

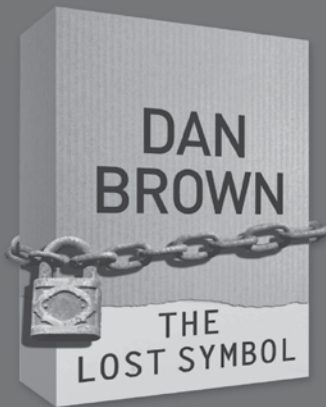
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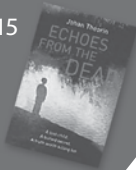
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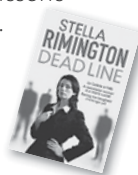


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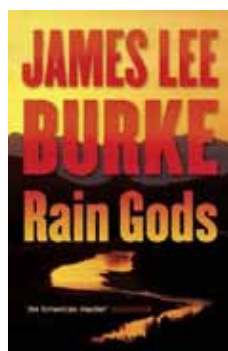
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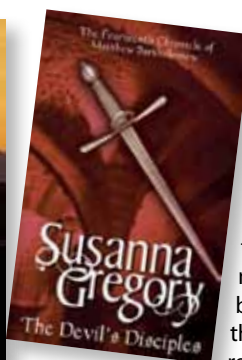
Texas Sheriff Hackberry Holland is a former ACLU attorney and Korean War prisoner and the cousin of none other than beloved Burke character Billy Bob Holland. Running from a traumatic and chequered past to become sheriff of a dried-out, broken-down border town in south Texas, Hackberry soon finds himself dealing with more than just his own demons after nine dead prostitutes are dug up in the desert. (American) *Due Aug*



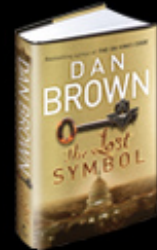
Susanna GREGORY

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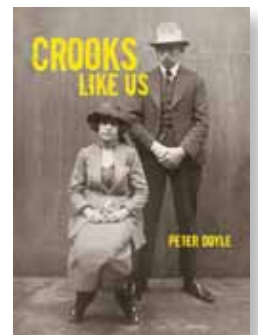
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Modern Crime

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Alan McQueen #3. Alan McQueen (aka Mac) is an intelligence agent who spends a lot of his time doing undercover work in south east Asia. He discovers a plot to use a deadly ethno-bomb which kills only native East Timorese. Can he secure the bomb before it's too late? (Australian) *Due Aug*

A C BAANTJER



De Kok and the Dead Harlequin 218pp Pb \$26.95

After a grotesque double murder in an Amsterdam hotel, Inspector DeKok has nightly conversations with the murderer and tries everything possible to prevent the man from giving himself up. DeKok goes so far as to disappear in order to prevent the perpetrator from being found. (Dutch)

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Beast of Burden 294pp Tp \$29.95

His brother's death has left PI Callum Innes an emotional wreck. He's about to leave his newly established agency when he learns that that his nemesis, Mo Tiernan, has gone missing. Innes is the only one Mo's ganglord father trusts to investigate. But Detective Sergeant 'Donkey' Donkin has a vested interest in both the Tiernans and Innes and would sacrifice his career to see them both behind bars. (English)

Linda BARNES



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Jennie BENTLEY



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Do It Yourself Mystery #2. Avery Baker and her boyfriend, Derek Ellis, are flipping a seriously stigmatised house rumoured to have ghosts. Soon they'll have even bigger problems and this renovation project might haunt them forever. (American) *Due Aug*

Laurien BERENSON



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Melanie Travis #15. When the co-owner of the local doggy-day-care centre is found dead, it's up to Melanie sniff out a killer. (American) *Due Aug*

Mark BILLINGHAM



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Tom Thorne #8. The children of the victims of an infamous serial killer are being murdered and Thorne must move quickly. (English)

Sergio BIZZIO



Rage 263pp Pb \$24.99

A metaphor for the decline of a social class, a country and the resentment that spreads like a plague penetrating to the core of its people, this is a tale that offers an inside vision of contemporary Argentina. Soon to be a film directed by Guillermo del Toro. (Argentina) *Due Aug*

Sean BLACK



Lock Down 368pp Tp \$32.95

It may be Christmas, but for ex-soldier turned elite bodyguard Ryan Lock it's business as usual: his mission is to protect one of America's most ruthless businessmen. A deadly shootout leads to an explosive game of cat and mouse and Lock soon discovers that not only is he, but so are millions of others. (English) *Due Aug*

Tony BLACK



Gutted 288pp Tp \$32.95

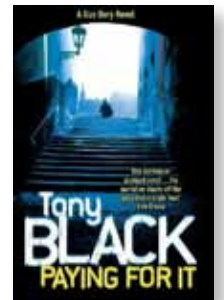
Gus Dury #2. When the gangland owner of a pit bull that killed a three-year-old girl is found gutted on an Edinburgh hill, Gus is asked to investigate and finds himself up to his neck in the warring underworld of the city's sink estates. (English) *Due Aug*

Tony BLACK



Paying For It 352pp Pb \$24.95

Gus Dury #1. Gus Dury once had a high-flying career as a journalist and a wife he adored. Now he is a drink away from Edinburgh's down-and-outs. When a friend asks him to investigate the brutal torture and killing of his son, Gus becomes embroiled in a story of political corruption and illegal people-trafficking. (English) *Due Aug*



Annette BLAIR



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Vintage Magic Mystery #2. Madeira Cutler is busy opening her new vintage clothing store in what was once the town's morgue, when she discovers an intruder snooping around a bunch of bones in a body drawer. Now, she'll have to dig up more than the past to solve a crime. (American) *Due Aug*

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When Danny Lowenstein is ambushed on a roadside in Iraq, he is the most respected journalist of his generation. To the public at large, he's a hero. To the press corps, he is a golden boy. However, a tight-knit group of adrenalin-addicted correspondents see another side to Danny. As his friends take in the news of his kidnap, it becomes apparent he was set up – but by who and why? (English) *Due Aug*

Dale BROWN**Rogue Forces 352pp Tp \$32.99**

Patrick McLanahan #15. McLanahan has left government behind for the lucrative world of military contracting, but where does his loyalty lie – with his country, his commander in chief, his fellow warriors... or with his company's shareholders? (American) *Due Aug*

Tom CAIN**Assassin****384pp Tp \$34.95**

Samuel Carver #3. Someone is setting Carver up, framing him for crimes he didn't commit – a copycat killer, motivated by revenge. He wants to crush Carver and then beat him at his own game by hitting the world's most prominent target, the new President of the United States. Now Sam Carver will have to track and stop this deadly opponent. Alone and on the run, he fights to clear his name. (American) *Due Aug*

