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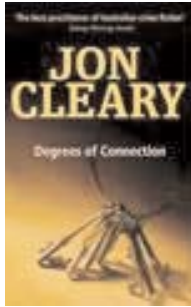


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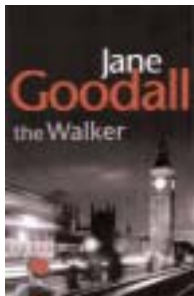
BEST NOVEL



Degrees of Connection by Jon Cleary
(Pb 18.95)

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Joint Winners



The Walker by Jane Goodall
(Pb 19.95, due Dec 2004)



Junkie Pilgrim by Wayne Grogan
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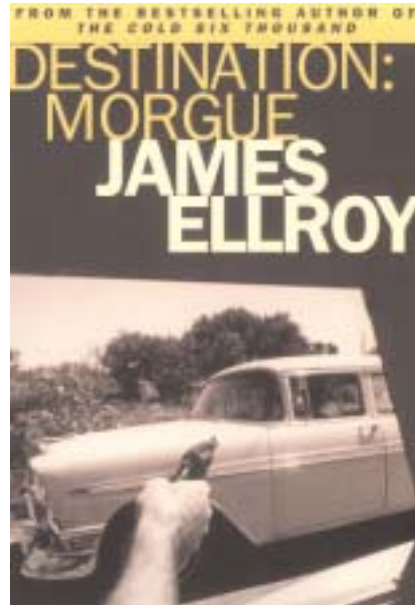
BEST TRUE CRIME



Killing Juanita by Peter Rees
(Tp 29.95)

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Bob Bottom
Veteran Investigative Journalist



DESTINATION: MORGUE

James Ellroy 400pp Tp \$29.95

This is the second volume of James Ellroy's uncollected writings - true crime, sex, scandal and a sizzling new novella.

James Ellroy is acknowledged as one of America's greatest living writers. As well as his critically acclaimed novels, he is a regular contributor to GQ magazine in the States. This collection will contain 16 of these pieces, both autobiographical and crime reportage.

COVET

Tara Moss 398pp Tp 29.95

*The riveting new psychological suspense thriller from the bestselling author of **Fetish** and **Split**.*

Two and a half years after her ordeal at the hands of the 'Stiletto Murderer', Makedde Vanderwall must face her demons once again as she flies in to Sydney for the trial - and faces her one-time lover, the jaded Sydney detective Andy Flynn. But days before the trial is set to commence, the unthinkable happens - the prisoner makes a daring escape, aided and abetted by one of his warders, Suzie Harpin.

The pair go to ground as Makedde deals with a tabloid media feeding frenzy. A virtual prisoner in her hotel room, she's horrified when she learns of the killer's escape. She packs her bags and heads to Hong Kong on a modelling assignment, but the press dogs her every move, hindering her safe passage and unknowingly helping the fugitive, who is busy rekindling an old obsession. Where can she run to? Who can she turn to? And have she, and the police, underestimated the Stiletto Murderer and his sinister accomplice?



With more glamour than a Paris spring show and more twists and turns than a motorkhana, this is thriller queen Tara Moss at the top of her game!

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Modern Crime

David BALDACCI

Split Second
599pp Pb 19.95

When something distracts Secret Agent Sean King for a split second, it costs him his career and presidential candidate Clyde Ritter his life. Eight years later, Michelle Maxwell is on the fast track through the ranks of the Secret Service when her career, is stopped short: Presidential candidate John Bruno is abducted from a funeral home while under her protection. The similarity between the two cases drives Michelle to re-open investigations into the Ritter fiasco and join forces with attractive ex-agent Sean King. (American)



Ralph BARGER et al
Dead in 5 Heartbeats

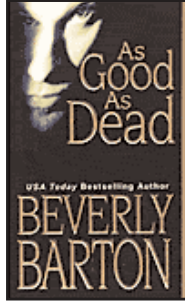
288pp Pb 17.95

“Sonny” Barger first gained the attention of the book world with his bestselling memoir *Hell’s Angel* (Pb 22.95). His no-holds-barred first novel gives readers a taste of the camaraderie, the pain and the thrills of what it is like to live life on two wheels inside a subculture few will ever know. (American)

Beverly BARTON

As Good as Dead 384pp Pb 15.95

Socialite Reve Sorrell has come to Cherokee Pointe seeking answers about her family history and her shocking connection to wrong-side-of-the-tracks Jazzy Talbot. With their stunning good looks and shining red hair, the two are mirror images of each other; twins abandoned at birth and raised in very different worlds. And whoever left them for dead on a cold night 30 years ago is not about to let them uncover the truth now. (American)



Steve BERRY

The Amber Room

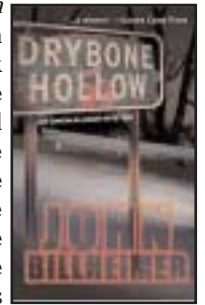
390pp Pb 16.95

The Amber Room is the subject of one of history’s most intriguing mysteries. Originally commissioned in 1701 by Frederick I of Prussia, the Room was later perfected in Tsarskoe Selo, the Russian imperial city. In 1941, German troops invaded the Soviet Union, looting everything in their wake and seizing the Amber Room. When the Allies began the bombing of Germany in August 1944, the Room was hidden and despite the best efforts of treasure hunters and art collectors from around the world, it has never been seen again. Now, two powerful men have set their best operatives loose in pursuit, and the hunt has begun once more. (American)

John BILLHEIMER

Drybone Hollow 284pp Pb 13.95

An Owen Allison mystery #4. A local dam breaks, sending a black ribbon of coal sludge cascading miles and miles through the hollows across the region. Four people lose their lives in the accident and the ambulance chasers gnash their teeth formulating strategies for the inevitable lawsuits against big coal. The owner of the coal mine knows that finding out why things fail is Owen’s specialty and he hires him on the spot to figure out just what went wrong. (American)



Cynthia BAXTER

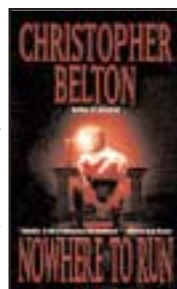
Putting on the Dog
368pp Pb 16.95

A *Reigning Cats and Dogs* mystery #2. For vet-turned-sleuth Jessica Popper, solving crime is a matter of animal instinct. She is manning the “Ask the Vet” booth for a week at a high-profile SPCA fund-raiser in the Long Island “Bromptons”. Her first night there, Devon Barnett, a sleazy tabloid photographer, is killed when an enormous ice sculpture falls on him as he lurks in the shrubbery at a swank dinner party. The police and celebrity residents seem content to write off his death as an accident, but Jess thinks otherwise... (American)

