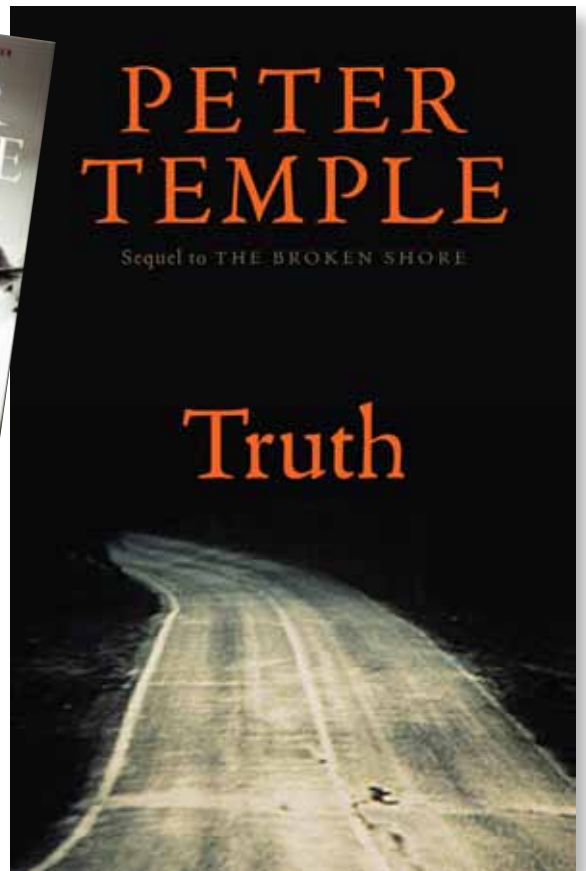


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PETER TEMPLE

bestselling author of **The Broken Shore**
(winner of the *Duncan Lawrie Dagger*)

and its sequel **Truth**

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PETER MILNE RECOMMENDS...



Bill JAMES

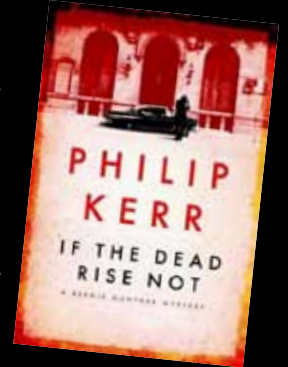
Off-Street Parking

224pp Tp \$27.95

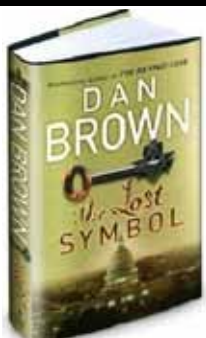
Detective Constable Sharon Mayfield is on routine surveillance when she spots, outside his house, a dead man in a car. The locks had been sealed with superglue and Claude Huddart's face has been mutilated. As with most murders, there's a jigsaw puzzle to be solved. But here the pieces don't fit. Why is an informant, Jeremy Dince, if that is his real name, being almost exceptionally polite and helpful? And there's just something that doesn't feel right about the grieving Alice Huddart. Then there's the younger and more sinister Philip Otton, acquaintance of the bereaved Alice, and known to both Blenny and Dince. Sharon

cannot fathom why she is being warned off and cannot work out the connection between the protagonists until her police officer boyfriend Luke drops strange hints about the case and about her commanding officers. (English) *Due Oct*

Scottish author Philip Kerr has won the world's most lucrative crime fiction prize, the *RBA International Prize for Crime Writing*, for his novel **If the Dead Rise Not**. Kerr's book beat more than 160 others to land the €125,000 (A\$209,500) prize. The book is the last in his series of 'Berlin noir' novels featuring detective Bernie Gunther, and covering a period that includes Hitler's rise to power and postwar Germany's struggle to come to terms with its past. The author said he was surprised at the size of the prize: "I recently got a prize in France which was a few bottles of wine."



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Stieg LARSSON

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MODERN CRIME

Megan ABBOTT

Bury Me Deep 256pp Pb \$22.99
 Inspired by a notorious true crime, this is the story of Marion Seeley, a young woman abandoned in Phoenix by her husband. At the medical clinic where she finds a job, she is swept up in the exuberant life of her co-workers, who supplement their scant income by entertaining the town's most powerful men with wild parties. At one of these events, Marion meets Joe Lanigan, a local rogue and politician on the rise, whose ties to all three women bring events to a dramatic and deadly collision. (American) *Due Oct*

P J ALDERMAN

Haunting Jordan 432pp Pb \$16.95

Jordan Marsh left LA in pursuit of some much-needed R & R. As the prime suspect in her husband's murder, she planned to immerse herself in the restoration of the charming Victorian she'd just bought. But as she soon discovers, the coldest of cases cry out to be solved, too. For this old house comes fully furnished with two garrulous ghosts who have a century-old murder of their own they'd like her to look into. (American) *Due Oct*



James BECKER

The Moses Stone 475pp Pb \$21.95

A clay tablet covered in ancient writing is found by an English couple in Morocco. A day later they are dead, killed in a car crash. But where is the relic they died to protect? Determined to uncover a secret that's endured for two millennia, Chris Bronson follows a trail of clues that leads him on a deadly chase for the truth. Threatened on every side by violent extremists, he is plunged into a mystery rooted in biblical times. (English)

Lawrence BLOCK

Hit and Run 304pp Pb \$22.99

Keller #4. Keller quickly finds that his newest job might not just mark the end of his career, it could be the end of him, period. He realises he was never meant to make the hit - he was just supposed to take the fall when a prominent politician was gunned down by someone else. (American) *Due Oct*

Chelsea CAIN

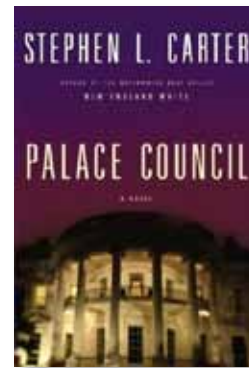
Evil at Heart 320pp Tp \$32.99

Archie and Gretchen #3. A college student is found dead, floating in a rowing boat on a lake, a gaping wound in his abdomen. The autopsy reveals that his spleen was removed while he was still alive. Gretchen Lowell, the 'Beauty Killer', still at large following her prison escape, is back and she's killing again. But Detective Archie Sheridan, on medical leave following his last run-in with Gretchen, isn't so sure. (American) *Due Oct*

Stephen L CARTER

Palace Council 528pp Pb \$24.95

Summer, 1952. 20 powerful men gather in secret and devise a plot to manipulate the President of the United States. Soon after, writer Eddie Wesley leaves a party hosted by affluent and influential members of black society, and discovers a body. The murdered man had an unusual gold cross gripped between his hands and Eddie is determined to find out why he was killed and what the cross signifies. (American) *Due Oct*



Carla CASSIDY

Up Close and Personal 336pp Pb \$16.95

Detective Jordan Sampson is struggling to maintain a relationship with her young daughter, while enjoying a new romance with an old flame. But Jordan's personal life takes a dangerous turn when her old friends from school are killed off one by one. (American) *Due Oct*

Laura CHILDS

Death Swatch 336pp Pb \$16.95

Scrapbooking Mystery #6. Amid Zydeco rhythms and popping champagne corks, scrapbook shop owner Carmela Bertrand is having a wild night at a Mardi Gras party - until she finds a float designer murdered on a balcony. (American) *Due Oct*

