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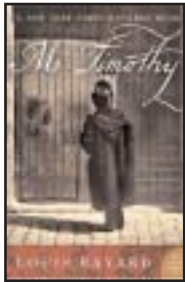
"WHERE A GOOD CRIME CAN BE HAD BY ALL"

## 6 TEMPTING NEW HISTORICAL MYSTERIES

Our Crime Historical section has proved highly successful over the years and here are six new titles. Some are debut mysteries whilst the others are part of established series. I trust you will enjoy them all. - Peter

### MR TIMOTHY

Louis Bayard (400pp Tp 32.95)



In Louis Bayard's brilliantly imagined novel, Tiny Tim of 'Christmas Carol' fame has cast his crutches aside. Determined to cut his financial ties with his Uncle Ebenezer, he now spends his nights dredging the Thames for dead bodies and the treasure hidden in their pockets. One day he comes across a girl's body, branded with a mysterious 'G'. Then he finds another girl with a similar brand - but she is still alive. Determined to protect Philomela and get to the bottom of the mystery, Tim embarks on an astonishing adventure. With wonderful characters, a compelling plot and the vivid atmosphere of Victorian London, this is a page-turner of a novel and a perfect Christmas read.

### THE HARPER'S QUINE

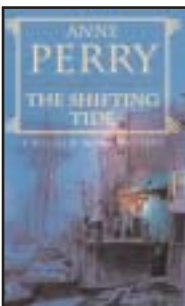
Pat McIntosh (300pp Hb 44.99)



Enjoying the May Day dancing at Glasgow Cross, Gilbert Cunningham, notary-in-training, sees not only the woman who is going to be murdered, but her murderer as well. Gil is a recently qualified lawyer whose family still expect him to enter the priesthood. When he finds the body of a young woman in the new building at Glasgow Cathedral he is asked to investigate and identifies the corpse as the May Day harper's mistress and runaway wife of a cruel nobleman, John Semphill. Together with Maistre Pierre, the French master mason contracted to work on the new building at Glasgow Cathedral, Gil begins asking questions and seeking a murder weapon in the lanes and yards of the city. A trail that includes a second murder and a trip to the Isle of Bute gives this talented new author ample scope for an entertainingly twisted plot, and her grasp of historical time and place makes this an unusually rewarding and gripping whodunit.

### THE SHIFTING TIDE

Anne Perry (384pp Pb 18.95)



The 14th in the series featuring William Monk. When the Maude Idris docks at the Pool of London, laden with ebony, spices and first grade tusks of ivory collected from his voyage to Zanzibar, Clement Louvain leaves four armed seamen on board to guard the precious cargo. But as soon as the relief for the nightwatch arrives ready for duty in the morning, he finds the ivory gone and one of the seamen dead. Hindered by his ignorance of the river and its customs, and ashamed of the fact that he so badly requires the huge fees that Louvain is prepared to pay, William Monk nevertheless begins his investigation into theft and murder

### GHOST OF GLEVUM

Rosemary Rowe (288pp Pb 18.95)

The sixth in the series set in Roman Britain. Glevum, AD188: Despite the opulence of the evening's banquet, Libertius is keen to return to his wife and a warm bed. But this feast has a finale to put any diner off his dessert - the guest of honour is found dead in the vomitorium. To Libertius's horror, his patron Marcus Septimus is arrested on suspicion of murder. Then when Libertius is accused of being Marcus's accomplice, he is forced to go on the run. Hiding in a dark corner of the city, he quickly realises he's an unwelcome visitor to those who haunt the shadows. Soon Libertius is in danger, and this time there's no one to help.

### DISSOLUTION

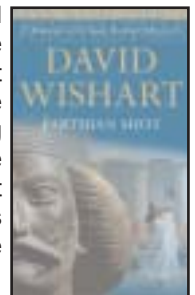
C J Sansom (456pp Pb 19.95)

It is 1537, a time of revolution that sees the greatest changes in England since 1066. Henry VIII has proclaimed himself Supreme Head of the Church. The country is waking up to savage new laws, rigged trials and the greatest network of informers it has ever seen. And under the orders of Thomas Cromwell, a team of commissioners is sent throughout the country to investigate the monasteries. There can only be one outcome: dissolution. But on the Sussex coast, at the monastery of Scarnsea, events have spiralled out of control. Cromwell's commissioner, Robin Singleton, has been found dead, his head severed from his body. His horrific murder is accompanied by equally sinister acts of sacrilege - a black cockerel sacrificed on the church altar, and the disappearance of Scarnsea's Great Relic. Matthew Shardlake, lawyer and long time supporter of Reform, has been sent by Cromwell into this atmosphere of treachery and death, accompanied by his loyal assistant, Mark. His duty is to uncover the truth behind the dark happenings at Scarnsea. A remarkable debut.

### PARTHIAN SHOT

David Wishart (276pp Pb 18.95)


The eighth in the Marcus Corvinus Roman series. If there is one thing Marcus Corvinus hates more than doing the household accounts, it is politics. So when he is interrupted in the former to get involved in the latter, he is not best pleased. His brief is to conduct an unofficial investigation into an attack on the Parthian Prince Phraates, a task that taxes his (none too) diplomatic skills to the utmost. Then the attack is followed by a successful murder of one of the Parthian delegation and a full diplomatic incident threatens. The Byzantine twist and turns of the case give Corvinus a headache worse than his customary hangover, and it takes a violent threat to Perilla before he begins to get a grip on what is involved. Along the way he learns a lot about about the spice trade - and has some problems with a basket of lampreys. The immensely likable Marcus Corvinus is an unconventional addition to the ranks of historical sleuths.