**Laura CALDWELL****Red, White and Dead****384pp Pb \$17.95**

Izzy McNeil #3. Izzy McNeil is hot on the trail of one of Chicago's most notorious gangsters, but when Izzy's cover is trashed, she's swept into an evil underworld where she is definitely not safe. (American) *Due Aug*

Chris CARTER**The Crucifix Killer****400pp Tp \$32.99**

When the body of a young woman is discovered in a derelict cottage in the middle of Los Angeles National Forest, Homicide Detective Robert Hunter finds himself entering a horrific and recurring nightmare. A strange double-cross, the signature of a psychopath known as the Crucifix Killer, is carved on the nape of the victim's neck. But two years ago, the Crucifix Killer was caught and executed... (Brazilian) *Due Aug*

Elizabeth Lynn CASEY**Sew Deadly***Sewing Circle***288pp Pb \$15.95**

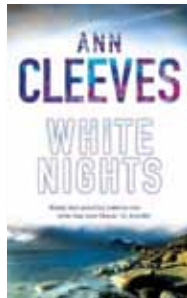
Mystery #1. Ever since she moved to Sweet Briar, South Carolina, Yankee librarian Tori Sinclair has been the talk of the town. Then she finds the hometown sweetheart dead at her back door and everyone believes the police investigator, who's just fixin' to link Tori to the murder in a love triangle gone bad. To clear her name, Tori will have to rely on her new sewing sisters and stitch together the truth, or be darned. (American)

**Mary Jane CLARK****It Only Takes a Moment****352pp Pb \$17.95**

A seasoned television professional, Eliza Blake has reported on tragedies many times from behind the anchor's desk and she has survived devastating crises of her own. But only now is she learning the true meaning of terror when her daughter, Janie, is kidnapped from summer camp. (American) *Due Aug*

Ann CLEAVES**White Nights***Shetland Island Quartet***340pp Pb \$19.99**

#2. Artist Bella Sinclair throws a party to launch an exhibition of her work and to introduce the paintings of Fran Hunter. When a mysterious Englishman bursts into tears and claims not to know who he is or where he comes from, the evening ends in farce. The following day the Englishman is found hanging from a rafter in a boathouse on the jetty, a clown's mask on his face. Detective Jimmy Perez is convinced that this is a local murder. He is reinforced in this belief when Roddy, Bella's musician nephew is murdered too. (English) *Due Aug*

**Alan CLEWS****The Bay of Naples 224pp Pb \$29.95**

Like many Italians in the early 1930s, Frank Ginesi comes to Scotland looking for work and better prospects. Frank takes pity on a down-and-out drifter, Ian Miller and employs him in the cafe. A classic ménage-a-trois situation gradually develops and Frank's internment on the Isle of Man with thousands of other 'enemy aliens' leads to Miller taking advantage of his absence. (English) *Due Aug*

Michael CONNELLY**The Brass Verdict****432pp Pb \$22.99**

A Bosch & Haller novel. When Hollywood lawyer Jerry Vincent is murdered, Haller inherits his biggest case yet, but as Haller prepares for the case that could launch him into the big time, he learns that Vincent's killer may be coming for him next. Enter Harry Bosch. Determined to find Vincent's killer, he is not opposed to using Haller as bait. But as danger mounts and the stakes rise, these two loners realise their only choice is to work together. (American) *Due Aug*

Beverly CONNOR**Dust to Dust****384pp Pb \$17.95**

Diane Fallon Forensic Mystery #7. A woman dies under suspicious circumstances, supposedly after finding evidence of her incarcerated brother's innocence. Now to prove a possible murder, Diane Fallon must root through the victim's family secrets. (American) *Due Aug*

Thomas H COOK**Master of the Delta****352pp Pb \$24.95**

Jack Branch returns to Great Oaks, to perform an act of noblesse oblige – teaching at the local high school. While conducting a class on evil throughout history, Jack discovers that his unassuming student Eddie is the son of a local murderer.



Jack feels compelled to mentor the boy, encouraging Eddie to examine his father's crime and using his own good name to open the doors that Eddie's lineage can't. But when the investigation turns in an unexpected direction, Jack finds himself questioning Eddie's motives... (American) *Due Aug*

Thomas J COOK**The Fate of Katherine Carr****288pp Pb \$32.95**

George Gates was a travel writer who specialised in places where people disappeared until his eight-year-old son was murdered. Now Gates writes stories about flower festivals and local celebrities and spends his evenings haunted by the image of his son's last day. Enter Arlo MacBride, a retired missing-persons detective obsessed with an unsolved case. Gates is drawn into the search and soon begins to suspect that her tale holds the key not only to her fate, but to his own. (American) *Due Aug*

J J COOPER

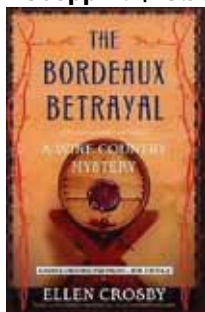
Interrogator 234pp Tp \$33.00
 After Jay Ryan, the Australian Army's most experienced interrogator, ends up on the other side of the table facing a sadistic superior officer, he embarks on a white-knuckle flight from everything and everyone he trusts, pursued by foes who were once friends and with his one clear ally, his father, missing. (Australian) *Due Aug*

Colin COTTERILL

Anarchy and Old Dogs (2007) 272pp Pb \$24.95
 When a blind, retired dentist is run down by a logging truck as he crosses the road to post a letter, Dr Siri Paiboun, official and only coroner of Laos, is faced with his most explosive case yet. (English) *Due Aug*

Ellen CROSBY

The Bordeaux Betrayal 368pp Pb \$15.95
Wine Country Mystery #3. When author and historian Valerie Beauvais turns up dead the night after a verbal brawl with a noted wine critic on the grounds of Mount Vernon, George Washington's home, Lucie is certain Valerie's death is related to something she knew concerning the authenticity of the priceless Washington Bordeaux. (American) *Due Aug*

**Clive CUSSLER (ed)**

Thriller Two 512pp Tp \$32.99
 From Jeffery Deaver's tale of international terrorism to Lisa Jackson's dysfunctional family in the California wine country to Ridley Pearson's horrifying serial killers, this collection has 23 original stories, edited by the grandmaster himself. (American) *Due Aug*

Mary DAHEIM

Vi Agra Falls 352pp Pb \$17.95
Bed and Breakfast #24. Judith McMonigle Flynn's worst nightmare comes true when Vivian Flynn - husband Joe's first wife - moves back into the neighbourhood. Vivian has many enemies, but which one is dead in her back yard. (American) *Due Aug*

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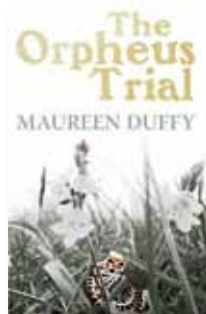
The Last Fix 576pp Pb \$19.99
Oslo Detectives #1. Katrine Bratterud, on the verge of finishing a spell in drug rehab, celebrates her success at the shore of a lake. The discovery of her corpse the following day brings police officers Gunnarstranda and Frolich onto the case and into a world of secrets and lies that stretches back generations. (Norwegian) *Due Aug*