Christopher BELTON

Nowhere to Run 339pp Pb 15.95

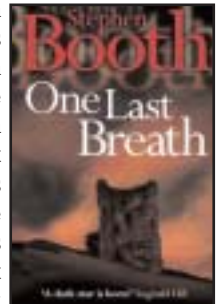
It is too much to be a coincidence: A series of computer-related crimes from different countries, all linked somehow to Japan. Some are minor. Some are deadly. But they are just enough to catch the eye of a young UN investigator. As he digs deeper he cannot believe what he finds. Extortion, torture, murder and ties to the most ruthless crime organisation in the world. It is a perfect plan, beautiful in its design, daring in its execution and extremely profitable. No one in the Japanese underworld has ever conceived of such a plan and the organisation is not about to let anything stand in its way. (American)



Stephen BOOTH

One Last Breath 487pp Tp 29.95

The vast labyrinth of caverns, passages and subterranean rivers beneath the Peak District are a major tourist attraction. But this summer not all the darkness is underground and not all the devils are folk legends. Mingling with the holidaymakers is a convicted killer, bent on revenge. 14 years ago Mansell Quinn was sentenced to life imprisonment for stabbing his lover to death. Now he is out and within a matter of hours his ex-wife is found dead, a new identity and a new home no safeguard against murder. Looking to the original case files for clues to the fugitive’s whereabouts, detectives Diane Fry and Ben Cooper discover there may be other potential victims out there. And as the son of the officer responsible for putting Quinn behind bars, Ben realises that his own name could be high on the list. (British)



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AUTHOR’S NATIONALITY AT END OF BLURB

**Gerry BOYLE****Pretty Dead 325pp Pb 15.95**

A *Jack McMorrow* novel. Jack is looking into a scandal that is shaking the reputation of an elite Boston couple. Angel Moretti, a family friend, has an angle no one else has. But when her secrets are buried along with her body in an isolated stretch of woods, Jack's story becomes a front-page headline. And it is leading him to places far darker than Angel's shallow grave. (American)

Kirsty BROOKS**The Happiness Punch****314pp Tp 29.95**

A *Cassidy Blair* adventure. Six weeks after the end of **The Vodka Dialogue** (Pb 19.95), PI Cassidy Blair still has a Visa debt, a crazy pet parrot and a penchant for expensive underwear. Her new client, teenage idol, pop star Jason Wilde, has a big problem with some lurid internet sites. She also has a new PI colleague, Ned (who she finds strangely attractive), and she meets Adelaide's porn-king and his leading thug, Mince. In an attempt to prove herself to Sam, who questions her PI abilities, Cassidy gets herself tied up (literally) in a high-speed shoot-out on a bus, a kidnapping, a drug bust and a couple of bizarre film shoots. And that is before she even begins to tackle Josie's new boyfriend, Zara's personal transformation and the latest cocktail at the Easy Lounge. With even more action and comedy, it is sure to put a smile on your face while packing a punch. (Australian)

Bill BUCHANAN**Pure Fusion 384pp Pb 18.95**

A pure fusion neutron bomb is more deadly than a 20-kiloton nuclear device and it can be carried by one man. It is up to Dr Graham Higgins and the US Counterterrorist Centre to search out and destroy the facilities manufacturing the bombs. (American)

Adrienne BYRD**If You Dare 372pp Pb 15.95**

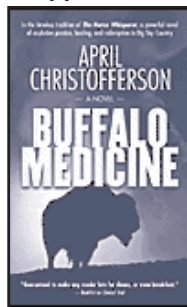
Once the world's most notorious thief, Damien Black retired at his peak rather than risk taking a wrong step that could cost him his freedom or his life. Now a seductive proposition is tempting him again — a multi-million-dollar heist that would be smooth as black silk if it wasn't for the new director at an Atlanta museum, Angel Lafonte. She is smart, sophisticated and a stunning ebony beauty, exciting the daring thief even more than the possibility of a big-money payday. But when the heat reaches sizzling, Damien's going to have to choose between a life of larceny and the passionate lady. (American)

**Stephen CANNELL****Runaway Heart 357pp Pb 15.95**

What would modern war be like if the front-line foot soldiers were not our sons and daughters, but genetically engineered animals with superhuman strength and speed, and just enough intelligence to understand commands and follow them blindly? Attorney Herman Strockmire, a rumpled man with a very big but defective heart, champion of lost legal causes and the infuriating nemesis of giant corporate polluters, becomes involved when one of his employees is literally torn limb from limb by one of the experimental prototypes. (American)

April CHRISTOFFERSON**Buffalo Medicine 373pp Pb 17.95**

Tension is running high in Big Sky country over the controversial slaughter of buffalo that wander outside the boundaries of Yellowstone National Park and onto cattle grazing land. At the heart of the dispute is "brucellosis," a dangerous disease that could devastate the cattle industry and be transmitted to humans. Veterinarian Jed McCane is working on a new vaccine that could wipe out the disease. It never occurs to him that anyone could feel threatened by his research until someone tries to kill him. The attack brings an unlikely ally into his life: an activist from Buffalo Nation, a group determined to stop the slaughter of America's last free-roaming bison. (American)

**John CLEARY****Degrees of Connection****346pp Pb 18.95**

A *Scobie Malone* mystery. Set in the world of shady financial deals and desperate dreams, once again Scobie Malone and Ron Clements delve into the dark side of Sydney and bring us a story as fresh as this morning's headlines. From Sylvania Waters to Rooty Hill to harbour side penthouses, they negotiate a lethal world of corporate crime, dodgy deals and some very unorthodox business practices. Marilyn Hyx, loyal private secretary to Natalie Shipwood, the dynamo behind the high-profile Orlando Development Company, is found murdered in her home. Then a second murder occurs. This time a party-loving young woman is strangled in a Pymont townhouse, and the case puts Scobie into a conflict of interest — he must both find the killer and protect one of his own. (Australian)

