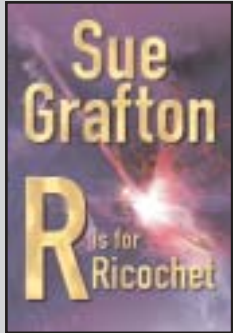


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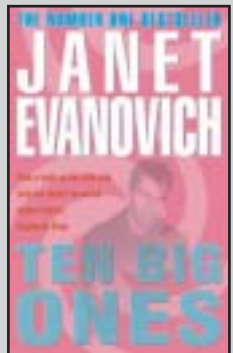


Sue GRAFTON
R is for Ricochet

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Kinsey Millhone is employed by Nord Lafferty to drive his daughter home from her incarceration at the California Institute for Women. Reba Lafferty emerges feisty and rebellious, and Kinsey is soon fighting to prevent her charge from breaking the conditions of her parole. Kinsey discovers that Reba had taken the fall for her boss, also her lover, when he conducted a highly-crafted money laundering scam. When Reba hears of shocking new information about her lover, she is suddenly all too eager to do everything she can to ruin him. Embroiled in a cunning battle of wits, and

meanwhile bemused by her own blossoming romance, Kinsey must try to control the bitter, angry Reba as she launches her dangerous revenge. **DUE AUGUST**

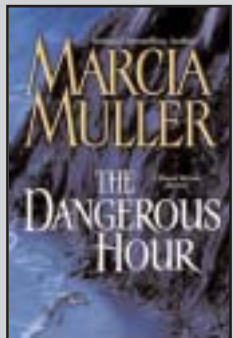


Janet EVANOVICH
Ten Big Ones

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It begins as an innocent trip to the deli-mart on a quest for nachos. But Stephanie Plum and her partner Lula are clearly in the wrong place at the wrong time. A robbery leads to an explosion, which leads to the destruction of yet another car. It would be just another day in the life of Stephanie Plum...except that she becomes the target of a gang. And the target of an even scarier, more dangerous force that comes to Trenton. With superb bounty hunter Ranger acting more mysteriously than ever (and the tension with vice cop Joe Morelli getting hotter), Stephanie finds herself with a decision to make: how to protect herself and where to hide while on the hunt for a killer known as the Junkman. **DUE JULY**

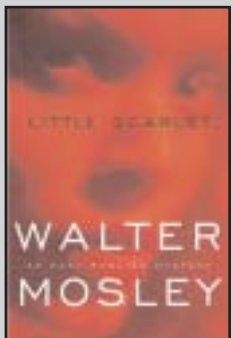
where to hide while on



Marcia MULLER
The Dangerous Hour

Hb 49.95

When one of her investigative operatives is arrested for major credit card fraud, Sharon McCone's efforts to prove the woman's innocence is complicated by the discovery of evidence that supports her guilt and points to a larger conspiracy. **DUE JULY**



Walter MOSLEY
Little Scarlet: An Easy Rawlins Mystery

Hb 54.00

When a man who fled the 1965 Watts riots is suspected of killing a woman in a nearby apartment building, Easy Rawlins begins a murder investigation and learns that the case has sobering racial origins that will result in changes for Easy and the city of Los Angeles. **DUE JULY**

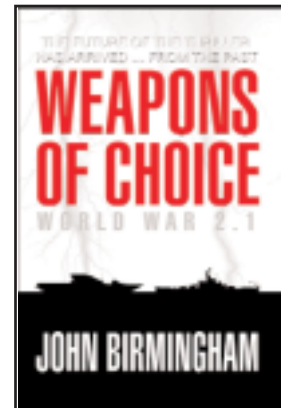
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In the chaos that ensues, thousands are killed, but the ripples have only just begun. For these veterans of Pearl Harbour have never seen a helicopter, or a satellite link, or a nuclear weapon. And they've never encountered an African-American colonel or a female Australian submarine commander. While they embrace the armada's awesome firepower, they may find the 21st century sailors themselves far from acceptable.

Initial jubilation at news the Allies would win the war is quickly doused by the chilling realisation that the time-travellers themselves – by their very presence – have rendered history null and void. Celebration turns to dread when the possibility arises that other elements of the 21st century taskforce may also have made the trip – and might now be aiding the enemy forces. What happens next is anybody's guess – and everybody's nightmare...

- Peter



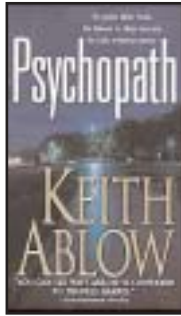
MODERN CRIME

Keith ABLOW

 **Psychopath**

367pp Pb 15.95

Having achieved celebrity status with his last case, forensic psychiatrist Frank Clevenger is tapped by the FBI to catch an elusive murderer known as the Highway Killer, who has left 12 bodies strewn across 12 states. But the Highway Killer is not just a serial killer; he is a psychiatrist whose brilliance as a doctor is matched only by his precision as a murderer. (American)



John ALTMAN

 **Deception**

325pp Pb 17.95

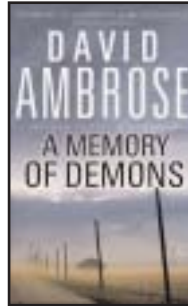
On an Adriatic cruise, Hannah Gray meets Renee Epstein and her husband, a scientist on the run with a set of equations about to be used for purposes he had not intended. When the Epstein's lives take a shocking turn, Hannah finds herself in possession of the all-important equations. And as she is thrown into a deadly thriller across the Greek Islands, Turkey and the south of France, her fierce will to survive will show her exactly what she is capable of. (American)

David AMBROSE

 **A Memory of Demons**

377pp Pb 18.95

Tom Freeman thinks his demons are behind him. After a period of alcohol and drug abuse that almost killed him, he has been sober for 10 years. His career is thriving, he is happily married to Clare and they have a baby daughter, Julia.



But when she begins to speak, why does Julia insist that her name is Melanie? And that Tom and Clare are not her real parents? Haunted by the recurring nightmare of killing a young girl, Tom makes the chilling discovery that his daughter is possessed by the spirit of a girl who disappeared 10 years ago at the exact spot where Tom suffered his last alcohol and drug-fuelled blackout. And now she wants revenge. (English)

Donna ANDREWS



Click Here for Murder

295pp Pb 15.95

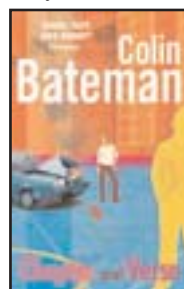
A Turing Hopper mystery #2. In this exciting computer-as-sleuth mystery (after 2002's *You've Got Murder*, Pb 17.95), Artificial Intelligence Personality, Hopper Turing, draws on all her cyber skills to help investigate the murder of a gifted computer programmer, Ray Santiago, found shot to death in an alley, his laptop stolen. Artificial intelligence meets Miss Marple in this *Agatha Award*-winning series. (American)

Colin BATEMAN

 **Chapter and Verse**

345pp Pb 18.95

Written with Colin Bateman's inimitable satirical style, this book is easy to pick up, easy to read and side-splittingly funny. It has a bit of a tongue-in-cheek dig at the publishing industry and a brilliantly hilarious scene where the main character, failing writer Ivan Connor, realises that he has managed to pick up the wrong child from school. (Irish)



Michelle BLAKE

 **The Book of Light**

292pp Pb 15.95

A Lily Connor mystery. Episcopal priest Lily Connor is investigating the authenticity of the Book of Light, a biblical scroll purported to contain the transcribed words of Jesus Christ. But there are those who wish for Jesus' words to remain unknown! (American)

Nero BLANC



Corpus de Crossword

311pp Pb 13.95

A mystery with crosswords. Rosco Polycrates and Belle Graham must figure out the nasty puzzle linked to the skeletal remains of a young woman discovered on land slated for development. 5-star reading. (American)

