

CRIME CHRONICLE

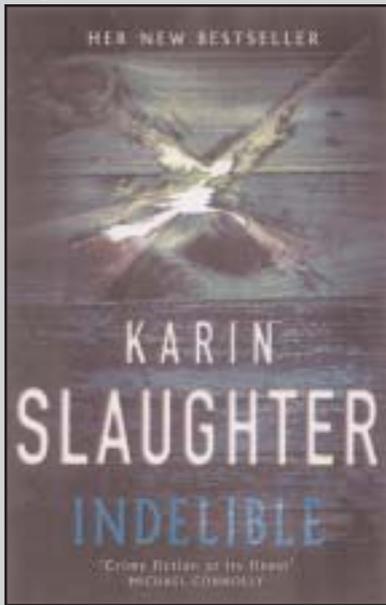
“WHERE A GOOD CRIME CAN BE HAD BY ALL”

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Meet the author

Karin Slaughter

Thurs 26 August 6pm - 7pm
Light refreshments will be served

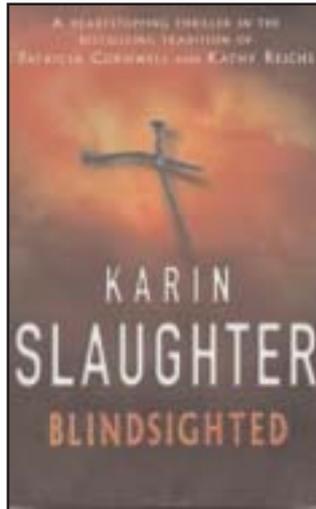


Indelible...

by Karin Slaughter (Pb 19.95)

When medical examiner Sara Linton and police chief Jeffrey Tolliver take a trip away from the small town of Heartsdale -- an escape from all the pressures which complicate their relationship -- it should be a straightforward weekend at the beach. But they decide to take a detour via Jeffrey's home town and things go violently wrong when Jeffrey's best friend Robert shoots dead an intruder who breaks into his house. Jeffrey and Sara are first on the scene and Jeffrey's keen to clear his friend's name, but for Sara things aren't so simple. The sear marks around the bullet hole don't tally with Robert's story. Robert's wife, Jessie, is incoherent and confused. And when Jeffrey appears to change the crime scene, Sara no longer knows who to trust. 12 years later, Sara and Jeffrey are caught up in a shockingly brutal attack which threatens to destroy both their lives. But they're not random victims. They've been targeted. And it seems the past is catching up with both of them...

ALSO BY KARIN SLAUGHTER...



Blindsighted...

(Pb 19.95)

NOMINATED

for the Barry Award for Best First Novel and the Macavity Award for Best First Mystery Novel.

SHORTLISTED

for the CWA John Creasey Memorial Dagger Award for Best First Crime Novel of 2001

VOTED

one of the best mysteries of the year by the *Washington Post*, the *Florida Sun-Sentinel*, *Book Sense* and *Deadly Pleasures* magazine.

Kisscut...

(Pb 19.95)

"A tension-filled narrative with plenty of plot twists... This is just the ticket for readers who like their crime fiction on the dark side."

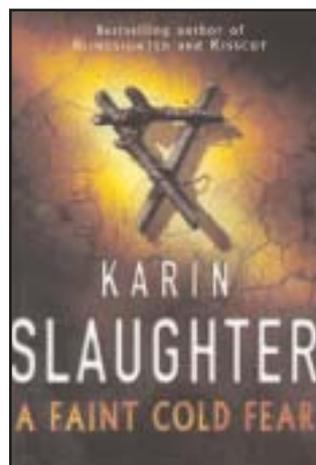
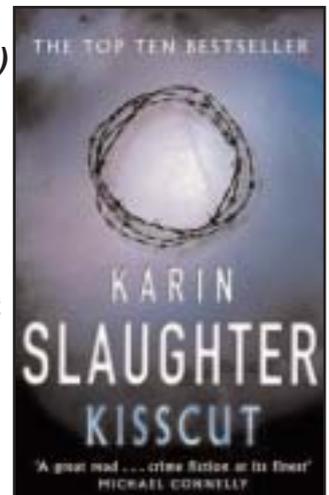
- *Booklist*

"With **Blindsighted**, Karin Slaughter left a great many mystery writers looking anxiously over their shoulders. With **Kisscut**, she leaves most of them behind. This is a serious attempt to deal with difficult subject matter, and it succeeds brilliantly."

- John Connolly

"Karin Slaughter is an impressive new landmark on the thriller map."

- Val McDermid



A Faint Cold Fear...

(Pb 19.95)

"Don't read this alone. Don't read this after dark. But do read it"

- *Mirror*

"Slaughter keeps baring her living characters' psychic wounds in scene after scene with a remarkable intensity the reigning postmortem specialists, Patricia Cornwell and Kathy Reichs, can't match."

- *Kirkus Review*

"A great read - crime fiction at its finest."

- Michael Connelly



MODERN CRIME

Kathleen ANTRIM

Capital Offense
385pp Pb 15.95

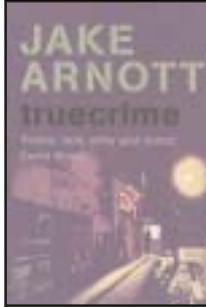
This is a political thriller about an ambitious First Lady caught in a web of murder and deceit. Is she plotting to overthrow the President? This seems inconceivable to journalist Jack Ridley. (American)



Jake ARNOTT

Truecrime 338pp Pb 20.95

It is 30 years since Harry Starks and his gang kept the underworld of Soho under control, but the consequences of their brutal reign are still being felt. Moving his focus to the greedy 1980s and the 1990s rave scene, Arnott delivers another hard-edged novel. (English)



Jonathan AYCLIFFE

A Garden Lost in Time
286pp Hb 49.95

Cornwall, 1917. After the death of his father, 15-year-old Simon Lysaght is sent to live with his uncle, Sir David Trevelyan, at their estate house, Trevelyan Priors. On his first day, he discovers there have been a number of family suicides and his cousin William, who is crippled and bed-ridden, warns him never to wander the corridors after dark. (Irish)

Mary Lynn BAXTER

Without You 376pp Pb 14.95

Jackson Cole is shocked when he hears a troubled friend has been found murdered in a New Orleans hotel room and he is the prime suspect in her death. Divorce attorney Hallie Hunter can hardly keep her composure when Jackson walks through her door, begging her to represent him. It can mean only one thing; she will have to spend time alone with the man who once violated her trust and the only man she has ever loved. (American)

Greg BEAR

Dead Lines 295pp Tp 29.95

Peter Russell lost a daughter to a serial killer. Now he gets by as Mr Fixit for a film millionaire who invests in a new kind of phone. The problem with the Trans is you can also talk to the dead, though that was not part of the design spec. A cascade of transgression and murder is unleashed as sales of the Trans take off. Harried near to death by his murdered child, Russell must find out who killed her. (American)

M C BEATON

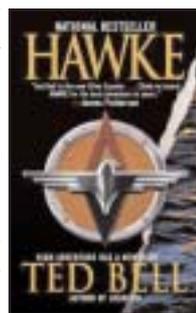
Death of a Cad (1987)
214pp Pb 15.95

A Hamish Macbeth mystery. Following a society party, one of the guests, boorish cad Captain Bartlett, has the bad manners to be murdered on a grouse hunt. The titled party guests are the prime suspects. And a second shocking murder is the last straw. Hamish Macbeth tracks the murderer, as he woos the lovely Priscilla. (English)

Ted BELL

Hawke 582pp Pb 17.95

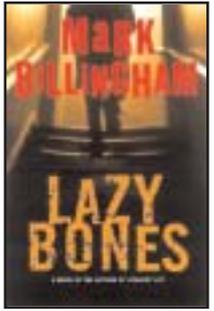
A highly experimental stealth submarine, built by the Soviets just before the end of the Cold War, is missing. She carries 40 nuclear warheads and is believed to be in the hands of a very unstable government just 90 miles from the US mainland. Hawke is in a race against time. (American)



Mark BILLINGHAM

Lazybones 454pp Pb 19.95

Someone, a woman or somebody pretending to be a woman, is writing to convicted rapists in prison, befriending them and then brutally killing them when they are released. DI Tom Thorne must



discover the link between these killings and a murder/suicide that took place 25 years before. (English)

