

# CRIME CHRONICLE

“WHERE A GOOD CRIME CAN BE HAD BY ALL”

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## BOOKS & DVDS

A number of books have TV series adapted from them. Here is a selection from our shelves:

### ANDREA CAMILLERI

Inspector Salvo Montalbano is the fictional creation of Sicilian writer Andrea Camilleri. Montalbano's character and manner encapsulate much of Sicilian mythology – brooding philosophy, whip-smart dialogue, rugged beauty, superb food and of course astute detective work! I can heartily recommend both the books and the TV series (in Italian with English subtitles, and starring Luca Zingaretti):

#### Books

**The Shape of Water, The Snack Thief, The Terracotta Dog, The Voice of the Violin** (all Pb 19.95), **Excursion to Tindari** (Tp 30.00) and **The Smell of the Night** (Pb 27.00).

#### DVDs

Volume 1: **Terracotta Dog, Shape of Water, Snack Thief, Voice of the Violin and Artist's Touch** (3-DVD set 49.95)

Volume 2: **A Trip to Tindari, The Sense of Touch, Montalbano's Croquettes, The Scent of the Night and The Goldfinch and the Cat** (3-DVD set 49.95)

### CAROLINE GRAHAM

Nothing is what it seems behind the well-trimmed hedges of the picturesque cottages in the idyllic English countryside of Midsomer, as Inspector Barnaby and Sergeant Troy soon discover. John Nettles stars as Inspector Barnaby and again I can recommend both the books and the TV series.

#### Books

**Death of a Hollow Man, Death in Disguise, Faithful Unto Death, A Ghost in the Machine, The Killings at Badger's Drift, A Place of Safety and Written in Blood** (all Pb 18.95).

#### DVDs (Midsomer Murders)

Season 1: **Badger's Drift, Written in Blood, Hollow Man, Faithful Unto Death and Death in Disguise** (3-DVD boxed set 59.95).

Season 2: **Death's Shadow, Strangler's Wood, Blood Will Out and Beyond the Grave** (2-DVD boxed set 39.95).

Season 3: **Dead Man's Eleven, Death of a Stranger, Blue Herrings, Judgement Day** (2-DVD boxed set 39.95) *Due late June*

### SHANE MALONEY

These stories feature Murray Whelan - minder, fixer and general dogsbody for the Minister for Industry. All set in Melbourne, with just the right mix of humour, politics, crime and slime. The books are an absolute delight, while I loved the films and can only ask when are they going to make more.

#### Books

**The Big Ask, Nice Try, Something Fishy and Stiff** (all Pb 22.95) and **The Brush Off** (Pb 19.95).

#### DVDs

The Shane Maloney boxed set contains the two acclaimed films, **The Brush Off** and **Stiff**, starring David Wenham as Murray Whelan (49.95, or 29.95 separately).

We have a number of other crime DVDs, including **Inspector Rex** (4 series at 59.95 each) and many Agatha Christie titles.

- Peter



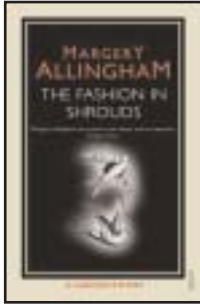


### MODERN CRIME

**Margery ALLINGHAM**

**The Fashion in Shrouds**  
287pp Pb 23.95

First, there is a skeleton in a dinner jacket, then a corpse in a golden aeroplane. After another body, Albert Campion nearly makes a fourth... Both the skeleton and the corpse have died with suspicious convenience for Georgia Wells, a monstrous but charming actress with a raffish entourage. Georgia's best friend just happens to be Valentine, a top couturiere and Campion's sister. In order to protect Valentine, Campion must unravel a story of blackmail and ruthless murder. 1938. (English)



**Margery ALLINGHAM**

**Traitor's Purse** 207pp Pb 23.95  
Celebrated amateur detective Albert Campion awakes in hospital accused of attacking a police officer and suffering from acute amnesia. All he can remember is that he was on a mission of vital importance to His Majesty's government before his accident. On the run from the police and unable to recognise even his faithful servant Lugg or his own fiancée, Campion struggles desperately to put the pieces together while the very fate of England is at stake. 1941. (English)

**Sheryl ANDERSON**

**Killer Cocktail** 325pp Pb 16.95  
*Molly Forrester Mystery #2.* Molly needs a break from her job. Heading out to the Hamptons with her two best friends, Tricia and Cassidy, to attend Tricia's brother's engagement party and also to take a break from her heated but confusing romance with an NYPD homicide detective, that's the last thing Molly gets. Just after the party, the bride-to-be turns up dead, drowned in the pool at Tricia's aunt's house... (American)

**Carla BANKS**

**The Forest of Souls** 487pp Pb 19.95  
This gripping psychological thriller takes the reader from 21st century Britain to the darkest days of war-torn Eastern Europe. (English)

**Alex BARCLAY**

**Darkhouse** 514pp Pb 19.95  
Escaping New York for the beautiful Irish Isle seemed the best way to escape the past for NYPD detective Joe Lucchesi and his family. But following the death of a girl in the local village, Joe soon finds out that the killer is closer to his past than he would care to remember. From a broken childhood comes an unbreakable and deadly bond. In 1985, in a North Texas backwater, two teenage boys made a chilling pact that would unite them forever in a dark and twisted loyalty. Now one lies dead. And the man responsible is going to pay. (American)

**Linwood BARCLAY**

**Bad Guys** 418pp Pb 16.95  
Barclay is back with the hilarious follow-up to his irreverent debut, (**Bad Move** Pb 16.95), in which paranoid pop Zack Walker plotted to transplant his city-savvy wife and two teenage kids to the tranquillity of the burbs, where planned communities prevail and fathers rest easy. Well, not quite... Zack is back and, much to his family's relief, the work-at-home science-fiction writer has left the house to take a job as a features writer for the city paper. But now that his plotting can no longer be hatched from the comforts of his own home, he must be ever more vigilant to outwit the evil at large, whether in the suburbs, the city or his own imagination. Zack is ready, or so he thinks. (Canadian)

**Karen Grigsby BATES**

**Chosen People** 302pp Tp 29.00  
*Alex Powell Mystery #2.* When Alex Powell stops into a Los Angeles bookshop on a rainy spring night, she is planning to write a column on the author who is reading and signing books there. But what she gets instead is a first-hand look at the murder of a controversial African-American writer. The death of James Simpson Lee Hastings sends seismic shockwaves through LA's black and white elite, revealing how some of the city's well-to-do are connected in ways they would rather leave unmentioned. But trying to unravel those connections might mean that the next time Alex's name shows up in her paper, it won't be as a byline, but in her own obituary. (American)

**Claudia BISHOP**

**A Dinner to Die For** 224pp Pb 16.95  
*Hemlock Falls Mystery.* A nudie bar in Hemlock Falls? Not if the good ladies of the village have anything to say about it! And just yesterday, the MacAvoy barn burned to a crisp, and a body was discovered inside. What is this town coming to? Quill and Meg have a feeling that the two incidents are connected... (American)

**Edna BUCHANAN**

**Shadows** 356pp Pb 18.95  
*Cold Case Squad #2.* The Pulitzer Prize-winning 'Queen of Crime' (*USA Today*) follows up **Cold Case Squad** (Pb 18.95) with an explosive second novel about a dedicated, complicated homicide unit that breathes new life into old cases. In order to block a high-rise developer's plans to bulldoze the Shadows - a gorgeous 1920s mansion in Miami - a resourceful young preservationist approaches the police department's Cold Case Squad. Years ago, the high-profile owner of the Shadows was murdered and the crime has remained unsolved. Never content to let a trail stay cold, Lt KC Riley and her detectives visit the long-abandoned pioneer house and discover a heartbreaking mystery. But the people tied to the Shadows are evasive and paranoid, haunted by lies, guilt and tangled pasts. Only one thing is clear: the killer is still out there and this old, cold case is now hotter than ever... (American)




**David BUNN**


**Imposter** 376pp Tp 29.95  
Matt Kelley's knack for concealing his identity is his greatest asset as a federal agent. But when an assignment gets personal, discovering who he really is may prove to be the toughest mission of all. (American)

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**Ken Bruen & Jason STARR****Bust** 245pp Pb 16.95

 *Hard Case Crime*. When Max Fisher, who is cheating on his wife, hires a psychopath to kill his wife, things go horribly wrong for everyone involved. (American)


**Candy CALVERT****Dressed to Keel** 231pp Tp 29.00

 *A Darcy Cavanaugh Mystery*. Don't ask ER nurse Darcy Cavanaugh why she's climbing the gangway of a cruise ship - she'll mutter something about job burnout, Firefighter Sam, or that unfortunate incident with an R-rated peanut butter sandwich. The Fall Foliage Tour with champagne, melting wedges of Brie and well-stuffed tuxedos could mean time to re-think her career, get her life together and plant her Jimmy Choos firmly back on the ground. Only trouble is, everything under Darcy's feet is moving, cruising full speed ahead toward disaster. (American)


**Agatha CHRISTIE****Agatha Christie 1930s Omnibus** 743pp Tp 39.95

 A brand new omnibus, bringing together all four stand-alone novels Christie wrote in the 1930s - *The Sittaford Mystery*, *Why Didn't They Ask Evans?*, *Murder is Easy* and her acknowledged masterpiece *And Then There Were None*.


