

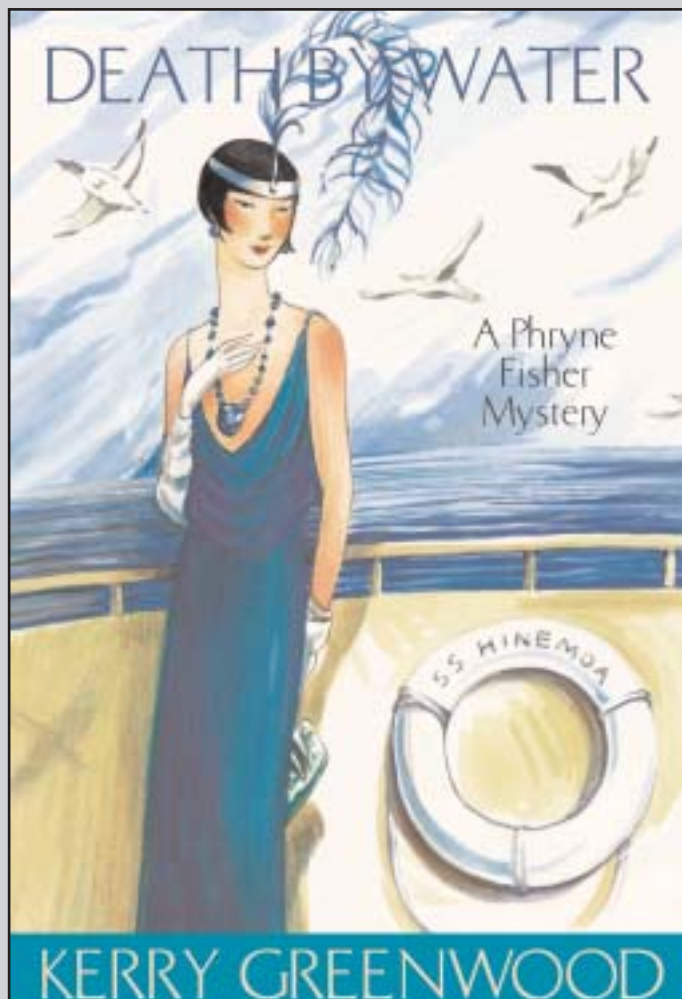
CRIME CHRONICLE

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"WHERE A GOOD CRIME CAN BE HAD BY ALL"

PHRYNE'S BACK!

The 15th in this wonderful series by Kerry Greenwood is now available:



Kerry GREENWOOD

Death by Water 290pp Pb \$19.95

The nice men at P&O are worried. A succession of jewellery thefts from first class passengers is hardly the best advertisement for their cruise liners, particularly when it's likely that a passenger is doing the stealing. Phryne Fisher - with her Lulu bob, green eyes, Cupid's bow lips and Chanel travelling suits - is exactly the sort of elegant sleuth to take on a string of jewel thieves on the high seas, or at least aboard the SS *Hinemoa* on a luxury cruise to New Zealand. With the Maharani - the Great Queen of Sapphires - as the bait, Phryne rises magnificently to the challenge.

There are shipboard romances, champagne cocktails, erotic photographers, jealous husbands, mickey finns, blackmail and an attempted murder, all before the thieves find out (as have countless, love-smitten men before them) that where the glamorous and intelligent Phryne is involved, resistance is futile. Not to be missed!

Also released with this book are the first two titles in the series: **Cocaine Blues #1** and **Flying Too High #2** (both Pb \$19.95). All 15 volumes are now in a matching format.

MORE GREAT JULY TITLES

Janet EVANOVICH

Eleven on Top 288pp Tp 32.95



Is everyone's favourite Bounty Hunter about to give up her day job? Stephanie Plum is back and, as usual, trouble seems to find her everywhere she goes. Once again she's struggling with her tangled love life, chaotic family and her God-given gift for destroying every car she drives. This time, Plum has decided to quit her job as a bounty hunter. She's tired of creeps, weirdos and stalkers. But just when she thinks she's out, they pull her back in! So fasten your seatbelt and hang on - Stephanie's back in town.

Sara PARETSKY

Fire Sale 416pp Tp 32.95



V I Warshawski has left her old South Chicago neighbourhood to take over coaching duties of the girls' basketball team at her former high school. Here she faces an ill-equipped, ragtag group of troublemakers, fundamentalists and teenage mums who inevitably draw the detective into their family woes. It isn't long before she is investigating corporate sabotage on a grand scale and trying to keep up with errant teenagers while tracking down a particularly cruel murderer. In a caper like this, her own life is almost forfeit in the swamps that lie under the city of Chicago.

- Peter

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AUTHOR OF
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MODERN CRIME

Keith ABLOW


 **Murder Suicide**
366pp Pb 16.95

A *Frank Clevenger investigation*. An hour before inventor John Snow is to undergo experimental brain surgery, he is discovered outside Massachusetts General Hospital, dead from a single bullet wound. Did he commit suicide as the police suspect or was he murdered? Now Clevenger must venture into a dead man's dark past to unearth the truth. (American)




David AMBROSE

The Man who turned into Himself
(1993) 292pp Pb 18.95

 Rick seemed to have the ideal life: a wonderful career, son and wife. When he is struck with a premonition that his wife and son will soon die in a car accident, he crashes his car while speeding home to save them. He wakes to find himself trapped in a parallel universe. This is a novel about love and quantum physics. (British)

Carla BANKS

 **The Forest of Souls**
372pp Tp 29.95

A passion for history had already cost Helen Kovacs her marriage. Now she has paid with her life. Helen had told no one of her research into the Nazi occupation of Eastern Europe. Even her closest friend Faith Lange had no idea until she began retracing the dead woman's steps. Though the police have a suspect in custody, Faith is convinced that the murderer is still at large. (British)


Colin BATEMAN

 **Murphy's Revenge**
315pp Tp 32.95

A *Detective Martin Murphy investigation* #2. Someone has started killing the killers, who just happen to have been under the surveillance of Confront, a support group for relatives of murder victims who believe that therapy comes through empowerment. Suspecting the group of revenge killings, Murphy goes undercover and joins them. But it seems that Confront have been doing their own detective work and, before Murphy realises, the group is forcing him to face the harrowing events of his own past. (British)

William BAYER

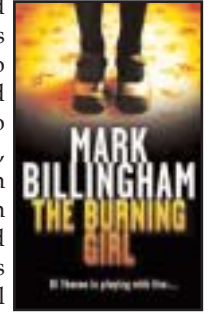
 **Peregrine**
300pp Tp 32.95

 Circling high over Rockefeller Center is a peregrine falcon, the most awesome of the flying predators. She awaits a signal from her falconer. It is given: the bird attacks, plummeting from the sky at nearly 200 miles an hour, striking a young woman and killing her instantly. So begins this novel, a chilling tale of obsession. By chance, newscaster Pamela Barrett witnesses the slaying. Her impassioned account of it on television that evening thrills the falconer, a brilliant madman who identifies with his deadly bird. Call girls, rich eccentrics and black market dealers in rare birds all play their role in this study of secret passion, desire, fulfilment and ecstasy. (American)

Mark BILLINGHAM

 **The Burning Girl**
436pp Pb 19.95

Jessica Clarke had been set alight 20 years ago. Her attacker, who was quickly tracked down and eager to confess, is still in jail, his career as a hit man for North London gangs now well behind him. So who is harassing Carol Chamberlain, the arresting officer in the case, and claiming that he is the one who burned the girl? Now retired, Carol turns to DI Tom Thorne for help. Only the world is about to turn much nastier; so nasty, in fact, that Tom finds himself longing for a straightforward psychopath to hunt down. In Mark Billingham's fourth novel, he explores the effects of violence and greed on the lives of those who exploit their fellow man. (British)




