

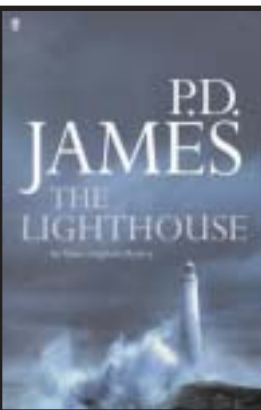
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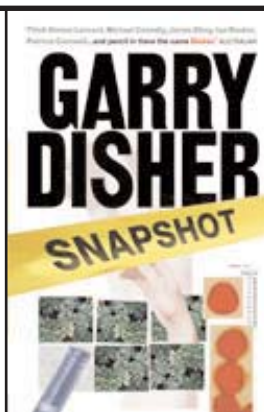
P D JAMES

The Lighthouse 323pp Tp 29.95
Combe Island, off the Cornish Coast, has a bloodstained history of piracy and cruelty. Now privately owned, it offers respite to over-stressed people in positions of high authority who require privacy and guaranteed security. But the peace of Combe is violated when a distinguished visitor is bizarrely murdered. Adam Dalgleish is called in to solve the mystery quickly and discreetly, but it is a difficult time for him and his depleted team.

Dalgleish is uncertain about his future with Emma Lavenham, the woman he loves, while Detective Inspector Kate Miskin has her own emotional problems and the ambitious Anglo-Indian, Sergeant Francis Benton-Smith, is worried about working under Kate. The team have hardly begun to unravel the complicated motives of the suspects when there is a second brutal killing. The whole investigation is jeopardised when Dalgleish is faced with a danger more insidious than, and as potentially fatal as, murder. This eagerly awaited successor to **The Murder Room** (Pb 22.95) displays the qualities which aficionados have come to expect of P D James: sensitive characterisation, an exciting and superbly structured plot, and vivid evocation of place. Highly recommended. (English)

Garry DISHER

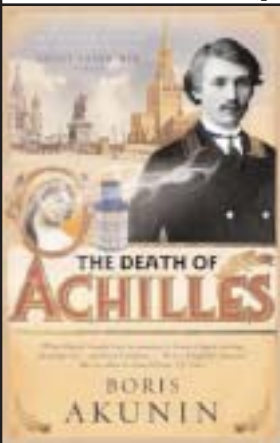
Snapshot 337pp Tp 29.95
The neat suburban homes of the peninsula seem like an improbable setting for sex parties, blackmail and murder. Winter is closing in on the coastal community of Waterloo. Behind closed doors, its residents have some peculiar ways of keeping warm. When Detective Inspector Hal Challis is called to investigate the brutal murder of Janine McQuarrie, shot in a deserted country lane as her seven-year-old daughter looked on, his progress is hampered by lies and secrets. It doesn't help that Challis's superior - bureaucrat, golfer and toady Superintendent McQuarrie - is Janine's father-in-law. Or that Challis has his own personal demons to confront. Everybody has something to hide and something to lose. And someone in Waterloo is determined to kill again. The 3rd in Garry Disher's highly praised Inspector Challis series following **Dragon Man** and **Kittyhawk Down** (both Pb 19.95). *The New York Times Book Review* says: "Enough with the angst - time for a straightforward police story with a terrific plot, nuanced characters and solid procedures, served up on refreshing new turf... all this has been done before, but rarely with such smooth, assured mastery." Highly recommended. (Australian)