Ethan BLACK

Dead for Life 373pp Pb 17.95

Ethan Black delivers another lightning-paced, darkly compelling novel of suspense featuring NYPD detective Conrad Voort, in which a tragic error from the past holds the key to stopping an oddly sympathetic killer bent on the worst kind of revenge. (American)

Giles BLUNT

The Delicate Storm
466pp Pb 18.95

A freak warm front, rolling north all the way from Texas, slips across the Great Lakes and covers Ontario. In a matter of hours, the entire population of Algonquin Bay has emerged to stroll in the streets in spring jackets. But the warm front brings with it a dense blanket of fog and a sudden increase in the murder rate. A stylish and atmospheric thriller featuring detectives Cardinal and Delorme. (Canadian)

C J BOX

Winterkill 338pp Pb 15.95

Game Warden Joe Pickett's pursuit of a killer through the rugged mountains of Wyoming takes a horrifying turn when his beloved foster daughter is kidnapped. Now, it really is personal. (American)

Kathy BRANDT

Dark Water Dive 263pp Pb 13.95

An underwater investigation. Homicide detective Hannah Sampson has traded the Colorado Rockies for the sunnier climes of the British Virgin Islands. But a murdered tourist and colleagues eager to sink her career, have left Hannah navigating the stormy waters of betrayal, greed and murder as cold as the deep blue sea. (American)

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**Kirsty BROOKS** **The Vodka Dialogue** 409pp Pb 19.95

Cassidy Blair, 29 years old and addicted to pot noodles, is making little progress convincing customers at DVD World that John Hughes' movies are better than recreational drugs. But when she helps a colleague spy on a wayward fiancé, and gets paid rather well for her trouble, Cass realises she has the perfect credentials for any PI; she is tense, cynical and slightly grouchy. Plus she owes the VISA company a lot of cash. Assisted by the handy skills of her friends and her favourite cocktail, the Vodka Dialogue, Cass manages to follow the trail and escape from more embarrassing incidents than she has ever known in her life. All this from a girl who has been drunk on *Wheel of Fortune!* (Australian)

Larry BROOKS **Bait and Switch** 392pp Pb 17.95

Meet Wolfgang Schmitt: former model, newly single, habitual wise-ass. Billionaire Nelson Scott wants Schmitt to seduce his wife, setting off a prenuptial clause that will keep her hands off his money. The job pays a million bucks just for trying. All he has to do is say yes. But in the big leagues of money and power, when deals get made, Schmitt happens. (American)

Steve BROWN **Color Me Guilty** 190pp Pb 16.95

A Susan Chase mystery #3. Lifeguard and runaway finder Susan Chase meets her match in a killer who leaves a string of clues and a trail of kids who tell no tales. (American)

Andrea CAMILLERI **Voice of the Violin** 249pp Tp 25.00

An Inspector Montalbano mystery #4. The Inspector's gruesome discovery of a naked young woman, suffocated in her bed, immediately sets him on a search for her killer. It is a mysterious, reclusive violinist who holds the key to the murder. (Italian)

John CHILDRESS **The Beirut Conspiracy** 247pp Tp 26.95

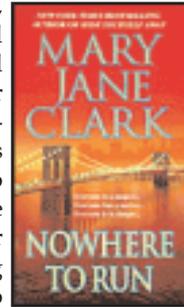
A suicide bomber has killed over 50 people in Washington DC and the President lies wounded in the hospital. Dr Matthew Richards, a disbarred and drunken physician, has just been kidnapped, reported as dead and given a full-face transplant! A pawn in a deadly game of global terrorism, suicide bombers and corrupt government officials, Matt Richards must delve into his past as a student in Beirut to find the answers before his second death becomes permanent. (American)

Carol Higgins CLARK **Popped** 337pp Pb 15.95

LA-based PI Regan Reilly heads to Las Vegas to help out her old school chum, Danny Madley who is producing a reality TV show when accidents start happening on the set. From the kitschy glamour of the Las Vegas casinos and run-down hotels of the Strip, to the world-famous Albuquerque Hot Air Balloon Fiesta, this is a funny, fast-paced romp! (American)

Mary Jane CLARK **Nowhere to Run** 355pp Pb 15.95

Botulism, anthrax, small pox and plague: as medical producer for television's highly-rated morning news program, Key to America, Annabelle Murphy makes her living explaining horrific conditions to the nation. So when a colleague dies with symptoms terrifyingly similar to those of the latest scourge, Annabelle's co-workers look to her for assurance. To her, the circumstances of the infections begin to suggest that they may be diabolical murders. (American)

**Agatha CHRISTIE** **Poirot: The Complete Battles of** **Hastings** 665pp Tp 35.00

Volume One includes: *The Mysterious Affair at Styles, The Murder on the Links, The Big Four* and *Peril at Eng House.* (English)

Ann CLEEVES **Burial of Ghosts** 344pp Pb 22.00

Lizzie had planned her trip to Marrakech as the perfect escape from her nightmares in Northumberland. Morocco is the exotic paradise she had imagined, especially when she has a brief affair with a fellow tourist. When Lizzie returns to England, she receives a letter from a firm of solicitors. Philip Samson has died. In his will, he has left Lizzie a gift of \$30,000. (English)

Rose CONNORS **Temporary Insanity** 349pp Pb 15.95

Cape Cod attorney Marty Nickerson faces hard questions as DA for Buck Hammond. Marty and her partner in love and law, Harry Madigan, are already stretched thin when, on the eve of Buck's trial, a bleeding woman staggers into their office. Now Marty has two seemingly impossible cases. Shocking revelations bring fear to the Cape and devastating twists to Buck's trial. (American)

Patricia CORNWELL **Blow Fly** 465pp Tp 29.95

The new Scarpetta novel. When the architect of Kay's changed fortunes contacts her from his cell on death row (deformed, blinded by Scarpetta's own actions, incarcerated in Texas strongest prison), Jean-Baptiste Chardonne still has the ability to terrify. (American)

Clive CUSSLER **White Death** 509pp Pb 19.95

Numa Files #2. A Kurt Austin adventure. When a confrontation between a radical environmentalist group and a Danish cruiser erupts, Austin is forced to rescue a ship full of trapped men. However, after investigation, he discovers that something far more sinister is at work. (American)

Jeffrey DEAVER **Garden of Beasts** 401pp Hb 45.00

With Prohibition over and the gang wars associated with it coming to an end, Paul Schumann is finding less and less work as a hit man. He is taken to meet an official in Army Intelligence and given a choice: he can spend the rest of his life in jail or he can help his country... He is to pose as a member of the 1936 Olympic team, travel to Berlin and kill a high-ranking Nazi close to Hitler. He has been picked because he's a second generation German-American and can speak the language fluently. Or at least that is what they lead him to believe... (American)

James ELLROY (editor) **The Best American Mystery** **Stories #3** 405pp Tp 35.00

This year, bestselling and acclaimed author, James Ellroy lends his talent to the series, offering pieces from the likes of Robert B Parker, Joyce Carol Oates and Michael Connelly. (American)

Earl EMERSON **Into the Inferno** 366pp Pb 15.95

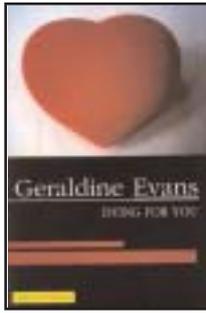
Repercussions of a freeway crash are enormous: six months later, fire fighters mysteriously succumb to unexplained accidents and ailments. Jim Swope wakes up with the first symptoms of a disease that renders its victims brain-dead within a week. Now he has to determine how he and his fellow fire fighters have been poisoned and to discover an antidote, if one exists. (American)

Janet EVANOVICH **To the Nines** 372pp Pb 18.95

A Stephanie Plum novel. Cousin Vinnie posted bail on Samuel Singh, an illegal immigrant, who goes missing. What Stephanie uncovers about him is sinister and leads to a group of killers who give new meaning to the word 'hunter'. (American)