Tim COCKEY**Murder in the Hearse Degree #4 324pp Pb 14.95**

Libby, a former flame of Hitchcock Sewell, has returned to town with her two children, but minus one husband and one nanny. Libby's husband has been accounted for: She left him back in Annapolis. However, Sophie the nanny is truly missing. As soon as Hitch starts to nose around, Sophie turns up in the Severn River. She is quite dead and just a little bit pregnant. The police suspect suicide, but Sophie's mom is adamant it is murder. (American)

**Margaret COEL****Killing Raven 293pp Pb 15.95**

The discovery of a white man's body on the Wind River Reservation has Father John O'Malley trying to keep the peace. Meanwhile, the newly opened Great Plains Casino with Vicky Holden as its in-house counsel is fighting for its life against an angry group of protesters. And when Vicky stumbles across some disturbing evidence about the murder, she is suddenly caught in a dangerous game with her own life at stake. (American)

David COLE**Shadow Play 289pp Pb 15.95**

A computer hacker and registered PI, Laura Winslow has seen death before, but it never looked quite like the apparent murder-suicide of a reclusive Navajo and his female companion. She has become ensnared in an investigation she should steer clear of, joining her lover, policeman Nathan Brittles, in an attempt to make sense of a bloody puzzle where the pieces do not fit. A skinwalker is on the prowl and Laura is the next on the list to die... (American)


David COMPTON**Family Sins 341pp Pb 15.95**

Father Michael Driscoll's hunt for the killer of a heroin-addicted former lover places him in the middle of a major crime family's deadly power struggle over a multi-million-dollar Powerball payoff. Notoriously brutal, their most primordial savagery is reserved for informers, sparing no one, not even blood relatives, not even Michael Driscoll (American)


Beverly CONNOR**Dead Guilty 387pp Pb 16.95**

A *Diane Fallon* investigation. Fallon must lead a chilling excavation of a crime with harrowing implications: the murder of three people, hanged execution-style in an isolated patch of Georgia woods (American)


**Patricia CORNWELL**

 **Trace** 405pp Hb 49.95
The new Scarpetta novel. Scarpetta travels to Virginia at the odd behest of the recently appointed Chief Medical Examiner, who claims that he needs her help to solve a perplexing crime. When she arrives, however, Scarpetta finds that nothing is as she expected. Deprived of assistance from colleagues Benton and Lucy, Scarpetta is faced with investigating the death of a 14-year-old girl, working with the smallest pieces of evidence-traces, which only the most thorough hunters can identify. (American)


Clive CUSSLER

 **Trojan Odyssey** 485pp Tp 29.95
A Dirk Pitt novel. There is a black tide infesting the ocean off the shore of Nicaragua. Whilst trying to determine its origin, startling things begin to occur and the inhabitants of a floating resort find themselves directly in the path of a violent storm. Dirk and the NUMA crew rush to their rescue. (American)


Terry DEVANE

 **A Stain upon the Robe** 338pp Pb 15.95
The new Mairead O'Clare novel. O'Clare delves into a case involving a priest, a shocking scandal and a judge with a disturbing past all of her own. (American)


Sarah DIAMOND

 **The Spider's House** 343pp Tp 29.95
 Anna and her husband Carl move to the small Dorset village of Abbots Newton. After the move, she discovers something unexpected: Rebecca Fisher, the notorious child murderess of the 1960s, was the previous owner of their cottage. As an unseen enemy threatens her marriage, her safety and ultimately her life, Anna finds herself unable to turn back. (British)


James DOSS

 **Dead Soul** 374pp Pb 15.95
A Charlie Moon mystery. When tribal chairman Oscar Sweetwater asks Charlie Moon to look into the murder of a fellow Ute, Billy Smoke, Charlie agrees, but he does not expect to find anything. After all, Billy's boss, US Senator Patch Davidson, nearly died in the ambush that night, too, so the FBI handled the investigation and it is still unsolved. (American)


Tracy DUNHAM

 **Wishful Sinful** 297pp Pb 16.95
#1 in a new series. Attorney Tal Jefferson leaves her big city law firm for safe harbour: the small Georgia town where she was raised. For a while she finds solace in memories and booze, until a childhood friend is accused of a brutal murder. Forced to clean up her act, Tal comes to her defence but finds her own life on the line when small-town secrets lead to big-time revenge. (American)


Duncan FALCONER

 **The Hostage** 467pp Pb 19.95
 It is a dangerous race against time: if the Real IRA get to the Republic before Stratton gets to the Real IRA, his colleague is as good as dead. But the battle in the Northern Ireland borders is just the beginning. For there can only be one way the Real IRA knew about the British agent: someone within MI5 is tipping them off. (British)


Michael FARMER

 **Iron Tigers** 366pp Pb 17.95
A novel of a New World war. In the wake of the second Gulf War comes the revelation of shifting alliances in the Middle East. In Iraq, a stable new government has become a major global player rich with oil. OPEC has been redefined and the Saudis are left standing on the sidelines. But Russia is in turmoil. A hard-line Communist is in control, vowing to return Russia to its former power. (American)


**L T FAWKES**

 **Early 8** 254pp Pb 14.95
A Working Man's mystery. Terry Saltz is doing a decent job of getting his life back together. He has got an awesome double-wide trailer and a sweet carpentry business in the making. But trouble seems to follow him everywhere, like that woman in the bar pool league who turned up dead. (American)


Dan FESPERMAN

 **Lie in the Dark (1999)** 378pp Pb 22.95
 For Investigator Petric business has been slow. In Sarajevo, condoned killing has displaced the crime of passion; his services with the civil police as a homicide investigator have been less in demand. Unluckily, one premeditated death does land on the detective's desk. Brilliantly rendering the underworld of Sarajevo at war, this thriller follows one man's desperate, deadly pursuit of the wrong people in the worst places. Winner of the CWA John Creasey Award for Best First Crime Novel (American)


Jessica FLETCHER

 **Murder, She Wrote #21** 264pp Pb 16.95
Destination Murder. Fletcher takes a three-night train trip with her friend and his railroad association through scenic British Columbia. But when a member of the entourage takes a sip of a Bloody Mary and dies, police begin investigating. (American)


Vince FLYNN

 **Memorial Day** 407pp Tp 29.95
 When a spike in CIA intelligence suggests a major terrorist attack planned for Memorial Day, the president orders Mitch Rapp, his top counterterrorism operative, to pull out all the stops. (American)

