

## TWO INTERNATIONAL AUTHOR VISITS IN AUGUST ....



PETER ROBINSON author of the bestselling Inspector Banks series and his new stand-alone thriller Caedmon's Song will be in-store Tuesday 19 August 12.30-1.30

**Caedmon's Song** (288pp Tp \$30.00). One warm June night, a university student called Kirsten is viciously attacked in a park by a serial killer. He is interrupted, and Kirsten survives, but in a severe physically and psychologically damaged state. As the killer continues, leaving a trail of mutilated corpses, Kirsten confronts her memories and becomes convinced not only that she can, but that she must, remember what happened. Set in England, this is an extraordinarily chilling story. *BONUS:* Everyone who comes along can go in the draw to win a signed poster.

## **LISA SCOTTOLINE**

author of 10 bestselling mysteries featuring the Philadelphia all-woman law firm will be in-store Thursday 21 August 12.30-1.30



Lisa Scottoline's legal suspense novels are a law unto themselves – biting humour, social satire and snappy dialogue. Her latest title featuring ace lawyer Bennie Rosato, **Dead Ringer** (Tp \$30.00), published in June, has Bennie duelling in evil in the form of her own twin sister, who has returned to Philadelphia and is up to no good.

Don't miss out meeting these two great crime authors.

- Peter

## **BOOKS ALIVE**

**Books Alive** is about giving as many people as possible a great reason to enjoy a book. From the 2nd to the 15th of August, six incredible books from leading Australian authors will be available for the unprecedented price of just \$5.00 each with the purchase of any other book.

**Ice Station** by Matthew Reilly. At a remote US ice station in Antarctica, a team of scientists has made an amazing discovery. They have found something unbelievable buried deep below the surface, trapped inside a layer of ice 400 million years old. It's made of metal and it shouldn't be there.

**Year of Wonders** by Geraldine Brooks. A young woman's struggle to save her family and her soul during the most extraordinary year of 1666, when plague suddenly visited a small Derbyshire village.

An Anzac's Story by Roy Kyle (introduced by Bryce Courtenay). Never before published. Roy Kyle was a typical Australian soldier, gripped by patriotism to defend King and country during WW1. Enlisting early and underage, Roy celebrated his 18th birthday in the trenches of Lone Pine, Gallipoli, where over 2,500 Australians were killed or wounded. He was one of the last to be evacuated. Over 75 years later, at the age of 93, Roy returned to Gallipoli. This is his story.

**Toad Heaven** by Morris Gleitzman. The sequel to **Toad Rage**, the story of Limpy – a heroic and slightly squashed cane toad. This time Limpy has more extraordinary adventures as he sets off in search of a nature reserve he has heard about, where he and his friends and family will be safe.

**Tashi & Tashi and the Giants** by Anna & Barbara Feinberg, illustrated by Kim Gamble. Tashi comes from a place very far away. He escaped from a warlord and flew to Australia on a swan. And he tells the best stories ever... This special edition is two books in one.

**My Place** by Sally Morgan. This is the story of extended family, the treatment of Aboriginals and history lost and found. A deeply moving account of a search for truth.









## MODERN (RIME

Keith ABLOW Compulsion



364pp Pb 17.95 Dr Frank Clevenger, a

brilliant forensic psychiatrist, is eager to leave the world of the criminally insane behind, until he receives a chilling call. Close friend and former colleague, Detective North Anderson, now Chief-

of-Police on the exclusive island of Nantucket, is desperate for help in solving a chilling murder. One of the infant twin daughters of billionaire Darwin Bishop has been murdered in her crib at the family's estate. Using his mastery of psychiatry, Clevenger lays a trap to reveal the killer in an unforgettable finale. (American)



#### David AMBROSE **\* Coincidence**

290pp Pb 18.95

**O**George Daly's life has been as unremarkable as most people's, until the day he finds himself going through his dead father's possessions. He discovers a photograph of himself as a boy, but he has no memory of where it was taken, nor does he recognise the people with him. As he investigates further, he experiences increasingly bizarre chain of an coincidences that threaten to unravel his whole world. Before long, he finds himself fighting for his sanity and even his survival. (English)

