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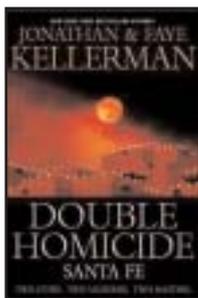
## HOT NEW TITLES FOR SEPTEMBER...

### DOUBLE HOMICIDE

Jonathan & Faye KELLERMAN

Tp 32.95

Two masters of the thriller genre break new ground with their very first collaboration, introducing two different sets of cops in two different cities, faced with two very different murders. In Santa Fe, Darrel Two Moons and Steve Katz are working the 4pm-2am Special Investigation shift when they are called to the scene of a blunt-force homicide. The victim: a wealthy art dealer with a shady reputation, very few friends and an awful lot of enemies who are not sorry to see him dead. Meanwhile, Dorothy Breton and her partner McCain are called to downtown Boston on the same night that Dorothy finds a revolver in her teenage son's backpack. Now her elder son is a witness to the killing of a promising athlete in a shoot-out.

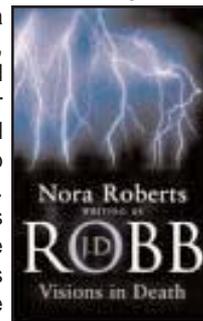


### VISIONS IN DEATH

J D ROBB

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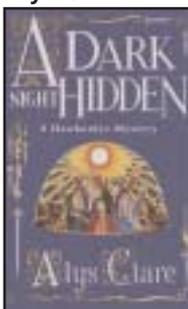
Eve Dallas's latest homicide case is a particularly vicious one. A young mother, Elisa Maplewood, is found raped and strangled in the park, her body naked but for what appears to be a red ribbon tied round her neck. Psychic Celina Sanchez claims to have experienced visions of the killer. Though Eve remains sceptical of Celina's abilities, she must use all the resources she can to track down the killer before he strikes again. No. 19 in the series arrives at the same time as the 18th in paperback, **Divided in Death** (19.95).



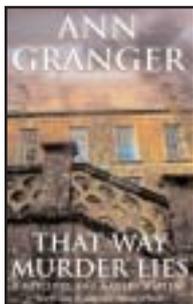
### A DARK NIGHT HIDDEN

Alys CLARE

Pb 18.95



The new priest has arrived at Hawkenlye Abbey and he is a cruel fanatic. Then he is found dead in a ditch after threatening the abbess, and few mourn his passing. Unfortunately, his assailants have as little love for the abbey as they had for the deceased and that spells danger for everyone. Abbess Helewise once again calls on her friend Joss d'Aquin for his help. The 6th in the series.



### THAT WAY MURDER LIES

Ann GRANGER

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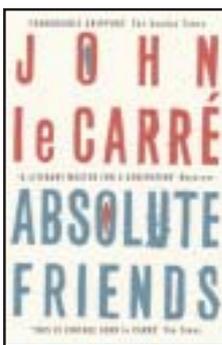
Alan Markby and Meredith Mitchell tackle a new case when a middle-aged woman starts to receive poison pen letters relating to a murder of which she was acquitted when she was 20 years old. But this mystery is not the only thing they have to resolve. There is also the question of their on-off relationship. The 15th in this great, English police series.

### ABSOLUTE FRIENDS

John LE CARRE

Pb 19.95

This was a bestseller in hardback last Christmas. Friends Ted Mundy and Sasha first meet in the late 1960s as students in riot-torn West Berlin, again in the grimy looking-glass of Cold War espionage and, most terribly, in today's unipolar world of terror, counter-terror and war of lies. This superbly paced novel, spanning 56 years, is a theatrical masterstroke of tragi-comic writing and a savage fable of our times.

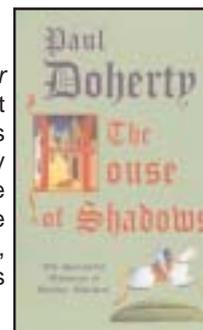


### THE HOUSE OF SHADOWS

Paul DOHERTY

Pb 18.95

*The Sorrowful Mysteries of Brother Athelston #10.* A series of brutal murders at a tavern interrupts Brother Athelston's rehearsals for the annual Christmas mystery play. He decides to solve not only these grisly deaths, but also their source, the Great Robbery of the Lombard treasure, which occurred in Southwark some 20 years earlier.



### PHRYNE FISHER COMPETITION

Abbey's reader, Lisa Yates, is the lucky winner of a trip to Melbourne and a crime tour of Melbourne hosted by Kerry Greenwood.

Thank you to all those who entered and to Phryne Fisher publishers, Allen and Unwin.

"Kerry Greenwood is one of Australia's leading writers of mystery fiction . . . Miss Fisher is a remarkable and engaging creature who can solve whodunits as easily as if she were the naughty niece of Miss Marple - Sydney Morning Herald"

### APOLOGY

In last month's *Chronicle*, the new Karin Slaughter title **Indelible** was incorrectly listed at \$19.95 instead of \$29.95. Our current stock of this title has been priced at \$19.95, but when new stock arrives the price will increase to \$29.95. If you bought a copy at the full price, please contact me and I will arrange for \$10 to be deducted from your next purchase.

- Peter



### Modern Crime

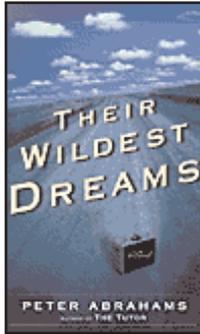
**Peter ABRAHAMS**

**Their Wildest Dreams**

453pp Pb 19.95

"Mackie dreaded the mail."

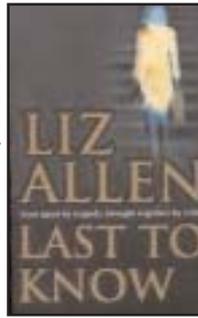
From this simple beginning, Abrahams opens the curtains on a mesmerising world down on the Mexican border, a world of complex and passionate people whose ambitions will lead them on a relentless collision course; a desert world that rises to the mythic in this book. Stephen King calls Abrahams, "My favourite American suspense writer." (American)



**Liz ALLEN**

**Last to Know** 391pp Pb 18.95

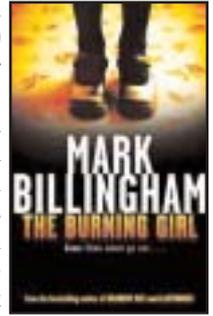
Deborah Parker is the newest recruit at Jennings and Associates solicitors and she has just bagged herself one of the biggest clients there is. Michael Mooney Jr is wanted by the police for a brutal attack on a prostitute, but he just happens to be the son of one of the biggest names in organised crime in Ireland. Deborah is his key to freedom. But you cannot play with the Devil and expect to emerge un-scathed, and suddenly she is a wanted woman on both sides of the law. Is someone expertly manipulating her life, determined to destroy everything she has ever lived and worked for? (Irish)



**Mark BILLINGHAM**

**The Burning Girl** 357pp Tp 29.95

Jessica Clarke had been set alight 20 years ago. Her attacker is still in gaol, his career as a hit man for North London gangs now well behind him. So who is harassing Carol Chamberlain, the arresting officer in that case, and claiming that he is the one who burned the girl? (English)



