret to the grave. (English)

Kate WHITE**If Looks Could Kill** 405pp Pb 18.95

"When her young nanny dies of poisoned chocolates meant for her, magazine editor Cat Jones enlists the help of freelance crime writer Bailey We gg i n s . Bailey's not really an investigator, but she knows the procedure: scope out the crime scene, interrogate possible suspects (including Cat's attractive photographer husband), reconstruct the victim's last hours, consult with pals, etc. Bailey's attention soon turns toward Cat's conniving colleagues at the magazine and farther a field. A down-to-earth heroine, a sturdy story line, and breezy prose make this debut novel by the editor-in-chief of Cosmopolitan magazine a pleasure." - Library Journal. (American)





HISTORICAL CRIME



David DICKINSON

Goodnight Sweet Prince

314pp Pb 21.95

A murder mystery introducing Lord Francis Powerscourt #1. 1892, England. Queen Victoria's grandson Prince Eddy is found slaughtered at Sandringham. Terrified of more royal scandal, the murder is disguised as death by influenza, and Lord Francis Powerscourt, an Irish investigator, is privately asked to find the killer. (Irish)

David DICKINSON

Death & the Jubilee 344pp Hb 39.95

A Lord Francis Powerscourt murder mystery #2. 1896, London. Early one morning a corpse with no head or hands is dragged out of the Thames near London Bridge. There are few clues to his identity and the police call on Powerscourt. The investigation leads him to a series of murders at the House of Harrison, a reputable German bank. (Irish)

Paul DOHERTY

A Haunt of Murder 250pp Pb 18.95

The Clerk of Oxford's tale of mystery and murder as he goes on pilgrimage from London to Canterbury. May Day, 1381. As the sun sets, Chaucer's pilgrims find themselves lost in a Kent forest rumoured to be haunted. Huddled around the fire, trying to ignore the cries of screeching owls and other more frightening sounds of the night, the Clerk of Oxford agrees to tell a ghostly tale of love and death. (English)

Margaret DOODY

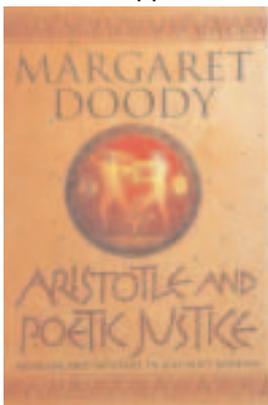
Aristotle and Poetic Justice

399pp Pb 18.95

BC330, Athens.

The night of the Silent Dinner, when Athens placates the spirits of the dead, passes with a creeping mist accompanied by eerie portents and a strange disappearance.

Stephanos, son of Nikiarkhos and his teacher, the philosopher Aristotle, are drawn into solving the perplexing abduction case of Anthia, the heiress of a prominent silver merchant. Someone has snatched her from her home, but what is the motive: rape, a forced marriage or murder? (American)



Nicholas DRAYSON

Confessing a Murder 281pp Pb 22.95

Late 19th century, South Pacific. A nameless narrator, abandoned on an island soon to be obliterated by volcanic activity, tells the story of his life and exile from England. His particular interest is beetles (a passion he shares, most literally, with the idolized friend of his school years, Charles Darwin) and his reckless pursuit of the Golden Scarab has led him to a place that mirrors the Galapagos in the utter singularity of its fauna and flora. Blood-sucking mistletoe and amphibian swallows are but two of the fantastic species he records. Is this the diary of a madman? Or is it the story of why Darwin published the book that destroyed his belief in God? Fearlessly original in conception, this tale is as extraordinary for its observations of a surreal natural history as for the dark twistings of human nature it reveals. The author is the former curator at the National Museum, Canberra. (Australian)

Philip GOODEN

Alms for Oblivion 281pp Hb 39.95

*A Shakespearean murder mystery #4. 1602, London. With some surprise, actor Nick Revill learns that his boyhood friend Peter Agate has arrived in London, to try his hand at acting. While Nick wants to welcome the competition in his stage company, which is mounting a private production of *Troilus and Cressida* for the lawyers of the Middle Temple, he is a bit resentful of Agate's warm reception, but not so resentful he would have stabbed his friend to death. Another violent death follows, and it, too, patently implicates Nick. An aristocratic pair of siblings, a flashy troublemaker from a rival troupe, a former actor who once saw the devil onstage, all stand among Nick's suspects. But the hangman's noose is tightening around his own neck. (English)*