**Mike DOOGAN**

Skeleton Lake 304pp Pb \$17.95
 Nik Alaska Mystery #3. Wounded during an investigation and still grieving the loss of his son, Anchorage private detective Nik Kane returns to his first big case, one that he's never been able to close. (American) *Due Aug*

Maureen DUFFY

The Orpheus Trial 250pp Pb 29.99
 When a child is found dead among the charred remains of a pier fire, surrounded by the old-fashioned toys of the Greek God Dionysus and a ritualistic fire basket, Detective Inspector Hildreth calls in the local museum's curator, Alex Kish, to help him. (English) *Due Aug*

**Michael DUFFY**

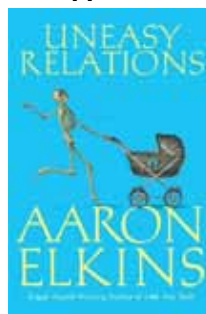
The Tower 348pp Pb \$29.99
 One rainy night a young woman falls from an unfinished upper storey, landing on a police car. Detectives Jon McIver and Nicholas Troy think it will be a pretty simple investigation, but all is not what it seems. (Australian) *Due Aug*

Tom EGELAND

The Guardians of the Covenant 496pp Tp \$32.99
 In the year 1013, Viking warriors raided an Egyptian tomb and stole the greatest secret of the Old Testament. When a quirky archaeologist finds ancient Viking parchments containing runes and riddles, he unveils a religious cover-up with potentially fatal consequences. (Norwegian) *Due Aug*

Aaron ELKINS

Uneasy Relations 272pp Pb \$17.95
 Gideon Oliver #15. Buried ceremoniously, high in a cave, lies the skeleton of a human woman, clutching the skeleton of a part-human, part-Neanderthal child. Professor Oliver jumps at the chance to attend a conference near there. But two deaths, possibly murders, have rocked Gibraltar and Oliver tries to piece things together. (American) *Due Aug*

**Janet EVANOVICH**

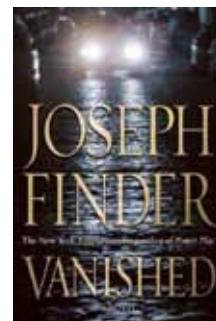
Fearless Fourteen 372pp Pb \$22.99
 Stephanie Plum #14. When Joe Morelli has shadowy figures breaking into his house and dying in his basement, Stephanie finds herself involved in a bank-robbery-gone-bad disaster. (American)

Duncan FALCONER

Mercenary 304pp Pb \$32.99
Stratton #5. Stratton carries out a small task in Central America as a favour to a CIA officer, but it leads him to become embroiled in a national rebellion. As events spiral disastrously out of control, Stratton must face up to his most treacherous challenge yet. (Irish) *Due Aug*

Joseph FINDER

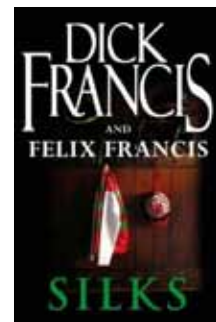
Vanished 407pp Pb \$32.99
 Nick Heller #1. High-powered investigator Nick Heller's estranged brother has vanished and Nick is pitted against one of the most powerful private military companies in the world. Those in control will stop at nothing to protect the secrets that Nick is determined to uncover. (American) *Due Aug*

**Helen FITZGERALD**

The Devil's Staircase 217pp Pb \$29.95
 Bronny, a young Australian, finds herself down and out in London. She's a sweet girl who has spent her teenage years in a fearful, cautious bubble. She's never taken drugs, had sex or killed anyone. Within six weeks she's done all three. (English/Australian)

Dick FRANCIS & Felix FRANCIS

Silks 400pp Pb \$19.99
 Setting aside his barrister's wig, Geoffrey Mason heads to Sandown to don his racing silks. An amateur jockey, his true passion is to be found in the saddle. But when a fellow rider is brutally murdered, Mason soon finds himself at the centre of a sinister web of threat and intimidation and is left fighting a battle of right and wrong, and more immediately, a battle of life and death... his own. (English) *Due Aug*

**Ru FREEMAN**

A Disobedient Girl 400pp Pb \$32.95
 Since her days in the orphanage, Latha has been a companion and servant to Thara, a more fortunate girl her own age. But Latha has known she was destined for a better life. Years and miles away, Bisio, a desperate young mother, flees from her murderous husband, taking her children with her to the remote hills. As Bisio and Latha journey towards their separate fates, struggling to hold on to their independence, each will betray the people they love, changing the course of their lives for ever. (Sri Lankan) *Due Aug*

Stephen FREY**Forced Out****400pp Pb \$17.95**

Jack Barrett, forced to retire from his job as a scout for the New York Yankees, is barely getting by in a small Florida town. Then his daughter drags him to watch the local team play a home game, where he spots Mikey Clemant, a kid with amazing natural skill on the field. Jack thinks he might have found his ticket back to the big time, but Clemant is not interested. Johnny Bondano, hitman for the Luchessi crime family, is given instructions to find and kill the man who allegedly took the life of the grandson of a family underboss. When Jack, Mikey and Johnny's destinies converge, loyalties will be tested and dreams will collide, with violent and unpredictable results. (American) *Due Aug*

Gillian GALBRAITH**Dying of the Light****243pp Hb \$29.95**

Alice Rice #3. Midwinter, near Edinburgh's red light district. A policewoman's flashlight stabs the darkness in a snow-covered cemetery. The circle of light stops on a colourless, dead face. So begins the hunt for a serial murderer of prostitutes. (Scottish)

Meg GARDINER**The Memory Collector****368pp Tp \$32.99**

Forensic psychiatrist Jo Beckett's specialty is the psychological autopsy - an investigation into a person's life to determine whether a death was natural, accidental, suicide, or homicide. When she is asked to do a psychological autopsy on a living person - an amnesiac, she realises her patient's addled mind may hold the key to preventing something terrible from happening. (American)

Lisa GARDNER**The Neighbour 373pp Tp \$32.99**

It was a case guaranteed to spark a media feeding frenzy - a young mother, blonde and pretty, disappears without trace from her South Boston home, leaving behind her four-year-old daughter as the only witness. With the clock ticking on the life of a missing woman and the media firestorm building, her husband seems more intent on destroying evidence and isolating his daughter than on searching for his wife. Is he trying to hide his guilt - or just trying to hide? (American) *Due Aug*