**Geraldine EVANS**

 **Dying for You** 204pp Hb 49.95
A *DI Rafferty* novel. To avoid his mother discovering he had signed up with the Made in Heaven dating agency, Rafferty borrowed a false identity. However, the first two women he dated wound up murdered. His alter ego, Nigel Blythe, is in the frame for the crime. As chief suspect, unbeknownst to his colleagues, Rafferty risks a life sentence. (English)

**Joseph FINDER**

 **Paranoia** 425pp Tp 29.95
Adam Cassidy, a low-level employee at a high-tech corporation, hates his job. When he manipulates the system to do something nice for a friend, he finds himself charged with a crime. Corporate Security gives him a choice: go to prison or become a spy in the headquarters of their chief competitor, Trion Systems. (American)

Frances FYFIELD

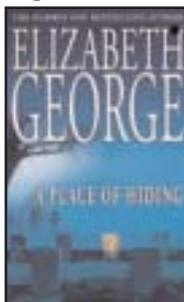
 **Seeking Sanctuary** 310pp Pb 19.95
When Theo Calvert was driven out of the family home by his wife's cloying piety, he wanted to take his daughters too, but in the face of the law, the girls' health and his wife's intransigence, he failed. But, if he lost the battle for their souls in life, he would make amends in death, craftily shaping his will to benefit them so long as they did not follow their mother's example. (English)

Nancy GEARY

 **Redemption** 420pp Pb 15.95
After more than 10 years, Frances Pratt returns to Manchester-by-the-Sea, where she spent her childhood summers in the home of an aunt and uncle. This beloved childhood retreat is the last place Frances expects to find herself in the thick of another murder investigation. (American)

Elizabeth GEORGE

 **A Place of Hiding** 632pp Pb 19.95
The sudden death of Guy Brouard after his morning swim shocks the residents of Guernsey. When a young American woman is charged with the murder, Deborah St James persuades her husband Simon to accompany her to Guernsey to avert this miscarriage of justice. What they find on that beautiful island is a tangled web of deceit and betrayal, with its origins in wartime occupation. (English)

**Kathleen GEORGE**

 **Fallen** 387pp Pb 15.95
A dedicated Pittsburgh doctor was shot through the heart. A new neighbour suddenly moves in to the house next door to his widow and begins watching every move she makes. This stranger is fascinated by Elizabeth's sorrow and he knows exactly who killed her husband and why. (American)

Tim GREEN

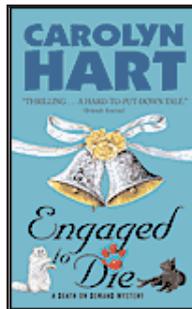
 **The Fifth Angel** 372pp Pb 19.95
Jack Ruskin is a mild-mannered and well-respected lawyer practicing in New York when his teenage daughter becomes the victim of a brutal attack by a sexual predator. It turns out that her attacker has a long history of sexual crimes and was allowed back on the streets once he did his time in jail. As Ruskin's rage builds, he is convinced it is time to take matters into his own hands. (American)

Gregory HALL

 **A Sleep and a Forgetting** 340pp Pb 18.95
Catriona is a well-respected academic; Flora enjoys a rural existence in the Cotswolds with her scientist husband and teenage daughter. When Catriona receives Flora's suicide letter, she races to the picturesque village, but there is no body to be found. The sisters have spent their adult lives trying to bury what happened in their childhood, but Catriona must now face a very different kind of oblivion before the truth comes out. (English)

Carolyn HART

 **Engaged to Die** 338pp Pb 15.95
A *Death on Demand* mystery. Annie Darling and her husband Max are intrigued when wealthy, widowed art patron Virginia Neville announces her engagement to Jake O'Neill, her handsome, charming and much younger fiancé, at a gala opening at the Neville Gallery. Virginia's joyful announcement leaves certain members of her resentful extended stepfamily quite peeved. And before the last champagne bubble pops, murder disrupts the grand celebration. (American)

**David HEWSON**

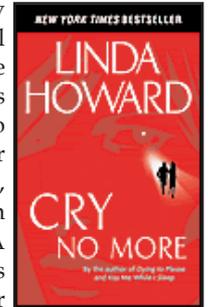
 **A Season for the Dead** 473pp Pb 18.95
Whilst Sara pores over ancient texts in the Vatican reading room, a brutal murder is taking place in a nearby church. A crazed man enters the Vatican, carrying a bloodied bag. Soon Sara is linked to a series of murders. (English)

Kay HOOPER

 **Sense of Evil** 357pp Pb 17.95
Smart, savvy and confident, Isabel may find that the very qualities that have kept her alive could turn out to be her undoing because she has entered the world of a cold-blooded monster who kills without mercy and eludes every sense but one, the sense of evil. (American)

Linda HOWARD

 **Cry No More** 368pp Pb 19.95
On a sultry afternoon in a small village, Milla Boone faces every parent's nightmare. Two assailants kidnap her six-week-old son, leaving Milla behind in a pool of blood. A decade later, she pieces together not only her son's fate but also the fate of countless children who have disappeared into an elaborate and highly lucrative baby smuggling ring. Cautiously, she joins forces with James Diaz, a man who is as untrusting as he is untrustworthy. (American)

**Graham HURLEY**

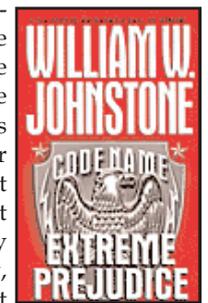
 **Deadlight** 421pp Pb 17.95
A *Joe Faraday* novel #4. Freshly promoted to the elite Major Crimes Team, DI Faraday is thrown into the deep-end with the investigation into the murder of prison officer Paul Coughlin. Is his death a legacy of a wider, more savage violence from 20 years before? (English)

Paul JOHNSTON

 **The Last Red Death** 404pp Pb 18.95
Two businessmen are murdered in Athens. The trademark piece of olive wood of IRAKLIS, a Greek terrorist group, is found with the victims' bodies. Grace Helmer, whose father was murdered by IRAKLIS, employs half-Greek, half-Scottish Alex Mavros to track down her father's killer. (English)

William JOHNSTONE

 **Code Name Extreme Prejudice** 256pp Pb 13.95
Today, when bomb-throwing madmen rule nations and crime cartels strangle the globe, justice demands extreme measures. For 20 years, ex-CIA agent John Barrone fought his country's dirty back-alley wars. Now, he spearheads a secret strike force of elite law enforcement and intelligence professionals on a seek-and-destroy mission against America's sworn enemies. (American)



**Judith KELMAN**

 **Every Step You Take**
374pp Pb 17.95

Claire Barrow has found a fascinating focus for her latest novel: identity theft. But her invention turns all too real as Claire begins to recognize that someone is systematically stealing her life. Her nightmare deepens with the stunning news that the courts have released the vicious killer her late husband tried to put away for life. (American)

Toni KELNER

 **Wed and Buried** 302pp Pb 13.95
A Laura Fleming mystery. Normally, the words 'husband' and 'Aunt Maggie' would have Laura howling, but the identity of the groom boggles her mind; Aunt Maggie has gone and married Big Bill Walters. And now, someone is trying to kill the old coot. Laura does not like the idea of her aunt in harm's way, so with baby in tow, she sets out to investigate. (American)

Gordon KENT

 **Force Protection** 441pp Tp 29.95
Carrier *USS Thomas Jefferson* patrols the Indian Ocean, while intelligence officer Alan Craik flies to Mombassa to assess security. As he arrives in the Kenyan port, a US Navy support vessel is blown up at dockside. With a new battle group heading to the Suez Canal and a massive storm brewing in the Indian Ocean, Alan Craik must act fast. (American)

Jack KERLEY

 **The Hundredth Man**
309pp Tp 29.95
This is a darkly compelling serial-killer novel introducing the next big name in psychological thrillers and, in Carson Ryder, a fascinating and complex protagonist set for many books to come. Chasing shadows while their boss relentlessly undercuts their progress, Carson and his partner begin to suspect that someone close to them is the killer's ultimate target. Their only hope of catching the murderer lies in apparently meaningless ramblings written on corpses ... and the advice of a twisted sociopath. (American)

Jon LAND

 **The Blue Widows**
398pp Pb 15.95
A Ben Kamal and Danielle Barnea novel. When a raid on a terrorist hideout in Gaza yields flame-charred pages written in Arabic, Danielle sends the document to Ben in Boston for his inspection. Shockingly, his translation reveals that the pages are actually a *fatwa*, a religious edict, granting permission to bring about a biblical prophecy known as the End of All Things. (American)