Philip GOODEN

The Pale Companion 280pp Pb 21.95

*A Shakespearean murder mystery #3. Midsummer, 1601, Wiltshire Downs. Actor and sleuth, Nick Revill and his companions are on the road to a country-house presentation of Shakespeare's *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. It should be a pleasant, well-paid jaunt to celebrate a noble marriage, but instead the players find themselves in the midst of a tense family atmosphere, somehow linked to the presence of the household's sinister steward. Very soon Nick finds that the Dream has turned into a nightmare, where murder appears commonplace, and before too long he must fight to save his own life against the ancient backdrop of Stonehenge... (English)*

John GRAY

The Fiend in Human 342pp Tp 32.95

1852, London. Edmund Whitty is a correspondent on the Falcon, reporting on the underworld. He is a loser, pursued by creditors and dangerously addicted to alcohol, laudanum and cocaine. He is openly scornful of the balladeers, or patterers, who write up the life of the condemned in doggerel verses even further divorced from truth than his own, embroidered newspaper reports. Whitty reaches his nadir when he is kidnapped and spirited off to the slums of St Giles. His kidnapper is Mr Owler, a balladeer he has traduced in one of his columns. But instead of revenge Owler wishes them to form an unlikely partnership. They are about to embark on a strange journey through the darkness of Victorian London where truth and fiction are often indistinguishable, a condemned man's life is at stake and savage, copycat murders continue despite his incarceration. (English)

Laurie R KING

O Jerusalem 367pp Pb 18.95

A Mary Russell novel. 1918, British-occupied Palestine. Two travel-grimed Arab figures receive Russell and Sherlock Holmes in the orange groves fringing the Holy Land. Whatever role could the volatile Ali and the taciturn Mahmoud play in Mycroft Holme's design for this land the British so recently wrested from the Turks? They learn their guides are engaged in a mission for His Majesty's Government, and disguise themselves as Bedouins in a stealthy reconnaissance through the dusty countryside. A recent rash of murders seems unrelated to the growing tensions between Jew, Muslim and Christian, yet Holmes is adamant that he must reconstruct the most recent one in the desert gully where it occurred. (American)

Anne PERRY

Seven Dials 279pp Hb 59.95

An Inspector Pitt novel #23. Victorian England. Pitt is summoned to Connaught Square mansion where the body of a junior diplomat lies huddled in a wheelbarrow. Nearby stands the tenant of the house, the beautiful and notorious Egyptian woman Ayesha Zakhari, who falls under the shadow of suspicion. Pitt's orders, emanating from PM Gladstone himself, are to protect, at all costs, the good name of the third person in the garden: senior cabinet minister Saville Ryerson. This distinguished public servant, whispered to be Ayesha's lover, insists that she is as innocent as he is himself. Could it be true? (American)

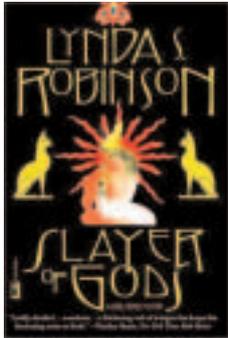
**Elizabeth PETERS****Children of the Storm** 334pp Hb 39.95

An Egyptian Murder mystery featuring Amelia Peabody #15. Post WWI. Egypt. The family no longer fear for the life of their daring son, Ramses, now free from his dangerous wartime obligations to British Intelligence. The advent of a season of joy and peace marks a time of new beginnings in Luxor, with delightful additions to the growing Emerson family and fascinating wonders waiting to be discovered beneath the shifting Egyptian sands. But the theft of valuable antiquities from the home of a friend causes great concern in the Emerson household and the brutal death of the suspected thief washes the unsettling affair in blood. Amelia's investigation sets her on a terrifying collision course with an adversary more fiendish and formidable than any she has ever encountered. (American)