**Agatha Christie 1940s Omnibus** 694pp Tp 39.95

 The four stand-alone novels Christie wrote in the 1940s - *N or M?*, *Towards Zero*, *Sparkling Cyanide* and *Crooked House*.


**A Caribbean Mystery** 256pp Hb 29.95

 A facsimile, first edition hardback of this Miss Marple mystery. 1964

**The Mirror Crack'd From Side to Side** 255pp Hb 29.95

 A facsimile, first edition hardback of this Miss Marple mystery. 1962 (English)


**Carol Higgins CLARK****Burned** 358pp Pb 18.95

 *A Regan Reilly Mystery*. LA-based private detective Regan Reilly gets a call from her best gal pal, urging her to come to Hawaii for one last girls' weekend before Regan ties the knot with Jack "no relation" Reilly, and so she happily packs her bags. At the Waikiki Waters Playground and Resort, the body of Dorinda Dawes, the hotel's gossipy PR woman, washes ashore wearing a valuable lei that once belonged to a Hawaiian princess and was stolen from a museum in Honolulu 30 years ago. The resort manager doesn't believe that Dorinda drowned accidentally and persuades Regan to take on the case. The more she starts digging, the more danger she is in. (American)


**Mary Higgins CLARK****Two Little Girls in Blue** 322pp Hb 45.00

 Margaret and Steve Frawley celebrate the third birthday of their twin girls, Kelly and Kathy, with an afternoon party in their new home, a modest fixer-upper in Ridgefield, Connecticut. The evening of the twins' birthday party, Steve and Margaret attend a black-tie dinner in New York. When they return home, the police are in the house, and they are told that the babysitter had been found unconscious, the children are gone, and a note demanding an \$8,000,000 ransom had been left in their room... (American)

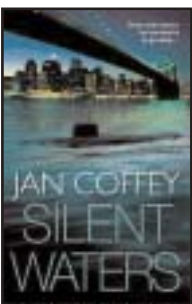

**Ann CLEEVES****Raven Black** 375pp Tp 32.95

 It is a cold January morning and Shetland lies buried beneath a deep layer of snow. Trudging home, Fran Hunter's eye is drawn to a vivid splash of colour on the white ground, ravens circling above. It is the strangled body of her teenage neighbour Catherine Ross... (English)


**Harlan COBEN****Promise Me** 370pp Tp 29.95

 It began with a promise... 2.17am: the phone rings on Myron Bolitar's nightstand; at the other end of the line is Aimee Biel - a frightened teenager who has called the one adult who had promised to help her if she ever got into any trouble. But Myron's help will not be enough. Stumbling from his Manhattan bed, he races down to pick her up from a cold street corner and take her back to safety. But - against his better judgment - she persuades him to drop her at an unknown address in the suburbs. This is a mistake that he lives to regret, for Aimee's final wave from a darkened porch is not the end of the story... (American)


**Jan COFFEY****Silent Waters** 391pp Pb 14.95

  A fast-attack nuclear submarine cuts silently through the waters of the North Atlantic, hijacked by two dozen armed terrorists. The target: New York City. Fighting for their lives aboard the hijacked submarine, ship superintendent Amy Russell and Commander Darius McCann have only one hope for survival. With the lives of millions at stake, they must play a dangerous game of cat and mouse, where capture would mean certain death. (American)

**John CONNOR****A Child's Game** 308pp Tp 29.95

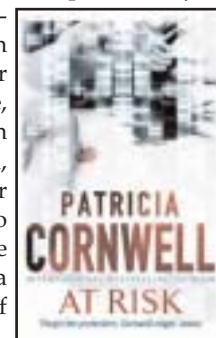
 Friday 31 December 1999. During the early hours of the morning in a luxury central Leeds penthouse, intruders douse a terrified victim with petrol, set him alight and throw him burning from the ninth floor roof garden. DS Pete Bains is on night duty with CID when the call comes in. The body is quickly identified as Nicholas Hanley, a wealthy property developer, but Bains' attempts to pull together an enquiry stall when he cannot locate Hanley's lover, Anna Hart. Unknown to Bains, Hart and her daughter are less than five miles away, kidnapped at gunpoint and struggling to stay alive... (English)

**Thomas COOK****Red Leaves** 287pp Tp 29.95

 Eric Moore has a stable life in a quiet town. Then, on an ordinary night, his teenage son Keith baby-sits Amy Giordano, the eight-year-old daughter of a neighbouring family. The next morning, Amy is missing and Eric isn't sure his son is innocent. Caught in a vortex of doubt and lies, Eric must find out what happened to Amy, before his, and the community's, suspicions are proved right. (American)

**SPECIAL PRICE ON THE NEW PATRICIA CORNWELL!****Patricia CORNWELL****At Risk** 192pp Hb 27.95

 A Massachusetts state investigator is called home from Knoxville, Tennessee, where he is completing a course at the National Forensic Academy. His boss, the district attorney, attractive but hard-charging, is planning to run for governor. As a showcase, she's planning to use a new crime initiative called At Risk. Its motto: "Any crime, any time." In particular, she's been looking for a way to employ cutting-edge DNA technology and she thinks she's found the perfect subject in an unsolved, 20-year-old murder in Tennessee. If her office solves the case, it ought to make them all look pretty good, right? Her investigator is not so sure, but before he can open his mouth, a shocking piece of violence intervenes... (American)

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**David Stuart DAVIES (ed)****🔥 Vintage Mystery & Detective Stories**  
**1,276pp Pb 19.95**

This is a richly entertaining collection of stories from the golden age of crime fiction - a period when crimes were solved by the wit and ingenuity of the sleuth with only his own intelligence to rely on. Within these pages you will find G K Chesterton's Mr Pond, Ernest Bramah's blind detective Max Carrados, Craig Kennedy 'the American Sherlock Holmes' and other tales by Charles Dickens, Wilkie Collins, Rudyard Kipling and A C Doyle. (various)

**Ted DEKKER****🔥 Black** **408pp Pb 24.95**

🔥 *The Circle #1.* Fleeing his assailants through deserted alleyways, Thomas Hunter narrowly escapes to the roof of a building. Then a silent bullet from the night clips his head and his world goes black. From the blackness comes an amazing reality of another world, one where evil is contained. This is an incredible story of evil and rescue, betrayal and love, pursuit and death, and a terrorist's threat unlike anything ever seen before.

**🔥 White** **370pp Pb 24.95**

🔥 *The Circle #3.* Thomas Hunter has only days to survive two separate realms of danger, deceit and destruction. The fate of both worlds now rests on his unique ability to shift realities through his dreams, the charge given to a small ragtag group known as The Circle, and the forbidden love of a most unlikely woman. Enter the great pursuit, where Thomas and a small band of followers must decide quickly who they can trust, both with their own lives and the fate of millions.

**🔥 Showdown** **357pp Pb 24.95**

🔥 When a stranger named Marsuvees Black appears in Paradise, he brings with him a message of hope and love. Or is it death and hate? He seems to know too much about the town's many unspoken secrets, while he holds the greatest secret of them all. As black clouds and sandstorms envelop the town, it becomes almost impossible to get in or out. It becomes apparent that Paradise is being isolated for a reason. But why?