Laura LEVINE

 **Last Writes** 248pp Pb 13.95
A Jaine Austen mystery #2. Wisecracking, pen-for-hire Jaine Austen is about to discover that working on the set of a Hollywood sitcom is no laughing matter. True, *Muffy 'n Me* is not going to win any *Emmys*, but for Jaine, being on staff sure beats writing boring brochures and bad resumes. Until the plot thickens, with murder. (American)

**Glennville LOVELL**

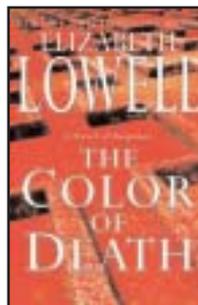
 **Too Beautiful to Die**
313pp Pb 15.95
A debut mystery by a highly regarded author of literary novels, this is a gritty African-American noir with the atmosphere of Dashiell Hammett and the multicultural appeal of Walter Mosely. Set in New York, it introduces Blades Overstreet, a black ex-cop, now at odds with the NYPD over the incident that prompted his resignation: a buy-and-bust operation gone bad when a white cop accidentally shot and nearly killed him. When Blades stumbles on the murdered body of an FBI agent, he becomes the target of an FBI/NYPD manhunt. (American)

Peter LOVESEY

 **The House Sitter**
391pp Pb 19.95
A Peter Diamond mystery. The identification of the woman found murdered on Whiteview Sands poses more questions than it answers. Emma Tysoe was a respected psychologist and an official criminal profiler with several successful cases to her credit. When Peter Diamond is brought into the investigation he discovers she had been secretly seconded to work on the profile of the person who has assassinated one celebrity and is threatening to kill more. (English)

Elizabeth LOWELL

 **The Color of Death**
356pp Tp 27.95
Katherine Jessica Chandler, an up-and-coming jewel cutter, has been handed the opportunity of a lifetime. Arthur McCloud, one of the foremost collectors of gemstones in the world, commissions her to cut the Seven Sins, seven extraordinarily rare sapphires worth millions. Kate is sure this job will do wonders for her reputation in the gem world until a murderer strikes and the gems disappear. (American)

**Eileen MacDONALD**

 **Close to Home** 309pp Pb 18.95
Hugh Eastwood is a rising political star. After the birth of their first child, his wife Roz returns to work as a high-flying magazine editor, leaving Charlie in the care of his new nanny Alice. When Charlie dies soon afterwards, Alice quickly becomes the chief suspect. (English)

Mack MALONEY

 **Superhawks** 344pp Pb 15.95
Superhawks, a crack secret op team bound by a single war cry: Remember the Twin Towers! Their target is Abdul Kazeel, a notorious madman with connections throughout the Persian Gulf. Infamous in the terrorist underworld and top mission planner for Al Qaeda, he is planning a new attack on America. Only the Superhawks can enforce world peace through any means necessary. (American)

Shane MALONEY

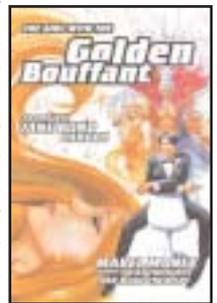
 **Stiff (1994)** 276pp Pb 22.00
The Brush-Off (1996) 376pp Pb 22.00

Two Murray Whelan novels. These are TV tie-in editions to celebrate the production of a major new telemovie starring David Wenham as Murray Whelan. (Australian)

Mabel MANEY

 **The Girl with the Golden Bouffant**
253pp Tp 27.95

An original Jane Bond parody. When James Bond lands in the hospital with nasty facial burns (the result of an explosive encounter between a cigarette and his hair pomade), the home office once again calls on Jane Bond, James's lesbian twin sister (aka 007.5) to don suit, sneer and scars and masquerade as the infamous 007. (American)

**Richard MASON**

 **Us** 336pp Tp 29.95
A group of Oxford students struggle to come to terms with a friend's death. This is a poignant and chillingly atmospheric novel about bullying and the lingering effects of childhood cruelty, about cliques, class and not fitting in. It shows what happens when the most charismatic person you know draws you into their world and then disappears from it. (South African)

Amanda MATETSKY

 **Murder is a Girl's Best Friend**
306pp Pb 15.95
A Paige Turner mystery. Spunky 1950s detective Paige Turner finds herself embroiled in a messy murder mystery with the killer hot on her heels. (American)

**Alexander McCALL SMITH****The Full Cupboard of Life****212pp Pb 22.95**

The #1 Ladies' Detective Agency series. Mma Ramotswe has weighty matters on her mind. A wealthy lady, whose fortune comes from successful hair-braiding salons, has asked Mma to check up on several suitors. Are these men just interested in her money? This may be difficult to find out, but Mma Ramotswe is, of course, a very intuitive lady. Also includes Chapter One from his next book, *The Sunday Philosophy Club*. (Scottish)

Chandler McGREW**The Darkening 413pp Pb 15.95**

It begins with a blackout. All electrical power ceases to run. Even the sun seems a little dimmer. Cities come to a halt and their inhabitants vanish. But a small, clandestine group of warriors has been preparing for this moment for centuries. Their hopes rest on two strangers, a thousand miles apart, who hold the keys to the world's salvation: Lucy and Dylan must stare into the face of something ancient, something impossible, and something that has come to blot out the light, forever. (American)

Eoin McNAMEE**Resurrection Man (1994)****233pp Pb 22.95**

Even within the conflicts of Ireland's history, the Shankill Butchers have a very particular notoriety. McNamee's first novel is a retelling of those most terrifying of times. It is remarkable for its poetic evocations of violence, human foibles and suffering. The setting is Belfast in the 1980s; the Resurrection Men are a gang of four led by Victor Kelly, a Protestant drawn into the sectarian violence. Victor is a ruthless killer; his MO is the knife across the throat. And it is McNamee's ingenious stroke to link this harsh silencing to a blasted Belfast. (Irish)

Eoin McNAMEE**The Ultras 256pp Tp 29.95**

In 1970s Ireland, the British establishment conducted its struggle with the IRA in the dirty war. This novel, set around the real-life figure of Captain Nairac, recreates the intrigue, loyalism and violence of a time when friend could turn foe overnight and nothing was ever quite as it seemed. (Irish)

Linda Lael MILLER**Don't Look Now****419pp Pb 17.95**

DA Clare Westbrook functions very well in crisis but a shocking crime, the murder of her notoriously unethical boss, is about to test her heart and soul because heading the homicide investigation is irresistibly sexy detective Tony Sonterra. Now, passion pulls Clare into the crosshairs of a deadly mystery from the past. (American)

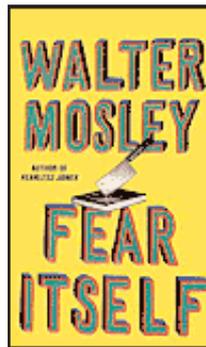
Rick MOFINA**Be Mine****344pp Pb 15.95**

San Francisco crime reporter Tom Reed has seen a lot of sick messages in his time, but the one delivered to fellow reporter Molly Wilson is different. It is shockingly personal. The crime lab report confirms it is written in human blood. And Molly's cop boyfriend has just been found brutally murdered. (American)

Walter MOSLEY**Fear Itself****339pp Pb 17.95**

Mild-mannered Paris Minton is delivered a pile of trouble when Fearless Jones shows up with a simple request: help find a beautiful woman's husband.