Lawrence BLOCK

 **Small Town**

495pp Pb 18.95

A beautiful, young woman called Marilyn picks up a stranger in a bar and takes him home to her Manhattan apartment. The next morning her housekeeper discovers her body. Marilyn's life and death have far-reaching effects on others, even people she has never met: a charismatic former police commissioner on the verge of a breakdown; a struggling writer; a folk art dealer plumbing the depths of her own fierce sexuality; a lawyer who prefers murder trials because there is one less witness. And in a city reeling from 9/11, an unlikely mass murderer wages a one-man war against everyone. In this gripping, multi-faceted story, Block brings to life the city of New York. (American)

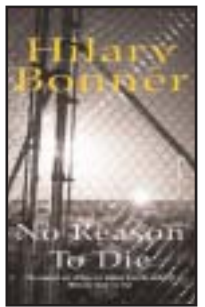
Hilary BONNER



No Reason to Die

325pp Tp 32.95

By freak chance John Kelly, once a reporter, always a maverick, becomes embroiled in the mystery surrounding a series of disturbing deaths at a tough Dartmoor army training camp. The army has a plausible explanation for each death individually, but when put together these explanations look very suspicious indeed. Kelly takes his concerns to his old friend DS Karen Meadows and together they attempt to break through the wall of secrecy the army has erected. Their involvement in what they come to believe is a major conspiracy, coupled with upheaval and tragedy in their own personal lives, brings them closer than ever before. (English)



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FELINE DETECTIVES



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NATIVE AMERICAN



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**Stephen BOOTH****Blind to the Bones****631pp Pb 19.95**

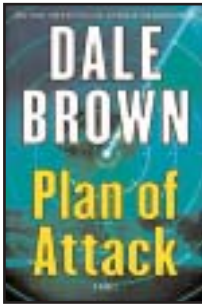
Withens is a small village in the Peak District, but it is no idyll. Dark and dour, it is troubled by theft and vandalism, mostly generated by local family-from-hell, the Oxleys. Now it is the focus of a murder investigation; a young man's body has been found on the desolate moors nearby, and he is an Oxley. DC Ben Cooper is trying to crack the case and to do that he must crack this clannish family. (English)

Jay BRANDON**Silver Moon 409pp Pb 15.95**

A new Chris Sinclair novel. When DA Chris Sinclair and his beloved Anne Greenwald accept an invitation to visit Anne's estranged father, they expect a strange weekend. Mr Greenwald's past is a wasteland of shadows and conspiracies in Texas government, and Anne has her doubts that the aged man has entirely renounced his former dubious political activities. What they do not expect is sudden death, when both Chris and Anne witness the demise of Anne's ex-fiancé, Ben, at her father's home. (American)

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A Susan Chase mystery. "All four women were strippers between the ages of 20 and 35. And they were blondes. So it stands to reason if I had a job at The Open Blouse and got into a fight with the owner, I would also disappear, without a trace." (American)

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Trouble is brewing and Frank Riordan is the only one willing to stop it. As he wages a one-man campaign to shut down the local pulp mill, which is polluting the air and devastating the environment, powerful forces gather against him. It is more than he can handle and the one man who can help already has troubles of his own: Iry Paret, who is making a fresh start on Frank's Montana ranch after serving time for killing a man. Unfortunately for Frank, Iry falls in love with the estranged wife of Frank's son. She is a dynamic and beautiful woman who will test the limits of Iry's loyalty to his friends. (American)

Chester CAMPBELL**Designed to Kill****280pp Tp 26.95**

A Greg McKenzie mystery. It is not a vacation that brings Greg McKenzie and his wife Jill to the white sand beaches at Perdido Key, Florida. Architect-engineer Tim Gannon, son of the McKenzies' closest friends in Nashville, has been found dead of a gunshot wound. Self-inflicted, says the deputy who investigated, a clear case of remorse over the design flaw in a high-rise beachfront condo that caused a balcony to collapse, killing two people. But it looks otherwise to Greg and Jill, who find plans missing, an obstinate contractor, a too-slick developer and an inspector angry over a disrupted love affair. After two thugs work him over, Greg realises Jill is in danger, too, and if this is a murder case, he had better solve it fast. (American)

Nora CHARLES**Death with an Ocean View****198pp Pb 13.95**

#1 in the new Kate Kennedy, Senior Sleuth mystery series. Senior citizen sleuth Kate Kennedy is spending her retirement tackling the grey clouds that sometimes descend over Florida, like murder. (American)

Arvin CHAWLA**Terminal Care 201pp Tp 24.95**

Billionaire Thomas Poole, Snr, does not believe his son died from an overdose. As he watches the life support being pulled from Michael's body he wants vengeance, but not on just street level punks. He makes a call to fellow Vietnam vet Joe Kranken, who puts together a wrecking crew: explosives, computer and surveillance experts. Meanwhile, in a neighbouring town, medical doctor and amateur boxer Barry Johnson discovers narcotic thefts at his local hospital. When nurse Debbie Vanter dies mysteriously on a mountain road, Barry is drawn into a quagmire of deceit and murder. And things do not get better when Kranken tells him the Mafia want him dead. (American)

Victoria CLAYTON**Clouds Among the Stars****716pp Pb 21.95**

Harriet is the middle child of a celebrated theatrical family, all of whom continue to live a comfortable, if eccentric, existence in the patriarchal home. But when her father is accused of murder, fracturing his rival's skull on stage, and kept in gaol, the family are forced to find other means for supporting their way of life. (English)

Michael CONNELLY**The Narrows 405pp Tp 29.95**

Former FBI agent Rachel Walling is working a dead-end stint in South Dakota when she gets the call she has been dreading for four years. The Poet is back. And he has not forgotten Rachel. He has a special present for her. Harry Bosch, adjusting to life in Las Vegas as a PI and a new father, gets a call, too, from the widow of a friend who died suspiciously. This novel places Michael Connelly's much-loved hero square in the path of the most ruthless and inventive murderer he has ever encountered. (American)

Robin COOK**Seizure 550pp Pb 19.95**

A seizure has to be one of the most frightening conditions known to the medical profession, and ever since publication of *Coma*, Dr Cook has been scaring us with his visionary insight into the most alarming possibilities of his own profession. (American)

Tom CORCORAN**Octopus Alibi 334pp Pb 15.95**

An Alex Rutledge novel. Rutledge, a freelance photographer with ties to city and county law enforcement, must help friend Sam Wheeler identify a body in Ft Lauderdale. Hours later, in Key West, Rutledge documents the Mayor's suicide. Later that day, he is forced to confront the death of Naomi Douglas who encouraged his creative photography. All this on the day before Alex's departure for a big-dollar photo job on Grand Cayman Island! (American)

Philip CRAIG**A Vineyard Killing****246pp Pb 15.95**

A Martha's Vineyard mystery. It is March, too early for bluefish, but not too early for trouble. The mood is gloomy, and for good reason. Millionaire real estate developer Donald Fox has targeted the island for his newest moneymaking scheme. With land values huge and many long-time residents in possession of fuzzy deeds, Fox and his team plan to force people to sell cheap. No one is particularly surprised when Fox's brother, Paul, is shot down on a Vineyard street but was Donald really the intended victim? (American)

**Michael CROW****The Bite****292pp Pb 15.95**

A Luther Ewing mystery. Afro-Vietnamese Special Forces veteran and undercover narcotics officer Luther Ewing is trying hard to chill, busting only teenagers with Ecstasy or scouring the deep woods for crystal meth cooked up by rednecks and bikers. But one night someone takes a shot at Luther with a .45 in his own peaceful suburban parking lot, someone who is careful not to kill him. Who? Why? And what is the message? (American)

Patrick DAVIS**A Slow Walk to Hell****417pp Pb 16.95**

Air Force investigator Martin Collins is used to bucking the system in the name of justice. But when he is called on to investigate the torture-style slaying of Major Franklin Talbot, Collins is embroiled in the most controversial case of his career. Evidence suggests that the deadly act was a hate crime. Even more shocking are the suspects, all high-ranking officers, including Talbot's own uncle, a leading presidential candidate. (American)

Jeffery DEAVER**Twisted****418pp Pb 14.95**

The Collected Stories Volume 1. Deaver loves writing short stories. "All bets are off," he says. "Short stories are like a sniper's bullet. Fast and shocking. I can make good bad and bad badder, and most fun of all, really bad seem good." And that is exactly what he does in these 17 superb short stories. (American)

