

CRIME CHRONICLE

"WHERE A GOOD CRIME CAN BE HAD BY ALL"

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CELEBRATION OF AUSSIE CRIME

Garry DISHER

Snapshot

337pp Pb \$22.95

This is the third in the series featuring Detective Inspector Hal Challis and Sergeant Ellen Destry following **Dragon Man** (1) Pb \$22.95 and **Kittyhawk Down** (2) Pb 22.95. Sex with strangers on a Saturday, family outings in the station wagon on Tuesday morning. Winter may be closing in on the coastal community of Waterloo, but the residents have their own ways of keeping warm. When Janine McQuarrie is shot dead in a country lane while her daughter looks on, her exotic social life is an obvious factor in the investigation. But for Challis and Destry, there are other complications. Such as Janine's father-in-law: Superintendent McQuarrie, bureaucrat, golfer and toady. Challis and Destry's boss. Another excellent addition to this wonderful series.

Kerry GREENWOOD

Murder in the Dark

298pp Pb \$19.95

The 16th in the series. The jazz is as hot as the drinks are cold as Phryne Fisher returns to indulge in flirtations, dancing and mint juleps. Heaven. It's Christmas, and Phryne has an invitation to the Last Best party of 1928, a four-day extravaganza being held at the Werribee Manor House by the Golden Twins, Isabella and Gerald Templar. Undecided about going, Phryne starts receiving anonymous threats warning her against attending, at which time she promptly decides to accept the invitation. It all seems like good clean fun until three people are kidnapped and Phryne must puzzle her way through the cryptic clues of the scavenger hunt to retrieve the hostages and save the party from disaster. Great fun.

Sydney BAUER

Undertow

425pp Tp \$32.95

Following an alleged conversation between respected attorney Rayna Martin and teenager Christina Haynes during a boating trip at Cape Ann, Massachusetts, one of them is dead, the other arrested for murder. Boston lawyer David Cavanaugh faces his toughest case to date when what appears to be a tragic but blameless accident turns into something else entirely. With the victim's father one of the most powerful politicians in the US Senate and the Assistant District Attorney prepared to put his personal ambition ahead of legal justice, David finds that his most dangerous battle is taking place outside the courtroom. Terrific legal suspense – a great debut.

Tara MOSS

Hit

470pp Tp \$33.00

Makedde 'Mak' Vanderwall has her PhD and has started a new life in Australia with her detective boyfriend, Andy Flynn. To scrape together extra cash to start her first forensic pathology practice, Mak begins working part-time for an infamous Sydney P.I. With a knack for investigation and bending the law, she might just have stumbled across her true calling... and the career choice that could finally bust up her relationship once and for all. This is the fourth in the series following (1) **Fetish** Pb \$18.95; (2) **Split** Pb \$18.95 and (3) **Covet** Pb \$18.95 all of which feature Mak Vanderwall. Great reads.

Sandy McCUTCHEON

The Cobbler's Apprentice

409pp Tp \$32.95

An international thriller that launches the reader into an all-too-believable world of tomorrow's headlines. When Samir al-Hassani does the impossible and escapes from Guantanamo Bay, a chain of events is set off that leads to tears and bloodshed around the world. Sami, a young Palestinian who had been caught in Iraq, thinks he has been helped by fellow jihadis, but the CIA and Mossad are pulling his strings. Or are they?

- Peter

ABBEY'S CRIME READERS

There are lots more books than usual in this 'catch-up' issue of Crime Chronicle, so take a deep breath and plunge in! (In our conscientious efforts to tell you something about every new crime book that comes into Abbey's, we have fallen behind the publication date of many new titles).

From next month, in November's Crime Chronicle, more up-to-date titles will be included - not just books received into store in October (that we haven't previously told you about), but also most of the titles due in November. These will be marked 'Due Nov' and are mostly due for release in the first week of November (although as you know, they sometimes slip...)