Lending a hand gets him hogtied, kidnapped, and threatened with a gun the size of a cannon. Now he is wondering whom he should fear more: the people he is looking for or the people he is working for? (American)

**Reggie NADELSON****Disturbed Earth****341pp Tp 29.95**

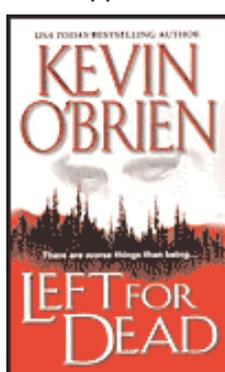
The new Artie Cohen mystery. A jogger finds a child's clothes drenched in blood and buried in the half frozen earth near Brighton Beach on the Atlantic coast of Brooklyn. When another child goes missing, all the city's fears and insecurities are brought to the surface. (American)

Jonathan NASAW**27 Bones****360pp Tp 29.95**

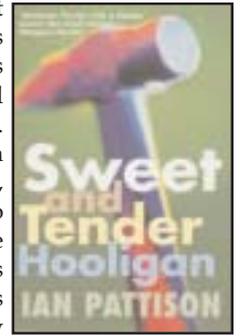
Although officially retired, ex-Special Agent Pender cannot ignore a plea for help from an old friend, especially when there is an all-expenses paid trip to the Caribbean attached. Julian Coffee, St Luke's chief of police, needs Pender's help in tracking down a serial killer known as the 'Machete Man'. (American)

Kevin O'BRIEN**Left for Dead****432pp Pb 15.95**

When Claire Shaw wakes in a Seattle hospital, she r e m e m b e r s nothing. She does not recognise the concerned faces of her husband and friends. She knows only that she is lucky to be alive, the single surviving victim of a vicious serial killer. She was a mistake but next time there would be no escape and her eyes would fill with that perfect, beautiful terror. (American)

**Ian PATTISON****Sweet and Tender Hooligan****326pp Pb 22.00**

Featuring a brilliant anti-hero, this gangster novel is very violent and very, very funny. Arthur Blaney, aka The Surgeon, travels back to Glasgow for the funeral of his mother. Blaney has been effectively exiled from his home town for publishing his memoirs: as Scotland's most notorious gangster he has used the book to settle scores and spill the beans. So what kind of welcome is he prepared for? (Scottish)

**Stuart PAWSON****Laughing Boy 298pp Pb 19.95**

A DI Charlie Priest mystery. When Colinette Jones fails to return home and a body turns up half a mile from her house, DI Charlie Priest knows he has got to make the housecall that every mother dreads. Elsewhere, Laura Heeley is found dead in a country lane, a single stab wound the only sign of violence. What could connect these two women, apart from their untimely deaths? In a town constricted by the foot and mouth outbreak, Priest must find the killer before he strikes again. (English)

Kate PEPPER**Five Days in Summer****304pp Pb 15.95**

Before the long drive home from vacation, Emily Parker made a quick run to the grocery store and disappeared. But as her husband and a retired FBI profiler scour the Cape for her, Emily's thoughts are not on her own safety. Kept helpless in a madman's lair, she watches him prepare a five-day countdown, which will bring him to his real victim - her seven-year-old son! (American)

Clyde PHILLIPS**Sacrifice****352pp Pb 17.95**

When San Francisco's most beloved philanthropist is murdered in a downtown hotel, homicide detective Jane Candiotti gets the high-profile case. That same night a homeless man is found stabbed to death at the docks. The search for the killers takes Candiotti and her husband, detective Kenny Marks, into two disparate worlds. Soon an eerie intrigue settles over the cases as the detectives discover that the death of someone so privileged strangely intersects with the life of someone so disenfranchised. (American)



**Henry PORTER**

 **Empire State** 455pp Pb 18.95
The head of the US National Security Agency is assassinated in a spectacular set piece killing at Heathrow. An airport employee and his family are found murdered in their council house in Uxbridge. In New York, a fashionable Upper East Side osteopath receives two postcards showing the Empire State Building. A group of migrant workers are brutally gunned down in Macedonia. The quest to find the link between these apparently random events is pursued by Robert Harland. (English)

Ian RANKIN

 **Rebus: Capital Crimes** 1016pp Hb 49.95
This volume contains three novels: *Dead Souls*, *Set in Darkness* and *The Falls*. (English)

Christopher REICH

 **The Devil's Banker** 435pp Pb 19.95
This novel introduces Reich's most complex and engaging hero yet: forensic accountant Adam Chapel and paints a frightening scenario where terrorism is big business and money is the ultimate weapon of mass destruction. (American)

Kathy REICHS

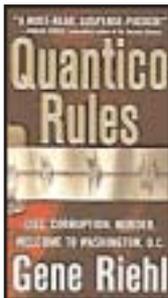
 **Monday Mourning** 303pp Hb 45.00
The new Tempe Brennan mystery. Tempe Brennan is digging in the basement of a pizza parlour where the remains of three young women are concealed. The pizza parlour owner found some 19th century buttons, an indicator of the bones' probable age. But Tempe has her doubts. As Tempe searches for answers in both her personal and professional lives, she finds herself drawn deeper into a web of evil from which there may be no escape. (Canadian)

Ruth RENDELL

 **The Rottweiler** 406pp Pb 19.95
Rendell returns to a darkly atmospheric London to explore how the lives of a small group of people from very mixed backgrounds are affected dramatically by a series of apparently motiveless murders. (English)

Gene RIEHL

 **Quantico Rules** 341pp Pb 15.95
Agent Puller Monk's Special Inquiries (SPIN) team pulled what looked like an easy assignment: the background checks of the first African-American woman candidate for the Supreme Court. But what was supposed to be a routine assignment turned into his worst nightmare when the bodies started to pile up. (American)

**Stella RIMINGTON**

 **At Risk** 394pp Tp 29.95
An 'invisible' is CIA speak for the ultimate intelligence nightmare: the terrorist who, because he or she is an ethnic native of the target country, can cross its borders unchecked, move around that country unquestioned and infiltrate its institutions with ease. An invisible on mainland Britain was the worst possible news. For Liz Carlyle, an MI5 intelligence officer, this report from MI6 marks the start of an operation, which will test her to the limit and put her own life in jeopardy. In this terrifying and tautly drawn debut thriller, Stella Rimington takes us to the heart of the Intelligence world, a place she is uniquely qualified to describe as the former head of MI5! (English)

Frank ROBINSON & John LEVIN

 **The Great Divide** 330pp Pb 15.95
The USA has been split into two distinct factions over energy: 'the haves' (those states that are fuel self-sufficient) and 'the have-nots'. The inept execution of a flawed foreign policy in the Middle East has resulted in an Arab-backed oil embargo of the USA. Now the country is in the grips of the most severe winter in years, and rationing has led to unrest and rioting in the streets while certain politicians and business power brokers are ready to make a move. (American)

James ROLLINS

 **Ice Hunt** 521pp Pb 17.95
The former Soviet Union, which created the 70-year-old Ice Station Grendel, would like it simply to melt from human memory. But that becomes impossible when the Polar Sentinel inadvertently pulls too close to the hollowed-out iceberg and one of the crew sees something alive inside; something that never should have survived. It is a discovery that sends shock waves through the intelligence communities of two powerful nations, as American and Russian scientists, soldiers and unsuspecting civilians are pulled into Grendel's lethal vortex of secrets, violence and betrayal. (American)

David ROSENFELT

 **First Degree** 287pp Pb 15.95
30-something defence lawyer Andy Carpenter must solve the crime when his closest friend and the love of his life gets framed for the murder of a cop. It becomes personal when, in a stunning development, Andy's client is exonerated and his girlfriend, Laurie Collins, is accused of the crime. When the man who originally confessed to the murder turns up dead, Andy realises that this is much bigger than one crime. Who committed the murders? Who framed Laurie? (American)

Chris RYAN

 **Greed** 391pp Pb 19.95
Fresh out of the SAS, Matt Browning is down on his luck and owes half a million pounds. Then he is offered a lifeline; to steal US\$10m from al-Qaeda, sanctioned by MI5. But a silent, expert assassin is stalking his team, gruesomely murdering both them and their families. And Matt knows he is next. (English)

Chris RYAN

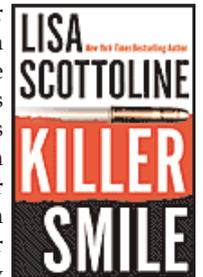
 **The Increment** 358pp Tp 32.95
It is a long, hot summer and the country is suffering an epidemic of road rage. What is not making the news headlines, though, is that the SAS's secret assassination squad, the Increment, is killing ex-soldiers. These two strands of violence become ever more tightly intertwined as Matt Browning is drawn into an adventure that takes him to Russia and ends explosively in the UK. (English)