**🔥 Three** **352pp Pb 24.95**

🔥 Imagine answering your mobile phone one day to a mysterious voice that gives you three minutes to confess your sin. If you don't, he'll blow up the car you're driving! You barely manage to exit the heavy traffic and ditch the car when, precisely three minutes later, your car blows sky high. As the media and police descend on the scene, your world changes forever. So begins a nightmare that grows with progressively higher stakes. (American)

**Pete EARLEY****🔥 Lethal Secrets** **341pp Pb 18.95**

🔥 During the height of tensions between the Soviet Union and the United States, it was thought that the KGB may have smuggled a nuclear bomb into the very heart of Washington DC. In Earley's new thriller, this bomb is in the hands of a band of Chechen rebels, lead by an insane terrorist, Movladi 'the Viper' Islamov, who is threatening to detonate it unless his demands are met. The fate of the city rests in the hands of disgraced deputy US Marshal, Wyatt Conway, who is reluctantly called into action by his FBI and CIA rivals because he was once a friend of Islamov before the freedom fighter turned into an international terrorist. (American)

**Earl EMERSON****🔥 The Smoke Room** **301pp Pb 16.95**

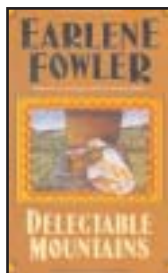
🔥 From the terror of a lightless, smoke-clogged building to the secrets kept by the men and women who trust their partners with their lives, Emerson knows the world of fire-fighting like no other author, and writes about it with passion and honesty. In his remarkable new thriller, he fuses together a gripping drama with unforgettable scenes of peril that, in this realm, can explode at any second. (American)

**Robert FLEMING****🔥 Fever in the Blood** **316pp Pb 14.95**

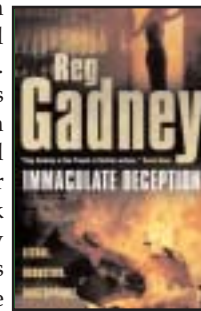
🔥 Eddie Stevens is burning inside - and he's burning mad at the world. He's mad at the family he lost - his parents and sisters viciously killed by a gang in their own home. And he's mad at the foster family that 'rescued' him, headed up by a powerful Harlem congressman who sees Eddie as a campaign ploy. But mainly, Eddie is mad at himself for getting caught by the cops with blood on his hands. Blood he should have washed off right away. He was sloppy this time. It won't happen again. Because Eddie knows that the fever that ignites his rage is wasted, unless it's put to use. (American)

**Earlene FOWLER****🔥 Delectable Mountains**  
**325pp Pb 18.95**

🔥 *Benni Harper Mystery #12.* When the musical director of Benni Harper's church is called away, she finds herself 'volunteered' to take over a children's play already in rehearsal. But the production comes to a screeching halt when Benni discovers the badly beaten body of the church handyman right in front of the altar. With a growing cast of suspects, and a small girl as the only witness to the crime, Benni must unravel a plot of theft and murder before it's curtains for her. (American)

**Reg GADNEY****🔥 Immaculate Deception**  
**335pp Tp 29.95**

An assassin for hire: a monster of cold intellectual genius. His homicidal drives are fuelled by a voracious sexual appetite. Hungry for revenge, his dark genius plagues law enforcement agencies worldwide. The demonic Klaas-Pieter Terajima is back. The ruthless killer is engaged in an immaculate deception. He is hell-bent on the destruction of his arch-rival, the one man who knows him intimately and stands a chance of defeating him, private investigator Alan Rosslyn. Rosslyn's pursuit requires him to overcome his terrifying obsession with Terajima and he plunges into the nightmare worlds of powerful private security firms and the violent maelstrom of Russian exiles, who are masters of conspiracy: the billionaire oligarchs, portrayed with chilling accuracy. (English)



🔥 *Blown Away* **329pp Pb 16.95**

🔥 Working her first homicide case, rookie cop Emily Thompson comes face-to-face with a serial killer who, determined to make her his greatest trophy, forces her into a nightmarish realm of horror where she makes a shocking discovery that is linked to her past. (American)

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**Victor GISCHLER****🔥 Shotgun Opera** **305pp Pb 16.95**

🔥 Mike Foley can never forget the night he tagged along with his brother on a job for the mob that ended in a hail of bullets. Now his brother is dead, Mike's making wine in Oklahoma, and life is almost as good as it gets when you've been hiding out for 40 years. Until his past comes calling... (American)

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**Robert GODDARD****Never Go Back 351pp Tp 32.95**

Harry Barnett is leading a contented life in Vancouver with his wife and daughter when he is brought back to England by the death of his mother. Two old acquaintances from his National Service days track Harry down to his mother's house - a lavish reunion has been organised to mark the 50th anniversary of their RAF days. Harry decides to go. But the apparent suicide of one of their number shatters the holiday atmosphere. And when another comrade dies soon after their arrival, Harry is gripped by a sense of foreboding. (English)

**Judith GOULD****Dreamboat 379pp Pb 18.95**

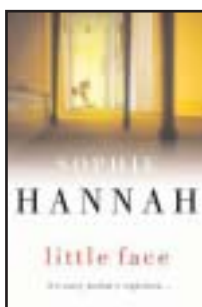
A month-long trans-Atlantic cruise is the kind of luxury Crissy only dreamed of. Now it's coming true, along with her fantasies about such men as Dr Luca Santo and Greek tycoon Mark Vilos, both of whom promise blissful liberation from her inhibitions. Torn between her desires for two dashing, mysterious men, she sails headlong into exquisitely inviting, and inescapably dangerous, waters... (American)

**Heather GRAHAM****Island 376pp Tp 27.95**

A slice of paradise in the turquoise waters of southern Florida, the island is a lush, breathtaking sanctuary. Few can resist its allure or its primitive beauty, but fewer still know its secrets. On a weekend vacation with her brother and niece, Beth Anderson is unnerved when a stroll on the beach reveals what appears to be a skull. She instantly recalls the retired couple who disappeared off the coast a few months earlier. As a stranger approaches, Beth panics and covers the evidence. But when she later returns to the beach, the skull is gone! (American)

**Sophie HANNAH****Little Face 357pp Tp 32.95**

Alice's baby is two weeks old when she leaves the house without her for the first time. On her eager return, she finds the front door open, her husband David asleep on their bed upstairs. She rushes into their baby's room and screams. "This isn't our baby! Where's our baby?" Her increasingly hostile husband swears she must be either mad or lying. The DNA test will take a week. One week later, before the test has been taken, Alice and the baby have disappeared. Run away, abducted, murdered? The police who dismissed her baby-swap story must find out. Their investigations reveal dark incidents in David's past, like the murder of his ex-wife... (English)

**A J HARTLEY****The Mask of Atreus 387pp Pb 19.95**

An obscure museum's dead proprietor lies in a secret room surrounded by one of the world's most astonishing collections of Greek antiquities. Only a priceless Mycenaean death mask has been taken, along with the bones of a legendary hero thought to exist only in ancient myth. Looted by the Nazis, the treasures are still being sought by those whose dreams of glory remain undefeated. The mask is an unparalleled discovery that will be a force for devastating retribution in the wrong hands. But by the time museum curator Deborah Miller learns the truth, it may be too late not only to save herself, but to reveal to the world the secret she has uncovered. (American)

**Kenneth HARVEY****Inside 282pp Tp 32.95**

14 years after being wrongfully convicted of murder, Myrden is pardoned and released from prison. Stepping back into the world, he feels overwhelmed and disorientated on the outside. When he returns to his old neighbourhood, a street where violence lurks behind practically every door, he finds himself out of place and ambivalent to his wife (who is living in another man's house), to his friends (who want to both celebrate and provoke further violence), and to the \$1,000,000 compensation he receives from the government. What he wants is to get his daughter, now married to an abusive man, and his beloved granddaughter out of that neighbourhood. A dazzling novel about the institutions we create in order to keep people confined, and about a destructive family shutting off its children from life's vast possibilities. (Canadian)

**John Twelve HAWKS****The Traveller 605pp Pb 19.95**

Two brothers in Los Angeles may be among the last surviving members of a once-powerful secret society known as the Travellers, but their lives are in danger. Maya is hiding in plain sight in London. The 26-year-old has abandoned the dangerous obligations pressed upon her by her father, and chosen instead to live a normal life. But Maya comes from a long line of people who call themselves Harlequins - a fierce group of warriors willing to sacrifice their lives to protect the Travellers. (American)

**Georgette HEYER****Death in the Stocks 298pp Pb 22.95**

A moonlit night. A sleeping village. And an unaccountable murder... An English Bobbie returning from night patrol finds a corpse in evening dress locked in the stocks on the village green. He identifies the body immediately. Andrew Vereker was not a well-loved man, and narrowing down the suspects is not going to be an easy job. The Vereker family are corrupt, eccentric and hardly cooperative. It's another case for the resourceful Superintendent Hannasyde, who sets off on the trail of a killer so cunning that even his consummate powers of detection are tested to their limits. 1935 (English)

**Georgette HEYER****They Found Him Dead 310pp Pb 22.95**

The 60th birthday party of Silas Kane was marred by argument and dissension amongst his family. And then, the morning after the celebrations, Kane is found dead at the foot of a cliff. The theory that Silas accidentally lost his way in the fog is confirmed when the coroner returns a verdict of death by misadventure. But then, Kane's nephew and heir is murdered, and threats are made on the next in line to the fortune, throwing a new and sinister light on Silas Kane's death. 1937 (English)


**Joanna HINES****The Murder Bird 374pp Pb 29.95**

Kirsten Waller, the acclaimed and well-known poet, is found dead in the bath in her remote cottage in Cornwall. The police claim it is suicide, but her daughter Samantha refuses to believe her mother would take her own life and sets out to prove it was murder. At the time of Kirsten's death, she was working on her new masterpiece - a poem called *The Murder Bird*. But now the poem is missing, together with her journal. (English)