Lynda ROBINSON**Slayer of Gods**

244pp Tp 36.00

A Lord Meren mystery #6. Ancient Egypt during the reign of Pharaoh Tutankhamen. Lord Meren recruits a clever female counterpart to help him find Queen Nefertiti's murderer. Back at the palace, a mourning Tutankhamen grows more distraught each day the murderer, hidden within a network of subordinates, agents and slaves, goes uncaptured. Desperate, Meren looks to the one person who can help him bring the assassin to justice, and appease the pharaoh. She is Anath, the fabled Eyes of Babylon, and a mistress of secrets with a mind as incisive as Lord Meren's, who may or may not prove trustworthy. (American)

**Edwin THOMAS****The Blighted Cliffs** 298pp Hb 32.95

February 1806, Dover. Few men emerged from Trafalgar without an ounce of credit to their names, but through an over-reliance on rum and his habitual bad luck, Lt Martin Jerrold managed it. He comes to Dover with one final chance to redeem his reputation. Before he has been there a day, however, he finds himself standing over a body that is too far from the cliffs to have fallen accidentally. To his horror, Jerrold is suspected of murder. His captain despises him, and the magistrate, Sir Lawrence Cunningham, wants to hang him. Only the fact that no one can identify the corpse prolongs his freedom. When word reaches Jerrold's long-suffering uncle at the Admiralty, the choice is stark: he must clear his name or be cut off without a guinea. (English)

CRIME NON-FICTION

**Jeff BENEDICT****No Bone Unturned** 304pp Pb 24.95

From Waco to Croatia, the adventures of a top forensic scientist. Doug Owsley's extraordinary talent has put his phone number on speed dial for federal agencies, from the FBI to the CIA and the State Department. When the Branch Davidian compound in Waco caught fire, when a terrorist-flown plane crashed into the Pentagon, and when mass graves were uncovered in Croatia, the authorities called Owsley. (American)

Lynn CHANDLER-WILLIS**The Preacher's Son** 288pp Pb 18.95

A true story of murder in North Carolina. "The reader is brought with startling clarity into the world of the Kimble brothers. It is a world where desires and wants are seized, regardless of the cost, and human frailty is a weakness to be exploited and used for the further satisfaction of greed and lust. An excellent true crime debut written with intimate knowledge of the case." — *Greensboro News & Record* (American)

Julian EARWAKER & Kathleen BECKER**Scene of the Crime** 256pp Tp 45.00

A Guide to the Landscapes of British Detective Fiction. Addicts of the British detective story will treasure this innovative and exciting gazetteer. With it in their hands they can navigate the streets and alleyways of Edinburgh where Sherlock Holmes sprang to life in Conan Doyle's imagination and where Ian Rankin's Inspector Rebus now tracks down villainy (and a dram or two). They can explore the desolate coast of East Anglia, a favoured venue for PD James' Adam Dalgliesh and the home of Margery Allingham, who also set many of the adventures of her enigmatic Albert Campion amid the Essex marshlands. In Oxford, they can tread in the footsteps of Inspector Morse or pay homage at the site where, in 'Gaudy Night', Dorothy Sayers' Lord Peter Wimsey embraced (at long last) his Harriet Vane! (English)

CRIME FACTORY**Crime Factory #9 Final Issue**

68pp Mag 10.00

This is a special hardboiled edition. It stars Ken Bruen, Stella Duffy, John Williams, Gary Phillips, and Laura Lippman, David Goodis, Peter Temple, Mickey Spillane and much more. (Australian)

**Joe D'ALO with David ASTLE****One Down, One Missing**

290pp Tp 29.95

Inside the Hunt for the Killers of Silk & Miller. On 16 August 1998, Sgt Gary Silk and Snr Constable Rodney Miller were shot dead while on duty. This book is a vivid in-house account of the Lorimer Taskforce, the elite team assembled to investigate the men's murders, and the twisted path that led to the killers' door. (Australian)

John DUNNING**Occult Murders (1989)**

262pp Pb 14.95

Chilling accounts of satanic crimes. Previously published as *Mystical Murders*. A catalogue of macabre murders reconstructed in horrifying detail by a leading crime historian. (English)