Phillip DEPOY**The Devil's Hearth****268pp Pb 13.95**

A Fever Devlin mystery. Folklorist Devlin is a very recent ex-academic who returns to his family home in the Georgia Appalachians. Arriving at the home he once shared with his now-deceased parents, he finds a corpse on his front porch and evidence that someone has been living in the house. And why is someone in the woods taking pot shots at him with a rifle? It could be better, but it only gets worse... (American)

John DOUGLAS**Man Down****367pp Pb 16.95**

A Broken Wings thriller. Renowned former FBI criminal profiler and bestselling author John Douglas continues the electrifying saga of the Broken Wings, a team of ex-FBI profilers who walk a razor's edge between the criminal mind and their own destruction. Dark times have befallen Jake Donovan and his unit. They are still struggling to recover from the nightmarish Black Diamond case when the Attorney General calls. Terrorists have attacked the president's helicopter, and the assailants must be found out. But, before they can close in on the suspects, the government inexplicably shuts him down, leading Donovan to suspect that something much more sinister is at work behind the veils of power. (American)

Clive EGLETON**Assassination Day****375pp Pb 19.95**

Ross Frazer. Ex-Intelligence. Ex-Assassin. And dead; or is he? SIS officer Will Landon assumes he has a simple case when asked to investigate Frazer's sensational autobiography. It gets complicated when two people associated with the book are murdered. With time running out, he needs to start making some connections and fast. (English)

K J ERICKSON**The Last Witness****355pp Pb 15.95**

A Marshall "Mars" Bahr mystery #3. From the outset, there seems no question that Minnesota Timberwolves star, Tayron Jackman, is responsible for the brutal murder of his wife. How did he pull it off? Plagued by his own emotionally draining ex-wife, Mars has only nine days left in the homicide division to crack the case. (American)

Loren ESTLEMAN**Sweet Women Lie (1990)****213pp Pb 16.95**

An Amos Walker mystery. Amos is offered three quarters of a million dollars to get a fading film star out of a flagging affair with a gangster. (American)

Linda FAIRSTEIN**The Kills****345pp Tp 29.95**

Paige Vallis claimed she gave in to Tripping's sexual demands because he had threatened to harm his own son if she didn't. Alexandra Cooper, prosecuting the ex-CIA agent, knew she had her work cut out to convince the jury, but before Paige could complete her testimony she is found strangled in her own apartment building just hours after confessing to a relationship with another ex-CIA operative. While the accusation of rape against Tripping is dropped, he has other charges to face, not least abusing his own child. As Tripping's defence team go into overdrive to keep him out of jail, Cooper investigates the convenient murder of the woman who could have put him behind bars. (American)

Scott FLANDER**Four to Midnight****357pp Pb 17.95**

A Sergeant Eddie North mystery #2. When an Afro-American city councilman is badly beaten on a West Philadelphia street, he blames two of Eddie's best cops. They deny it. Called to the scene, Eddie decides to back his men but is accused of a conspiracy to cover up the truth. The media, the politicians and the public are outraged while a man in a black ski mask begins a campaign to assassinate cops. (American)

G M FORD**Black River****353pp Pb 19.95**

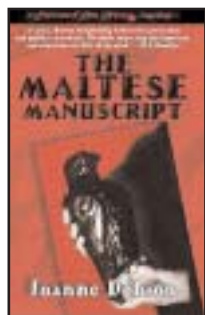
A Frank Corso novel. There is no stronger argument for the death penalty than Nicholas Balagula, the bloodthirsty West Coast crime boss who has been charged with 63 counts of homicide. Reclusive rogue journalist Frank Corso, who is the only non-participant invited to observe the closed court proceedings, stands uncomfortably in the centre of the most crazed media circus to hit Seattle in years until a personal tragedy diverts his attention. (American)

Steven FORD**First Do No Harm****346pp Pb 17.95**

It is called Enigma, a mutated culture of smallpox. Medical researcher Erin Connelly believes it contains the answer to curing disease. Jacob Kohl of the Centre for Disease Control believes it can destroy the world. The race to find Enigma is on... (American)

Anne FRASIER**Play Dead****367pp Pb 15.95**


Anne Frasier takes readers to the dark side of Savannah, where a female homicide detective must confront the truth about her own past in order to stop a twisted serial killer... (American)

Joanne DOBSON**The Maltese Manuscript 275pp Pb 15.95**


A Poisoned Pen Press mystery #5. In classic noir tradition, English Professor Karen Pelletier gains a client when her office door opens and a famous Private Eye novelist enters. The author is dogged by Trouble (a Rottweiler) and by a problem. And since Sunnye Hardcastle (a Patricia Cornwell look-alike) will be a featured speaker in the English Department's upcoming conference on murder mystery (from a Feminist Perspective!), Karen is intrigued. The next thing you know, the library is missing a truckload of treasures. Then a suspect is found dead in the stacks, his neck broken. The hunt is on for the manuscript of Hammett's *The Maltese Falcon* and for potential murder suspects.

This novel riffs the hardboiled genre, several sacred icons, while being fun to read because of the romantic subplot. - Shelley (American)


**Stephen FREY**

Silent Partner 363pp Pb 17.95
 "If you help me, I'll help you." This is Jake Lawrence's offer to Angela Day. A stockholder in Sumter Bank, the reclusive multibillionaire is planning a takeover of a hot, new company and he wants Angela to apply her considerable skills and charms to make sure it all goes smoothly and secretly. In exchange, Lawrence promises to use his formidable influence to permanently reunite Angela with her son, whom she lost in a custody battle to her adulterous (but well-connected) ex-husband. For Angela, it is the one reward for which she would risk everything. But accepting Lawrence's deal will mean doing just that, as his mind-boggling wealth and power come with the ultimate price tag: enemies everywhere have marked him for death. (American)


Yasmine GALENORN

Legend of the Jade Dragon 277pp Pb 13.95
 *A Chintz and China mystery #2.* When a client gives seer Emerald O'Brien a statue of a jade dragon as payment, bad luck follows. To thwart its evil spell, she will have to follow a trail of heartache to China's Ming Dynasty. (American)


Tom GRACE

Bird of Prey 356pp Pb 16.95
 In space, a technological nightmare orbits the Earth, stalking its prey. Sheathed in a black multifaceted skin, all but invisible against the darkness of space, the killer satellite hunts with one of the deadliest weapons ever created. It is Zeus and like the god of myth, it hurls lightning from the heavens. Astronaut Kelsey Newton and her crewmates aboard the International Space Station have just settled in for a six-month mission when they discover the existence of Zeus. Alone and defenceless in orbit, the astronauts report what they know, even at the risk of becoming a target themselves. The job of finding out who placed the weapon in space falls to Kelsey's fiancé, ex-Navy SEAL Nolan Kilkenny. (American)


Jim GRAND

Operation Medusa 293pp Pb 15.95
 *A Unit Omega novel.* Only one team can explain the unexplainable. Their job is investigating supernatural phenomena. Their jurisdiction is the world, and beyond... When locals begin venturing into a newly discovered cavern in Arizona's Snake Mountain, old legends become terrifyingly real and the life-like statues within the cave are only the beginning. Now, as an otherworldly being threatens to engulf all in its path, UN Intelligence Inspector Harold Collins must find a way to stop an entity of ancient myth, with powers beyond measure. (American)


Norman GREEN

The Angel of Montague Street 293pp Tp 24.95
 In the fall of 1973, Brooklyn, New York, is home to worn-down hotels, wise guys, immigrants, the disturbed, the disenfranchised and a few people just trying to make an honest buck. When Silvano Iurata's troubled brother, Noonie, rumoured to be living in Brooklyn Heights, goes missing, Silvano returns to a place he swore he would never set foot in again. A tale of revenge and redemption, this novel has vivid characters, razor-sharp detail and dead-on dialogue, an unforgettable snapshot of life on the streets of Brooklyn. (American)