**Richard BEASLEY**

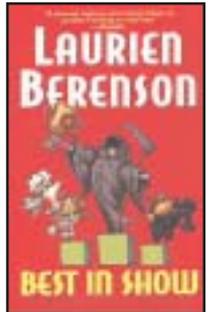
**The Ambulance Chaser** 356pp Tp 30.00

Lawyer Christopher Blake is bankrupt. The only work he can get is giving pro bono advice at a legal centre on how to sue a cat. This is not paying his creditors, but the presence of a colleague who looks like Catherine Zeta-Jones almost makes up for it. In desperation, he takes on a job with South Pacific Group Insurance, the world's fastest-growing insurance company and a place where injured plaintiffs should just stop moaning and die. Which, Chris notices, they happen to be doing at an alarming rate. He decides to conduct his own investigation into SPGI in this brilliantly funny tale of what can happen when a corporation breaches capitalism's golden rule: Never employ an honest lawyer. The author's previous novel, **Hell Has Harbour Views** (Pb 18.95) had John Birmingham stating it was, "The funniest, most unutterably savage lawyer joke ever." (Australian)

**Laurien BERENSON**

**Best in Show** 302pp Pb 15.95

A Melanie Travis mystery. There are dog shows. And then there is the PCA: The Poodle Club of America National Specialty Dog Show. For poodle purists, it is the pinnacle of the show season, drawing thousands of competitors and spectators from all over the world. And though she has her own standard poodle puppy to show, Melanie gets leashed into helping out on the raffle committee by her formidable aunt. (American)



**Robert G BARRETT**

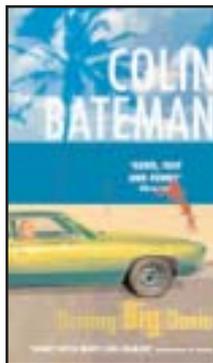
**Rosa-Marie's Baby** 343pp Pb 18.95

If it wasn't for a letter lost in the system for decades landing on his lap, Les would never have known he was not the only Norton to gain notoriety thanks to Kings Cross. Even worse than Les was devil-worshipping artist and occultist Rosa-Marie Norton, the Witch of Kings Cross. Rosa was so bad the police arrested her for lewd behaviour and obscenity, and the customs department burnt her paintings; paintings now worth thousands of dollars. According to the lost letter, a bundle of her paintings are hidden in an old church in Victoria... (Australian)

**Colin BATEMAN**

**Driving Big Davie** 312pp Tp 32.95

For many years Dan Starkey has been a journalist of some repute, mainly ill. Now he is back with his wife Patricia, and while they try for a baby he is aiming to keep himself out of trouble. Had he not been caught in a rather awkward position when he received a phone call from Big Davie Kincaird, he might not have decided to return to the village of Groomspout. And had he not drunk too much in order to cover the awkwardness of seeing this friend he hasn't known for 25 years, he might not have found himself agreeing to go on honeymoon... in Florida... for three weeks... with Big Davie. What else could possibly go wrong? (Irish)



#### KEY

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canine detectives



clerical



cosy/malice domestic



culinary/food



fbi



feline detectives



forensic



horse racing mystery



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political/legal



psychological



private eye



romantic suspense



sport



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suspense/thriller



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**Nero BLANC****Anatomy of a Crossword****324pp Tp 29.00**

A mystery with crosswords #7. Crossword editor Belle Graham is headed for Hollywood to work as technical consultant on a new TV series called *Anatomy of a Crossword*. But just a couple of days into shooting, things go awry. First, the puzzle Belle created for the show arrives from the typesetter with the clues completely changed. Then, one of the actors suddenly dies on the set. With only long-distance detective help from husband Rosco, Belle is out of her element and on her own solving this one. (American)

**Ingrid BLACK****The Dark Eye 311pp Tp 32.95**

A hit man is on the loose, targeting men, seemingly at random, all over Dublin. Each time the victim is killed by a single shot, always from a different gun. When former FBI agent Saxon is drawn into the investigation, she believes that the fourth victim, a photographer called Felix, holds the key to the killer's identity. As DCS Grace Fitzgerald and her team hunt for the hit man, Saxon is urged on by Felix's sister to delve deeper into his world and uncovers secrets someone wants kept buried... (Irish)

**Peter BLAUNER****The Last Good Day 580pp Pb 17.95**

Lynn and Barry Schulman moved their family to the leafy suburb of Riverside to be surrounded by family and old friends and escape the danger of city life. But when a headless body, which turns out to belong to Lynn's oldest friend, floats to the surface of the river, they realise Riverside may not be the sanctuary they were seeking. Instead, it is a town fraught with tension and simmering with sexual intrigue. (American)

**Lilian Jackson BRAUN****The Cat Who Talked Turkey****182pp Pb 18.95**

A Jim Qwilleran Feline Whodunit #26. In Qwill's opinion, "A town without a bookstore is like a chicken with one leg," and since the late Eddington Smith's bookstore burned down, the town of Pickax has been somewhat off balance. To the rescue comes the Klingenschoen Foundation, manager of Qwill's estate, which considers a new bookstore a worthy investment. Delighted by their good fortune, the people of Moose County prepare to celebrate the gala groundbreaking of the store on the site of the old. But no one is prepared for the discovery of the body of a man shot execution style in a wooded area on the very same day. Now Qwill and his clever cats have their work cut out for them. (American)

**D W BUFFA****Breach of Trust****371pp Tp 29.95**

A Joseph Antonelli novel #6. Antonelli is seduced into taking a case that has dangerous implications not only for the upcoming US presidential race but also for a group of friends who thought they had put the sudden death of a young woman behind them long ago. When the trial begins, the nation's eyes turn to the accused, the downtrodden James Haviland, and to the unseen powers in the White House who want to bury him. It is up to the shrewd and sharp Antonelli to uncover just where the secrets lie and exactly who is playing whom. (American)

**D W BUFFA****Star Witness 473pp Pb 18.95**

A Joseph Antonelli novel #5. Defending Stanley Roth, the most prominent film director in LA, against a charge of first degree murder Antonelli is soon grappling with vicious Hollywood politics, a huge media circus and a client so unpredictable that even he doubts his innocence. (American)

**John BURDETT****Bangkok 8 431pp Pb 19.95**

Surreal Bangkok, city of temples and brothels, where Buddhist monks in saffron robes walk the same streets as world-class gangsters, where bodies and souls are for sale or rent, and where the way you die may be more important than the way you live. Inside a locked Mercedes, a python and a cobra kill an African-American marine sergeant. The only two cops in the city not on the take arrive too late. Minutes later, only one is alive. Sworn to avenge the death of his partner and soul brother, Sonchai Jitpleecheep, a fair-skinned Thai and a devout Buddhist, works his way through District 8. His tools are the forensic techniques of the modern police department; no less vital is his profound understanding of the mystical workings of the spirit world. (English)

**Ellen BYERRUM****Designer Knockoff****325pp Pb 15.95**

A Crime of Fashion mystery. When fashion columnist Lacey Smithsonian learns that a new fashion museum will soon grace unfashionable D.C., it is more than a good story, it is a chance to show off her vintage Hugh Bentley suit. And it is not long before the dapper designer himself spots Lacey in the crowd. A reporter at heart, she manages to get all the juicy details about his past, including a long-unsolved mystery about a missing employee. Could it be linked to the disappearance of a Washington intern or the recent Bentley boutique robbery? Lacey sets out to unravel the murderous details in a fabric of lies, greed and (gasp!) very bad taste... (American)

**Agatha CHRISTIE****Poirot: The Complete Battles of Hastings 759pp Tp 35.00**

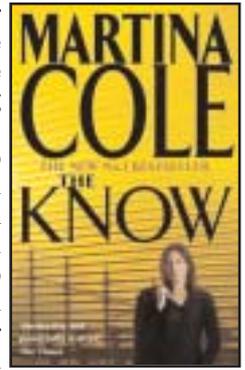
Volume 2. This contains *Lord Edgware Dies*, *The ABC Murders*, *Dumb Witness* and *Poirot's Last Case*. (English)

