

# CRIME CHRONICLE

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## NOIR STORIES

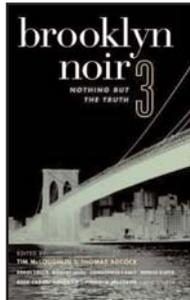
Akashic Books continues its award-winning series of original noir anthologies, launched in 2004 with **Brooklyn Noir** (Pb \$24.95). Each book comprises all-new stories, each set in a distinct new neighbourhood within the location of the book's title. The four new titles in the series are:

**Toronto Noir** edited by Janine Armin & Nathaniel Moore 272pp \$29.99

The series moves fearlessly north across the border into Canada. Authors include Peter Robinson, Gail Bowen, R M Vaughan, Nathan Sellyn, Ibi Kaslik, Heather Birrell, Sean Dixon, Christine Murray and more. "Toronto Noir lets a bit of moonlight contour the ever-mobile city, allowing a glimpse, a brief catch and release." – from the introduction

**Brooklyn Noir 3: Nothing But the Truth** edited by Tim McLoughlin & Thomas Adcock 249pp \$29.99

The first non-fiction collection in the series. Authors include Robert Leuci, Dennis Hawkins, Denise Buffa, Patricia Mulcahy, both of the editors, Robert Knightly, Rosemarie Yu and more. From Tim McLoughlin's introduction: "There is a difference, as editor, between cheering the literary accomplishment of a fiction writer who has delivered a brilliant story about a serial killer or hit man, and reading the true account, however beautifully written, of a young woman raped, murdered and forgotten. So this book, though it has its light moments (and thank God for those), is the darkest of the Brooklyn Noir series."



**Trinidad Noir** edited by Lisa Allen-Agostini & Jeanne Mason Pb 340pp \$29.99

As reflected herein, the Caribbean provides no shelter from the delicious terror of noir fiction. Authors include Robert Antoni, Elizabeth Nunez, Lawrence Scott, Oonya Kempadoo, Willi Chen, Darby Maloney and more. From the introduction: "Expect to be intrigued. Expect to be entertained. But don't expect to understand Trinidad. Set in various parts of the country, these stories reflect the island in all her contradictions."

**Las Vegas Noir** edited by Jarret Keene & Todd James Pierce Pb 311pp \$29.99

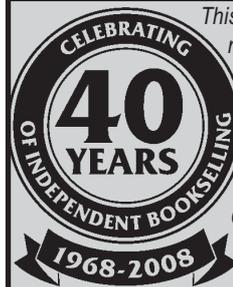
In this chilling portrait of America's Sin City, lady luck is just as likely to dispense cold hard cash as a cold-hearted killing. Authors include John O'Brien, David Corbett, Scott Phillips, Nora Pierce, Bliss Esposito, Felicia Campbell and more. From the introduction: "The stories gathered here are written by long-time residents and avid chroniclers of Sin City, authors who take you far beyond the neon of Caesar's Palace and into neighbourhoods too dangerous for CSI. Absolutely cliché-free, these stories are full of flesh-and-blood characters trapped in dire circumstances that only real Las Vegas neighbourhoods can spring."

There are 20 other titles in this excellent series, with more to come.

- Peter

## ABBEY'S TURNS 40:

### A Continuing Retrospective: Part 10



This is the final instalment in our 40th birthday retrospective. It's been fascinating to look back over the past 40 years and I hope it's brought back some pleasant memories for you too.

Our customers have given us lots of useful feedback over the years and some of these ideas have been implemented with the Crime Chronicle. One suggestion that many people have appreciated was to put the nationality of the author after the write-up. Some customers are especially

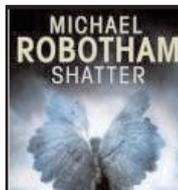
interested in books written by authors of a particular nationality, such as English. This information also proves useful when customers are looking for translated authors, which now seem to be all the rage with publishers.

Another good idea from a customer was to add icons to indicate the sub-genre of the book, such as Academic, Banking, Canine, Feline, Cosy, Private Eye, FBI, Police Procedural, Romantic Suspense, etc. I trust this is helpful and I know of a couple of reading groups who use these icons to help choose their selections for the group. Where possible (and it's not always easy to find out until the book actually comes in!), I also include whether it is a debut mystery.

Another change has been to include the series number of each new book, although this can be fraught with problems. In the case of European authors, the books in a series are not always translated in the order in which they were originally published! For example, #8 in the Wallender series by Henning Mankell arrived long after the others, while Andrea Camilleri numbers 5, 6 and 9 are yet to be translated.

We do our best to get it right, although with titles going out of print or not being translated in order, it can certainly be a challenge. But that's the life of a bookseller. And after 40 years, we know quite a bit about that!

- Peter



## NED KELLY AWARDS FOR AUSTRALIAN CRIME

### BEST CRIME FICTION

**Shatter**

by Michael Robotham (Tp \$33.00)

### BEST FIRST NOVEL

**Low Road**

by Chris Womersley (Tp \$32.95)

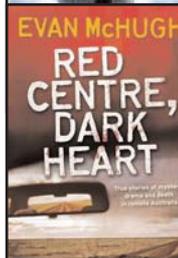
### BEST NON-FICTION

**Red Centre, Dark Heart**

Evan McHugh (Tp \$29.95)

### LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

**Marele Day**



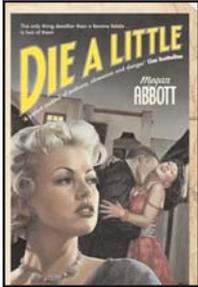
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WE ARE OPEN 10AM - 5PM



### MODERN CRIME

Megan ABBOTT

**Die a Little (2005)**  
256pp Pb \$22.95



Lora's brother marries a mysterious young woman named Alice Steele. Spurred on by inconsistencies in Alice's personal history, Lora uncovers a shadowy world of drugs, prostitution, and ultimately, murder. But the deeper Lora digs to uncover Alice's secrets, the more her own life begins to resemble Alice's sinister past. *Due Oct* (American)



Gilbert ADAIR

**A Mysterious Affair of Style**  
304pp Pb \$23.95

*Evadne Mount #2.* London, 1946: An actress is murdered in full view of a crowded film set. Only six people had an opportunity to administer the poison yet not one of them had a motive. As Evadne Mount, discovers, however, all six did have a motive for committing another, earlier unsolved murder... *Due Oct* (Scottish)

Richard Craig ANDERSON  
 **Rivers of Belief**

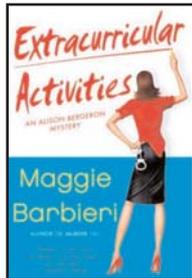
256pp Tp \$22.95  
Michael Brennan and Levi Hart are in pursuit of a serial rapist that has targeted Natasha Panova, the love of Michael's life. The predator appears to be a cop. As Michael closes in he discovers that he's become a suspect, and that his crusade may cost him his soul, Levi his honour, and Natasha her life. When Michael finally confronts the rapist, he turns out to be someone who was there all along... *Due Oct* (American)

David ARMSTRONG  
 **A Kind of Acquaintance**  
224pp Tp \$27.95

*Kavanagh & Salt Mystery #4.* Sarah Clement disappears from her houseboat, her body found a few days later. DI Frank Kavanagh and his lover and colleague, DC Jane Salt embark upon the routine round of enquiries but the case is complicated when the owner of a B&B close to the canal is also found dead... *Due Oct* (English)