A QUALITY QUARTET OF CRIME

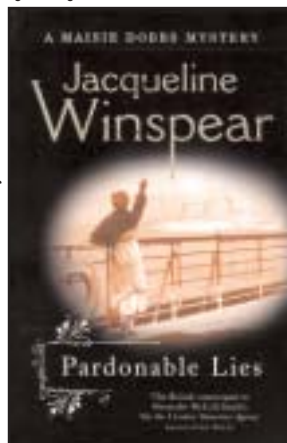
Boris AKUNIN

The Death of Achilles 330pp Tp 29.95
International intrigue, Caucasian banditry, the criminal underworld in 19th-century Moscow and an irresistible *femme fatale*: if Erast Fandorin was hoping for a quiet homecoming, he is about to be disappointed. Returning to Moscow after an absence of six years, he finds himself instantly embroiled in court politics and scandal. His old friend General Sobolev - the famous 'Russian Achilles' - has been found dead in a hotel room and Fandorin suspects foul play. Using his now-famous powers of detection, he embarks on an investigation, during which the political and the personal may become dangerously blurred. With the assistance of some formidable martial-arts skills acquired in Japan, our eccentric and ingenious hero endeavours to discover not so much whodunit, as why. The 4th outing for Fandorin following **Winter Queen** and **Leviathan** (both Pb 19.95) and **Turkish Gambit** (Tp 29.95). Highly recommended - I can barely wait a year for each new adventure! (Russian)



Jacqueline WINSPEAR

Pardonable Lies 328pp Tp 32.95
Maisie Dobbs, psychologist and investigator, has handled many difficult cases since she opened her office in Fitzroy Square, London. But few requests have been as unusual as the one she receives from Sir Cedric Lawton one September evening in 1930: she must prove that his son Ralph is really dead. This case will challenge Maisie in unexpected ways, for Ralph was an aviator shot down by enemy fire in 1917. If she is ever to get to the bottom of the mystery, she must travel to the battlefields of northern France, where many ghosts still linger. She quickly realises that her investigation is producing far more questions than answers. And before she can reach the truth, she must first uncover all sorts of secrets and lies that some people would clearly prefer stayed buried. This is the 3rd outing for Maisie following **Maisie Dobbs** (Pb 20.95) and **Birds of a Feather** (Tp 32.95). She is a heroine to cherish. Highly recommended. (English, but a US resident)



- Peter



Modern Crime

Tawfik AL-HAKIM

Diary of a Country Prosecutor

135pp Pb 26.00

Who shot Kamar al-Dawla Alwan? Was it a crime of passion? What was the role of the beautiful peasant girl Rim? Is the mysterious Sheikh Asfur as crazy as he seems? This book is an Egyptian comedy of errors. Partly autobiographical, it is written as the journal of a young public prosecutor posted to a village in rural Egypt. Imbued with the ideals of a European education, he encounters a world of poverty and backwardness where an imported legal system is both alien and incomprehensible. Tawfik al-Hakim was born in Alexandria in 1898 and studied law in Paris. He worked as a public prosecutor in a provincial Egyptian town before becoming the Arab world's leading dramatist, as well as a major short-story writer and man of letters. He died in 1987. (Egyptian)



Liz ALLEN

The Set-Up 443pp Pb 19.95

Number One disappears after a night out with her girlfriends. Number Two disappears after working late at the office. Number Three disappears after a business trip to New York. They were all young, successful and beautiful. The Dublin police are baffled, and call in Kate Waters, crime profiler, to give them a lead. Kate welcomes the job, but she has a history with the lead detective on the case, Timmy Vaughan, and they both fight to keep things on a firmly professional footing. As the investigation progresses, Kate and Vaughan realise they are dealing with some of Dublin's most vicious criminals. (Irish)

Robert ANDREWS

A Murder of Justice 299pp Pb 18.95

When drug runner Skeeter Hodges is killed, homicide detectives Frank Kearney and José Phelps investigate - until their boss tells them to pin as many unsolved cases on Skeeter as possible. With the streets turning into killing fields and the pressure growing, the pair must choose between following orders and following their instincts. (American)

Linda BARNES

Hardware 382pp Pb 16.95

Boston PI Carlotta Carlyle has been hired by a cab company to investigate a series of attacks targeting Boston area cab drivers. It seems somebody is after their medallions. Then Carlotta discovers hidden microphones in the garage at the taxi company she works for but when she brings it to the attention of Sam Gianelli, (the company's co-owner and Carlotta's off-again, on-again lover), he does not want the microphones disturbed and will not say why. (American)