Michael GRUBER

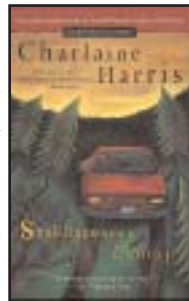
Tropic of Night 457pp Pb 19.95
 Jane Doe lives in the shadows under an assumed name. A once-promising anthropologist and an expert on shamanism, everyone thinks she is dead. Or so she hopes. Jimmy Paz is a Cuban-American police detective. Straddling two cultures, he understands things others cannot. When a series of ritualistic murders begin, all of Miami is terrified. Especially Jane. She knows the dark truth that Jimmy must desperately search to uncover. As their lives slowly interconnect, Jane and Paz are soon caught in a cataclysmic battle between good and an evil as unimaginable as it is terrifying. (American)


Karen HARPER

Dark Harvest 392pp Pb 13.95
 Widower Luke Brand is a leader in the peaceful Amish community of Maple Creek. But now his people are under attack from unknown assailants and the main targets appear to be the children. Although the community is reluctant to turn to the outside world for help, a particularly vicious assault leads Luke to the local police. (American)

Charlaine HARRIS

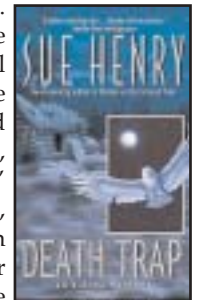
Shakespeare's Trollop 193pp Pb 13.95
 *A Lily Bard mystery.* In this latest instalment, Lily discovers lifelong Shakespeare resident Deedra Dean murdered inside a car parked in a woody area outside town. Determined not to get involved, Lily wants to leave the police work to Sheriff Marta Schuster and her team of deputies, and concentrate on cleaning, high kicks and her boyfriend Jack's impending visit. But when Deedra's notoriously promiscuous lifestyle provides an extensive list of suspects but very few clues, Lily has no choice but to resume the roll of amateur detective and join the investigation. (American)


**Stuart HARRISON**

Aphrodite's Smile 439pp Tp 29.95
 When Robert French's archaeologist father goes missing, he travels to the Greek island of Ithaca where he meets a young woman in search of the truth about her grandmother's exile 60 years earlier. Gradually, it seems possible there is a link between the ancient treasure Robert's father was searching for and the tragic events surrounding Alex's grandmother during WW2. Suddenly, Alex vanishes and Robert is embroiled in a desperate search. Atmospheric, tense and compelling, this blend of classical myth with ancient and recent history creates a memorable and thrilling novel. (English)


Sue HENRY

Death Trap 292pp Pb 15.95
 *An Alaska mystery.* Recovering from knee surgery, which will cause her to miss the upcoming dog-sled racing season, champion "musher" Jessie Arnold is bored, so she grabs an opportunity to fill her days manning the Iditarod booth at the Alaska State Fair. When the corpse of a small-time hoodlum, slain by a double-blade axe blow to the skull, turns up on the fairgrounds, the unthinkable occurs: Jessie herself vanishes without a trace. (American)


**Jack HIGGINS**

Bad Company 373pp Pb 18.95
 *The new Sean Dillon thriller.* Wartime secrets threaten to topple a President when Hitler's diary is left in the wrong hands. (English)

Joanna HINES

Angels of the Flood 409pp Tp 29.95
 When leading picture restorer Kate Howard receives a 16th century Italian painting, she discovers it has been crudely altered. This is the third such painting she has seen in as many years. Despite unhappy memories of the 1967 Florence flood, Kate is drawn back to Italy to investigate. (English)


James HUSTON

The Shadows of Power 436pp Pb 18.95
 A small nation, which bolsters the terrorist cause, is flexing its military muscle in a far corner of the world. On a mission to the now-volatile Mediterranean, F/A-18 pilot Lt Ed Stovic shoots down an Algerian MiG at the climax of a dramatic, high-stakes dogfight and becomes an overnight hero in the eyes of his countrymen ... and the target of a zealot's revenge. (American)

**Christopher HYDE** **The House of Special Purpose**
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November 1941. A shocking artefact is rumoured to exist from the days of the Bolshevik Revolution. On its trail are news photographer Jane Todd, Scotland Yard Inspector Morris Black, a Nazi assassin, a mysterious countess and the lethal head of NKVD operations in America. What this artefact reveals could change the course of history... (American)


Graham ISON

 **Whiplash** 219pp Hb 52.95
A *DI Brock mystery*. When the traffic police call the local police station, which calls CID, who calls out DI Brock to attend the scene of a traffic accident, the inspector is none too pleased. But then it turns out the woman's body discovered in the ditch alongside the crashed car was not involved in the accident, but had been there for some time. What is more, the woman was naked and covered in the vicious marks of a whip. Unpleasant as it might be, this is very definitely Brock's business. (English)

Jim KELLY

 **The Fire Baby** 322pp Tp 29.95
In the stifling heatwave of June 1976, a US plane crashes on the Cambridgeshire Fens. Out of the flames walks a woman, Maggie Beck, carrying a baby. 27 years later, Maggie is dying. Journalist Philip Dryden knows this because she is lying in the hospital ward next to his wife, Laura. As Maggie prepares to leave this world, so Laura (locked in a coma for four years) appears to be slowly returning to it. How can Laura communicate the information Maggie has confessed to her? This is the sequel to **The Water Clock** (Pb 19.95), which was short listed for the *CWA John Creasey Award*. (American)


James KIDMAN

 **Black Fire** 339pp Pb 15.95
What colour is the fire of your soul? It has been seven years since the life-shattering event, which Eddie Farris thinks of as *The Showdown*, the night he killed his father in self-defence. Sometimes the past does not want to stay dead and sometimes the dead come back to haunt you. In Eddie's case, the dead are coming back with a vengeance. Who is the strange, mysterious figure, which seems to be following Eddie, taunting him, threatening him? Nothing in Eddie's world is quite what it seems to be, and he will soon discover that you never really escape your destiny; it burns within the fire of your soul. (American)


**Larry KING & Thomas COOK** **Moon over Manhattan**
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From Larry King, host of CNN's *Larry King Live* and *Edgar Award*-winning mystery writer Thomas Cook, comes a madcap caper about the bright lights and dimwits of Manhattan. When the lovely Allison Vandameer concocts a scheme to get herself into film school against her father's wishes, she has no idea the forces she has unleashed. Her political pundit/media megastar father, along with a cast of colourful characters equally at home in a Woody Allen movie, all unwittingly conspire to create a citywide web of intrigue, insanity, conflicting political values and personal agendas. The action takes them all over town; with everything culminating on live television in a dizzying climax that proves love confuses all. (American)


Kelly LANGE

 **Dead File** 381pp Pb 15.95
A *Maxi Poole mystery*. Young and glamorous LA reporter Maxi Poole is back in another adventure that takes readers inside a TV news operation. When vitamin-supplement queen Gillian Rose is found dead, Maxi anticipates a big story, but the police find no evidence of foul play, so Maxi's gruff boss takes her off the story. Gillian's husband Carter believes his wife was murdered and enlists a sceptical Maxi to help in solving the crime. (American)

Virginia LANIER

 **A Bloodhound to Die For #6**
297pp Pb 15.95
Dog trainer and amateur sleuth extraordinaire, Jo Beth is in a heap of trouble. For openers, she has to dig herself out of a personal crisis. Confronted by her violent ex-husband Bubba, Jo Beth ended the relationship for good, with a bang! Now she must rebuild her life! She is on the trail of a prison escapee, a good ol' boy, so wily that even Jo Beth's best hounds cannot sniff him out. Meanwhile, she is busy tracking an elderly woman who has wandered off in the Okefenokee Swamp, and at the same time searching for the source of a rumour that resulted in three deaths. (American)


Eva-Marie LIFFNER

 **Camera** 199pp Pb 22.95
This exceptional literary debut combines historical details of early 20th century London with crime fiction and has been awarded many prizes in Sweden. On her Uncle Jacob's death Johanna discovers a mysterious box of photographs among his belongings. Inspired to investigate Jacob's early life in London, where he trained as a photographer, she uncovers a macabre history laced with scandal. (Swedish)