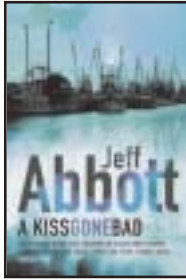


### MODERN CRIME


Jeff ABBOTT

 **A Kiss Gone Bad**  
301pp Tp 29.95

A death rocks the Gulf coast town of Port Leo, Texas. Beach-bum-turned-judge Whit Mosely is summoned to a yacht where the black-sheep son of a senator lies dead. Was it suicide, fuelled by a family tragedy? Or did an obsessed killer use the dead man as a pawn in a twisted game? When Whit defies political pressure and conducts an inquest, he and Detective Claudia Salazar expose a nest of drug lords, con artists and power-hungry sharks all out for blood. With their careers at stake, Whit and Claudia must unearth a lethal trail of passion and deceit, which lie buried not in the warm sands of Port Leo but in the icy recesses of the human heart. (American)



Alina ADAMS

 **On Thin Ice** 246pp Pb 14.95

*A Figure Skating mystery.* Figure skating is a cutthroat business. Rebecca (Bex) Levy has seen her fair share of meltdowns, bitter rivalries and hot-headed ice princesses; so no one has to draw Bex a Figure Eight to prove that murder is a small price to pay for Olympic Gold. Let the games begin... (American)



#### ADAMS ROUND TABLE

 **Murder in the Family**  
336pp Pb 16.95

This is an all-original anthology of compelling and provocative stories, which proves that the families who play together sometimes slay together... (American)

Karin ALVTEGEN

 **Missing** 347pp Pb 19.95

Originally published as *Saknad* in Sweden in 2000, this edition is translated by Anna Patterson. In the Grand Hotel, a homeless woman charms a businessman into paying for dinner and a room. When his dead body is found the following morning, she becomes the prime suspect. When a second person is killed in similar circumstances, Sibylla becomes the most wanted person in Sweden. (Swedish)

Jake ARNOTT

 **Truecrime** 338pp Tp 32.95

Signed edition. Only five available. Previewed in August 2004 Crime Chronicle. (British)

Jo BANNISTER

 **Reflections** 268pp Pb 19.95

In her work as a researcher, Brodie Farrell has only one rule - no missing people. But when the request to find someone comes from Superintendent Jack Deacon, Brodie finds it difficult to say no. Two young girls have been abandoned after their mother was brutally stabbed to death. Their father has vanished, presumably a sign of his guilt, so Deacon wants Brodie to find the girls' aunt while he tracks the missing father. When the autopsy report throws up some unexpected results and an intruder breaks into the family home in the dead of night, Brodie realises that tracking a missing aunt is the least of her worries. Concerned for Daniel and the girls, she begins to uncover some disturbing mysteries that set her on a very dangerous path indeed. (British)



James BEAUSEIGNEUR

 **Acts of God** 509pp Pb 16.95


*The Christ Clone Trilogy, Book Three.* Christopher Goodman - cloned from the cells of Jesus Christ - ushers in a state of utopia on earth but at what cost? After nearly six millennia of stagnation, humanity stands at the brink of a last, and very costly, evolutionary step. One third of the world's population lies dead, the Pacific Ocean is barren and the forests of North and South America are smouldering wastelands. Those who have survived are faced with a fundamental choice: follow Christopher Goodman, the Messiah of the New Age, or cling to the deity that has wrought this destruction. (American)

Lawrence BLOCK

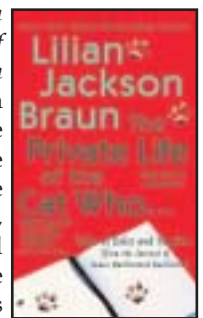
 **Grifter's Game** 205pp Pb 16.95

*Hard Case Crime series.* Originally published as *Mona* in 1961, this edition is complete and unabridged. Conman Joe Marlin was used to scoring easy cash off gullible women, but that was before he met Mona Brassard and found himself holding a stolen stash of raw heroin. (American)

Lilian Jackson BRAUN

 **The Private Life of the Cat Who...**  
137pp Pb 14.95

*Tales of Koko and Yum Yum (from the journal of James Macintosh Quilleran).* This is an intimate look at the private lives of those extraordinary Siamese cats, the most unlikely, and most delightful team in detective fiction. This book is said to produce that cosiest of feelings, having a purring kitten on your lap. A wonderful gift for *Cat Who...* fans. (American)



Sandra BROWN

 **White Hot** 426pp Tp 32.95

When she hears that her younger brother Danny has committed suicide, Sayre Lynch relents from her vow never to return to Destiny, the small Louisiana town in which she grew up. She plans to leave immediately after the funeral, but soon finds herself drawn into the web cast by Huff Hoyle, her controlling and tyrannical father, the man who owns the town's sole industry, an iron foundry, and in effect runs the lives of everyone who lives there. As tensions mount, threatening to ignite a powder keg of long-held hostility, Sayre finds herself inextricably drawn into a struggle with striking labourers, her unscrupulous father and her own emotions over the love/hate relationship that is growing with Beck, a man apparently with mysteries of his own. (American)

