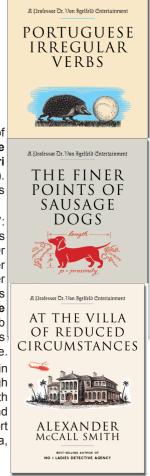


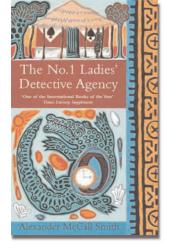


# INTERNATIONAL AUTHOR VISIT ALEXANDER McCALL SMITH IN-STORE MONDAY 22 SEPTEMBER FROM 12-30-1-30

Don't miss this opportunity to meet Alexander McCall Smith, the author of the highly successful Mma Ramotswe titles: The No.1 Ladies' Detective Agency, Tears of the Giraffe, Morality for Beautiful Girls, Kalahari Typing School for Men and The Full Cupboard of Life (all Tp \$26.95). And good news for Precious Ramotswe fans is the sixth title in the series will be released in 2004: The Night-time Dancer.

September also sees the launch of a new series of 'entertainments': McCall Smith has now turned his hand to humour. The delightful result is a creation of comic genius, for in the unnaturally tall form of Professor Dr Moritz-Maria von Igelfeld, we are invited to meet a memorable character whose sublime insouciance is a blend of the learned pomposity of Frasier Crane and the hapless gaucherie of Inspector Clouseau. The three titles are Portuguese Irregular Verbs (#1), The Finer Points of Sausage Dogs (#2) and At the Villa of Reduced Circumstances (#3) (all Pb \$19.95). If you can't make it in you can order specially signed bookplates tell us the details in advance and we will post them to you free of charge. Alexander McCall Smith was born in Zimbabwe and educated there and in Scotland. He is Professor of Medical Law at the University of Edinburgh and is a member of a number of international bodies concerned with bioethics. His books include works on medical law, criminal law and philosophy, as well as numerous books for children, collections of short stories and novels. He has lectured at various universities in Africa, including in Botswana, where he lived for a time.





- Peter

# Ken MITCHELL Alternative 3



After World War Two, Hitler escapes to a base in Antarctica...in a special disc-like craft the Nazis had been working on. Using this amazing technology, the grand plan, known as 'Alternative 3', was to siphon off the world's elite and colonise Mars. Or so the story goes. The Americans are allegedly in on the deal, and so are the Russians, and it's all been kept very hush-hush. Until now.

Enter Curtis Strange – computer hacker, U2 listener, anti-hero. He's on parole for white-collar crimes, but that doesn't stop him from entering a mega hacking competition in Vegas.

As the competition hots up, he stumbles across some photos of a flying saucer leaving the Reichstag in Berlin in the closing days of World War Two, and of another one landing in a snow storm a few months later. Before he knows it, he's in way over his head and is being chased through the Nevada desert by US Military 4WDs and choppers!

But is he really part of a dangerous game, or is this the ultimate conspiracy theory of them all?

This heart-thumping suspense thriller weaves Nazis, UFOs, end-of-the-world prophesies and government cabals into the mother of all conspiracies. And like its hero - with an MP3 player and attitude - this novel will not let you go until the shocking truth is finally revealed... (416pp Tp \$29.95)



# MODERN (RIME

#### **Steve ALTEN**

Goliath 490pp Pb 19.95 Commander "Rocky" Jackson is aboard the aircraft carrier USS Ronald Reagan when the "unsinkable" naval vessel and its entire fleet are attacked from the depths and sunk. As Rocky struggles to stay alive, a monstrous mechanical steel stingray surfaces, ploughing through the seas it now

## **Karin ALVTEGEN**

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Missina 🖟 250pp Tp 27.95 Sybilla Forsenstrom does not exist. For 15 years, she has been homeless in Stockholm, keeping all her possessions in her rucksack apart from a knife and salami, which she stores in a smart briefcase. She is always well dressed and displays impeccable manners. One night, she charms a susceptible businessman into paying for her dinner and room. His dead body is discovered the following morning and Sybilla becomes the prime suspect. (Swedish)

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#### **Russell ANDREWS**

**Aphrodite** 402pp Tp 29.95 Justin Westwood has retreated from reality by taking a menial post with the police department in Long Island where mindless traffic duty and a lot of booze stop him reliving the past. But his dormant professionalism is reluctantly awakened when he realises that the death of a young journalist is deliberate, not accidental. As he attempts to unravel the puzzle, he finds someone is a step ahead of him, disposing of witnesses and setting him up for the rap. (American)

# **Marion BABSON**

# **Tourists are for Trapping (1989)** 201pp Pb 15.95



being happy campers. Then foul play strikes again. Now Doug, assisted by Pandora's feline ability to smell a rat, needs to find out which tourist hides a preference for bed, breakfast and murder. (American)

#### Robert BARRETT

# Mystery Bay Blues

356pp Pb 18.95

A Les Norton mystery. Les slips a disc in his back and he cannot do anything much, except drive his car. So it is down to Narooma for the South Coast Blues Festival and some R and R. On his first night in town, however, he has an altercation with four fishermen. Now the meanest, toughest, horriblest bloke on the south coast is after his blood... (Australian)

# Colin BATEMAN

#### Chapter and Verse 309pp Tp 32.95

Van Connor's publisher has just turned down his wonderful new novel, his agent is out of ideas and the only person to turn up at his latest reading is his mum. He is desperately jealous of the marketable Francesca Brady, a hugely successful



author of fat romantic books for fat romantic people. When he collects the wrong child from school it is because he has had a brilliant idea; He is going to beat Francesca at her own game! (Irish)

#### Colin BATEMAN

# The Horse with My Name 346pp Pb 18.95

Ex-journalist Dan Starkey is stuck in a grimy Belfast bed-sit. His life is a disaster and his only solace is the pub around the corner. He really needs something since his wife ran off with another bloke. Fellow ex-journalist Mark Corkery provides that something. Corkery, whose secret persona is The Horse Whisperer, an Internet horseracing gossip, wants him to investigate Geordie McClean, the man behind Irish American Racing. Simple enough for a man with Dan's experience, surely? (Irish)

# **Raymond BENSON**

# The Man with the Red Tattoo 292pp Pb 18.95

The New James Bond adventure. When a British businessman and his family are killed in Japan, Bond suspects a mass assassination. Investigating with the help of beautiful Japanese agent Reiko Tamura and his old friend Tiger Tanaka, he discovers that two powerful factions controlled by the mysterious terrorist Goro Yoshida are playing God. Between them they have created the perfect weapon, one small and seemingly insignificant enough to strike anywhere, unnoticed. (American)