**MODERN CRIME****Jeffrey ANDERSON** **Second Genesis****371pp Pb \$18.95**

When a scientist is brutally murdered and genetically-altered chimpanzees escape from a lab in the Amazon, biologist Jamie Kendrick is plunged into an unethical conspiracy involving stem cell engineering that could render humanity obsolete. (American)

Margot ARNOLD **The Cape Cod Caper****192pp Pb \$19.95**

A Penny Spring and Sir Toby Glendower Mystery. When a mutilated corpse is found in a cranberry bog on the Dimola estate, Penelope Spring is summoned to the Cape by Zeb Grange, an old flame. But by the time she arrives, an attempt on Zeb's life has been made, leaving him in a coma. 1988 (American)

**Charles ATKINS** **The Cadaver's Ball****342pp Pb \$16.95**

Psychiatrist Peter Grainger struggles to put his life back together following the death of his wife and unborn child, while an old friend from medical school, Dr Ed Tyson, a man with a long-time grudge against Peter, seeks revenge. (American)

Kate ATKINSON **One Good Turn** **396pp Tp \$32.95**

It is summer, it is the Edinburgh Festival. People queuing for a lunchtime show witness a road-rage incident that changes the lives of everyone involved. Jackson Brodie - ex-army, ex-police, ex-private detective - is also an innocent bystander, until he becomes a suspect. (English)

**Juval AVIV** **Max****354pp Tp \$32.95**

First in a series of explosive thrillers with a series hero, Max is based on the mysterious death of media tycoon Robert Maxwell. (Israeli)

David BALDACI **The Camel Club** **688pp Pb \$19.95**

Baldacci takes readers inside the Camel Club, the most elite power club in the US, and shows how far its members will go to protect their darkest secrets. (American)

J G BALLARD **Kingdom Come** **280pp Tp \$33.00**

This new masterpiece of fiction from J G Ballard asks: could Consumerism turn into Fascism? (English)

Cynthia BAXTER **Hare Today, Dead Tomorrow****365pp Pb \$16.95**

Reigning Cats & Dogs Mystery #4. Can a vet detective catch a killer who's hopping mad? Veterinarian and amateur sleuth Jessica Popper races down the rabbit hole and into a vintage case of passion and betrayal in Long Island's elite wine country. (American)

Laurien BERENSON **Raining Cats and Dogs****302pp Pb \$16.95**

Melanie Travis Mystery. Melanie has her hands full these days, what with adding a husband and three more dogs to her already cramped home. The advanced obedience training for her dog Faith is a welcome respite from the stresses of house hunting, until murder forces Melanie to the head of the class. (American)

**Michael BOWEN** **Screenscam** **227pp Tp \$32.95**

Rep and Melissa Pennyworth Mystery. Rep Pennyworth and his wife Melissa investigate when he is hired by the contentious Charlotte Buchanan, who claims that her novel, **And Done to Others' Harm**, is the basis for the film *Contemplation of Death*, directed by Hollywood legend Aaron Eastman, but Pennyworth soon discovers that there is more at stake than money.

Unforced Error**199pp Tp \$32.95**

Rep and Melissa Pennyworth Mystery. While at a re-enactment of a Civil War battle in Kansas City, Rep and Melissa stumble upon a dead body and set out to solve the murder by harnessing the power of copyright law and literature. (American)

Phil BOWIE **Guns****356pp Pb \$16.95**

Sam Bass is tall and lanky, loves old western movies, wears cowboy boots and drives a beat-up Jeep. He has a gorgeous girlfriend, Valerie, a Cherokee widow with a young son, and he's a hot-shot pilot... with a past. Debut (American)

Lillian Jackson BRAUN **The Cat Who Dropped a****Bombshell** **212pp Pb \$18.95**

#28. (American)

Don BREDES **The Fifth Season** **222pp Hb \$45.00**

Hector Bellevance is now serving as Tipton's town constable when Marcel Boisvert - a town father - apparently goes berserk. Hector finds the county sheriff shot dead on Marcel's doorstep and the Tipton town clerk murdered in her office.