Claudia BISHOP & Dean JAMES (eds)

 **Death Dines In** 317pp Pb 18.95

Here are 16 culinary capers by *New York Times* bestselling authors Anne Perry and Carole Nelson Douglas, Lyn Hamilton, Claudia Bishop, Donna Andrews, Rhys Bowen, Don Bruns, Meg Chittenden, Nick DiChario, Marcos Donnelly, Elizabeth Foxwell and more. (American)

Nero BLANC

 **Anatomy of a Crossword**
324pp Pb 16.95

A *Crossword mystery* #7. Puzzle editor Belle Graham is on her way to Hollywood to whip up a puzzle for the pilot of a new television series. But the puzzle she creates arrives from the typesetter with the clues completely changed, followed by a death on the set. With only long-distance help from her PI husband Roscoe, Belle is virtually on her own in solving this one. (American)

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RECOMMENDED READING

Alex BARCLAY


 **Darkhouse** 351pp Tp 29.95




Detective Joe Lucchesi is living in Waterford, Ireland, with his wife Anna and son Shaun. On a year's temporary retirement, Joe is adjusting to the quiet of village life, but their happiness is destroyed when Shaun's girlfriend Katie goes missing and suspicion falls on both father and son as the village - desperate to blame someone - is rife with lurid speculation. Ever the detective, Joe angers local Garda Detective Inspectors and officers by attempting to help their investigation along. Hampered by the deliberate lies of both Anna and Shaun, his professional abilities are further harmed by the fear that Katie is not the first girl to have vanished. But even worse is to follow. A pact made between two damaged adolescents in Texas nearly two decades earlier is about to intrude on the current misery, leading Joe unwillingly along the path to what may be the destruction of his family. (American)

This debut thriller is pacey enough for me to hold out hope for a second novel to read on my next plane trip anywhere. - Cara


**Stephen BOOTH**

 **The Dead Place 454pp Tp 29.95**
The anonymous caller who taunts the Derbyshire Police with talk of an imminent killing could be just another hoaxer. The macabre descriptions of death and decomposition could be someone's sick fantasy. But after listening to the voice - so eerily calm and controlled as it invites the police to meet the 'flesh eater' - Detective Diane Fry is certain she is dealing with a killer! And it may be too late to save the next victim. DC Ben Cooper, meanwhile, is looking into Derbyshire's first case of body snatching. (British)


Stephen BOOTH

 **One Last Breath 646pp Pb 18.95**
The vast labyrinth of caverns, passages and subterranean rivers beneath the Peak District are a major tourist attraction. Mingling with the holidaymakers is a convicted killer, bent on revenge. 14 years ago, Mansell Quinn was sentenced to life imprisonment for stabbing his lover to death. Now he is out and, within a matter of hours, his ex-wife is found dead. Looking to the original case files for clues to the fugitive's whereabouts, detectives Diane Fry and Ben Cooper discover there may be other potential victims out there. And as the son of the officer responsible for putting Quinn behind bars, Ben realises that his own name could be high on the list. (British)


Laura BRADLEY

 **Sprayed Stiff 310pp Pb 16.95**
A Hair-Raising mystery. Reyn is getting conditioned to normal life after untangling the murder of her beloved mentor. So she is a little frosted by a late-night call from wealthy Alexandra Barrister, desperate for help with a hair crisis. Reyn arrives at the imposing Barrister estate (wishing she was packing more than a hot brush) to find the body of Alexandra's socialite mother, arranged with her hair standing on end, cemented into place by a killer with a macabre style sense. Reyn suspects she is being framed by Alexandra, and even handsome detective Jackson Scythe may not be able to save her scalp, unless they go undercover to undo a killer with a whole new twist on having a bad hair day. (American)


Joan BRADY

 **Bleedout 471pp Tp 29.95**
Val McDermid says, "Joan Brady's spellbinding novel is deliciously devious, dangerously deceptive and steeped in shocking betrayal. It's a master class in suspense." Jeffrey Deaver agrees: "A unique voice, a unique story, a unique study of evil... This book delivers on every level." (American)

Don BREDES

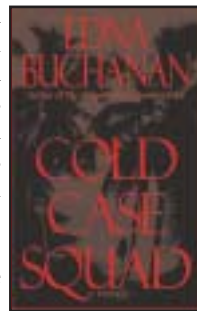
 **The Fifth Season 312pp Tp 27.00**
Hector Bellevance is back in the town of Tipton, growing vegetables for the farmer's market, dating Wilma Strong, the hotshot reporter for the local paper, and serving as town constable. When Marcel Boisvert - a contrary town father who, as road commissioner, maintains Tipton's rural thoroughfares - apparently goes berserk, Hector finds the county sheriff shot dead in Marcel's dooryard and the Tipton town clerk shot dead in her office. The small town's history, the complex interrelationships of people whose fathers and grandfathers were friends and Tipton's outlaw independence all play into a tale of love, betrayal and one very strange season. (American)


Ken BRUEN

 **Her Last Call to Louis MacNiece 124pp Pb 19.95**
Cooper had done his time. Now he was on the outside, he would set up a legit business with Doc, whom he met in prison. They called themselves "Righteous Repo" and even had an accountant. The repo firm did good business, but it was nowhere near as exhilarating as the bank jobs they did on the side. Cooper gets more excited than he bargained for when Cassie walks into his life. Bold, brash and ever so slightly barking, she likes Cooper and nothing is going to stand in the way of her getting what she wants. (American)


Edna BUCHANAN

 **Cold Case Squad 340pp Pb 18.95**
A man and a woman are shot dead at a strip club in Miami Beach. A few hours later, an explosion in a garage rocks a child's birthday party and burns a father to death. The murders go unsolved and the fire is chalked up as an accident. But was it? Years later, a blonde walks into the Miami Police Department's Cold Case Squad - which Buchanan fans will remember from **The Ice Maiden** (Pb 17.95) - and complains that she has been seeing her husband everywhere she goes. But he's been dead for 12 years. In Buchanan's characteristic voice, "Some guys just don't know when to let go." (American)


**John BURDETT**

 **Bangkok Tattoo 335pp Tp 32.95**
This extraordinary, head-spinning novel features Sonchai Jitpleecheep, Thai Buddhist detective extraordinaire and Bangkok, a city rich in history and spirituality. Polluted, corrupt, infamous as the sex capital of the world, it is a place where wealth, poverty and unimaginable evil walk hand in hand. In District 8, the underbelly of Bangkok's crime world, a dramatically mutilated body is found in a hotel bedroom. It looks bad: the flayed corpse was a CIA agent. It gets worse when the self-confessed murderer is the beautiful Chanya, the best working girl at The Old Man's Club, a brothel owned jointly by Sonchai's mother and his boss, Police Colonel Vikorn. (British)


Dana CAMERON

 **More Bitter than Death 318pp Pb 16.95**
An Emma Fielding mystery. In an historic, if isolated, New England hotel, some of the most respected names in archaeology come together to celebrate the work of Julius Garrison, a legend in the field. Emma Fielding is determined to attend, but when the honouree's lifeless body is discovered outside the snow-bound inn, all the guests are suspects. The bitterness widely spread by a cantankerous old man has had fatal consequences, forcing Emma Fielding to put her archaeological skills to forensic use to uncover the truth. (American)