#### Marian BABSON

#### Murder at the Cat Show 192pp Pb 15.95

There are some very valuable cats on exhibit, even a few feline celebrities. Then the robbery of a gold statue of Dick Whittington's cat sets nerves on edge. The theft is not exactly PR man Doug Perkins's dream, but this disaster pales in comparison to the gruesome murder that Someone follows. has knocked unconscious the show's organiser, the universally despised Rose Chesne-Malverne, and pushed her into the cage with a pair of feral tigers fancifully named Pyramus and Thisbe with predictably fatal results. Now it's up to Doug to find an elusive killer who appears to have nine lives of his own. (American)

#### James BEAUSEIGNEUR

💥 In his Image 514pp Pb 17.95 The Christ Clone trilogy #1. Based on the actual scientific expedition to examine the Shroud of Turin, BeauSeigneur creates a fictionalised story that links ancient DNA to the coming of the Antichrist. Professor Harold Goodman makes an incredible discovery while examining the Shroud of Turin: a cluster of skin cells still alive after 2000 years! He conspires to carry out the most earth-shattering experiment ever attempted: the cloning of Jesus Christ. The child born of the ancient cells soon sets in motion forces that trigger worldwide cataclysms, and could end the world as we know it. (American)

#### Ethan BLACK

#### **All the Dead were Strangers** 0 450pp Pb 19.95

After a 10-year separation, Conrad Voort meets his childhood pal Meechum Keefe for drinks in Greenwich Village, and finds him frightened and depressed. Within hours, Meechum disappears and the only clue Voort has is a napkin upon which Keefe has scrawled five names. Investigating further, he connects the "accidental" deaths of three people on the list and his instincts tell him that the two left alive are next. As he tries to locate them before it is too late, Voort uncovers a vast conspiracy of death that stretches across the country, threatening the very fabric of American life. (American)

#### Nero BLANC



#### A Crossword to Die For #4 291pp Pb 17.95

A mystery with crosswords. When Belle's deadbeat dad does not show up at the train station, it is not much of a surprise. What does shock her, however, is that there was a legitimate reason ... apparently, he died of a heart attack en route. But Belle and Rosco are suspicious. And now they are digging through her father's sketchy past to uncover the truth behind his strange life, and death. (American)

#### **Nero BLANC**

# Corpus de Crossword #5

311pp Tp 32.00

A mystery with crosswords. Folks in Taneysville, Massachusetts, are furious when a builder decides to develop 15 acres of their precious land. Then the determined developer is stopped cold in his tracks, not by a demonstration, but by a grisly discovery. The construction crew has unearthed the skeletal remains of a young woman. Belle and Rosco are fast on the case. It is not long before anonymous crosswords start pouring in, but even with so many clues, they find that in this old-fashioned hamlet, not everything is black and white ... (American)

#### Lawrence BLOCK (Editor)

- The Best American Mystery
- C Stories 2 345pp Tp 35.00

This book showcases America's finest short fiction in the genre. (American)

### Giles BLUNT

#### 🇱 The Delicate Storm ٢

283pp Tp 29.95

The small city of Algonquin Bay in northern Ontario: A freak warm front has moved in, making it feel like April and rousing hungry bears from hibernation. So when Ivan Bergeron's dog brings him the chewed-off arm of a white male, it is assumed the victim met a natural, if ugly, end. Except, as it turns out, the owner of the arm was dead before the bears got to him. It is not long before homicide detectives Delorme and Cardinal are led back 30 years to another unsolved murder, this one linked to Quebec terrorists. (Canadian)

## **Hilary BONNER**

## A Moment of Madness

447pp Pb 19.95 When rock idol Scott Silver is found murdered, the prime suspect lies dead next to him. It seems his mesmerising widow Angel killed the intruder in selfdefence. Local paper journalist John Kelly begins to investigate. Soon he finds himself falling under the spell of the beautiful but dangerous Angel. He becomes embroiled in a sexual obsession so overwhelming that it threatens to destroy him. (English)