**Harlan COBEN****One False Move (1998)****337pp Pb 18.95**

A Myron Bolitar novel #1. This is the book in which Harlan Coben revealed himself as a talent to watch. (American)

**Martina COLE****The Know****629pp Pb 18.95**

Joanie Brewer loves her three children. She would do anything to protect them, even resorting to prostitution and petty crime in order to feed and clothe them. So when her beautiful teenage daughter is raped and



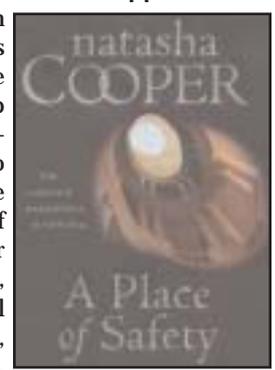
murdered, only one thing will stop her pain; seeing her daughter's killer brought to justice. She knows who he is and will do whatever it takes to nail him... (English)

**Max Allan COLLINS****CSI Miami: Heat Wave****256pp Pb 14.95**

After the drive-by killing of crime boss Kurt Wallace, the many gangs of Miami began to vie for control of its underworld. Soon each gang becomes a victim to an attack, only to turn around and kill out of revenge, leading to a bloodbath. (American)

**Natasha COOPER****A Place of Safety****311pp Pb 18.95**

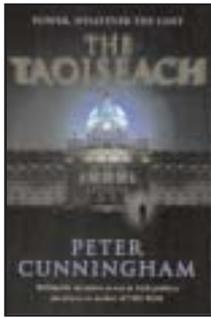
Barrister Trish Maguire needs all the time she can find to help her young half-brother adjust to life after the violent death of his mother. Sir Henry Buxford, an influential acquaintance, has other ideas.



He asks Trish to investigate one of his private charities; a magnificent art collection built up before 1914 and lost for most of the 20th century. Taking a crash course in the murkier aspects of the art world, Trish is determined to unlock the secrets she is sure are hidden somewhere in the collection. Her research takes her not only into the heart of an engrossing love story, but also the agonising reality of life in the trenches of WWI. (English)

**Peter CUNNINGHAM****The Taoiseach 391pp Pb 18.95**

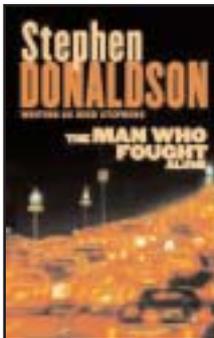
In post-1950s Ireland, a corrupt circle of politicians and businessmen control the levers of power. Lucrative property deals involving the sale of government assets are secretly financed by Middle Eastern oil dollars in exchange for Irish passports. Planning corruption is practised as a matter of course. Political donations are rewarded with access to offshore bank accounts as the ordinary people are forced to tighten their belts. At the heart of this web of deceit and intrigue is the Taoiseach, the Irish Prime Minister Harry Messenger. A survivor of the political turmoil of the late 1960s, Messenger has now seized control and nothing is allowed to stand in the way of his hold on power or his voracious lifestyle. This top-notch political thriller shows modern Ireland as never before. But it is the people who provide the greatest fascination. Trapped in a spiral of ambition, greed and loyalty to one man, their lives are a compelling insight into the Ireland of our time. (Irish)

**Mary DAHEIM****Hocus Croakus 372pp Pb 15.95**

A *Bed and Breakfast mystery*. Leaving their beloved Seattle B&B, which is being renovated, Judith McMonigle Flynn and husband Joe take their two squabbling mothers and Judith's cousin Renie to Lake Stillasnowamish Resort Casino in this winning addition to Daheim's long-running series. (American)

**Stephen DONALDSON****The Man Who Fought Alone #4 533pp Pb 18.95**

When Mick catches a bullet while in the process of taking out the top hit man of Puerto Del Sol's only real crime-lord, his partner and sometime lover Ginny Fistoulari decides to get them out of town. Mick, without a PI licence and fast alienating Ginny, must rebuild his life, but the only way is to trust the one man he hates most, Marshal Viviter: an old college friend of Ginny's and a phenomenally successful private investigator. (American)

**Stephen DONALDSON****The Man Who Tried to Get Away #5 346pp Pb 18.95**

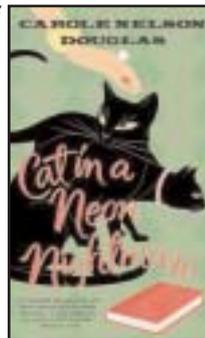
Mick is in trouble again; he has taken a bullet in the stomach and someone wants to finish the job. His partner Ginny Fistoulari is determined to keep him safe, so she takes an assignment so straightforward it is practically a vacation. Murder on Cue run mystery camps and their insurance company require a security presence. The camp is being held at an isolated hunting lodge, and all they have to do is show up, play along and keep their real identities secret. But the game becomes only too real when they find themselves at the heart of murder hunt. (American)

**Carole Nelson DOUGLAS****Cat in a Neon Nightmare 356pp Pb 15.95**

A *Midnight Louie mystery #15*. This time Midnight Louie treads the lurid side of mystery's mean streets when a call girl named Vassar is found lying dead on the neon ceiling above a Las Vegas casino. Suicide or homicide? If straight-arrow radio shrink Matt Devine, the man most likely to have been Vassar's unlikely last client, is charged for Vassar's murder, everyone Louie knows is an accessory to the crime. To save Matt's future, Temple Barr will have to crack the cover-up with the unsuspected help of Midnight Inc. Investigations, now including a junior partner: Louie's maybe-daughter, Midnight Louise. Meanwhile, a hot new club in town, Neon Nightmare, has links to the mysterious Synth, a sinister association of magicians that may lie behind the string of unsolved deaths. And with the psychotic stalker, Kitty the Cutter, still prowling, death is definitely in the cards for someone Temple knows very well, and not even Louie may be able to stop it. (American)

**David DUN****Unacceptable Risk 475pp Pb 15.95**

Deep in the wilds of the Amazon jungle, a rare insect is discovered to possess an incredible substance within its body, one that can alter the cells of the human brain. It is a breakthrough that could bring untold power or unspeakable horror. Covert operative Sam Wintripp is charged with locating a researcher who is trying to uncover the secrets of the mysterious substance. But he is not alone. A ruthless terrorist is also on the hunt, with his own twisted plans to unleash a genetic nightmare on the world. (American)

**Sharon DUNCAN****The Lavender Butterfly Murders 249pp Pb 13.95**

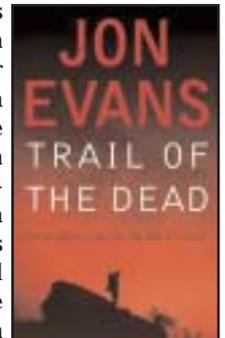
A *Scotia MacKinnon mystery*. At a yoga retreat on nearby Santa Maria Island, Scotia becomes embroiled in a nasty struggle between the spa's innkeeper and her rustic neighbours, a series of accidents and what looks like murder. (American)

**Anthony EGLIN****The Blue Rose 304pp Hb 45.00**

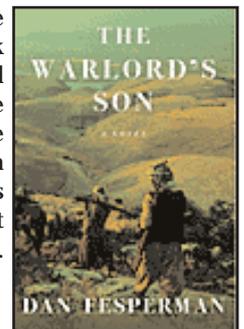
The *first Lawrence Kingston gardening mystery*. Alex and Kate Sheppard have found the perfect house; the home they had always dreamed of owning. Nestled deep in the Wiltshire countryside and surrounded by a two-acre walled garden, The Parsonage was to be their little Eden... but not even paradise stays perfect forever. (English)