Suzanne BROCKMANN **Breaking Point** **469pp Pb \$18.95**

After Max Bhagat rescued Gina Vitagliano during a vicious terrorist hijacking, she became the love of his life. Now Gina has been kidnapped again and her abductor offers to release her in exchange for a man called 'Jones', an elusive former US Special Warfare operative turned smuggler. (American)

Ladies' Man **216pp Pb \$16.95**

Becoming embroiled in a sizzling affair with a gorgeous cop, Ellen Layne, a divorced single mother, is forced to turn to sexy NYPD detective Sam Schaefer for her very survival when she suddenly becomes the target of a deranged stalker. (American)

Christopher BROOKMYRE **A Tale Etched in Blood and Hard****Black Pencil** **339pp Tp \$32.95**

Put on your uniform and line up in an orderly fashion for the funniest and most accurate trip back to the classroom you are likely to read, as well as a murder mystery like nothing that has gone before it. (Scottish)

KEY**ACADEMIC****BANKING****CANINE DETECTIVES****CLERICAL****COSY/MALICE DOMESTIC****CULINARY/FOOD****FBI****FELINE DETECTIVES****FORENSIC****HORSE RACING MYSTERY****MEDICAL****MILITARY****NATIVE AMERICAN****POLICE PROCEDURAL****POLITICAL/LEGAL****PSYCHOLOGICAL****PRIVATE EYE****ROMANTIC SUSPENSE****SPORT****SPY****SUSPENSE/THRILLER**

AUTHOR'S NATIONALITY AT END OF BLURB

**Sandra BROWN****Ricochet** 385pp Tp \$32.95

Investigating the shooting of a burglar in the home of a high-profile Savannah district judge, detectives Hatcher and Bowen are suspicious of the declarations of innocence made by the judge's dutiful wife. The case is further complicated by the judge's notorious, soft-on-crime tactics. (American)

Ken BRUEN**Calibre** 182pp Tp \$29.00

When the so-called 'Manners Killer' - a serial murderer who selects his victims from among those who are publicly rude - begins sending letters about his crimes to the Southeast London police squad, cantankerous Inspector Brant vows to put a stop to his lethal crime spree. (Irish)

John BURDETT**Bangkok Tattoo** 448pp Pb \$23.95

In District 8, the underbelly of Bangkok's crime world, a dramatically mutilated body is found in a hotel bedroom. It looks bad: the corpse - which has been flayed - is CIA. (English)

Dana CAMERON**Ashes and Bones** 289pp Pb \$16.95

Emma Fielding Mystery. Enjoying her job at a respected university and the love of her devoted husband, archaeologist Emma Fielding is stunned when an unknown enemy launches an insidious campaign of personal terror against her as part of a plot to destroy her reputation, her career and her character. She embarks on a personal investigation to find the culprit. (American)

Andrea CAMILLERI**Excursion to Tindari** 304pp Pb \$22.95

Inspector Montalbano #7. (Italian)

Stephen CANNELL**Cold Hit** 370pp Pb \$16.95

Shane Scully Mystery. Scully has found his footing, while his partner is going down in flames and a serial murderer rattles LA. Each corpse has been mysteriously defiled. Then, in the middle of the hunt, Scully gets an idea that may cost him his life. (American)

Joanna CARL**The Chocolate Bridal Bash** 226pp Pb \$16.95

Lee McKinney Chocoholic Mystery #6. (American)

Paul CARSON**Betrayal** 454pp Pb \$21.95

Dublin's Harmon Penitentiary is Europe's most dangerous jail. Dr Frank Ryan is in charge of looking after its inmates. It's a risky job - the last doctor was murdered - but for Ryan it's also an exciting challenge. (Irish)

Laura CHILDS**Blood Orange Brewing** 292pp Hb \$34.95

Tea Shop Mystery #7. (American)