Maggie BARBIERI  
 **Extracurricular Activities**  
320pp Pb \$11.95

*Murder 101 Mystery #2.* Off the hook for murder, English professor Alison is daydreaming about the technically married NYPD homicide detective Bobby Crawford. When her ex husband turns up dead she's dragged into another murder investigation and Bobby might be the only man she can trust with her life. With a killer on the loose, the pursuit of happiness may just have to wait... *Due Oct* (American)



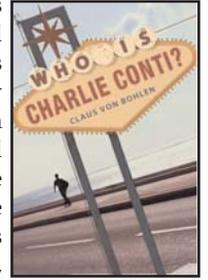
Beverly BARTON  
 **The Murder Game**

384pp Pb \$9.00  
*Griffin Powell #4.* He is the Hunter. They are the Prey. He gives them a chance to escape but eventually, he catches them. Private investigator Griffin Powell and FBI agent Nicole Baxter know a lot about serial killers but this new killer is as sadistic as they've ever seen. He won't stop until he can hunt the most precious prey of all, Nicole... *Due Oct* (American)

Claus Von BOHLEN

**Who is Charlie Conti?**  
256pp Pb \$24.95

Charlie Conti comes into his inheritance and heads for Los Angeles where he meets Ray Celador. Ray deals in drugs, women and philosophy, and before long he's indispensable to Charlie. But who is Ray Celador? And who, when he finds himself stripped of his home, money and identity, is Charlie Conti? *Due Oct* (English)



Sam BOURNE  
 **The Final Reckoning**  
576pp Pb \$33.00

Lawyer Tom Byrne has fallen from grace so when the United Nations call him he accepts. A suspected suicide bomber shot by UN security staff has turned out to be a harmless old man and Tom must limit any compensation. Tom learns that the man was not quite the innocent he seemed, and unravels details of a hidden brotherhood responsible for hundreds of unexplained deaths. *Due Oct* (English)

Allison BRENNAN  
 **Playing Dead** 480pp Pb \$11.95

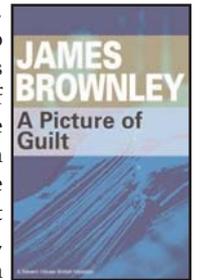
*Prison Break #3.* In this conclusion to Brennan's pulse pounding Prison Break series, a wanted fugitive must clear his name, reclaim his daughter's trust, and outrun the FBI and a killer. *Due Oct* (American)

Christopher BROOKMYRE  
 **A Snowball in Hell**  
400pp Tp \$33.00

*Jack Parlabane #6.* Simon Darcourt passes the media, posting real time coverage of his killings on the internet, getting viewers to 'vote' to keep his captives alive. Angelique De Xavier is trying to bring this one man celebrity hate fest to an end. But she can't do it alone, and meanwhile a whole load of celebs is, literally, dying to be famous. *Due Oct* (Scottish)

James BROWNLEY  
 **A Picture of Guilt**  
256pp Tp \$27.95

*Alison Glasby Mystery #1.* A photograph of two sisters turns up years later, in the hand of dying child killer Leonie Dellar. Journalist Alison Glasby gets the chance to work with Fleet Street legend Bill Davenport, who wrote the book on the Dellar case. Then Glasby finds the photograph that Dellar had hidden. How did Dellar get the photo and what made her keep it hidden for so long? *Due Oct* (English)



#### KEY

ACADEMIC



BANKING



CANINE DETECTIVES



CLERICAL



COSY/MALICE DOMESTIC



CULINARY/FOOD



FBI



FELINE DETECTIVES



FORENSIC



HORSE RACING MYSTERY



JOURNALISTS



MEDICAL



MILITARY



NATIVE AMERICAN



POLICE PROCEDURAL



POLITICAL/LEGAL



PSYCHOLOGICAL



PRIVATE EYE



ROMANTIC SUSPENSE



SPORT



SPY



SUSPENSE/THRILLER



PB = PAPERBACK

TP = TRADE PAPERBACK  
(SLIGHTLY LARGER)

HB = HARDBACK

AUTHOR'S NATIONALITY AT END OF BLURB

**Gianrico CAROFIGLIO**

 **The Past is a Forgotten Country** 256pp Pb \$19.95

As weary Lieutenant Chiti spends nights hunting for the serial sex attacker terrorising the city, trainee lawyer Giorgio is befriended by dangerously charismatic Francesco and his life is forever changed. Slowly Giorgio is lured into a world of beautiful women and casual violence. Then one night Francesco suggests a way of expressing the deepest form of friendship. A kind of ritual sacrifice... *Due Oct* (Italian)

**Stephen L CARTER**

 **New England White** 736pp Pb \$24.95

In the New England University town of Elm Harbour, renowned African-American economist Kellen Zant is murdered. Lemaster is president of the university and Julia Carlyle is a dean at the divinity school. African-Americans living in 'the heart of whiteness'. Lemaster has connections with the President of the United States, and Zant was Julia's lover before she met Lemaster. A murder committed and covered up in Elm Harbour 30 years ago forms the core of a mystery that deepens as Julia closes in on the politically earth shattering motive behind Zant's murder. *Due Oct* (American)

**Laura CHILDS**

 **Frill Kill** 304pp Pb \$11.95

 *Scrapbooking Mystery* #5. For Carmela Bertrand this Halloween will feature more than the usual scares. On her way home Carmela finds a body and is then attacked herself. Her leads are many, including animal tooth marks on the deceased's neck. As the witching hour draws closer, Carmela must find what's lurking in the shadows or get the fright of her life. *Due Oct* (American)

**Barbara CLEVERLY**

 **Bright Hair about the Bone** 416pp Tp \$20.95

*Laetitia Talbot Mystery* #2. Aspiring archaeologist Laetitia Talbot's joy at snaring a place in the excavation of an ancient church in Burgundy is dimmed by the violent death of her godfather Daniel. She begins to believe that Daniel's death was not a random act and her investigation sends her on a journey into the orbit of a privileged French family harbouring its own damning secret, ancient Celtic mysteries and one sacred truth kept through the ages. It is an explosive revelation that could rock modern Christianity... *Due Oct* (English)

**Max Allan COLLINS**

 **The First Quarry** 208pp Pb \$11.95

 *Quarry*. For the first time, it is revealed how the ruthless hitman named Quarry got his start. His first job, infiltrating a college campus to assassinate a professor who knows too much. *Due Oct* (American)

**Michael CONNELLY**

 **The Brass Verdict** 416pp Tp \$32.95

 *Harry Bosch* #14. When Hollywood lawyer Jerry Vincent is murdered, defence attorney Mickey Haller inherits his biggest case yet. But Haller learns that Vincent's killer may be coming for him next. Harry Bosch is determined to find Vincent's killer, and isn't opposed to using Haller as bait... *Due Oct* (American)

**Patricia CORNWELL**

 **Scarpetta** 416pp Hb \$50.00

 *Kay Scarpetta* #16. Kay Scarpetta examines an injured psychiatric patient, Oscar Bane. Is Bane a stalker or is he being stalked? Scarpetta knows that a woman has been murdered and more deaths will follow. Whoever is committing the crimes knows where his prey is at all times. Scarpetta, her husband and niece undertake a harrowing chase through cyberspace and the streets of New York. *Due Oct* (American)

**Clive CUSSLER**

 **The Chase** 496pp Pb \$19.95

 April 1950: The hulk of a steam locomotive rises from the waters of a lake with the remains of three men who died 44 years before. 1906, the western states of America have been suffering a string of robberies committed by "The Butcher Bandit". Detective Isaac Bell pursues what is clear to him is the best criminal mind he has ever encountered. He repeatedly draws near, but his quarry is getting angry now, and has turned the chase back on him... *Due Oct* (American)