Allan FOLSOM

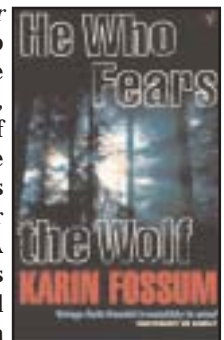
 **The Exile** 703pp Tp 29.95
 Raymond Thorne is wanted for murder, especially in Los Angeles. He has got the LAPD's elite 5-2 Squad on his tail, but still eludes them, until John Barron collars him. Then he escapes again... by dying. Or did he? Is it possible he pulled off the greatest escape? Determined to learn the truth, Barron sets on a dangerous trail across Europe to the icy streets of St Petersburg where Thorne's true persona and devastating political ambition threaten the world order. (American)

Frederick FORSYTH


 **Avenger** 431pp Pb 19.95
 A young American aid volunteer, Ricky Colenso is brutally murdered in former Yugoslavia. His grandfather, the Canadian billionaire Steven Edmond, is bent on revenge. The quest to find Ricky's murderer leads Edmond to Cal Dexter, ex-Vietnam Special Forces, the one man who could bring the killer to justice. (American)

Karin FOSSUM


 **He Who Fears the Wolf** 387pp Pb 19.95
An Inspector Sejer mystery #2. Superb plotting, fresh style and compassionate, detailed treatment of characters have made the series bestsellers in their native Norway. A 12-year-old boy runs wildly into his local police station claiming to have seen Haldis Horn's brutally murdered corpse. The next morning the local bank is robbed at gunpoint. (Norwegian)

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
**Karin FOSSUM**

 **When the Devil Holds the Candle** 230pp Tp 32.95
An Inspector Sejer mystery #3. Pulling a handbag from a pushchair handle, two teenage trouble-makers unwittingly commit murder when the baby inside is thrown to the ground. Fossum toys with the roles of victim and killer and pens the inner monologue of her characters to chilling effect. There are no red herrings in this narrative as the crime is played out on the page, but it is the mental processes behind the murderer's sinister act that are the real pieces of this puzzle. (Norwegian)


Ruth FRANCISCO

 **Confessions of a Deathmaiden** 408pp Pb 15.95
 As a death maiden, Frances' mission is to help people pass into the next reality, just as a baby is ushered into the world by a midwife. But at the hospital, Tomas dies under mysterious circumstances and before time. Now, with an intricately carved piece of Mayan Jade that belonged to Tomas in hand, Frances travels to Mexico to find the truth behind her young charge's untimely death. (Mexican-American)

J F FREEDMAN

 **Fallen Idols** 500pp Pb 17.95
 First stumbled upon by a worker searching for rubber trees, the ancient Mayan site of La Chimenea had immediately become a hotbed of great historical and political interest. Nobody was more excited about leading the dig than Walt and Jocelyn Gaines. Three months later, they were attacked. When the smoke cleared, one person lay dead: Jocelyn. Revelation by revelation, this is an expertly nuanced saga of a family that will have you questioning everything you thought you knew about the people you trust. (American)


Nicolas FREELING

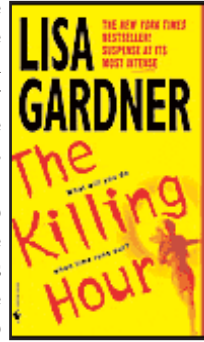
 **The Janeites** 167pp Tp 27.95
 A *Janeite* is an admirer of Jane Austen novels. A man as young and robust as William might get cancer and a doctor like Raymond might find Jane Austen a better treatment than chemicals but who beat up Raymond on a dark street? Who set William's house on fire? This is a modern comedy, which is as ironic as Jane's own. But this is also a tale of love and death in the cynical political worlds of Strasbourg and Paris. (British)


Nicci FRENCH

 **Secret Smile** 309pp Pb 19.95
 When Miranda Cotton gets home from work to find her boyfriend Brendan reading her diary, she breaks off the relationship and throws him out. Getting Brendan out of her life, however, is not so easy. When he starts seeing her sister, what begins as an embarrassment turns into a nightmare. (British)


Lisa GARDNER

 **The Killing Hour** 435pp Pb 18.95
 For three summers, the residents of Atlanta have been gripped by terror when the temperature creeps up to 100. Each time, the killer takes two girls. As a heatwave of epic proportions descends, the game begins again. Two girls disappear and the clock is ticking. Rookie agent Kimberly Quincy stumbles across the first body in the grounds of the FBI training facility at Quantico. An invitation for the FBI's finest to come out and play. (American)


**Michael GILBERT**

 **After the Fine Weather (1963)** 183pp Tp 25.95
 A *Print-on-Demand* title. Born in Lincolnshire in 1912, Gilbert was educated at the University of London. He published thrillers, espionage and police procedurals, which have appealed to a wide audience and epitomise the traditional British detective novel. In this one, Laura Hart travels to Austria and discovers that xenophobia is rife and Neo-Nazis are stirring trouble in Europe. (British)



Lee GOLDBERG

 **Diagnosis Murder** 247pp Pb 15.95
The Shooting Script #3. Mark Sloan is drawn to the sounds of gunfire at his neighbour's Malibu beach house. There, he discovers the bullet-riddled bodies of an aspiring actress and a Hollywood producer. An obvious suspect is the producer's wife, however, Mark thinks that the crime scene resembles a hit more than a crime of passion. (American)

Carol GOODMAN

 **The Drowning Tree** 339pp Tp 32.95
 The stained glass window in Penrose College is Augustus Penrose's legacy to the university he founded for the education of the Rose Glass Works' employees. 80 years later, it is due for restoration. Former alumna Juno McKay is restoring it in conjunction with her friend Christine Webb, an art historian researching the window for her thesis. Christine has discovered some new evidence about the window when she is found dead in the lake. (American)

**Robert GOTT**


 **Good Murder** 293pp Pb 26.95
 A *William Power mystery.* It is 1942 and war is raging in the Pacific. The Japanese army is on Australia's doorstep and the Queensland town of Maryborough is on full war footing. The engineering plant is churning out battleships and pilots are being trained at the airbase. The people are prepared to meet Hirohito's army head on. What they are not prepared for is the arrival in the town of a troupe of incompetent actors, whose overconfident leader William Power is determined to bring his daring production of *Titus Andronicus* to the barbarians of rural Australia. Unfortunately for the Power Players, the only gift William has is a capacity for being in the wrong place at the wrong time. (Australian)