Richard FLETCHER**Bloodfeud**

230pp Pb 23.95

Murder and revenge in Anglo-Saxon England. One gusty morning in March 1016, Earl Uhtred of Northumbria came with 40 followers to a wooden hall at a place called Wiheal outside York, to parley with the recently crowned King Canute, who was attempting to bring his mighty northern subjects properly under his control. They were given guarantee of safe conduct, and came unarmed. But they were ambushed in the hall by an old enemy of Uhtred's, with Canute's connivance, and murdered, every one. From here, historian Fletcher moves on to explore the whole culture of vengeance and reparation in early Medieval England. (England)

Philip GOUREVITCH**A Cold Case**

183pp Pb 22.00

A brilliant true tale of crime and punishment in 1970s Manhattan from the winner of the *Guardian First Book Award*. Gourevitch, the acclaimed author of *We Wish to Inform You that Tomorrow we will be Killed with our Families* (Pb 22.00), tells the story of a New York City cop called Andy Rosenzweig who, shortly before his retirement, became obsessed with solving a double murder which happened in the early 1970s. There was a suspect, who had subsequently disappeared from the city, and although the file was not closed, no work had been done on the case for years. Rosenzweig, through skill and dogged persistence, eventually tracked down the suspect, Frankie Koehler, to Benicia, California, and after a dramatic stakeout arrested him at Penn Station as he was getting off the train to New York. (American)

Robert GRAYSMITH**Zodiac Unmasked** 490pp Pub 19.95

The identity of America's most elusive serial killer is finally revealed in this scary and disturbing account of pure evil. (American)

**Merlin HOLLAND****Irish Peacock and Scarlet Marquess**
340pp Hb 57.95

The real trial of Oscar Wilde. One of the most famous love affairs in literary history is that of Oscar Wilde and Lord Alfred Bosie Douglas. As a direct consequence of this relationship, Wilde underwent three trials in quick succession in 1895, marking the beginning of the end for his celebrated career. In the first, he sued the Marquess of Queensbury for criminal libel for leaving his card at Wilde's club on which had been written "For Oscar Wilde, posing sodomite". In this volume, the transcript of the trial that redirected Wilde's history is reproduced. It contains the actual exchanges that took place in the courtroom, raising new questions about Queensbury's intentions towards his son, as well as casting new light on Wilde's demeanour throughout the ordeal. (English)

Carlton LEACH**Muscle** 277pp Pb 18.95

This is the autobiography of a man to be reckoned with. He has earned himself respect throughout the deadly underworld he occupies. Make a friend of Carlton and you have an ally for life; cross him at your peril. For 20 years he has ranked among the toughest of Britain's brawn brigade. He was a key member of the dreaded Essex Boys gang which ran riot in the 1980s, sparking a savage drugs war which saw three of his pals wiped out in the 1995 Range Rover massacre. He was minder to boxer Nigel Benn throughout his glory years in the ring and tells of the blood, sweat and tears of their special relationship. He also tells how he saved four of his firm from being tortured to death and their wives and daughters raped in front of them after a £10 million heroin consignment went missing. (English)

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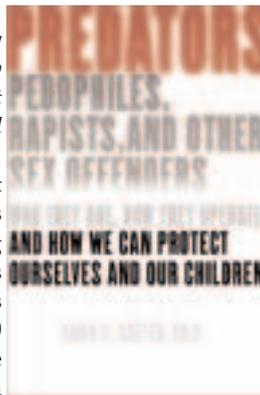
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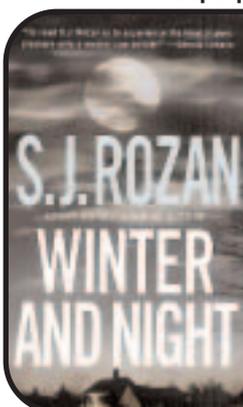
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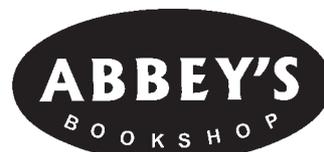
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