#### William BERNHARDT

Criminal Intent 388pp Pb 19.95 When a priest with radical ideas and a parish council with traditional values lock horns over the beliefs they hold most sacred, there is bound to be controversy and consequences. But murder crosses the line between committing a sin and committing a crime, turning a battle over faith into a battle for justice, and smack in the middle of the explosive case is Tulsa attorney Ben Kincaid. (American)

#### **Ingrid BLACK**

The Deau
Five years ago, Ed Fagan, the The Dead 312pp Tp 32.95 serial killer known as the Night Hunter, disappeared. Since then nothing has been heard from him. But now a Dublin newspaper has received a letter claiming to be from Fagan with a chilling message: he is going to kill again. The Metropolitan Police are inclined to dismiss the letter as a hoax, but when the body of prostitute Mary Lynch is found, they believe the murderer may well be Fagan. Saxon, a former FBI agent who was writing a book about Fagan when he disappeared, is certain that the killer is someone else. So while DCS Grace Fitzgerald and her team sniff at a cold trail, Saxon must somehow convince them to look beyond the obvious. (Irish)

**Hilary BONNER** 

# When the Dead Cry Out 293pp Tp 32.95

One stormy February, afternoon Clara Marshall collected her two young daughters from school. The three of them were never seen again. That was 27 years ago. John Kelly, veteran journalist, covered the case when he was a trainee reporter and he suspected something far more sinister. DS Karen Meadows has been familiar with case since childhood and she is only too aware that many suspect Richard Marshall of murdering his wife and children. But where are the bodies? And what is the motive? (English)

## Kirtsy BROOKS

# The Vodka Dialogue

312pp Tp 29.95

Cassidy Blair is up to her G-string in trouble when she decides to pay off her credit card bill by taking on another job as a "sexual sleuth". But is she smart enough to realise that when someone wants to take her out, they are not talking about an expensive dinner, they want her out of the picture? And will she ever figure out that old school friend Sam Tasker is not just a gorgeous man with firm legs, but a smart cop with Cassidy Blair in his sights? (Australian)

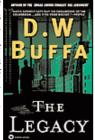
## **Dixie BROWNING**

The unexpected death of client Edgar Henry does not prevent detective Gray Hollowell from investigating the possible murder of Edgar's wife, Roxie, which occurred nearly 27 years ago. As his investigation brings him into contact with the clannish Henry family, he becomes enamoured with Edgar's fiercely independent daughter, Mariah. Their relationship rolls into trite territory when she goes boating with her cousin, despite Gray's repeated warnings, and he is forced to rescue her. (American)

#### D W BUFFA

The Legacy 436pp Pb 17.95
On a dark, foggy San Francisco evening, Jeremy Fullerton, a hot shot California senator with his eye on the presidency, is found murdered in the front seat of his car after speaking at a political fundraiser. The police arrest a young black male found fleeing the scene. The youth, a medical student, says that he tried to help the senator, but ran because he was afraid of the police.

However, all the evidence says otherwise. The only lawyer willing to take the case, Joseph Antonelli finds himself lost in a world ruled by backroom politics and old money. (American)



## D W BUFFA

Star Witness 388pp Tp 29.95
This story is about a man on trial for murder, a man recognised as one of the film industry's most successful writer/directors, a man of almost mythic drive and talent, and someone who looks guiltier with every passing witness. Attorney Joseph Antonelli tackles this case overflowing with greed and glamour, moviemaking and murder in this new thriller in the Edgar Awardnominated series. (American)

# Stephen BURGEN

**Walking the Lions** 

295pp Pb 21.95

When New York piano player Alex Nadal inherits his aunt's farm near Barcelona, he is more than intrigued because his aunt appears to have performed the unusual feat of dying twice, once at the end of the Spanish Civil war and again 60 years later. In a thriller that matches top-notch suspense with the romantic atmosphere of Spain, Alex and his lover Carmen unearth a dossier of explosive information on events that happened in 1938, which forced his father to flee the family farm. In trying to find out why, Alex discovers that this is a country where there is no past, only unfinished business. (Canadian)

#### James Lee BURKE

# Jolie Blon's Bounce

375pp Pb 17.95

A beautiful teenage girl is killed, the victim of a particularly savage rape. Louisiana police detective Dave Robicheaux senses from the very start of the investigation that the most likely suspect, Tee Bobby Hulin, is not the actual killer. Though a drug addict and general ne'er-do-well, he does not fit the profile for this brutal crime. But when another body turns up, a drugged-out prostitute who is the daughter of a local mafia bigwig, all clues point to Hulin. (American)

# **Ellen BYERRUM**

Killer Hair 276pp Pb 15.95 A Crime of Fashion mystery #1. Home of the helmet hairdo and Congressional comb-over, Washington, DC, is a hotbed of fashion faux pas. If anyone should know, it is "Crimes of Fashion" columnist Lacey Smithsonian. She dishes out advice to the clothingclueless, doing her part to change this town, one fashion victim at a time! An up-and-coming stylist Angie Woods had a reputation for rescuing image and career losers, all with a pair of scissors. But when she is found with a drastic haircut and a razor in her hand, the police assume she committed suicide. Lacey, however, suspects something more sinister. (American)

# Judson CARMICHAEL

The Scared Stiff 247pp Tp 29.95 Con artistry having failed yet again to make Barry Lee rich quick, he finds himself with only one asset left: his life. Or rather, the insurance on it. So he and his beautiful South American wife, Lola, set out to play the globalisation of the insurance industry to their fiduciary advantage. In Lola's native Guerrara, where corruption comes disguised as efficiency and a coroner thinks it unnecessary to see the corpse before issuing a death certificate, they successfully stage Barry's spectacular and very public accidental death. However, Barry's afterlife proves to be more problematic in this wildly comic madcap tale. (American)

#### **Laura CHILDS**

# The English Breakfast Murder 274pp Pb 17.95

A Tea Shop mystery #4. It is a truly exhilarating experience for Theodosia Browning. She is helping Charleston's Sea Turtle Protection League shepherd hundreds of tiny green loggerheads safely into the sea. But just as she is about to celebrate all her hard work, she spots a dead body bobbing in the waves. Now it is up to Theo to get to the bottom of the murder before the culprit's greed stirs him to kill again. (American)

# William CHRISTIE

# The Warriors of God

330pp Pb 17.95

A group of Islamic fundamentalists undertake to perform political acts in the USA and Pentagon staffer Rick Welsh decides to do something to stop the death and destruction. (American)

# **Margaret COEL**

# The Shadow Dancer

291pp Pb 17.95

With the disappearance of a young man and his old friend Vicky Holden accused of murder, Father John O'Malley must prove his hunch that both events are connected to a dangerous sect leader known as Orlando, who has resurrected the old Shadow Dance religion. (American)