**CRIME CHRONICLE** 



## Lilian Jackson BRAUN

#### **Qwilleran's Short and Tall Tales** 129pp Pb 18.95

As the devoted readers of the series know, Qwill has been working on this book since The Cat Who Tailed a Thief (Pb 18.95). In it, Braun introduces James Mackintosh Qwilleran and tells how he collected the tales. Qwill provides a preface for each legend, identifying the teller and the circumstances. And it is no surprise that the tales themselves are entertaining stories that reveal the offbeat "history" of Moose County. Cat Who ... fans will delight in reading these stories and anecdotes taken from the pages of the books they have come to love. (American)

#### Jon BREEN (Editor)

## Mystery: The Best of 2002

Ô 310pp Pb 16.95 Continuing the prestigious new series from *ibooks* are the best short mystery stories of the year as selected from magazines and anthologies. (American)

## Dana CAMERON

356pp Pb 17.95 Past Malice An Emma Fielding mystery. Asked to join in a dig at the site of the 18th century Chandler House, archaeologist Emma Fielding and her student crew have descended upon Stone Harbour, Massachusetts. But certain residents of the tiny coastal community are none too happy about Emma's arrival, especially when her excavation uncovers a pair of freshly slain corpses. (American)

#### Lindy CAMERON

# Thicker than Water

502pp Pb 18.95 It is not just her smart mouth that gets Kit O'Malley in trouble. When a bloodless corpse turns up on the dance floor of her favourite bar, she has got no choice but to help her friend Angie, the bar's owner. As she picks her way through the Melbourne underworld, dealing with characters like Doghouse Dixon and Will Thumpya, Kit ends up in the kitchen of crime matriarch Queenie Riley... (Australian)

## Linda CASTILLO 🚜 The Shadow Side

375pp Pb 17.95 Cases of random violence have erupted across the country; murderous acts committed by previously non-violent people. Detective Adam Boedecker, grieving brother to one of the suicidemurderers, has discovered that all the suspects had taken Dr Elizabeth Barnes' new anti-depressant, Valazine. First, she dismisses it as the wild accusations of a burnt-out cop. But after another mysterious death, Elizabeth realises that this intense, driven man may be the only one who can stop the killings and save her from the dark side of her work, her passion, her life. (American)

## **Diane CHAMBERLAIN**

Kiss River 382pp Tp 24.95 Kiss River's historic 19th century lighthouse has all but fallen into the sea, taking with it the huge Fresnel lens that once served as its beacon. Gina is desperate to find a way to raise the lens from the sea. As Gina's story unfolds, so does the decades-old story of a courageous teenage girl swept away by love and plunged into the treacherous waters of espionage during World War II. (American)

#### Stephen CLARK

Dark Delivery 259pp Pb 17.95 Burnt-out reporter Nelson Ingram is back, digging up the dark criminal secrets that hide beneath the sleepy surface of Litchfield, Alabama. But this time, his suspicions could get him killed. (American)

#### Jane CLIFTON

✤ Half Past Dead 245pp Pb 22.00 Ronnie Collins is an up-and-coming designer, a devoted mum and the proud owner of a working marriage. So waking up naked and hung over in a colleague's bed does not seem like an ideal life plan, even before she finds the corpse on the doormat. (Australian)

#### **David CORBETT**

#### The Devil's Redhead

390pp Pb 17.95 Freelance photographer and wildcat smuggler Dan Abatangelo blows into Vegas to hit the tables and taste the nightlife. In his path waits Shel Beaudry, a knockout redhead with a smile that says, "Gentlemen, start your engines". The attraction is instant and soon the two are living the gypsy life on the West coast, where Dan captains a distribution ring for premium Thai marijuana. They get busted. He emerges from prison a man with a hardened will but an unchanged heart. Though probation guidelines forbid any contact with Shel, a convicted felon, he sets his focus on one thing: finding her. (American)

#### Philip CRAIG

## A Beautiful Place to Die (1989) 211pp Pb 17.95

The first Martha's Vineyard mystery. During his career as a Boston cop, Jackson saw enough of the evil that men do to last a lifetime. So he retired to the serenity of Martha's Vineyard to spend his days fishing for blues and wooing

a sexy nurse named Zee. But when a local's boat mysteriously explodes off the coast, killing an amiable young drifter, Jackson finds himself reluctantly drawn back into the investigative trade. (American)