Peter CHURCH

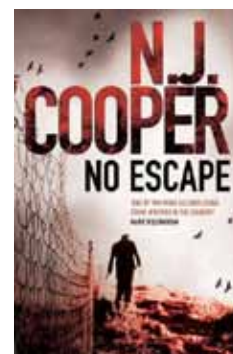
Dark Video 288pp Pb \$29.95

What begins as a semi-illegal assault on a fellow student soon takes a sinister turn for the worse, as moral bridges are crossed and then burned in the quest for the perfect reality video. (American) *Due Oct*

N J COOPER

No Escape 384pp Pb \$19.99

Karen Taylor #1. Spike Falconer is in prison on the Isle of Wight - convicted of murder. Forensic psychologist Karen Taylor comes to probe the mind of this psychopath. Trying to recover from the death of her husband and the dark memories surrounding it, Karen is drawn into life on the Island. She becomes involved with DCI Charlie Trench, cool and abrasive, the opposite in every way from her partner Will Hawkins. Meanwhile, someone on the Island doesn't want Karen getting too close to Spike and the more she learns, the more afraid she becomes - and then they start to act... (English) *Due Oct*



KEY to crime genres

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|  Suspense Thriller |  Romantic Suspense |
|  Feline Detectives |  Police Procedural |
|  Forensic |  FBI |
|  Political/Legal |  Cosy/Malice Domestic |
|  Military |  Journalists |
|  Spy |  Private Eye |
|  Banking |  Psychological |
|  Canine |  Clerical |
|  Culinary/Food |  Medical |
|  Sport |  Horse Racing |

PB = PAPERBACK HB = HARDBACK
 TP = TRADE PAPERBACK (Slightly Larger)

Michael CORDY

 **The Source** 512pp Pb \$21.95

When geologist Ross Kelly's wife, pregnant with their first child, is attacked and left hovering on the brink of death, he seeks salvation in a mysterious centuries-old manuscript, which chronicles the discovery of Eden. Although everyone tells him the story is surely an allegory, the possibility of the garden's existence offers Ross the only hope of saving Lauren and their unborn child. Racing against time, a lethal assassin and a fanatical priest, Ross's quest will lead him eventually to a place that might challenge everything he ever thought about the source of life on earth. (English) *Due Oct*

Patricia CORNWELL

 **The Scarpetta Factor** 512pp Hb \$49.99

Kay Scarpetta #17. An apparent threat on Scarpetta's life finds her embroiled in a surreal plot that includes a famous actor accused of an unthinkable sex crime and the disappearance of a beautiful millionairess. (American) *Due Oct*



Casey DANIELS

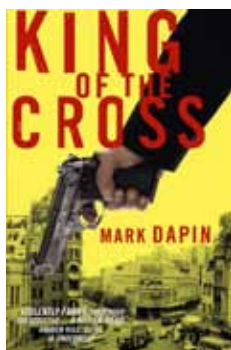
 **Dead Man Talking** 304pp Pb \$16.95

Pepper Martin Mystery #5. Heiress-turned-cemetery-tour-guide Pepper Martin is not happy to discover that a local reality TV show, *Cemetery Survivor*, will be filmed at Cleveland's Monroe Street Cemetery - and she has to be a part of it. To make matters worse, the ghost of a wrongly convicted killer needs Pepper's help to clear his name, but digging for the truth could put her in grave danger. (American) *Due Oct*

Mark DAPIN

 **King of the Cross** 320pp Tp \$32.99

To record his epic life story, Jacob Mendoza, legendary Godfather of Kings Cross, employs a hapless young reporter from the Australian Jewish Times. As Mendoza unfolds his seductive story of thugs and drugs, murders and mysteries, bikers, bent cops and girls, girls, girls, it emerges that he's not the only one with a past. And as the memoir takes shape, other more terrifying criminals are circling the kingdom that Mendoza built. (Australian) *Due Oct*



Leif DAVIDSEN

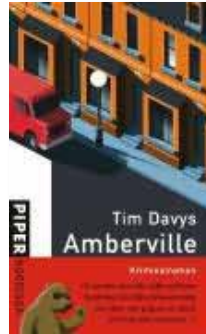
 **The Woman from Bratislava** 280pp Pb \$22.99

In Bratislava, Teddy Pedersen, a middle-aged, Danish university lecturer, receives a visit from an Eastern European woman who turns out to be his half-sister. In Copenhagen, Teddy's older sister is arrested on suspicion of being a Stasi agent and a murder leads Teddy to investigate the relationship between the two women. (Denmark) *Due Oct*


Tim DAVYS

 **Amberville** 352pp Tp \$34.95

Eric Bear thinks he has escaped his violent past, but when crime boss Nicholas Dove threatens Eric's beloved wife Emma Rabbit, Eric has no choice but to do what he asks - find a way to remove Dove's name from the Death List. Eric gathers his old team together and they set off to find the elusive list. What Eric learns will forever change the way he thinks about his life, his family and his town. (Sweden) *Due Oct*




Jeffrey DEEVER (ed)

 **The Best American Mystery Stories 2009** 400pp Pb \$28.95

This best-selling novelist edits a collection of the genre's finest from the past year. (American) *Due Oct*

Alex DRYDEN

 **Moscow Sting** 416pp Pb \$32.99

Finn #2. When British spy, Finn, is brutally murdered by a Russian assassin, Adrian, chief of MI6, wants vengeance. He also wants answers - answers that can only be revealed by Finn's widow, Anna, the former KGB colonel who betrayed her country for love and has now disappeared with their child. Adrian isn't the only one desperate to find Anna. Finn accessed intelligence so confidential that the KGB are willing to kill to protect it and now everyone wants to know what Russia is concealing beneath its veil of political cordiality. (English) *Due Oct*



Carola DUNN

 **Death at Wentwater Court (1994)** 192pp Pb \$21.99

Daisy Dalrymple #1. No stranger to sprawling country estates, well-heeled Daisy Dalrymple is breaking new ground at Wentwater Court to cover a story for *Town & Country* magazine. But her interview gives way to interrogation when suave Lord Stephen Astwick meets a chilly end on the tranquil skating pond. With evidence that his death was anything but accidental, Daisy joins forces with Scotland Yard. (English) *Due Oct*

James ELLROY

 **Blood's a Rover** 656pp Tp \$32.95

Underworld USA #3. Summer, 1968. Martin Luther King and Robert Kennedy are dead. The assassination conspiracies have begun to unravel. A dirty-tricks squad is getting ready to deploy at the Democratic Convention in Chicago. Black militants are warring in south side LA. The Feds are concocting draconian countermeasures. And fate has placed three men at the vortex of History. Their lives collide in pursuit of the Red Goddess Joan - and each of them will pay 'a dear and savage price to live History.' (American) *Due Oct*

Christy EVANS

 **Sink Trap** 256pp Pb \$14.95

Georgiana Neverall Mystery #1. Former corporate drone Georgiana Neverall loves her new occupation as a plumber's apprentice, but is a bit surprised when she finds the favourite brooch of Martha Tepper, the town's former librarian, clogging a sink. Georgiana has a sinking feeling that Martha may have been retired permanently-and suddenly it's up to a plumber's apprentice to flush out a killer. (American) *Due Oct*

Chris EWAN

 **The Good Thief's Guide to Paris** 234pp Pb \$19.99

Charlie Howard #2. Charlie is flush with the success of his Paris book reading when he agrees to show a novice the basics of the trade by breaking into the man's own apartment. Trouble ensues when it turns out the apartment belongs to someone else. The next day, Charlie's fence hires him to steal an ordinary-looking oil painting - from the same address. Mere coincidence? Charlie reckons there's no harm in finding out - until a dead body turns up in his living room. (English) *Due Oct*