John SANDFORD

 **Hidden Prey** 391pp Tp 29.95
On the shore of Lake Superior, a man named Vladimir Orlov is found dead with three holes in his head. When it turns out the victim had very high government connections, a female Russian cop flies in from Moscow, Davenport flies in from Minneapolis, and while law enforcement and press types swarm the scene there is another murder. Are the two connected? What is the Russian cop hiding from Davenport? Is she really a cop at all? (English)

Lisa SCOTTOLINE

 **Killer Smile** 359pp Tp 30.00
Young lawyer Mary DiNunzio gets a terrifying telephone call while she is working late, then goes home to find a threatening note in her apartment. When a lawyer close to her turns up dead, Mary begins to suspect that the case she has been working on, involving the suicide of an Italian-American in an internment camp during WWII may not be ancient history after all. (American)

**Sharon SHORT**

 **Death by Deep Dish Pie** 260pp Pb 15.95
A Toadfern mystery. Like nearly everyone else in Paradise, local Laundromat owner and stain-removal expert Josie Toadfern eagerly awaits the upcoming annual Breitenstrater Pie Company pie-eating contest, sponsored by the owners of the town's upper crust enterprise. But things may not be so sweet this year when a pie-making bigwig suspiciously drops dead after sampling the company's latest wares. (American)

**James SIEGEL**

Derailed 403pp Pb 19.95
 Advertising director Charles Schine is just another New York commuter, regularly catching the 8.43 to work. But the day he misses his train is the day that changes his life. Unable to talk to his partner or the police, Charles finds himself trapped in a world of dark conspiracy and psychological games. Somehow he has got to find a way to fight back, or his entire life will be spectacularly derailed. (American)

Jenny SILER

Flashback 259pp Tp 29.95
 Discovered in a ditch by the side of a country road in France, Eve has only good American dentistry and a ferry ticket scribbled with Arabic letters to suggest her identity. That, and a bullet wound in her brain that she miraculously survived. Only a few scattered violent images remain along with one undeniable physical fact: she has had a child. When the nuns who have sheltered her for a year are brutally massacred, Eve realises that whoever she was in her past life, she had powerful enemies. (American)

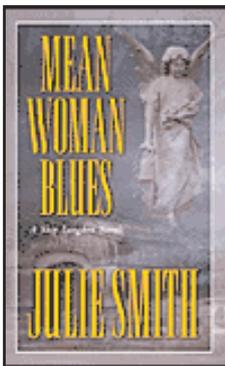
Karin SLAUGHTER (editor)

Like a Charm 378pp Pb 19.95
 This is a novel in 16 parts by 16 prestigious crime writers. Each chapter of this book stands alone as a powerful story but they also combine into a novel of suspense. One bracelet, 16 charms. From 19th-century Georgia, where the bracelet is forged in fire, to wartime Leeds, the seedy underside of London's Soho, a Manhattan cab, the frozen cliffs of Nova Scotia, and back to Georgia, each story takes the reader on a gripping journey of murder, betrayal and intrigue. (American)

Julie SMITH

Mean Woman Blues 291pp Pb 15.95

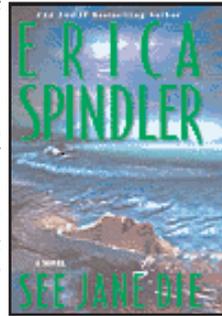
A *Skip Langdon* novel. The nemesis of New Orleans police detective Skip Langdon is Errol Jacomine. This evangelical preacher has been leader of his own frenzied army of converts, has run for mayor of New Orleans and now wants to become president of the USA. His campaign methods are rabble-rousing, theft, kidnapping and multiple murder. Skip thinks he is as dangerous as Jim Jones. She must track him down but his disguise this time is so clever even his own children do not recognise him. (American)

**Mary-Ann SMITH**

Love Her Madly 349pp Pb 15.95
 Rona Leigh Glueck looks like a dark angel, with her long black hair and beauty queen smile, nothing at all like the laughing madwoman found guilty of a double murder so bloody and brutal, it unnerved even the toughest homicide cop. It is FBI agent Poppy Rice's job to investigate possible miscarriages of justice and Glueck's case has plenty of red flags. Botched forensics. No eyewitnesses. And then there is Rona Leigh herself, so childlike and delicate. (American)

Erica SPINDLER

See Jane Die 375pp Tp 27.95
 A series of reconstructive surgeries has restored Jane's lovely face after a boating accident 17 years earlier. She is the toast of the Dallas art community, her edgy sculptures lauded. She and her husband, renowned plastic surgeon Dr Ian Westbrook, are completely in love and overjoyed that Jane is pregnant. When a woman with ties to Ian is found brutally slain, unbelievably, the police focus their investigation on him, making him their prime suspect. Still in shock, Jane receives an anonymous message that reads simply, "I did it on purpose. To hear your screams." (American)

**Dana STABENOW**

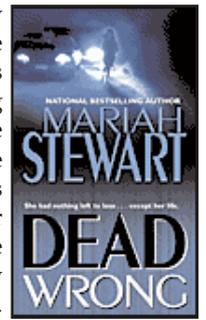
A Grave Denied 335pp Pb 15.95
 A *Kate Shugak* novel. Everyone knew Len Dreyer, a handyman for hire in the park near Niniltna, but no one knew anything else about him. Kate Shugak, the park's unofficial PI, seems to have known less about him than anyone. When Len Dreyer's body is discovered, frozen solid, in the path of a receding glacier with a hole from a shotgun blast in his chest, no one noticed that he was missing for months. (Alaskan)

Les STANDIFORD

Havana Run 271pp Pb 17.95
 A *John Deal* novel. Deal has spent much of his adult life trying to rebuild the Miami construction firm that his late father ruined. When the possibility of a major project in post-normalised Cuba arises, he cannot help but be intrigued, only to find that he has been lured to Havana for another, far more dangerous purpose: to help spring an American prisoner from a Castro jail. (American)

**Mariah STEWART**

Dead Wrong 385pp Pb 15.95
 It was inescapably chilling, as if the murderer was methodically working his way down a page torn from the phone book. The three victims brutally killed in their own homes had one thing in common: they were all listed as M. Douglas. The fact that Mara Douglas is next on the list has her jumping at shadows, until FBI agent Aidan Shields shows up to make sure she does not become the fourth victim. (American)

**Wendy Corsi STAUB**

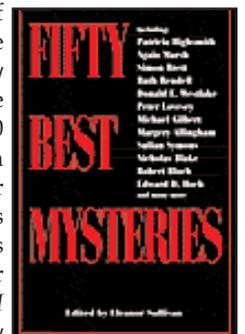
Kiss Her Goodbye 403pp Pb 15.95
 For Kathleen Carmody, moving to Woodsbridge is an attempt to escape memories of her own rough childhood and a shattering secret that still haunts her. It is a place where her 13-year-old daughter Jen will have everything Kathleen did not. But suddenly, someone is kidnapping girls with long, blond hair and brown eyes, girls who look a lot like Jen. (American)

Carsten STROUD

Black Moon 516pp Pb 19.95
 Storm-bound in hostile waters, ex-cop turned boat minder Rick Broca comes across the wreck of a crashed plane, one very grateful pilot and an ocean full of trouble. It soon becomes clear that the rescued pilot is not who he says he is. And when a fishing boat carrying enough artillery to sink a battleship intercepts the pair, Rick cannot turn back. (American)

Eleanor SULLIVAN (editor)

50 Best Mysteries 642pp Tp 32.95
 A who's who of mystery from the pages of *Ellery Queen* magazine over the past 60 years, this book is a treasure trove for mystery lovers everywhere. As editor Eleanor Sullivan writes, "I took the task by decades and decided to go after solid and entertaining stories by regular and significant contributors, stories that reflected the time in which they were written and the best work being produced in that decade." To this end, Sullivan has collected an astounding array of talent, from early works by John Dickson Carr, Margery Allingham, Anthony Boucher and Ngaio Marsh in the 1940s, 1950s and 1960s, to later selections by Patricia Highsmith, Robert Bloch, Ruth Rendell, Donald Westlake and Simon Brett. (American)



**Denise SWANSON****Murder of a Pink Elephant****259pp Pb 13.95**

A *Scumble River mystery*. When Skye Denison's brother forms a band called Pink Elephant, the town goes wild; maybe too wild. First, a groupie turns stalker, seducing the band members one by one. Then, one of the Pink Elephants winds up murdered. Who is to blame? Everyone seems to think it is the drummer, and now Skye has to clear her brother's name. (American)