#### KEY

ACADEMIC 

BANKING 

CANINE DETECTIVES 

CLERICAL 

COSY/MALICE DOMESTIC 

CULINARY/FOOD 

FBI 

FELINE DETECTIVES 

FORENSIC 

HORSE RACING MYSTERY 

MEDICAL 

MILITARY 

NATIVE AMERICAN 

POLICE PROCEDURAL 

POLITICAL/LEGAL 

PSYCHOLOGICAL 

PRIVATE EYE 

ROMANTIC SUSPENSE 

SPORT 

SPY 

SUSPENSE/THRILLER 

AUTHOR'S NATIONALITY AT END OF BLURB



**Paul BRYERS****The Used Women's Book Club**  
282pp Pb 21.95

When the book club meets, a member's husband borrows a friend's flat for an adulterous affair. It is not the first time Larry has made himself scarce for Rob's flings, but this time Rob is hacked to death with a docker's hook. (British)

**James Lee BURKE****In the Moon of Red Ponies**  
322pp Tp 29.95

A haunting new thriller featuring Texas Ranger turned lawyer turned crime fighter, Billy Bob Holland, set in the savage and beautiful landscape of Montana. This novel picks up where *Bitterroot* (Pb 18.95) left off and now Wyatt Dixon, sentenced to 60 years in jail, is out, due to a legal failure. Among his many crimes, Wyatt once tortured Billy Bob's wife when she was a cop. Stunning plot twists, terrifying violence and a cast of unforgettable villains define this novel. (American)

**Bernardo CARVALHO****Fear of de Sade** 135pp Pb 24.95

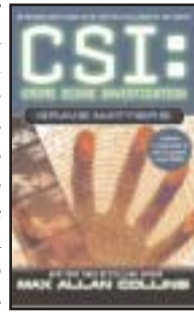
In the pitch-black cell of an asylum - possibly in 19th century France - an extended dialogue between the 'baron' and a disembodied 'voice' ensues. Arrested for a crime that he has no memory of, the baron swears his innocence throughout. In contemporary France, a man and his wife push one another into increasingly violent and extreme situations in what is evidently a deeply twisted marriage. There is only one possible outcome as the stakes get higher and higher. A book where nothing is quite as it first seems, Bernardo Carvalho's ingeniously structured novel raises disturbing questions about man's capacity to deceive and damage. This is one of several novellas featuring deceased literary figures at the heart of a murder mystery, based on a highly acclaimed Brazilian series entitled *Death or Literature*. (Brazilian)

**Caroline CARVER****Black Tide** 249pp Tp 29.95

When journalist India Kane agrees to accompany a Greenpeace ship called *Sundancer* in its pursuit of a whaling fleet, she has no idea what awaits her. Eight crewmembers are lost. Ned, one of India's closest friends, is among them. When it emerges that the tanker that rammed *Sundancer* is unregistered - a kind of ghost ship, untraceable and unaccountable - India is determined to bring the owner of the vessel to justice. But first she must make the journey back to Jambouko Bay in Western Australia to break the news to Ellie, Ned's wife. What India discovers will take her on a journey to a dark and terrifying place... (British)

**Max Allan COLLINS****Grave Matters** 324pp Pb 16.95

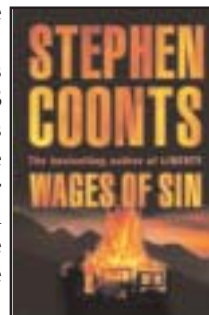
*CSI: Crime Scene Investigation*. Rebecca Bennett, the estranged stepdaughter of a well-to-do Las Vegas businessman, is hounding the Las Vegas Police Department to reopen the investigation into her mother Rita's death - alleging that, despite appearances to the contrary, Rebecca's greedy stepfather actually played a hand in Rita Bennett's untimely end. But no one is prepared for the news that CSI's Gil Grissom, Sara Sidle and Nick Stokes report; their investigation is inconclusive because the disinterred deceased is not Rita Bennett! This book includes a sneak preview of the CSI graphic novel, *Serial*. (American)

**Tom CLANCY****The Teeth of the Tiger**  
623pp Pb 19.95

The old rules no longer apply - anybody with a spare AK47 or knowledge of kitchen chemistry can become a player. In a nondescript office building in suburban Maryland, The Campus (set up with the knowledge of President John Patrick Ryan) identifies and locates terrorist threats and then deals with them, in whatever manner is necessary. It is an organisation always on the lookout for new recruits - men like Jack Ryan Jr, the President's son. Filled with the exceptional realism and cutting-edge authenticity that are his hallmarks, this is Clancy at his best. (Australian)

**Stephen COONTS****Wages of Sin** 383pp Tp 29.95

Tommy's sent to guard a farmhouse in Virginia's remote Blue Ridge Mountains, where top government operatives are debriefing a star defector: the ultimate KGB insider, a man with records on every operation and dirty trick the CIA has ever pulled. Tommy arrives to find the guards shot dead, and a ruthless team of US commandos slaughtering everyone in sight, then setting the house alight. Tommy escapes amid a hail of bullets with what appears to be the sole survivor, a beautiful translator, who steals his car and leaves him for dead at the first opportunity. Smart money says someone in the US government is behind the massacre and is now after Tommy. Who can Tommy trust? The answer may be deadly. (American)

**Donn CORTEZ****The Closer** 374pp Pb 16.95

He is the Closer, a remorseless executioner whose modus operandi is terrifying in its brutal simplicity. His victims have only one thing in common: they are all serial killers. After an ingenious psychopath known as the Patron, the Closer is fast approaching his goal: revenge for his family, whom the Patron slaughtered. However, with every act of violent retribution, he fears he is no longer killing in the name of justice. He is killing because he likes it. (Canadian)