Michele GIUTTARI**A Death in Tuscany****400pp Pb \$22.99**

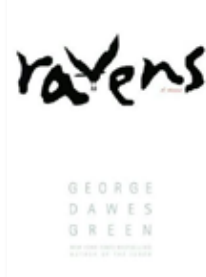
Michele Ferrara #2. In the picturesque Tuscan hill town of Scandicci, the body of a girl is discovered. The local police investigate the case - but after a week, they still haven't even identified her. Frustrated by the lack of progress, Ferrara, decides to step in. He soon realises that the girl's death is part of a sinister conspiracy that has its roots in the very foundations of Tuscan society... (American) *Due Aug*

IL GOODWIN**A Perfect Place to Pray (2006)****304pp Pb \$15.95**

Ella Mae Spencer seemed to have the perfect marriage, but after enduring years of torture at the hands of her husband, she finds the courage to leave in order to protect her daughter. Richard Spencer has no intention of losing his family so easily and Mae soon realises that the biggest battle is yet to come... (American) *Due Aug*

George Dawes GREEN**Ravens****336pp Tp \$32.99**

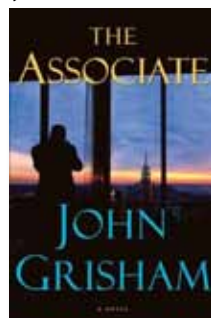
When grifters Shaw and Romeo pull up at a convenience store in Georgia, their only thought is to fix a faulty tyre and be on their way to Florida. But this happens to be the store from which a \$318 million Jackpot ticket has just been sold - and when the pretty clerk accidentally reveals to Shaw the identity of the winning family, he hatches a terrifyingly audacious plan. (American) *Due Aug*

**Sam GREEN****Flight Into Danger 400pp Pb \$21.95**

Former Israeli Secret Service officer Sam Woolfman has been called out of retirement to investigate the terror attack that occurred onboard an American jet that has crashed in the Scottish village of Lockerbie. (Israeli) *Due Aug*

John GRISHAM**The Associate 384pp Tp \$34.95**

Kyle McAvoy is one of the outstanding legal students of his generation, but he has a secret from his past that threatens to destroy his career and, possibly, his life. One night, that secret catches up with him in the form of some men with a compromising video. They make it clear to Kyle that he must do as they tell him, or the video will be made public knowledge. He must take a job as an associate at the largest law firm in the world and pass on the secrets of the company's biggest trial to date. (American) *Due Aug*

**Lev GROSSMAN****The Magicians 416pp Tp \$32.95**

When Quentin Coldwater's turns up for his entrance interview to Princeton he finds his interviewer dead and a strange envelope containing a mysterious manuscript that leads to a secret world of obsession and privilege. For a while, it's a world that seems to answer all Quentin's desires. When it's finally shattered, Quentin is drawn into something darker and far more dangerous than anything he could ever have expected... (American) *Due Aug*

Allan GUTHRIE**Slammer****262pp Tp \$27.95**

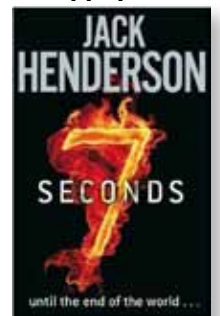
Bullied and abused by inmates and colleagues, young prison officer Nicholas Glass is finding the stresses of the job increasingly hard to handle. When a group of cons use outside help to threaten his wife and daughter, Glass agrees to do them a favour. But, as their threats and demands escalate, Glass grows closer to breaking point. (Scottish)

Veronica HELEY**False Picture 224pp Pb \$27.95**

Abbott Agency #2. Velma wants Bea, widowed owner of the Abbot Agency, to check up on her stepson Philip, as he's somehow acquired a valuable picture last seen in the flat of an elderly lady who's been murdered. Maggie, Bea's assistant, moves into a nearby flat to investigate. However, a professional - and deadly - art thief is also after the picture. (English) *Due Aug*

Jack HENDERSON**Seven Seconds****416pp Tp \$32.99**

When an ousted UN weapons inspector is assassinated, rumours surface that he had evidence of a worldwide cabal of unimaginable power and wealth. His evidence destroyed, all would soon be forgotten. However two parts of a coded text survived. One is in the hands of a young female operative. The other is delivered to the only man alive capable of unlocking its promise - a technology that could either usher in a new age of peace for all mankind, or become the ultimate weapon of mass destruction. (American) *Due Aug*

**Jack HIGGINS****A Darker Place 360pp Pb \$32.99**

Sean Dillon #16. Russian writer and ex-paratrooper Alexander Kurbsky makes elaborate plans with Charles Ferguson, Sean Dillon and the rest of the group for his escape and concealment. Unbeknownst to them, he is still working for the Russians and intends to infiltrate British and American intelligence at the highest levels. He does not care what he has to do or who he has to kill (English) *Due Aug*


Lisa JACKSON**Chosen to Die 484pp Tp \$32.99**

Detectives Regan Pescoli and Selena Alvarez have been searching for the Star Crossed Killer for months, never imagining Regan will be captured by the madman she's been hunting. (American) *Due Aug*


P D JAMES**Cover Her Face (1962)****224pp Pb \$14.99**

Inspector Adam Dalgliesh #1. Detective Chief Inspector Adam Dalgliesh is embroiled in the complicated passions beneath the calm surface of English village life. (English) *Due Aug*


Peter JAMES

 **Dead Tomorrow 500pp Tp \$32.99**
Detective Superintendent Roy Grace #5. Following the clues in a haunting new case, Grace finds himself on the trail of a gang of child traffickers operating from Eastern Europe. (English) *Due Aug*


Quintin JARDINE

 **Fatal Last Words 448pp Tp \$32.99**
Skinner #19. As Skinner stands on the edge of a career-defining moment and his fiancée, Scotland's First Minister Aileen de Marco faces a political crisis, a famous figure from another field is found dead and Skinner finds himself crossing swords with an old enemy from the past. (English) *Due Aug*


Quintin JARDINE

 **Inhuman Remains 416pp Pb \$22.99**
Primavera Blackstone #1. Her mind still filled with thoughts of her dead ex-husband, Oz, Primavera Blackstone is in Spain with their son Tom when their peace is breached again with the arrival of her elderly but formidable aunt, Adrienne McGowan. Her son Frank, involved with a shady international casino project, has disappeared. When Prim tries to track him down, her life is threatened and her aunt joins the missing persons list. (English) *Due Aug*


Iris & Roy JOHANSEN

 **Silent Thunder 384pp Pb \$17.95**
The US maritime museum has just acquired the former pride of the Soviet fleet for public exhibition. It's Hannah's job to make sure it's safe for the thousands of expected visitors. Enlisting the aid of her brother, Connor, they delve into its long and lethal history. Then, on a routine check, Connor discovers a cryptic message behind one of the ship's panels. Before he can figure out what it means, there's a deadly assault on the ship. Now, although the US government warns her against it, Hannah will stop at nothing to unravel the truth. (American) *Due Aug*