**Jon EVANS****Trail of the Dead 328pp Pb 18.95**

Paul Wood is trekking with another backpacker in the Annapurna Range of the Himalayas when they find the still-warm body of a Canadian with his skull smashed in and a Swiss army knife plunged into each eye. An extraordinarily brutal and unusual crime, Paul has seen such a death before. His girlfriend was murdered in Cameroon two years before and her eyes had been mutilated in an identical way. Another terrible similarity: the local authorities are not interested in investigating it. And if Paul has been a witness to two murders, how many more victims are there lying in the third world who have not been discovered? (English)

**Dan FESPERMAN****The Warlord's Son 373pp Tp 32.95**

From the author of *The Small Boat of Great Sorrows* (Pb 19.95), which won the *CWA Ian Fleming Steel Dagger for Best Thriller* in 2003, this is a stand-alone thriller set in Afghanistan during the recent civil war. Burned-out American war correspondent Skelly has been promised the scoop of a lifetime, the sort that will allow him to write his own ticket back to the USA. He and his fixer Najeeb are on the trail of the tribal leader whom every American is after, the biggest fish of them all. (American)



**Meg GARDINER****Jericho Point 326pp Tp 32.95**

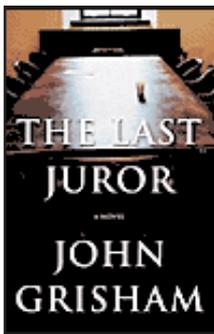
*The new Evan Delaney novel.* When a young woman tumbles dead onto the beach, the police identify the body. It is Evan Delaney. Except that Evan is very much alive. It is her identity that has been stolen. And the thief has compromised more than just Evan's bank account. She has been scamming money from rich Hollywood wannabes including a vicious drug boss. He wants his money back. From Evan. Soon she finds herself harassed by drug runners and suspected of murder. *Two for the price of one:* buy this book and receive Gardiner's **Mission Canyon** (Pb usually \$18.95) absolutely **FREE!** (American)

**Joseph GEARY****Mirror****353pp Tp 29.95**

The last major work by Franklin Koenig before his spectacular self-immolation in 1958, **MIRROR** recently showed up in New York where it sold for US\$23m: the highest price ever paid for a piece of post-war art. The seller, Linda Carey, was Koenig's lover in his last tortured months. The buyer was the Modern Art Museum. Curator Ellen Lindz discovers a doctored catalogue, which puts the painting's authenticity in doubt and her own reputation on the line. Determined to clear her name, Ellen sets out to uncover the truth about **MIRROR**. The answers lie in the past, in the cultural cold war of 1950s America and a secret that could blow apart the multi-billion dollar art market. (American)

**John GRISHAM****The Last Juror 355pp Tp 29.95**

In 1970, one of Mississippi's more colourful weekly newspapers, *The Ford County Times*, went bankrupt. To the dismay of many, ownership was assumed by 23-year-old college dropout Willie Traynor. The future of the paper looked grim until a young mother was brutally raped and murdered by a member of the notorious Padgitt family. Traynor reported all the gruesome details, and his newspaper began to prosper. Danny Padgitt's trial came to a startling and dramatic end when the defendant threatened revenge against the jurors if they convicted him. Nevertheless he was sentenced to life in prison. But in Mississippi in 1970, 'life' didn't necessarily mean 'life', and nine years later, Padgitt was paroled. (American)

**Daniel HECHT****Land of Echoes 450pp Pb 18.95**

Lucretia (Cree) Black is a parapsychologist whose investigative methods include in-depth historical research and psychological analysis. When her former mentor and renowned neuropsychiatrist Mason Ambrose asks her to examine a 15-year-old boy suffering from bizarre and frightening symptoms, Cree reluctantly finds herself embroiled in the extraordinary case of Tommy Keeday. A case whose roots lie in the unsolved mystery of a gruesome murder that took place over 15 years before. (American)

**James HERBERT****Nobody True 502pp Pb 18.95**

Jim True has been murdered but he is still aware. Freed from his body, Jim pursues his killer to discover why and how he has managed to survive. As he closes in, he discovers a web of betrayal and meets his killer who can leave his body at will. (English)

**Carl HIAASEN****Skinny Dip 355pp Tp 29.95**

Chaz Perrone might be the only marine scientist in the world who does not know which way the Gulf Stream runs but he has just found a way to make a fortune out of the Florida Everglades, and he is damned if anyone is going to stop him. So when he suspects that his wife is going to get in his way, he takes her on an expensive anniversary cruise and pushes her overboard into the Atlantic. Unfortunately for Chaz, she survives the fall. Clinging to a bale of Jamaican pot, she manages to stay alive, and is plucked from the ocean by former cop Mick Stranahan. But instead of rushing to the police and reporting her husband's crime, Joey decides to stay dead and (with Mick's help) screw with Chas until he screws himself. Hiaasen takes us on a hilarious, romantic, page-turning journey through the warped politics of southern Florida, and through the madness and mayhem created by the human heart. (American)

**Maddy HUNTER****Pasta Imperfect****285pp Pb 15.95**

*A Passport to Peril mystery.* The discount travel package to Italy seemed like a great deal: Emily Andrew could lead her globe-trotting Iowans on the trip of a lifetime and bring her family to boot. Maybe she should have read the fine print.... Sharing their itinerary with a group of hyper-competitive, aspiring romance writers is just a prelude to more Machiavellian drama than an Italian opera. Amid backstabbing and catcalling, bodies start turning up! Now Emily will need more than a phrasebook to say *ciao* to someone with a hot and spicy passion for murder. (American)

**Arnaldur INDRIDASON****Jar City 275pp Tp 32.95**

*A Reykjavik murder mystery.* This is the first in a new and exciting series of crime novels from the land of the saga. A runaway success in Iceland, it has also left a lasting impression among readers in England. A man is found murdered in his Reykjavik flat and the police have no obvious leads. He lived alone and of his only two friends, one is serving time for an array of petty crimes and psychotic violence while the other has not been heard of for 25 years. Erlendur and his colleague Sigurdur Óli head the investigation team. They find a computer filled with downloaded pornography, and a photograph of a young girl's grave with the cryptic note left behind by the killer. Delving into the dead man's past, they discover that 40 years ago he was accused, though not convicted, of rape. Now Erlendur has to follow his instincts when his colleagues are losing faith in the investigation. (Icelandic)

**Lisa JACKSON****See How She Dies (1994)****510pp Pb 15.95**

*"Dear Reader: There's something special about your first novel, and See How She Dies is no exception. It was my first romantic suspense, originally published in 1994 under the title Treasures. I love these characters and their story, but still, looking back, I felt I hadn't quite finished. I've learned so much since then that I wanted another crack at it. So I've added more suspense, intrigue, and atmosphere. Now, it feels like a brand-new book."* - Lisa Jackson. (American)

**J A JANCE****Exit Wounds 390pp Pb 17.95**

*A Sheriff Joanna Brady novel #9.* The heat is a killer in Cochise County, Arizona and in the suffocating stillness of an airless trailer, a woman is lying dead, a bullet hole in her chest. Who would murder a harmless loner and why did the killer use an 85-year-old bullet, fired from the same weapon that slaughtered two others? (American)

**Simon KERNICK****The Crime Trade****381pp Tp 32.95**

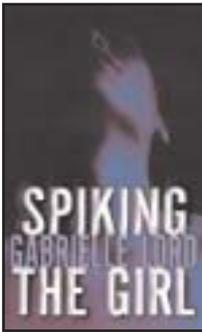
When Operation Surgical Strike, a police sting designed to catch Colombian drug traffickers in the act of selling a large consignment of cocaine to undercover police officers in a Heathrow hotel, goes horribly wrong, suspicion quickly falls on one of the officers involved, 'Stegs' Jenner. With his close friend dead in the shoot-out, he now determines to go it alone. Enter DI John Gallan and his partner DS Tina Boyd, part of the Serious Crime Squad, investigating the murder of ex-gangster turned informer Slim Robbie O'Brien. (English)