G M FORD

 **Identity (aka Nameless Night)** 320pp Pb \$19.99

Paul Hardy has lived in a care home for the past seven years with no memory of who he is or where he came from. When a horrific accident necessitates pioneering surgery he begins to remember things. Things that if he's not careful will get him killed. With no choice but to go on the run, Hardy must use all his guile and strength to evade the ruthless predators who stalk his every move while he tries to piece together a sinister puzzle. (American) *Due Oct*

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Christopher FOWLER



The Victoria Vanishes

368pp Pb \$24.95

Bryant & May #6. One night, Arthur Bryant witnesses a drunk woman coming out of a pub. The next morning, she is found dead at the exact spot where their paths crossed. Even more disturbing, the pub has vanished. Bryant is convinced that he saw them as they were over a century before, but the elderly detective has already lost the funeral urn of an old friend. Could he be losing his mind as well? Then it becomes clear that a number of women have met their ends in London pubs. It seems a silent, secret killer is at work, striking in full view... and yet nobody has a clue how, or why - or where he'll attack next. (English) *Due Oct*

Dick & Fran FRANCIS



Even Money 400pp Hb \$49.95

Ned Talbot has worked all his life as a bookmaker - taking over the family business from his grandfather. When a grey-haired man steps forward from the crowd claiming to be his father, Ned's life is thrown into turmoil. He'd been told since he was a baby that his parents had died in a car crash. Barely an hour later, his newly found father is stabbed by an unknown assailant in the Ascot car park and Ned finds himself in a race to solve his father's riddles, a race where coming second could cost him more than even money, it could cost him his life. (Welsh) *Due Oct*

Brian FREEMAN



The Burying Place

368pp Tp \$32.99

Jonathan Stride #5. Lieutenant Jonathan Stride is quietly recovering from injuries sustained on his latest case when a rich doctor's baby is kidnapped and his peace is shattered. As suspicion builds that the doctor may have staged the baby's disappearance, the relationship between the doctor and his wife and neighbours begins to disintegrate. Stride and his lover and partner Serena find themselves on opposite sides of the case with Stride pursuing evidence that incriminates the doctor and Serena trying to prove that the baby really was abducted. As the threads of both investigations converge, the chase uncovers a series of revelations that may damn the doctor - or prove his innocence. (American) *Due Oct*

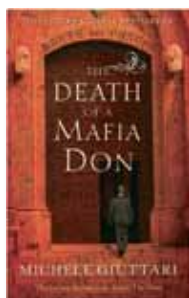
Michele GIUTTARI



The Death of a Mafia Don

384pp Tp \$29.99

Michele Ferrara #3. A bomb explodes in the centre of Florence, hitting the car of Chief Superintendent Michele Ferrara of the elite Squadra Mobile. A week later, another bomb explodes - bringing tragedy for Ferrara and a determination to find the culprit. Who is the mysterious influence behind the bombings - someone even the Mafia fear? (Italian) *Due Oct*



Matthew GLASS



Ultimatum

400pp Pb \$32.95

Joe Benton has just been elected the 48th president of the United States. Only days after winning, he learns from that previous estimates regarding the effect of global warming on rising sea levels have been grossly underestimated. With the world frighteningly close to catastrophe, Benton must save the United States from environmental devastation. He resumes secret bilateral negotiations with the Chinese - now the world's worst polluter - and as the two superpowers lock horns, the ensuing battle of wits becomes a race against time. (Australian)

Juan GOMEZ-JURADO



Contract with God

352pp Pb \$32.99

Father Anthony Fowler #2. Father Anthony Fowler, CIA operative and member of the Vatican's secret service, the Holy Alliance, pays a visit to a war criminal and offers him a deal - he will not reveal the man's true identity in exchange for a huge candle covered in fine filigree gold. But it isn't the gold Fowler is after, it is the metallic object preserved within the wax, a missing fragment of an ancient map. Soon Fowler is involved in an expedition to Jordan, but there is a traitor in the group who has links to terrorist organisations back in the US and who is patiently awaiting the moment to strike. (Spain) *Due Oct*



Margaret GRACE



Mourning in Miniature

320pp Pb \$16.95

Miniature Mystery #4. Miniaturist Gerry Porter has been looking forward to her 30th high school reunion, but when a former athlete is murdered, Gerry must employ all her skills to reconstruct the scene of the crime. (American) *Due Oct*



C S GRAHAM



The Solomon Effect

400pp Pb \$16.95

A German U-boat lost in the final days of the Second World War rested silent and dead in the deep waters off the Russian coast for more than half a century--carrying a cargo too terrifying to contemplate. Now it has been found and its terrible treasure liberated... by those who would set the world on fire. A remote viewer working in top secret for the US government, October Guinness can 'see' events occurring on the other side of the globe. But she and her loose cannon partner, CIA agent Jax Alexander have arrived too late to prevent a bloodbath and perhaps the Apocalypse as well. (American) *Due Oct*

Heather GRAHAM



Unhallowed Ground

368pp Pb \$16.95

A Harrison Investigation Novel. When Sarah McKinley begins restoring an historic Florida mansion, she makes a grim discovery. Hidden within the walls of Sarah's dream house are the remains of dozens of bodies - some dating back over a century. Then Caleb Anderson, a private investigator, shows up at the mansion. He believes several current missing-persons cases are linked to the house and its dark past. Working together to find the connection and stop a contemporary killer, Sarah and Caleb grow closer to each other even as the solution to the murders eludes them. But soon Caleb realises he could lose Sarah to a killer with an ability to transcend time in a quest for blood and sacrifice. (American) *Due Oct*

Mark GREANEY



The Gray Man 464pp Pb \$19.95

Court Gentry is known as The Gray Man, a legend in the covert realm, moving silently from job to job, accomplishing the impossible and then fading away. But there are forces more lethal than Gentry in the world and in their eyes, Gentry has just outlived his usefulness. Now, he is going to prove that for him, there's no grey area between killing for a living-and killing to stay alive. (American) *Due Oct*

Kerry GREENWOOD



Forbidden Fruit 312pp Tp \$22.99

Corinna Chapman #5. Corinna Chapman, owner of Earthly Delights, detests Christmas. She's dreaming of quiet, air-conditioned comfort, but instead finds herself dealing with a rose-loving donkey named Serena, a maniacal mother with staring eyes, a distracted assistant searching for the perfect muffin recipe, her friend the fearless witch Meroe and the luscious Daniel with whom she'd like to spend a lot more time. But Daniel is on the hunt to find two young runaways, Brigid and Manny. When Corinna and Daniel find that Brigid is on the streets, heavily pregnant and in danger, the stakes rise and Corinna and Daniel go head-to-head with a sinister religious cult on a mission and a band of Romany gypsies out for revenge. (Australian) *Due Oct*

Peter GRIMSDALE



Just Watch Me 352pp Tp \$32.99

Dan Carter, his wife Sara and their two children are at Gatwick, about to get on a plane that will take them on their first holiday as a family. Sara has planned the trip in meticulous detail, but at the check-in desk, Dan finds his passport is missing. Exasperated, he tells them to go ahead. A few hours later, Dan sees on a newflash that the plane has gone down over the ocean and with a single blow his life is shattered. Soon, however, questions start to haunt him. Was it an accident his passport disappeared? Did Sara have a whole life he was unaware of? The search for answers sets him on a deadly trail of revenge, but the truth may be the last thing he wants to find. (English) *Due Oct*

Tom HARPER



The Book of Secrets

592pp Pb \$24.95

A young woman discovers an extraordinary secret, but before she can reveal it, she disappears. All that survives is a picture of a mysterious medieval playing card that has perplexed scholars for centuries. Nick Ash does research for the FBI in New York. Six months ago his girlfriend Gillian walked out and broke his heart. Now he's the only person who can save her - if it's not too late. Hunted across Europe, Nick follows Gillian's trail into the heart of a 500-year-old mystery, but there are men who have devoted their lives to keeping the secret and they will stop at nothing to protect it. (English) *Due Oct*

Mandasue HELLER



Two-Faced

416pp Tp \$32.99

Mia and Michelle couldn't look more alike - or act more differently. Mia's always been the glamorous one, the one everyone wants to get close to. And now she's a model, on the edge of fame. But Mia can't resist the illegal thrills that come with fame.