Agatha CHRISTIE**Miss Marple's Final Case** 138pp Hb \$30.00

Six superb short stories featuring Miss Marple. Facsimile first edition. 1979

Sleeping Murder 274pp Hb \$30.00

Miss Marple's last case. Facsimile first

Paul CHRISTOPHER**The Lucifer Gospel** 357pp Pb \$18.95

Finn Ryan #2. While searching the Sahara for the long-lost tomb of an apostle, archaeologist Finn Ryan and photographer Virgil Hilts stumble upon an ancient Roman medallion bearing the name of a fallen archangel, a discovery that forces them to run for their lives. (American)

Mark COHEN**Bluetick Revenge** 331pp Pb \$16.95

Pepper Keane Mystery #2. Agreeing to help a Witness Protection Program candidate steal a champion dog from her sadistic biker gang leader ex-boyfriend, Colorado private eye Pepper Keane finds the case complicated when he pretends to help the biker. (American)

Judy CLEMENS**Till the Cows Come Home** 288pp Tp \$32.95

Stella Crown runs her own dairy farm with the trusted help of long-time assistant Howie. She rides her Harley on weekends and has enough friends to suit her just fine. But on her 29th birthday, things start to change, and when her livestock begin turning up dead, Stella knows someone, or something, is out to get her... (American)

Barbara CLEVERLY**The Bee's Kiss** 288pp Pb \$21.95

Detective Joe Sandilands #5. It is 1926 and Scotland Yard detective Joe Sandilands is back from Ranipur, enjoying the frantic pleasures of *Jazz Age* London. But when Dame Beatrice Jaglow-Joliffe is bludgeoned to death in her suite at the Ritz, it looks like a burglary gone wrong and Joe is despatched to conduct an inquiry. (English)

Max Allen COLLINS**The Last Quarry** 201pp Pb \$16.95

Hard Case Crime. The ruthless professional killer known as Quarry long ago disappeared into a well-earned retirement. But now a media magnate has lured the restless hit man into tackling one last lucrative assignment. The target is an unlikely one: Why, Quarry wonders, would anyone want a beautiful young librarian dead? (American)

Michael CONNELLY**Echo Park** 416pp Tp \$32.95

Bosch #12.

Detective Harry Bosch reopens one of his own unsolved cases and comes face to face with a psychotic killer he has been seeking for years. (American) *due October*

**Robin COOK****Crisis** 468pp Tp \$32.95

Shocked and humiliated by a medical malpractice lawsuit, physician Craig Bowman receives help from his estranged brother-in-law, medical examiner Jack Stapleton, who discovers trouble after exhuming the body of Craig's alleged victim. (American)

Cleo COYLE**Murder Most Frothy** 257pp Pb \$16.95

Coffeehouse Mystery #4. (American)

Blake CROUCH**Locked Doors** 310pp Pb \$16.95

"This tautly written, very scary thriller quickly grabs the reader by the throat. Luther Kite is the most interesting character in the mix. He's so gleefully cold-hearted and inventive, it's almost difficult not to root for him. Leave the lights on; Luther may be out there." - *Booklist* (American)

Michael CROW**No Way Back** 304pp Pb \$18.95

Luther Ewing Thriller #3. Vietnamese-American Gulf War veteran Luther Ewing reluctantly returns to undercover work with the CIA. He is assigned to oversee the purchase of Russian military technology, a case with hidden pitfalls. (American)

Lynda CURNYN**Killer Summer** 327pp Pb \$19.95

Sharing a beach house on Fire Island seems like a killer way for best friends Zoe, Sage and Nick to spend summer together. But just as they're dreaming of sunset margaritas and late-night barbecues, the body of their hostess washes up on the beach... (American)

Clive CUSSLER**Dark Watch** 357pp Pb \$19.95

Oregon Files. Juan Cabrillo and his motley crew aboard the clandestine spy ship Oregon have made a very comfortable and very dangerous living working for high-powered Western interests. But their newest clients have come from the Far East to ask for Cabrillo's special brand of assistance: a consortium of Japanese shipping magnates whose fortunes are being threatened by brutal pirates trolling the waters of Southeast Asia. (American)