Samuel LIGON **Safe in Heaven Dead**
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Robert Elgin has rendered himself irrelevant and become invisible. After stumbling upon a secret slush fund his political bosses have been skimming off the public, Elgin takes the money and runs to New York. There he meets Carla, a doctoral student at Columbia, who, enmeshed in her own world of corruption, is also ready to become invisible, ready to run. A kinetic, spellbinding debut, this novel reveals a world of people struggling to do what is right when everything seems wrong, a world of people resisting surrender to the corruption that surrounds them, and a world, too, which, in the face of apparent hopelessness, somehow breeds hope. (American)


Clare LITTLEFORD

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When she is attacked and knocked unconscious, Nottingham social worker Jo Elliot assumes she was merely unlucky, the random victim of an opportune mugging. But as the days pass, Jo begins to suspect that she was being deliberately targeted. Stephen Booth says it is, "Unsettling and memorable... one of the most subtly disturbing novels I've read in a long time." (English)


Chuck LOGAN

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Cait LONDON

 **What Memories Remain**
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Cyd cannot find peace, even in the small, quiet community of Fairy Cove. Behind a façade of cool, carefree strength, she hides fears that have plagued her since childhood. Nightmares still terrify her, but if she unwraps the truth, will she be able to face it? Two people cannot allow her to keep the past buried forever. One is Ewan Lochlain, a custom boat builder fascinated by the secretive, statuesque beauty of his once childhood friend. Ewan is back in town now and dedicated to unravelling the mystery of his own parents' deaths; a puzzle that is somehow linked to Cyd's dark, lost memories and to a small town's shocking history. The second person is the faceless predator who is determined to make an entire community pay for its sins. (American)


**S K McCLAFFERTY****Be Very Afraid 352pp Pb 13.95**

 Liz Moncrief still blames herself for putting her career at the FBI ahead of everything else, for being just too damned obsessed with catching the serial killer who buried his young victims alive. The Cemetery Man eluded her and murdered her daughter. Something in Liz died that day and two years later, the pain is just as raw. Jake English, FBI Special Agent, is faced with an impossible task: protecting an ex-wife who loathes him. Quantico HQ put Jake in charge of the case, but he knows that Liz is the one with the gift; the only one who possesses an intuition finely honed enough to get into the mind of the monster. And she must. (American)

Max McCOY**The Moon Pool 374pp Pb 15.95**

 McCoy, who has written several Indiana Jones novels, draws on his experiences as an investigative journalist and an Advanced Open Water scuba diver to tell the tale of a serial killer bent on re-enacting the abduction of the Greek mythological figure Persephone. To preserve the beauty of his young, red-haired victims, the killer stores their naked bodies in Mineral City, a former mining town now overrun with water up to 400 feet deep in some areas. Richard Dahlgren, a private underwater crime scene investigator, haunted by a tragic past, commands the extraordinary investigation. (American)


Adrian McKINTY**Dead I Well May Be 306pp Tp 27.95**

 Michael Forsythe is an illegal immigrant escaping the Troubles in Belfast. He is strong, fearless and clever; just the fellow to be tapped by Darkey, a crime boss, to join a gang of Irish thugs struggling against the rising Dominican powers in Harlem and the Bronx. The time is pre-Giuliani New York, when crack rules the city; squatters live furtively in ruined buildings and hundreds are murdered each month. Michael and his lads tumble through the streets, shaking down victims, drinking hard and fighting for turf, block by bloody block. A natural storyteller with a gift for dialogue, McKinty introduces to readers a stunning new noir voice, dark and stylish, mythic and violent, complete with an Irish lilt. (Irish)


Claire McNAB**The Wombat Strategy****204pp Pb 28.95**

 A *Kylie Kendall mystery #1*. Running a pub in the tiny Australian outback town of Wollegudgerie does not offer much fun or future to knockabout Aussie dyke, Kylie Kendall. So, when the father she never knew dies, leaving her 51 percent of his Los Angeles-based private detective agency, it is bright lights, big city for America-bound Kylie. Not so happy about her arrival is her father's former business partner, the beautiful, enigmatic Arianna Creeling. She wants to buy out Kylie and gives her a decidedly chilly reception in sunny Southern California. But the two women soon have other matters to attend to. Concerned for his reputation, psychiatrist-to-the-stars Dr Deer would prefer the death of his former client be revealed to be a murder rather than a lapse of medical judgment. (Australian)


Mardi Oakley MEDAWAR**✠ Murder on the Red Cliff Rez****253pp Pb 13.95**

 A *Police Chief David Lameraux mystery*. The normally quiet Red Cliff Reservation is currently rocked by an ever-widening scandal; the collectively disliked tribal attorney Judah Boiseneau has been found murdered in his office. Everyone is sure that the man responsible is his cousin, Benny Pelican. But Benny has disappeared into the reservation and, as someone who knows the land, he will not be easy to find. With the Tribal Chairman leaning on him to resolve the case quickly, reservation Police Chief David Lameraux has to turn to the only person he is sure can find the missing suspect, Karen Charboneau, the Tracker. (American)


Deon MEYER**✠ Heart of the Hunter****422pp Pb 18.95**

 When Johnny K is kidnapped and held to ransom, his daughter turns to the only man she knows can help her, ex-assassin and dad's best friend, Tiny. The kidnappers want a disk from her safe that contains extremely sensitive data; she has 72 hours to deliver, or her father dies. (South African)


Kyle MILLS**Storming Heaven 382pp Tp 32.95**

 Punished for his maverick ways, FBI agent Mark Beamon has been exiled from Washington to a sleepy Southwest office where he has got one last chance to play by the rules. But that is not going to happen, not when he is on a case too hot even for his unorthodox talents to handle. (American)

Mark MILLS**Amagansett 358pp Tp 29.95**

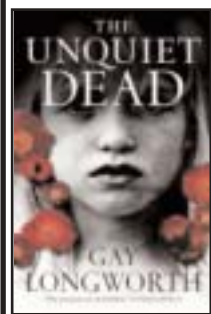
 *Snow Falling on Cedars* (Pb 21.95) meets *The Shipping News* (Pb 22.95) in this literary crime novel set in post-WW2 Long Island. In the small town of Amagansett, perched on the windswept coast, generations have followed the same calling: fishing the dangerous Atlantic waters. Little has changed in the three centuries since white settlers drove the Montaukett Indians from the land. But for Conrad Labarde, a second-generation Basque immigrant recently returned from the war and his fellow fisherman Rollo Kemp, this stability is shattered when a beautiful New York socialite turns up dead in their nets. (American)

Lisa MISCIONE**✠ The Darkness Gathers****308pp Pb 15.95**

 Teenager Tatiana Quinn disappears from her Miami bedroom sometime after midnight. Her backpack, \$160 stashed in her jewellery box and her favourite clothes are also missing. The police conclude she ran away. Her wealthy father quickly posts a million-dollar reward for her safe return. But the beautiful teen has not been found. Then, Pulitzer Prize-winning true crime writer, Lydia Strong gets an audiotape in the mail. Cautiously, she plays the tape and hears a girl calling herself Tatiana pleading for help. Lydia and her lover, PI Jeffrey Mark, an ex-FBI agent, rush to Florida...and enter into a nightmare. (American)

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Gay LONGWORTH**The Unquiet Dead 339pp Tp 29.95**

A *Jessie Driver novel #2*. The decaying Marshall Street Baths in the heart of Soho are a den for drug-users and the homeless; the perfect hangout for a teenage runaway. But when DI Jessie Driver goes there in search of a missing girl, she finds something quite different: the mummified body of a man, buried in the rat-infested basement. Who was he? And how does this murder relate to the tragic drowning of a young boy years earlier? Taking the reader through the antiquated architecture of the baths and all the associated psychosocial behaviours of its previous years, Gay Longworth somehow resurrects the atmosphere of a London long lost. This is a fulfilling read. - *Shelley*. (English)

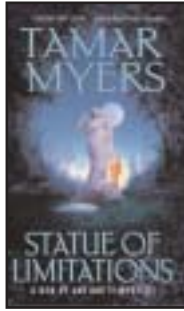
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Tamar MYERS