**Charles CUMMING****Hidden Man** 407pp Pb 19.95

Mark and Benjamin Keen have not seen their father, Christopher, for 20 years. When he reappears hoping for reconciliation, he has only begun to shed light on his shadowy past before being killed by an unidentified assailant. His violent death leaves questions unanswered. Was his murder an act of retribution? Had he been silenced for discovering a conspiracy involving Mark? Or had the carefully constructed facade of his past simply collapsed? As the truth unfolds, his sons must face the legacy of their father's life as a spy. This is spy writing at its finest from a young writer quickly establishing himself as a master of the genre. (British)


**Clare CURZON****A Meeting of Minds**  
246pp Pb 19.95

Detective Superintendent Mike Yeadings and his team are called to a pub car park in Henley-on-Thames where the body of a woman has been found. As they examine the body, Detective Sergeant Rosemary Zycynski is horrified to realise that the dead woman is her next-door neighbour! (British)


**Clare CURZON****Last to Leave** 263pp Hb 49.95

Carlton Dellar could not have hoped for a more eventful 80th birthday. His extended family has gathered under the reproachful eye of his spouse Claudia, to celebrate with the poet for what is silently suspected to be the last time. Hours later, the guests gather on the lawns in confusion as Larchmoor Place, home to generations of Dellar, is razed to the ground by fire. Worse, Carlton's niece, Jessica, is unaccounted for and her twin brother Eddie has been brutally assaulted and now lies unconscious in hospital. Superintendent Mike Yeadings of the Thames Valley CID strongly suspects arson and when a search of the wreckage uncovers a charred corpse, the enquiry steps up another level as they attempt to find a murderer. (British)


**Clive CUSSLER with Paul Kemprecos****Lost City** 417pp Tp 29.95

 A Kurt Austin adventure. An enzyme that will dramatically prolong life has been discovered 2,000 feet down in the North Atlantic, in an area known as Lost City. But why are the people attempting to harvest it getting killed? (American)


**Michael DIBDIN****Medusa** 280pp Pb 19.95

 An Aurelio Zen mystery. When a group of Austrian cavers exploring in the Italian Alps come across human remains at the bottom of a deep shaft, everyone assumes the death was accidental. But then the body is stolen from the morgue and the Defence Ministry puts a news blackout on the case. And is the recent car bombing in the tiny tax haven of Campione D'Italia somehow related? The search for the truth leads Zen back into the murky history of post-war Italy and obscure corners of modern-day society to uncover the truth about a crime that everyone had forgotten. (British)


**Carola DUNN****Mistletoe and Murder** 252pp Pb 14.95

 A Daisy Dalrymple mystery. In December 1923, the formidable Dowager Viscountess Dalrymple has decided that for Christmas the family will all gather at Brockdene in Cornwall at the invitation of Lord Westmoor. Her daughter - Daisy Dalrymple Fletcher - is something less than pleased but yields to the demands of her mother. Brockdene, it seems, is only occupied by the Norvilles - poor relations of Lord Westmoor - and Westmoor himself won't be joining them. So Daisy, her husband DCI Alec Fletcher of Scotland Yard and their family must spend their Christmas holiday trapped in an ancestral estate with a rich history of lore, ghost stories, rumours of hidden treasure and secret passageways with a family seething with resentments, grudges and a faintly scandalous history. (British)


**Liz EVANS****Sick as a Parrot** 247pp Tp 29.95

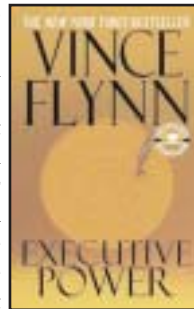
 A Grace Smith investigation #5. Adopted at birth, Hannah Conti's attempts to trace her family turned up a mother convicted of murder 20 years ago. Convinced that her mother is innocent, Hannah hires Grace to prove it. Glad of any chance to get out of the office, Grace uncovers the story of the very messy murder of Trudy Hepburn - a teacher at St Martin's Comprehensive. To add to these complications, she has been conned into bird-sitting a psychotic parrot and Terry Rosco, the most chauvinistic cop in Seatoun, is homeless and keeps trying to move into Grace's spare room. And, oh yes - someone keeps trying to kill her. (British)


**Ron FAUST****Sea of Bones** 342pp Pb 16.95

 Dan Shaw hopes to be a lawyer some day, if he can only stay out of prison long enough to pass the bar. Neither is likely after he agrees to help a hotshot Florida attorney track down a slick con artist who has swindled a consortium of well-to-do Paradise Key clients out of 22 million dollars. But the charismatic Victor Trebuchet and his sexy partner-in-crime are a lot more dangerous than anyone imagined. And the counter-sting, set up in an Italian villa to snare the pair, may end up trapping Shaw instead. Soon he may find himself doing hard time or, worse, in a watery grave at the bottom of Bell Harbour. (American)


**Vince FLYNN****Executive Power** 481pp Pb 18.95

 Mitch Rapp's cover has been blown. After leading a team of commandos deep into Iraq to prevent Saddam Hussein from joining the nuclear arms race, he has been publicly hailed by the president as the single most important person in the war against terrorism! After years of working covertly behind the scenes, every terrorist from Jakarta to London now marks Rapp. Consequently, he is resigned to leaving the front line. That is, until a platoon of Navy SEALs on a covert mission to the Philippines suffers a surprise attack. (American)