# Jan COFFEY

Triple Threat 392pp Pb 17.95
When eight-year-old Chris
Weaver witnesses a political crime while
on a school field trip, he goes on the lam.
The crime in question is the destruction of
an authentic Betsy Ross flag that is on

display for a moraleboosting Spirit of America presidential tour. The FBI sends agent Nate Murtaugh undercover as a wealthy collector of antiquities to find an authentic replacement. (American)



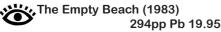
# Allan COLLINS



356pp Pb 16.95

The Frank Nitti trilogy Book 2. This novel sees PI Nate Heller trying to discover the real identity of the gunshot victim found next to the Biograph Theatre, the man the FBI confidently identified as John Dillinger. His search for the answer leads him into a confrontation with J Edgar Hoover. The other books in the trilogy are True Detective (1983, Pb 14.95) and The Million Dollar Wound (1986, Pb 16.95), which is due in October. (American)

#### **Peter CORRIS**



A case in Bondi began as a routine investigation into a supposed drowning, but Cliff soon finds himself literally fighting for his life in the murky, violent underworld of this beach culture. This book contains an added bonus, Man in the Shadows (1988). (Australian)

#### **Peter CORRIS**

Master's Mates 232pp Pb 19.95
A Cliff Hardy novel #26. Corris' world weary, but always charismatic, hero has long been established as Australia's favourite investigator. Often bloodied, but never bowed, in this latest novel, Hardy's legions of fans will relish another pacy adventure, branching further afield than his traditional mean streets territory to the steamy island paradise of French New Caledonia. (Australian)

#### Philip CRAIG

#### **Death in Vineyard Waters (1991)** 263pp Pb 17.95

A Martha's Vineyard mystery. This was originally published as The Woman Who Walked into the Sea. Acerbic professor Marjorie Summerharp walks into the ocean on a warm June morning, to be swallowed up forever by the hungry, merciless sea. Ex-Boston-cop J W Jackson knows that evil can flourish even in the most serene of settings. But nosing around in a snake pit of academic jealousy, adultery and bogus religion could prove deadly for the policemanturned-fisherman. (American)

# Barbara D'AMATO

# White Male Infant 276pp Pb 17.95

Surgical pathologist Dooley McSweeny and his wife dearly love the son they adopted from Russia four years ago. But when medical tests indicate that their

little boy could not possibly have come from Russia, the couple are plunged into the dark, complex and emotionally fraught world of international adoption. (American)



# **Patrick DAVIS**

# A Long Day for Dying

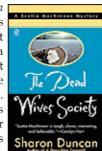
430pp Pb 17.95

When General Michael Garber, the newly appointed Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, is discovered dead in the private compartment of his airplane, Air Force investigator Martin Collins finds himself thrust into the most dangerous case of his career. (American)

## **Sharon DUNCAN**

# The Dead Wives Society 272pp Pb 15.95

A Scotia MacKinnon mystery. Scotia does not like her latest client, Aisha Rousseau. But that does not mean she will not help her. After all, Aisha was "done wrong" by her husband. Forbes Cameron, who stole



all of her assets, even her son's college fund, and disappeared. Aisha just wants her money back, until she learns that this handsome devil has a history of scamming wealthy women. And when Cameron's ex-wives start turning up dead, Scotia has to stop this serial groom before her client ends up in the morgue and the next bride says, "I do." (American)

#### **Barry EISLER**

390pp Pb 19.95 🔆 Rain Fall A John Rain novel #1. Rain follows his own code - he needs no one, trusts no one - until betrayal transforms him from hunter into hunted. Haunted by the past, Rain kills to order but his assassination of an old man has unforseen complications. A stunning, page-turning reinvention of the hitman thriller, this book marks the introduction of a compelling new series character. (American)

#### **G M FORD**

# Black River

There stronger argument for the death penalty than Nicholas Balagula but so far the elusive sociopath has escaped punishment through ruthless intimidation, jury tampering and the fortuitous deaths of prosecution chief



369pp Pb 17.95

witnesses. Now, the bloodthirsty West Coast crime boss has been charged with 63 counts of murder, and rogue journalist Frank Corso is the only non-participant allowed to observe the proceedings, which has placed the reclusive writer uncomfortably in the centre ring of the most crazed media circus to hit Seattle in years. (American)

# Meg GARDINER

Mission Canyon 326pp Tp 32.95 Evan Delaney is back, in the highoctane follow-up to China Lake (Pb 18.95). She has come to terms with the hitand-run crash that left her boyfriend, Jesse Blackburn, in a wheelchair and killed his best friend. But when she hears that the driver, Franklin Brand, is back in Santa Barbara, she is determined to help Jesse bring him to book for his crime. Then witnesses to the hit-and-run start dving and Jesse's search for justice becomes a hunger for vengeance, as powerful interests determine to stop him and Evan once and for all. (American)

# Lisa GARDNER

#### The Killing Hour 324pp Tp 29.95

For three summers. residents of Atlanta have been gripped by terror when the temperature creeps up to 100. As a heatwave of epic proportions descends, the game begins again. Two girls disappear and



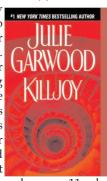
the clock is ticking. Rookie FBI agent Kimberly Quincy stumbles across the first body in the grounds of the FBI training facility at Quantico. This time the killer is raising the stakes. He wants the FBI's finest to come out and play... (American)

# Julie GARWOOD

Killjoy

439pp Pb 19.95

♥ Avery Delaney has always tried to put the past far behind her. Abandoned by her rapacious, conniving mother when she was only three days old. Avery was bv raised her grandmother and beloved aunt



Carolyn. Then, when she was 11, she witnessed her grandmother's violent death, before Avery herself was shot and left for dead. Miraculously, she survived. Years later, her razor-sharp mind and ability to gather data and decipher evidence have made her an expert crime analyst for the FBI. But soon she will have to use every one of her adroit skills on a case that hits painfully close to home. (American)

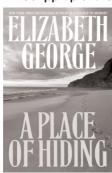


# Elizabeth GEORGE

A Place of Hiding

568pp Tp 32.95

Millionaire Guv Brouard has made his home on Guernsey and acted patron as and benefactor to many of the islanders. So his murder comes as a shock and puts many of their schemes in The jeopardy.



young woman arrested for the crime is China River, a Californian photographer who was only on Guernsey in the first place as a favour to her brother, Cherokee. In shock at this turn of events, Cherokee seeks help from his only UK contact, Deborah St James, a longstanding friend of his sister. Dealing with personal issues in her marriage and her career, Deborah rushes impulsively to the island to address this miscarriage of justice, accompanied, albeit reluctantly, by her husband, Simon, whose skills as a forensic pathologist and whose connections with Scotland Yard, will prove useful. As the couple penetrate the close-knit Guernsev community in order to solve the crime, they discover it has its roots in the island's history of Nazi Occupation. They also discover things about themselves, and their own relationship, along the way. (English)