**Naomi HIRAHARA****Snakeskin Shamisen 255pp Tp 27.00**

*A Mas Arai Mystery*. When Mas Arai - a curmudgeonly LA gardener, Hiroshima survivor and inveterate gambler - hears about a \$500,000 win from a novelty slot machine, he's torn between admiration and derision. But the stakes are quickly raised when the winner, a friend of his pal GI Hasuike, is found stabbed to death just days later. The last thing Mas wants to do is stick his nose in someone else's business, but at GI's prodding, he reluctantly agrees to follow the trail of a battered snakeskin shamisen (a traditional Okinawan musical instrument) left at the scene of the crime. He suddenly finds himself caught up in a dark mystery reaching from the islands of Okinawa to the streets of LA, a world of heartbreaking memories, deception and murder. (American)

**Susan HOWACH**

 **Tales of Murder and Mystery Omnibus** 566pp Pb 26.95

**The Shrouded Walls** - When her parents die in a road accident, Marianne loses her home and all her worldly goods. She faces life as a governess until she meets Axel Branson. A remote house in the Kent Marshes is now her home. But distrust of her husband and fear of the house seem to roll in as steadily as the sea mist...


**April's Grave** - three years after they broke up, Karen and Neville decide to resume their life together, and they return to the remote Highland croft where April, Karen's sister, had shattered their marriage. Since then, the selfish and beautiful April has vanished... **The Devil on Lammas Night** - When Tristan Poole moved to Colwyn Court in a remote seaside village, was it to form a nudist group? Or was it, as Nicola Morrison suspected, for something much more sinister? (English)

**India INK**

 **Blush With Death** 272pp Pb 16.95


*Bath and Body Mystery* #2. The series that pampers readers, including beauty and spa tips! When a pushy saleswoman at a rival boutique winds up dead, Persia Vanderbilt of Venus Envy steps out from behind the counter to find the killer. (American)

**P D JAMES**

 **The Murder Room** 540pp Pb 19.95


When Commander Dalgliesh is persuaded to visit the Dupayne, a private museum on the edge of Hampstead Heath, he has no idea he will return a week later under very different circumstances. One of the family trustees has been horribly murdered and Dalgliesh is called in to investigate. (English)

**Peter JAMES**

 **Looking Good Dead** 405pp Tp 32.95


*Roy Grace* #2. Tom Bryce did what any decent person would do. But within hours of picking up the CD that had been left behind on the train seat next him, and attempting to return it to its owner, he is the sole witness to a vicious murder. Then his young family are threatened if he goes to the police. But supported by his wife, Kellie, he bravely makes a statement to the murder enquiry team headed by Detective Superintendent Roy Grace, a man with demons of his own - including his missing wife - to contend with. From that moment, the killing of the Bryce family becomes a mere formality - and a grisly attraction. Kellie and Tom's deaths have already been posted on the internet. You can log on and see them on a website. They're looking good dead. (English)

**Paul JASKUNAS**

 **Hidden** 307pp Pb 22.00

Maggie Wilson lies on her bedroom floor. She is unconscious, her pulse is slow, she is bleeding from three wounds, but she is still alive. And she knows who attacked her. Now, six years later, Maggie is forced to rethink everything she believed. Her testimony was enough to put her husband behind bars. But another man has confessed to the crime. Alone in her house with her memories, surrounded by police reports, photographs and court records, Maggie is determined to recover the truth about that night. (American)

**Linda JOHNSTON**

 **Fine Feathered Death** 260pp Pb 16.95

*Kendra Ballantyne Pet Sitter Mystery* #3. A partner at Kendra's law firm is found murdered - and the only witness is of the avian persuasion. (American)

**Christy KENNEALLY**

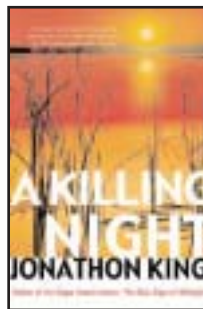
 **The Remnant** 312pp Tp 32.95

The Pope is dying. In the catacombs of San Domatilla, deep beneath the streets of Rome, a militant group of disaffected priests are urged to wage a new Inquisition. As the priest Michael Flaherty accepts a new appointment to the Vatican department run by the African-American cardinal J Arthur Thomas, he enters a state within a state where priests vie for influence and power. A former US Marine, Flaherty finds himself in a different kind of war, made all the more deadly because both sides wear the same uniform and nothing is as it seems. In the shadow of the Pope's final days, Michael Flaherty steps into the crosshairs of those who ruthlessly pursue the ultimate prize - the Church itself. They are 'the Remnant'. (Irish)

**Jonathon KING**

 **A Killing Night** 334pp Pb 19.95

Max Freeman has been working more or less officially as a private investigator in South Florida when he gets a call from Detective Sherry Richards, who was once his lover. Three female bartenders have gone missing and Sherry thinks that there may be a serial killer out there. A former cop buddy of Max's called O'Shea has become the prime suspect and Sherry asks Max to check him out. O'Shea has a history of violence, rule-breaking and alcoholism. Max wants to believe in his innocence, but when it emerges that O'Shea previously dated two of the missing women, he's not so sure. (American)

**Laurence KLVAN**

 **The Shooting Script** 253pp Pb 16.95

Establishing shot: New York City, present day. Zoom in on a run-down tenement building, somewhere west of Times Square, the home of Roy Milano, a 30ish, divorced typesetter who lives for the movies. In fact, by pursuing the legendary uncut print of Orson Welles's *The Magnificent Ambersons*, Roy has become something of a minor celebrity among the fellow misfit film fanatics he caters to in his homemade newsletter, *Trivial Man*. But there's nothing trivial when Roy's old rival Abner Cooley shows up with the words "someone is trying to kill me" on his lips. (American)

**Joyce & Jim LAVENE**

 **Fruit of the Poisoned Tree** 262pp Pb 16.95

*Garden Mystery* #2. Everyone suspects Park Lamonte's wife killed him for the ten-million-dollar insurance policy. But Peggy, of The Potting Shed, has a growing suspicion there's more to the story-and sets out to dig up the truth. (American)

**Mary LOGUE**

 **Poison Heart** 262pp Pb 16.95

*Claire Watkins Mystery* #4. Fall comes to Pepin County with a vengeance as Deputy Sheriff Claire Watkins confronts a new evil festering beneath the placid surface of the Wisconsin farm community. A refugee from the Twin Cities, Claire has slowly adapted to small-town life, especially now that she loves and lives with Rich Haggard. But in this rural area, other folks are dangerously restless. One is Daniel Reiner, a wealthy part-time resident who's been buying up too much land, at least as far as the locals are concerned. Another is gambling addict and aging gold digger Patty Jo Tilde, who recently married a widower 20 years her senior. Patty is itching to inherit her husband's property, sell it to Reiner, and leave the countryside behind. The only stumbling block - her husband must die. And he soon conveniently does, under suspicious circumstances. (American)

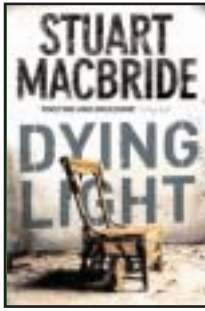
**Greg LOOMIS**

 **Julian Secret** 370pp Pb 16.95

*Lang Reilly Thriller* #2. While trying to find the truth surrounding the murder of his best friend, an author in the process of writing a controversial book, Reilly becomes caught in a web of mystery and intrigue leading all the way back to the Roman Empire and the founding of the Catholic Church. (American)

**Stuart MACBRIDE****Dying Light** 424pp Tp 32.95

It is summertime in the Granite city. The sun is shining, the sky is blue - and people are dying! It starts with a prostitute, stripped naked and beaten to death in the heart of Aberdeen's red light district. For DS



Logan MacRae, it's a bad start to another bad day. Only a few short months ago, he was the golden boy of Grampian police. But one botched raid later, he's palmed off on a DI everyone knows is a jinx, waiting for the axe to fall with all the other rejects in the Screw-up Squad. Logan's not going to take it lying down. He's determined to escape DI Steel and her unconventional methods, and the best way to do that is to crack the case in double-quick time. (Scottish)

**Guillermo MARTINEZ****The Oxford Murders**

197pp Pb 22.95

On a balmy summer's day in Oxford an old lady who once helped decipher the Enigma Code is killed. After receiving a cryptic, anonymous note containing only the address and the symbol of a circle, Arthur Seldom, a leading mathematician, arrives to find the body. More murders follow - an elderly man on a life-support machine is found dead with needle marks in his throat; the percussionist of an orchestra at a concert at Blenheim Palace dies before the audience's very eyes. The killings are seemingly unconnected, except for notes appearing in the maths department, for the attention of Seldom. Why is he being targeted as the recipient of these coded messages? (Argentinean)