Sue GRAFTON

 **R is for Ricochet** 352pp Tp 30.00


The new Kinsey Millhone mystery. Employed by Nord Lafferty to drive his daughter home from her incarceration at the Californian Institute for Women, Kinsey marvels at the simplicity of the task. But Reba Lafferty emerges feisty and rebellious, and Kinsey is soon fighting to prevent her charge from breaking the conditions of her parole. As she finds herself befriending the ex-gambler, ex-alcoholic and ex-con, Kinsey discovers that Reba had taken the fall for her boss, also her lover, when he conducted a highly-crafted money laundering scam. (American)

**Martha GRIMES**


Foul Matter 367pp Tp 29.95
 Despite stratospheric sales of Paul Giverney's books and frenzied competition to sign him up, he lives modestly in New York's East Village and nurses a secret ambition of a very different sort. In fact, he has a Byzantine plan for accomplishing it: literary giant Mackenzie-Haack must drop Ned Isaly, a brilliant but far less successful author, and assign his equally gifted editor to Paul. In the hornets' nest of preening egos and cutthroat career moves, ambitious editor Clive Esterhaus covets the glossy megastar for himself. But Isaly's book contract is unbreakable and Clive never dreams how a very different kind of contract will force him and his ambition into a very foul matter, indeed. (American)




**James GRIPPANDO**

 **Hear No Evil 308pp Tp 29.95**
A woman comes to see lawyer Jack Swytek and begs him to represent her. She says she is about to be arrested for the murder of her husband, an officer stationed at Guantanamo Bay. Having no experience of military law and sensing she isn't telling the truth, he refuses. Then she claims she is the adoptive mother of Jack's biological son. (American)


James GRIPPANDO

 **Last to Die 430pp Pb 18.95**
As a favour to his best friend Theo, Miami lawyer Jack Swytek reluctantly agrees to represent Tatum Knight, Theo's brother. Tatum is a hit man who claims he has gone straight. Tatum tells Jack that a woman named Sally Fenning hired him to kill her but he swears he refused the job. Now Sally is dead and she's named Tatum in her will, along with five other people, all of whom she had reason to hate. The catch is the only one who will inherit the \$46 million is the last one standing. (American)


Jack HIGGINS

 **Dark Justice 279pp Tp 29.95**
Sean Dillon is back in another heart-stopping, adrenalin-laced adventure when the President's men foil an assassination attempt. It appears the assassin is British with Muslim connections, and suddenly Dillon is on a trail that leads him to England, Russia and Iraq, where he prepares for the deadliest challenge of his life. (American)


Lynn HIGHTOWER

 **Fortunes of the Dead 388pp Pb 18.95**
A Lena Padget novel. For two months running, Joel has immersed himself in an investigation full of dead ends: the disappearance of college intern Cheryl Dunkirk. Cheryl's sister Miranda has turned to Lena for help. Just as Lena agrees to look into the case, Joel is teamed with Los Angeles ATF Agent Wilson McCoy, whose investigation of the Branch Davidian cult holocaust in Waco cuts right into the heart of Joel's case. It will take all three of them to track down the killer. (American)

Vicki HINZE

 **Lady Justice 435pp Pb 15.95**
The Consortium, an international group of businessmen, launches a silent war against the USA using biological contaminants to destroy crops and create the need for the medical technology it intends to black market. Few things surprise Special Agents Gabby Kincaid or Max Grayson on this mission to bring down the Consortium, but one stuns them: Neither expected to fall in love! (American)

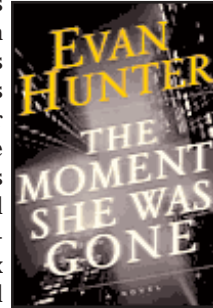
Tami HOAG


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When railwayman Jim Stringer is assigned to drive holidaymakers to the seaside resort of Blackpool in the hot summer of 1905, he thinks he's struck lucky. But his dreams of beer and pretty women soon fall away - when his high-speed train meets a huge millstone on the line. In the months that follow as he hunts for the saboteur, Jim is drawn into a beguiling but dangerous world of eccentrics, conmen and cowards. (British)

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Priscilla MASTERS**River Deep**

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Attorney Jennifer March is haunted by the mysterious and savage slaughter of her family on the same night that her father disappeared, never to be seen alive again. Two years on, his corpse is discovered frozen into a remote glacier in the Swiss Alps. Jennifer sets out for Europe to find answers. (American)

Syke Kathleen MOODY**Medusa** 283pp Pb 13.95

A Venus Diamond mystery. A bratty young girl goes overboard and drowns while yachting with her brother Henry and their well-to-do next-door neighbour Tim Diamond. Tim claims he saw a huge, tentacled arm come out of the water to sweep the child to her doom, but Henry swears Tim pushed her. 12-year-old Tim is charged with murder. (American)

Hunter MORGAN**She'll Never Live**

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All summer, a sadistic madman who calls himself the Bloodsucker, has been preying on blonde-haired, blue-eyed women in the small resort town of Albany Beach, abducting them then draining them of their blood. For his next victim he has set his sights high on Police Chief and single mum Claire Drummond. And he knows the perfect way to get to her, through her daughter... (American)

Walter MOSLEY**The Man in My Basement**

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An Easy Rawlins mystery. When an income tax officer makes him an offer he cannot refuse, Easy Rawlins is forced out of retirement and into the infiltration of his local church, the First African Baptist, and the surveillance of local radicals. Murderers strike and he becomes the prime suspect of the Los Angeles Police Department, who lose no sleep over the fate of 'freelance' private eyes. (American)

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Tim MYERS**Booked for Murder**

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A Lighthouse Inn mystery. The Agatha Award-nominated series continues, featuring Alex Winston and his inland lighthouse getaway. When a cursed gem disappears and dead bodies appear, Alex must stop a killer and save his beloved inn before the next life claimed is his. (American)

James NEWMAN**Midnight Rain**

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Kyle Mackey has a secret place where he goes to be alone. It is a run-down shack deep in the woods. But Kyle's private spot will never seem the same after he sees a naked girl through the window. The girl has been brutally beaten, but she is still clinging to life. What Kyle sees next, though, is the part that will haunt him the rest of his life. (American)



**Perri O'SHAUGHNESSY****Presumption of Death****390pp Pb 18.95**

Lawyer Nina Reilly needs a fresh start so she is heading to the Carmel Valley, the place where she began her career and where her estranged father lives. It is also a place of dramatic contradictions and hidden tensions, of new wealth and old families. And, within days of her arrival, Nina is already feeling the heat, as a case of arson exposes some of the darkest secrets of her hometown. (American)