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A Den of Antiquity mystery. Abigail Timberlake Washburn, petite but feisty proprietor of Charleston's Den of Antiquity antiques shop, stopped speaking to best friend and temporary decorating partner Wynnell Crawford a month ago, after questioning her choice of a cheap, three-foot-high replica of Michelangelo's David to adorn the garden of a local bed-and-breakfast. But now Wynnell has broken the silence with one phone call, from prison! It seems the B&B owner has been fatally beamed, allegedly by the same tacky statue, and Wynnell's been fingered by the cops for the bashing. (American)

**James NICHOL**

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 A three-year-old boy is abandoned at the side of a country road. His mother whispers to him to hold on to a wire fence. She never returns, but the boy is eventually found, holding on so tightly the wire is cutting into his hands. 16 years later, Walker Devereux is in Toronto to discover the truth about his early life. Who are his parents? Why was he abandoned? And if, as he remembers dimly, his mother loved him, what happened to her? In pursuit of answers, Walker uncovers his family's dark secrets and comes within the deadly grasp of a murderous psychopath. (Canadian)

Linda PALMER

Love is Murder 275pp Pb 13.95
A Daytime TV mystery. Soap opera writer Morgan Tyler's life begins to look like one of her scripts when her boss is found dead and Morgan is left his fortune. Now, a real-life killer is after her. And her time is running out, like sands through the hourglass. (American)

James PATTERSON

The Lake House 401pp Pb 19.95
 Frannie O'Neill's life turned upside-down when she and FBI maverick Kit Brennan rescued six incredible children from the school that created them. Now, the young flock wants to go back to the couple, who are suing for custody. But when the case involves the most extraordinary creatures ever to land on this earth, someone will ensure there is no happy ending. Only Max, the most remarkable of the winged children, knows that another, terrifying biological experiment is taking place in the labs of brilliant but evil surgeon, Dr Ethan Kane. To complete his experiment he needs the ultimate prize, Max herself. (American)

Ridley PEARSON

The Art of Deception 481pp Pb 17.95

When the body of a young woman is found beneath the Aurora Bridge, forensic psychologist Daphne Matthews is first at the scene. The victim's name is Mary-Ann, her boyfriend has a record of violence and her grieving brother is out for revenge. Detective Lou Boldt is investigating a series of mysterious disappearances, and he and Matthews are led into the 'Underground', a perfectly preserved city-under-a-city, hidden beneath Seattle. Then the stalking begins: eerie phone calls, noises outside the house, shadows in the night. Someone has their eye on Matthews, but do they want to stop her, kill her or help her solve the crime? (American)

George PELECANOS

Hard Revolution 375pp Tp 29.95
 It is the spring of 1968; the sun shines down on an America on the brink of civil war. Martin Luther King preaches in vain for non-violent protest and the ghettos of Washington DC seethe with anger. In the middle of this powder keg is thrust a young black cop, barely out of school himself. Derek Strange believes passionately that he can make a difference, but his friends and family think he is a traitor and a patsy of the white establishment. On April 4th, 1968, Dr King is assassinated on the balcony of his motel in Memphis, Tennessee. And black America rises as one to condemn the slaying of their hero. For one week, it seems that the whole country will fall. (American)

Bill PRONZINI et al (editors)

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 Tread in the mean streets of the PI's world, with the very best of hardboiled fiction, from Ross MacDonald, Raymond Chandler, Michael Collins, Ed McBain, William Campbell Gault and many more. (American)

Manuel RAMOS

The Ballad of Rocky Ruiz (1993) 202pp Tp 29.95

A Luis Montez mystery #1. This debut novel introduced a hero unique in detective fiction: a world-weary, middle-aged lawyer steeped in the politics, history and culture of the golden age of Chicano activism. 20 years ago, a gang attacked four Chicano student activists and shot down their leader, Rocky Ruiz. Now the survivors are in danger. One is killed, another beaten and a third driven into hiding. Enter Teresa Fuentes, a beautiful young lawyer determined to solve the mystery. To save his friends, Montez must re-examine the central event of their shared past, the murder of Ruiz. Just as difficult, he finds, may be to untangle his feelings for Teresa Fuentes. (Mexican)

Manuel RAMOS

The Ballad of Gato Guerrero (1994) 183pp Tp 29.95

A Luis Montez mystery #2. Luis Montez has been getting his career and his life together. So how did he end up in a ditch, his car twisted and smoking nearby, a gun-wielding giant in a cowboy hat coming toward him? The answer: his friend, Felix Gato Guerrero. (Mexican)

**David ROLLINS**


Sword of Allah 393pp Tp 30.00
 In Papua New Guinea, highlanders are armed with AK-47s. In the Persian Gulf, a fishing boat has a sinister cargo. At a luxury hotel in Manila, a financial planner has a rendezvous with men on the world's Most Wanted list. In Israel's West Bank, the unwinnable war continues to rage. And in Canberra, Sergeant Tom Wilkes of the Australian Special Air Service is seconded to the CIA where he spearheads a team set up to fight terrorism. John Birmingham recommends this one 'hits home like a small nuke'. (Australian)

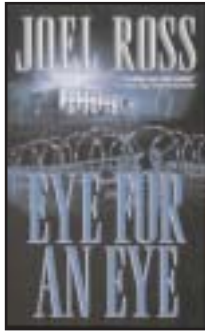
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 Suzanne 'Scorch' Amerce was an honour student before a female street gang murdered her sister. Scorch hit the streets on a rampage that almost annihilated the gang, but it got her arrested and sent away. That was eight years ago.




Now, she has escaped. The leader of the gang is still alive and Scorch wants to change that. The one man who might be able to stop her bloodthirsty hunt is Eric, her prison therapist. Will he be able to stand by and let Scorch exact her deadly vengeance? Or will he risk his life to side with the detective who needs so badly to bring Scorch back in? Either way, lives hang in the balance. (American)


Daniel SILVA**The Confessor** 401pp Pb 19.95

 In Munich, a Jewish scholar is assassinated. In Venice, Mossad agent and art restorer Gabriel Allon receives the news, puts down his brushes and leaves. At the Vatican, the new pope vows to uncover the truth about the church's response to the Holocaust, while a powerful cardinal plots his next move. Now, as Allon follows a trail of secrets and unthinkable deeds, the lives of millions are changed forever and the life of one man becomes expendable. (American)

Maj SJOWALL & Per WAHLOO**Roseanna (1968)** 217pp Pb 19.95

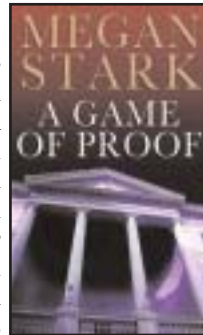
 The naked body of a young woman is dredged up from a Swedish canal. She has been sexually assaulted and strangled. But no one has reported her missing and Martin Beck of the Stockholm homicide squad can find no clue to her identity. But then patience, a little luck and good, honest police work turn up a broken-down pleasure boat, information from Nebraska and some tourist's photographs, and gradually Beck's investigation comes to its troubling conclusion. (Swedish)

Patricia SPRINKLE**When Will the Dead Lady Sing?** 254pp Pb 13.95

 A *Thoroughly Southern mystery*. When the body of a local vagrant is found dead and all signs point to the county magistrate's old college boyfriend, Mac is caught in a murder investigation that puts her right in the spotlight. (American)

Megan STARK **A Game of Proof** 352pp Hb 45.00

Sarah Newby, who left school at 15 to become a teenage single parent on a council estate in Leeds, has worked her way up to begin a career as a criminal barrister. When her son Simon is arrested and charged with a series of brutal rapes and murders around the city of York, the evidence against him appears so strong that his QC advises a guilty plea, whereupon Simon begs his mother to defend him instead. In law there is no ruling that says a mother cannot defend her son, so Sarah feels morally bound to represent him. This is a tense courtroom drama where telling the whole truth may not be as important as keeping certain secrets well hidden. (English)