# **Tess GERRITSEN**

The Apprentice 431pp Pb 19.95 Serial killer Warren Hoyt, known as The Surgeon, was captured a year ago but his crimes still haunt Boston homicide detective Jane Rizzoli. Now she faces a new killer, a hunter who preys on rich couples and copies an obscure element of Hoyt's crimes. And when Hoyt escapes from custody, there are two killers on the loose. (American)

# **Tess GERRITSEN**

The Sinner Within t the sanctuary walls of the chapel of Our Lady of Divine Light, now stained with blood, lie two nuns - one dead, one critically injured; victims of an unspeakably savage attacker. The brutal crime appears to be



without motive, and the elderly nuns in residence can offer little help in the police investigation. But medical examiner Maura Isles' autopsy of the dead woman yields a shocking surprise: 20-year-old Sister Camille, the order's sole novice, had given birth before she was murdered. (American)

## John GILSTRAP

Scott Free 360pp Tp 29.95 After surviving a plane crash, Scott O'Toole has to find his way through a frozen wilderness. When he believes he has found safety in a secluded hut, his problems really start. Harlan Coben says, the author "hits the accelerator on page one and never lets up." (American)

#### **David GRAND**

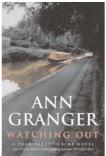
# 🏂 The Disappearing Body 401pp Tp 34.00

At once a noir thriller and a literary excursion into urban America between the wars, this novel is a tale of drug dealing and union-busting, murder and mayhem on both sides of the law, which combines the atmospheric richness of Dashiell Hammett and the irresistible, subversive humour of Thomas Pynchon. (American)

#### **Ann GRANGER**

Watching Out
A Fran Varaday 282pp Tp 32.95

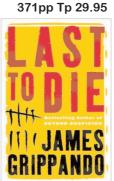
crime novel #5. The paint is not even dry on the sign in Fran's new office before she called to investigate the grisly murder of a man pushed under a train at Camden Station. The pursuit soon



takes her through the murkiest backstreets of London, but is Fran way out of her depth? (English)

# **James GRIPPANDO**

Last to Die Tatum Knight is Miami criminal defence lawyer Jack Swyteck's newest client. Sally Fenning worth 48 million dollars when she died. She named six heirs in her will, but there is a catch: No one gets a penny until all but one of



the heirs are dead. Quickly, the lawyers gear up for a bitter legal battle, but Jack braces himself for much worse. He alone knows that heir #6, Tatum Knight, is a professional killer. (American)

#### John GRISHAM

The King of Torts

372pp Tp 29.95

Reluctantly, Clay Carter takes on what seems to be the mundane case of a young man charged with a random street killing. But when digging into his client's background, he stumbles upon a horrendous conspiracy and finds himself in a situation that could make him the legal profession's king of torts. (American)

#### **Brian HAIG**

The Kingmaker 467pp Pb 17.95
In the worst case of treason in US history, General William Morrison has been charged with a breathtaking array of crimes. Odds makers give Sean Drummond zero chance of saving his client from a death sentence. However, his obligation runs deeper than simply professional: Morrison's wife, a CIA executive, has begged Sean to save her husband, and Drummond does not want to disappoint his old flame. (American)

#### James HALL

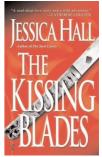
Off the Chart 337pp Tp 29.95 Before Alexandra came into Thorn's live, there had been Anne Joy, a beautiful woman who, after escaping the violence of her past, found something like happiness in the languid life of the Florida Keys. And her past includes her sadistic brother Vic, now a wealthy rogue businessman who specialises in the hijacking of pleasure boats and delights in cruelly murdering their owners. When Vic decides that he must possess the land on which Thorn's beloved home is built, nothing will stand in his way, not even the life of a little girl, the daughter of Thorn's closest friend. (American)

## Jessica HALL

# The Kissing Blades

292pp Pb 17.95

Los Angeles-based jewellery designer Kameko Sayura thought she had managed to steer clear of the criminal world inhabited by her father brothers. But when her 16-year-old shop assistant, Tara, is abducted, Kameko is

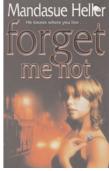


drawn into a perilous search for a priceless sword collection. Her only hope: Turn to the one man she vowed never to see again. The one man she loved and betrayed. (American)

# Mandasue HELLER

Forget Me Not 435pp Pb 18.95

Lisa Noone is 12 years old and wise beyond her years. She lives in squalor, close to the everapproaching poverty line. Pat Noone is her mother, a fearsome woman who just happens to be a member of the oldest profession in the



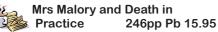
book. Together their lives are far from perfect, but they will always have each other. Or will they? Manchester's Westy Lane is no longer a safe haven for the working girl. A killer has made it his local hunting ground. (English)

#### **Jack HIGGINS**

Bad Company 265pp Tp 29.95

The new Sean Dillon thriller. In the waning days of WWII, Hitler gave his diary to a young aide for safekeeping. Now it is threatening to resurface, with explosive details of a meeting between emissaries of Hitler and Roosevelt to reach an armistice and turn their collective efforts against the Soviet Union. It is up to White House operative Blake Johnson, together with his colleague in British intelligence, Sean Dillon, to make sure they do not... (English)

#### **Hazel HOLT**



Dr Doolittle he is not! In fact, the new vet has no kennel-side manner at all. So, it is not a surprise when the vet turns up dead, or that one of the locals apparently had grudge enough to do him in. Mrs M sets about finding out who sent the vet to the big dog pound in the sky. (English)

## **Maddy HUNTER**

# Top o' the Mournin'

# 293pp Pb 15.95

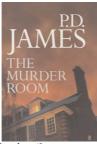
A Passport to Peril mystery #2. Emily Andrew is earning some much-needed green by navigating the twisting roads of Ireland with a group of seniors, including her beloved Nana. But once the hearty troupe from Iowa lands on Irish sod, trouble starts brewing. The plot thickens like Irish stew when the group settles into Ballybantry Castle, where a ghost is said to wander the halls. But it is no blarney when a very real corpse turns up in one of the guest rooms. (American)

## **P D JAMES**

# The Murder Room

369pp Tp 29.95 371pp Hb 45.00

When Commander Dalgliesh is persuaded by an old friend to visit the Dupayne, a small private museum on the edge of Hampstead Heath, he can have no idea that he will return to it one week later under very different



circumstances. One of the family trustees has been horribly murdered and Dalgliesh and his team are called in to investigate. Even before the murder, the museum was in tumult. A new lease is due to be signed and two of the trustees are determined to keep the museum open, the third passionately determined on its closure. The museum is dedicated to the years 1919-1939 and one of the galleries, the Murder Room, displays exhibits from the most notorious cases of those inter-war years. And now a modern killer is at work, the crimes uncannily echoing the cases on display. (English)