Mary Jane CLARK

 **Hide Yourself Away 339pp Pb 16.95**
Nobody in this perfect seaside resort town ever imagined that the body of a missing heiress might be found deep in a tunnel beneath her family's crumbling Newport estate. Nobody, that is, but the last person to see her alive. Now, as a KEY News crew investigates the murder, a cold-blooded killer lives in fear of discovery. Too many reporters are closer than they realise to the truth behind a chilling secret... (American)

Jane CLIFTON

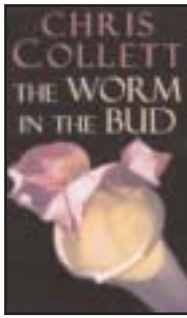
 **A Hand in the Bush 239pp Pb 23.00**
In the heady days of the 1970s, and at the tender age of 19, Decca Brand experiments with what's on offer: sex, drugs and intrigue of a sort that spells murder. Fast forward nearly 30 years and Decca is confronted by dangerous figures from her past. This is a novel about skeletons in the closet... and simply being in the closet. It is also the marvellous new comic thriller, brimful with wit and menace, from the irrepressible Jane Clifton. (Australian)

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**Chris COLLETT****The Worm in the Bud**

327pp Pb 19.95

In Birmingham, a local journalist is found dead in his home. A puncture wound in his arm is testimony to his death by lethal injection. The cryptic note by his side, simply stating "no more", seems at first to suggest suicide, but DI Tom Mariner has learned to take nothing at face value. (British)

**Michael CONNELLY****The Closers**

403pp Tp 29.95

After three years as a PI, Harry Bosch returns to the LAPD, working with his former partner, Kizmin Rider. Assigned to the Open-Unsolved Unit as closers, they are immediately thrown into a politically sensitive and dangerous case when a DNA match connects a white supremacist to the 1988 murder of a mixed race, 16-year-old girl. From the sidelines, Harry's nemesis waits for him to fall... (American)

Marshall COOK**Murder at Midnight**

239pp Tp 32.95

A Monona Quinn mystery. A Catholic pastor in rural Wisconsin is brutally murdered. Authorities turn up plenty of suspects, and even the murder weapon, but no solid leads. (American)

Robin COOK**Marker**

533pp Tp 30.00

When confronted with a series of puzzling deaths of young, healthy patients after routine treatment, medical examiners Laurie Montgomery and Jack Stapleton begin to investigate. Up against resistance from her superiors, and also coping with a personal life that continues to fragment, precipitated by Jack's inability to commit to their relationship, Laurie's need for answers becomes even more urgent. Could all these deaths be intentional? With time winding down, she and Jack embark on a race to connect the dots. (American)

Judith CUTLER**Drawing the Line**

301pp Hb 49.95

Orphaned young, Lina Townend had a difficult start in life, but now she is happy, living in Kent with a kind-hearted antique dealer, Griff, who treats her like his own granddaughter, as well as his business partner. At an auction house, Lina discovers a frontispiece to a book that she has a strange inkling about. Griff warns her off, but she doesn't listen. As things get more violent, Lina slowly realises she is involved in something more dangerous than just family research... (British)

Wes DEMOTT**Heat Sync**

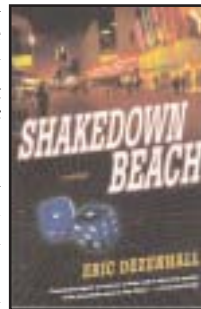
337pp Pb 16.95

Henry Thompson (HT) is a soldier eager to make his way into Special Operations - the best place, he feels, for a man with his skills to make a difference. When a covert military force known as Jaspers recruits him from the Navy SEALs, HT knows he's found his chance. He believes he is being trained to assassinate foreign enemies who pose a threat to his country. But when he receives his orders, he realises what his true mission is—to kill the President of the United States! (American)

Eric DEZENHALL**Shakedown Beach**

336pp Tp 32.95

This novel rips open the slats of the Atlantic City boardwalk to impart the big lesson of American politics: when forced to look into one's soul and confront the painful truths of murder, corruption and sexual depravity, don't be a schmuck! Hire the nastiest operatives money can buy and duck, dodge and spin to November. "Eric Dezenhall takes gonzo command over Information Age trickery and Boardwalk treachery like only an ex-White House aide from the Jersey shore could." - Janet Evanovich. (American)

**David DODGE****Plunder of the Sun (1949)**

223pp Pb 16.95

Hard Case Crime series. This novel is from the bestselling author of **To Catch a Thief**, which became a classic film by Alfred Hitchcock (DVD \$24.95). Al Colby is on the trail of the lost treasure of the Incas, and with every fortune hunter in South America closing in, he has to watch his back! (American)

Carole Nelson DOUGLAS**Cat in an Orange Twist**

423pp Pb 16.95

A Midnight Louie mystery. Temple Barr takes some downtime as the signal to buy a new pair of Jimmy Choo spike heels and accept the job of planning a glitzy week of opening events for a trendy new furniture showroom. Dealing with temperamental decor mavens is no problem, until the life of media-crowned, domestic dominatrix Amelia Wong is threatened. Suddenly Temple is neck deep in trouble... and bodies. Louie and his maybe-daughter Louise decide to make sure that Temple's search for a killer furniture arrangement doesn't mean curtains for her. (American)

Laurie Lynn DRUMMOND**Anything You Say Can and Will be****Used Against You**

250pp Pb 24.95

"I write about the stuff cops don't talk about, don't even think about in the middle of the night, because if they did, they'd never be able to go to work the next day." In this stunning debut collection of short fiction, Drummond mines her eight years as a cop to tell the stories of five female police officers in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. In prose as unflinching as the job itself, each woman's story varies in its singular drama, but all the tales illuminate the tenuous line between life and death, violence and control, despair and salvation. (American)

Margaret DUFFY**So Horrible a Place 297pp Hb 49.95**

When Ingrid Langley's husband Patrick Gillard agrees to step in to cover action sequences not covered by the stuntman in a film, she is concerned to discover the author of the original book and the scriptwriter of the film have already died in suspicious circumstances. Could Patrick become the next victim? (British)

Brian EASTMAN**Rosemary and Thyme**

251pp Pb 19.95

And No Birds Sing. Meet Laura Thyme and Rosemary Boxer, two women who come together in the midst of crises and help each other to embark on a new life. Daniel Kellaway of Winterbourne Manor is confined to his bed with severe eczema and chest pains and has to rely on Sam, his business partner, to keep their highly successful garden centre business going. When Sam is killed in a car crash, and Daniel falls from a balcony, Rosemary's horticultural knowledge combined with Laura's former police background aid the pair in their search for the truth. (British)

Ron ELLIS**City of Vultures**

315pp Hb 49.95

A Johnny Ace mystery #7. It is 2003. Liverpool has just been named as European City of Culture for 2008 and property sharks are descending in droves in the hope of making a killing. Johnny is back from Spain and running Ace Investigations with his new assistant, the glamorous Cameron, when the decapitated body of a tramp is found in a shop doorway with one of Johnny's business cards in his pocket. The tramp turns out to be a wealthy land speculator and his frightened girlfriend quickly hires Johnny's services. Told with Ellis's famous black humour, this features many of the familiar characters from the previous books and will be welcomed by Johnny Ace fans old and new. (British)

**Earlene FOWLER****Broken Dishes****284pp Pb 16.95**

A *Benni Harper mystery* #11. Benni's friend and her husband have opened a dude ranch that is about to go belly-up. So Benni helps out by tempting vacationers with a Western extravaganza. Soon she is cooking and quilting with a slew of tenderfoots, but the fun turns sour when a dog finds a human bone on the property and Benni uncovers the remains of a man who has been murdered outlaw-style. (American)