## Deborah CROMBIE

## And Justice There Is None 397pp Pb 17.95

Featuring Scotland Yard Detective Superintendent Duncan Kincaid and Sergeant Gemma James. Gemma's new responsibilities are put to the test when she is placed in charge of a particularly brutal homicide: The lovely young wife of a wealthy antiques dealer has been found murdered on fashionable Notting Hill. Together they follow a twisting trail of rage and retribution whose buried roots are about to exact a deadly toll on the living. (American)

#### **Neil CROSS**

Holloway Falls 406pp Tp 24.95 Meet William Holloway. Years ago, he witnessed his wife's betraval and his life fell apart. Now, someone is toying with his mind and the life of a missing woman, the prostitute Holloway pays to imitate his ex-wife. When she is murdered, his ex-wife's name scrawled on her abdomen. Holloway is hunted as a rogue policeman and a killer. Imagine the darkest joke you have ever heard and you are beginning to get close to Cross's hugely energetic and original world. (English)

#### Jennifer CRUSIE

## What the Lady Wants (1995) 250pp Pb 14.95

Mitch Peabody is a PI whose latest client, Mae Sullivan, has a case he cannot refuse. And, he falls for her hook, line and sinker. But was Mae interested in catching the double-crossing crooks that murdered her uncle, or did the lady want to catch him? (American)

#### **Charles CUMMING**

🇱 The Hidden Man 🛛 339pp Pb 29.95 Wark and Benjamin Keen have not seen their father, Christopher, for 20 years. When he reappears hoping for reconciliation, he has only begun to shed light on his shadowy past before being killed by an unidentified assailant. His violent death leaves questions unanswered. Was his murder an act of retribution? Had he been silenced for discovering a conspiracy involving Mark? Or had the carefully constructed facade of his past simply collapsed? As the truth unfolds, his sons must face the legacy of their father's life as a spy. (Scottish)

#### Nageeba DAVIS

#### An Opening for Murder 0

314pp Pb 17.95 Artist Maggie Kean's life could not be better: her romance with a handsome sleuth and her art are both faring well. But when a body is found in her kiln, Maggie's back in a heated murder investigation. (American)

**ABBEY'S BOOKSHOP** 



### DEVANE Juror Number Eleven

323pp Pb 17.95 The legal team of Mairead O'Clare and Sheldon Gold are faced with the challenge of defending Gold's childhood friend in a second murder trial. Especially tricky, since the victim was a juror from his first trial. (American)

#### Matt DICKINSON

#### 👑 Black Ice 538pp Pb 19.95

From the outside, Julian Fitzgerald is a traditional British hero, an expedition leader to the extremes of the earth and a PR dream. But his latest challenge in Antarctica has gone badly wrong and a call for help brings him into contact with a group of scientists who have uncovered a remarkable secret deep in the core of the continent. (English)

### **Patrick Sheane DUNCAN**

1A Private War 334pp Pb 19.95 Meredith Cleon's new position as Provost Marshal of Fort Hazelton seems like an easy job. As chief law enforcement officer of this soon-to-be-closed military installation, she expects to deal with nothing more challenging than a few petty thefts. Then the quiet of the small post is shattered by the brutal murder of a young woman, a general's aide. (American)

#### **Carola DUNN**

#### To Davy Jones Below 2

256pp Pb 15.95

Α Daisy Dalrymple mystery #9 Honeymooners Daisy Dalrymple and Scotland Yard inspector Alex Fletcher are sailing to the USA aboard the SS Talavera. The trip quickly becomes a busman's honeymoon when one man is pushed overboard and another is shot. Many of the passengers make good suspects, including the wealthy Jethro Gotobed and the rude young gambler Chester Riddman. As Alec battles seasickness, Daisy investigates the case, writes about the voyage for a magazine article, and guiltily tries to avoid the obnoxious Wanda Gotobed. (American)