#### **Quintin JARDINE**

**Fallen Gods** 310pp Tp 29.95 The heat is on for DCC Bob Skinner, Scotland's most revered and, in some circles, most feared cop. His career hangs by a thread, as a recent illness gives his enemies a weapon to use against him. A body found in the detritus of a flood is identified as the hated brother whose existence he has kept hidden for years. On the crime front, an incendiary device destroys a valuable painting in the Royal Scottish Academy in Edinburgh. As Skinner and his team tackle these crises. his wife Sarah, left in America with their children to recover from the loss of her parents, finds comfort with an old college lover. When fate leaves her staring at a seemingly inevitable murder conviction, Bob will need all his fearsome resources to sort out the tangled mess his life has become. But is he still up to the challenge? (Scottish)

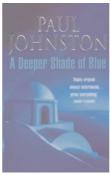
#### **Roy JOHANSEN**

Deadly Visions 306pp Pb 15.95
Ace magician turned ace police detective Joe (the Spirit Basher) Bailey, needs all his expertise when he is teamed up with psychic investigator Monica Gaines to crack a string of serial murders. When Monica herself is the victim of a grisly, near-fatal attack, Joe is more determined than ever to unmask the truth behind the phenomena. As he searches for answers to inexplicable questions, he discovers that politics and the paranormal make deadly bedfellows, that his escape-artist skills still come in handy and that even a psychic can know too much. (American)

# **Paul JOHNSTON**

# A Deeper Shade of Blue 384pp Pb 18.95

AlexMavros mystery #1. When Alex is asked to down missing woman, he jumps at the chance to leave the stifling heat of Athens. Travelling to the small island of Trigono, he soon realises that there is



more than one mystery to be solved. How did a young couple drown in the nets of a fishing boat? Why did a British journalist leave without telling her friends? Why is the millionaire Theocharis so nervous and whose bones does old Maro keep beneath her bed? The answers lie in events that took place during WWII, events that tie in with the island's most ancient history. In a race to prevent a terrible crime being repeated, Alex Mavros is pitted against a ruthless and depraved killer. (Scottish)

# **Morag JOSS**

# Half Broken Things

295pp Tp 32.95

Jean, Michael and Steph are three reluctant loners. Damaged and fearful of life, they cannot survive for alone much longer. A mixture of deceit, good luck and misfortune draw them to



Walden Manor, a country house that promises sanctuary from impending destitution. Out of an invented past they shape a beautiful present, full of hope and happiness. For the first time in their lives they lose their dread of the future. If their sense of safety is built on a delusion, does it matter? When the idyll is threatened, they discover that because their lives are now worth living they are also now worth preserving. But at what cost? (English)

#### **Brenda JOYCE**

# ★ The Chase 471pp Pb 17.95

Claire Hayden has no idea that her world is about to be shattered. At the conclusion of her husband's 40th birthday party, he is found murdered. He has no enemies. He has committed no crimes. He has no shady past. Or, at least that is what Claire thinks... (American)

## **Sharon KAHN**

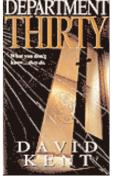
# Hold the Cream Cheese, Kill the Lox 237pp Pb 15.95

#5 in the Agatha Award nominated series. Ruby, the rabbi's wife, travels from one side of the USA to the other investigating the murder of a master lox cutter, whose roots are traced back to Nazi-era Denmark. (American)

#### **David KENT**

# Department Thirty 386pp Pb 17.95

After the suicide of both parents, son Ryan their receives a battered containing letter only a phone number and the words "Department Thirty" written in his mother's hand. Lured back to his boyhood home in Oklahoma City, he



begins to unravel his parents' connections to a mysterious government agency and a web of assassination and betrayal. Now, to prevent an ultimate act of domestic terror, Ryan must find out why he has become the next puppet in a legacy of deception and who is pulling the strings.... (American)

#### Simon KERNICK

# The Business of Dying 415pp Pb 21.95

DS Dennis Milne is out on the streets of London's King's Cross trying to solve a gruesome murder. 18-year-old Miriam Fox has been found dead near Regent's Canal. Determined to right a monstrous wrong, Milne trawls the murky world of street kids and the teenage vice trade. But his persistent enquiries soon implicate fellow police officers, and the mysterious Carla Graham, manager of the hostel where Miriam once stayed. Increasingly desperate to find Miriam's killer, Milne uncovers a web of depravity far more shocking than he could ever have imagined. Can he evade arrest for his own crimes and solve a case so sickening that it may provide the key to his own redemption? (English)

#### **Baine KERR**

Wrongful Death 388pp Pb 17.95
A man crushed between locomotives at a Wyoming switching yard... The mass murder of patients in a hospital in the former Yugoslavia... The wrongful death of a comatose woman. As attorney Elliot Stone starts piecing together a three-part Chinese puzzle, one question echoes through it all: How can the good do evil? (American)

#### Jonathan KING

#### A Visible Darkness

#### 243pp Tp 29.95

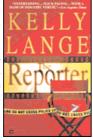
Max Freeman's self-imposed isolation in the Everglades is interrupted when he receives a desperate call from his best friend, attorney Billy Manchester. There has been a recent string of homicides: all women, all from poor neighbourhoods, and all with sizeable and recently sold off insurance policies, which the police have been unable to investigate. Billy suspects something sinister may be at work, and so, to help his friend, Max must reluctantly pry where he is not wanted, and act like the cop he is trying to forget he was. The author fills his novel with twists, turns and a breathtaking evocation of a rarely glimpsed underside of modern America. (American)

## **Kelly LANGE**

The Reporter 351pp Pb 17.95

A Maxi Poole mystery. Who killed Jack Nathanson, the Academy Awardwinning director? Plenty of people had motives, including his old Chicago friend

whom Jack screwed out of a production deal, and Meg Davis, a seriously disturbed former child star, who may have been sexually abused by Jack during filming. Not to mention every single one of his four ex-wives... (American)



## David LAWRENCE

# Nothing Like the Night 410pp Tp 29.95

Once she had been beautiful, now she was eight days dead. At first, she is just Jane Doe of Notting Hill, and then DS Stella Mooney finds a suspect. But while he is in custody, another body is discovered, butchered in the same way. It seems that Stella and her team are looking for someone who kills to feed a terrible appetite. In fact, they are up against something even more terrifying. There are two people involved and one of them, the dominant one, is a woman. (English)

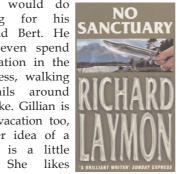
#### L M LAWSON

256pp Pb 16.95 Green Flash A Jessie and Neal Fox mystery. The duo survives ambush and sabotage while delivering to authorities a video camera they salvaged off the Mexican Riviera. Could these attacks mean the tape holds proof that a fatal accident at sea was really murder? From the tropical heat of Zihautanejo to the grandeur of Mexico City, this book will entice sailors and nonsailors alike to savour their passage into the world of boats and foreign ports. (American)

#### Richard LAYMON

# ★ No Sanctuary

Rick would do anything for his girlfriend Bert. He would even spend his vacation in the wilderness, walking the trails around Fern Lake. Gillian is off on vacation too, only her idea of a holiday is a little weird.