Andrea KANE

 **Twisted 464pp Pb \$17.95**
Though former FBI Special Agent Sloane Burbank once survived a life-threatening injury in the line of duty, she now uses her specialised skills as an independent consultant. When one of her closest childhood friends mysteriously disappears, Sloane takes the case, even though her ex-lover Derek Parker is the FBI agent in charge. (American) *Due Aug*


Simon KERNICK

 **The Crime Trade (2004) 448pp Pb \$21.95**
When Operation Surgical Strike goes horribly wrong, suspicion quickly falls on one of the officers involved - Stegs Jenner, a man who's always lived life on the edge. (English)


Simon KERNICK

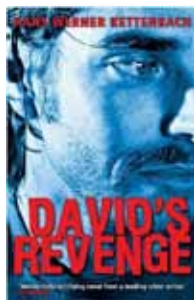
 **Deadline 352pp Pb \$24.95 p**
It's evening and you're back late from work. The phone rings. Your daughter's been taken and her kidnappers demand half a million pounds in cash. They give you 48 hours to raise the money and warn you that if you call the police, she'll die. You realise that your husband is also missing. Surely he isn't involved? You are certain of only two things: you will do anything to get your daughter back alive - and time is running out... (English)

Simon KERNICK


 **Target 352pp Tp \$34.95**
When writer Rob Fallon gets drunk one night and ends up joining his best-friend's girlfriend, Jenny, in her apartment in London's West End, his guilt turns to shock when two men break into the apartment, abduct Jenny and try to kill him. But when Rob reports the abduction to the police no one believes him. When he starts asking questions, he finds himself the target of killers. What are they so desperate to hide? And what does it have to do with Jenny? (English) *Due Aug*

Hans W KETTENBACH


 **David's Revenge 274pp Pb \$24.99**
School teacher Christian Kestner has all but forgotten his stay in Tbilisi, Georgia, seven years ago. When he receives a letter from David Ninovchvili announcing his visit to Germany, he begins to worry. Is David coming to seek revenge on Christian, who once flirted with his wife? And what are his ties to the different factions vying for the control of Georgia? Fear turns into panic, so corrosive that it can transform even the most rational individual into a monster. (German) *Due Aug*




Yasmina KHADRA

 **Autumn of the Phantoms 132pp Pb \$24.99**
Inspector Llob #3. Brahim Llob, the policeman-writer, fired for having published a book the Algerian establishment consider dishonourable and full of lies. He travels back to his hometown where he becomes a victim of an attack by a GIA commando... (Algerian) *Due Aug*


Dean KOONTZ

 **Relentless 368pp Tp \$32.99**
Bestselling novelist Cullen 'Cubby' Greenwich is a lucky man and he knows it. He makes a handsome living doing what he enjoys and he knows he shouldn't let one bad review get to him, even if it is penned by the much-feared, seldom-seen critic, Shearman Waxx. He intends to ignore it until he learns where the critic is having lunch. Waxx is not what Cubby expects. And Cubby finds himself locked in in a desperate struggle with a relentless sociopath. (American) *Due Aug*


Michael KORYTA

 **A Welcome Grave Pb \$22.99**
Lincoln Perry #3. Once a rising star on the police force, Perry ended his career when he left one of the city's prominent attorneys, Alex Jefferson, bleeding in the parking lot of his country club - retribution for his affair with Perry's fiancée. Now Jefferson is dead, the victim of a brutal murder and his widow has called upon Perry for a favour - find Jefferson's estranged son. But Perry soon learns that Jefferson's millions are the target of a thirst for revenge that hasn't been satisfied by blood. (American) *Due Aug*


Linda LADD

 **Enter Evil 352pp Pb \$15.95**
Claire Morgan #4. It should have been an open-and-shut case, especially since detective Claire Morgan's lover, Dr Nicholas Black, recognised Mikey as a former troubled patient. Then Claire finds another body in Mikey's home. Claire's only lead is a beaded bracelet around each victim's wrist, believed to ward off the 'evil eye'. But by the time she discovers what the dead were afraid of, she's trapped in a mind game with a brilliant, sadistic killer. (American) *Due Aug*


Stieg LARSSON

 **The Girl Who Played with Fire 608pp Pb \$24.95**
Lisbeth Salander is a wanted woman. Two Millennium journalists about to expose the truth about sex trafficking in Sweden are murdered and Salander's prints are on the weapon. Mikael Blomkvist, editor-in-chief of Millennium, does not believe the police. Yet Salander is more avenging angel than helpless victim. She may be an expert at staying out of sight - but she has ways of tracking down her most elusive enemies. (Swedish) *Due Aug*


Will LAVENDER

 **Obedience 352pp Pb \$19.99**
On the first day of class, Professor Williams presents a startling scenario to the students in his Logic and Reasoning 204 course: A young girl has gone missing and the class has until the end of the quarter to find her or she will be murdered. As the real world and the puzzle begin to merge, the three young people are thrown into a complex and horrifying game of deception. (American) *Due Aug*


Peter LEONARD

 **Trust Me 304pp Pb 32.99**
When Bobby and Lloyd decide to rob local restaurant owner Lou Starr's home in the night, they don't reckon on being propositioned about an even bigger scam by Lou's so-called girlfriend Karen. But after yet another bad decision in her life Karen has been looking for a way out and, more specifically, a way to recover her life savings, stolen from her by the treacherous Samir. And so a plan is set in motion that sounds all too simple. (American) *Due Aug*


Daniel LEVIN

 **The Last Ember** 432pp Tp \$32.99
When his firm sends Jonathan Marcus to Rome to discredit the testimony of a prominent UN antiquities official, he's stunned to discover that the expert is Dr Emili Travia, a friend and fellow student at the academy. This chance reunion prompts Jonathan to help Emili as she searches for the fabled Tabernacle Menorah, a priceless historical artefact seized by Roman invaders in the first century AD. As they scour the ancient sites of Rome for hints to the menorah's whereabouts, it quickly becomes clear that they are not alone in their quest. (American) *Due Aug*


Christina LONGMUIR

 **Dead Wood** 240pp Pb \$29.95
Kara has a debt to gangster Tony and takes to the streets to earn the cash. On a job she encounters a killer's victims' dumped in the woods just outside the city. Terrified, she escapes, making an anonymous phone call to the police. An investigation led by newcomer DC Louise Walker begins. Tony, devastated to learn that his daughter is one of the victims, vows revenge. Who will find the killer first? (English) *Due Aug*


Sheila LOWE

 **Dead Write** 320pp Pb \$15.95
Forensic Handwriting Mystery #3. Handwriting expert Claudia Rose heads to the Big Apple at the behest of Grusha Olinetsky, the founder of an elite dating service whose members are mysteriously dying. Claudia finds herself in a twisted world of love and lies fuelled by desperation, but is one among them desperate enough to kill? (American) *Due Aug*