#### **Daniel EASTERMAN**

399pp Pb 18.95 Maroc 😪 Set in Morocco and England, a story espionage, veiled truths and of retribution, and how the sins of our forebears haunt the generations of the present. 1936. Newlyweds Beatrice and Gerard Le Tourneau leave France for Morocco and a new life. But as WWII unfolds, their lives become entwined with those around them with devastating results. Oxford 2002. Nicholas Budgeon, a retired Special Branch detective, learns of his ex-wife's suicide. He finds himself in Morocco, retracing the paths of her ancestors in an effort to uncover the truth and unearthing some nasty surprises on the way... (Irish)

## **David & Leigh EDDINGS**

Regina's Song 424pp Pb 18.95 A brutal serial killer stalks the Seattle nights. Regina Greenleaf was one of the victims. Her beautiful twin sister, Renata, is deeply traumatised. Renata barely knows she's alive. They were so close to each other, they might as well have been one person. Mark, a college lecturer in English, is Renata's friend and her posttrauma protector. He is the only person she recognises and talks to. She agrees to attend his classes, and with the help of Mark's roommates, Renata seems to be coming to terms with her loss. But the number of murders in Seattle rises, and Mark has some dreadful suspicions... (American)

### Lynn ERICKSON

🖗 In the Cold 296pp Pb 17.95 🏷 As a young girl, Ashley Marin was kidnapped and held for months in an abandoned mine, high in the Colorado Rockies. Now, 20 years later, she must relive her worst nightmare because her tormentor has been paroled and her 15year-old daughter is missing. (American) Janet EVANOVICH

**To the Nines** 280pp Tp 32.95 A Stephanie Plum novel #9. This time, Stephanie, Lula and Grandma have a Vegas-sized problem on their hands. The pursuit of a skip brings Stephanie to Las Vegas, and three mob guys want to make sure it is a one-way ticket. Once there, Stephanie meets up with Sally Sweet, as well as a whole cast of characters that could only exist in a place like Vegas. With Joe Morelli making a surprise visit and Ranger doing his own kind of surveillance, Stephanie's nights have never been hotter. This is the wildest, wackiest and most suspenseful Plum novel yet. (American)

398pp Pb 17.95

DEATH

## **Quinn FAWCETT**

🔒 Death to Spies An Ian Fleming mystery #1. After years of serving in intelligence the community, Ian Fleming retired and soon thereafter created James Bond, that debonair, dashing hero of countless novels and films. But what if

Fleming never really retired from spying? What if his position as an international journalist was really a cover for Cold War cat-and-mouse games? (American)



#### Scott FLANDER



Sons of the City (1999) 384pp Pb 17.95

After Officer Steve Ryder, the police commissioner's son, is killed in a crack house, and later rumoured to have been a dirty cop, his sister Michelle goes undercover as a mob boss's girlfriend to try and solve the murder. (American)

#### Ian FLEMING

#### Sasino Royale, Live and Let Die, 🔂 Moonraker 510pp Pb 24.95 Three fabulous James Bond 007 novels in

one Penguin Classic volume. (English) Susan FORD

🔆 Double Exposure 308pp Pb 17.95 A first Daughter mystery #1. The author, daughter of former President Gerald R Ford, brings her White House insider perspective to this sparkling debut novel. Here she introduces photographer Eve Cooper, daughter of the newly elected President, as she is swept into killer politics in Washington, DC... (American)

#### Luiz Alfredo GARCIA-ROZA The Silence of the Rain 260pp Tp 34.00

An Inspector Espinosa mystery. In a parking garage in the centre of Rio de Janeiro, corporate executive Ricardo Carvalho is found dead in his car, a bullet in his head, his wallet and briefcase missing. Espinosa is called, but the world-



weary inspector knows that things are not always as they seem. Carvalho's recently acquired one million dollar life insurance policy and the subsequent disappearance of his secretary Rose complicate matters, as does Espinosa's attraction to Carvalho's beautiful widow, one of the suspects. And when two more people turn up dead, he must speed up his investigation before anyone else becomes a casualty. (Brazilian)