**Alexander McCALL SMITH****Friends, Lovers, Chocolate**

297pp Pb 24.95

*Isabel Dalhousie* #2. As an Edinburgh philosopher, Isabel is certain of where she stands. She can review a book called *In Praise of Sin* with panache and conviction, but real life is a bit more challenging, particularly when it comes to her feelings for Jamie, a younger man who should have married her niece, Cat. When Cat takes a break in Italy, Isabel agrees to run her delicatessen. One of the customers, she discovers, has recently had a heart transplant and is now being plagued by memories that cannot be rationally explained and which he feels do not belong to him. Isabel is intrigued. But she still has time to think about the things that possess her - things like love and friendship, and, of course, temptation. The last of these comes in many forms - chocolate, for example, or seductive Italians... (Scottish)

**Gregory McDONALD****Fletch Reflected** 222pp Tp 29.00

Fletch's newfound son Jack has just heard from an old flame who is about to marry a billionaire's son - that is until her future father-in-law suffers several near-fatal accidents. The potential victim - the inventor of the perfect mirror, which allows people to see themselves exactly as others do - lives in his own compound, so Jack gets a job as a pool hand on the estate to get closer to the action. 1994 (American)

**Cody McFADYEN****Shadow Man** 404pp Tp 29.95

FBI agent Smoky Barrett is no stranger to the darker recesses of the human mind. But nothing could have prepared her for the day she had to watch her husband and daughter die at the hands of a serial killer. She bears the scars, mental and physical. Most people would run - from work, from life, from everything associated with the pain of a shattered existence. But Smoky doesn't know how to run, so when the job that has defined her life comes calling once again with the news that her best friend from high school has been brutally murdered, she finds herself back in the firing line, chasing a hidden killer who will stop at nothing to confront her. (American)

**Anthony McGOWAN****Mortal Coil** 336pp Pb 22.00

Matthew Moriarty has messed things up before, but not on this scale. When he helps out a friend by working in a nightclub, he gets on the wrong side of the wrong man - local gangster Bernie Mueller. Kicking him out of the club was one thing, but then screwing his wife? Not a good idea. Mutilated and beaten within an inch of his life, Moriarty sinks into a world of pain and drug addiction. Then, when he's bouncing along the bottom, he gets a call for help. An old friend, Ju Flaherty - enigmatic, crazy, talented and once the bright hope of British pop music - has disappeared half-way through recording his great come-back album. The record company needs to find him and Moriarty is their best hope. The search leads him into mortal danger and back into the roots of friendship, then on to a final confrontation with an old enemy. (English)

**Andy McNAB****Aggressor** 476pp Pb 19.95

Nick Stone seems to be living his dream, as he steers his camper van around the surfing and parachuting centres of Australia, a board on the roof, freerig behind him and a beautiful young backpacker at his side. But when he witnesses on TV the massacre of children in a terrorist siege in the other side of the world, long-suppressed memories are triggered and Nick finds himself catapulted once more into working for the American secret services - only this time, of his own free will. (English)

**Cormac MILLAR****The Grounds** 366pp Tp 28.00

King's College, Dublin, an ancient and thoroughly mediocre institution, is in crisis. It is also Seamus Joyce's alma mater. When Seamus is hired to provide a consultant's report on the university for an American consortium, he doesn't have any idea what he's in for: a poisonous brew of sexual intrigue, professional backstabbing and murder. (Irish)

**Denise MINA****The Field of Blood** 543pp Pb 21.95

In Glasgow, a toddler goes missing, snatched from the front garden of his home. But while the city braces itself for the discovery of a lone sexual predator, the police are led to the doors of two young boys. Paddy Meehan has just started work on the *Scottish Daily News*, where she dreams of becoming an investigative journalist. Although everyone at the paper believes the boys acted on their own, she thinks there is more to it and begins to ask awkward questions. Shunned by those closest to her, she finds herself dangerously alone. (English)

**Manuel MONTALBAN****The Man of My Life**

217pp Pb 27.95

When the son of a rich financier is murdered, Carvalho is called upon to investigate his mysterious death. In his quest for the killer, Carvalho has to infiltrate the world of Satanism and religious sects. Torn between two women - his on-off partner Charo and her eternal hesitations, and the enigmatic Yes, a lover from his youth - the professional and personal merge, and a devastating betrayal leaves Carvalho fighting for his life. (Spanish)

**Richard MONTANARI****The Skin Gods** 395pp Tp 32.95

Back on the force after taking a bullet during the arrest of a sadistic murderer, Detective Kevin Byrne warily returns to police headquarters. He cannot shake the memory of the Rosary Killer's innocent



victims or his growing sense that the evil has not been vanquished. When he and his partner, Detective Jessica Balzano, are called in on a bizarre case, his gravest suspicions are confirmed. (American)

**Casey MORETON****The Greater Good**

436pp Pb 18.95

A high-velocity political thriller from a gifted first-time novelist follows the hunt for a videotape that terrifyingly reveals Washington's deadliest secret: the shocking identity of the vice president's assassin. (American)

**Ryu MURAKAMI** **In the Miso Soup** 180pp Pb 21.95

It's just before New Year and Frank, an overweight American tourist, has hired Kenji to take him on a guided tour of Tokyo's nightlife. But Frank's behaviour is so odd that Kenji begins to entertain a horrible suspicion: his client may in fact have murderous desires. Although Kenji is far from innocent himself, he unwillingly descends with Frank into an inferno of evil from which only his 16-year-old girlfriend, Jun, can possibly save him. (Japanese)

**Warren MURPHY** **Destroyer #143: Bad Dog**

246pp Pb 16.95

Lou MacMayor, president of the Institute of Nationalised Humane Health Care, has the solution to America's health insurance problems. He's figured out how to take a huge bite out of costs by using brilliantly trained Swedish Elkhounds to sniff out, then snuff out, those costly disease-carrying people who send premiums skyrocketing. (American)

**Tamar MYERS** **Cane Mutiny** 355pp Pb 16.95 *Den of Antiquity Mystery #13.* Abigail Timberlake Washburn understands the antiques game is a gamble - so she doesn't know what to expect when she wins the bidding for the contents of an old locker that has been sealed up for years. It's a delightful surprise when she discovers inside a collection of exquisite old walking sticks, and a not-so-delightful one when she pulls out a decrepit gym bag containing a human skull. The last thing the diminutive South Carolina antiques dealer needs is to be suspected of foul play. So she grabs CJ, her chatty assistant and future sister-in-law, and heads out to search for a killer they can stick it to. (American)**Tom NEALE** **Copper Kiss** 310pp Tp 32.95

FBI agent Vincent Piper is back in London, determined not to screw up this time. But the love of his life, high-class call girl Celeste Young, is in trouble. Her brother is putting together an online sex blog, but one-by-one the call girls are murdered. Piper works his way deeper into the case and discovers the US government is involved, and that people are prepared to pay a terrible price for their political ambitions. (English)

**Carla NEGGERS** **Breakwater** 375pp Pb 14.95 Three months ago, Quinn Harlowe left the high-pressure hallways of the Justice Department to become an independent consultant and have more control over her life - maybe even *have* a life. But the nirvana of her new gig is short-lived when Quinn discovers her friend and former colleague Alicia Morrow dead outside Quinn's bayside cottage. Suicide? Quinn is doubtful. (American)**Mark NYKANEN** **Search Angel** 356pp Pb 16.95

A riveting suspense thriller about the reuniting of birth mothers with their adopted children and the madman who preys on them. (American)

**Leonard PADURA** **Havana Black** 261pp Tp 32.95 *Lt Mario Conde Mystery #2.* The brutally mutilated body of Miguel Forcade is discovered washed up on a Havana beach. Head smashed in by a baseball bat, genitals cut off by a dull knife. Forcade was once responsible for the confiscation of art works from the bourgeoisie fleeing the revolution. Had he really returned from exile just to visit his ailing father? This novel evokes the disillusion of a generation, many of them veterans of the war in Angola, discovering the corruption of those who preceded them. Yet it is a eulogy of Cuba, its life of music, sex and the great friendships of the people who elected to stay and fight for survival. (Cuban)**Linda PALMER** **Love You Madly**

307pp Pb 16.95

*Daytime Drama Mystery.* Soap-opera producer Morgan Tyler is enlisted to investigate when a TV hunk is plagued by death threats and a secret stalker. (American)**Sara PARETSKY** **Fire Sale** 401pp Pb 19.95