Carol Lea BENJAMIN

Lady Vanishes 288pp Pb 16.95

Harbor View is a Greenwich Village home for thrown away people. The residents love Lady, the live-in therapy dog. But when the owner dies in a tragic and bizarre hit-and-run accident and Lady vanishes, Harbor View is plunged into chaos. Working undercover, with her pit bull Dashiell filling in for the missing Lady, Rachel Alexander discovers that the residents know more than anyone thinks they do. As she struggles to decipher the clues she finds, she comes to believe that the owner's death was no accident at all, that Lady's disappearance might also be part of a dark picture of greed, conspiracy and murder. (American)



Stephen BOOTH

Dancing with the Virgins 562pp Pb 19.95

In a remote part of the Peak District stand the Nine Virgins, a ring of stones overshadowed by a dark legend. Now, as winter closes in, a 10th figure is added to the circle; the body of Jenny Weston is discovered with her limbs arranged so she appears to be dancing. This might only be the beginning. (British)

Elizabeth BRIGHT

Invitation to Murder 228pp Pb 16.95

A Card Making mystery. Jennifer Shane's brainchild of a shop, Custom Card Creations, has not been all glitter and tinsel. Customers are scarce and, after finally landing a client, Jennifer hears a murder over the phone. And when she receives a threatening note, it is clear someone has designs on her life, too. Now, between holding card making lessons, trying to scissor her ex-fiancé out of her life, and piecing together a murder, Jennifer has really got her work cut out for her. (American)

Maggie BRUCE

The Gourdmother 260pp Pb 16.95

The First Gourd Craft mystery. Brooklyn girl Lili Marino has found herself starting over in the tiny village of Walden Corners, New York, where she has the time and space to cultivate her first love: crafting gourds. She is also becoming surprisingly expert at cutting to the rotten heart of a mystery. Lily is just starting to feel welcomed in Walden Corners when she finds the local high school football coach dead on the first day of hunting season. (American)

Joe BUFF

Straits of Power 512pp Pb 18.95

Clive Cussler says, "Joe Buff takes the reader through a labyrinth of action and high adventure." Patrick Robinson says this book is a "hair-raising trip to the bottom of the ocean." (American)

Jeff BUICK

Lethal Dose 357pp Pb 16.95

Gordon Buchanan discovers that his brother's death was attributed to a medication produced by Veritas Pharmaceuticals, the largest drug company in the country. Vowing to destroy Veritas, he goes up against CEO Bruce Andrews, who will stop at nothing to silence Gordon forever. (American)

Alafair BURKE

Close Case 350pp Tp 29.95

A Samantha Kincaid mystery. Investigating the brutal murder of a hotshot journalist, Samantha Kincaid finds herself caught in the middle of an increasingly personal, and potentially dangerous, struggle between Portland's police and the DA's office. (American)

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canine detectives

clerical

cosy/malice domestic

culinary/food

fbi

feline detectives

forensic

horse racing mystery

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military

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police procedural

political/legal

psychological

private eye

romantic suspense

sport

spy

suspense/thriller

AUTHOR'S NATIONALITY AT END OF BLURB

**James Lee BURKE****In the Moon of Red Ponies****385pp Pb 19.95**

A fourth novel featuring former Texas Ranger, turned lawyer, turned crime fighter, Billy Bob Holland, and is set in the savage and beautiful landscape of Montana. A first-rate read. (American)

Andrea CAMILLERI**The Snack Thief****294pp Pb 19.95**

An Inspector Montalbano mystery. When an elderly man is stabbed to death in an elevator and a crewman on an Italian fishing trawler is machine-gunned by a Tunisian patrol boat off Sicily's coast, only Inspector Montalbano suspects the link between the two incidents. His investigation leads to the beautiful Karima, an impoverished house cleaner and sometime prostitute, whose young son steals other school children's mid-morning snacks. But when Karima disappears, the young snack thief's life is endangered as the inspector exposes a viper's nest of government corruption and international intrigue. (Italian)