John GALLIGAN**The Nail Knot 252pp Tp 32.95**

A *Fly Fishing mystery*. The first instalment in the series, fly fisherman Ned Ogilvie finds himself in the middle of a small-town murder case. (American)

Jonathan GASH**The Ten Word Game****384pp Pb 19.95**

A *Lovejoy mystery*. After stealing one of his own forgeries from the Marquis of Gotham, Lovejoy is on the run. With the bounty hunter David Buddy hot on his trail, he makes his way to Southampton and soon finds himself sailing away from the port in the *Melissa*, one of the world's most luxurious cruise ships. Then Lovejoy discovers that his escape from the mainland has been organised by a group of criminals intent on using his knowledge of fine art and antiques for their own gain. (British)

Nancy GEARY**Regrets Only 418pp Pb 18.95**

One cop is about to see how the other half lives... and kills! Lucy O'Malley followed in her father's footsteps and became a cop assigned to the homicide unit of the Philadelphia PD. She falls in love with the heir to a Main Line fortune while investigating his mother's death, and finds herself dangerously close to someone capable of murder. (American)

Sue GRAFTON**R is for Ricochet****415pp Pb 18.95**

The new *Kinsey Millhone mystery*. Employed by Nord Lafferty to drive his daughter home from her incarceration at the Californian Institute for Women, Kinsey is soon fighting to prevent her charge from breaking the conditions of her parole. Befriending the ex-gambler, ex-alcoholic and ex-con, Kinsey discovers that Reba had taken the fall for her boss, also her lover, when he conducted a highly-crafted money laundering scam. Embroiled in a cunning challenge 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... (American)

Peter GUTTRIDGE**Cast Adrift****269pp Hb 49.95**

Nick and Bridget are back in their sixth comic adventure! Walking the plank seems like the sensible option when gentle journalist Nick Madrid's foray into stunt work in a low-budget pirate movie finds him fighting for his life with modern-day pirates (whose motto is: 'shoot first, you won't need to ask questions later') and equally ruthless salvage divers intent on looting the sunken treasure ship of the notorious Captain Kidd. (British)

Isidore HAIBLUM**New York Confidential****323pp Pb 16.95**

A *Weiss & Weiss mystery*. Max Weiss learned his trade from his Uncle Morris, a private eye with a career dating back decades. As junior partner in Weiss & Weiss, Max lacks Morris's experience, but a new case is putting his skills to the test. (American)

Patricia HALL**False Witness 270pp Hb 49.95**

A *An Ackroyd and Thackeray mystery*. A head teacher is bludgeoned to death and a volatile black teenager is arrested. As far as DCI Thackeray is concerned, that's it, case closed. But when his long-time girlfriend Laura Ackroyd begins digging into the case for a newspaper article, some disturbing facts come to light and the case unravels at an alarming rate. (British)

Patricia HALL**The Masks of Darkness****311pp Pb 19.95**

Recently divorced, Jay Morton returns to her hometown of Pendle Bridge with her daughter Kate. She quickly secures a job helping to set up a museum at the sinister-looking Pendle House, now derelict and overgrown. Searching for artefacts in the attics, Jay stumbles across some extraordinary original masks and is intrigued by their malevolent and threatening eyes... She remembers the menacing masks and depraved acts of the men behind them all too clearly. (British)

Gerald HAMMOND**Dead Letters 312pp Hb 49.95**

Honorina Potterton-Phipps is a keen dog lover. She is also the heiress to a vast fortune, but when her father threatened to cut her off unless she went to university, she took criminology and never looked back. Now she finds herself embroiled in the close community of Newton Lauder, which is far from the idyllic rural village it seems. The only thing more worrying than the condition of her new Labrador is the body hunched in a row boat, riddled with bullet wounds. (British)

Cynthia HARROD-EAGLES**Dear Departed 346pp Pb 19.95**

A *Bill Slider mystery* #9. The Park Killer attacks his victims in London's public parks. When Chattie Cornfield is murdered while jogging, Inspector Slider investigates. (British)

Ellen HART**No Reservations Required****299pp Pb 16.95**

A *Culinary mystery*. Twin Cities businessman Ken Loy is the first to die shot between the eyes during a sunset bike ride. Half an hour later, Bob Fabian, the rich and handsome owner of the *Minneapolis Times Register*, meets a similar fate. It was a year ago when Loy broadsided the VW Beetle driven by Fabian's wife, Valerie, killing her instantly. Coincidence? Sleuthing food critic Sophie Greenway doesn't think so. It seems that poisonous concoction - 'murder du jour' - is back on the menu. (American)

John HARVEY**Ash and Bone 375pp Tp 32.95**

A *John Elder mystery* #2. 17-year-old Katherine is running wild. Elder's fears for his daughter are underscored by remorse and guilt, since it was his involvement that led directly to the abduction and rape that has so unbalanced Katherine's life. (British)

Illona HAUS**Blue Mercy 355pp Pb 16.95**

Haus announces her arrival as a bold voice in suspense with a gritty, edge-of-your-seat thriller. One woman's quest to bring a vicious killer to justice is about to lead her through the dark corners of obsession and test her capacity for mercy. It is more than revenge; it is the fight of her life. (American)


Joseph HEYWOOD**Ice Hunter****295pp Tp 29.00**

A *Woods Cop mystery* #1. Meet Grady Service: former Marine, renowned tracker, Conservation Officer and the last person any errant hunter wants to cross.


This new series of mysteries is set in Michigan's Upper Peninsula, where Service defends his turf with the tenacity of a bear and the wisdom of an ancient. He shuns all creature comforts and consumerism and is most at home stalking the Mosquito Tract, his self-designated wilderness and the land protected by his father before him. Times are not easy for Service. As this summer season opens, he gets news that his nemesis, the despicable leader of an incestuous clan of poachers, is about to be released from prison. (American)




**Joseph HEYWOOD****Chasing a Blond Moon**

 **406pp Tp 29.00**
A Woods Cop Mystery #2. Strange things are happening to the black bear population. Grady Service cannot pin this phenomenon to anyone or anything, until a Korean-born professor from Michigan Tech is murdered by cyanide-laced figs. Two freeze-dried bear gall bladders are found among the figs and Service is certain that bear poachers are at work, fuelling the Asian market for traditional medicines. (American)


Joseph HEYWOOD**Blue Wolf in Green Fire**

 **347pp Tp 29.00**
A Woods Cop mystery #3. A series of protests and bombs planted by a group of animal-rights activists appears to have culminated in a double murder at a wolf lab, which releases into the wild an extraordinarily rare animal: a blue wolf. To the Ojibwa tribe a blue wolf represents good luck, unless it is captured or killed, and then it is an omen of Armageddon. Service suspects that the murders are not what they seem to be when the FBI takes over the investigation and reaches far beyond its jurisdiction. (American)


Reginald HILL**The Stranger House**

 **470pp Tp 29.95**
 Things move slowly in the tiny village of Illthwaite, but that's about to change with the arrival of two strangers. Sam Flood is a young Australian post-grad en route to Cambridge. Miguel Madero is a Spanish historian in flight from a priests' seminary. They have nothing in common and no connection, except that they both want to dig up bits of the past that some people would rather keep buried. The action is fast, there are clashes physical and metaphysical, and shocks natural and supernatural, as the tension mounts to an explosive climax. But fans of Reginald Hill's books will not be surprised to find a few laughs along the way. And long-time fans might even recognise a ghost from the very distant past! (British)