**Clive CUSSLER & Dirk CUSSLER**

 **Arctic Drift** 576pp Hb \$49.95

 *Dirk Pitt* #20. A potential breakthrough to reverse global warming, unexplained deaths in British Colombia, and a rash of international incidents between the United States and one of its closest allies. NUMA director Dirk Pitt and his children believe there's a connection, but they know they have little time to find it. Their only clue is a mysterious mineral traced to a long ago expedition to find the fabled Northwest Passage. No one survived that doomed mission and if Pitt and Al Giordino aren't careful, the same fate may await them. *Due Oct* (American)

**Eileen DAVIDSON**

 **Death in Daytime** 304pp Pb \$11.95

 *Soap Opera Mystery* #1. Veteran soap opera actress Alexis Peterson's career takes a nosedive when Marcy Blanchard is hired as the head writer. Marcy's been holding a grudge when she turns up dead Alexis is the prime suspect. Alexis knows she has to take matters into her own hands if she wants to avoid being arrested for a crime she didn't commit... *Due Oct* (American)

**Krista DAVIS**

 **The Diva Runs Out of Thyme** 304pp Pb \$11.95

 *Domestic Diva Mystery* #1. Natasha Smith may have stolen the spotlight and Sophie Winston's husband but Sophie is determined to rob her of the prize for the Stupendous Stuffing Shakedown. But Sophie's search for the perfect turkey takes a basting when she stumbles across a corpse... *Due Oct* (American)

**Stacy DITTRICH**

 **The Devil's Closet** 368pp Pb \$13.95

 *CeeCee Gallagher Thriller* #1. With a notorious serial child killer on the loose, CeeCee is forced to sacrifice everything in order to save the life of a high profile kidnapped child. With only a bible passage sent by the killer to guide her, CeeCee and Michael team up in pursuit of the monster. As the killer leaves the bodies of his victims made up to resemble dolls, the story ends with an, edge of your seat, climax. *Due Oct* (American)

**James DOSS**

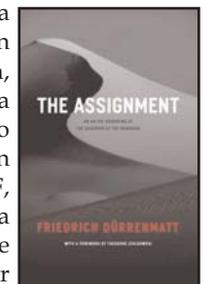
 **Three Sisters** 400pp Pb \$11.95

 *Charlie Moon Mystery* #12. Charlie Moon and Granite Creek police chief Scott Parris receive a call from a man and his wife when the call ends with a bloodcurdling scream. Arriving on the scene, they discover that the wife has been mauled beyond recognition. Is this the work of a hungry bear or something more sinister? *Due Oct* (American)

**Friedrich DURENMATT**

 **The Assignment: Or on the Observing of the Observer of the Observed** 138pp Tp \$22.95

After the wife of a psychiatrist has been killed in North Africa, her husband hires a woman named F to reconstruct the crime in a documentary film. F, after discovering a recent photograph of the supposed murder victim happily reunited with her husband, becomes trapped in an apocalyptic landscape riddled with political intrigue, crimes of mistaken identity, and terrorism. *Due Oct* (Swedish)

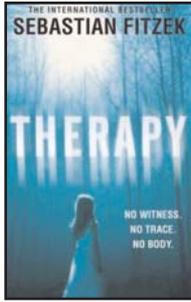
**Kate ELLIS**

 **The Blood Pit** 352pp Pb \$20.00

 *Wesley Peterson* #12. Never has DI Wesley Peterson witnessed such a bizarre crime scene. The victim, Charles Marrick, has been murdered, his body drained of blood. Then two more bodies murdered in an identical fashion are discovered... *Due Oct* (English)

**Sebastian FITZEK** **Therapy****293pp Pb \$20.00**

After the disappearance of his ill 12 year old daughter, her father, psychiatrist Viktor Larenz, withdrew to an isolated island. He's paid a surprise visit from Anna Glass, a novelist who suffers from an unusual form of schizophrenia. The characters she creates for her books become real to her, and in her last novel she has written about a young girl with an unknown illness who has vanished without a trace. Viktor takes on Anna's therapy in an attempt to uncover the truth behind his daughter's disappearance... *Due Oct* (German)

**Ian FLEMING****Quantum of Solace: The Complete James Bond Short Stories****304pp Pb \$24.95**

To celebrate the release of the new James Bond film, all Ian Fleming's short stories are being published in one volume for the first time. *Due Oct* (English)

**Joanne FLUKE et al** **Candy Cane Murder****432pp Pb \$11.95**

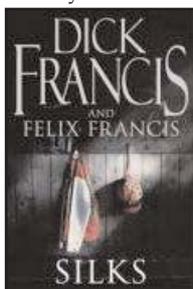
Just in time for the holidays comes a festive collection of holiday whodunits featuring novellas from beloved authors Joanne Fluke, Laura Levine, and Leslie Meier, plus bonus holiday recipes. *Due Oct* (American)

**Elena FORBES** **Our Lady of Pain****352pp Tp \$29.95**

*Mark Tartaglia #2.* On a snowy morning, Rachel Tenison jogs through Holland Park. When she trips and falls at the bottom of an icy hill a voice softly calls her name. Two days later, her body is discovered, and detectives Mark Tartaglia and Sam Donovan are assigned the case. When a tip from a journalist draws their attention to similarities between this murder and an unsolved crime committed the year before, the web becomes more tangled than ever. *Due Oct* (English)

**Dick FRANCIS & Felix FRANCIS** **Silks****400pp Hb \$49.95**

For defence barrister Geoffrey Mason, an amateur jockey, his true passion is to be found in the saddle but when a fellow rider is brutally murdered Mason's racing life and working life becomes too close. Mason finds himself at the centre of a web of threat and intimidation and is left fighting a battle of life and death - his own. *Due Oct* (English)

**Shelley FREYDONT** **The Sudoku Murder****352pp Tp \$20.95**

*Katie McDonald Mystery #1.* Mathematician and Sudoku whiz Katie McDonald works for a secret government think tank. She returns to her hometown to help her mentor try to save the Avondale Puzzle Museum, but when she finds her friend dead at his desk, she becomes chief suspect in his murder. Solving his unfinished Sudoku puzzle becomes the key to proving Katie's innocence. *Due Oct* (American)

**R Patrick GATES** **Nowhere to Hide****368pp Pb \$11.95**

In this blood chilling horror tale, a young boy faces unimaginable terror and carnage as he comes face to face with the monster that has appeared in his dreams. *Due Oct* (American)

**Tess GERRITSEN** **Keeping the Dead****336pp Tp \$32.95**

*Jane Rizzoli & Maura Isles #7.* She's Pilgrim Hospital's most unusual patient, and is, in fact, a mummy. The CT scan is unremarkable until a bullet is revealed, and Maura calls in Jane Rizzoli. An autopsy reveals the mummy has only recently been killed, and may have been held captive for some time before her death. It soon becomes horribly clear that a killer has been hunting women for decades and that his next victim is much closer than anyone thinks. *Due Oct* (American)

**Tess GERRITSEN** **The Bone Garden****528pp Pb \$21.95**

When a human skull is dug up near Boston, Dr Maura Isles is called in to investigate. She quickly discovers that the skeleton, a young woman, has been buried for over a 100 years. It is the 1830s, and an impoverished medical student, is forced to procure corpses in order to further his studies in human anatomy. It will bring him into contact with a terrifying serial killer who slips from ballrooms to graveyards and into autopsy suites... *Due Oct* (American)