**Clare FRANCIS****Homeland** 391pp Tp 30.00

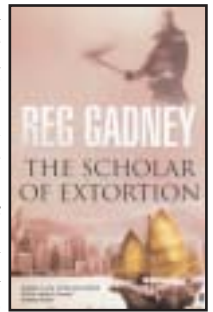
 1946. Britain. Servicemen are pouring home to a society beset by stringent food and fuel shortages and a desperate housing crisis. Billy Greer returns to his uncle's neglected willow farm and takes on a Polish laborer from the nearby resettlement camp while the country is brought to its knees by blizzards. The realities of postwar life prove too harsh for some and a turning point for others. Clare Francis at her best. (British)


**Jim FUSILLI****Tribeca Blues** 292pp Pb 16.95

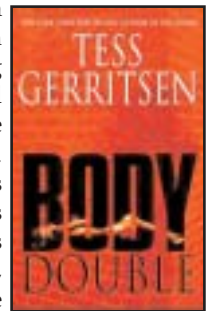
 When detective Terry Orr learns about the death of the mother of the madman he believes killed his wife and son, he sees an opportunity to confront the psychotic former prodigy; but instead discovers a stunning truth about the woman he adored and the true nature of his own obsessions. (American)


**Reg GADNEY****The Scholar of Extortion** 384pp Pb 19.95

 Winston Lim, an incorruptible inspector in the Hong Kong police force, receives a tip that a major act of maritime terrorism is about to happen and races off into the eye of a storm and into a trap. Alan Rosslyn honours his promise to look after Lim's stepdaughter, but is drawn into the action too. (British)


**Tess GERRITSEN****Body Double** 339pp Tp 29.95

 When pathologist Dr Maura Isles sees herself lying on the medical examiner's table, she is chilled to the bone. When DNA tests confirm that this mysterious double is indeed her twin sister, an already bizarre murder investigation becomes a disturbing and dangerous excursion into a past full of dark secrets... (American)

**Tess GERRITSEN****The Sinner** 416pp Pb 19.95

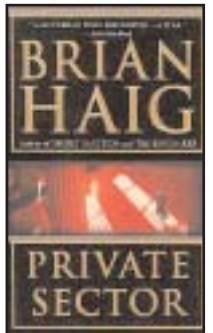
 Within the walls of a cloistered convent, a scene of carnage is discovered. Maura's autopsy of the murder victim, a nun, yields a shocking surprise and the case takes a disturbing twist. (American)

**Thomas GIFFORD****The Assassini** (1990) 672pp Pb 14.95

 This bestselling author died in 2000, however his books still mesmerise their readers. This is a conspiracy thriller about a secret society that will murder to protect the deepest secrets of the church. (American)

**Brian HAIG****Private Sector** 511pp Pb 18.95

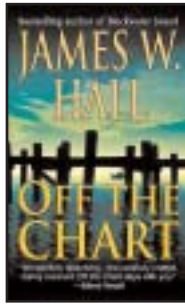
 Wherever Sean Drummond goes, it seems that the JAG officer leaves a trail of political fallout in his wake. So when his superiors get an opportunity to loan him to a prestigious law firm, they jump on it, hoping he will soak up the nuances of civilian lawyering. But almost immediately, dark clouds appear when Sean's predecessor in the loan-out program is murdered. (American)



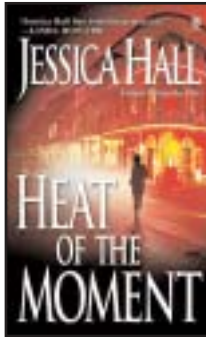


**James HALL** **Off the Chart** 498pp Pb 18 .95

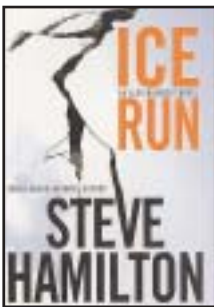
A chance encounter with an old flame sets reluctant investigator Thorn on a collision course with some of Florida's most ruthless killers in a heart-stopping story of modern-day piracy from the acclaimed author of **Blackwater Sound** (Pb 18.95). The kidnapping of his best friend's daughter forces him to embark on a hunt that will take him from the deceptive lushness of the Florida Keys to a nightmare climax in one of the most remote and blood-chilling spots in the Caribbean. (American)

**Jessica HALL** **Heat of the Moment** 294pp Pb 16.95

A serial arsonist has struck again, torching a New Orleans bar and killing 15 people, including the wife of a Mafia crime boss. His next victim is a beautiful socialite set aflame in her Mercedes. Detective Teresa Vincent is assigned the case and she teams up with Fire Marshall Cort Gamble, the sexy Creole who is top on the list of New Orleans most eligible bachelors. Cort is rumoured to have mob connections, but it is his connection to Teresa that is too hot to forget. Now they are shadowing a killer with an unfathomable motive of revenge: to finish off every woman Cort ever loved in a trial by fire! (American)

**Steve HAMILTON** **Ice Run** 306pp Tp 29.95

An *Alex McKnight* thriller. When the woman he loves is faced-off by someone who wishes to reignite a 40-year old family feud, there is no way Alex can let her face danger alone. A novel about the past rearing its ugly head and grabbing the present by the throat. (American)

**Dashiell HAMMETT** **The Continental Op (1923)** 281pp Pb 19.95

*Crime Masterworks series #38*. Here are seven of Hammett's finest short stories. Hammett at his best is unsurpassable. (American)

**Teddy HAYES** **Blood Red Blues** 192pp Pb 24.95

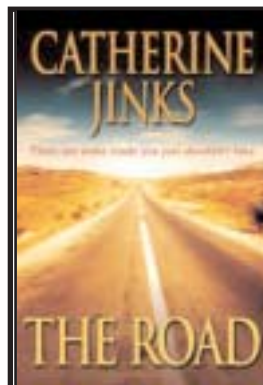
A *Harlem noir #1*. Introducing Devil Barnett, who has a special talent for eliminating problems for the CIA - until his father is killed. At this point he returns to Harlem to run his father's Be-Bop Tavern in his former boyhood neighbourhood but when a Japanese diplomat is found dead, Devil is on the case. In the spirit of Chester Himes. (American)