When disaster strikes, her mousy look-alike sister has to pretend to be Mia. Michelle saves her career and turns out to have star quality too. She's even got someone to fall in love with her - a man Mia wants almost as much as she wants to be a supermodel. That's something Mia will never, ever forgive. (English) *Due Oct*

David HEWSON



Dante's Number

400pp Pb \$19.99

Nic Costa #7. The death mask of the poet Dante is to be exhibited at the premiere of a controversial new film, *Inferno*. But at the grand unveiling, this priceless artefact is replaced by a macabre death mask of the film's star, Allan Prime. Minutes later the leading actress, Maggie Flavier, is threatened before her attacker is shot. Nic Costa and his team are sidelined from the investigation in Rome and follow the movie to its next showing in San Francisco, hoping to recover the stolen death mask. With the authorities distracted by false leads, can Costa protect Maggie, find the truth and stop the killer - all before life imitates art? (English) *Due Oct*

Elise HYATT



Dipped, Stripped, and Dead

288pp Pb \$14.95

Daring Finds Mystery #1. Divorced and strapped for cash, Candyce 'Dyce' Dare starts up Daring Finds, a furniture refinishing business, but when she goes dumpster diving for discarded furniture and uncovers a corpse, she may find herself redecorating a jail cell. (American) *Due Oct*



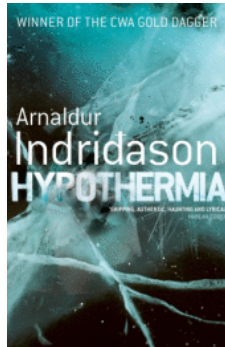
Arnaldur INDRIDASON



Hypothermia 320pp Tp \$34.95

Reykjavik

Murders #6. One cold autumn night, a woman is found hanging from a beam in her summer cottage by Lake Thingvellir.



At first sight it appears to be a straightforward case of suicide. But when Karen, the friend who found her body, approaches Erlendur and gives him the tape of a séance that Maria had attended, his curiosity is aroused. Driven by a need to find answers that even he does not fully understand, Erlendur embarks on an unofficial investigation to find out why the woman's life ended in such an abrupt and tragic manner. (Iceland) *Due Oct*

Sue Ann JAFFARIAN



Ghost a la Mode 312pp Tp \$29.95

Ghost of Granny Apples Mystery #1.

Granny was notorious for her award-winning apple pies - and for murdering her husband in the orchard. The only trouble is, Granny didn't kill her husband. She was framed, then murdered. For more than 100 years, Granny's spirit has been searching for someone to help her see that justice is served. Together, Emma and Granny Apples solve mysteries of the past - starting with Granny's own unjust murder rap in the final days of the California Gold Rush. (American) *Due Oct*

Maxim JAKUBOWSKI



The Mammoth Book of Best International Crime

544pp Pb \$24.99

This collection contains 40 short stories from an all-star line-up of international writers, covering the full spectrum of crime fiction, from noir and thrillers, to whodunnits and procedurals, with settings that include Italy, Cuba, Scandinavia, Russia, USA, Japan, Germany, Mexico, France, Italy, Spain and the UK. Contributing authors include Ian Rankin, John Mortimer, Boris Akunin, Mark Billingham, Giorgio Faletti, Jo Nesbo, Jeffrey Deaver and Ruth Rendell (English) *Due Oct*

P D JAMES



The Private Patient

512pp Pb \$24.95

Inspector Adam Dalgliesh #14. When Dalgliesh and his team are called in to investigate the murder of a notorious investigative journalist and a second equally horrific death, they find themselves confronted with problems even more complicated than the question of innocence or guilt. (English) *Due Oct*

Roderic JEFFRIES



Sun, Sea and Murder

240pp Tp \$27.95

Inspector Alvarez #33. Laid-back Inspector Enrique Alvarez regards his newest case, like all work, as an unwanted interruption in his lifestyle. He soon discovers, however, that this routine inquiry has far-reaching consequences he could never have foreseen... (English) *Due Oct*

Denis JOHNSON



Nobody Move: A Novel

195pp Tp \$32.99

Jimmy Luntz owes money to a man called Juarez, who sends someone round to collect. Luntz doesn't actually plan to shoot the guy, but the way he sees it, it's shoot or be shot. The problem is nobody messes with Juarez and lives to tell the tale. Against all the odds, however, it seems that somebody up there is looking out for Luntz, if only he can keep his cool. (American)

Susan KANDEL



Dial H for Hitchcock

320pp Tp \$28.95

Cece Caruso Mystery #5. Cece Caruso - mystery biographer extraordinaire, vintage clothing enthusiast and part-time sleuth - is the prime suspect in a murder case. To clear her name and put the real murderer in jail,



Cece goes on the lam, where she'll encounter mysterious strangers, unhelpful strippers, a bottle of Hitchcock - blond hair dye - and twists and turns so eerie it's as if the auteur himself were writing the script. (American) *Due Oct*

Marshall KARP



Blood Thirsty 459pp Pb \$17.99

Barry Gerber is one of the most powerful - and hated - men in Hollywood. Turning up dead in a garbage can brings him under the eyes of Detectives Mike Lomax and Terry Biggs. Just two days later another despised actor bad-boy is found murdered in the same sadistic manner. Wading through a list of suspects as long as the credits of the latest blockbuster and a number of leads to match, they have to race to prevent another Hollywood hot-shot getting the cut. (American)

Marshall KARP



Flipping Out 347pp Tp \$26.95

When a mystery author makes a run-down house in Los Angeles the scene of a grisly murder in her latest novel, it seems makes for great business. But a series of real murders start taking place in the house and Detectives Mike Lomax and Terry Biggs have to track down the killer before he murders his next logical target - Marilyn, Terry's wife. (American)



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Alex KAVA

Exposed 396pp Pb \$16.95
Maggie O'Dell #6. Maggie knows dangerous minds from hauntingly perverse child predators to cunningly twisted serial killers. Now she faces a new opponent from inside an isolation ward. Maggie must find clues to catch the killer while waiting to see if a lethal strain of a virus is already multiplying in her body. (American)

Faye KELLERMAN

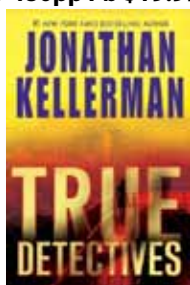
Blindman's Bluff 400pp Tp \$32.99

Peter Decker & Rina Lazarus #18. Guy Kaffey thought his wealth could acquire anything - including the best security money can buy. When his family are gunned to death on their vast Butterfly Ranch estate, it's clear that he was tragically wrong. Lieutenant Peter Decker of the LAPD is given the task of piecing together what happened. (American) Due Oct