Joanna CARL**The Chocolate Mouse Trap****228pp Pb 16.95**

Chocolate-shop manager Lee McKinney has had enough of party planner Julie Singletree's cutesy e-mails. Then somebody actually kills the woman, putting everyone on her mailing list on edge. As their connections to the murder emerge, so do more attacks. Lee smells a rat and it is not made of chocolate. And if she does not want to be permanently deleted, it is up to her to trap it. (American)

Sammi CARTER**Candy Apple Dead****231pp Pb 14.95**

A Candy Shop mystery. Leaving behind a career in corporate law and a cheating husband, Abby Shaw returns to her hometown of Paradise to take over her aunt's candy shop, Divinity. But her sweet new life quickly turns sour when a fellow merchant dies in a fire. With all clues pointing to arson, and Abby's brother as the number one suspect, she must sink her teeth into finding the killer. (American)

Nora CHARLES**Death is a Bargain****198pp Pb 16.95**

Kate and her best friend Marlene are attending the Palmetto Beach Flea Market in hopes of selling Marlene's collection of 1950s memorabilia. Fortunately, a table has become available in the busy corridor just outside the circus tent. Unfortunately, the vacant table's previous occupant died from electrocution when a television set took a dive into his bathtub. (American)

Margaret COEL**Wife of Moon** **285pp Pb 18.95**

In Margaret Coel's latest Wind River Reservation mystery, an atrocity from the past has resurfaced with a vengeance. Two murders, a century apart, are linked to photographs taken of the Arapahos on the reservation in 1907, currently on display at St Francis' Mission. As they begin their investigation, Father John O'Malley and Vicky Holden unearth secrets best left buried. (American)

Rick COPP**The Actor's Guide to Adultery****296pp Tp 29.95**

They say bad news comes in threes. Jarrod Jarvis is about to test that theory. The irrepressible detective is hot on the comeback trail as an actor when his insane childhood stalker, Wendell Butterworth, is granted parole. Wicked amusement found here. (American)

Vena CORK**Thorn** **472pp Pb 19.95**

The Thorns are living a happy family life in North West London when a tragedy changes their lives for ever. Rosa takes a job as a supply drama teacher in the tough, local comprehensive school to which her two teenage children also attend. Then someone begins to stalk her daughter and sinister events unfold. The urban world is becoming a sinister place for the Thorns, but is Rosa strong enough to protect her children. (British)

Catherine COULTER**The Beginning** **534pp Tp 29.95**

The first two thrillers in this FBI series, **The Cove** (1996) and **The Maze** (1997), are for the first time published together in one volume. In these exciting novels of intrigue and suspense, readers are introduced to Special Agents Dillon Savich and Lacey Sherlock; readers watch the sparks fly as the agents' relationship heats up amid cases that could destroy everything they hold dear. (American)

Peter CRAIG**Hot Plastic** **340pp Pb 24.95**

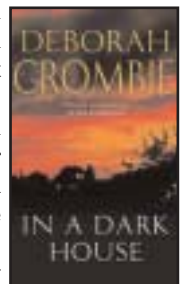
Masters of identity theft and stolen credit card statements, Kevin and Jerry move from one seedy motel to another, always trying for the big score. Colette is a runaway who dreams of conning her way into the upper echelons of high society. When Kevin and Colette are forced to return to Kevin's newly paroled father, the three are reunited for one final scam, a patchwork of old and new techniques that should set them up for life. But would they rather work together or show each other up? This thriller about family and criminal intent is told from a fresh new voice. (American)