**Jonathon KING****Shadow Men 258pp Tp 29.95**

It begins with an 80-year-old mystery. A father and his two sons vanished while working as labourers on a dangerous project to build the first road through the Florida Everglades. Years later, a series of letters are unexpectedly discovered by a descendant of these men. Driven by the need to know what happened, he starts asking questions but is quickly stonewalled. With nowhere else to turn, he enlists the help of former Philadelphia police officer Max Freeman. Living in his isolated shack in the Glades, Max starts his long shot investigation into the fate of the men. (American)

**Gabrielle LORD****Spiking the Girl 343pp Tp 29.95**

When PI Gemma Lincoln agrees to investigate a missing student from exclusive Netherleigh Park Ladies' College, she finds herself drawn into a double murder case surrounded by a wall of silence. Gemma's best friend DS Angie



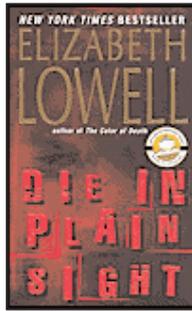
McDonald helps, but Angie is overworked, unsupported by an incompetent superior officer and crazy in love. Gemma's other cases include a woman whose ex-husband still terrorises her at night, a grieving widower who wants to know what happened to his late wife's remains, a young woman who wants DNA material from a famous sporting figure who may be her father and the elderly mother of Gemma's piano teacher, who swears there's an animal in her second storey flat and wants a surveillance camera installed to prove it. Every instinct warns Gemma that she herself is under surveillance. She must get the tell-tale evidence, but will she survive this encounter and the malevolent hatred that's been following her? (Australian)

**Peter LOVESEY****The House Sitter****391pp Pb 19.95**

A Peter Diamond mystery. The identification of the woman found murdered on Whiteview Sands poses more questions than it answers. Emma Tysoe was a respected psychologist and an official criminal profiler with several successful cases to her credit. Peter Diamond discovers that she had been seconded under the greatest secrecy to work on the profile of the person who has assassinated one celebrity and is threatening to kill more. Are these killings connected to Emma's death? (English)

**Elizabeth LOWELL****Die in Plain Sight****499pp Pb 14.95**

When Lacey Quinn inherits the striking landscapes done by her late, much-loved grandfather, she believes they are as good as anything hanging in museums. But the paintings now in her possession are more than the works of a talented master. They are anguished voices from the grave... crying murder! (American)

**Jay MacLARTY****Bagman****383pp Pb 15.95**

When Kyra, the daughter of Big Jake Rynerson, one of the world's wealthiest men, is kidnapped in the Galapagos Islands, professional courier Simon Leonidovich is hired to deliver the ransom. But playing bagman for a billionaire is not so simple and to complicate matters, Simon finds himself falling for Big Jake's enticing and clever assistant Caitlin Wells, though she may be the very one scheming to control the Rynerson Empire. (American)

**Henning MANKELL****Before the Frost****375pp Tp 32.95**

A Linda Wallander mystery #1. As Kurt prepares for retirement, his daughter Linda steps up into the limelight. A series of incidents, including the murder of domestic animals, has been taking place and Kurt fears that these events could be the prelude to attacks on humans on a much greater scale. Linda Wallander, preparing to join the Ystad police force, arrives at the station. Showing all the hallmarks of her father (the maverick approach, the flaring temper) she becomes involved in a case to take on a group of religious extremists bent on punishing the world's sinners. (Swedish)

**Petros MARKARIS****Deadline in Athens****296pp Hb 49.95**

An Inspector Costas Haritos mystery. Petros Markaris's suspense novels are propelled by intricate plots peopled by villains and all-too-human heroes tangled up in the peculiar ways of contemporary Greece. At their heart is junta-trained homicide squad chief, Costas Haritos. This novel finds him called to the murder scene of the renowned TV journalist Janna, killed in the broadcasting studio just as she was about to go on the air with sensational news. Haritos's investigation sucks him deep into the nasty world of the Greek media. This is the first of three novels in a series, which expose the corruption that has pervaded both private and public life in Greece since the fall of the military dictatorship, the advent of a democratic government and the explosion of barely controlled private entrepreneurship. (Greek)

**Margaret MARON****Last Lessons of Summer****355pp Pb 17.95**

In this dark and suspenseful departure from her critically acclaimed Deborah Knott series, Margaret Maron follows a young publisher's search for answers to old murders. Heir to her family's successful children's book and merchandising business, Amy Stedman arrives in North Carolina with the task of clearing out the house of her deceased grandmother, whose murder remains unsolved. (American)

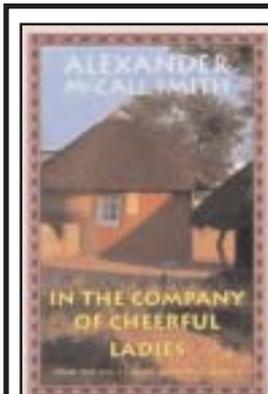
**John McLAREN****Blind Eye****274pp Tp 29.95**

When Whitehall picks up intelligence suggesting that the ruler of a former African colony might secretly be planning ethnic cleansing, they order Cameron's carrier, HMS Indomitable, to take up position near the country's territorial waters. With searing pace and chilling authenticity, this gripping thriller predicts a flashpoint which some day, somewhere in the world's armed forces, will undoubtedly happen. It is only a matter of time. (English)

## RECOMMENDED READING

**Alexander McCALL SMITH****In the Company of Cheerful Ladies 231pp Hb 29.95**

The No.1 Ladies' Detective Agency #6. Precious Ramotswa is now married to Mr Matekoni of Tlokweng Road Speedy Motors. Those who have been following her exploits in five previously published novels can now savour the next instalment in which, as usual, circumstances are never as straightforward as they seem and events take a more than unexpected turn. This is another masterpiece of comic understatement and an affectionate homage to Botswana and its people. (Scottish)



**Gregory McDONALD** **Flynn's World 210pp Tp 27.00**

Boston police inspector Francis Xavier Flynn is in for a tough day. He has hardly gotten a wink of sleep due to a marathon bout of detective work. His daughter Jenny drags him to a cemetery where her best friend is nailed to a tree by his ear. Unfortunately, the boy refuses to reveal who did it or why. Next, Flynn hears that his incompetent sidekick Grover has convinced the police chief to fire him, while a local cop has developed a tendency to pursue and arrest people based only on the colour of their skin. Dealing with the infuriating, befuddled and intolerant Boston police force is enough to keep him more than busy, but someone even more powerful than the chief wants Flynn to forget everything else and concentrate on discovering who is threatening a certain Harvard professor. (American)

**D R MEREDITH** **Murder by Masquerade 244pp Pb 15.95**

*A John Lloyd Branson mystery #3.* The Boulevard Butcher is preying on the prostitutes plying their trade on the night streets of Amarillo. With two women slaughtered, all the police have to go on is a taunting letter from the maniac. Now Texas lawyer John Lloyd Branson, hired by one of the victims before her demise, finds a familiar method in the madness, that of one of history's most notorious serial killers. And if Branson's hunch is right, the last murder will be the most unspeakable. (American)

**Hunter MORGAN** **She'll Never Know 304pp Pb 13.95**

A victim of amnesia, Jillian Deere only knows that she was left by an unidentified man at a North Carolina hospital with a gunshot wound to her neck. But she has the strangest feeling she belongs elsewhere. Something is drawing her to the small Delaware town of Albany Beach; a town caught in the grip of a seemingly unstoppable serial killer. (American)