Jonathan KELLERMAN

True Detectives 480pp Pb \$19.99

Moe Reed and Aaron Fox are on the twisted trail of a missing girl. PIs can do things, legally, that cops can't. And cops have access to resources denied their private counterparts. Only by pooling their efforts - and by consulting a man both brothers respect, psychologist Alex Delaware, do Fox and Reed stand a chance of peeling back the secrets in high places that explain the fate of an outwardly innocent young woman. (American) Due Oct



Daniel KEYES

The Asylum Prophecies: A Psychological Thriller 336pp Pb \$16.95

The key to thwarting a terrorist plot is buried deep in the subconscious of a schizophrenic girl. A federal agent must save her and unlock her mind before the terrorists can silence her forever. (American) Due Oct

Lynda LA PLANTE

Silent Scream 656pp Tp \$32.99

Anna Travis #5. Hot young British film star Amanda Delany had the world at her feet. Never one for the quiet life, she'd had a string of affairs with famous actors, making perfect fodder for the tabloids...Then came a commission to write a tell-all memoir. When Amanda is found brutally murdered, the suspects are lining up - from jealous ex-flatmates to famous lovers to a corrupt agent. DCI James Langton leads his team in an extensive enquiry. Meanwhile, Anna Travis is up for promotion, but Langton is blocking her, with an accusation of professional misconduct. (English) Due Oct



Stieg LARSSON

The Girl Who Kicked the Hornets' Nest 576pp Tp \$32.95
Millennium #3. Salander is plotting her revenge against the man who tried to kill her and against the government institutions that very nearly destroyed her life. (Sweden) Due Oct

Stephen LEATHER

Live Fire 480pp Pb \$19.99

Dan Shepherd #6. Dan 'Spider' Shepherd is sent to infiltrate a team of bank robbers in Thailand. But when he does, he discovers that he has more in common with them than he first thought. Meanwhile, a far more sinister threat is stalking the streets of London. A group of home-grown Islamic fundamentalist fanatics embarks on a campaign of terror the like of which Britain has never seen... and Shepherd is the only man who can stop them. (English) Due Oct

Dennis LEHANE

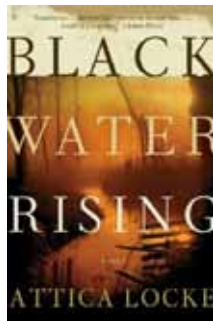
The Given Day 736pp Pb \$24.95

Danny Coughlin is Boston Police Department royalty and the son of one of the city's most beloved and powerful police captains. His beat is the predominately Italian neighbourhoods of the North End where political dissent is in the air - fresh and intoxicating. On the hunt for hard-line radicals as a favour to his father, Danny is drawn into the ideological fray and finds his loyalties compromised as the police department itself becomes swept up in potentially violent labour strife. (American) Due Oct

Attica LOCKE

Black Water Rising 448pp Tp \$32.99

Jay knows a boat ride on the Bayou won't measure up to his wife's expectations of a birthday celebration, but it's all he can afford. Once a man of virtuous ideals, he is now just waiting for a break; all that changes when gun shots and sharp cries for help ring out. When he fishes a woman out of the Bayou, his sixth sense tells him this charitable act will lead to no good. Unravelling the woman's past, Jay finds himself enmeshed in a web that weaves together greed, politics, and corporate corruption. And the secrets of his own past come back to either haunt or save him. (American) Due Oct



Bill LOEHFELM

Fresh Kills 340pp Pb \$24.95

When John Sanders Jr learns that his father has been murdered, his only regret is that he didn't pull the trigger himself. Yet despite his rage at his father for a lifetime of abuse, he becomes obsessed with finding the killer. When a chance for revenge finally arrives, Junior must decide whether he will continue the chain of violence or accept the challenge of a new beginning. (American) Due Oct

Peter LOVESEY

The Headhunters 352pp Pb \$22.99

Hen Mallin Mystery #2. Jo and Gemma are friends who meet for coffee every Saturday to gossip and discuss the state of the world. At one such meeting, Gemma mentions killing her boss and Jo goes along with the joke. But Jo is not amused when she finds a real body on the beach at Selsey soon afterwards - an unidentified nearly-naked woman, who has been drowned. It takes DCI Hen Mallin and her team some time to discover who the woman is, and as they are investigating, Jo and Gemma are getting into more trouble - they keep coming across dead bodies... (English) Due Oct

John LUTZ

Urge to Kill 448pp Pb \$14.95

Frank Quinn #4. In a city terrorised by bloody brutality, Quinn and his team hunt a psychopath who lures beautiful women into a night of unbridled passion, then wakes them to a vicious, drawn-out death. Stumbling over a trail of horribly defiled bodies, Quinn can't seem to catch up to the killer - because the killer is about to catch up to him. (American) Due Oct

Ed McBAIN

Killer's Choice (1958) 219pp Pb \$17.99

A 87th Precinct novel. A homicide in the 87th Precinct wasn't exactly front-page news. But two murders made headlines. Both added up to big trouble. A crazy bag lady is Detective Steve Carella's best witness, but a mistake by Carella's new partner Cotton Hawes could put them both in the line of fire - where a wrong move could get a good cop killed. (American)

Judi McCOY

Hair of the Dog 336pp Pb \$14.95

Dog Walker Mystery #2. Professional dog walker Ellie Engleman is more than just a pal to her pooches - she can also read their minds. When Ellie and her terrier mix Rudy find the corpse of a troubled-but-harmless park-dweller in Central Park, she becomes a prime suspect for murder. When it turns out Rudy is the sole beneficiary of the victim's inheritance, Ellie, Rudy and Detective Sam Ryder follow the trail of clues to a key to a safety deposit box that just might point to the motive and help them sniff out the real killer. (American) Due Oct

Liam McILVANNEY

All the Colours of the Town 336pp Tp \$32.99

When Glasgow journalist Gerry Conway receives a phone call promising unsavoury information about Scottish Justice Minister Peter Lyons, his instinct is that this apparent scoop won't warrant space. But as Conway's investigation takes him from Scotland to Belfast, he grows obsessed with the story of Lyons and all he represents. And as he digs deeper, he comes to understand that there is indeed a story to be uncovered; and that there are people who will go to great lengths to ensure that it remains hidden. (New Zealand) Due Oct

Colin McLAREN**On the Run**

For two years, Cole Goodwin is deep undercover infiltrating the Australia Mafia and bad guys are put away. But a lieutenant from the Calabria Mafia has been despatched to terminate him and too late he realises that someone in the Australian Crime Authority is not who he seems... (Australian) *Due Oct*

304pp Tp \$29.99**Jame McLEAN****When Blood's Enough**

"There is a place in Australia's vast outback where the rest of the world doesn't matter. Some people out there call it hell and some people call it home." In this harsh setting amongst turmoil that most couldn't imagine, Cole Lee sits with blood on his hands and a sadness in his heart that will never go away. He had tried to fight the system and he'd tried to save his life, his love and his land, but were the sacrifices he made really worth it? (Australian)

284pp Tp \$29.95**A A MILNE****The Red House Mystery (1922)**

At the Red House secret passages, uninvited guests, a sinister valet and a puzzling murder lay the foundations for a classic crime caper. And when the local police prove baffled, it is up to a guest at a local inn to appoint himself 'Sherlock Holmes' and, together with his friend and loyal 'Watson', delve deeper into the mysteries of the dead man. (English) *Due Oct*

224pp Pb \$24.95**Chris MOONEY****The Dead Room 464pp Pb \$19.95**

A mother and her son have been executed in their home and fingerprint matches show their attacker died 20 years ago. (American) *Due Oct*