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Years ago, Lou Boldt's wife Liz had an affair with David Hayes, a young computer specialist at the bank where she is an executive. When Liz ended the relationship after reconciling with Lou, Hayes partook of a daring embezzlement scheme. Now, years later, Hayes is trying to retrieve the money he hid for the Russian mob, and contacts Liz to try and gain access to the bank's mainframe. Liz is torn between wanting to protect the bank and needing to protect her children, who are being threatened. (American)

Malcolm PRYCE**Last Tango in Aberystwyth #2****263pp Pb 21.95**

Worlds collide when the Dean Morgan of the Faculty of Undertaking checks into the notorious bed and breakfast ghetto and mistakenly receives a suitcase intended for a ruthless druid assassin. Soon he is running for his life, his heart hopelessly in thrall to a porn star known as Judy Juice. Louie Knight, the town's only private eye is called upon to make sense of it all. He knows that in order to find the Dean, he has to discover what was in the druid's case. It turns out to be something so evil it makes even the hard-boiled gumshoe gasp (British)

**Ann PURSER****Terror on Tuesday****314pp Pb 13.95**

A Lois Meade mystery. Working-class mum and housecleaner Lois Meade plies her sleuthing skills once again after discovering a dead body, dressed in a suit of armour, in a chapel. (American)

Leigh REDHEAD**Peepshow****293pp Pb 21.95**

Simon e Kirsch is sexy, funny and intelligent. And she needs it all as she goes undercover, stripping at the table dancing club, The Red Room, to find out who killed the sleazy owner, Frank Parisi. It is the only



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Ben REHDER**Bone Dry****340pp Pb 15.95**

A Blanco County mystery. Just as he did in his Edgar Award-nominated novel **Buck Fever** (Pb 17.95), Ben Rehder serves up a generous helping of murder, mystery and down-home humour in a place where the sun is hot, the beer is cold and 'most every neck is good and red. (American)

Robert REULAND**Semiautomatic****242pp Tp 32.95**

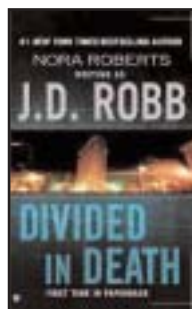
An Andrew Giobberti investigation. Exiled from the high-powered DA's Homicide Bureau to the dusty decay of the Appeals Bureau, the powers-that-be want this difficult prosecutor back in the courtroom. They are counting on his brilliance to ensure a guilty verdict for murder suspect Haskin Pool. However, it does not take long for Giobberti to realise this case stinks. There is a conspiracy to convict that reaches well up the political hierarchy... (American)

Ann RIPLEY**Death at the Spring Plant Sale****319pp Pb 13.95**

A Gardening mystery. When Louise Eldridge covers the spring plant sale of the venerable Bethesda Garden Club for her television show, she finds blue-blooded traditions, deeply rooted resentments—and fertile ground for murder... (American)

J D ROBB**Divided in Death****328pp Pb 19.95**

Security specialist Reva Ewing is the prime suspect in a double homicide accused of killing her adulterous husband and his lover. But despite having every reason for wanting both of them dead, Reva protests her innocence and Lt Eve Dallas believes her. (American)

**J D ROBB****Visions in Death****360pp Tp 32.95**

On one of the city's hottest nights, Eve Dallas is sent to Central Park and into a hellish new investigation. The victim is found on the rocks, just above the still, dark water of the lake. Around her neck is a single red ribbon. Her hands are posed, as if in prayer. But it is the eyes, removed with such precision, as if done with the careful hands of a surgeon, that have Dallas most alarmed. (American)

Nicholas ROYLE**Antwerp****274pp Tp 27.95**

Cult film director Johnny Vos is making a low-budget bio-pic about the Belgian surrealist artist Paul Delvaux. He hires women from Antwerp's red light district and from an internet voyeur house as extras in order to recreate the poses of Delvaux's famous sleepwalking nudes. When two prostitutes end up murdered, English film critic Frank Warner, in town to interview Vos, turns investigative journalist when his girlfriend goes missing. (British)

Tony SAINT**Blag #2****247pp Tp 24.95**

Sean Carlyle is an immigration officer charged with seeking out illegal immigrants and deporting them. Harry Verma is an immigration lawyer devoted to keeping them in Britain, for a reasonable fee, of course. They are natural adversaries, camped on opposite sides of the great immigration law charade, but gradually events conspire to bring them together. (British)

Lawrence SANDERS & Vincent LARGO**McNally's Dare****308pp Pb 17.95**

An Arch McNally novel. The dowager duchess of Palm Beach dies, leaving behind a fabulous fortune and a handsome young heir, though McNally has his doubts about the boy's bona fides. When a young waiter, working MacNiff's Annual Tennis Everyone Benefit is found dead in Nifty's otherwise pristine swimming pool, it is McNally who rushes in to salvage the town's reputation and solve the un-fortunate crime. (American)

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**John SANDFORD****Naked Prey 359pp Pb 18.95**

For every bit of peace you get, you have to pay and Lucas Davenport is waiting for the bill. It comes in the form of two people found hanging from a tree in the woods of northern Minnesota. What makes it particularly sensitive is that the bodies are of a black man and a white woman, and they are naked. "Lynching" is the word that everybody's trying not to say but, as Lucas begins to discover, in fact the murders are not what they appear to be, and they are not the end of the story. There is worse to come—much, much worse. (American)

Lisa SEE**Dragon Bones 363pp Pb 19.95**

When the body of an American archaeologist is found floating in the Yangzi River, Ministry of Public Security agent Liu Hulan and her husband, American attorney David Stark, are dispatched to Site 518 to investigate. As



Hulan scrutinises this death, David, on behalf of the National Relics Bureau, tries to discover who has stolen from the site an artefact that may prove to the world China's claim that it is the oldest uninterrupted civilisation on earth. This artefact is not only an object of great monetary value but one that is emblematic of the very soul of China. (American)

Stav SHEREZ**The Devil's Playground****448pp Tp 29.95**

When the body of a tramp, Jake Colby, is found in a secluded Amsterdam park, Dutch police detective Ronald Van Hijn believes that this is the ninth victim of the serial killer stalking the city. Yet, all previous victims were young, female and beautiful. What could have made the killer change his MO? This is a thought-provoking debut crime thriller from a stunning new young talent. (Dutch)