**C S GRAHAM** **The Archangel Project****416pp Pb \$13.95**

When the body of Professor Henry Youngblood is discovered, alarm bells go off at Langley. Youngblood was secretly trying to revive interest in programs to train operatives in a method called remote viewing. When CIA agent Jax Alexander is sent to investigate he discovers that Youngblood's killers have another victim in their sights, linguist October Guinness. Tobie teams up with Jax in a desperate search for clues to prevent the US military from using the ultimate assault weapon. *Due Oct* (American)

**Heather GRAHAM** **Deadly Night****400pp Pb \$13.95**

Aidan Flynn, a private investigator and eldest of the Flynn brothers, scoffs at the rumours the plantation his family has inherited is haunted. After he finds a human bone on the grounds, Aidan is joined by the tarot card reader Kendall Montgomery to uncover the truth. *Due Oct* (American)

**Rosemary GRAY****Gripping Yarns****Pb \$19.95**

Between the covers of this crowded volume is a treasure trove of rattling good yarns to fire the imagination, chill the blood and perhaps awaken (or reawaken) the spirit of adventure in any reader who dares to plunge in! *Due Oct* (English)

**Michael GREGORIO** **Days of Atonement****464pp Pb \$23.95**

*Hanno Stiffeniis #2.* In less than a week the entire Gottewald family has been killed. A tragic coincidence or are the invading French using the massacre to expand their power? Hanno Stiffeniis, a Prussian magistrate, goes to investigate the deaths. But only Hanno's wife, Helena, knows what truly happened in that cottage. *Due Oct* (Italian)

**Peter GRIMSDALE** **Perfect Night****336pp Tp \$33.00**

When documentary filmmaker Nick witnesses the death of an arms dealer, he's lucky to escape, but the head injuries he receives destroy his memory and career. Years later he uncovers a forgotten reel of film that seems to rewrite the incident... Soon he's on the run from people who want the lid put very firmly back on the past and his only option is to restore his memory and find the whole truth before it kills him. *Due Oct* (English)

**James GRIPPANDO** **Lying with Strangers****464pp Pb \$15.00**

Peyton Shields is in her first year of residency at a Boston children's hospital and she has the life she wants. Then driving home she is driven off the road, only to be rescued by a man who walks away. This is the first in a series of escalating events that take Peyton deeper into danger from an enemy who seems to know her every move. She has to catch the killer before he catches her. *Due Oct* (American)

**Elizabeth GUNN** **Cool in Tucson 224pp Tp \$27.95**

*Sarah Burke Mystery #1.* Tucson police detective Sarah Burke investigates a body found in a parking lot. The case takes a bizarre turn when Sarah's niece Denny disappears. The search is complicated by interference from the drug ring the suspected murderer's been working for, and Sarah's romantic interest in a colleague rebuilding his life after injury... *Due Oct* (English)

**Sophie HANNAH****The Point of Rescue**

464pp Pb \$20.00

Sally is watching the news with her husband when she hears a name she ought not to recognise, Mark Bretherick. Last year she treated herself to a secret holiday where she met Mark Bretherick. All the details are the same. Where he lives, his job, his wife Geraldine and daughter Lucy. Except that the man on the news is a man Sally has never seen before. And Geraldine and Lucy Bretherick are both dead... *Due Oct* (English)

**Charlaine HARRIS****An Ice Cold Grave**

288pp Pb \$13.95

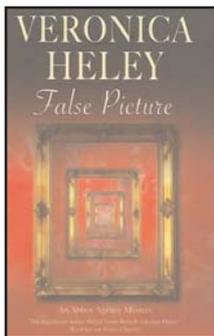
*Harper Connelly Mystery #4.* Harper Connelly heads to Doraville to find a missing boy, one of several who have disappeared, and all of them are calling for Harper. She finds them, buried in the frozen ground. Soon Harper will learn more than she cared to about the secrets of Doraville. Knowledge of the dead that makes her next in line to end up in an ice cold grave. *Due Oct* (American)

**John HART****Down River** 352pp Pb \$20.00

Adam Chase returns to North Carolina, and is remembered as a murderer. Within hours of arriving Adam is beaten up. And then people start turning up dead. For a man only just acquitted of murder, Adam's homecoming doesn't go well. As the past threatens to overshadow the present, Adam becomes the prime suspect for the new murders. *Due Oct* (American)

**Veronica HELEY****False Picture** 218pp Hb \$49.95

*Abbot Agency #2.* Velma is charm itself, especially when she's being inexact with the truth. Now she wants Bea, widowed owner of the Abbot Agency, to check up on her stepson Philip, as he's somehow acquired a valuable picture last seen in the flat of an elderly lady who's been murdered. (American)

**Michael HOLMAN****Fatboy and the Dancing Ladies**

256pp Pb \$25.00

Ferdinand Mlambo, the youngest ever senior kitchen tot at State House is in big trouble. Disloyalty to Kuwisha's corrupt Life President cost him his job and he has been stripped of his name. Word goes out; he will be known as Fatboy. With the help of Titus, leader of the notorious Mboya Boys gang, Mlambo sets out to recover his name and his dignity. *Due Oct* (American)

**Anne HOLT****The Final Murder**  
(aka What Never Happens)

352pp Pb \$20.00

*Vik & Stubo #2.* A talk show star is found killed in her home and when the body of a right wing party leader is found, Superintendent Adam Stubo is pulled to lead the investigation. Is there a celebrity serial killer on the loose? His partner, Yohanne Vik, begins to see a pattern that traces back to her FBI days. If she's right, it will end in the murder of the investigating officer, Adam. *Due Oct* (Norwegian)

**Linda HOWARD****Death Angel** 352pp Tp \$33.00

*Drea Rousseau* was once content to be arm candy for Rafael Salinas, a notorious crime lord. But when she's loaned to an assassin as payment, Drea makes her escape. Salinas dispatches the assassin in pursuit. Left for dead, Drea returns to the realm of the living a changed woman. But in order to feel safe she will need to take down the man who marked her for death, even if it means joining forces with the most dangerous and enticing man she's ever known. *Due Oct* (American)

**Stephen HUNTER****The 47th Samurai** 368pp Pb \$21.95

*Bob Lee Swagger #4.* For Bob Lee Swagger the hope that he is finished with combat is dashed with a visit from Colonel Philip Yano. Yano has come to America to find a samurai sword that Bob's father took from Yano's dying father in Iwo Jima in 1945. Bob delivers the sword to Yano in Tokyo, but soon afterwards the Yano family are murdered and the sword stolen. Bob enters Tokyo's criminal underbelly and the obsessive world of the Samurai, on a mission of vengeance. *Due Oct* (American)

**Arna INDRIDASON****The Draining Lake**

384pp Pb \$21.95

*Reykjavik #4.* The water level of an Icelandic lake drops revealing the skeleton of a man. There is a large hole in the skull and a heavy communication device is attached to it, bearing inscriptions in Russian. Erlendur, Elinborg and Sigurdur Oli begin their investigation, which leads them back to the Cold War when bright, left wing students would be sent from Iceland to study in Communist East Germany. *Due Oct* (Iceland)

**Lee JACKSON****Redemption** 352pp Pb \$13.95

A man accused of being a terrorist by Homeland Security is forever marked and has to clear his name. He retreats to a small town in Montana, but once the residents get wind of his past, they have no intention of letting him have a future. *Due Oct* (American)