Lisa LUTZ


Curse of the Spellmans 416pp Pb \$22.99
 #2. When private investigator Izzy Spellman is arrested for the fourth time in three months, she writes it off as an occupational hazard. When the displeased management refuse to bail her out, it's Morty, Izzy's octogenarian lawyer, who comes to her rescue. But before he can build a defence, he has to know the facts. Over weak coffee and pastrami sandwiches, Izzy unveils the whole truth and nothing but the truth. (American) *Due Aug*

Barry MAITLAND


 **Dark Mirror** 376pp Tp \$32.99
Brock & Kolla #10. When Marion Summers collapses and dies in the London Library, DI Kathy Kolla and DCI David Brock are sent to head the investigation. As they get closer to the truth, another victim dies an excruciating death by poison in a library and it looks like a serial poisoner is on the loose. (Australian) *Due Aug*




Henning MANKELL

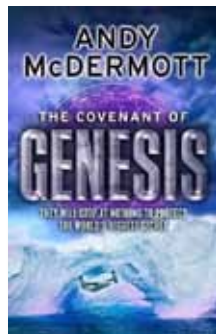
 **Kennedy's Brain** (2007) 464pp Pb \$24.95
When archaeologist Louise Cantor's son Henrik is found dead in his flat, she refuses to believe it was suicide. Clues that only a mother could detect lead her to believe something more sinister took place. (Swedish) *Due Aug*

Henning MANKELL

 **The Return of the Dancing Master** (2003) 528pp Pb \$24.95
Lindman, a police officer on extended sick leave, hears of the death of his former colleague and decides to involve himself in the case. (Swedish) *Due Aug*

Andy McDERMOTT


 **The Covenant of Genesis** 544pp Pb \$32.99
Nina Wilde & Eddie Chase #4. Off the coast of Indonesia, archaeologist Nina Wilde makes an explosive find - evidence of a settlement that existed over a 100,000 years before any previously known civilisation. But when her ship is attacked, it becomes clear that the clandestine religious group calling itself the Covenant of Genesis will stop at nothing to prevent her from revealing this knowledge. (English) *Due Aug*

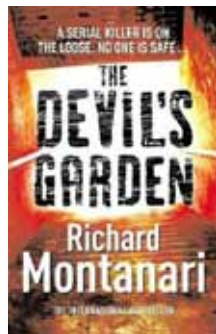


Adrian McKINTY


 **Fifty Grand** 320pp Pb \$32.99
Cuban cop Hernandez has a score to settle, on behalf of a deadbeat dad, a 'traitor' who skipped free from Castro's control to set up a new life working illegally in Colorado. Hernandez Sr's dreams of fortune and freedom came to a swift end when he was killed in a hit-and-run accident. Sworn to avenge his death, Hernandez has some obstacles to overcome - not least getting out of Cuba, where visas are as elusive as constant electricity. (Irish) *Due Aug*

Richard MONTANARI


 **The Devil's Garden** 400pp Tp \$34.95
Three years ago, Michael's life was shattered when he was viciously attacked and left for dead. After a painful recuperation, he pieced together his ruined life, married and adopted twin girls. But his world is about to be devastated all over again and this time, Michael's life is not the only one at risk. He must find the psychopath who is targeting his family or he and his girls will be the next victims. (American) *Due Aug*




Barbara NADEL

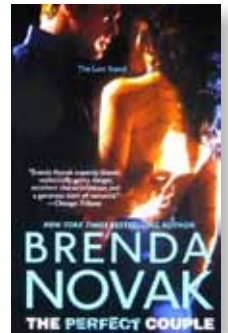
 **Sure and Certain Death** 288pp Tp \$32.99
Francis Hancock #4. London, 1940: Francis Hancock finds the brutally murdered, partially eviscerated body of a woman in a derelict house in Plaistow. Francis' sister, Nancy, knew the victim. Then, shockingly, two more murders follow. The police are over-stretched with the continued bombing of the city and can do little. When a fourth woman is murdered, Nancy admits that she knew all of the dead women. Francis sets out to find the killer and discovers a trail of murderous resentment and broken dreams that go back decades. (English)

Julia NAVARRO


 **The Bible of Clay** 640pp Pb \$19.99
An upstart archaeologist and a murderous group of conspirators vie for a treasure that will rewrite history - an explosive account of the world's creation recorded millennia ago by a humble scribe onto the legendary Bible of Clay. (Spanish) *Due Aug*

Brenda NOVAK


 **The Perfect Couple** 448pp Pb \$17.95
Last Stand #4. One afternoon in May, Zoe Duncan's 13-year-old daughter goes missing from her own backyard. The police think Samantha ran away, but Zoe doesn't believe it. In fact, she's willing to do anything to bring Sam home, even if it means divulging all her secrets to a private investigator. Jonathan Stivers is a PI who donates his time to The Last Stand, a victims' charity in Sacramento. Never has he had fewer leads to work with, or been more attracted to a client. He's sure Sam was taken by someone close to the family. (American) *Due Aug*




Brenda NOVAK

 **Stop Me** (2008) 440pp Pb \$16.99
Last Stand #2. Romain Fornier lost his reason for living when his daughter was kidnapped and murdered. He used a cop's gun to mete out his own justice and spent the next few years in prison, then learns that he might have killed the wrong man. Jasmine Stratford, a psychological profiler, believes the same man kidnapped her sister and that Romain can help her. But searching for the man who changed their lives means they have to rise to a killer's challenge... stop me. (American) *Due Aug*


Diana ORGAIN

 **Bundle of Trouble** 304pp Pb \$15.95
Kate Connelly may have found the perfect work-from-home Mommy job - private investigator. But when a body is pulled from San Francisco Bay that may be her brother-in-law, Kate must crack the case fast in order to keep her family together. (American) *Due Aug*


Gail OUST

 **Whack 'n' Roll 304pp Pb \$15.95**
Bunco Babes Mystery #1. The 60-ish set at Serenity Cove Estates in South Carolina certainly knows how to keep active. When not playing Bunco or putting the greens, they are gossiping and partying. So it's no surprise that when Kate McCall and her fellow Bunco Babes come across a dismembered arm during a golf game, rumours and excitement follow. The Bunco Babes decide to roll out their own investigation. But some of the suspects are in their very own manicured backyards and there's no forfeiting the game if the wrong roll of the dice sends the killer their way... (American) *Due Aug*


Robert B PARKER

 **Night and Day 289pp Pb \$32.95**
Jesse Stone #8. The women of Paradise are faced with the emergence of a voyeur, dubbed the Night Hawk. Initially, he's content to peer through windows, but as times goes on, he becomes more reckless, forcing his victims to strip at gunpoint, then photographing them at their most vulnerable. And according to the notes he's sending to Jesse, he's not satisfied to stop there. It's up to Jesse to catch the Night Hawk, before it's too late. (American) *Due Aug*