Sam HILL

 **Buzz Monkey 306pp Tp 29.95**
 Top Kiernan has been doing alright. He owns Polymath, a thriving research firm that he runs from his home, a 1930s-era schoolhouse just outside of Athens, Georgia. He's also got a side-gig as a freelance operative for a mercenary group, which sends him on periodic and often perilous errands to Latin America. When his long-time friend Dee Lane suddenly disappears, leaving \$1.5m hidden somewhere in Georgia, he knows it's going to take more than adrenaline to survive the manoeuvres of all the players in this dangerous game. (American)

Joyce HOLMS**Hidden Depths 286pp Hb 49.95**

 *A Fizz and Buchanan mystery.*
 When a friend goes missing at the same time as a Ruben's painting, Fizz and Buchanan smell a rat and set out to get some answers... (British)


Graham HURLEY**Cut to Black 470pp Pb 18.95**

 *A Joe Faraday mystery #5.* For years, Bazza McKenzie has made millions selling cocaine and heroin into the streets of Portsmouth. He has laundered the money and, on the surface at least, is one of Hampshire's great and good. But the police have had enough and a year-long undercover operation is set to trap him. Then one of the investigation's leading lights is run over and put in hospital, so Joe Faraday is drafted in to wrap things up. This is a gripping thriller about the war against drugs, police corruption and moral compromise. (British)


Maxim JAKUBOWSKI (editor)**The Best British Mysteries**

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Alison JOSEPH**The Darkening Sky**

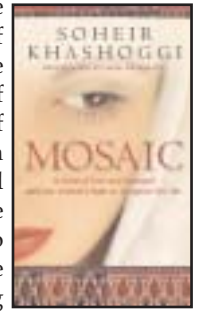
 **294pp Hb 49.95**
 The latest in the acclaimed Sister Agnes series sees the novice nun once more embroiled in a complex and emotional mystery, which she must use all her strength and courage to unravel. (British)


Gordon KENT**Damage Control 466pp Tp 29.95**

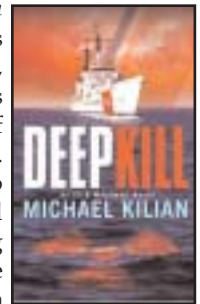
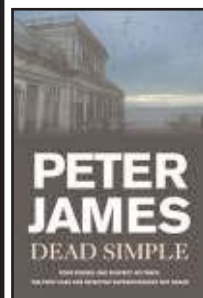
 This is a tale of modern espionage and flying adventure featuring US Navy intelligence officer Alan Craik. (American)

Soheir KHASHOGGI**Mosaic****368pp Pb 16.95**

 Set against the bustling backdrop of New York City and the exotic splendour of Jordan, this is a story of love and betrayal, of a clash of cultures and traditions, and one woman's struggle to recapture her life. Like many working mothers, Dina Ahmed has become adept at juggling her family life with her work commitments. As the owner of Mosaic, the thriving floral design business she has worked hard to establish, Dina has been blessed with success, beauty and most importantly, a happy family. But one fateful day, she returns to her lavish Upper East Side home to discover that her six-year-old twins have vanished. Very suddenly, her once comfortable life is turned upside down. (Egyptian)


**Michael KILIAN****Deepkill****448pp Pb 18.95**

 *An Erik Westman mystery.* In a novel as timely as it is terrifying, Michael Killian delivers a doomsday scenario of the USA's own making. Its premise will keep readers up at night and breathlessly turning pages until the explosive end. In an underwater valley known as Deepkill, off the coast of Delaware, a live nuclear bomb lies in some 30 feet of water. Only retired Air Force pilot Burt Schilling knows about it. As the government writes off his concerns, he can find no one to believe him, except Coast Guard Investigative Service Special Agent Erik Westman and the desperate terrorists he is hunting. (American)

**RECOMMENDED READING****Peter JAMES****Dead Simple 400pp Tp 30.00**


This is the first book in a new series introducing Detective Superintendent Roy Grace. I'm ashamed to say I was so enthralled by the events in this story that I have almost no sense of the man as a detective! He is obviously more than competent at untangling the ensuing mystery, while haunted by the shadow of his missing wife, which might have vanquished a lesser man. A bucks' night joke goes horrifically wrong as Michael Harrison, the groom-to-be, is buried alive in a coffin by his four groomsmen, who are killed in a head-on collision an hour later. His only lifeline is a walkie-talkie, but it's been found by the retarded son of the tow-truck driver, who isn't about to tell anyone about his new toy. Grace is brought in when Michael's fiancé reports him missing and the result of his investigation, coupled with human greed and lust, is an absolute heart-stopper! No gratuitous violence, minimal sex, great plotting and a breakneck pace make this the most enjoyable suspense novel I've read this year. (British) - *Reviewed by Cara*

**Lee LAMOTHE**

 **The Last Thief (2003)**
307pp Pb 22.95

Nine-fingered Fyodor Bone Sliva is the last thief, legendary for his murderous adherence to the *Zakone*, a brutal code of honour that once ruled the Moscow underworld. But as the Soviet Union disintegrates and a new cadre of gangsters, businessmen and politicians takes over, Bone finds himself a hunted man. This is the story of an underworld caught between profit and tradition, an epic testament to the struggle for honour in the midst of violence. (Russian)

Joyce & Jim LAVENE


 **Pretty Poison 267pp Pb 16.95**
A Gardening mystery #1. It's another busy, fall day for Peggy. A quick café lecture on African violets is followed by a minor bike accident involving a good-looking driver. Upon returning to her shop, Peggy discovers one of the wealthiest men in town sprawled face down across one of her seasonal displays, apparently beaten to death with a garden shovel. When the cops pin the murder on a local homeless man, Peggy must rake through evidence and dig up secrets to root out the real killer. (American)

Danny LEIGH

 **The Monsters of Gramercy Park**
403pp Tp 28.00

This novel brings together two disparate characters: Wilson Velez, a gang lord in solitary confinement, slowly losing his mind, and Lizbeth Greene, a celebrated crime novelist whose inspiration is beginning to run dry. When Lizbeth decides that writing a book about Velez could revivify her ailing career, she begins to visit him in prison. Laced through the narrative is a children's book called 'The Monsters of Gramercy Park', which mirrors the increasingly intimate and dangerous relationship between Lizbeth and Velez. Leigh has created a dark and compelling novel that is also a tender love story. An immensely original and high-concept work of fiction. (American)

Laura LEVINE


 **Killer Blonde 2858pp Pb 14.95**
A Jane Austen mystery #3. A gal with a serious Ben & Jerry's habit cannot afford to be too picky about employment opportunities. So when Beverly Hills socialite Sue Ellen Kingsley offers freelance writer Jaine Austen megabucks to ghost-write a book of hostess tips, it is time to sharpen the #2s. But everything short-circuits when Jaine finds SueEllen floating face down in her tub, fried by her own hair dryer. Jaine is out to expose the killer's dark roots, because blondes have enough fun without getting away with murder... (American)

Lawrence LIGHT

 **Too Rich to Live 340pp Pb 16.95**

Known as the Billionaire Boy's Club, they have made a fortune by taking over companies, ruthlessly firing workers and hiding profits from the government. Financial reporter Karen Glick is determined to make a name by exposing the club for tax fraud, but one thing is getting in her way: a radical group has targeted the Billionaire Boys for murder, one by one, and she has become the group's latest target. Her story is no longer just a career-maker. Now it is a matter of life and death. (American)

David LINDSAY

 **The Face of the Assassin**
402pp Pb 18.95

Paul Bern is a forensic artist with a good life, until the day a mysterious woman brings him a skull. And the face he reconstructs for it looks shockingly like his own. Now the nightmare begins: the blackmail that will force him into the ultimate war on drugs; the mission that will use his face to lure one of the world's most dangerous men out of hiding; the horror when Paul discovers his own staggering gift for violence. (American)