**Barbara NADEL** **Petrified #6 343pp Pb 18.95**

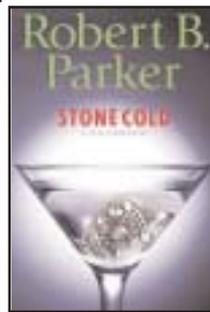
The disappearance of two children deeply concerns Inspector Çetin Ikmen but even more worrying is that their own family members cannot seem to agree when and where they were last seen. Are they covering up and why? The answer, when it comes, will be even more shocking than the crime. (English)

**Carla NEGGERS** **Night's Landing 264pp Tp 24.95**

This is an exhilarating police procedural romance with political elements that raise the tension but also distract from the prime two subplots of searching for a killer and, of course, the love story. The lead couple are a delight as hardboiled Nate, like Sam Spade, refuses to let even love stop him from obtaining the truth. (American)

**Robert B PARKER** **Stone Cold 323pp Pb 19.95**

Police Chief Jesse Stone has a problem. Actually, he has several, with bodies turning up and no clues. Investigating a serial killer in an affluent suburban town is difficult and dangerous, and with the added pressures from the town selectmen and the media, Jesse's really feeling the heat... (American)

**Arturo PEREZ-REVERTE** **The Queen of the South 436pp Tp 30.00**

Derived from factual evidence, Perez-Reverte brings us a surprising novel with an interesting twist. Teresa Mendoza is nicknamed 'The Queen of the South' by journalists and 'The Mexican' by the authorities of three continents. Her fascinating story, spanning continents and decades, interweaves with that of her unnamed and unauthorised biographer. (Spanish)

**Douglas PRESTON & Lincoln CHILD** **Still Life with Crows 575pp Pb 16.95**

Medicine Creek has been slowly dying for the last century. A small, quiet place, the primary occupation is still farming, Main Street is a stretch of old and dusty businesses and the nearest mall is 200 miles away. In a town where nothing changes, the community is terrified after a series of grisly murders take place. Even more alarming, the bodies are displayed in bizarre tableaux. With the entire town in shock, FBI Agent Pendergast arrives from New Orleans to investigate. From the fields to the local caves, Pendergast discovers the remnants of a Prohibition-era moonshine operation and the truth behind one of the town's greatest mysteries: who was behind the Medicine Creek Massacre of 1865. Now, Pendergast must discover the twisted secret hiding within a four-generation Kansas family, before someone else is murdered. (American)

**A J QUINNELL** **Man on Fire (1980) 316pp Pb 18.95**

This film tie-in edition celebrates the release of the major film starring Denzel Washington as Creasy, a battle-scarred, burnt-out mercenary working as a bodyguard for the young daughter of an Italian industrialist. (American)

**Peter RAWLINSON** **A Relic of War 204pp Hb 45.00**

In this evocative novel, a tragic wartime love story and a dark family secret combine with the author's mastery of courtroom drama to make this a story that will grip the reader to the very last page. (English)

**Manuel RAMOS** **Blues for the Buffalo 217pp Tp 29.95**

*A Luis Montez mystery #4.* For Luis Montez, Denver attorney perennially on the edge of disaster, even a vacation can mean trouble. Mentally exhausted and severely banged up from his most recent misadventures, he accepts a friend's offer to relax on a Mexican beach. Rachel, the young and mysterious woman he meets on the beach, disappears, and when Luis returns to Denver to try to resuscitate his law practice, he finds a flashy and tough PI pressing him for details. (Mexican)

**Manuel RAMOS** **The Last Client of Luis Montez 194pp Tp 29.95**

*A Luis Montez mystery #3.* Celebrating the successful acquittal of his latest client, Chicano lawyer and former activist Luis Montez is stunned when the client is killed the following day, an event that results in Luis's own arrest for murder. (Mexican)

**Warren REED** **Code Cicada 419pp Tp 29.95**

When Zhang Wendao, trade official at the Chinese Consulate, accepts an invitation to have coffee with an Australian government official, he expects nothing more than a pleasant chat about their shared passion for kung fu movies. But Zhang discovers his new friend is much, much more than he seems: he is an Australian Secret Intelligence Service operative with a grudge, and he has some very disturbing information to impart. Full of the gritty detail of deception, this is a revealing and compelling account of the relationships between spies and their masters, East and West, and how international diplomacy and global business interests really work. *"If you want to know what REALLY goes on in the world of secret intelligence, rather than the fairy stories that most spy writers tell, then you must read (Code Cicada). It's the scary, sordid, unvarnished reality."* - Phillip Knightley, author of *The Second Oldest Profession* (Tp 48.00). (Australian)

**Matthew REILLY**

 **Scarecrow** 463pp Tp 30.00  
The bestselling author of *Ice Station* (Pb 19.95) and *Area 7* (Pb 19.95) reintroduces Captain Shane 'Scarecrow' Schofield for his fastest, most nail-biting challenge yet. As he watches his mission to take out a secret missile dump in Siberia turn into a bloodbath, he discovers he has been tricked and now he is the prey rather than the predator. An international consortium of staggering power and wealth has included his name on a mystery list of 15 targets to be eliminated without fail by 12-noon on 31 December. Now every high-powered bounty hunter on the planet is on his trail. Beyond that lies a secret agenda even more terrifying... From Arctic Russia to the Afghan border, to France's Atlantic Coast, to a speed-of-light conflict over the Suez Canal, every form of ultra-tech weaponry comes into play in a spellbinding action drama unfolding within a mere 24 hours. (Australian)

**Peter ROBINSON**

 **Caedmon's Song** (1990)  
 328pp Pb 18.95  
On a balmy June night, a young university student strolls home through a silent moonlit park. Suddenly her tranquil mood is shattered as she is viciously attacked. Slowly and painfully, the details of her attack reveal themselves. (English)

**M J ROSE**

 **The Halo Effect** 337pp Tp 24.95  
Detective Noah Jordan is trying to stay one step ahead of a serial killer who has been targeting prostitutes, killing them with ritualistic precision. When a missing person's report is filed on Cleo Thane, Noah wonders if she, too, has fallen prey to the psycho's wrath. He approaches Dr Morgan Snow for any insights but she refuses to breach patient confidentiality. Instead she begins her own investigation into Cleo's disappearance. (American)

**David ROSENFELT**

 **Bury the Lead** 261pp Hb 44.95  
DA Andy Carpenter has been successfully avoiding taking on new cases until newspaper owner Vince Sanders calls and asks him for a favour. Star reporter Daniel Cummings is being used as the mouthpiece for a brutal serial killer. He has been cooperating with the police but Vince wants to make sure both the newspaper and Daniel are protected. Andy thinks the case will be a piece of cake until Daniel is arrested after being found unconscious in the park next to the killer's latest victim. With the help of his girlfriend Laurie and his partner Kevin, Andy reluctantly learns more about Daniels shady background and begins to wonder how deadly the truth might be. (American)

**E G SCHRADER**

 **For the Defendant**  
356pp Pb 15.95

Janna Scott is a former Assistant State Attorney with a brand new private practice. She is eager for cases, but perhaps her latest client is one she should have refused. He is a prominent and respected doctor accused of criminal sexual assault against one of his patients. It is a messy, sensational case only made worse when the doctor vehemently refuses to take a plea and insists on fighting the ugly charges in court. Meanwhile, a vicious serial killer who calls himself the Soldier of Death is terrorising Chicago. (American)