333pp Pb 17.95

breaking into people's homes while they are away and living there. Pity that this time she chances on the home of a serial killer who likes to take his female victims out into the wilderness for his fun. Rick and Bert are not the only ones heading to Fern Lake... (American)

#### **Cait LONDON**

# With Her Last Breath 373pp Pb 15.95

Maggie Chantel is running from memories too painful to acknowledge. And the small, peaceful town of Blanchefleur on the shores of Lake Michigan is where her running stops. Maggie just wants to be left alone to forget, but her new neighbour Nick Alessandro is paying her far too much attention. This beautiful, secretive woman fascinates him. But someone waiting in the shadows is determined that Maggie will love no one ever again. (American)

#### Gabrielle LORD

# Baby Did a Bad Bad Thing 531pp Pb 19.95

Gemma Lincoln has never been busier. She is investigating the disappearance of millionaire Benjamin Glass; she is trying to discover who killed her best friend Shelley; and she is also closing in on a killer who targets sex workers. But is Gemma's boyfriend two-timing her? And if he is, what can she do about it? And why is some unknown person determined destrov Gemma's to business? Lord ratchets up the tension to near breaking point in this extraordinary story that exposes the more frightening aspects of the human psyche. It was short listed for the Ned Kelly Award for Best Crime Novel 2003. (Australian)

#### John MACKIE

Manhattan North 372pp Pb 17.95 Set in the heart of Harlem, the novel opens with the brutal murder of Horace Grimes, a notorious drug kingpin. NYPD Detective Thornton Savage and his homicide squad take the case, which turns out to be the latest in a series of gruesome drug-tsar slayings. But after the lead investigator is killed, the case turns personal. (American)

#### Jay MacLARTY

## **\*** The Courier 354pp Pb 14.95 The Couriers' Motto: "The package always arrives unopened, undamaged and in one piece; but the courier may not be so lucky". Simon, a high-tech international courier of "packages" finds his latest job is a set-up for a fall. A psychotic, hired killer wants the package (of priceless medical data) and the

# **Charlotte MacLEOD**

# The Palace Guard (1981) 183pp Pb 16.95

pleasure of killing him. (American)

It has been quiet at Sara's elegant Beacon Hill boarding house lately. In fact, nobody has been murdered for months. Then, as she stands on a second floor balcony with lodger Max Bittersohn, something dark falls past them from above and ends up sprawled in the flower-filled courtyard below. (American)

#### Shane MALONEY

Something Fishy 242pp Pb 22.00 🕽 A Murray Whelan thriller #5. Respectability at last for Murray Whelan, MP! And true love, in the person of the salty tongued Lyndal Luscombe, who has in her possession a highly significant ultrasound photo. There must be a catch. And Murray's about to reel it in. This novel is, according to Barry Maitland from The Age, "Absurdly funny. We can only hope...it won't be too long before Murray makes Premier." (Australian)

**Margaret MARON** 

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#### **Nancy MARTIN**

**Dead Girls Don't Wear** 

Diamonds 258pp Pb 17.95

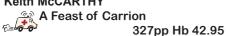
A Blackbird Sisters mystery #2. When a high society jewel thief winds up drowned at the bottom of a pool with a tacky garden gnome tied to her ankles, Nora must swing into action to save her old flame from a murder charge. (American)

#### **Amanda MATETSKY**

# **Murderers Prefer Blondes** 291pp Pb 15.95

A Paige Turner mystery. A feisty young widow with Brenda Starr bravado and a fixation with following in Agatha Christie's footsteps, Paige wants to pen a memorable mystery. But first she must solve the murder of a 24-year-old beauty queen. (American)

# **Keith McCARTHY**



Not for the squeamish, this novel concerns a nasty murder committed in the pathology museum of a medical school where the egos are large and there are scores to be settled. (English)

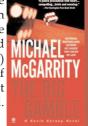
# Michael McGARRITY



342pp Pb 17.95

A Kevin Kerney novel. Two bodies have been found in a burned building. One is a missing person from Kerney's cold case

files. The other is a more recent homicide. Both bodies will lead the police chief and his estranged son (and deputy sheriff) into a vast network of crime and the darkest places of the soul. (American)



## Jill McGOWN

# Births, Deaths and Marriages 389pp Pb 22.00

A Lloyd and Hill mystery. In an isolated cottage a woman has been bludgeoned to death. Outside, a car has crushed a man. That, and a row overheard earlier that morning, is all DCI Lloyd has to go on. Who is the dead woman? Where is her handbag? If it was a burglary, why the extreme violence? If it was a domestic, why is the handbag missing? Questions without answers. (English)

# **Kyle MILLS**

# Sphere of Influence

439pp Tp 32.95

Mark Beamon has always been an unconventional FBI agent. Years of putting the truth ahead of political expediency have resulted in a dead-end job in the Phoenix office. But a new terrorist threat brings him back from the wilderness. Videotape proves that a terrorist cell in the United States has access to modern missile technology. Suspecting there is a connection between the Mob and the fanatics, Beamon is sent undercover with a fellow FBI agent. As events plunge him into a river of deceit, he is forced to address the most important question of his life: What makes a crime a crime? (American)

#### **Hunter MORGAN**

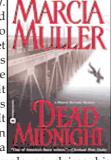
The Other Twin 349pp Pb 15.95

A sadistic killer targets twins who survived the murderous rage of Charles Eshey, an infamous serial killer who murdered one twin, leaving the other alone and tormented. Sydney Macgregor, one of the surviving twins, must face her painful past in order to stop a twisted madman. (American)

# **Marcia MULLER**

Dead Midnight 317pp Pb 19.95

Sharon A McCone mystery. McCone has decided to throw herself into work so she can get past her brother's but suicide, the wrongful-death suit she is working on hits too close to home. It is a civil case in which the family of a



young magazine employee claims his suicide was the result of his company's treatment of him. With the help of her friend JD Smith, she investigates the InSite offices and soon learns of its' publisher's less-than-professional activities. (American)