#### Leslie GLASS

A Killing Gift 352pp Pb 19.95 Just when NYPD lieutenant Bernardino was ready to retire, he won the lottery. But when word of his good fortune gets out, the sharks start circling ... and one of them wants to collect on an old debt. Now, April Woo must track her friend's murderer by searching her own tightly knit family of fellow officers for motives and a suspect. A suspect who is enraged, elusive and who is driving April in a terrifying search for the truth... (American)



#### Andrew GREELEY The Bishop in the West Wing 6 310pp Pb 17.95

A Bishop Blackie Ryan novel. The autocratic Cardinal Cronin, without consulting Blackie, sends him off to the White House to solve a poltergeist problem. Ghosts in the White House? Of course. Blackie encounters a great deal more than ghosts; an evil spirit out to get the President, a right wing conspiracy, and four beautiful women, any one of whom could be contributing to the mischief in the West Wing. (American)

## **Amy GUTMAN** Equivocal Death

431pp Pb 17.95

Just out of Harvard Law School, Kate Paine is on the fast track at Samson & Mills, the nation's most powerful law firm. Assigned to assist the managing partner, Kate can hardly believe her good luck. But with the brutal murder of



Madeleine Waters, a beautiful female partner, Kate's world begins to collapse. Delving far beneath the firm's smooth veneer, she discovers a legacy of abuse and betraval that may hold the key to solving the murder, as well as to her own survival. (American)

## Karen HARPER

The Falls392pp Pb 17.95Early one morning Claire Malvern awakes to an empty bed and her husband missing. There is no trace of Keith Malvern, only an eyewitness who claims a man jumped off the bridge at Bloodroot Falls in the middle of the night. Claire knows her husband would never take his own life. But local sheriff Nick Braden thinks her suspicions of foul play are unfounded. Despite his scepticism, Nick and Claire start digging into her husband's past and what they uncover paints a shocking portrait of what really happened that September night. (American)

#### **Donald HARSTAD** Code 61

452pp Pb 18.95

Deputy Sheriff Carl Houseman is not due on shift for several hours. The phone rings: a woman is dead, suspected The suicide. dispatcher cannot reveal the details; it is a Code 61. Something serious has happened



over at the Mansion and he is not allowed to ask too many questions over the radio. (American)

## Libby Fischer HELLMANN A Picture of Guilt

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324pp Pb 17.95

The item that catches **Libby Fischer Hellmann** Ellie Forman's eve in the Chicago Tribune is the murder trial of Johnnie Santoro for killing his girlfriend Mary Jo Bosanick. The paper says the circumstantial so overwhelming that the suspect has no

chance of securing a not guilty finding. However, Ellie recognizes Johnnie as a drugged person who she caught on video when she was doing a shoot at Olive Park at about the time and date of the homicide. (American)

#### Sue HENRY Cold Company

evidence

An Alaska mystery. Famed Alaskan "musher" Jessie Arnold thinks she's finally put her dark past behind her. But the excavations on cabin new her unearth a decadesold skeleton entombed in а

crumbling basement wall, along with a butterfly pendant necklace worn by the alleged victim of a brutal serial slayer who preyed on area women 20 years earlier. Pulled once more into a murder investigation against her will, Jessie fears a grim, half-forgotten nightmare has been reborn. For, in this stark and lonely place, in the first days of the all-too-brief Alaskan summer, another woman has disappeared without a trace. The signs suggest the unthinkable: an insatiable human monster has returned. And the clues she is uncovering hint that Jessie Arnold may well be his next victim. (American)

#### **Carl HIAASEN** 🔆 Basket Case

**O**Frustrated journalist Iack Tagger has stumbled across a whale of a story that might just resurrect his career... James Stomarti, infamous front man of rock band Jimmy and the Slut Puppies,

has died in a diving accident and Jack harbours suspicions that the glamorous pop starlet widow may have had a vested interest in her husband's untimely death. (American)