**Lisa SCOTTOLINE**

 **Dead Ringer** 448pp Pb 18.95  
Lately, Bennie Rosato has her eye focused firmly on the bottom line, especially since she has three dedicated young associates and a very pregnant secretary on her payroll. So when she takes a professional risk by charging into a class action lawsuit, it could make or break her career. Then her wallet goes missing. And Bennie's life goes crazy. (American)

**Georges SIMENON**

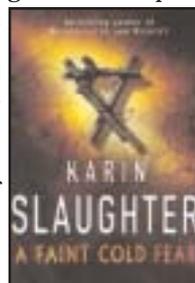
 **The Madman of Bergerac**  
(1932) 133pp Pb 22.00

*A Maigret novel.* Here Simenon depicts a seemingly small-town crime with repercussions reaching from Warsaw to Algiers, in a deadly case of forgery, pornography and blackmail. (French)

**Karin SLAUGHTER**

 **A Faint Cold Fear**  
499pp Pb 19.95

Sara Linton, medical examiner in the small town of Heartsdale, is called out to an apparent suicide on the local college campus. The mutilated body provides little in the way of clues and the college authorities are keen to avoid a scandal but for Sara and police chief Jeffrey Tolliver, things do not add up. Two more suspicious suicides follow, and a young woman is brutally attacked. For Sara, the violence strikes far too close to home. And as Jeffrey pursues the sadistic killer, he discovers that ex-police detective Lena Adams, now a security guard on campus, may be in possession of crucial information. But, bruised and angered by her expulsion from the force, Lena seems to be barely capable of protecting herself, let alone saving the next victim... (English)

**Karin SLAUGHTER**

 **Indelible** 360pp Tp 29.95  
 12 years after Jeffrey's best friend Robert shoots a home intruder, he and Sara are caught up in a shockingly brutal attack, which threatens to destroy both their lives. But they are not random victims. They have been targeted. And it seems the past is catching up with both of them. (English)

**Steve J SPEARS**

 **Murder by Manuscript**  
197pp Pb 22.95

*The Pentangeli Papers V2.* Internationally renowned 'lady showbiz detective' Stella Pentangeli wants to solve a simple literary riddle: Did William Shakespeare belong to a bloodthirsty 17th century cult which resurrected dead people? All enigmatic and brilliant Investigator Ng wants is to find out why a relentless monster is using Shakespeare's personal recipe to make 'resurrection soup' out of 21st century citizens. As the body count mounts, all the serial killer wants is to add Stella and Ng to the menu. "Spears storms the crime novel and makes it quiveringly, submissively, riotously his own." – Bob Ellis. (Australian)

**Jonathan TRIGELL**

 **Boy A** 248pp Pb 19.95

 Jack has spent most of his young life in juvenile prison institutions. At 24, he is utterly innocent of the world, yet guilty of a monstrous childhood crime. To his new friends, he is a nice young man with occasional flashes of unexplained violence and fear. To his girlfriend, he is mysterious and strangely inexperienced. And to himself, Jack is on permanent trial: can he make it? Can he really start from scratch, forget the past, become someone else? This searing and heartfelt novel perfectly captures Jack's bewilderment and exhilaration as he approaches adulthood in his new world and the effect on him of media manipulated hysteria. It is a devastating indictment of society's attempt to rehabilitate such children, while treating them as a species apart. (English)

**Eric VAN LUSTBADER**

 **Robert Ludlum's The Bourne Legacy**  
453pp Tp 32.95

 In the final instalment in the Bourne series, David Webb is now living a peaceful life as a university professor in the backwoods of America with his wife and children. But from the other side of the world, someone is reaching out to take him out of the game forever. (American)

**Martyn WAITES**

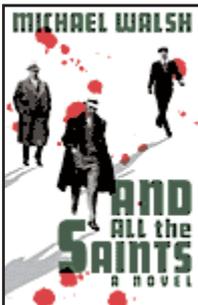
**The White Room** 389pp Tp 29.95  
Newcastle, 1946. 19-year-old Jack Smeaton returns from the trenches, his hair turned white by the trauma of WWII. He seeks solace in socialism, falling under the spell of the young Dan Smith, visionary future leader of the city council, architect of tower blocks and sculpted concrete. Meanwhile, the future of Monica Blacklock, victim of a childhood of abuse, seems unremittingly bleak. A chance encounter with a handsome young man on the banks of the river Tyne looks set to change her life for the better. But handsome, psychopathic Brian Mooney has plans for Monica. A masterfully contrived fusion of fiction and real life crime, this novel is a gripping tale of passion and violence, desire and revenge, spanning four tumultuous decades. (English)

**Robert WALKER**

**Grave Instinct** 391pp Pb 17.95  
A Jessica Coran novel. In America's heartland a madman is killing women and removing their brains, but for what ghastly purpose? It is up to FBI pathologist Jessica Coran to find out and when she does, she gets a front row seat to the killer's final shocking moves. (American)

**Michael WALSH**

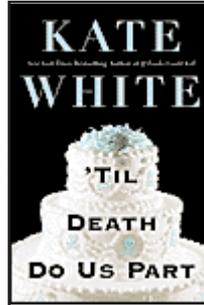
**And All the Saints** 580pp Pb 14.95  
No contemporary crime figure influenced the course of modern American culture the way Owen Madden did. Starting as the leader of the Gophers, the most violent Irish street-gang in Hell's Kitchen, the immigrant Madden rose to prominence as the leading brewer and bootlegger in Prohibition New York. In due course, he also became Mae West's lover, the founder and proprietor of the Cotton Club, the owner of five heavyweight champions of the world, the man who gave his childhood friend George Raft his big break in Hollywood, and more. Now, Michael Walsh has created a fictionalised memoir that uses Madden's voice to trace his life from his boyhood in England to his heyday in New York in this colourful and engrossing book. (American)

**Guy WALTERS**

**The Leader** 404pp Pb 19.95  
In Great Britain in 1937, the population have yielded to a regime of terror, enforced by Mosley's secret police. But there are those who would rather die than surrender their freedom. Captain James Armstrong is one such man. (English)

**Kate WHITE**

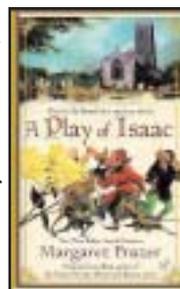
**'Til Death Do Us Part** 304pp Hb 42.95  
When Bailey Weggins receives a phone call from Ashley Hanes, she assumes she needs a fashion or publishing related favour. After all, Bailey only met the woman once when they were both bridesmaids in a wedding and they did not have a thing in common. It turns out that two of the bridesmaids from the wedding have died in what appear to be freak accidents. Ashley is sure the two cases are not just a horrible coincidence and convinces Bailey to investigate. Before long, Ashley's lifeless body is found at the bottom of a flight of stairs, and Bailey realises that she easily could be next on the killer's list. (American)

**HISTORICAL CRIME****Paul DOHERTY**

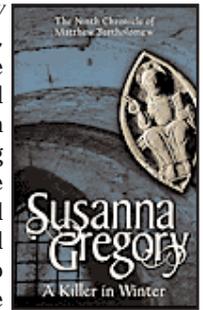
**The Gates of Hell** 291pp Pb 21.95  
An Alexander the Great mystery #3. 334BC, Greece. Spurred by dreams of conquest but dogged by treachery, the volatile young Alexander has set his ambitious eyes on the prize city of Halicarnassus; a city of treasures with an ancestry that links the bold but superstitious conqueror to his assassinated father's past. At the farmstead where Alexander's court and commanders have set up camp, a series of gruesome murders draws the great warrior's trusted friend, the physician Telamon, into a search for Persian spies operating inside the Macedonian ranks and reaping a bloody harvest through intrigue, terror and sabotage. (English)