Sheldon SIEGEL**Final Verdict 424pp Pb 17.95**

Fate throws a curveball at the San Francisco ex-husband-and-wife legal team of Mike Daley and Rosie Fernandez, when Mike picks up the phone and hears the voice of Leon Walker. This is not good news—because Walker was the one who ruined their marriage. Years ago, he and his brother participated in a stickup that left a man dead. Through a series of (some said) questionable manoeuvres, Mike got the charges dropped, but he and Rosie fought about it all the time and it finally drove a wedge between them. (American)

Jessica SPEART**Blue Twilight 293pp Pb 16.95**

A Rachel Porter mystery. Something precious and beautiful is being ruthlessly destroyed. And those who champion the small, fragile, threatened lives are endangered themselves. An agent for the US Fish and Wildlife Service, Rachel Porter has been assigned to the northern California wilds, where a biologist recently vanished while searching for a rare blue butterfly believed extinct — a hunt that may well have led him to his death. But bodies and lies are piling up in her path, and beyond them catastrophe is waiting for Rachel Porter. (American)

**Gunnar STAALESEN****The Writing on the Wall (1995)****264pp Tp 27.95**

A Varg Veum investigation. Young teenage girls, some from very cosseted backgrounds, are being drawn into prostitution, partly for kicks, but also to earn money for drugs and trendy clothes. Matters take a turn for the worse when the local magistrate is discovered in a luxury hotel, clad only in women's lingerie and most assuredly dead. (Norwegian)

**Dana STABENOW (editor)****Wild Crimes 289pp Pb 16.95**

Stories of Mysteries in the Wild. Go where the wild things are: whether on unruly and lawless urban streets, a secluded stretch of uncivilised and barbarous woods, or in the frozen mountains of Colorado. Anything can happen to anyone—anywhere, when the nature of man turns wild. Original stories by: Michael Armstrong, Margaret Coel, Mike Doogan, Loren Estleman, Laurie King, Skye Moody, Brad Reynolds, SJ Rozan, James Sarafin, Dana Stabenow and John Straley. (American)

Kimberley STARR**The Kingdom Where Nobody Dies****233pp Pb 22.95**

This is the winner of the 2003 Queensland Premier's Literary Award for Best Emerging Author. 20 years after the first boy vanished along the Brisbane River, psychologist Madeleine Jeffries is called home to help untangle a chain of similar disappearances. To do so she must confront secrets and guilt from her own past. This book is an exploration of grief, responsibility and repercussions, and the way childhood actions can echo throughout our lives. (Australian)

Marcia TALLEY**In Death's Shadow****276pp Pb 16.95**

A Hannah Ives mystery. Hannah struggled bravely through the ravages of illness and fellow patient Valerie Stone was at her side. As cancer survivors they have a lot to celebrate when they meet again, but their reunion is short-lived. Soon Valerie is dead and a suspicious Hannah must sift through a mountain of clues trying to uncover the cause of her friend's untimely death. Hannah Ives is about to discover what it means to be a target. (American)

Peter TEMPLE**White Dog 337pp Pb 22.95**

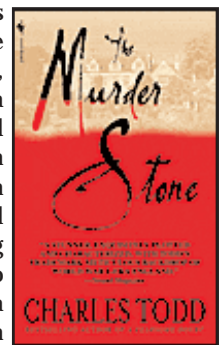
A Jack Irish thriller. Gambler, cook and cabinetmaker, finder of people who don't want to be found, Jack Irish has a new job hunting for evidence that might save the beautiful sculptor Sarah Longmore from a murder rap. Jack soon discovers there was nothing straightforward about Mickey Franklin's death, and falls headlong into a world of shady deals, sexual secrets and country rednecks. (Australian)

Joseph TRIGOBOFF**The Bone Orchard (1990)****276pp Tp 24.95**

A Detective Yablonsky mystery. Set in contemporary NYC, this dark whodunit was the first in the series of Detective Yablonsky mysteries. (American)

Charles TODD**The Murder Stone 377pp Pb 16.95**

The Great War is still raging in the autumn of 1916, when Francesca Hatton's beloved grandfather dies on the family estate in England's isolated Exe Valley. Grieving for the man who raised her, Francesca is stunned to find an unsigned letter among his effects, cursing the Hattons and their descendants. Now a stranger has shown up on her doorstep, accusing her grandfather of being a murderer. (British)

**P J TRACY****Want to Play? 480pp Pb 19.95**

(US title **Monkeywrench**). In this electrifying debut, the slaying of an old couple in small town America looks like one-off act of brutal retribution. But at the same time, in Minneapolis, teams of detectives scramble to stop a sickeningly inventive serial killer striking again in a city paralysed by fear. When the two separate investigations converge on an isolated catholic boarding school, decades old secrets begin to fall away. (American)

**Patricia TYRRELL****The Reckoning** 218pp Tp 26.95

The novel is set in contemporary America and is narrated by Cate, a teenage girl. Cate has been raised on-the-run by a homeless drifter called Les, who abducted her from a campsite 13 years before. As the novel opens, Les rings to tell the mother that he is finally bringing her daughter home. Cate has done something so terrible that Les has belatedly understood the moral consequences of his actions years before. But how will Cate cope with learning to love a mother she can't remember, and with learning to despise the man she has come to consider as her father? And how will her English mother square the memories of her three-year-old daughter with the hard-bitten, cynical, white trash teenager who turns up on her doorstep? This was short listed for the Encore award in 2003. (British-American)

Marcos VILLATORO**Home Killings** 342pp Pb 16.95

A Romilia Chacon novel. Teeming with the shadows of revolution in Central America, the illicit drug trade and pre-Colombian Myth, this spell-binding detective novel featuring its Latin detective offers many new twists to the genre. Romilia Chacón, a rookie in the Nashville police force, finds herself thrown immediately into her first big case on her new beat. Combating the machismo of the police force and the challenges of being an outsider within the Latino community, Chacón follows the trail of murder in this fully textured and well-developed whodunit. (Latin American)

Robert WESTBROOK**The Final Cut** 215pp Pb 15.95

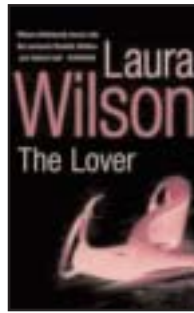
Film tie-in edition. This book is based on the film written and directed by Omar Naim and starring Robin Williams. (American)