A nagging conscience makes VI Warshawski agree to fill in as coach for the girls' basketball team at her South Side alma mater, which in turn leads her to the headquarters of By-Smart, the global retail empire where VI hopes to get desperately needed funds for the struggling squad. But conscience seems to be in short supply at By-Smart, with the exception of Billy Bysen. He's the teenage grandson of the chain's gruff, tight-fisted founder. And when Billy disappears, along with a mysterious document much desired by By-Smart's management team, VI is hurled onto a twisted, body-strewn path that runs through Chicago's dirtiest places, and reveals some of its dirtiest secrets. (American)

**Robert B PARKER** **Cold Service** 305pp Pb 19.95

When Spenser's closest ally, Hawk, is brutally injured and left for dead while protecting bookie Luther Gillespie, he embarks on an epic journey to rehabilitate his friend in body and soul. Spenser quickly learns that the Ukrainian mob is responsible for the hit, but finding a way into their tight-knit circle is not nearly so simple. Their total control of the town of Marshport, from the bodegas to the police force to the mayor's office, isn't just a sign of rampant corruption - it's a form of arrogance that only serves to ignite Hawk's desire to get even. (American)

**James PATTERSON** **Beach Road** 308pp Tp 32.95

Montauk lawyer Tom Dunleavy's client list is woefully small. Occasional real estate sales barely keep him in paper clips. When he is hired to defend a local man accused in a triple murder that has the East Hampton world in an uproar, he knows that he has found the case of his lifetime. (American)

**Kate PEPPER** **One Cold Night**

309pp Pb 16.95

Detective Dave Strauss is still haunted by the one case he couldn't solve. A girl vanished off the streets of Brooklyn with only a trail of blood and a series of untraceable phone calls to hint at her fate. Now the cold dark night has engulfed another girl - part of his own family. Dave and his wife know 14-year-old Lisa has not run away and they know her disappearance is not a just a tragic coincidence. When the first phone call comes, they know she's not alone. (American)

**Richard PRICE** **Freedomland (Film Tie-in)**

546pp Pb 21.95

A white woman, bloody and in shock, stumbles into a hospital claiming she has been car-jacked by a black man and that her son is in the back seat. So begins the hunt for the culprit, and the truth, which slowly emerges. 1998 (American)

**Sheila QUIGLEY** **Living on a Prayer**

375pp Tp 32.95

A week before Christmas, Debbie Stansfield's life falls apart. Her son - her funny, cheeky, kind Richard - has been found hanging from a tree at the Seven Sisters. The police think it's suicide, but Debbie won't - can't - accept that. Richard's four friends know something about his death. DI Lorraine Hunt can feel it. The teenagers are clearly terrified about something, but they're not about to tell. (English)

**Ruth RENDELL** **End in Tears** 376pp Pb 19.95

A lump of concrete, deliberately dropped from a little stone bridge over a relatively unfrequented road, kills the wrong person. The driver in the following car is spared. But only for a while... One member of the local press is gunning for the Chief Inspector, distinctly unimpressed with what he regards as old-fashioned police methods. But Wexford, with his old friend and partner, Mike Burden, and two new recruits to the Kingsmarkham team, pursue their inquiries with the hallmark diligence and humanity that make Rendell's detective stories so enthralling, exciting and touching. (English)



**Michael RIDPATH****On the Edge** 416pp Pb 19.95

From his past as an RAF fighter pilot to his job as a bond trader in the City, Alex Calder is a man known for taking big risks and winning. But when colleague Jennifer Tan decides to pursue a sexual harassment case against her boss, Calder witnesses the ugly and tragic side of his world. For Jen commits suicide and Calder quits in disgust. One year on, Calder is running a flying school in Norfolk. But the past won't disappear. (English)

**Michael ROBERTS****Patrick's Alphabet** 229pp Tp 32.95

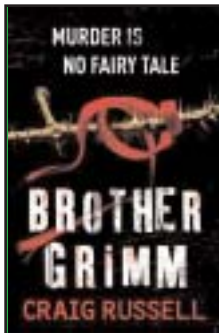
When a teenage couple are found murdered in their car, a boy called Adam Sligo is the only suspect. Sligo is missing, and a manhunt begins, but the letter A is found blazoned on the wall at the murder scene. When the other letters of the alphabet start appearing in sequence all over town, each immaculately painted in red, a seemingly random act of violence appears to be part of a bigger and more terrifying picture. (English)

**David ROSENFELT****Sudden Death** 305pp Pb 16.95

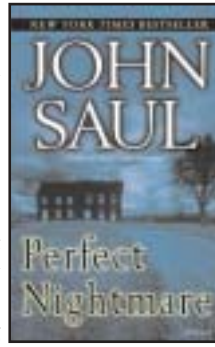
Kenny Schilling is the new star running back for the New York Giants. Troy Preston was a wide receiver for the Jets, until his recent murder. Could rivalry have turned Kenny into a cold-blooded killer? The police say yes. And now the football hero needs a good lawyer, quick. Still basking in the glow of his last successful case, Andy Carpenter is called to defend Kenny's innocence. Then it's revealed that Troy wasn't the only murdered player with whom Kenny was in contact. (American)

**Craig RUSSELL****Brother Grimm** 380pp Tp 32.95

A girl's body lies, posed, on the pale sand of a Hamburg beach, a message concealed in her hand. "I have been underground and now it is time for me to return home..." Jan Fabel, of the Hamburg murder squad, struggles to interpret the twisted imagery of a dark and brutal mind. Four days later, a man and woman are found in woodland, their throats slashed deep and wide, the names "Hansel" and "Gretel", in the same tiny, obsessively neat writing, rolled tight and pressed into their hands. The hunt is on for a serial killer who is exploring the darkest, most fundamental fears hidden in ancient fairy tales. (English)

**John SAUL****Perfect Nightmare** 364pp Pb 18.95

Every parent's nightmare becomes reality for Kara Marshall when her daughter, Lindsay, vanishes from her bedroom during the night. The police suspect she is just another moody teenage runaway, angry about having to leave her school and friends because her family is moving. But Lindsay's recent eerie claim - that someone invaded her room when the house was opened to prospective buyers - drives Kara to fear the worst: a nameless, faceless stalker has walked the halls of her home in search of more than a place to live. (American)

**Angela SAVAGE****Behind the Night Bazaar** 289pp Pb 22.95

Who said crime doesn't pay? Australian expat Jayne Keeney lives in Thailand and works as a PI in Bangkok. When she heads north to Chiang Mai to visit her good friend Didier, she soon discovers that the local police have an especially cosy relationship with money and illegal acts. But as Jayne learns of this, she realises her own life is in danger. Murder, child prostitution, police graft and other stalwart crime subjects are all uncovered by Jayne in an exotic Thai setting in this thrilling series debut. (Australian)

**Fran SCHATZING****Swarm** 881pp Tp 32.95

Whales begin sinking ships. Toxic, eyeless crabs poison Long Island's water supply. The North Sea shelf collapses, killing thousands in Europe. Around the world, countries begin to feel the effects of the ocean's revenge as the seas and their inhabitants begin a violent revolution against mankind. In this riveting novel, full of twists, turns and cliffhangers, a team of scientists discovers a strange, intelligent life force called the Yrr that takes form in marine animals, using them to wreak havoc on humanity, punishing us for our ecological abuses. (German)

**Lyndon STACEY****Outside Chance** 456pp Pb 21.95

When the favourite for the Cheltenham Gold Cup is kidnapped, it appears the horse's owner has things to hide, so although he notifies the police, he also employs a journalist to investigate, with the promise of an exclusive, if he keeps his mouth shut. (English)

**Veronica STALLWOOD****Oxford Letters** 313pp Pb 19.95

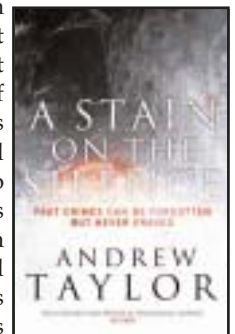
When Kate Ivory returns from holiday, a phone call from a concerned friend gives her some rather alarming news. Apparently Kate's normally vibrant and energetic mother, Roz, is a shadow of her former self, and looks very ill indeed. When Kate visits her mother, Roz sends her away, insisting that her new friends, the Freemans, are taking care of her. Although the couple seems kind-hearted, something about them disturbs Kate. Are they more interested in her mother's new-found wealth than in her health? (English)

**James SWAIN****Deadman's Poker** 350pp Pb 16.95

*Tony Valentine Mystery #5.* Tony Valentine is an expert at spotting cheats. He's tossed them out of gambling casinos from Atlantic City to Las Vegas and Monaco. But though Tony has never met a scam he couldn't crack, his son and partner, Gerry, has just walked into one with a body count. What started with a conman's deathbed confession turns into a deadly Las Vegas grudge match during the world's biggest poker tournament. (American)