**Margaret FRAZER**

**A Play of Isaac** 312pp Pb 15.95  
1434, Oxford. This is the first in a brand new mystery series starring the player Joliffe (from the Dame Frevisse medieval mystery series) who, travelling in the company of a troupe of performers, finds himself cast in the role of sleuth. (American)

**Susanna GREGORY**

**A Killer in Winter** 485pp Pb 19.95  
A Matthew Bartholomew chronicle #9. 1354, Cambridge. The yuletide weather has trapped many travellers in 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 over-weight, sulky woman who once stole his heart. In some ways 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... (English)

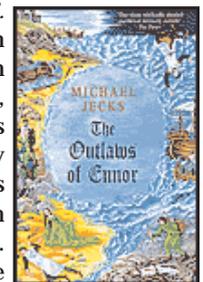
**Susanna GREGORY**

**The Hand of Justice** 536pp Hb 49.95  
A Matthew Bartholomew chronicle #10. 1350s, Cambridge. The colleges of the fledgling university are as much at odds with each other as they are with the ordinary townsfolk. After receiving the King's pardon, two well-born murderers return to Cambridge, showing no remorse but ready to confront those who helped convict them. And in the midst of this, Bartholomew is called to the local mill to examine two corpses. It is almost a relief to be able to turn his back on the fractious town, but in Cambridge nothing is unconnected. (English)

**Michael JECKS**

**The Outlaws of Ennor** 394pp Pb 18.95

A Medieval mystery #16. 1300's, Scilly Islands. On their return home from their pilgrimage, Baldwin and Simon's ship is attacked by pirates and Simon looks on in horror as Baldwin is swept overboard. Washed ashore on the island of Ennor, Simon is distraught to think that his closest friend is dead, but he has to put aside his grief when he is ordered to investigate the murder of the island's tax gatherer. Meanwhile, Baldwin himself has been saved. Washed up on the neighbouring island of St Nicholas, he is nursed back to health by the beautiful Tedia and he too begins to investigate the murder. As Baldwin and Simon's parallel investigations bring them closer to the truth, they become embroiled in the bitter rivalry between the two island communities. (English)

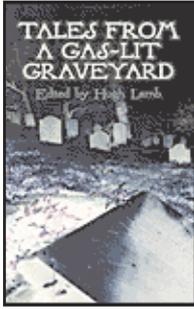




Hugh LAMB (editor)

Tales from a Gas-lit Graveyard (1979)  
223pp Pb 22.95

Victorian times, worldwide. These 17 stories of the macabre include works from around the world by authors such as Ambrose Bierce, Robert Barr, Mrs Riddell, Hume Nisbet, WC Morrow, Guy Boothby and others.

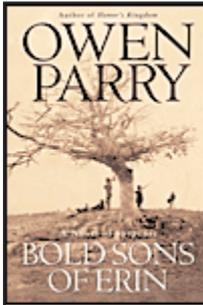


Discerning lovers of horror and suspense will take pleasure in the rarity of these tales, republished by Dover. (American)

Owen PARRY

Bold Sons of Erin 399pp Pb 17.95

American Civil War. A Union General's senseless murder is swiftly cloaked in lies and the evidence points to Irish labourers struggling to find a place in their new homeland. But the turmoil of war hides layers of dangerous secrets, and a Welsh immigrant nursing old wounds must overcome ancient hatreds to honour justice. (American)



Sharon PENMAN

Dragon's Lair 308pp Hb 45.00

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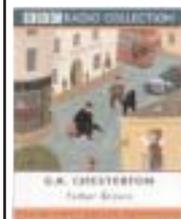
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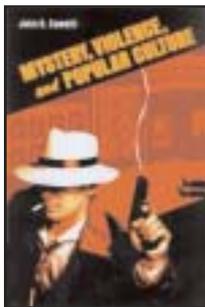
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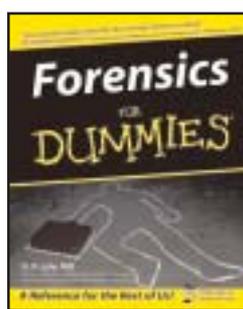
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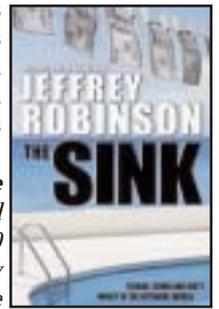
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Cameron WHITE

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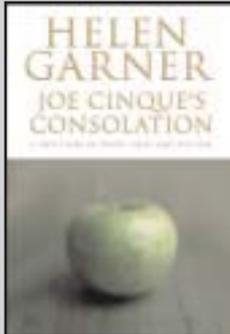
White was not your archetypal drug dealer. He juggled a successful career as a literary agent with an equally successful career as a dealer. Both paid well, but unfortunately he derived as much pleasure from partaking of the drugs as he did from the money he made from them. A rational person, despite his addiction, he realised what he was getting into and repeatedly tried to run away. It was only in Australia that he decided to turn his back on a life revolving around drugs. He could see that the global drug war had been lost and that radical action in the form of legislation was necessary in order to take the criminality out of the problem and turn it into a medical one. (English)

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Helen GARNER

Joe Cinque's Consolation

328pp Tp 30.00



*A true story of death, grief and the law.* In October 1997, a clever young law student at ANU made a bizarre plan to murder her devoted boyfriend after a dinner party

at their house. Some of the dinner guests, most of them students, had heard rumours of the plan. Nobody warned Joe Cinque. He died one Sunday, in his own bed, of a massive dose of rohypnol and heroin. His girlfriend and her best friend were charged with murder. Helen Garner followed the trials in the ACT Supreme Court. Compassionate but unflinching, this is a book about how and why Joe Cinque died. (Australian)

Susan MITCHELL

All Things Bright & Beautiful

259pp Tp 30.00



*Murder in the City of Light.* Adelaide has developed an eerie reputation for bizarre and horrific murders; even Salman Rushdie has called it a place "where things go bump in the night". After the

revelations of the so-called 'bodies in the barrels' murders, a British tabloid went so far as to christen Adelaide 'the murder capital of the world'. Yet of all of Australia's cities, Adelaide prides itself on its civilisation and the moral foundations laid out at its creation, when it was founded as a shining model, a paradise of order and reason in the Great Southern Land. So what really is the truth behind this split society? \*\*\* Title not currently available for sale in South Australia \*\*\* (Australian)

## REVIEW

Is it mere coincidence these two books by writers in full control of their gifts are represented by the humble apple? Reading Mitchell's and Garner's books, back to back, is a truly frightening experience. For the first time, both authors have, after years of dealing with issues closer to their milieu (feminism, academy), resorted to the dreaded world of crime. They have put their souls on the line here; one describing the subculture of drugs and indifference in the ACT; the other, pinpointing the regional elitism of a model society indifferent to the pressing social consequences of its mentally ill underclass. In many ways, Mitchell's book is braver: in the end you think what a waste of space Christopher Pearson and his *Adelaide Review* were. It is out of the mouths of her colleagues and friends that Adelaide is condemned, its fine principles left rotting in the back alley garbage bins with all its good intentions. Garner's book, however, brings to resolution many of her previous themes: relationship issues, heroin, the academy... The writing here is mature, worldly and sad: the immoral world of *The Law* is shown to be rotten to the very core. It is definitely a masterpiece because her ability to evoke the air of emotional, social and legal bankruptcy in the Lucky Country is astonishing and we can only hope Garner herself is not left bereft for too long. What Mitchell and Garner have done is point out how much our criminal aberrations are the result of terrible mental health policies, immovable legal precedent and aspiring bourgeois preoccupations. — Shelley

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