Robert B PARKER

 **Spare Change 304pp Pb \$19.99**
Sunny Randall #6. Boston PI Sunny Randall joins forces with the most important man in her life - her father - to crack a thirty-year-old case. When her father pressures her to drop the case, Sunny's need to create a trap to nab her killer grows and she uses all her skills to draw out her prey, realising too late that she's setting herself up to become the next victim. (American) *Due Aug*


Robert B PARKER

 **Passport to Peril (1954) 256pp Pb \$15.95**
 Decades before Robert Brown Parker began writing his books about Spenser, a man named Robert Bogardus Parker (1905-1955) penned this novel of post-war intrigue, which paints a heart-stopping picture of desperate men in a desperate times. (American)


Leslie PARRISH

 **Pitch Black 368pp Pb \$17.95**
Black CATS #2. After a botched investigation left him wounded and disgraced, Special Agent Alec Lambert was forced to transfer onto Wyatt Blackstone's team. The former profiler has lost his edge, buried by the guilt he feels over another agent's death - but he'll need all his skills when he realises he's getting another crack at a case that has haunted him - a serial killer known as the Professor is now using the latest e-mail schemes to lure his victims - and the Black CATs are on his trail. (American) *Due Aug*


**Jack PNDARVIS**

 **Shut Up, Ugly 250pp Tp \$29.95**
 A gun in the back. A sock to the jaw. A threatening dwarf. A sinister millionaire. A simple tail job that takes a wrong turn. Dames, dames and more dames. All this case needs is a great detective. Unfortunately, Burns isn't it. He's bad with details, prone to navel-gazing, incurious and a little slow. But to be fair, Burns isn't even a detective, just a would-be philanderer mistaken for a private eye when he ducks in the wrong doorway while eluding an angry husband. When he pretends to be the tough private dick everyone thinks he is, Burns isn't counting on the kind of adventure that just might change his life forever. (American) *Due Aug*


**James PHELAN**

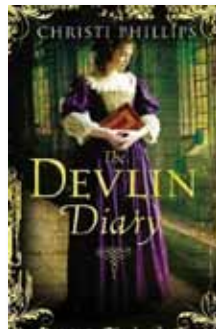
 **Blood Oil 400pp Pb \$19.99**
Lachlan Fox #2. Now working as an investigative journalist, Fox has been visiting some of the world's trouble spots. But a trip to Africa brings him face to face with a horror that could change him forever. (Australian) *Due Aug*

James PHELAN

 **Liquid Gold 400pp Tp \$32.99**
Lachlan Fox #3. It seems, as the earth feels the impact of global warming, that the commodity everyone is after is water. Lachlan Fox discovers that some people will do anything to control it. When he exposes their secrets he finds himself back in the frontline and facing his strongest enemy yet. (Australian)


Christi PHILLIPS

 **The Devlin Diary 427pp Tp \$29.99**
Claire Donovan #2. Cambridge, 2008: A Trinity College history professor is found dead, the torn page of a 17th century diary in his hand. His death appears to be an accident, but the college's newest Fellow Claire Donovan and historian Andrew Kent suspect otherwise. The professor's last research subject was Hannah Devlin, a physician to the king's mistress and the keeper of a diary that holds the key to a series of unsolved murders in 1670s London. Claire and Andrew follow the clues Hannah left behind, unearthing secrets of the past and present as both stories unfold to their shocking conclusions. (American)



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Henry PORTER

 **The Dying Light 416pp Tp \$32.99**
 Kate Lockhart has come with corporate leaders, ministers and intelligence chiefs to a beautiful town in the Welsh Marches to mourn her soul mate, David Eyam, the brightest government servant of his generation. Eyam has left a devastating legacy and certain members of the congregation are desperate to suppress it. A group of locals come to feel the full weight of the state's determination. Kate Lockhart, a former SIS officer in Indonesia, becomes the focus of the state's paranoiac power and leads the local resistance to it, with all the cunning of her former trade, directed from beyond the grave by Eyam. (English) *Due Aug*


Bill PRONZINI

 **Fever 288pp Tp \$32.00**
Nameless Detective #33. Nameless told Mitchell Krochek that he'd do whatever he could to find his missing wife, Janice. She'd run away before and Mitch had always taken her back. This time, when they finally find her in a sleazy San Francisco hotel, she demands a divorce. A few days later, beaten and bloody, she stumbles into the agency begging to go home. Then she disappears again. Now, Mitchell is the prime suspect, and as Nameless searches for the truth behind her disappearance, he uncovers a vicious racket that preys on gambling fever victims... (American) *Due Aug*

**Mario PUZO**

 **Six Graves to Munich (1967) 200pp Tp \$32.95**
 In the final days of the Second World War, Michael Rogan, a young American soldier, is brutally tortured by Nazi officers and left for dead. Vowing revenge, he begins a quest to track down and kill each one of his tormentors. (American)

Peter RABE

 **Stop This Man (1955) 224pp Pb \$17.95**
Hard Case Crime. All Tony Catell knew when he broke into the university science lab was that they had a gold ingot on the premises for some sort of experiment. So he stole it. What he didn't know was that the experiment involved nuclear power and that the gold was dangerously radioactive. Now the cops and the FBI are on Tony's trail, Tony's underworld contacts don't want anything to do with him and the loot he's lugging around is leaving a swath of radiation sickness and death in his path. (American) *Due Aug*



Ian RANKIN**Doors Open**

Mike Mackenzie is a self-made man with too much time on his hands and a bit of the devil in his soul. He is looking for something to liven up the days and settles on a plot to rip-off one of the most high-profile targets in the capital - the National Gallery of Scotland. Of course, the real trick is to rob the place for all its worth whilst persuading the world that no crime was ever committed... (English) *Due Aug*

416pp Pb \$22.99**Christopher REICH****Rules of Deception**

Doctor Jonathan Ransom thought he knew everything about his wife Emma until she was killed in a tragic skiing accident in the Swiss Alps. They had been married for eight blissful years in which they had travelled the world together. But the day after her death a mysterious letter addressed to her arrives at their hotel. When he opens it, his beliefs begin to unravel - fast. He is pursued by ruthless killers and entangled in an international conspiracy that touches all of the world's Security Services. (Swiss) *Due Aug*

400pp Pb \$21.95**Phil RICKMAN****To Dream of the Dead**

Merrily Watkins #10. With flood water washing up Church Lane towards the vicarage and the shop running out of cigarettes, it looks like a cold and complex Christmas for Merrily Watkins in an ancient community forced to untangle its own history against the swirling uncertainty of the future. (English) *Due Aug*