**Andrew TAYLOR****A Stain on the Silence** 342pp Tp 32.95

The last person James wants to meet again is Lily. But now she's dying of cancer, and he is wholly unprepared for what she has to tell him. 24 years ago, she gave birth to a daughter and James is the girl's father. Yet Lily has one more secret to reveal. Their daughter is now a wanted woman. She's on the run for murder. Soon James is compelled to reach back into the past and discover the other bitter fruits of his and Lily's unfortunate union. (English)

**Colleen THOMPSON****The Deadliest Denial** 364pp Pb 16.95

The worst day of Claire's life begins with a 5.00 am knock on her door, the summons every cop's wife dreads. But instead of telling her Spence is gone, killed in the line of duty, his sergeant has even worse news for Claire. Her husband is in jail. For murder. And there is irrefutable evidence that the person he really wants dead is her. (American)



**Aimee & David THURLO****Thief in Retreat****269pp Pb 16.95**

*Sister Agatha Mystery #2.* A former investigative reporter, Sister Agatha has more than her fair share of spiritual challenges as an extern, a nun responsible for her cloistered order's dealings with the outside world. Still, she's instantly intrigued when the archbishop requests she discreetly investigate the odd disappearances of valuable religious fold art from 'The Retreat', a former New Mexico monastery-turned-upscale-inn. But soon Sister Agatha is entangled in one unearthly puzzle that includes an art expert who's vanished without a trace, a truly strange flock of out-there suspects, and an unnerving apparition no amount of reality can explain. (American)

**Lisa UNGER****Beautiful Lies 372pp Tp 32.95**

If Ridley Jones had slept 10 minutes later, or taken the subway instead of waiting for a cab, she would still be living the beautiful lie she used to call her life. She would still be the privileged daughter of a doting father and a loving mother. Instead, those inconsequential decisions lead her to perform a good deed that puts her in the right place at the right time to unleash a chain of events that brings a mysterious package to her door - a package that informs her that her entire world is a lie. (American)

**Louise URE****Forcing Amaryllis****303pp Pb 16.95**

From a gripping new author comes the haunting story of Calla Gentry, a trial consultant determined to discover the truth about her sister's brutal rape. (American)

**Nury VITACHI****Shanghai Union of Industrial****Mystics 329pp Pb 22.95**

*Feng Shui Detective.* When a group of vegan terrorists threaten to blow up the world's two most important leaders along with half of Shanghai, the job somehow falls to CF Wong and his assistant, Joyce to save Shanghai, the world and one poor elephant. (Chinese)

**Michelle WAN****Deadly Slipper 301pp Tp 29.95**

Almost 20 years have passed since Bedie Dunn, a wild-orchid enthusiast, vanished without a trace on a hiking holiday in south-western France. The police long ago relegated the unsolved mystery to the cold-case files. But Mara Dunn, Bedie's twin, is haunted by her sister's disappearance. Was Bedie the victim of an accident? Or did she cross paths with the wrong person at just the wrong time? Mara has come to the Dordogne determined to find the answers. (Canadian)

**Liza WARD****Outside Valentine 301pp Pb 23.95**

In 1958, as the snow fell across Nebraska, a 19-year-old James Dean look-alike and his 14-year-old girlfriend climbed into a stolen car and blazed into history with a string of bloody murders that would haunt America. Many years have passed since the bitterly cold winter when Charles Starkweather and Caril-Ann Fugate drove across the hushed Nebraskan landscape leaving a trail of blood. So why does Lowell, a Manhattan antiques collector, still dream of what happened, despite his wife's attempts to help him? And who is Puggy, the young girl still obsessed by the murders? (American)

**Laura WILSON****A Thousand Lies 290pp Tp 29.95**

In 1987, Sheila Shand was given a suspended sentence for murdering her father. At her trial, it emerged that she and her mother and sister had been forced to shield brutal sadist Leslie Shand while he subjected them to a reign of terror, daily beatings and sexual abuse. Years later, investigative journalist Amy Vaughan discovers letters and a newspaper cutting about the Shand case while clearing out her late mother's flat. Concluding that she must be related to the Shands, she decides to visit Sheila's mother who is in a care home. Amy soon realises that there is more to the murder of Leslie than the police ever unearthed, including two long-buried skeletons in woods near the family's home... (English)

**Don WINSLOW****The Power of the Dog****539pp Pb 24.95**

From Don Winslow ("A writer so good you almost want to keep him to yourself" - Ian Rankin), this is an electrifying new novel of love and revenge, politics and influence, corruption and honour. Moving at breakneck speed, it tells a riveting, sometimes harrowing, story set in the shifting nexus of power among the Latin American drug cartels, the American mob and the US government. (American)

**CRIME  
AUDIO****Elizabeth GEORGE****A Great Deliverance 3 CDs 35.00**

Fat, unlovely Roberta Teys has been found in her best dress, an axe in her lap, seated in the old stone barn beside her father's headless corpse. Her first and last words were "I did it. And I'm not sorry." Yet as Lynley and Havers wind their way through Keldale's dark labyrinth of secret scandals and appalling crimes, they uncover a shattering series of revelations that will reverberate through this tranquil English valley - and in their own lives. Read by Derek Jacobi.

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George gives us an early glimpse into the lives of DI Thomas Lynley, forensic scientist Simon Allcourt-St James, and Lady Helen Clyde in a superlative new mystery that is also a fascinating inquiry into the crimes of the heart. Read by Derek Jacobi.

**Well Schooled in Murder 3 CDs 35.00**

When 13-year-old Matthew Whateley goes missing from Bredgar Chambers, a prestigious public school in the heart of West Sussex, aristocratic Inspector Thomas Lynley receives a call for help from the lad's housemaster, who also happens to be an old school chum. Thus, the inspector, his partner, Detective Sergeant Barbara Havers, and forensic scientist Simon Allcourt-St James find themselves once again outside their jurisdiction and deeply involved in the search for a child - and then, tragically, for a child killer. Read by Derek Jacobi. (American)

**Donna LEON****Through a Glass Darkly 3 CDs 45.00**

Commissario Brunetti and his assistant Vianello secure the release of Marco Ribetti, arrested during an environmental protest, only to face the fury of the man's father-in-law, Giovanni De Cal, a cantankerous glass factory owner who has been heard in the bars of Murano making violent threats against Ribetti. Brunetti's curiosity is piqued, and he begins to investigate: Is De Cal the type of man to carry out his threats? By all accounts he is constantly angry, bullying suppliers and fuming against environmentalists. Then one morning the body of De Cal's bookish night watchman is found in front of the blazing furnace. Could the old man have done it? And who is poisoning the waters of Venice's lagoon? Fighting against time, Brunetti must find the murderer before he strikes again. Read by Andrew Sachs. (American)

**HISTORICAL  
CRIME****Paul DOHERTY****The Year of the Cobra 306pp Tp 32.95**

*Akhenaten Trilogy #3.* At the end of *The Season of the Hyena* (Pb 19.95), Mahu had just been recalled to court because the young Pharaoh, Tutankhamun, was suffering from a serious mental illness. Mahu's tale resumes: Tutankhamun is unwell, but there is no heir apparent. Egypt's enemies, the Hittites, are advancing through Canaan, and Ay - First Minister of Akenaten, father of Nefertiti, brother of Queen Tiye - still plots, like the spider he is. The web is woven, the trap set... (English)



**Nick DRAKE**

**Nefertiti**

348pp Tp 32.95

She is called 'The Perfect One', the most famous and beautiful woman in the world. Nefertiti rules equally with her husband, the Pharaoh Akhenaten, over the richest, most sophisticated and powerful society in the modern



world. But shortly before the crucial festival to celebrate the new capital, to which rulers and representatives from across the world are invited to attend, Nefertiti suddenly vanishes. Rai Rahotep, the youngest chief detective in the Thebes division, with a rising reputation for his original methods, is secretly assigned by Akhenaten to investigate. He has 10 days to find the Queen and return her in time for the celebrations. Success will bring glory but if he fails, he and his family will die... (English)

**Tom GALLON**

**The Girl Behind the Keys**

183pp Pb 22.95

First published in 1903, this is a delightful example of early detective fiction in which Bella Thorn, a savvy young typist, foils the nefarious plans of her employer, a confidence man who exploits the hopes and fears infusing the popular imagination. As Arlene Young's critical introduction demonstrates, the story unites many of the cultural and literary motifs marking the dawn of the twentieth century, when the Victorian era was giving way to modernity. (English)