## **Babs HORTON** A Jarful of Angels

307pp Pb 19.95

30 years ago, in a remote Welsh village, Iffy, Bessie, Fatty and formed Billy а remarkable friendship enjoyed and an impoverished yet magical childhood. That winter thev found a skull with its front teeth missing, BABS HORTON



that summer they experienced a plague of frogs, crept into a garden full of strange statues and discovered just what mad Carty Annie had been collecting so secretly in those jars of hers. But at the end of that long, hot summer of 1963, one of them disappeared. Over 30 years later, retired detective Will Sloane is compelled to return to that strange Welsh town of secrets and lunatics to try to solve the case of the missing child. But before he can finally discover the truth about what happened, he finds himself involved in a number of interlocking mysteries. (Welsh)

#### Linda HOWARD

**by Dying to Please** 312pp Pb 18.95 Sarah Stevens is a woman with many distinct qualities. Skilled at running large households smoothly and efficiently, she is also a trained bodyguard and expert marksman - indispensable to her current employer, an elderly judge who has hired her as both a companion and a protector. Sarah's perfectly ordered life is shattered when tragedy strikes: her beloved employer is brutally murdered. The detective investigating the case assures Sarah that she is not a suspect until there is a second killing and this time, despite a lack of evidence connecting her to the crime, Sarah cannot escape the shadow of guilt. The only option left for Sarah is to carry on with her life. But she doesn't realise that a deranged stalker is luring her into an elaborate trap... (American)

### Greg ILES

🔆 Sleep No More 436pp Pb 19.95 John Waters is a successful petroleum geologist with the perfect family. Then one day his world is turned inside out by a single word spoken from the lips of the stunning Eve Sumner, who takes him back a decade to another woman and the most passionate of affairs. Mallory Candler was the quintessential Southern Belle. But her captivating beauty and intelligence hid a dark side that John Waters could not handle. Mallory loved John with a deep, seething passion that threatened to destroy them both, and despite his infatuation he ended their affair. Some time later, her body was found raped and murdered on a New Orleans pier. (English)

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419pp Pb 18.95

THE NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER

BASKET CASE

324pp Pb 17.95



#### Dean ING

👑 Loose Cannon 285pp Pb 17.95 Being a good company man, genius designer Rob Tarrant plans to give his little flying machine design to General Standards. But from the moment he describes the project to his boss, his life becomes a living hell, for Tarrant has succeeded in building a device that has been the subject of a dozen top-secret research projects. And everyone wants to stop him before he shows his new toys to the whole world. (American)

#### Philip JOLOWICZ Walls of Silence <u>ana</u>

556pp Pb 21.95

In one devastating moment, hot young attorney Fin Border finds himself staring at a scene of carnage on the FDR Drive, as well as the wreckage of his own life and career. Fin's clients are taken from him; his money is mysteriously siphoned and replaced by crippling debt, and the prospect of crushing litigation and a criminal record loom large. (American)

#### Alex KAVA Split Second

408pp Pb 16.95

SPLIT SECOND

They dubbed him Collector, so the named for his ritual of collecting victims before disposing of them in the most heinous ways possible. FBI Special Agent Maggie O'Dell tracked him for two years, finally ending their game of cat and

mouse. Now Albert Stucky has escaped from prison . . . and he is setting up a new game for Maggie. (American)

### Harry KEMELMAN

#### Thursday the Rabbi Walked Out (1978) 251pp Pb 14.95

If the murder victim had not been a notorious anti-Semite, Rabbi Small might never have become involved. When several members of his congregation become suspects, Rabbi Small is forced to match wits with the killer. (American)

#### Paul KILDUFF

The Headhunter 436pp Tp 32.95 In Dusseldorf, a German banker is stabbed to death. A month later, an IT consultant is also fatally knifed in Dublin. The police have nothing to go on, no weapon, clues or motive and certainly no suspect. In the City of London, the players carve out a lucrative career. Soon they fear that a serial killer is at large in Europe and working in the City may ultimately be murder for those who know too much. (English)

## Michael KILIAN

A Sinful Safari 287pp Pb 17.95 35

27 A Jazz Age mystery. Bedford reluctantly joins his assistant Sloane on an African safari. She wants to keep an eve on her uncle's new wife Georgia, а gold suspected digger, who pushed this trip so she could



rub shoulders with the British aristocracy. But when the wife is found murdered in a compromising situation with a married gentleman, Sloane's uncle is arrested. It is up to Bedford to discover who was not satisfied just shooting game... (American)