**Mary DAHEIM****Dead Man Docking****308pp Pb \$16.95**

Bed and Breakfast Mystery. When the pre-launch party for their anticipated cruise is interrupted by the murders of the cruise line owner and two additional victims, Judith and Renie find themselves prowling the hilly streets of San Francisco in a case that is complicated by the perpetually intoxicated interference of two fellow travellers. (American)

Matthew D'ANCONA**Tabatha's Code 325pp Pb \$24.95**

When Cambridge undergraduate Nick falls in love with an American student during a summer holiday in California, he fails to realise the far-reaching consequences of this short, but passionate, affair. Years later, still haunted by memories and regrets, he continues to receive 'coded' messages from the other side of the Atlantic. (English)

John DEAN**The Latch Man****224pp Hb \$45.00**

DCI Blizzard Mystery. Reluctantly embroiled in what seems to be a routine burglary, DCI John Blizzard is intrigued when he is confronted by a name from the past. However, intrigue is rapidly replaced by consternation when burglary turns to murder and Blizzard and his team face a race against time to prevent the killer striking again. (American)

Jim DEFELICE**War Breaker 387pp Pb \$16.95**

Former CIA agent Michael O'Connell once helped Pakistan build a small fleet of undetectable nuclear bombers and now the CIA wants him to steal the planes before the region is engulfed in a bloody war. (American)

Ted DEKKER**Red 381pp Pb \$24.95**

The Circle 2. Less than a month ago, Thomas Hunter was a failed writer selling coffee at the Java Hut in Denver. Now he finds himself in a desperate quest to rescue two worlds from collapse. In one world, he's a battle-scarred general commanding an army of primitive warriors. In the other, he's racing to outwit sadistic terrorists intent on creating global chaos through an unstoppable virus. (American)

James DOSS**Shadow Man 434pp Pb \$16.95**

After a local prosecutor is killed by a sniper while dining at an exclusive Colorado restaurant, a nearby witness, orthodontist Manfred Blinkoe, claims the bullet was intended for him. Blinkoe hires Charlie Moon and his Ute shaman Aunt Daisy to uncover the truth. (American)

John DUNNING**Booked to Die 394pp Pb \$18.95**

Cliff Janeway #1. Cliff Janeway, Denver cop-turned-book-dealer, suspects that Jackie Newton, a psychopath who recently beat a rap for a series of vagrant killings, is responsible for the murder of a rare book hunter. 1992

**Bookman's Wake****432pp Pb \$18.95**

Cliff Janeway #2. Cliff finds himself chasing down a charming young fugitive named Eleanor Rigby, who has stolen a rare copy of Poe's *The Raven*, the kind of book somebody might kill for. 1995

**Bookman's Promise****469pp Pb \$18.95**

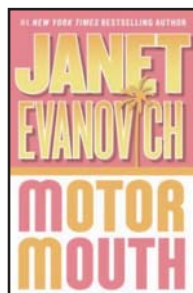
Cliff Janeway #3. Cliff is swept into a new mystery when he buys a signed first edition of a rare book by legendary 19th century explorer Richard Francis Burton. 2004 (American)

Paul EDDY**Flint's Code 469pp Tp \$32.95**

She's back - the incredible Grace Flint, the best undercover cop in the business, a chameleon personality who can assume many different personas. A driven woman, tortured by past betrayals, she now has a burning desire to avenge her tormentors. (American)

Janet EVANOVICH**Motor Mouth 400pp Tp \$33.00**

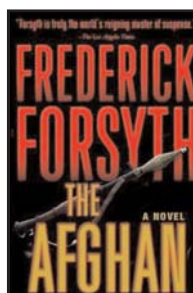
In the heat of Florida, Alex Barnaby, the star of the hilarious *Metro Girl* (Pb \$18.95), comes up against the irresistibly hot racing driver and bad boy, Sam Hooker. (American) *due October*

**Dan FESPERMAN****The Prisoner of Guantanamo****323pp Tp \$32.95**

FBI interrogator Revere Falk believes it is better to treat a suspect decently than to use more 'robust' methods. That puts him in a minority at 'Gitmo'. But when the body of an American soldier is found washed ashore in Cuban territory, a secret from his past returns to threaten him. (American)