#### **BIII NAPIER**

277pp Tp 32.95 Shattered Icon As an antique map dealer in a small English town, Harry Blake appreciates the quiet life. But when a local landowner asks him to value a 400-year-old journal and twelve hours later he is brutally murdered, Harry's peace of mind is shattered. What does the dusty journal contain that is a matter of life or death? Why is someone prepared to pay Harry a fortune to steal it? He turns to marine historian Zola Khan to uncover the mysteries. The journal leads him into a world of deadly Elizabethan conspiracies, and the thread of history takes him through a thousand years of religious intrigue back to the blood-soaked Crusades. And he finally learns that at stake are millions of dollars and a plan to trigger nothing less than war... (English)

#### **Tara QUINN**

Where the Road Ends 379pp Pb 17.95

Amy Wainscoat's husband was killed a year ago and now the ex-nanny has kidnapped her five vear old son Charles. Driving across the country with a private investigator, Amy shares with him an intimacy more real



than everything but her love for her son. What they find on their journey shocks her like nothing else on earth. (American)

#### Robert RANDISI



East of the Arch

370pp Pb 17.95

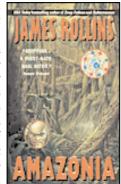
Joe Keough's new job as the top cop for the mayor of St Louis has him involved in political functions investigations. But all that changes when the bodies of pregnant women are discovered on the Illinois side of the Mississippi. (American)

# John RICKARDS

Winter's End 296pp Tp 29.95 As a violent storm rages over the small town of Winter's End, Sheriff Townsend comes upon a chilling scene of a young man, knife in hand and the body of a woman at his feet. The enigmatic suspect refuses to answer questions, and, bizarrely, there is no forensic evidence to link him to the crime. So Townsend calls Alex Rourke back to his sleepy hometown in northeastern Maine. After an absence of 20 years, Rourke - ex-FBI interrogator turned PI - is an expert in murderous minds. But as a sense of evil descends upon the town, Rourke soon realises he is an integral part of the killer's game. (American)

# James ROLLINS Amazonia

The Rand [ Scientific Expedition entered the lush wilderness of the Amazon and never returned. Years later, one of its members has stumbled out of the world's most inhospitable rainforest. He is a



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former Special Forces soldier, scarred, mutilated, terrified and mere hours from death. He went in with one arm missing and came out with both intact. Unable to comprehend this inexplicable event, the government sends Nathan Rand into this impenetrable secret world of undreamed-of perils, to follow the trail of his vanished father. (American)

#### Karen ROSE

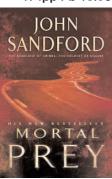
Mark Don't Tell 501pp Pb 15.95 Mary Grace Winters knew the only way to save herself and her child from her abusive cop husband was to stage their deaths. Armed with a new identity in a new town, she and her son have found refuge hundreds of miles away. As Caroline Stewart, she has almost forgotten the nightmare she left behind nine years ago. She is even taking a chance on love with Max Hunter, a man with wounds of his own. But her past is about to collide with the present when her husband uncovers her trail and her hard-won threatens peace. (American)

# John SANDFORD

Mortal Prey

Clara Rinker is a pleasant, softspoken, low-key Southerner. She is also the best hitin the woman husiness Now Clara is retired and living in Mexico with her boyfriend, the son of a local





drug lord. But her new life is shattered when a sniper's bullet narrowly misses her and kills her boyfriend. Now, she is going to have to disappear to find the killer herself. (American)

#### **Georges SIMENON**



Inspector Cadaver (1944) 153pp Pb 19.95

A Maigret novel. Asked to help a friend's brother-in-law who is accused of murdering his daughter's lover, Maigret arrives in a small French town and finds himself plunged into an atmosphere of animosity. (French)

#### **Caroline SLATE**

# The House on Sprucewood Lane 423pp Pb 19.95

Melanie McQuade's sister, documentary filmmaker Lex Cavanaugh, knows that nothing is as it appears, the truth of any picture lies in the eye of the beholder. So when her 10-year-old niece Calista, an Olympic-hopeful gymnast, has been found murdered, Lex comes to Westport and finds a family living out its worst nightmare. Suspicion is cast upon all members of the McQuade household. As the homicide investigation unfolds, decades of hidden indiscretions, raw resentments and buried truths come to the surface. (American)

## **Dana STABENOW**



A Kate Shugak novel. Change never comes easy, so when the news breaks that the new administration might be drilling for oil in a wildlife preserve in south-eastern Alaska, home to PI Kate Shugak, battle lines are quickly drawn across the community. But for Kate, who has not been able to get back into her daily life ever since her lover's violent death a few months ago, it is a welcome reprieve from doing nothing. (American)

# Sarah STROHMEYER Bubbles Ablaze #3



This novel finds the redoubtable Ms Bubbles Yablonsky heeding a call from her boss at the News Times and racing her Camira toward a potentially big news story. But when she arrives at an abandoned coalmine, she finds the love of her life, Steve Stiletto, unconscious and the body of another man with a sizeable hole in his chest. Moments later, Bubbles and Stiletto are trapped by an explosion. Convinced that someone wants them dead, they search for their intended assassin in coal country, where they uncover a conspiracy at the Main Mane hairdressing salon, a cadre of women known as the Sirens of Slagville and a hot spot called Limbo that has been burning underground for 40 years. (American)

#### **Mark SULLIVAN**

Labyrinth 436pp Pb 19.95

In the remote recesses of Kentucky's ancient Labyrinth Cave, a treasure is hidden. It is known simply as Moon Rock 66095, but it holds world-changing scientific properties. Led by a murderous scientist, a group of escaped convicts has hijacked and brutalised an underground NASA training mission, forcing them to guide them to the prize. (American)



# Virginia SWIFT

Bad Company 369pp Pb 17.95

A Mustang Sally mystery #2. Sally's the only person in Laramie, Wyoming, who gives a hoot about the brutal slaying of an overweight, oversexed honky-tonk angel with a taste for the very worst specimens of the male animal. Somewhere in the drunken chaos of the Jubilee Days festival, a week of rodeo and revelry, a murderer lurks. (American)

#### Elise TITLE

★ Killing Time 339pp Pb 17.95 31 year old Natalie Price has a tough superintendent in Massachusetts prison system, she rules over inmates' lives just before they get released. Now, however, she gets the biggest challenge of her six-year career when a good friend, a college professor who was teaching one of Natalie's charges, is brutally murdered. Natalie had gone out on a limb to give this inmate, a convicted rapist named Dean Walsh, this opportunity, and it looks like Dean certainly made the most of it: He is

#### Lea WAIT

# Shadows at the Fair 250pp Pb 17.95

the prime suspect. (American)

An Antique Print mystery. In the world of antiques dealing, there is a chain of suspicious deaths among dealers in the weeks prior to the Rensselaer County Spring Antiques Fair. For Maggie Summer, owner of Shadow Antiques and an



antique print expert, the threat of murder is far from her mind as she displays her treasures at the prestigious show. Though rumours abound, security is tight, and Maggie has been in the business too long to be easily rattled, she cannot help observing her colleagues with fresh eyes. And when sudden death claims a victim in their midst, Maggie races to stop a killer. (American)