**Bill JAMES****In the Absence of Lies**

Hb \$59.95

*Harper & Isles #25* Esther Davidson is having trouble with a local gang, and proposes to put an undercover spy into the criminal outfit. Lies might have been able to dissuade her if he'd been around. One of his own undercover officers was murdered recently and he has promised never to place anyone in such danger again. Esther goes ahead, with terrible consequences... *Due Oct* (English)

**Matti JOENSUU****To Steal Her Love**

216pp Pb \$29.95

*Harjunpaa #3.* As a strange nocturnal visitor tiptoes through apartments in Helsinki, women wake to an unknown presence in their bedroom. At first the police take little notice. Tipi, a skilful picker of locks, falls in love with one of his night time women. But then Tipi's skills are needed by some of his professional criminal brothers. For police sergeant Timo Harjunpaa, times are also hard... *Due Oct* (Finland)

**Bruce Kennedy JONES****& Eric ALLISON****The Last Straight Face**

352pp Pb \$29.95

A nameless protagonist leaves Strangeways prison after serving a sentence that was extended for heroin possession, something which he would never touch and he is keen to know who has fitted him up and why. As he investigates things go from bad to worse. Our anti hero must discover who has laid out this net and strike hard if he is to avoid losing everything and everyone. *Due Oct* (American)

**Jose Luis De JUAN****This Breathing World**

250pp Pb \$23.00

Two stories are placed in front of one another like mirrors. The first is set in first century Rome and relates the rise and fall of Mazuf, a homosexual scribe and man of letters who is driven to kill. The second is a confession by a present day American named Laurence. It seems to be mostly about his sexual exploits but we soon find out that Laurence is a murderer too. *Due Oct* (Spanish)

**Cady KALIAN****A Few Good Murders**

240pp Pb \$11.95

*Maggie Mars Mystery #2.* Maggie's latest script is being filmed and Maggie's on the set, but she thinks that the lead actress is playing her character all wrong and tells her. A screaming match ensues. So when said actress is found dead Maggie is viewed as a "person of interest." *Due Oct* (American)

**Stuart KAMINSKY****The Dead Don't Lie****304pp Tp \$23.95**

*Abe Lieberman Mystery #10* Three members of the Turkish community are murdered and Lieberman must find out what ties these murders together. Bill Hanrahan finds himself assigned to a case where a hospitalised chef claims to have been shot by a Chinese man and Bill finds himself at odds with an old nemesis... *Due Oct* (American)

**Glenn KAPLAN****Evil Inc****400pp Pb \$13.95**

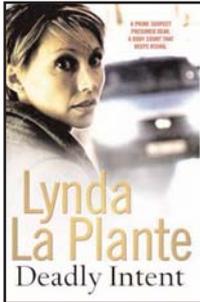
Ken Olson's world is shattered by a crime his company must cover up at any cost. Olson discovers the dark world behind the corporate jets, the hired killers, the offshore bank accounts and greedy machinations. Olson's struggle pits him against a host of deadly rivals including the psychopathic CEO, a brutal killer, the network anchorwoman with no conscience and the actress who makes sex a tool of deception. *Due Oct* (American)

**Dean KOONTZ****The Darkest Evening of the Year****400pp Pb \$20.00**

Amy Redwing risks everything in her chosen field of dog rescue. Riding shotgun is her lover, Brian. But someone is trying to destroy Amy. Amy believes her attacker is Wes Greeley, just released after an 18 month stretch, thanks to Amy's testimony. At last Amy understands her need of Brian, and a lot more from her troubled past... *Due Oct* (American)

**Lynda LA PLANTE****Deadly Intent****400pp Tp \$29.95***Anna Travis #4.*

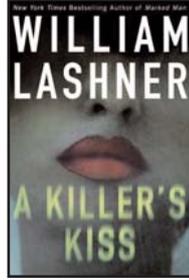
Alexander Fitzpatrick is one of the most wanted criminals in the world. For the past 10 years there has been no sighting of him. Has he gone to ground using an alias, or is he dead? When an ex-police officer is found shot in a dank squat, Anna Travis is put on the case. As the body count rises suspicion falls on Fitzpatrick. Is he still alive? Could he be the killer, with terrifying access to the most lethal drug in existence? *Due Oct* (English)

**John LAMB****The Clockwork Teddy****288pp Pb \$11.95**

*Bear Collectors Mystery #4.* When Brad and Ashleigh Lyon visit San Francisco, a cutting edge robot teddy bear is found at a murder scene. Now the bear making couple must try their crafty hands at fur-ensics. *Due Oct* (American)

**William LASHNER****A Killer's Kiss****432pp Pb \$11.95**

*Victor Carl #7.* When cops knock on lawyer Victor Carl's door asking him about a doctor named Wren Davis, Victor sends them packing. A beautiful woman steps out of his bedroom and asks what did they want? "To tell me that your husband is dead" replies Victor. Her name is Julia. Back in the day, Julia had agreed to marry Victor but then deserted him. Now she's back and she's trouble. Her husband has been murdered and Julia's incriminated. *Due Oct* (American)

**Victoria LAURIE****Death Perception****336pp Pb \$11.95**

*Psychic Eye Mystery #6.* It took a while for Abby Cooper's FBI agent boyfriend, Dutch Rivers, to accept her psychic gifts. When his cousin Chase is kidnapped in Vegas Abby insists that Chase is still alive, but nothing else adds up. Also, Dutch is battling a mysterious illness, and Abby keeps having dreams that predict his death. Dutch wants Abby to promise that if the investigation goes south, she'll head home to safety. But when the chips are down, Abby won't fold without a fight... *Due Oct* (American)

**John LAWTON****A Little White Death (1998)****560pp Pb \$22.95**

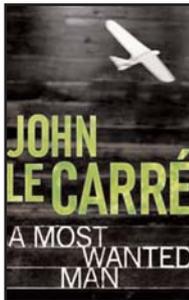
*Frederick Troy #3.* 1963. Frederick Troy, now Britain's most senior police detective, unravels a trail that leads to death at the very heart of the Establishment and a failing administration. *Due Oct* (English)

**Deborah LE BLANC****Water Witch****352pp Pb \$13.95**

People are disappearing in the bayou of Louisiana, and it's up to a local water witch, a woman with powers of divination, to try to find them before more people disappear. *Due Oct* (American)

**John LE CARRE****A Most Wanted Man****352pp Tp \$33.00**

A half-starved young Russian man is smuggled into Hamburg. He has an improbable amount of cash and says his name is Issa. Annabel, a civil rights lawyer, determines to save Issa from deportation. She confronts the incongruous Tommy Brue, the 60-year-old scion of a failing British bank in Hamburg. A triangle of impossible loves is born. *Due Oct* (English)

**Stephen LEATHER****Dead Men****480pp Pb \$20.00**

*Dan Shepherd #5.* When a killer starts to target pardoned IRA terrorists, Former SAS trooper now undercover cop Dan Spider Shepherd has to put his life on the line to protect former enemies. A grief stricken Saudi is planning revenge by striking out at two people close to Shepherd. As the Muslim assassin closes in on his prey, Shepherd realises that the only way to save lives is to become a killer himself. *Due Oct* (English)

**Dennis LEHANE****The Given Day**

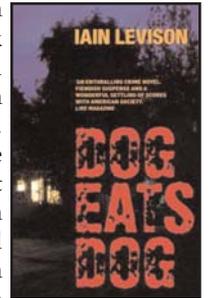
**409pp Tp \$32.95**  
Boston 1918. Danny Coughlin is in charge of the neighbourhoods of the North End. Political dissent is in the air. Meanwhile Luther Lawrence is on the run. He flees to Boston and begins work for the Coughlin household. He sees that Danny and the Irish servant, Nora once had a powerful bond. As the mystery of their relationship unravels, Luther's past has followed him and he must settle scores with those hot on his trail. *Due Oct* (American)