## Javne Ann KRENTZ Light in Shadow

369pp Tp 32.95 Zoe Luce is a successful interior designer in the Arizona town of Whispering Springs who has developed an unusual career specialty. She helps recently divorced clients redesign their homes, to help them forget the past and start anew. But Zoe knows that some things cannot be covered up with a coat of paint. And when she senses that one of her clients may be hiding a dark secret, she enlists PI Ethan Truax to find the truth. (American)

#### Joe LANSDALE 🔆 Captains Outrageous

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319pp Pb 19.95 Hapless chicken plant guard Hap Collins gets into trouble when he takes his best friend Leonard on a Caribbean cruise. The two find themselves abandoned in Mexico, saved from armed attackers by a geriatric fisherman and his lovely daughter, who currently has to fend off a Mexican mobster who is also a practicing nudist... Trying for once to stay out of other people's business, Hap returns to East Texas but is overwhelmed when he learns of the senorita's murder (American)

#### Laura LEVINE

#### This Pen for Hire E

2 218pp Pb 15.95 A Jaine Austen mystery #1. When savvy scribe Jaine Austen is hired by nerdy Howard Murdoch to pen a love letter to

gorgeous aerobics instructor Stacy Lawrence, she gets caught up in a murder investigation when Stacy is found beaten to death and Howard is accused of the crime. Humour is key element а here. (American)



## **Eva-Marie LIFFNER**

## 👑 Camera

A photographer dies leaving all his belongings to his niece. Travelling to London, Johanna Hall uncovers a macabre history laced with scandal. In 1905. Madame Blavatsky holds Theosophist séances in London. Amongst the attendees is churchman Charles Leadbeater. She discovers that Leadbeater used his position to take in young children and murder them, the fascination being to capture on film the souls of the children departing their dying bodies. (Swedish)

### Elizabeth LOWELL

## Die in Plain Sight 362pp Tp 27.95

When Lacey Quinn inherits the striking ELIZABE landscapes done by her late, much-loved grandfather, she believes they are as good as anything hanging in museums. Lacey begins researching grandfather's her past and is rocked



almost immediately by a strange series of violent events. Someone wants to steal her inheritance, to reduce the paintings to unrecognisable ashes in a suspicious blaze. Ian Lapstrake, a security specialist, has taken an interest in Lacey's inheritance and in her. Troubled by what he sees, he becomes Lacey's shadow, as her search for answers leads them both down an ever-darkening road paved with lies, blood and devastating secrets. (American)

#### **Eileen MacDONALD**

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Blackwater Sound by James Hall (Pb 18.95) North of Nowhere by Steve Hamilton (Pb 17.95) The Last Place by Laura Lippman (Tp 29.95) Hell to Pay by George Pelecanos (Pb 17.95) Winter and Night by S J Rozan (Pb 18.95)

**BEST FIRST P I NOVEL** Westerfield's Chain by Jack Clark (Hb 59.95 S/O only) The Bone Orchard by D Daniel Judson (Pb 19.50) The Distance by Eddie Muller (Hb 59.95 S/O only) Open and Shut by David Rosenfeld (Pb 18.95) Private Heat by Robert Bailey (Hb 52.00 S/O only) **BEST PAPERBACK ORIGINAL PI NOVEL** Cash Out by Paul Boray (Pb 17.95) Juicy Watusi by Richard Helms (Tp 59.00 S/O only) The Lusitania Murders by Max Allan Collins (Pb 19.95) Paint It Black by P J Parish (Pb 18.95) The Poisoned Rose by D Daniel Judson (Pb 19.50)

## HAMMETT PRIZE

Honor's Kingdom by Owen Parry (July Pb 19.95)



'James Hall really pulls it all together in Blackwater Sound. If violence can be poetic, Hall has the lyric voice for it. Truly haunting.

- New York Times Book Review

'Hall, the king of Florida noir, delivers across the board. Chock-full of vivid characters. startlingly explosive moments and seamlessly elegiac prose.'

- Dennis Lehane



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