**Susanna GREGORY**

**Conspiracy of Violence: Chaloner's First Exploit in Restoration London**

502pp Hb 49.95

The dour days of Cromwell are over. Charles II is well established at White Hall Palace, his mistress at hand in rooms over the Holbein bridge, the heads of some of the regicides on public display. London seethes with new energy, freed from the strictures of the Protectorate, but many of its inhabitants have lost their livelihoods. One is Thomas Chaloner, a reluctant spy for the feared Secretary of State, John Thurloe, and now returned from Holland in desperate need of employment. His erstwhile boss, knowing he has many enemies at court, recommends Thomas to Lord Clarendon, but in return demands that Thomas keep him informed of any plot against him. But what Thomas discovers is that Thurloe had sent another ex-employee to White Hall and he is dead, supposedly murdered by footpads near the Thames. (English)

**Stephen MILLER**

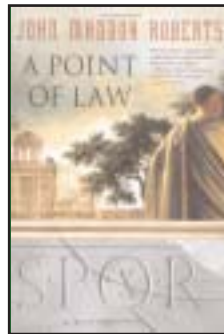
**A Game of Soldiers** 456pp Tp 32.95

In St Petersburg, beside the glittering court life of the Romanovs, the people are seething. It is not only the Bolsheviks but also the new men, the tycoons grown wealthy in the booming economy and the more vigorous aristocrats who are impatient with their idle, incompetent rulers. Pyotr Ryzkhov, a government agent, is used to keeping his head down, minding his own business. He is providing a body-guard for a key member of the government, when he witnesses the death of a child prostitute. The immediate cover up and the vulnerability of the girl drives him to probe into what he is sure is murder. (Canadian)

**John Maddox ROBERTS**

**A Point in Law** 253pp Hb 49.95

SPQR #10. "Being under suspicion of murder did not hamper my freedom. This is because Romans are civilised people and don't clap suspects into prison like barbarians do. It would take an order of a lawfully



convened court even to place me under house arrest." Senator Decius Caecilius Metellus is speaking at an outdoor rally in Rome where he is campaigning for election to the praetorship. It looks like a shoo-in, until a man named Fulvius, of whom Decius has never heard, arrives at the pre-election proceedings with a small army of hoodlums and begins to shout to the assembled voters that Decius is a thief and worse. Early the next morning, however, as Decius and his friends are on their way to the trial, Fulvius's body is found slashed to death on the steps of the basilica, where the court will be sitting. And that doesn't look good for our hero. (American)

**Pip VAUGHAN-HUGHES**

**Relics** 276pp Tp 29.95

It's England, 1235, and Brother Petroc is living a simple life as a novice monk. Struggling to keep his soul fairly clean and worrying most about resisting the local girls, he is helpless when he stumbles headlong into vicious trap. Framed by a sinister Templar Knight for a brutal murder of a church official and accused of the theft of a priceless relic, he is forced to run for his life. But when his best friend Will is killed by the chasing knight, Petroc's flight becomes a quest for restitution. Trusting his fate to an enigmatic relic-hunter and scoundrel, he must dodge the long arm of the church and somehow get to the bottom of everything that has happened to him. (English)

**CRIME  
NON-FICTION**



**Tom BASINSKI**

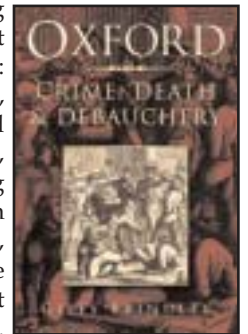
**No Good Deed** 291pp Pb 18.95

In La Jolla, California, just before Christmas 1998, the Chrysler LeBaron of David Stevens exploded into flames, which didn't hide the fact that there were two bullets in his skull. For three years, the police were baffled, until an acquaintance of the victim revealed startling details, and a motive for the slaying that was more shocking than the crime itself. (American)

**Giles BRINDLEY**

**Oxford: Crime, Death and Debauchery** 213pp Tp 45.00

In the city of Inspector Morse, when it comes to crime, truth may be stranger than fiction. This walk through the dark corridors of Oxford's past is populated with footpads and prostitutes, murderers and connen, thieves and philanderers. Brindley has searched the archives of the university, the Public Record Office, the Centre for Oxfordshire Studies and others to collect more than 100 accounts that paint a picture of Oxford's seedier side. Using contemporary court records and newspaper accounts, he brings together crime stories dating from 1750 to about 1920, including: infamous murders, hangings and dying confessions, grand and daring thefts, escapes from the county gaol, suicide in the name of love, and great drinking deaths. (English)



**Michael CONNELLY**

**Crime Beat** 261pp Tp 29.95

"Death is my beat." Those words, spoken by the narrator and hero of **The Poet** (Pb 18.95), Jack McEvoy, could also apply to Connelly. Time and time again in these riveting pieces, we make the connection between crime reporter and novelist: "On the day I arrived in Los Angeles, I sat in the newspaper editor's office being interviewed for a job on the crime beat. The day before, there had been a bank heist in which the thieves had gone into the city's labyrinthine storm water tunnel system to get beneath the bank before tunnelling upward." Years later, that story would become **The Black Echo** (Pb 18.95). The cops, the killers, the cases - it's all here in a collection that is a must for Connelly fans. (American)

**Roger DEPUE & Susan SCHINDEHETTE****Between Good and Evil: A Master Profiler's Hunt for Society's Most Violent Predators** 308pp Pb 18.95

This is Depue's retrospective look at a life spent apprehending criminals - mostly serial killers - as a small-town police chief, Swat team member, Behavioural Sciences Unit chief, and developer of revolutionary law enforcement programs. The book also charts a spiritual odyssey that culminated in Depue becoming a Brother of the Missionaries of the Holy Apostles. While a seminarian, he counselled maximum security inmates. Following his time in the clergy, he re-entered law enforcement and today heads the world's most elite forensics think tank, The Academy. (American)

**Dale HUDSON & Billy HILLS****An Hour to Kill: A True Story of Love, Murder, and Justice in a Small Southern Town** 275pp Pb 16.95

Churchgoer. Family friend. All-American boy. Murderer. Ken Register, much to the shock of the small town of Conway, South Carolina, was all of these things. Clean-cut, polite to a fault, and respectful of elders, Ken was the kind of guy parents wanted their daughters to date. But only months after a 17-year-old girl's brutal murder, the residents of Conway were in for another surprise. The killer was one of their own. 1999 (American)

**Simon ILLINGWORTH****Filthy Rat: A First-hand Account of Courage in the Face of Police Corruption** 234pp Tp 29.95

When Illingworth joined the Victorian Police Force, he wanted only to help the community. But because he spoke out against a corrupt sergeant, he was isolated, threatened and bashed by some of his colleagues. Undaunted by this intimidation, he spent four years working for Police Internal Affairs, weeding out crooked police. He received many commendations and brought successful prosecutions against corrupt officers. But the work took its toll and in May 2004, depressed and discouraged, he risked everything to tell his inside story to *Australian Story*. This book is a unique insight into the frightening world of Melbourne's gangland killings and police corruption. (Australian)

**David JACOBS (ed)****Road Kill** 412pp Pb 16.95

From the files of *True Detective*, the premier US crime magazine, this book reveals the shocking facts about the killers on the road and the victims they leave behind. (American)

**D J LEIGHTON****Ripper Suspect: The Secret Lives of Montague Druitt** 197pp Hb 60.00

One of the most popular of all Ripper suspects, Montague Druitt appears on the surface an unlikely killer. Born into a comfortable bourgeois family, he was educated at New College, Oxford, qualified for the Bar and played cricket for a number of strong club sides. But there was another side to the agreeable Mr Druitt. He moved in the artistic and aristocratic circles that overlapped with London's secretive homosexual culture, was summarily dismissed from his post at a boys' school, and a few weeks later was found drowned in the Thames, just months after the Jack the Ripper murders. Six years later, Chief Constable Sir Melville Macnaughten named Druitt as the murderer and gave the unhappy barrister a kind of immortality. (English)

**Robert MANN & Miryam WILLIAMSON****Forensic Detective: How I Cracked the World's Toughest Cases** 240pp Tp 29.95

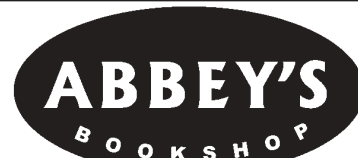
Some might say that Robert Mann, forensic anthropologist, deputy scientific director of the US government's Central Identification Laboratory, is the Sherlock Holmes of death detectives. In cases around the world, he has been called upon to unmask killers with nothing but the bones of their victims to guide him, draw out clues that restore identities to the nameless dead, recover remains thought to be hopelessly lost, and piece together the events that can unlock the truth behind the most baffling deaths. (American)

**Doug ROBINSON****The Other Side: The Society Murders** 193pp Tp 29.95

On 1 May 2002, the bodies of Margaret Wales-King and her husband Paul King were discovered on a lonely bush grave in country Victoria. The case became known as the Society Murders. Questions have often been asked if Matthew Wales, the son who pleaded guilty to the murders, acted alone in the planning of this gruesome crime. (Australian)



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