James SWAIN**Sucker Bet 306pp Pb 15.95**

A *Tony Valentine novel* #3. Harry Smooth Stone, head of security at the Micanopy Indian Reservation Casino in South Florida, desperately needs Valentine's expertise. A blackjack dealer has rigged a game, dealt a player 84 winning hands in a row, and disappeared. Valentine's gut tells him a different story: that the runaway dealer is alligator food and his employers are keeping secrets. (American)

William TAPPLY**A Fine Line 290pp Pb 15.95**

A *Brady Coyne novel*. Walt Duffy spent his life travelling the world, documenting the beauty and wonder of nature through the lens of a camera. Duffy's friend Coyne is brought in for questioning by both the local police and the FBI, who reveal Duffy's ties to a notorious eco-terrorist group that is currently setting fires to homes and offices around the Boston area. (American)

Sarah TAYLOR**O'Artful Death 291pp Pb 15.95**

Newcomer Sarah Taylor delivers a compelling and atmospheric cosy mystery, which introduces Sweeney St George, an art historian in Boston with a special interest in the art of death. Sweeney becomes interested in Byzantium, Vermont, an art colony that flourished in the late 19th century, when she comes upon a photograph of the striking gravestone of a girl who drowned, and may have been murdered, in 1890. (American)

Dan VINING**The Quick 312pp Pb 17.95**

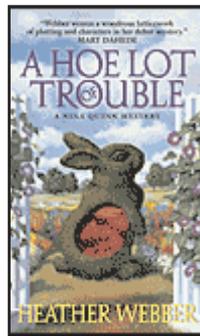
PI Jimmy Miles works the Hollywood nights. His new client is the desperate daughter of a dead man. Her father was executed for a long-ago murder and she wants Jimmy to find out the truth about the crime and the real killer's identity. But this case is not the only mystery keeping Jimmy up at night. The shadowy world he inhabits is full of secrets, shared by a few restless roamers who call themselves Sailors. Jimmy Miles is one of them. And he is about to discover the truth about himself. And for a Sailor that can be a frightening thing. (American)

Lea WAIT**Shadows on the Coast of Maine****324pp Pb 15.95**

An *Antique Print mystery*. The 18th-century house Amy and her husband Drew are restoring is perfect or it will be, once Maggie supplies just the right antique prints. But Amy's type-A personality is bordering on hysteria: could her desperation to get pregnant explain the sound of the crying infant that haunts her nights? Perhaps the hostile neighbours have Amy on edge. But when the body of a missing teenage girl turns up on their land, Maggie knows the threat is authentic. Now everyone, even Maggie's antiques-hunter friend Will Brewer, is cast in a suspicious light as she scratches beneath the surface of small-town New England life, and blows the dust off secrets hidden inside a grand Maine home for generations. (American)

Heather WEBBER**A Hoe Lot of Trouble****243pp Pb 15.95**

A *Nina Quinn mystery*. Quinn's business, Taken by Surprise (a landscaping firm specialising in surprise garden makeovers) is the only thing in her life that seems to be thriving. Her marriage to adulterous police detective Kevin



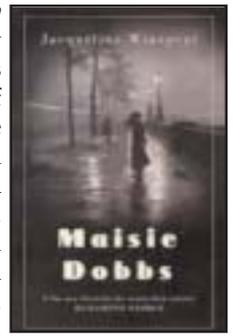
Quinn has wilted. Her antisocial stepson Riley is spreading trouble around like pungent manure. Even her gardening tools are disappearing, including a rather valuable set of hoes. Worst of all, the delightful old man who first introduced her to the joys of horticulture is dead and not by natural causes. Something evil has taken root in Nina's Ohio small town, and the local police, including dearly unbeloved Kev, are baffled. By sticking her hands too deeply into this fetid, fertile soil, Nina might well end up planted beneath her own petunias. (American)

Stephen WHITE**Blinded****388pp Tp 29.95**

Psychologist Alan Gregory has a new patient: Gibbs Storey, whose good looks turn grown men into dazzled adolescents. She tells Alan that she thinks her husband Sterling may have murdered one of her friends. Blandly recounting a history of dangerous sexual encounters, Gibbs stuns Alan with another revelation: she thinks there are other victims and that her husband will kill again. Struggling with a strict confidentiality agreement, Alan walks a perilous ethical line by revealing just enough to interest his detective friend Sam Purdy. (American)

Jacqueline WINSPEAR**Maisie Dobbs****294pp Tp 32.95**

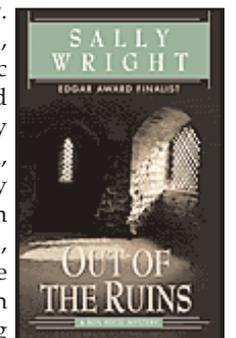
#1 in a new series. Young, feisty Maisie Dobbs has recently set herself up as a private detective. Such a move may not seem especially startling. But this is 1929, and Maisie is exceptional in many ways. Having started as a maid to the London aristocracy, studied her way to Cambridge and served as a nurse in the Great War, Maisie has wisdom, experience and understanding beyond her years. In Maisie, Jacqueline Winspear has created a character that readers will immediately take to their hearts. Her first case combines a gripping investigation with a moving portrait of love and loss. It marks the beginning of a wonderful new detective series. (English)

**Brian WIPRUD****Pipsqueak****292pp Pb 15.95**

"Demented and fun, this book is a hoot", says Harlan Coben. Tuning forks, thugs in plaid cummerbunds, digital TV, a dead biker, a stuffed loon and an old cartoon show? What has all this got to do with a ratty, old, squirrel puppet? That is the Pipsqueak story, featuring Garth Carson, a New York City taxidermy collector, and his gal Angie. After a murderous melee in an obscure antique store, the puppet goes missing and they find themselves entangled in a deadly swing band conspiracy and Soviet-era secrets. (American)

Sally WRIGHT**Out of the Ruins****300pp Pb 15.95**

A *Ben Reese mystery*. Georgia's wild, romantic Cumberland Island is steeped in family secrets. Hannah Hill, a widow patiently suffering from multiple sclerosis, dies in her large inherited mansion just days after telling her visitor Ben Reese about a disguised night-time intruder. Treading carefully around questions about mercy and human suffering, Ben pursues a tangle of motives and old mysteries (euthanasia, arson, poaching and jealousy) between two great island families. (American)





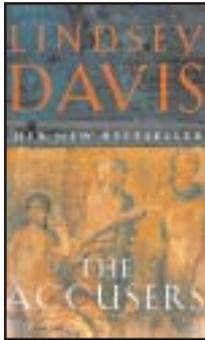
HISTORICAL CRIME



Lindsey DAVIS

The Accusers #15 335pp Pb 21.95

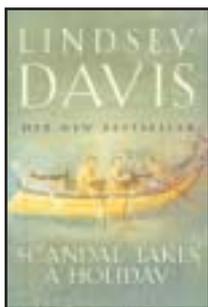
75 AD Rome. Having returned from his trip to Londinium, Falco takes up employment with Paccius Africanus and Silius Italicus, two lawyers at the top of their trade. For the trial of a senator they need Falco to make an affidavit confirming



repayment of a loan. Having been out of the country and starved of Forum gossip for some time, Falco has little interest in this trial, so he makes his deposition and then leaves. The prosecution are successful and a large financial judgement is made, but one month later the senator is dead, apparently by suicide. The heirs are now in a situation of not having to pay up, and the prosecutor Silius Italicus suddenly decides to seek out Falco. With a little coercion, Falco joins the prosecution in seeking to persuade a magistrate to instigate a new trial against Metellus' son. Blinded by the vision of rich pickings to be gained by the prosecution, Falco temporarily forgets that, if they fail, the financial penalties levelled against the informers who brought the case are potentially enormous. (English)

Lindsey DAVIS

Scandal Takes a Holiday #16 279pp Tp 32.95



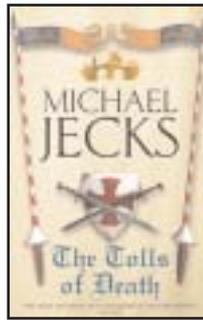
76 AD, Ostia, Italy. In the wealthy town of Ostia, our hero Falco appears to be enjoying a relaxing holiday. But when his girlfriend Helena arrives carrying a batch of old copies of the Daily Gazette, with the intention of catching up on the latest scandal, Falco is forced to admit to Petronius his real reasons for being there. 'Infamia', the pen name of the scribe who writes the gossip column for the Daily Gazette, has gone missing. His fellow scribes have employed Falco to find him and bring him back from his lazy, drunken truancy. Before long, Falco's enquiries lead him into the world of piracy and the discovery of criminal traditions long believed dead. Is this the right path towards finding 'Infamia'? Why would pirates have taken him? And if they have, will he be found alive? (English)

Michael JECKS

The Tolls of Death 392pp Hb 59.95

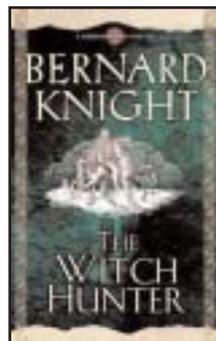
A medieval West Country mystery # 17. 1323, Cardinham.