Magdalen NABB**Vita Nuova 272pp Pb \$24.95**

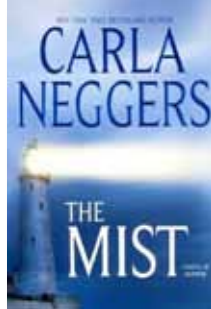
Marshall Guarnaccia #14. When Marshal Guarnaccia is called upon to investigate the murder of a young woman he is convinced that there's more to the family than meets the eye, and wonders if the girl's father, Paoletti, might have had something to do with her death. (English) *Due Oct*

Bill NAPIER**The Furies 512pp Pb \$16.95**

An unidentified object crashes from the sky into an Arizona canyon, releasing anthrax spores and leaving innocent victims in its wake. Investigators are shocked by what they find in the rubble: a swastika. They call upon former spy and World War II-era weapons expert Lewis Sharp for help. Could this be a biochemical weapon designed by the Nazis half a century ago - or is it an elaborate hoax? (Scotland) *Due Oct*

Carla NEGGERS**The Mist**

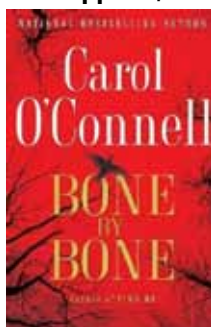
When Lizzie Rush uncovers evidence that thrill-seeking billionaire Norman Estabrook may be at the centre of an international criminal network, she finds herself playing a dangerous game of cat and mouse. Now Lizzie has no choice but to trust Will, a man who lives by a code of personal honour and answers to no one. At least until the mist clears and the frightening truth is revealed. (American) *Due Oct*

352pp Pb \$16.99**Brenda NOVAK****The Perfect Murder**

Perfect Series #6. For more than a year, Sebastian Costas has been trying to unravel the truth behind the murder of his ex-wife and son. Despite overwhelming evidence to the contrary, he's convinced that her second husband - a cop - committed both murders, then faked his own death. Now Sebastian has followed the slimmest of leads to Sacramento...and that's where he finally gets the break he needs. (American) *Due Oct*

448pp Pb \$16.95**Carol O'CONNELL****Bone by Bone**

In the northern Californian town of Coventry, two teenage brothers go into the woods one day; only one comes back. No one knows what happened to the younger brother, Josh, until 20 years later, when the older brother, Oren, now an ex-investigator for the Army Criminal Investigations Department, returns home after many years. His first morning back, he hears a thump on the front porch. Lying in front of the door is a human jawbone, teeth still intact. It is not the first such object, his father tells him. Other remains have been left there as well. Josh is coming home... bone by bone. (American) *Due Oct*

512pp Pb \$22.99**Clare O'DONOHUE****A Drunkard's Path**

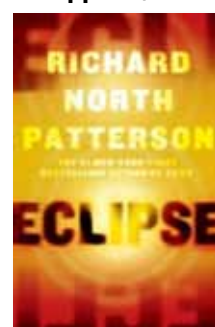
Someday Quilts Mystery #2. In the sleepy town of Archers Rest, Nell Fitzgerald is finishing her first quilt and preparing for her first date with Police Chief Jesse Dewalt. When Jesse stands her up, it turns out he has a good reason - the body of a murdered young woman has been discovered near the Hudson River. Meanwhile Nell takes drawing classes with the famous artist Oliver White. But once another woman's body is found, Nell begins to patch together clues that suggests her professor may also have a degree in the art of murder. (American) *Due Oct*

256pp Pb \$25.95**Sara PARETSKY****Hardball**

VI Warshawsji #13. In fulfilling an obligation to someone, VI tries to find an African-American man who has been missing since 1967. The case draws VI back into the Civil Rights Era and memories of her childhood and her father. But it also has very real ramifications in the present day, when her young cousin goes missing and VI fears having roused the wrath of Chicago's most vicious gang, the Anacondas - and maybe worse, having roused Chicago's politicians... (American) *Due Oct*

464pp Tp \$32.99**Richard North PATTERSON****Eclipse**

American lawyer, Damon Pierce, attempts to save Bobby Okari, the West African leader of a protest movement, from execution by the country's corrupt and autocratic leader. Complicating matters further is Okari's wife, Marissa Brand, with whom Pierce had a relationship years before that he's never quite forgotten; she, in fact, persuaded him to take the case in the first place, and it is who she plays a crucial role in the eventual outcome... (American) *Due Oct*

400pp Pb \$19.99**Richard North PATTERSON****The Spire**

A young college president struggles to save his once prestigious alma mater, Caldwell College, from a financial scandal which may be linked to the murder of a student, some 17 years previously. (American) *Due Oct*

400pp Tp \$32.99**David PEACE****Occupied City 288pp Tp \$32.99**

Tokyo #2. As the third year of the US Occupation of Japan begins, a man enters a downtown bank. He speaks of an outbreak of dysentery and says he is a doctor, sent by the Occupation authorities, to treat anyone who might have been exposed. Clear liquid is poured into 16 teacups. 16 employees of the bank drink this liquid according to strict instructions. Within minutes 12 are dead, the other four unconscious. The man disappears along with some, but not all, of the bank's money. And so begins the biggest manhunt in Japanese history. (English) *Due Oct*

Mark PEARSON**Blood Work 352pp Pb \$21.95**

The first victim is a found on Hampstead Heath, with her throat been slashed and body mutilated. This is the beginning of Detective Inspector Jack Delaney's toughest ever case. When second body is discovered in a north London flat with a brightly coloured scarf tied around her neck, it suddenly becomes clear that a psychopath is on the loose. However, violent events from Delaney's past are threatening to catch up with him and he must stay one step ahead of his enemies if he is to stop the killer from striking again. (English) *Due Oct*

Ann PURSER



Warning at One

212pp Tp \$27.95

Lois Meade #8. An old man and his pet rooster are found dead under mysterious circumstances and Lois's son seems to be inexplicably tied up with the events. It will take all of Lois's investigative skills to ferret out the truth... (English)



Thomas PYNCHON

Inherent Vice 384pp Tp \$32.95

It's been awhile since Doc Sportello has seen his ex-girlfriend. Suddenly out of nowhere she shows up with a story about a plot to kidnap a billionaire land developer whom she just happens to be in love with and he soon finds himself drawn into a bizarre tangle of motives and passions whose cast of characters includes surfers, hustlers, dopers and rockers, a murderous loan shark, a tenor sax player working undercover, an ex-con with a swastika tattoo and a fondness for Ethel Merman and a mysterious entity known as the Golden Fang, which may only be a tax dodge set up by some dentists. (American) *Due Oct*

Ian RANKIN



The Complaints

400pp Tp \$32.99

Nobody likes 'The Complaints'. They're the cops who investigate other cops. 'Complaints and Conduct Department', to give them their full title – but known colloquially as 'The Dark Side', or simply 'The



Complaints'. It's where Malcolm Fox works and in the midst of an aggressive Edinburgh winter, the reluctant Fox is given a new task. There's a cop called Jamie Breck and he's dirty. The problem is, no one can prove it. But as Fox takes on the job, he learns that there's more to Breck than anyone thinks. This knowledge will prove dangerous, especially when a vicious murder intervenes far too close to home for Fox's liking. (Scottish) *Due Oct*

Martin REES



The Samaritan's Secret

352pp Pb \$24.95

Omar Yussef #3. When Omar Yussef travels to Nablus, the West Bank's most violent town, he is involved in the case of a dead young Samaritan, which leads him to uncover a deepening political rift, the secret deals of one of the region's richest businessmen and the shadowy world of the tiny Samaritan community. (Welsh) *Due Oct*