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405pp Tp 27.95

This is a gritty crime thriller from the crown prince of 'Brit noir', centred on the 1984 miners' strike. The action takes place in a depressed mining town in the North East. Switching continuously between 1984 and the present day, the plot follows the intertwined lives of a small group of characters, all linked in various ways to the miners' strike. As their lives unfold, it becomes clear the strike will have devastating repercussions not only for those directly involved, but for future generations too. (English)



# Jill Paton WALSH & Dorothy L SAYERS A Presumption of Death

378pp Pb 19.95

The new Lord Peter Wimsey novel. The story opens in 1940. Harriet Vane, now Lady Peter Wimsey, has taken her children to safety in the country. But the war has followed them: glamorous RAF pilots and even more glamorous land-girls scandalise the villagers while the blackout makes the night-time lanes as sinister as the back alleys of London. Then the village's first air raid practise ends with a very real body on the ground, not a war casualty but a case of plain, oldfashioned murder. And even before the second body is found, Lord Peter and his brilliant wife are on their way to finding the killer. (English)

# Stephen WHITE

\* The Best Revenge 398pp Tp 29.95 The new Alan Gregory thriller. Tom Clone served 13 years on Colorado's death row for a crime he claimed he did not commit, until FBI agent Kelda James dug up evidence that set him free. With both Kelda and Clone telling him their innermost secrets, Alan Gregory becomes the one person who can piece together an extraordinary puzzle of two unsolved violent deaths of vulnerable women, of a man who may be innocent or may be very lucky, and of the strange, fatal attraction between two people trapped in a horrific plot to get revenge at any price. (American)

# Kate WILHELM

Skeletons 377pp Pb 17.95
Lee Donne's family is gifted. Her mother has three doctorates, her father is an economics genius, and her grandfather is a world-renowned Shakespearean scholar. Lee's own gift, if you could call it that, is an eidetic memory that seems to maintain a visual representation of everything she has ever seen. Using her strange gift as she probes into her family's past, Lee uncovers secrets more far-reaching and sinister than she ever could imagine. (American)

# Paula WOODS

#### **Stormy Weather**

## 288pp Pb 17.95

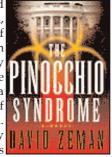
A Charlotte Justice novel. Despite her education and training, Charlotte has concluded that being a black female in the LAPD is no day at the beach. First, she confronts the work of a self-styled mercy killer who may have an active accomplice still at large. And now she faces the baffling case of Maynard Duncan, a pioneering African American film director and community activist who was all but forgotten, until he was found dead in his elegant Hancock Park home. (American)



#### David ZEMAN

# The Pinocchio Syndrome 501pp Tp 29.95

An ocean liner called the Crescent Queen, carrying a group of gifted American students, is suddenly vaporised in the Mediterranean by a nuclear weapon of unknown origin. Soon after, a deadly disease appears



around the world. With no known cure or treatment, the plague-like affliction paralyses its victims and creates a terrifying physical deformity that causes it to be called "the Pinocchio Syndrome." (American)

# HISTORICAL CRIME



249pp Hb 29.95

# **Boris AKUNIN**The Winter Queen

An Erast Fandoran mystery #1. 19th century Russia. Fandorin is a gentleman sleuth in tsarist Russia. A 23 year old law student commits suicide in broad daylight in Moscow's Alexander Gardens. Fandorin is



put on the case to find out what drove him to it, a case that deepens as he discovers that the young man was the son of a rich and influential factory owner. After all, it is difficult to keep your mind on a case when the new Dostoyevsky novel has just hit the shops. Fandorin has been described as 'the James Bond of the 19th century' and the author has been compared to Gogol, Tolstoy and Conan Doyle. The UK publication of these books will be an international literary event and mark the arrival of a startling new voice in the thriller marketplace. (Russian)

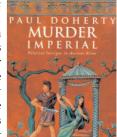
# Alys CLARE

# The Faithful Dead 305pp Pb 18.95

A Hawkenlye mystery #5. 1147, Europe. An elderly pilgrim dies in Hawkenlye Vale. Nothing suspicious about that: he was gravely ill when he arrived. Meanwhile, Josse d'Acquin has a visit from Prince John. Accompanied by his seer, the Prince urgently seeks news of a stranger, Galbertius Sidonius. Josse, Yves and the Abbess are hurled into a mystery whose roots stretch back much further than the Second Crusade. And, watching them with his strange dark eyes is the enigmatic figure of the Prince's Magister. (English)

# Paul DOHERTY Murder Imperial

Political Intrigue in Ancient Rome #2. AD 313. Now, with Constantine's victory over Maxentius in the west, Rome finally appears to be emerging from its turbulent past. But instead of enjoying

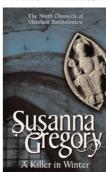


242pp Tp 32.95

the fruits of his victory, Emperor Constantine is in trouble. In order to consolidate his power and under the guidance of his mother Helena, he plans to harness the increasingly influential Christian Church. Then a series of murders brings his loyalties into question. The emperor frequents courtesans from the Guild of Aphrodite. three of whom have been found dead, all with crosses etched on their foreheads and each cheek. In order to protect her son's future, Helena, aided by the priest Anastasius, calls upon the service of an 'agente in rebus politicis,' or spy. Claudia is the niece of a tavern-owner and is placed as a wine-server in Constantine's household. But Claudia has secret motives of her own... (English)

# Susanna GREGORY

# A Killer in Winter 488pp Hb 49.95



The 9th Chronicle of M a t t h e w B a r t h o l o m e w. December 1354, Cambridgeshire. The weather has trapped many travellers in the town, including Matthew's erstwhile love, Philippa. She and her wealthy husband are invited

to Michaelhouse for the main feast and Matthew is horrified that he does not immediately recognise the overweight, sulky woman who once stole his heart. He is relieved to accept Brother Michael's orders to identify a man found dead, apparently from exposure, in a nearby church but the success of his mission brings him closer to Philippa's circle, for the man was her husband's servant. And then the husband himself is dead, victim of an accident on the treacherous ice of the fens. Or was it a more sinister death, somehow linked to the death of one of his business rivals months earlier in London? (English)



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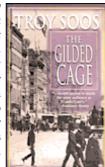
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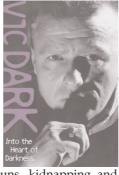
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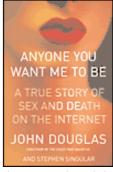


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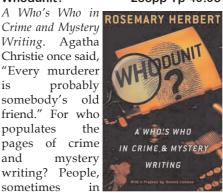
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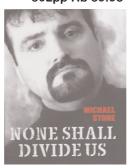


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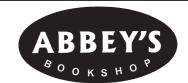
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