After their gruelling journeys to Galicia and Scilly, Baldwin and Simon are at last back on the English mainland, dumped unceremoniously when their shipmaster partakes of his cargo and almost wrecks the ship. Eager to get home, Baldwin and Simon set off on horseback but only get as far as Cardinham on Bodmin Moor. Here, they are detained by the castellan, who requires their help to solve two murders on the estate. The first victim is a widow, found dead with her two children. The second is Serlo, the Miller, who has recently been discovered embezzling castle money taken in tolls. As Baldwin and Simon begin a double investigation, they must look beneath the village friendships and family loyalties to find an evil killer and secure Cardinham's safety. (English)



Bernard KNIGHT

The Witch Hunter 370pp Pb 18.95

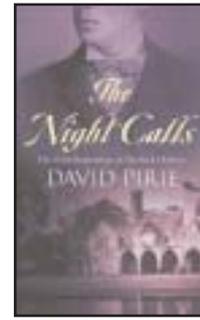


A Crowner John mystery. 1195, Exeter. When a prominent burgess and guild-master falls dead across his horse, Crowner John declines to hold an inquest as the man had been complaining of chest pains and shows no signs of injury. Events take a sinister turn, however, when a straw dolly is discovered hidden under the man's saddle, a spike driven through its heart. The victim's wife declares his death the result of an evil spell, cast at the behest of a rival mill-owner who wants to acquire his business. Enlisting the help of her cousin, a cathedral canon with an eye to ecclesiastical advancement, the widow begins a campaign in the name of the Church against witchcraft and the so-called 'cunning women' who practise it. This escalates until Exeter is divided into two camps and a climate of fear predominates. Still, the coroner refuses to get involved until his beloved mistress is accused of witchcraft. Can Crowner John unearth the real culprit and save Nesta from the hangman's noose? (English)



David PIRIE

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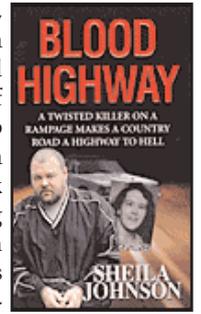
Misfits, Criminals and Scammers in the Internet Age. This book takes a balanced look at cases of computer hacking, the people behind them and the legislation currently in process regarding hacking, reverse-engineering, cracking and spam. Hackers strike quickly and with disastrous results. These stories and follow-ups are a fascinating insight into the modern threats we all face in the techno jungle. Written by an internationally recognised author on computer security, this is a fun read for anyone interested in the alleged threats of modern technology. (American)

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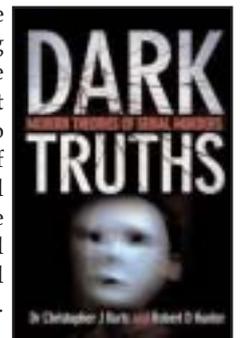
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Sheila JOHNSON**Blood Highway****303pp Pb 15.95**

On 23 January 2000, already battered by an ice storm, the rural Alabama resort town of Mentone was about to be struck by an even more terrifying freak catastrophe. Hurtling down the highway in a Lincoln Town Car was Hayward Bissell, a 400-pound madman on a murder rampage. Ramming the pickup truck of Don and Rhea Pirch, Bissell lured Don Pirch onto the road, running him down with his car. Bissell next targeted the home of James and Sue Pumphrey. After stabbing James Pumphrey in the stomach, Bissell was thwarted by two family dogs who gave their lives to protect their owners. Their sacrifice bought Pumphrey enough time to get a gun and scare off Bissell. When he was finally stopped, police discovered he was not alone. Occupying the passenger seat beside him was the mutilated, partially dismembered body of his pregnant girlfriend, Patricia Ann Booher. In February 2002, Bissell pled "guilty but insane" and was sent to prison for life. Was he really crazy? Or was he crazy like a fox, turning it on and off to try to beat a death sentence for Booher's murder? (American)

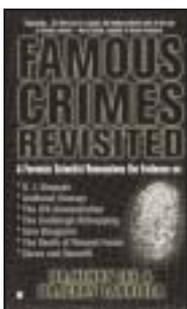
**Dr Christopher KURTZ****& Robert HUNTER****Dark Truths****236pp Pb 24.95**

Modern theories of serial murder. Over several years, the authors corresponded with a number of convicted killers who told of their compulsion to commit serial homicide. The authors categorised the common threads among existing theories of serial murder according to the criminals' overt and covert expressions of low self-esteem. The results of their findings are now published in this book. They explore in disturbing detail the homicidal manifestations of a number of mental afflictions, including fantasy addiction and narcissistic personality disorder and how our fragmented society is breeding even more violent men. Their conclusions make for frightening reading, but the authors argue that we must delve into the twisted world of the evil and irrational if we are ever to understand the serial killer and his motivations. (American)



Dr Henry LEE & Jerry LABRIOLA
Famous Crimes Revisited

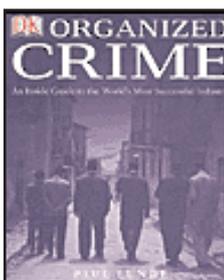
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Renowned forensic scientist Dr Henry Lee and journalist Jerry Labriola re-examine the cases of OJ Simpson, Vincent Foster, JonBenet Ramsey, the Lindbergh baby, Sam Sheppard, JFK and Sacco-Vanzetti. Surprising questions are raised and rare photographs provided. (American)

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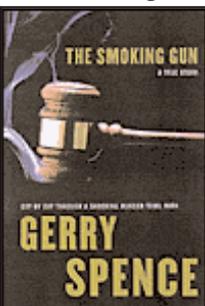
Jo ROBINSON
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The story of the Victim Support Service. Between 1966 and 1979, South Australians were compelled to come to terms with a heinous series of crimes, the infamous Truro and 'Family' murders. A group of people were so badly affected that they looked around for mutual support. Their courage and inspiration motivated others to join Victims of Crime Service (VOCS), later renamed Victim Support Service. This independent organisation has since helped thousands of crime victims and developed unique models of therapeutic care, which are considered outstanding in Australia and are known throughout the world of Victimology. In this book we meet the early pioneers, hear victims' stories and begin to understand what turns a victim into a survivor. (Australian)

Gerry SPENCE
The Smoking Gun

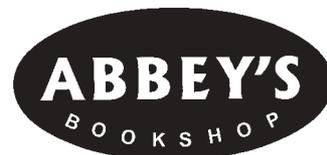
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When Sandy Jones and her teenage son were accused of murdering a real estate developer on their hardscrabble Oregon farm, the prosecution had an eyewitness to the shooting and a photograph of Sandy holding a smoking rifle. County officials kept Sandy in jail while they awaited the trial, despite ballistic evidence that strongly suggested she had *not* fired the fatal shot. The case erupted into an epic struggle between Sandy (who was poor, different and a woman) and the 'good old boys' who held all the power. Gerry Spence, renowned for his work on the cases of Karen Silkwood and Randy Weaver at Ruby Ridge, took the case *pro bono* and the courtroom battle exploded into three years of intensely moving jury trials, recounted here from the record of the case. (American)



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