**Peter LEONARD****Quiver****288pp Tp \$32.95**

Kate McCall's husband has been killed by her son, Luke, in an accident. Then Jack, a charismatic but troubled ex con from Kate's past, shows up. When Luke takes off Kate and Jack follow, but they're not the only ones hot on his heels. Teddy and Celeste, along with a hitman are all looking to cash in on the money left to Kate. As they all head for the woods of Northern Michigan, events rapidly spiral towards a dramatic life and death confrontation. *Due Oct* (American)

**Iain LEVISON****Dog Eats Dog****286pp Pb \$25.00**

Philip Dixon escapes from a bank robbery gushing blood in a quaint college town in New Hampshire. Peering into the window of the nearest house, he sees a man in his 30's, rolling around on the floor with a high school student. And so Professor Elias White is blackmailed into harbouring a dangerous fugitive as he plans his escape. But FBI agent Denise Lupu is on his trail. *Due Oct* (Scottish)

**Kathryn LILLEY****A Killer Workout****304pp Pb \$11.95**

*Fat City Mystery #2.* Plus sized reporter Kate Gallagher decides to report for duty at a boot camp 97fitness program. But then her roomie is found dead and it's not the first suspicious accident at the camp. Kate knows that losing weight is hard, but now it looks like it's turning into mortal combat. *Due Oct* (American)

**S L LINNEA**

 **Treasure of Eden 352pp Pb \$11.95**  
 *Eden Trilogy #3.* In 1954, a jewelled box was found in a cave in the Judean wilderness. More than 50 years later it is on the black market. Army Chaplain Jaime Richards helped discover the location of the Garden of Eden years ago and is now armed with knowledge that mere mortals would kill to possess. Jaime is determined to find the treasure before its secrets fall into the wrong hands. *Due Oct* (American)

**John LUTZ**

 **Night Kills 400pp Pb \$11.95**  
 Someone is shooting young women and defiling their bodies. Former NYPD detective Frank Quinn is called into the case. *Due Oct* (American)

**Amy MACKINNON**

 **Tethered 272pp Tp \$33.00**  
 Clara Marsh is an undertaker. Her life shifts when she discovers a neglected little girl, Trecie. Then Detective Mike Sullivan starts questioning her about a body she prepared three years ago, an unidentified girl the community christened Precious Doe. Clara and Mike learn Trecie may be involved with the same people who killed Precious Doe... *Due Oct* (American)

**Henning MANKELL**

 **The Pyramid 448pp Tp \$34.95**  
*Kurt Wallander Stories.* When Kurt Wallander first appeared in 1990, he was a senior police officer, just turned 40, his life in a mess. These are the events that led him to such a place... *Due Oct* (Swedish)

**Jeff MARIOTTE**

 **CSI Miami: Right To Die 320pp Pb \$14.95**  
 A young man is killed in a Miami park. It would be easy to mark it down as gang related or a drug deal gone bad but there is something about the angles of the bullets that killed him that are off. A serial bomber has been spreading terror across the western states, the FBI always one day too late. A bomb kills a doctor and all of his family in Miami. If this is the same bomber, why has he changed his pattern? *Due Oct* (American)

**Celeste MARSELLA**

 **Defenseless 416pp Pb \$11.95**  
 Best friends Marianna, Laurie, Shannon, and Beth work in a big city attorney general's office and find themselves in the wrong place at the wrong time. A young co-ed's body is thrown from a car right before their eyes. Their boss exiles Marianna to a job inside the college where the murdered girl had been a student. The killer strikes again. Marianna, Laurie, Shannon, Beth and a secretive ex cop will have to join all their smarts and savvy to stop the killer.... *Due Oct* (American)

**Val McDERMID**

 **A Darker Domain 384pp Pb \$33.00**  
 1984, Fife. Heiress Catriona MacLennan Grant and her baby son are kidnapped. She is killed while her son disappears without trace. 2008 and Detective Sergeant Karen Pirie re opens the case. 1984, Fife. Miner Mick Prentice joins the strike breakers. In 2008 he is reported missing. Since Pirie's already immersed in 1984, another inquiry with a cold trail ends up on her desk. Past and present intertwine... *Due Oct* (Scottish)

**Brad MELTZER**

 **The Book of Lies 352pp Pb \$33.00**  
 Cain kills Abel but the Bible is silent about the weapon used. That weapon is still lost to history. In 1932 a son mourns his murdered father Mitchell. The gun used was never found, until now. In Florida, Cal Harper finds his long lost father, who's been shot with a gun that traces back to Mitchell 1932 murder. Then Cal and his father are attacked by a tattooed killer and the chase for the world's first murder weapon begins. *Due Oct* (American)

**Denise MINA**

 **The Last Breath (aka Slip of the Knife) 480pp Pb \$24.95**  
*Paddy Meehan #3.* Glasgow, 1990. The police have bad news for Paddy Meehan. Her former boyfriend Terry Patterson has been assassinated. Terry was the sort of journalist she's always aspired to be. Terry has left her a huge house and several suitcases full of notes. As Paddy begins her investigation into his death, she realises that if the secret he was about to expose was worth killing for; she is next in line... *Due Oct* (Scottish)

**Manuel Vazquez MONTALBAN**

 **Tattoo 256pp Pb \$23.95**  
*Pepe Carvalho #8.* Pepe Carvalho, ex-cop, is working as a private detective in Barcelona when a body is pulled out of the sea. Carvalho is hired to find out who the man is. The police make a connection between the murder and local drug dealers and begin raids. A lead brings Carvalho to Amsterdam, where he gets entangled with a drug gang. *Due Oct* (Spanish)

**Richard MONTANARI**

 **Play Dead (aka Badlands) 400pp Tp \$32.95**  
*Jessica Balzano & Kevin Byrne #4.* Detectives Kevin Byrne and Jessica Balzano's first Cold Case file is the murder of a young girl. Carefully posed, the lifeless girl is framed in a square window. Soon another runaway is found dead on the roof of a building shaped like a triangle. Byrne and Balzano are lead to an eccentric woman who introduces them to Tangram puzzles. Then she takes her own life, leaving a cryptic clue... *Due Oct* (American)

**Christopher MOORE**

 **The Risk of Infidelity Index 336pp Tp \$32.95**  
*Vincent Calvino #1.* Introducing Vincent Calvino, disbarred American lawyer turned Bangkok PI. When his client dies suddenly Calvino is forced to take on the job of three expat housewives who want him to trail their spouses. Unfortunately for Calvino, jealous wives are likely to remain unhappy, while drug pirates aren't the type to play nice. *Due Oct* (Canadian)

**Christopher MOORE**

 **Spirit House 320pp Pb \$19.95**  
*Vincent Calvino #2.* The Bangkok police have a confession from a 19 year old addict admitting to the murder of the British computer geek. But there are some loose ends that just about everyone except Vincent Calvino is happy to overlook. He must navigate a world of gangsters, godfathers and crooked police, and try to outrun the professional hit men who have orders to stop him. *Due Oct* (Canadian)

**Gianluca MOROZZI**

 **Blackout 288pp Pb \$25.00**  
 Bologna in August. Claudia is in a hurry to return home from work. Tomas is on his way to elope with his girlfriend. Aldo is a husband and father, anxious to get to an apartment filled with guilty secrets. All three have an urgent need to be somewhere else. Instead, they are trapped in a lift in a deserted building and one of them is a serial killer... *Due Oct* (Italian)