**Isis CRAWFORD****A Catered Wedding****301pp Pb 16.95**

Leeza Sharp is getting ready to have the wedding of her dreams. She has got a \$25,000 dress (gorgeous and made to order), a rich Estonian fiancé (head of a multimillion dollar caviar empire) and a four-star menu (planned by none other than Bernadette and Libby Simmons). But the dream wedding quickly turns into a nightmare. Just hours before she is scheduled to walk down the aisle, Leeza takes an arrow to the chest and drops dead. Now Libby and Bernadette have more on their minds than pouring Cristal and cutting up wedding cake: they've got an archery inclined killer to find. (American)

Deborah CROMBIE**In a Dark House****448pp Tp 32.95**

A corpse, burned beyond recognition, has been uncovered in a vacant warehouse in Southwark. A young, beautiful hospital administrator has vanished without a trace. And across the City, within an old, dark, rambling house, a rigidly controlling, anonymous woman is holding 10-year-old Harriet hostage. While innocent lives hang in the balance, sinister truths unfurl and DS Duncan Kincaid and DI Gemma James must call upon all resources to work together on their most menacing case yet. This novel is packaged with a free copy of **Share in Death** (Pb 16.95), the first James/Kincaid mystery. (American)

**Jeffrey CRUIKSHANK****Murder at the B-School****372pp Pb 16.95**

This riveting debut novel probes murder, pretension and conspiracy in the halls of Harvard University's famed graduate programme. When the dean of the department summons him to a hastily called and unscheduled meeting, young assistant professor Wim Vermeer fears that his career has come to an abrupt end. But instead of terminating his contract, the dean hands him a sensitive assignment. (American)

Clare CURZON**Last to Leave** **287pp Pb 22.95**

Carlton Dellar could not have hoped for a more eventful 80th birthday. Under the reproachful eye of his spouse Claudia, his extended family are gathered to celebrate with the poet for what is silently suspected to be the last time. But the guests on the lawn watch in confusion as Larchmoor Place is razed to the ground by fire. Superintendent Mike Yeadings suspects arson. (British)

**Didier DAENINCKX****Murder in Memoriam (1984)**
154pp Pb 19.95

Recipient of the *French Detective Fiction Prize* in 1984, this novel features the laconic Inspector Cadin in his attempt to solve the double murder of a father and son. The trail of clues he must follow leads to the time of the German occupation of France during WWII. (French)

Shirley DAMSGAARD**Witch Way to Murder**
292pp Pb 16.95

Ophelia Jensen considers her psychic powers inconvenient at best and at worst, downright dangerous. Her kindly old grandmother Abby has no compunctions about the paranormal, being a practicing witch with unique abilities of her own. Sometimes otherworldly arts do come in handy, like when the arrival of a mysterious, good-looking stranger to their normally tranquil corner of Iowa seems to trigger an epidemic of catastrophes, from the theft of bomb-making materials to a murdered corpse dumped in Abby's backyard. (American)

Diane Mott DAVIDSON**Double Shot** 386pp Pb 18.95

In her 12th novel, her tastiest tale yet, this ingenious storyteller whips up a rich soufflé of murder and mischief. Caught in a web of secrets and lies that could tear her family apart, Goldy must use all of her considerable powers of detection to find a real killer before she herself becomes a target. (American)

Frank DEVLIN**Love in all the Wrong Places**
262pp Pb 18.95

Helen preys on single men on the up. Always hoping to find her perfect love, she is doomed to seek it in all the wrong places and the men she chooses always end up dead. As the bodies mount up, savvy San Francisco homicide detective Rose Burke begins to see their connection. Rose is struggling in her marriage, reluctantly pregnant and grieving the death of her former detective partner, but she remains relentless in her pursuit of a killer. This is a thoughtful, psychologically acute suspense novel laced with unexpected twists and a shocking conclusion. (American)