Frederick FORSYTH**The Afghan 343pp Tp \$32.95**

Set in the very near future, British and American intelligence forces learn of an impending al-Qaeda terrorist strike, but they don't know exactly when or where. Their solution is to have one of their own infiltrate the terrorist group, posing as one of them. (English)

**Vince FLYNN****Consent to Kill 609pp Pb \$18.95**

For 10 years, Mitch Rapp has fought on the frontline of the War on Terror. His bold actions have saved the lives of thousands, but in the process, his list of enemies has grown inexorably. (American)

Stephen FREY**The Protégé 382pp Pb \$18.95**

Christian Gillette heads up the world's most powerful private equity firm. Reluctantly, he cooperates with a shadowy government agent in exchange for new information about the death of his father. At the same time, two of his firm's up-and-comers compete for his attention, a situation complicated by an attempt on his life. (American)

Frances FYFIELD**The Art of Drowning****384pp Tp \$32.95**

Sarah Fortune, lawyer and professional mistress, returns in an intriguing mystery.

Safer than Houses**288pp Pb \$22.95**

Sarah Fortune inherited her flat from one of her many lovers. Now a son has appeared claiming the flat is his, morally if not strictly legally, and he's using illegal means to persuade Sarah to give it up! (English)

Yasmine GALENORN**One Hex of a Wedding****260pp Pb \$16.95**

Chintz 'n China Mystery #5. (American)

Tess GERRITSEN**The Mephisto Club****368pp Tp \$32.95**

Boston Medical Examiner Maura Isles is summoned to the scene of a brutal killing and teams up with Detective Jane Rizzoli to investigate the victim's ties to a sinister cabal called the Mephisto Club.

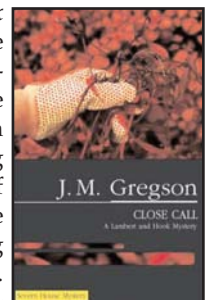
**Vanish****445pp Pb \$19.95**

The beautiful woman appears to be just another corpse in the morgue. But when medical examiner Maura Isles looks down at the body, she gets the fright of her life - the corpse opens its eyes! (American)

J M GREGSON**Close Call 216pp Hb \$49.95**

Lambert & Hook

Mystery. Gurney Close was a newly-built cul-de-sac, three nice houses and a bungalow overlooking the river Wye. None of the people who move in expect anything much to take place. With this in mind, they organise a party to celebrate moving in. All goes well until one of them is found dead. (English)



**Ed GORMAN****Fast Track 232pp Pb \$14.95**

Ordered to protect a valuable thoroughbred which is entered in a race that offers the biggest purse in history, Secret Service Agent Dev Mallory must save his partner's life when she is kidnapped by a high-stakes player who is determined to beat the odds. (American)

Sue GRAFTON**S is for Silence****433pp Pb \$19.95**

(American)

Heather GRAHAM**Vision****283pp Tp \$27.95**

Diver Genevieve Wallace becomes embroiled in a mystery after she sees the body of a woman floating 50 feet below the ocean's surface, reaching out with dead hands. (American)

Sara GRAN**Dope****242pp Pb \$24.95**

It is 1950s New York and heroin has flooded the streets. Josephine Flannigan has sure picked a dumb time to give it up! Now she's reduced to boosting jewellery to get by. So when she's offered \$1,000 to find Nadine, a good girl turned dope fiend, she's more than happy to give it a go. (American)

Martha GRIMES**Belle Ruin****368pp Tp \$29.95**

Emma Graham #3. 12-year-old Emma's latest adventure centres on a burned-down hotel, Belle Rouen, which holds a buried past that only Emma can unearth. (American)

Batya GUR**Bethlehem Road Murder****356pp Tp \$32.95**

A Michael Ohayon Mystery. When the murdered body of a young woman is discovered in an attic in the closed Baka neighbourhood of Jerusalem, chief superintendent Michael Ohayon navigates the area's complex culture and finds his investigation hampered by a past love. (Israeli)