**Sarah STROHMEYER** **Bubbles Ablaze #3** 404pp Pb 18.95

This finds the redoubtable Ms Bubbles Yablonsky heeding a call from her boss at the *News-Times* and racing her Camaro toward a potentially big news story. But when she arrives at an abandoned coal-mine, she finds the love of her life, Steve Stiletto, knocked unconscious and the body of another man with a sizeable hole in his chest. Moments later, Bubbles and Stiletto are trapped by an explosion. Convinced that someone wants them dead, they search for their intended assassin in coal country, where they uncover a conspiracy at the Main Mane hairdressing salon, a cadre of women known as the Sirens of Slagville and a hot spot called Limbo, which has been burning underground for 40 years. (American)

**Leann SWEENEY** **Pick Your Poison** 266pp Pb 13.95

A *Yellow Rose mystery*. Out of school, out of work and out of motivation, Abby Rose is contemplating her life and wondering what to do next. It is the kind of situation that would get some girls down, but luckily Abby's got a heart the size of Texas and a bank account to match. But when she discovers the gardener dead in her greenhouse, she realises what she needs to do with herself: she needs to solve a murder. (American)

Emily TOLL **Fall into Death** 289pp Pb 15.95


A *Booked for Travel mystery*. Lynne Montgomery is in New Hampshire to take a look at her mother's latest venture, a B&B. But Lynne never thought it would stand for Buried & Bodies until she discovered skeletons in the basement. (American)

Peter TURNBALL **The Dance Master** 183pp Hb 49.95

A *Hennessey and Yellich novel*. When Matthew Hopkins leaves his hellhole council flat to seek out funding for his heroin addiction, he spots a plastic bag on the landing outside. Pouncing on it hopefully, he finds it contains only bones. Both the bones and the bag open up more than enough avenues of investigation for DCI Hennessey and DS Yellich. It would seem the killer wanted to draw attention to himself, perhaps even to be caught. But when a new urgency infuses the case, will the detectives be able to make use of his helpfulness in time? (English)

Martyn WAITES **Born Under Punches** 426pp Pb 19.95

1984: Thatcher's Conservative government is in power and the miners are on strike. 2001: Blair's Labour government enters its historic second term. The rail network is collapsing as the National Health Service is descending into chaos. Things can only get better? Coldwell: A former pit town on the Northumberland coast was once a cheerful and prosperous place. It now lies bleak and eerily empty. Moving seamlessly between 1984 and the present day, this tautly plotted thriller involves five Coldwell inhabitants whose lives are radically changed by the strike. As the lives of the five unfold, it becomes clear that the strike of 1984 will have unforeseen and devastating repercussions, not only for those directly involved, but for future generations too. (English)

Ayelet WALDMAN **Death Gets a Time-Out** 314pp Pb 15.95

A *Mommy Track mystery*. Juliet Applebaum's latest excuse to escape the carpool comes when her old friend, actress Lilly Green, asks her to help clear her brother's name. He is in jail, accused of killing his stepmother. But soon, Juliet must face the disturbing possibility that her famous friend may have played a role in the murder. (American)





Randy Wayne WHITE

Everglades 365pp Pb 15.95
Doc Ford returns to his house on Dinkin's Bay to find an old friend and one-time lover waiting for him. Her husband has disappeared and been pronounced dead, and she is sure there is worse to follow. She is right... Ford ends up deep in the Everglades, at the gates of a community presided over by a man named Bhagwan Shiva (formerly Jerry Singh). Shiva is big business, but it has been a little shaky lately, and so he has come up with a scheme to enhance both his cash and his power. Of course, there is the possibility that some people could get hurt and the Everglades itself will be damaged, but Shiva smells a killing. (American)

Karin YAPALATER

An Hour to Kill 370pp Pb 15.95
When a series of brutal murders take place in the desolate wintry landscape of Central Park, unlikely colleagues, New York City detectives James Gurson and Didi Kane, are sent to investigate. The assignment turns personal, however, when they discover the victims' deaths resonate within their own lives. The first victim, Charlene Leone, found burned beyond recognition, is a fellow officer, and Kane's ex-lover. The other, Orrin Gretz, a prominent New York psychiatrist whose grisly death in a '57 Mercedes Gullwing with a .25 automatic at his side, mirrors the suicide of Gurson's father. (American)

HISTORICAL CRIME



Paul DOHERTY

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An Akhenaten Trilogy #1. A story of ambition, politics and assassination set in Ancient Egypt, c 1330 BC. Known as the Veiled One, Akhenaten is a shadowy figure. Thrust into the political limelight when his elder brother dies, the ambitious and ruthless Mahu watches Akhenaten carve his own path to power and becomes his protector and confidant through a turbulent reign. (English)

Jeffrey FORD

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1893, New York. A mysterious and richly evocative novel, it tells the story of portraitist Piero Piambo, who is offered a commission unlike any other. The client is Mrs Charbuque, a wealthy and elusive woman who asks him to paint her portrait, though with one bizarre twist: he may question her at length on any topic, but he may not, under any circumstances, see her. So begins an astonishing journey into Mrs Charbuque's world in this hypnotically compelling literary thriller. (American)

Philip GOODEN

Alms for Oblivion 281pp Pb 21.95
A Shakespearean Murder mystery. 1602, London. Nick Revill's friend Peter arrives in London hoping to tread the stage. Nick is happy to help him but, within a few days of his arrival, he is found dead in Nick's cheap lodgings. Nick is forced to prove his innocence. (English)

Philip GOODEN

Mask of Night 281pp Hb 45.00
A Shakespearean Murder mystery. 1603, London. When the Black Death strikes London, all the theatres are closed down by order of the Privy Council. The Chamberlain's Men take up an invitation to play in Oxford. However, it seems that the plague has followed them. (American)

John MacLachlan GRAY

The Fiend in Human 414pp Pb 22.95
1852, London. The world's capital crime city, where murder and hangings are public entertainment, where reporters and balladeers vie with one another to be the first to the next exclusive, grisly revelation.



Among the panoply of killers awaiting execution is Chokee Bill, whose stranglings have set the capital abuzz. One of the balladeers, Henry Owler, is determined to extract a true confession from the killer. However, Chokee Bill claims he is innocent and that the real Fiend is still on the loose. Owler enlists the help of one of London's leading investigative journalists, Edmund Whitty of *The Falcon*, to help him discover the real murderer, but fate has some other twists in store. (English)

Adriana KOULIAS

Temple of the Grail 425pp Tp 29.95
1254, the Pyrenees. It is ten years after the fall of Montsegur and the terrible massacre there. In the upper reaches of the Pyrenees, the monastery of St Lazarus sequesters a dangerous secret. Amid murder, fear of the antichrist and the threat of Inquisition, two Templars decipher clues and decode cunning puzzles in order to find the dark and forbidden place where the secret is hidden. If they fail, the secret will be lost to the world, but if they succeed, whom can they trust with the mystery that unites Templars, Cathars and Rosicrucians? This debut novel is tipped to be a bestseller and is currently only available at Abbey's. (Australian)

Ann McMILLAN

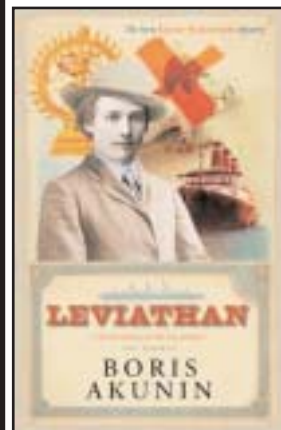
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A Civil War mystery. 1862, Richmond, Virginia. Combining suspense with elegant period detail, this novel brings to life a sweeping, rich and complex cast of characters from every echelon of Southern society. The



Confederate capital, its hospitals already overflowing, lies under the shadow of the brutal Seven Days Battle. In the mounting confusion, Narcissa Powers begins to suspect foul play. Morphine, the only relief for the brutally injured, is disappearing. And after a mysterious patient dies suspiciously, tension mounts. The mystery reunites Narcissa with her old friend and fellow investigator Judah Daniel. Soon the two women, with their British journalist ally Brit Wallace, are drawn into a tangled web of spies, traitors and uncertain loyalties. (American)

Boris AKUNIN

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CRIME NON-FICTION

Mike ECHOLS
I Know My First Name is Stephen (1991) 351pp Pb 15.95

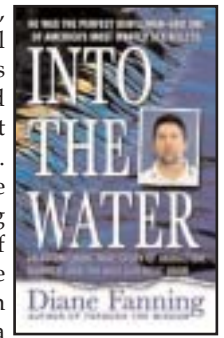
This is the true story of the seven-year abduction of Steven Stayner by convicted child molester Kenneth Eugene Parnell. (American)