**Marcia MULLER**

 **The Ever Running Man 304pp Pb \$13.95**  
*Sharon McCrone Mystery #24.* McCone is hired by her husband's security firm to track down "the ever running man," who has been leaving explosive devices at their various offices. *Due Oct* (American)

**Marcia MULLER**

 **Burn Out 304pp Hb \$39.95**  
*Sharon McCrone Mystery #25.* McCone takes a holiday at her ranch where she becomes distracted by a highly secretive Native American woman. When traces of violence at an abandoned resort lead back to the mysterious woman, the deputy sheriff asks McCone for assistance. *Due Oct* (American)

**Amy MYERS**

 **Murder in the Mist 124pp Hb \$49.95**  
*Marsh and Daughter Mystery.* This is a new investigation for family duo Peter and Georgia Marsh. Lost in the Kent countryside, ex-cop Peter Marsh and his daughter Georgia find themselves in a neglected garden, where blue love-in-amist flowers are fighting for survival amongst the overgrown weeds. It ceases to seem so idyllic when they discover that in 1949, Alwyn Field, one of the Fernbourne Five, had hung himself from one of its tree... (American)

**Magdalen NABB****Vita Nuova 256pp Tp \$34.95**

*Marshall Guarnaccia #14.* When Marshal Guarnaccia is called to investigate the murder of a young woman, he wonders if the girl's father might have had something to do with her death. His investigations draw him into the seedy underworld of Florence, and the human trafficking of women sold into the sex trade. *Due Oct* (English)

**Hilary NORMAN****Last Run 252pp Tp \$27.95**

When a lone runner is found dead on Miami Beach's North Shore, Detective Sam Becket's first concern is for his adopted daughter, Cathy, a student at Trent University. Cathy is also a runner, and she's vulnerable... (American)

**Malla NUNN****A Beautiful Place to Die 416pp Tp \$26.00**

*Detective Emmanuel Cooper #1.* In a South African town Detective Emmanuel Cooper investigates the murder of Afrikaans police officer Captain Pretorius. The more he digs, the more dangerous the investigation becomes, and Cooper has secrets of his own. If he can survive long enough to learn the truth about Captain Pretorius it might just save his life. *Due Oct* (Australian)

**Clare O'DONOHUE****The Lover's Knot 304pp Tp \$20.95**

*Someday Quilt Mystery.* When her fiancé calls off the wedding, 25 year old Nell Fitzgerald leaves for her grandmother's home in Archers Rest. Here her life revolves around her quilt shop, and the quilting circle. When the body of a local handyman is found in the quilt shop, Nell finds herself drawn into the case and to the handsome police chief. As clues emerge, one of the prime suspects is Nell's ex-fiancé, whose arrival in Archers Rest seems suspicious. *Due Oct* (American)

**Robert B PARKER****Now and Then 336pp Pb \$16.95**

*Spenser #35.* Investigating a case of infidelity sounds simple until it plunges Spenser and his beloved Susan into a politically charged murder plot that's already left three people dead. *Due Oct* (American)

**James PATTERSON****Double Cross 448pp Pb \$20.00**

*Alex Cross #13.* The elaborate murders have stunned Washington, DC. This maniac stages his killings in public settings. He's even sets up his own website and live video feed. In Colorado, another criminal mastermind is planning a triumphant return. If Kyle Craig can join forces with DC's Audience Killer, he can get back at the man who put him away, Alex Cross. *Due Oct* (American)

**Richard North PATTERSON****The Race 800pp Pb \$20.00**

Corey Grace, a charismatic Republican senator from Ohio, is plunged into a fierce presidential primary battle. Grace insists on voting his own conscience, and this independence together with his romance with an African American movie star has earned him a reputation. But Grace is still haunted by a tragic mistake buried deep in his past. Grace must decide just who and what he is willing to sacrifice. *Due Oct* (American)

**George PELECANOS****The Turnaround 304pp Tp \$33.00**

Washington DC 1972, three white teenagers, drive a rough, black neighbourhood taunting the kids and find themselves in a dead end street as an angry mob gathers. One of the white boys is shot dead. For the youths from both neighbourhoods this will remain the defining moment of their lives. 35 years later, one of these men reaches out. However, another survivor of that day is now out of prison, and is looking for reparation... *Due Oct* (American)

**Elizabeth PETERS****(aka Barbara Michaels)****Vanish with the Rose (1992) 384pp Pb \$13.95**

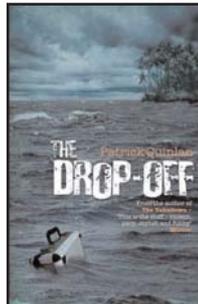
Fearing for her missing brother, lawyer Diana Reed takes a job at the last place Brad was seen, prowling the strange old house. But each mystery Diana uncovers is more unsettling than the last, and in her zealous search for answers, she may have inadvertently opened a door to something frightening and deadly that can never be closed again. *Due Oct* (American)

**Patrick QUINLAN****The Takedown 384pp Tp \$33.00**

In New York, ex con Dick, comes round from what feels like quite a bender to find that there's a corpse in the boot of his Oldsmobile. It's Dot, his on/off girlfriend. Dick doesn't know if he shot her or if someone else did it... *Due Oct* (American)

**Patrick QUINLAN****The Drop Off 320pp Pb \$22.95**

Smoke Dugan is on the run. It's not easy when you've got your girlfriend, her best friend, a retired assassin and \$2.5 million in cash with you. The tiny Caribbean island of Saint Mark's seems a safe bet, but that's without the unexpected presence of ex Navy Seal Stone, an old enemy of Cruz. Stone has heard of the massive finder's fee placed on Cruz's head, so he's very motivated. Soon the rest of the mob is on the way. *Due Oct* (American)

**Ian RANKIN****Doors Open 272pp Tp \$33.00**

Mike Mackenzie intends to rip off the National Gallery of Scotland. So, together with two close friends from the art world, he devises a plan to a lift some of the most valuable artwork around. But soon after he enters the dark waters of the criminal underworld he realises that it's very easy to drown. *Due Oct* (Scottish)

**Christopher REICH****Rules of Deception 400pp Tp \$32.95**

Doctor Jonathan Ransom thought he knew everything about his wife Emma until she was killed in a tragic skiing accident in the Swiss Alps. They had been married for eight years, eight blissful years in which they had travelled the world together. But the day after her death a mysterious letter addressed to her arrives at their hotel. When he opens it, his beliefs begin to unravel - fast... (American)

**Stella RIMINGTON****Dead Line 384pp Tp \$29.95**

*Liz Carlyle #4.* MI5 Intelligence Officer Liz Carlyle is summoned by her boss. His counterpart at MI6 has received intelligence from a high placed Syrian source. It's Liz's job to find out exactly what is going on and avert disaster. But, as she discovers, this time the threat is far greater than she or anyone else could have imagined. *Due Oct* (English)

**Rick RIORDAN****Rebel Island 352pp Pb \$11.95**

*Tres Navarre #7.* Tres Navarre and Maia, newly married with a baby on the way, had come to Rebel Island to celebrate. But no sooner had they arrived than someone is shot dead. Tres flashes back to a summer on the island he could never entirely remember. Then a second corpse turns up. For Tres, his brother Garrett, and Maia time is running out. *Due Oct* (American)