**Mandasue HELLER** **Tainted Lives** 527pp Pb 18.95

Sarah Mullen is a beautiful child who, at seven years old, is put into care by her drug-addicted mother. Trying to live with the rejection is bad enough, but no one could have prepared her for the pain that was yet to come. Harry Shaw is the boy that everyone bullies, the kid whose own mother locked him in a cupboard so she wouldn't have to look at his face, and then left him there. When he meets Sarah for the first time, a friendship is instantly forged. And out of a desire to be loved an alliance is born. Then into their lives comes Vinnie Walker, a good-looking and calculating 13-year-old who will change both their lives forever. (British)

**Hazel HOLT** **Death in Practice** 261pp Pb 19.95

A *Sheila Malory mystery*. The American edition of this book is called **Mrs Malory and Death in Practice** (Pb 14.95). Malcolm Hardy, the new partner at Taviscombe's veterinary practice, is not a popular man; but without his money the surgery would have to close. Within a few weeks of starting his new job he seems to have upset most of the town. As far as Sheila Malory is concerned there is little to like about the new vet but despite his unpopularity it is still a shock when Hardy collapses and dies at the surgery. And when the post-mortem reveals that his death was unnatural, suspicion instantly falls on his former colleagues. Could somebody at the practice be a killer? Or might the thoroughly unpleasant Malcolm Hardy have other enemies with murder in mind? (British)

**Linda HOWARD** **Kiss Me While I Sleep** 375pp Tp 32.95

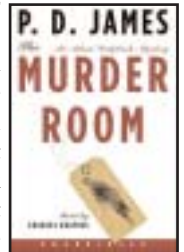
Lily Mansfield is a hired assassin, working as a contract agent for the CIA. After 18 years of service, Lily has been drawn into a dangerous game, unsanctioned by the CIA. She is seeking vengeance for her own reasons and with each move bolder than the last she is compromising her superiors. (American)

**Steven HUNTER** **Havana** 417pp Pb 21.95

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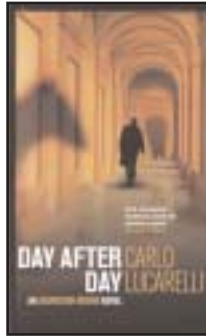
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**Petros MARKARIS****The Late-Night News (1995)**

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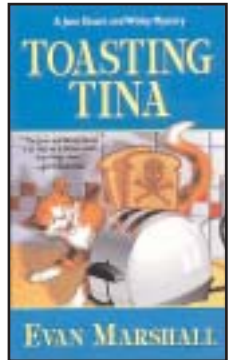
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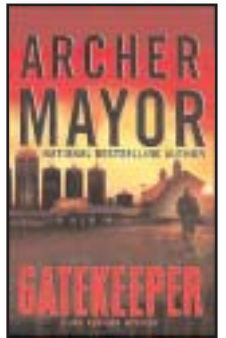
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Antiques dealer Rei Shimura is in San Francisco visiting her parents and researching 100 years of Japanese decorative arts. Her lawyer boyfriend Hugh Glendinning is involved in a class action lawsuit on behalf of people forced into slave labour during WWII. When one of his clients is murdered, their two projects intertwine. (American)

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**Keith McCARTHY****The Silent Sleep of the Dying**  
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Seriously mounting debts are starting to threaten consulting pathologist Mark Hartmann's marriage. It gets worse when a pharmaceutical company blackmails him and he falsifies the findings of an autopsy on a 22-year-old laboratory assistant who died of several, aggressive, cancerous tumours. (British)

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After WWII, Hitler escapes to a base in Antarctica in a special disc-like craft the Nazis had been working on. Using this amazing technology, the grand plan, known as 'Alternative 3', was to siphon off the world's elite and colonise Mars. Or so the story goes. The Americans are allegedly in on the deal, and so are the Russians, and it's all been kept very hush-hush. Until now. Enter Curtis Strange - computer hacker, U2 listener and anti-hero. He's on parole for white-collar crimes but that doesn't stop him from entering a mega-hacking competition in Vegas. As the competition hots up, he stumbles across some photos of a flying saucer leaving the Reichstag in Berlin in the closing days of WWII, and of another one landing in a snowstorm a few months later. Before he knows it he's in way over his head and is being chased through the Nevada desert by US Military 4WDs and choppers! But is he *really* part of a dangerous game or is this the ultimate conspiracy theory of them all? (New Zealand)

**Ken MITCHELL****Alternative 3** 440pp Pb 18.95

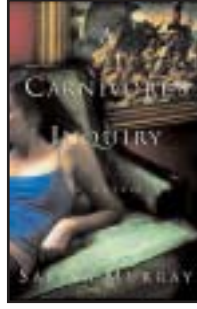
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**Carol O'CONNELL****The Jury Must Die**  
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A telephone call shatters the calm of a Dublin summer morning bringing terrible news from war-torn Nicaragua: Johnny Little has been caught up in a mysterious skirmish and killed. Grief-stricken, his estranged parents Frank and Eleanor set out on the arduous journey to bring their wayward son home. It is a quest that will have profound consequences, for in this hauntingly beautiful land of poetry, guns and frantic salsa music, nothing is quite what it seems... (Irish)