528pp Pb \$24.95**J D ROBB****Promises in Death**

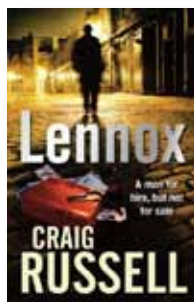
#28. Every cop gets angry when a police officer is killed. And Lieutenant Eve Dallas is no exception. Throwing every resource into solving Amarylis Coltraine's brutal murder, Eve encounters bitter opposition from Coltraine's fellow officers, who are desperate to take over the case. But when Eve receives a strange parcel containing Coltraine's badge and gun together with a note threatening the imminent arrival of her own ID, she knows the case has just got personal. (American) *Due Aug*

448pp Pb \$19.99**David ROBERTS****No More Dying**

Lord Edwin Corinth and Verity Browne #9. In February 1939 it is clear that Britain will soon be at war and will depend on Winston Churchill's leadership. But MI5 learns that an enemy agent has been dispatched to assassinate Churchill. Lord Edward Corinth must identify the killer and his first port of call is the Astors' country house. Verity Browne is also with the Astors, Communist Party bosses have told her to get close to another guest, Joseph Kennedy. Then the Ambassador's sons, Joe and Jack Kennedy, discover a man's body and Verity recognises him to be a fellow journalist. As war looms, Edward and Verity enter a tense race against time to identify the assassin. (English) *Due Aug*

336pp Pb \$24.99**Craig RUSSELL****Lennox**

Lennox #1. Shady investigator Lennox stands somewhere between legal and illegal, honour and greed, crims and cops. The McGahern twins are on the way up in Glasgow's grimy underworld. Then Tam is killed in a vicious contract killing. Frankie, Tam's identical twin, wants Lennox to find out who killed Tam. Lennox refuses. Later that night, Frankie turns up dead and Lennox finds himself in the frame for the murder. (Scottish) *Due Aug*

368pp Pb \$32.99**Leigh RUSSELL****Cut Short**

DI Geraldine Steel #1. The park - a place where children play, friends sit and gossip and people walk their dogs. But in the shadows a predator watches and waits, then chooses his first victim. For DS Geraldine Steel, it is a race against time to find the killer as two more bodies are found. (English) *Due Aug*

352pp Pb \$21.99**Chris RYAN****Firefight**

Former SAS Captain, Tom Jackson, is a man with nothing to lose. A veteran of the most dangerous missions the Regiment could throw at him, his life was torn apart the day a terrorist attack killed his family. As Tom reluctantly prepares for his final mission, he does so in the knowledge that it will stop a devastating terrorist attack, as well as satisfy an ulterior motive of his own. But as events begin to unfold, Tom suspects that someone is playing a game with him, that nobody can be trusted and that in the murky world of international terrorism, things are seldom what they seem... (English) *Due Aug*

528pp Pb \$21.95**Chris RYAN****Who Dares Wins**

They are Sam and Jacob Redman. Two brothers, SAS through and through. They are ruthlessly professional in the field of war, fiercely loyal wherever they are. But when Jacob is booted from the Regiment for a moment of madness, he disappears. On his return from a brutal mission in Afghanistan, Sam is ordered to conduct another dangerous operation into an inhospitable part of the world, where he is soon forced to choose between his duty to the men around him and his loyalty to the brother that he loves. (English) *Due Aug*

400pp Tp \$32.95**Hank Phillippi RYAN****Prime Time (2007)**

Charlotte McNally #1. In the cutthroat world of television journalism, seasoned reporter Charlotte McNally's life is on the line when she learns that an innocent-looking e-mail offer resulted in murder, mayhem and a multimillion-dollar fraud ring. (American)

280pp Pb \$17.95**John SANDFORD****Wicked Prey**

Lucas Davenport #15. Having spent the past two years in hiding following a daring heist, a big-time robber is back in Minneapolis, having spotted the opportunity for an even greater steal. Lucas Davenport meanwhile has problems of his own, targeted by a psychopathic pimp, who blames Davenport for the fact he's in a wheelchair. Only it's not Davenport he's going after, it's his daughter, Letty. (American) *Due Aug*

416pp Tp \$29.99**Daniel SILVA****The Defector**

Gabriel Allon #9. Gabriel Allon brought down the most dangerous man in the world, but he made one mistake - leaving him alive. Faced with the prospect of losing the one thing he holds most dear, Gabriel will be tested in ways he never imagined possible. And his life will never be the same. (American) *Due Aug*

400pp Tp \$32.95**Karin SLAUGHTER****Genesis**

Grant County #7. In the trauma centre of Atlanta's busiest hospital, Sara Linton treats the city's poor, wounded and unlucky and finds refuge from the tragedy that rocked her life in rural Grant County. Then, in one instant, Sara is thrust into a frantic police investigation, coming face-to-face with a tall driven detective and his quiet female partner.... (American) *Due Aug*

384pp Tp \$34.95**Rex STOUT****Black Orchids/****The Silent Speaker (1942/46)**

Nero Wolfe. In Black Orchids, the showing of a rare black orchid is overshadowed by a murder as daring as it is sudden. In The Silent Speaker, a government power broker scheduled to speak before an influential group of millionaires turns up dead and Nero Wolfe grudgingly takes the case. (American)

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Martin SUTER

 **A Deal with the Devil (2007)**
212pp Pb \$22.99

Sonia Frey's marriage ended in divorce after her husband tried to kill her and an acid trip has disordered her senses. She has moved to a remote Alpine village, where a series of unusual events throws her into further turmoil. Sonia's mind, already under pressure from her strange sensory awareness, is stretched to the breaking point by the climate of paranoia developing around her. (German) *Due Aug*

Terri THAYER

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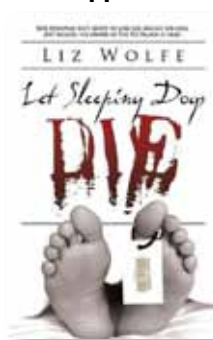
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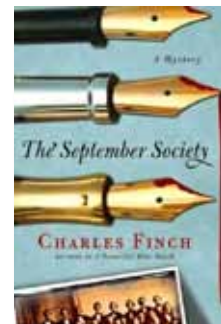
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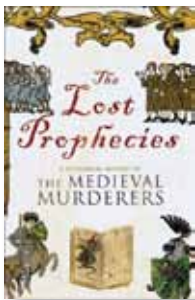
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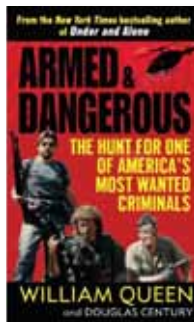
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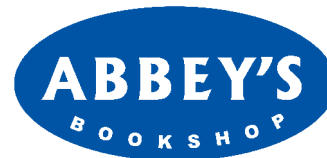
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