Christopher REICH



Rules of Vengeance

432pp Tp \$32.95

Jonathan Ransom #2. It is six months since Jonathan Ransom foiled the attack on an Israeli jet that threatened to plunge the world into war. He has spent the last six months in hiding in South East Asia avoiding having to confront his wife's double life and the lie that was their 8-year marriage. Now Emma has initiated a reconciliation which Ransom reluctantly goes along with. They meet in London and vow to start over with no more secrets between them. But only minutes after they reunite, they bear witness to a terrible act of violence. (Switzerland) *Due Oct*

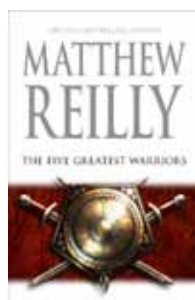
Matthew REILLY



The Five Greatest Warriors

480pp Hb \$49.99

Jack West Jr and his loyal team are in desperate disarray - they've been separated, their mission is in tatters and Jack was last seen plummeting down a fathomless abyss. After surviving his deadly fall, Jack must now race against his many enemies to locate and set in place the remaining pieces of The Machine before the coming Armageddon. (Australian) *Due Oct*



Ruth RENDELL



The Monster in the Box

288pp Tp \$32.95

Chief Inspector Wexford #22. When Wexford was a young police officer, a woman called Elsie Carroll had been found strangled in her bedroom. Although many still had their suspicions that her husband was guilty, no one was convicted. Another woman was strangled shortly afterwards, and every personal and professional instinct told Wexford that the killer was still at large. And it was Eric Targo. A psychopath who would kill again... (English) *Due Oct*

Stella ROMINGTON



Present Danger

384pp Tp \$32.95

Liz Carlyle #5. In Belfast, Liz and her team are monitoring the brutal breakaway Republican groups who never accepted the peace process and want to continue their 'war'. Intelligence is focused on the shady Fraternity, with links to drug-running, arms-dealing and organised crime. With some help from Special Branch and a volunteer informant who seems to be legit, the Fraternity's leader is identified as a cold, calculating and ruthless American, hijacking the Cause for his own financial ends. It is a perilous group to become involved with. Especially if your informant turns tail... (English) *Due Oct*



Craig RUSSELL



The Valkyrie Song

416pp Tp \$34.95

Jan Fabel #5. Jan Fabel is a troubled man. His relationships with the women in his life are becoming increasingly complicated. His professional life as head of the Hamburg murder squad is equally trying; he is attempting to resolve a case involving a female nurse who had been murdering elderly patients. Then a Senator is found dead. It is assumed that he has died in a bizarre sex game. Afterwards, a prominent businessman is discovered in similar circumstances, his neck broken. A third murder in Hamburg of a detective from the Copenhagen murder squad reveals that there is no random factor in any of these cases. (Scottish) *Due Oct*

Gerald SEYMOUR



The Collaborator

480pp Tp \$32.99

She is an Italian accountancy student in London and her boyfriend Eddie teaches at a language school. But the prime reason Immacolata Borelli came to Britain was to look after her gangster brother, wanted for multiple murders back home in Naples. Mario Castrolami is a senior Carabinieri investigator of the Camorra, his career dedicated to destroying the corruption and violence of the clans. When Immacolata calls from London to say she is prepared to collaborate with justice, he knows she is setting in motion a terrifying and unpredictable series of events. The Borellis will not lose their criminal empire without a vicious fight. (English) *Due Oct*

Zoe SHARP



Third Strike

446pp Pb \$17.99

A Charlie Fox Mystery. Charlie Fox, ex-Special Forces soldier turned bodyguard, has a new client: a lottery millionairess mother who is looking for protection from a nuisance ex. When Simone decides to escape his unwanted attentions and the scrutiny of the press by going to America, it should make Charlie's job easier, but from the moment they arrive Simone seems to undermine all of Charlie's measures for her security. As the action culminates in a shoot-out in the snow, Charlie struggles to get to the bottom of what is jeopardising her assignment. (English)



Stephen SOLOMITA

Cracker Bling

192pp Tp \$27.95

19-year-old Hootie has been in trouble all his life. An outsider, his father was Crow Indian; his mother is black; but Hootie is neither black, nor white, nor Latino, nor Asian. When he meets Bubba Yablonsky, the biggest white man he's ever seen, at a subway station in Harlem, he knows something's up. Then Bubba opens fire at an innocent rat before offering Hootie money and a place to live. But what's the catch? And what else who else has Bubba shot? (American) *Due Oct*

Mehmet Murat SOMER
The Gigolo Murder



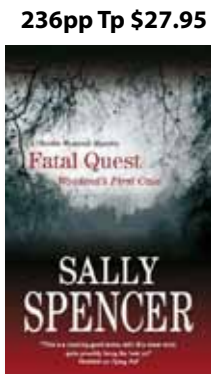
272pp Tp \$23.99

Hop-Ciki-Yaya #3. Software programmer by day and drag-queen club owner by night, our girl is back again - jilted and feeling so blue she's violet - until she meets the hunky, married lawyer, Haluk Perkedem. When their conversation is interrupted by a phone call delivering news that his brother-in-law has been arrested for the murder of a notorious gigolo, she decides to put her sleuthing instincts and Thai kickboxing skills to work unravelling the crime. (Turkish) *Due Oct*

Sally SPENCER

Fatal Quest
Charlie

Woodend Mystery. DS Charlie Woodend has a murder to solve. Trouble is, nobody seems to want him to solve it. But Woodend cares. He will find the murderer, even if that means putting his career and perhaps even his own life on the line. (English)



236pp Tp \$27.95

Peter TEMPLE

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At the close of a long day, Inspector Stephen Villani stands in the bathroom of a luxury apartment high above the city. In the glass bath, a young woman lies dead, a panic button within reach. Villani's life is his work. It is his identity, his calling, his touchstone. But now, over a few sweltering summer days, as fires burn across the state and his superiors and colleagues scheme and jostle, he finds all the certainties of his life are crumbling. Also available: Limited & Signed Edition, Hb \$45.00. (Australian)

352pp Tp \$32.95

Johan THEORIN

The Darkest Room

It is bitter mid-winter when Katrine and Joakim Westin move with their children into the old manor house at Eel Point on the Swedish island of Oland. But their new home is no remote idyll. Just days later, Katrine is found drowned off the rocks nearby. While Joakim struggles to keep his sanity, Tilda Davidsson - a young policewoman fresh out of college - becomes convinced that Katrine was murdered. Then, on Christmas Eve, a blizzard hits Eel Point. Isolated by the snow, Joakim does not know that visitors - as unwelcome as they are terrifying - are making their way towards him. For this is the darkest night of the year, and the night when the living meet the dead. (Swedish) *Due Oct*



400pp Tp \$34.95

TREVANIAN

The Main (1976)



270pp Pb \$19.95

The Main is Montreal's teeming underworld, where the dark streets echo with cries in a dozen languages, with the quick footsteps of thieves and the whispers of prostitutes. It is a world where violence and brutality are a way of life. To the people of the Main, police lieutenant Claude LaPointe is judge, jury, father confessor and avenging angel. When a cold-blooded murderer invades LaPointe's territory, he is forced to examine his long-held beliefs and secrets and to confront his own loneliness and mortality. (American) *Due Oct*