Gregg LOOMIS

 **The Pegasus Secret**
369pp Pb 16.95

What started as a suspicious explosion in a picturesque Parisian neighbourhood could end in revelations that would shatter the beliefs of millions. American lawyer Lang Reilly is determined to find the real cause of the blast that killed his sister but his investigation will lead him into the darkest corners of history and religion. His search for the truth begins with a painting his sister bought just before she died. Could there be something about the painting itself that made someone want to kill her? Every mysterious step of the way, Lang unearths still more questions, more hidden secrets and more danger, until finally he arrives at the heart of a centuries-old secret order that will stop at nothing to protect what is theirs. (American)

Stuart MACBRIDE

Cold Granite 458pp Tp 29.95

 It is DS Logan McRae's first day back on the job after a year off on the sick, and it couldn't get much worse. Four-year-old David Reid's body is discovered in a ditch, strangled, mutilated and a long time dead. There's a killer stalking the Granite City and the local media are baying for blood. Set in Aberdeen, where the rainy season lasts all year, criminal gangs vie for supremacy on the streets and the oil industry brings an influx of wealth and vice, this is a gritty, powerful and page-turning debut thriller by a writer with a wonderfully observant eye and a characteristically Scottish sense of gallows humour. (British)

Pauline McLYNN

 **The Woman on the Bus**
406pp Pb 20.95

The bus from Dublin to Limerick has never meant much to the inhabitants of Kilbrody, until a woman steps off it, marches into the pub and drinks herself into oblivion. When she finally wakes up, several days later, it is to discover that Charlie Finn (who put her to bed), the local garda and indeed the whole village are talking about her. Who is the woman on the bus? (British)


Ken McCOY

 **Mad Carew 278pp Hb 49.95**

Ex-cop Sam Carew is starting work in the family firm with his father Ernest. All goes well until Ernest is found dead on the building site, with one of his employees at the scene. The police are convinced this is an open and shut case, but Sam becomes increasingly sceptical and decides to do some investigation of his own. (British)

Glenn MEADE

 **Web of Deceit 410pp Pb 18.95**

 New York attorney Jennifer March is haunted by the mysterious and savage slaughter of her family on the same night that her father disappeared, never to be seen alive again. Two years on, his frozen corpse is discovered in a remote glacier in the Swiss Alps, the victim of a bizarre murder. Jennifer sets out for Europe to find some answers. As her investigation draws her into a terrifying web of deceit, murder and betrayal, she stumbles on a deadly conspiracy to hide an explosive secret. (American)

Stephen MURPHY

 **Alibi 374pp Pb 18.95**


New Hampshire lawyer Dutch Francis is known for defending people accused of DWIs, not murder. But as a favour to a friend, he decides to take the case of a troubled young man accused of killing the local high school football star. The more he investigates, the more Dutch is convinced of his client's innocence, and the more he gets played. (American)

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**Tamar MYERS**

 **Monet Talks 325pp Pb 16.95**
A Den of Antiquity mystery #12. Charleston antiques dealer Abigail Timberlake Washburn is thrilled by her recent estate auction purchase of a spectacular bejewelled birdcage from India, but not so much by its occupant, a mouthy mynah named Monet. Still, her customers at the Den of Antiquity seem charmed by the insufferable birdbrain, so Abby figures she is stuck with him. That is, until she finds a stuffed starling resting on his usual perch with a ransom note demanding a real Monet (the painted variety) in exchange for her purloined pet. Abby figures she'll let the thief keep the annoying avian. But when her mama Mozella is abducted by the craven bird-napper, Abby must leap into the fray to rescue mater and mynah alike ... before the feathers really start to fly! (American)


Jonathan NASH

 **The Year of the Woman 298pp Hb 49.95**
 KwayFay was once a Cockroach Child, a homeless scavenger on Hong Kong's waterfronts. Now grown, she lives in a squatter shack on the mountain slopes and commutes daily to her job as a lowly office clerk. She survives by paying bribes if she has to, and keeping silent when abused. Her only ally is Grandmother's Ghost! The head of a Triad learns of the impoverished girl who talks to ghosts, and wonders if she could hold the answer to the questions of an uncertain future. The girl might be the last chance for his Triad's survival, but believing in her might be its destruction. (British)


Sister Carol Anne O'MARIE

 **Murder in Ordinary Time (1991) 227pp Pb 16.95**
A Sister Mary Helen mystery. Just one bite of that irresistible Christmas cookie and Christina Kelly, Channel 5's leading investigative reporter, was dead on the air. The odour of bitter almond told Sister May Helen the cause of the death: cyanide. Was the fatal cookie meant for someone else: the notorious womaniser; the hard-drinking floor manager or perhaps Wicked Wendy, who certainly fit her nickname? Or was the intended victim the intrepid nun herself? (American)


Leonard PADURA

 **Havana Red 233pp Pb 29.95**
 This is the first of the Havana quartet featuring Inspector Mario Conde, a tropical Marlowe. A young transvestite in a beautiful red dress is found strangled in a Havana park. Conde's investigation into a violent murder exposes a stifling, corrupt society; a dark and fascinating world of men and women born in the revolution who live without dreaming of exile and seek their identity in the midst of disaster. (Cuban)


Katherine PAGE

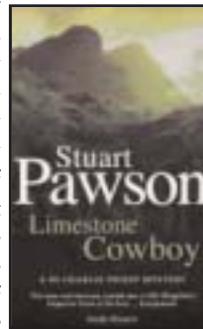
 **Body in the Attic 308pp Pb 16.95**
A Faith Fairchild mystery #14. Caterer Faith Fairchild and family are living in a venerable Brattle Street house while the Reverend Tom teaches a course at the Harvard Divinity School and does some soul searching. Is Aleford parish his true calling? Then something occurs that turns a pleasant sabbatical into a nightmare. Faith discovers a diary, written in 1946 and hidden in the attic, revealing an unspeakable horror. Suddenly dark secrets permeate every room. (American)


Linda PALMER

 **Love Her to Death 326pp Pb 16.95**
A Daytime mystery. Soap writer Morgan Tyler has a new title, co-executive producer, and a new responsibility: take care of everything. When an actress on the show is murdered, Morgan better find out who is behind the bloodshed before someone else is written out of the picture. (American)


Stuart PAWSON

 **Limestone Cowboy 302pp Pb 19.95**
A DI Charlie Priest mystery #9. The sun is shining in Heckley and Charlie is wise-cracking his way through the daily routine. Work is, if not quite relaxed, at least stress-free. The biggest case on the books? A petty thief pinching underwear from the washing-lines of unsuspecting housewives. Charlie is pretty confident he can handle it. And the detective has another reason to be cheerful - his love life is on the up. Local geology teacher, Rosie Barraclough, has fallen for his charms and romance is the order of the day. (British)


**Stuart PAWSON**

 **The Picasso Scam 290pp Pb 19.95**
A DI Charlie Priest mystery #10. When Charlie Priest suspects a now-respected businessman (who has a background of extortion and GBH) of involvement in international art fraud, he is taking on an enemy with friends in high places. (British)


Stuart PAWSON

 **The Mushroom Man 315pp Pb 19.95**
A DI Charlie Priest mystery #11. Already embroiled in a race against time to find a missing child, Charlie Priest's life is further complicated when it seems a killer is targeting clergymen... (British)


Otto PENZLER (editor)

 **Murder is my Racquet 317pp Tp 29.95**
14 original tales of love, death and tennis by today's great writers. Kinky Friedman, John Harvey, Jeremiah Healy, Stephen Hunter, Judith Kelman, Robert Leuci, Peter Lovesey, David Morrell, Daniel Stashower and others display the unbeatable masters of the literary drop-shot at the very top of their game. (American)