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Nina Reilly's new case is difficult from the start: her young client is facing his Third Strike in the California legal system, and stands accused of grave-robbing as well as murdering the fresh victim found on the coffin. (American)

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An *Alex Cross novel*. A bomb goes off in a small town in the west of America and FBI agent Alex Cross is summoned in to help investigate. Calls from an anonymous villain do little to explain the violence as reports come in of similar bombings across the globe. Arriving in London to join forces with Scotland Yard and Interpol, Alex fights his way through a torrent of false leads, impersonators and foreign agents before he gets close to the heart of the crimes. Then, in the most unforgettable finale James Patterson has ever written, Alex Cross confronts the truth of the Wolf's identity - a revelation that even Cross himself may be unable to survive. (American)

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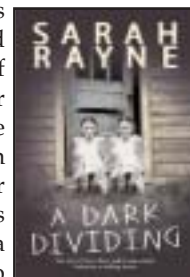
**Ian RANKIN****Knots & Crosses (1987)**

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Meet Rebus for the very first time in this special edition of classic crime at a killer price. This is the book that launched Rankin's career and Rebus' fame. It is 1987 and DS Rebus is fighting a battle with the bottle, his home life and trying to crack the Knots and Crosses murders. A case that only he can solve, since all the clues seem to lead to his past. (British)

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Selina March has lived in the remote Scottish hamlet of Inchcape, with its mysterious Round Tower, for nearly 50 years. Brought up by elderly relatives, long since dead, she now lives alone, shunning the outside world. But when she reluctantly accepts a paying guest, Selina's secluded life will change forever. Crime writer Joanna Savile has come to Inchcape to research her latest novel by interviewing inmates at Moy, the asylum for the criminally insane situated nearby. (British)

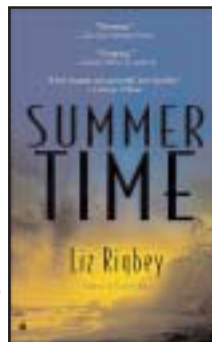
**Ruth RENDELL****Thirteen Steps Down**

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A classic Rendellian loner, Mix Cellini is superstitious about the number 13. Living in a decaying house in Notting Hill, Mix is obsessed with 10 Rillington Place, where the notorious John Christie committed a series of foul murders. He is also infatuated with a beautiful model who lives nearby - a woman who would not look at him twice. Mix's landlady, Gwedolen Chawcer is equally reclusive - living her life through her library of books. Both landlady and lodger inhabit weird worlds of their own. But when reality intrudes into Mix's life, a long pent-up violence explodes. (British)

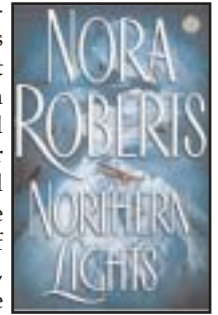
**Liz RIGBEY****Summertime** 441pp Pb 19.95

Last year Lucy lost her baby son. Frozen by the loss, she has barely recovered when her father is murdered. She suspects it might be suicide, but her tentative inquiries meet a hard wall of resistance as her husband Scott and sister Jane close ranks. Lucy cannot shake off the feeling that they are lying to her: is the drowning of her father connected with the death of her baby? And when Lucy starts sorting through her father's possessions, a truly horrifying discovery throws the world she always thought she knew into chaos... (American)

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Lunacy, Alaska - population 506 - is Nate Burke's last chance. As a Baltimore cop, he had watched his partner die and the guilt still haunts him. Maybe serving as Chief of Police in this tiny, remote town, where darkness falls by mid-afternoon and temperatures fall to below zero will bring some kind of solace. Nate's first weeks on the job are relatively quiet. But as he wonders whether this was all a big mistake, an unexpected kiss from feisty bush pilot Meg Galloway under the brilliant Northern Lights of the Alaska sky lifts his spirit. However, when two climbers find a corpse on the mountain, Nate discovers that Lunacy is not quite the sleepy little backwater he imagined... Set in the beautiful Alaskan wilderness and full of wonderfully real characters, romance and mystery, this exciting page-turner is Nora Roberts at her best. (American)

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People hate it when Alyssa says she is innocent. Because they get the nasty feeling she is telling the truth. She is out of jail and desperate to find the mother and sister she never knew. But will they want to know a convicted murderer? And if Alyssa's innocent, who is guilty? Alyssa's brand new sister Frankie has troubles of her own. Her happy life abroad is falling apart, her marriage is collapsing and she's just discovered she owes a huge debt she can't pay. A mystery person offers to take over Frankie's debt. Why? (British)

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On the brink of WWII, a young, beautiful-second generation German immigrant was recruited by FDR to steal Nazi technology. But the mission US Army private Eileen Weiss was assigned to was nothing compared to the madness she uncovered and the atrocities that even victory would not bring to an end. In present-day New York City, CIA contract killer Sunny Vicam wants out. But he gets a mysterious cash-in-hand offer that is too good to refuse, until it propels him into a world more chilling than any he has known. For decades after V-E day, one last victory remains to be won, and one last hero to be recovered. From the banks of the Ganges to a cave on a Caribbean island, Sunny is about to discover a deadly mythology come to life, WWII's longest-surviving secret. (American)

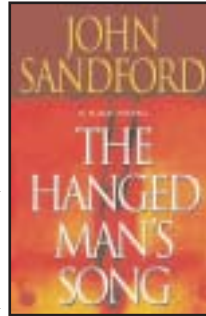

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From the warmth of her living room, her one-year-old twins safely tucked up in bed and a storm raging outside, Robin Ballantyne is horrified to witness the suicide of Paula Carmichael, prominent social activist and highly respected community figure. And when Robin ends her extended maternity leave and returns to work at the Corporation, tragedy moves even closer to home, and she finds herself hounded at every turn by police and press. (British)