**Fran RIZER****Casket Case 272pp Pb \$11.95**

*Callie Parrish Mystery #3.* When the town's pharmacist is found drowned, Callie suspects foul play. But while she feels like her investigation is leading her nowhere, someone else seems to think she knows too much. Now it's up to Callie to catch a killer before she winds up being fitted for her own casket. *Due Oct* (American)

**Karen ROSE****You Can't Hide (2006) 448pp Pb \$33.00**

Someone is tormenting psychiatrist Tess Ciccotelli's patients, pushing them to suicide, and setting her up to take the blame. Detective Aidan Reagan can't help but admire Tess's fierce loyalty to her oath, when it's obvious that an enemy is set on destroying her. *Due Oct* (American)

**Karen ROSE****Die For Me 704pp Pb \$20.00**

*Daniel Vartanian* #1 Vito Ciccotelli, homicide detective in Philadelphia PD, is called to a murder site and is confronted with numerous bodies, all with horrific injuries. When it's revealed the wounds are consistent with instruments of medieval torture, Ciccotelli turns to Sophie Johannsen, museum curator and specialist in medieval warfare, to learn more and to try and find the killer before he spirals out of control. *Due Oct* (American)

**Joel ROSS****White Flag Down 384pp Pb \$20.00**

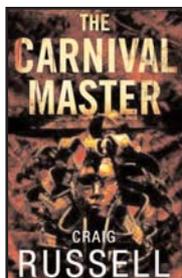
1942. An American pilot crashes in Switzerland. He enlists the help of the only Swiss national he knows, amateur spy for the Allies Anna Fay. Anna demands Grant's help to uncover Swiss financial support for the Third Reich. The duo realise that they are on the brink of a discovery that could alter the entire outcome of the war... *Due Oct* (American)

**Betty ROWLANDS****Smoke Screen 224pp Hb \$49.95**

*Sukey Reynolds* #9. A wealthy bestselling author, owner of a country estate a few miles outside Bristol, is drowned in her bath just days after being threatened by a seriously disturbed fan that has subsequently disappeared. (English)

**Craig RUSSELL****The Carnival Master****400pp Tp \$34.95**

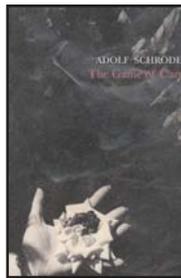
*Jan Fabel* #4. Cologne is preparing for Karneval, but Kommissar Benni Scholz is tracking a serial killer who disguises himself as the Karneval Prince. Scholz enlists Fabel, but the true purpose of Fabel's visit is to follow Maria Klee, who has travelled to Cologne on the trail of Fabel's old enemy Vasyl Vitrenko. The Organized Crime Department of Ukrainian Security Service has dispatched an elite fighting unit to end Vitrenko's reign. Fabel must find Vitrenko before the SBU can. Meanwhile, the Karneval Prince is still at large. *Due Oct* (Scottish)

**Alex SCARROW****October Skies 416pp Tp \$33.00**

2008. Julian Cooke stumbles across the remains of the Preston Group, a convoy of settlers that vanished in the winter of 1856. The settlers of the Preston wagon train are miles from civilisation, and see the group of Native Americans also trapped nearby as a threat. When a woman is found mutilated, the settlers and Indians must unite to protect themselves... *Due Oct* (English)

**Adolf SCHRODER****The Game of Cards****210pp Pb \$27.95**

The young Markus Hauser takes a job with Selma Brunhs, a decidedly strange elderly lady who pays him to file hundreds of her letters in chronological order. For six days Markus works conscientiously, all the while penetrating little by little the past of this woman who surrounds herself with cats and memories. On the last day Selma proposes a bargain, a card game that will change his life forever. (German)

**E V SEYMOUR****Last Exile 416pp Tp \$32.95**

When ex police officer Paul Tallis is approached by MI5 to find four illegal immigrants accidentally released from prison and hand them over to the authorities. The plan runs like clockwork, until Tallis makes an ugly discovery. Now it's down to Tallis to unravel the complicated game he has become a pawn in and make sure he reaches the last exile before anyone else... (English)

**Zoë SHARP****Second Shot 352pp Pb \$11.95**

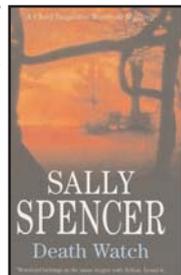
*Charlie Fox* #6. Charlie's client Simone Kerse has just become a millionaire. Charlie was supposed to keep Simone's troublesome ex-boyfriend at bay, and help her track down the father Simone had never really known. But Simone's father has secrets that are about to come back and haunt him and the arrival of Simone may blow his world apart... *Due Oct* (English)

**Jose Carlos SOMOZA****Zig Zag 496pp Pb \$20.00**

Elisa Robledo, a young physics professor has a terrible secret. While an advanced physics graduate student Elisa was invited to join a research team working on manipulating String Theory, making it possible to witness images of the past as if they were actually happening. They made advancements but the team awoke something dangerous... *Due Oct* (Spanish)

**Sally SPENCER****Death Watch 224pp Tp \$27.95***Chief Inspector Woodend Mystery.*

Angela Jackson, a young girl abducted from Whitebridge Corporation Park, has been missing for over 24 hours and, in the opinion of Dr Stevenson, the psychiatrist who Woodend turns to for advice, her kidnapper will first torture and then kill her... (English)

**Mickey SPILLANE****& Max Allan COLLINS****The Goliath Bone 288pp Hb \$36.00**

*Maike Hammer* #14. Hammer halts the violent robbery of a pair of college sweethearts who have stumbled onto a remarkable archaeological find in the Valley of Elah, the perfectly preserved femur of what may have been the biblical giant Goliath. Hammer fights Islamic terrorists and Israeli extremists bent upon recovering the relic for their own agendas. *Due Oct* (American)

**Patricia SPRINKLE****Daughter of Deceit****368pp Pb \$11.95**

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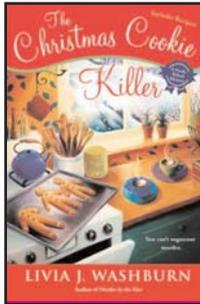
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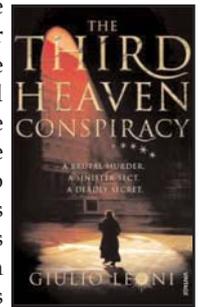
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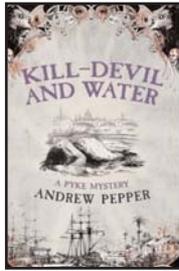
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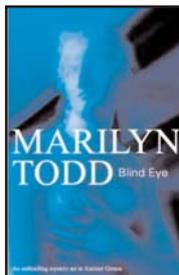
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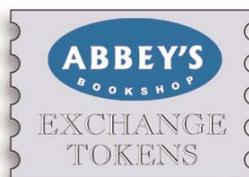
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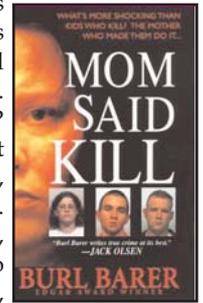
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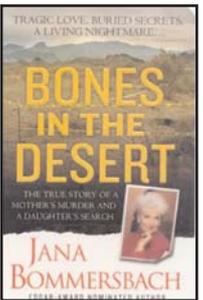
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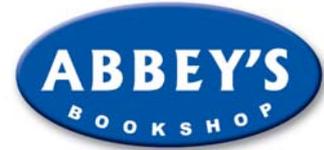
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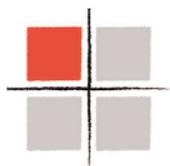


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