Richard HALEY**The Murderer's Son****224pp Hb \$45.00**

Frank Crane PI Mystery. It began with the savage murder of a young man in the Surrey town of Working. Months later, private investigator Frank Crane is sent to the town on a missing person's case, hired by a lonely young woman called Jane Kennedy. But why is his car being followed? (American)

Parnell HALL**Stalking the Puzzle Lady****350pp Pb \$16.95**

Puzzle Lady Mystery #6. Cora Felton may look like everyone's favourite grandmother. But someone has pinned a mysterious crossword to her front door... with a wicked-looking knife. (American)

Pete HAMILL**The Guns of Heaven****254pp Pb \$16.95**

On a visit to Northern Ireland, newspaper reporter Sam Briscoe meets with a mysterious IRA leader and agrees to deliver an envelope to his supporters in New York City. It's a decision with grave consequences - for both Briscoe and his 11-year-old daughter. (American)

Lee HARRIS**Cinco de Mayo Murder****256pp Pb \$16.95**

Christine Bennett Mystery. During a sightseeing trip to Arizona, Christine is reunited with the mother of a former high-school classmate, Heinz Gruner, who had died 20 years earlier while hiking Picacho Peak near Tucson. Chris will stop at nothing to uncover the dire secrets that exist about that fateful day. (American)

Chris HASLAM**Alligator Strip****339pp Pb \$22.95**

At the end of cult novel *Twelve Step Fandango* (Pb \$22.95), Martin Brock, the book's hilarious anti-hero, escaped by jumping on a ship bound for Africa. Now in Morocco, we join him as he runs full pelt through the streets of Marrakech pursued by an angry restaurateur. (English)

Rita HERRON**Last Kiss Goodbye****368pp Pb \$14.95**

Fearful, yet determined, Ivy Stanton returns to the small Appalachian town she left 15 years ago on the night her parents were murdered. (American)

Lesley HORTON**Devils in the Mirror****354pp Pb \$19.95**

It's Halloween and a body has been found at Druids Altar, a local beauty spot high on Harden Moor. The victim is Shayla Richards, a young black girl, and the post-mortem reveals she was suffocated and sexually assaulted. Photographs of her body at the crime scene suggest a ritual sacrifice... (English)

David HOSP**The Betrayed 419pp Tp \$29.95**

14-year-old Amanda Creay arrives home from school to find her mother murdered: her throat slit, her corpse brutalised, subjected to the most appalling torture before she died. A piece of incriminating evidence at the scene leads to the swift arrest of a local drug dealer. Case closed. But local cop Jack Cassian has questions.

**Dark Harbour 435pp Pb \$19.95**

Rising from his disadvantaged youth to obtain a position at a Boston law firm, lawyer Scott Finn works for the defence of a high-profile client after the murder of a co-worker and former flame, a case involving billions of dollars, Scott's own credibility and a determined police lieutenant. (American)

Gregg Andrew HURWITZ**Trouble Shooter****389pp Pb \$18.95**

Tim Rackley #3. Doggedly pursuing the leader of a violent biker gang who has caused the deaths of several fellow US marshals, warrant squad member Tim Rackley makes a difficult choice that ends in an attack on his pregnant wife, leading Tim to pursue justice in a dark underworld. (American)

Arnaldur INDRIDASON**Voices****313pp Tp \$32.95**

Reykjavik Murders #3. The Christmas rush is under way in a big Reykjavik hotel when the police are called to the scene of a murder. (Icelandic)

Jonnie JACOBS**The Only Suspect****430pp Pb \$16.95**

Seven years ago, Dr Sam Russell's young wife vanished from their Boston home and was found a week later, strangled and stabbed. Sam was arrested and tried for the crime. A hung jury set him free, but the rumours have never gone away: Sam Russell - doctor, husband, cold-blooded murderer. (American)

Lisa JACKSON**Twice Kissed 455pp Pb \$18.95**

Marquise Walker has vanished without a trace. There are few clues and much speculation on her sudden disappearance. But the truth is more terrifying than anyone could imagine... (American)