Ken ENGLADE
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The Story of Gary Heidnik. This is not a story for the faint-hearted. It is a shocking true account of a self-proclaimed minister with a long history of mental illness, who preyed upon the susceptible and the retarded in a bizarre plan to create his own baby factory. It is a macabre web, spun around money, power and religion, entangled with courtroom drama and lawyers' tactics, sure to send a chill into your very soul. (American)

Diane FANNING
Into the Water 244pp Pb 15.95

She was young, terrified and still bound in handcuffs when she was found on the street screaming for help. To authorities she spilled the shocking details of a night of horror. It was the lead they had been desperate for in a multi-state manhunt for an elusive serial killer. Where the witness took them was to the last man anyone would have suspected. Richard Marc Evonitz was beloved by friends and family. He was handsome, intelligent and compassionate. Serving a spotless eight years in the US Navy, he was a town hero who lived harmoniously in an exclusive South Carolina neighbourhood. The only ones who saw Evonitz's dark side were his victims. (American)



Mary REED & Eric MAYER
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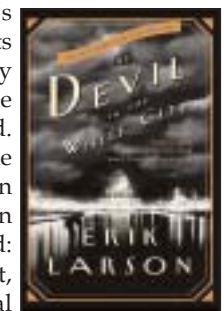
A Lord Chamberlain mystery. AD 525, Constantinople. Nothing is as it should be. The winter is unnaturally cold and the palace has fallen under the sway of two women: the wife of the dying Emperor Justin, and Theodora, the former actress his successor intends to marry. The streets are terrorised alternately by elegantly dressed young thugs and the City Prefect's forces. Thus, when a wealthy philanthropist is killed in broad daylight in the Great Church, it isn't entirely surprising that the future ruler Justinian engages an anonymous young slave called John to investigate what could be part of a succession conspiracy. In this series prequel, John the Eunuch takes his first dangerous steps along the path that will lead him to hold office as Lord Chamberlain. (American)

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The Devil in the White City 496pp Pb 24.95

The Chicago World's Fair of 1893 and its amazing White City was one of the wonders of the world. This is the incredible story of its realisation and of the two men whose fates it linked: one was an architect, the other a serial killer. The architect was Daniel Burnham, the driving force behind the massive, visionary landscape of white buildings set in a wonderland of canals and gardens. The killer was H H Holmes, a handsome doctor with striking blue eyes. He used the attraction of the great fair and his own devilish charms to lure scores of young women to their deaths. While Burnham overcame politics, infighting, personality clashes and Chicago's infamous weather to transform the swamps of Jackson Park into the greatest show on Earth, Holmes built his own edifice just west of the fairground. He called it the World's Fair Hotel. In reality it was a torture palace, a gas chamber and a crematorium. (American)



Richard BENNETT
Conspiracy 374pp Hb 55.00



Plots, Lies and Cover-Ups. Conspiracy theories are thought to come exclusively from the wilder shores of political observation. By definition, however, a conspiracy occurs each time a group of influential people agree to a course of action in private and by extra-democratic means. From new information on the usual suspects, to covert intelligence involvement with Britain's Wilson government and in the Profumo affair; from Reagan's secret post-Cold War agenda and a mooted plot within the US administration to supersede George W, this book is a frightening account of modern conspiracy theories, with guidance as to the credibility of each. While it has no truck with racist or overly outlandish theories, UFOlogy etc, the book is a thumpingly comprehensive Cook's tour through recent and not-so-recent conspiracies, proven or at least credible, of modern history. Hopefully, therefore, it will contribute to reclaiming the notion of conspiracy for sane and credible political commentators! At the least, it is a useful and compelling reference work, gathering many secret histories together for the first time. (English)

Kathryn MEDICO & Mollye BARROWS**A Perversion of Justice**

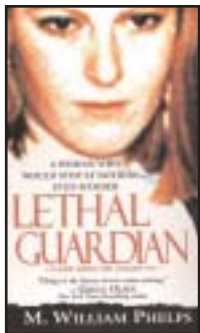
404pp Pb 17.95

A Southern tragedy of murder, lies and innocence betrayed. In the course of the seemingly open-and-shut legal proceedings surrounding the trial of Alex and Derek King for killing their dad, a shadowy third player began to emerge. A convicted paedophile named Rick Chavis was a monstrous human predator who had seen the confused youths as perfect, easy prey. (American)

Gregg OLSEN**If Loving You is Wrong**

376pp Pb 15.95

Within hours of giving birth to her sixth child, Mary Kay Letourneau had her baby daughter whisked from her arms. She was then shackled and returned to her jail cell. Just years before, the personable Seattle schoolteacher was living a life many would envy; she had a handsome husband, four beautiful children and a beloved following of students. Then she was accused of child rape, and her whole world turned upside-down. How did a 34-year-old married teacher fall in love with one of her sixth-grade students? Was it a complete lapse of judgment, or, as she contends, the meeting of two soul mates? (American)

**M William PHELPS****Lethal Guardian**

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A real estate lawyer in Connecticut's moneyed seaside communities, Beth Carpenter, 30, had beauty, brains and success. But she wanted more, namely guardianship of her two-year-old niece, Rebecca, daughter of Beth's estranged sister, Kim. When Kim married Anson "Buzz" Clinton, 28, a former male exotic dancer deemed an unsuitable guardian by the Carpenter family, Beth became obsessed with the idea that only his death could ensure that she and her parents would get custody of the child. On March 10, 1994, on a lonely stretch of road, Clinton was shot five times. (American)

Carlton SMITH & Tomas GUILLEN**The Search for the Green River Killer**

527pp Pb 17.95

Between 1982 and 1984, 49 women in the Seattle area were murdered. Despite an exhaustive search and investigation, the sadistic killer eluded authorities for the next two decades. Even to this day, bodies are still surfacing, believed linked to America's most brutal serial killer case. In 2002, King County police arrested long-time suspect Gary Ridgway, a 53-year-old truck painter and charged him with the crimes. In November 2003, Ridgway admitted to the murders, finally ending the search for the notorious Green River Killer. (American)

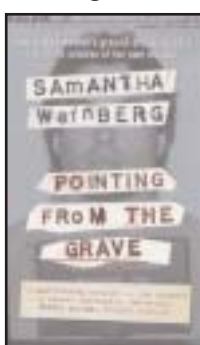
Burton TURKUS & Sid FEDER**Murder, Inc. (1951)**

493pp Tp 39.95

The Story of the Syndicate. Before *The Sopranos*, there was the Syndicate, a ruthless group of men, guilty of committing 1,000 murders in the late 1930s and 1940s. From the highest levels of the US government to the lowest levels of street crime, the Syndicate infiltrated everything from gambling to politics. Here is the long-selling account of the gangsters who called themselves 'Murder, Inc.' from the Assistant District Attorney who sent seven of them to the electric chair. (American)

Samantha WEINBERG**Pointing from the Grave**

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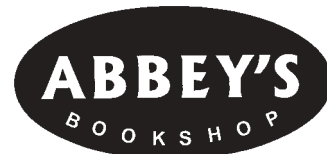


A True Story of Murder and DNA. Winner of the 2003 Golden Dagger award for non-fiction crime writing. This is a scientific and legal thriller with the perfect twist. In April 1984, Helena Greenwood, a young British DNA scientist, was sexually assaulted in her San Francisco cottage. A year later, and hundreds of miles away, she was brutally murdered. The alleged rapist, an American financial analyst named Paul Frediani, was the only suspect. Police and forensic experts, however, failed to link him to the crime and it languished in the unsolved file. Fast-forward to 1999 and a keen detective re-opens the case utilising the latest in DNA techniques; techniques pioneered 15 years ago by Helena Greenwood!

Armed with these newly developed tools, the detective finds a vital clue. This book has had rave reviews, with the *Literary Review* saying it, "deserves a permanent place on anyone's true-crime shelf." (English)



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