Stan POTTINGER

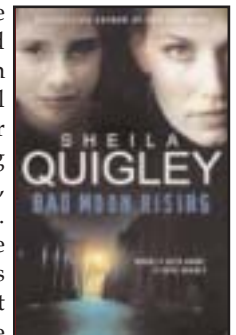
 **The Boss 393pp Tp 32.95**
 Spin Patterson is the legendary head of Gulf-Tex Oil. Self-made billionaire and charismatic leader, he is riding high and on the brink of announcing a revolutionary new technology that will raise the value of his company even higher. Then things start going wrong: Spin's wife hits him with a massive divorce settlement; Gulf-Tex turns out to have been overstating its oil reserves; the revolutionary technology hits a glitch. (American)

Andrew PYPER

 **The Wildfire Season 324pp Tp 29.95**
 Of all the end-of-the-world places he could have run to after he was burned, Miles McEwan chose Ross River. Buried deep in the vast wilderness of the Yukon, it seemed the perfect place to escape the past. Best of all, he could carry on doing the job he loved, fighting fire. But five years on, he is still troubled by phantoms of his previous life: the young man whose agonising death preys on his conscience and the woman he abandoned as a consequence. And in the dark forest around Ross River, violence is brewing. (American)

Sheila QUIGLEY

 **Bad Moon Rising 357pp Tp 32.95**
 At 2am, it's cold, the streets are deserted and a young woman thinks she is all alone. Waiting for her, sleeping soundly in his bed, is her baby son. When he wakes the next morning, his mother has still not come home. Three women are dead and DI Lorraine Hunt is searching for a serial killer. In Houghton-le-Spring, it is Feast week, a time when all hell is let loose as the fair comes to town and a frenzy of celebration and decadence provides a temporary distraction from the grim realities of everyday life. It's not a good time to be searching for a stranger. It's not a good time to be a woman alone... (British)



**T Dawn RICHARD****Digging Up Otis 243pp Tp 29.95**

A *May List mystery* #2. As soon as she arrives, the sleuthing senior and her quirky friends set out to discover why, how and if their friend Otis died. May and the gang know something is fishy, but who would want to kill poor Otis? His beleaguered wife? His sexy girlfriend? Or maybe the guys he owed money to at the Sunken Balls Pool Hall? The real Otis may or may not be dead, but one thing is certain: May, Ted and the wily seniors will do anything—scam scammers, crash a funeral, streak, and, yes, even dig up Otis (twice!)—to uncover the truth and solve the mystery before anyone, or everyone, else gets killed. (American)

Stella RIMINGTON**At Risk****454pp Pb 19.95**

"Invisible" is CIA-speak for the ultimate intelligence nightmare: the terrorist who, because he or she is an ethnic native of the target country, can cross its borders unchecked, move around that country unquestioned and infiltrate its institutions with ease. An invisible on mainland Britain was the worst possible news. For Liz Carlyle, an MI5 Intelligence officer, the report from MI6 marks the start of an operation that will test her to the limit and put her own life in jeopardy. In this terrifying and tautly drawn debut thriller, Rimington takes us to the heart of the Intelligence world, a place she is uniquely qualified to describe. (British)

Michael ROBOTHAM**Lost****390pp Tp 29.95**

Vincent Ruiz is lucky to be alive. A bullet in the leg, another through the hand, he is discovered clinging to a buoy in the River Thames, losing blood and consciousness fast. It takes six days for him to come out of his coma and, when he does, his nightmare is only just beginning. A mile away from his body, a boat was found covered in blood – the blood of himself and three others. (Australian)

Jeff ROVIN**Rogue Angel****4047pp Pb 16.95**

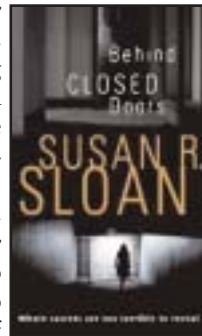
The test was a go: a revolutionary, pilot-less aircraft that can destroy unlimited targets and stay aloft for months at a time. Code-named Guardian Angel, the aircraft displayed its deadly accuracy. Then disaster struck. From deep within the Pacific shelf, the earth unleashes a giant tsunami, wiping out the test platform for Angel and causing catastrophic damage on America's Pacific Coast. In the midst of a mammoth rescue and recovery operation, the US Navy has an even more horrifying problem. Its murderous Angel is still in the air, out of human control, and primed to keep killing anything it can see... (American)

Sidney SHELDON**Are You Afraid of the Dark?****402pp Pb 18.95**

In Berlin, a woman vanishes from the city streets. In Paris, a man plunges from the Eiffel Tower. In Denver, a small plane crashes into the mountains. In Manhattan, a body washes ashore on the East River. At first, these seem to be random incidents, but the police soon discover that all the victims are connected to Kingsley International Group (KIG), the largest think-tank in the world. Taut with suspense and vivid characterisation, full of shocking twists and an unnervingly realistic premise that could alter all our lives, this is Sidney Sheldon at the top of his game. (American)

Susan SLOAN**Behind Closed Doors****486pp Pb 19.95**

Valerie O'Connor comes from a large, close-knit, working class family in Vermont. At the age of 18, she marries 25-year-old Jack Marsh. He is a handsome, dashing Korean War veteran, but he is also a damaged man who cannot keep himself from taking his fears and insecurities out on his wife and five children. To make matters worse, Jack takes Valerie away from her family, and all the way across the country, isolating her from the very people who care about her the most. Too proud to ask for help or admit her failure as a wife and mother, Valerie is unable to protect either herself or the children. One by one, pushed to the extreme, the children escape, in one fashion or another, until they are all gone, even Ricky, the youngest and perhaps the most troubled, and there is only Jack left, and Valerie must face the reality of her marriage and her life. And then, as if out of the ashes, another generation begins. Will history repeat itself? The answer is a message for us all. (American)

**Sally SPEDDING****A Night with No Stars****287pp Hb 49.95**

Who butchered the sexy, manipulative Sonia Jones in 1987? Who subjected her to that grotesque post-mortem, then allowed the ravens of Ravenstone Hall to devour her body? What had she done to deserve such an end? And how can the trusting optimistic Lucy Mitchell, planning to fulfil her own and her late father's dream of a rural life in Rhayader, pick her way through the mine-field of lies and deceit to find the truth? Will she survive the hatred and revenge kindled by her investigations? (British)

Julia SPENCER-FLEMING**Out of the Deep I Cry****399pp Pb 16.95**

A *Reverend Clare Fergusson mystery* #3. As the small town's gossipers increasingly speculate about the Reverend's ambiguous relationship with the married Sheriff, a more urgent problem is the disappearance of the doctor of Millers Kill's free clinic, a town institution with roots in events from the 1920s. Digging into these disturbing happenings, Russ and Clare find that painful events from the town's past can still roil the peace of Millers Kill. (American)

Cath STAINCLIFFE**Blue Murder****285pp Pb 19.95**

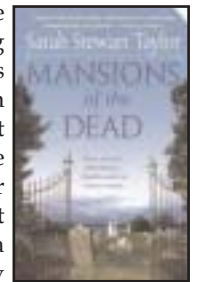
A *DCI Janine Lewis mystery*. Manchester's first female Detective Chief Inspector is also a single mother of three demanding children and pregnant with her fourth. Her husband left her on the morning of her promotion, when she discovered him in bed with the cleaner. But Janine fought hard to get to the top and she is determined to prove herself, especially since she is in charge of her first murder case. (British)