Charlie WILLIAMS**Deadfolk** 305pp Pb 22.95

No-one leaves Mangel, at least not alive they don't. Royston Blake is the Head Doorman of Hoppers Wine Bar & Bistro. He drives a Capri 2.81 and can walk down the street knowing he is respected by folks. But now there is a rumour out that he's lost his bottle. Even Sal's heard the rumour. What is more, the Muntons and their Meat Wagon are after him. Something has got to give. Determined to prove he hasn't lost his nerve, Blake embarks on a plan designed to re-establish his reputation as a hard man. Murder, mayhem and a chainsaw called Susan intertwine in this astonishing debut, which marks the appearance of a fresh, funny and brutal new voice in British crime fiction. (British)

Laura WILSON**The Lover** 282pp Tp 29.95

Autumn, 1940 and London is in the grip of the Blitz. Rene is a Soho prostitute with a young son to support. She has learnt to cope with the air raids, but each night on the streets is a terrifying ordeal as a killer picks off her friends. Lucy is a young, middle-class office worker living with her family in Clapham, struggling to make sense of things as her peaceful suburban life degenerates into chaos. Jim is a fighter pilot, handsome and much admired for his heroism in battle. In ordinary circumstances, their paths might never have crossed, but in war-torn London, anything can happen. One night a bomb falls, with terrifying consequences for them all... (British)

**Stephen WOODWORTH****Through Violet Eyes** 333pp Pb 16.95

Woodworth's chilling debut novel is set in an alternate present-day setting where a small percentage of people are born with violet irises and the ability to channel the dead. Naturally, the government has stepped in and regulated their lives, using them as tools in murder trials, but now one killer is closing these violet eyes permanently and even the FBI cannot stop them. (American)

Edward WRIGHT**Clea's Moon** 327pp Pb 17.95

This is an evocative post-World War II crime novel set in LA, starring ex-movie-star and now debt-collector, John Ray Horn. When old friend Scotty comes across an obscene photo of Horn's stepdaughter Clea, within days, Scotty is dead and Clea has run away. Will the on-screen tough-guy hero be able to sustain his role off-screen? (American)

Lynn YORK**The Piano Teacher** 276pp Pb 20.95

Miss Wilma, the resident organist and piano teacher in the small Southern village of Swan's Knob has enough on her plate already but when her prodigal daughter Sarah returns with her young granddaughter Starling in tow, what can she do but enjoy the blessing of their unexpected visit? That is, until Sarah's absentee husband Harper shows up a few short hours after a murder shakes the small community... (American)



HISTORICAL CRIME

**Bruce ALEXANDER**
The Price of Murder

306pp Pb 16.95

A Sir John Fielding novel #10. 18th-century, London. In this number, Sir John and Jeremy are drawn deep into the notorious Seven Dials section of London, where they must contend with the most sordid inclinations of both the working class and the aristocracy. When the body of a young girl is pulled from the Thames, Jeremy's search for clues leads him to the racetrack. There, he discovers just how dangerous the high-stakes battle is that he has gotten himself into and, when an acquaintance suddenly disappears, just how terribly steep the odds. (American)

Roberta GELLIS**Lucrezia Borgia and the Mother of All Poisons** 332pp Tp 32.95

1502, Castel Vecchio

Ferrara. Lucrezia has fled Rome to a loveless marriage with Alfonso, heir to the duke of Ferrara, to escape the rumours that she is utterly depraved: an incestuous lecher and poisoner. To her delight she is warmly welcomed by the duke, his court and the people, indeed by everyone except her husband. And then, after only six weeks of basking in the warmth of general approval, Alfonso rushes into her apartment and accuses her of poisoning Bianca Geraldo, one of her ladies-in-waiting and his mistress. To deny the charge is useless. Lucrezia knows all too well the futility of claiming innocence even when the claim is clearly and plainly true. The only way for her to retrieve her reputation is to discover who committed the crime and expose the true murderer. (American)

**Jane JAKEMAN****Let There Be Blood** 196pp Tp 27.00

A Lord Ambrose mystery #1. 1830, England. Lord Ambrose has returned to England from the battlefields of Greece to heal his wounds in the peace and quiet of his country mansion. But when a nearby farmer and his son are shot dead, and the villagers accuse a local gypsy, Ambrose must attend to the matter before he can rest. A trip to the farmer's house reveals some very strange facts: the new widow appears to have a dangerous addiction to laudanum and the governess's expensive dress is soaked in blood. The young woman's eyes bespeak dark secrets and Ambrose has an eerie suspicion that these first two murders will not be the last. (British)

**Philippa MORGAN****Chaucer and the House of Fame**

341pp Hb 54.00

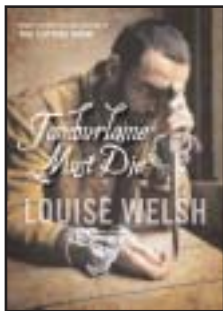
1370, right in the middle of the Anglo-French conflict: the Hundred Years War. In danger of losing the Aquitaine territory, England sends Geoffrey Chaucer, protégé of the king's son, to France. When he reaches de Guyac's castle, he is greeted by turmoil and then Henri is killed during a boar hunt. Chaucer soon realises the Comte's death is no hunting accident and that he must solve the murder before returning home. Enemies and suspects abound. Wanting only to return to England and get back to his work, Chaucer finds himself in the midst of a brightly colourful puzzle that turns him into a fugitive in a foreign country, unsure who his friends and enemies really are. (American)

**Andrew TAYLOR****The American Boy** 485pp Pb 22.95

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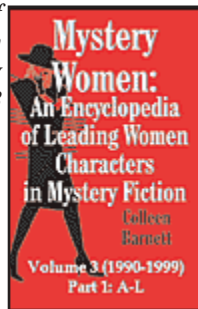
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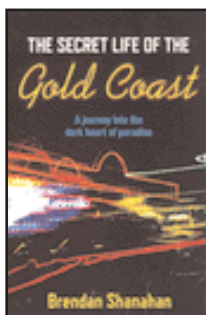
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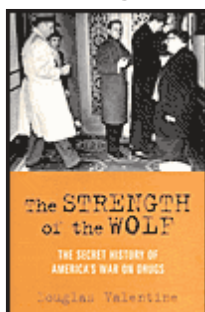
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