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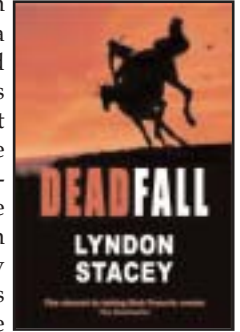
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*A Marshall Webb mystery.* When the brutal murder of a prominent businessman is linked to the disappearance of a young girl, *Harper's Weekly* editor Marshall Webb and reformer Rebecca Davies delve into a world of vice, corruption and wealth to catch a clever killer. (American)

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Lincoln Tremayne, heir to a viscountcy and manager of his father's Dorset estate, has one burning ambition - to be selected to ride on the British Olympic three-day event team. But his dream is about to be put on hold. Arriving at the stables late one night, Lincoln walks into a crisis. Thieves have viciously attacked the stable owners' daughter, leaving her unconscious. As she lies in a coma, what appears to be freak chance sets Lincoln on the trail of the attackers. (British)

**Veronica STALLWOOD** **Oxford Remains**

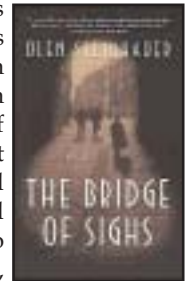
313pp Hb 59.95

Daisy Tompkins, a bright, attractive student has put in a formal complaint about her tutor, the odd and unpopular Joseph Fechan. The Dean of Women Students, Faith Beeton, is asked to investigate but, for all his oddities, Joseph is a friend of hers, so she turns to her friend Kate Ivory for an impartial opinion. Kate is reluctant to become involved in yet another battle in the political war raging at Bartlemas. But then Daisy is murdered. (British)

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It is 1948 and three years after the Russians liberated a tiny nation from German occupation. The ideals of the revolution are but memories. 22-year old Detective Emil Brod finally gets his chance to serve his country, investigating murder for the People's Militia. The first victim is a state songwriter, but the facts point to a political motive. Emil wants to investigate further, but his colleagues in Homicide remain silent: He is on his own in this new, dangerous world. This book examines the politically volatile terrain of Eastern Europe in the second half of the 20th century. (American)



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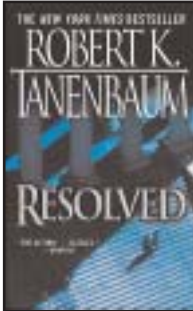
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This is an ultra-cool, cutting-edge thriller from Japan's new literary star. When several girls are found dead in chillingly similar circumstances, journalist Asakawa finds a strange tape in the cabin where the women shared a night together. This is a slickly plotted page-turner, which reverberates with a terrifying supernatural twist. (Japanese)

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*A Karp mystery #15.* This is a complex, suspenseful tale of justice in the Big Apple, as a vengeful and sadistic killer sets his sights on the man who put him away, New York Chief Assistant District Attorney Butch Karp.



He is up against one of his most frightening tests, and the stakes have never been higher. (American)

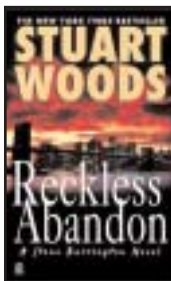
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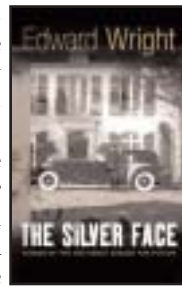
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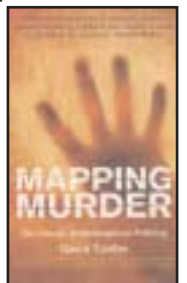
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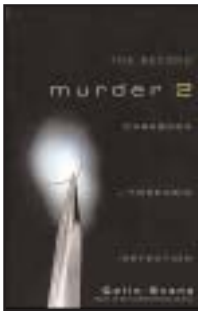
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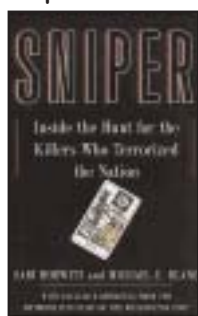
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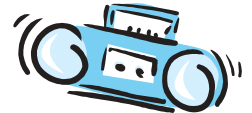
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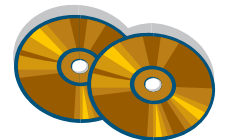
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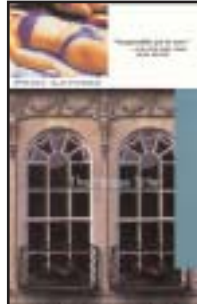
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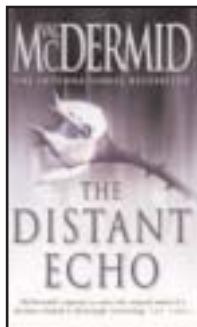
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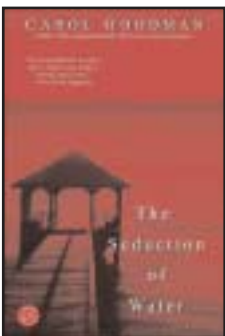
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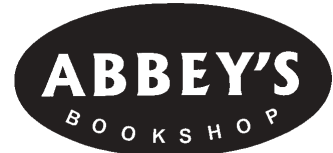


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