Wendy Corsi STAUB**Lullaby and Goodnight****383pp Pb 16.95**

As the months of her pregnancy pass, 39-year-old Peyton Somerset cannot help feeling that something is terribly wrong. She is certain that someone has been in her apartment, that she is being followed, that someone is watching her. Maybe it is just hormonal paranoia that makes her distrust everyone around her. Or maybe her maternal instincts are dead on. Maybe there is someone close who does not think she should give birth at all. Someone who would do anything to have a baby. Anything... (American)

Sarah Stewart TAYLOR**Mansions of the Dead****342pp Pb 16.95**

Sweeney St George concedes that having lunch in Boston's Mount Auburn Cemetery might be a bit macabre. Yet the graveyard fits her interests as an art professor with a specialty in cemetery statuary and mourning jewellery. This historic burial ground is one of the last places her favourite student Brad Putnam sees before someone murders him. Because of her expertise, the Boston police ask Sweeney to help them track down the antique jewellery found with Brad's body. Her investigation soon leads to chilling information about the influential Putnams, an earlier death and Brad's secrets. (American)



**M J TROW****Maxwell's Grave** 286pp Hb 49.95

A *Peter Maxwell mystery*. When Mad Max took the kids from Leighford High on an archaeological dig, all should have been learning and fun. The professionals were very excited, was the grave they had found that of Alfred the Great? No, because the corpse was not Saxon and it was not a king, but an altogether more recent murder. Maxwell locks horns with the great and not so good in a vicious world of skullduggery, academic backbiting and religious mania which can only end in murder. (British)

M J TROW**Maxwell's Inspection** 351pp Pb 19.95

A *Peter Maxwell mystery*. There comes a time in every teacher's life where he or she must face the four-yearly Ofsted Inspection. But when Peter Maxwell finds the attractive chief inspector Sally Meninger in an intimate situation with her colleague, he thinks her calm demeanour has more than a hint of *femme fatale*. And then the colleague is found dead. (British)

Peter TURNBULL**Hope and Fears** 204pp Hb 49.95

A *DCI Hennessy mystery*. The body of a Russian girl is found in the woods near York in midsummer but she is not just dead, she is frozen. To DCI Hennessy this means the culprit is local, all he has to do is find the refrigerator. (British)

Barbara VINE**The Minotaur** 311pp Tp 29.95

When Kerstin Kvist took up a job with the Cosway family at their odd home Lydstep Old Hall, deep in the Essex countryside, the family turned out to be even odder than the house. Kerstin had trained as a nurse and knew it was not right to administer such powerful drugs to a vulnerable figure like the widow Cosway's son John. (British)

Jess WALTER**Citizen Vince** 295pp Tp 32.95

A tale of petty crime, local politics and murder set in 1980, featuring Alan Dupree as a fresh young investigator not yet disillusioned by the job. East Coast criminal Vince Camden was relocated to Spokane under the Witness Protection Program after serving up a couple of his old buddies to the Feds. In his seedy suburban tract house Vince wakes up every morning and starts counting all the dead people he knows. On this particular day, Vince feels more paranoid than ever that someone is out to get him but the real games begin when his walk home takes him across the path of detective Dupree at the scene of a grisly shooting. (American)

Heather WEBBER**Trouble in Spades** 276pp Pb 16.95

A *Nina Quinn mystery*. Landscaping is Nina Quinn's business, but trouble seems to be her middle name. Saddled with a recently expelled, local-cop husband, a teenaged terror of a stepson and the yappiest, most unhousebreakable Chihuahua in captivity, Nina needs a respite and the backyard makeover she is undertaking for her sister Maria and Nate, Maria's fiancé, may do the trick. But of course, Nate vanishes mysteriously and Nina's gardening magic inadvertently turns up a corpse. (American)

**Donald WESTLAKE****361 (1962)** 208pp Pb 16.95

Hard Case Crime series. Three-time *Edgar* winner and *MWA Grandmaster* Donald Westlake provides a devastating story of betrayal and revenge, an exploration of the limits of family loyalty and how far a man will go when everything he loves is taken from him. (American)

Kate WHITE**'Til Death Do Us Part** 384pp Pb 16.95

A *Bailey Weggins mystery* #3. After Bailey is attacked by an assailant in a cashmere coat, she realises she has been targeted by a well-heeled killer who knows how to dress for the weather, which narrows the list of suspects to most of the population of Greenwich. With the clock ticking and a well-concealed murderer vowing to get her out of the picture, Bailey could become the headline of her next true crime story, *Four Funerals* and a *Wedding*. (American)

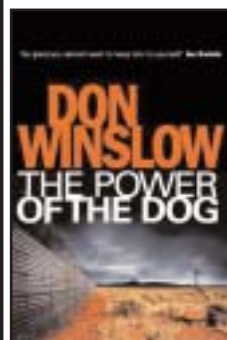
HISTORICAL CRIME**Alanna KNIGHT**
The Gowrie Conspiracy

253pp Pb 19.95

A *Tam Elidor mystery*. July 1660, Falkland Palace, Fife. After rescuing King James VI from a runaway horse, Tam Elidor finds himself in favour. As the King's new object of affection, Tam has become the target for jealous courtiers and their attentions are seriously hampering his investigation into the murder of Margaret Agnew. Why was the Queen's midwife killed? Was it a case of mistaken identity? Is it related to secrets from James's past and could Tam's good friend Tansy be at risk? Dangerous forces are at work, forces that will lead the King to Gowrie House and to a mystery that remains unsolved today... (British)

Bernard KNIGHT**Figure of Hate** 374pp Pb 18.95

A *Crowner John mystery*. 1195, Exeter. At a local jousting day, there is a serious altercation between Hugh Peverel, Lord of Sampford Peverel, near Tiverton, and a stranger by the name of Reginald de Charterai. Two days later, Hugh's body is found in a barn, stabbed in the back. Is de Charterai to blame? The county coroner, Sir John de Wolfe, soon finds plenty of other suspects for the killing of the almost universally hated Hugh Peverel, starting with his three brothers. Then there is the manor reeve, Warin Fishacre, who harboured a deep grudge against his master for taking the virginity of his daughter, Maud, just before her marriage... (British)

RECOMMENDED READING**Don WINSLOW****The Power of the Dog** 600pp Tp 39.95

This fast-paced thriller spans the rise of the Mexican drug Federacion in the 1970s through to the Iran-Contra affair in the 1980s and into the vicious drug wars of the 1990s. The shifting nexus of power among the Latin American drug cartels, the American mob and the US government, along with the CIA and the FBI, is detailed primarily through the lives of Art Keller (US DEA agent), Adan and Raul Barrera (Mexican drug dealers), Nora Hayden (elite escort to the obscenely rich) and Sean Callan (an Irish-American mob-sanctioned killer for hire). The action - there is PLENTY - ranges from Manhattan's Hell's Kitchen and the halls of Washington, down to Sinaloa, Mexico, across the border into South America's killing fields and back to the streets of Tijuana and the deserts of the American Southwest. Ambitious in scope, this novel is disturbing and heartfelt as Winslow indicts the US war on drugs, tracing flawed policies that have cost thousands of lives, yet failed to stop the flow of drugs, money and power. I shudder at the amount of research involved and I recommend this to all who enjoy the sardonic realism of James Ellroy or the broken-hearted, black humour of Joe R Lansdale. (American) - *Previewed by Cara.*

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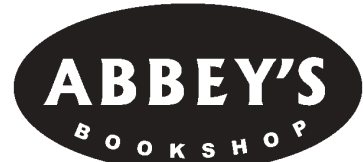
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