M J TROW

Maxwell's Chain

Peter Maxwell #13. Peter 'Mad Max' Maxwell is a very busy man; but he still finds time for some amateur sleuthing when the terminally nervous school photographer asks for his help after accidentally photographing a murder on the beach. Their discovery of a body buried in the sand dunes sets in motion a chain of events that only the redoubtable Mad Max can break, but one thing is certain: life in Leighford will never be the same again. (Welsh) *Due Oct*



288pp Pb \$19.99

VARIOUS

Crimespotting: An Edinburgh Crime Collection



218pp Hb \$29.95

All the stories in this collection were specially commissioned for this title. The authors were asked for a story which features a crime and is set in Edinburgh. The results range from hard-boiled police procedural to historical whodunit and from the wildly comic to the spookily supernatural. Contributors are Lin Anderson, Kate Atkinson, Margaret Atwood, Christopher Brookmyre, John Burnside, Isla Dewar, A L Kennedy, Denise Mina, Ian Rankin and James Robertson, with an introduction by Irvine Welsh. (Scottish)

Wendy Lyn WATSON

I Scream, You Scream

Mystery a la Mode #1. Recently divorced Tallulah Jones is mortified when she's stuck scooping sundaes for her two-timing ex-husband and his new girlfriend, Brittanie at his company luau. But when Brittanie drops dead, Tally is suddenly the prime suspect in her murder investigation. To catch the killer, Tally will have to dip deep into her small Texan town's darkest secrets and churn up stories some would prefer to keep in the past. (American) *Due Oct*



320pp Pb \$14.95

Camilla WAY



Little Bird 400pp Pb \$25.00

It took one second to snatch the child. One silent, unseen moment to pluck her from the world. In a click of a finger, a blink of an eye, she was gone. As if, like a bird, she had just flown away. Kate never speaks about the past and you would never know at first who she was. But, if you looked closely, you might see how she glances nervously over her shoulder, as if she were being followed. If you paid attention, you might hear how carefully she speaks. And if you were to search, you might find the old newspaper clippings she keeps hidden away, but these are just fragments of a long buried past - another life, another girl. Secrets left unspoken, until now! (English) *Due Oct*

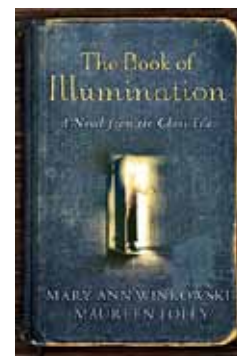
Mary Ann WINKOWSKI & Maureen FOLEY

The Book of Illumination:
A Novel from the Ghost Files



320pp Tp \$28.95

Anza O'Malley is in most ways a typical single mum. She lives a happy, busy life with her five-year-old son in Cambridge, Massachusetts, juggling the joys and challenges of life as a doting parent and a freelance bookbinder. But there is more to Anza than meets the "ungifted" eye: she can see and speak with ghosts. Although she's been solving cold cases for the police for years, Anza has been hoping to focus her energies on her son and her bookbinding career. But when an exquisite and priceless illuminated manuscript is stolen from the Boston Athenaeum and when its desecration spurs the appearance of some very unhappy spirits, Anza can neither look nor walk away. (American) *Due Oct*



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Patrick WOODHEAD

The Cloud Maker



384pp Tp \$34.95

Two ambitious young climbers stumble upon a great secret hidden in the depths of the Himalayas and find themselves on the run from the Chinese secret police. (American) *Due Oct*

AUDIO

Sydney BAUER

Alibi CD \$44.95
Jessica Nagoshi, the beautiful heiress to her father's billion dollar empire, is being groomed, along with her brother Peter, to take control of Nagoshi Inc. That is, until she is brutally murdered in the greenhouse of her father's extensive Wellesley estate. Boston criminal defence attorney David Cavanaugh is thrust into this high-society case when James Matheson, a wealthy, connected but unaffected law student is arrested for Jessica's murder. (Australian)

Alafair BURKE

Dead Connection CD \$29.95

When two young women are murdered on the streets of Manhattan exactly one year apart, both after dates arranged through an online dating website - Detective Ellie Hatcher is moved to a special assignment on the elite homicide task force. (American) *Due Oct*

Patricia CORNWELL

The Scarpetta Factor 5CDs \$39.99

An apparent threat on Scarpetta's life finds her embroiled in a deadly plot that includes a famous actor accused of an unthinkable sex crime and the disappearance of a beautiful millionaire. (English)

John Le CARRE

Call for the Dead 2CDs \$29.99

George Smiley is called in to investigate the suicide of Foreign Office official and uncovers a deadly conspiracy. (English) *Due Oct*

Ngaio MARSH

Opening Night 3CDs \$32.99

Dreams of stardom had lured Martyn Tarne from faraway New Zealand to make the dreary, soul-destroying round of West End agents and managers in search of work. The Vulcan Theatre had been her last forlorn hope, but on the eagerly awaited Opening Night, a distinguished cast member of the cast is murdered... (English) *Due Oct*

Robert B PARKER

The Professional (Unabridged) CD \$58.00

A knock on Spenser's office door can only mean one thing: a new case. This time the visitor is a local lawyer with an interesting story of blackmail. (American) *Due Oct*

Ian RANKIN

The Complaints 5 CDs \$49.99

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Kathy REICHS

206 Bones CD \$39.95

A routine case turns sinister when Dr Temperance Brennan is accused of mishandling the autopsy of a missing heiress. (American)

Matthew REILLY

The Five Greatest Warriors CD \$49.95

Jack must race against his many enemies to locate and set in place the remaining pieces of The Machine before the coming Armageddon. (Australian) *Due Oct*

Ruth RENDELL

The Monster in the Box

6 CDs \$34.99
Wexford had almost made up his mind that he would never again set eyes on Eric Targo. And yet there he was, back in Kingsmarkham. (English) *Due Oct*

Peter TEMPLE

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HISTORICAL

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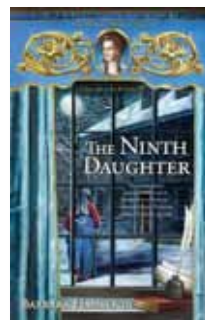
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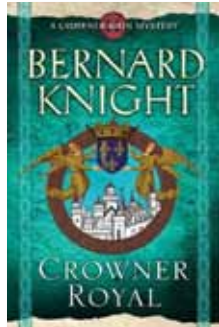
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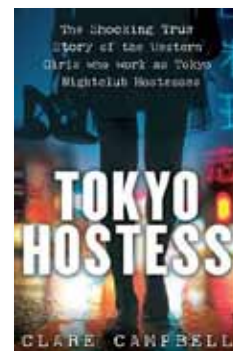
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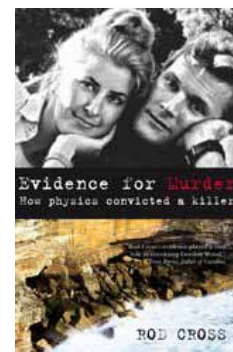
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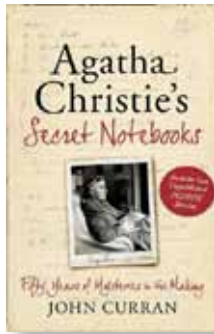


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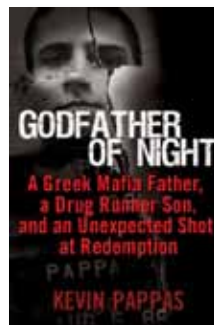
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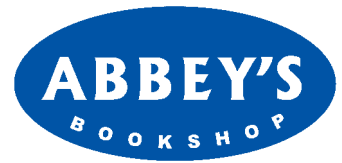
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