J A JANCE**Long Time Gone 434pp Pb \$22.95**

J P Beaumont #13. (American)

Quintin JARDINE**Dead and Buried****377pp Tp \$32.95**

Bob Skinner #16. (Scottish)

Merry Bloch JONES**The Nanny Murders****340pp Pb \$16.95**

Working as an art therapist for mentally ill patients in Philadelphia, Zoe Hayes, a single parent of an adopted child, inadvertently stumbles into a serial murder case, the victims all child-care providers. Zoe teams up with scarred detective Nick Stiles and begins to suspect one of her neighbours. (American)

Christian JUNGERSON**Exception****512pp Tp \$32.95**

Four women work at the Danish Centre for Genocide Studies. When two of them start receiving death threats, they suspect they are being stalked by Mirko Zigic, a Bosnian torturer and war criminal. But perhaps he's not the person behind the threats; it could be someone in their very midst. (Danish)

**Juris JURJEVICS**

★ **Trudeau Vector** 438pp Pb \$19.95

🔥 This enthralling debut delivers a combustive blend of politics, military might and environmental catastrophe. (American)

H R F KEATING**One Man and His Bomb**

217pp Hb \$54.00

Harriet Martens Mystery. Detective Superintendent Harriet Martens takes great pride in her twin sons, who followed in her footsteps by joining the police force in London. One night, she is devastated to learn that one of her sons has been killed by a terrorist bomb and the other has been gravely injured. (English)

Jim KELLY

★ **Coldest Blood** 342pp Tp \$32.95

🔥 A man lies hidden in an abandoned boat. Stifling screams, he draws a knife across his arm, letting the blood flow free. Soon he'll be dead, then life can begin again...

★ **The Moon Tunnel** 377pp Pb \$19.95

🔥 From beneath a wartime POW camp deep in the Cambridgeshire Fens, a man crawls through an escape tunnel. But he won't emerge until 50 years of peace have passed... (English)

Jack KERLEY

★ **The Broken Souls** 421pp Tp \$33.00

🔥 It looked like an abattoir when they found the mutilated body of the young journalist inside her car. And if Carson Ryder and his partner had known what they were getting into, they would never have taken the case. (American)

Simon KERNICK**A Good Day to Die**

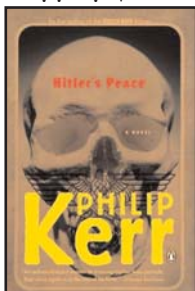
462pp Pb \$21.95

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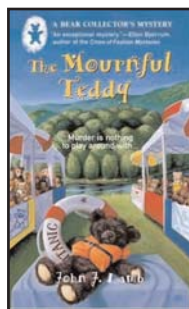
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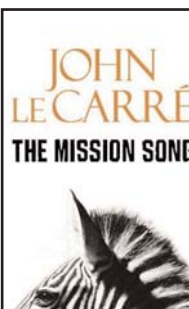
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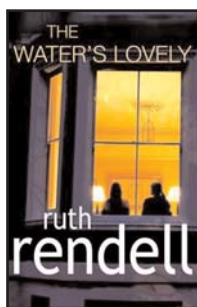
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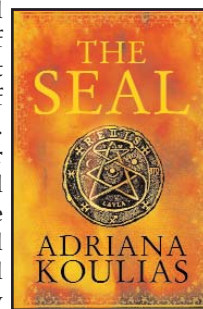
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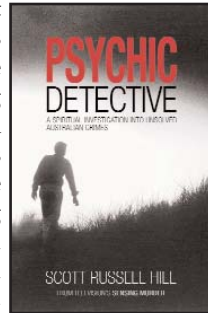
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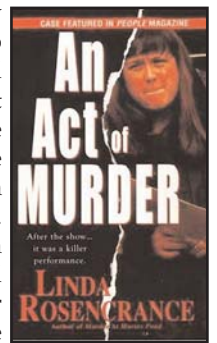
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