Philip DONLAY**Category Five** 406pp Pb 18.95

A *Hurricane-Force novel*. In the Atlantic Ocean, hurricane Helena is gathering strength, becoming the most powerful storm in recorded history. As Helena bears down on Bermuda, Donovan Nash and other members of the scientific research organisation Eco-Watch are called to fly in and extract key government people who have been studying Helena. In a bold attempt to diffuse the power of the hurricane, Eco-Watch is called upon to conduct a final flight above the massive fury of Helena. (American)

Eileen DREYER**Head Games** 417pp Pb 16.95

Molly Burke, death investigator and trauma nurse for St Louis's Grace Hospital, has her own share of lifelong demons. It makes her the perfect candidate to help the troubled children who have passed through her ER over the years. But one of them refuses to be ignored. He is back with a vengeance, willing to kill to get Molly's attention again. (American)

Robert EDRIC**Siren Song** 523pp Pb 23.95

Song Cycle trilogy #2. Hull PI Leo Rivers is approached by the mother of a girl who disappeared a year earlier in violent and mysterious circumstances. Investigating both the background to this disappearance, and the man held to be responsible; Rivers is drawn through a long, hot summer into a world of human-trafficking and governmental corruption at every turn. Each unravelled piece of the mystery moves him further from the vanished girl and deeper into a web of exploitation, greed, temptation, revenge and violence. Eventually, he is unable to extricate himself without unforeseen and tragic consequences. (British)

Penelope EVANS**Fatal Reunion** 288pp Tp 29.95

Guy Latimer and his wife Carlie have made a life and a child together. But there has always been someone else haunting their past. Magnus. Years ago, he took Carlie to the brink of suicide. (British)

Dan FESPERMAN**The Warlord's Son**
475pp Pb 23.95

Burned-out American foreign correspondent Skelly is back on the beat. Post-9/11, trailing another messy divorce and too many children, he's been dropped into the smoky chaos of Peshawar. Soon he is driving dusty roads west in the shadowy wake of ex-Mujahedeen Mahmood Razaq, who, armed with dubious assurances of American backing, hopes to stake his claim as leader of the next regime. (American)

Chris FOX**The Devil's Halo** 470pp Tp 32.95

In 2010, Old Europe is fading from memory. Germany is bankrupt, NATO dissolved. A super-sized Greater European Union, led by France and Russia, engages in political brinkmanship with the United States. The new leaders of Europe are obsessed with the American problem, that Europe still plays a global #2 to the USA, even in space. But DGSE spy service has developed a technology solution to the American problem. It will make Europe #1 in space, and reduce the US military to a fighting force that will have to fight with its fists. (British)

Ruth FRANCISCO**Good Morning, Darkness**
329pp Pb 16.95

A Mexican fisherman makes a gruesome discovery on the beach not far from LA's Marina del Rey: "I found the first arm. The second one washed up on Malibu Beach, seven miles north of here. The rest of the body must've gotten eaten by sharks." (American)

John FRANCOME**Back Hander** 405pp Pb 19.95

Not much is going right for jockey Alan Morrell. He cannot get the rides he needs and when he sets up a bloodstock partnership, a tragic accident robs him of the business and his best friend Lee. Now Alan owes £100,000 and his only asset is a racehorse who has yet to be put to the test. But all that fades into insignificance next to the suspicion that Lee's fatal fall was more than an accident... (British)

Leonardo Padura FUENTES**Adios Hemingway**
229pp Pb 23.00

When a human skeleton is discovered at Ernest Hemingway's home in Havana, police inspector Mario Conde is called up out of retirement to unearth the truth. In the course of his investigations, Conde gradually reconstructs the mysterious goings-on of the night of 3 October 1958 and in doing so is forced to come to terms with a very different side to the character of his former literary hero. Padura Fuentes cleverly cuts between Conde's world and that of Hemingway's Cuba four decades earlier. In the heat and rum haze, the two seem to slowly merge as the reader is taken on an extraordinary journey into the past and into the personality of one of the 20th century's most enigmatic and interesting writers. It is a masterful and totally convincing portrait that emerges, as well as a riveting mystery that keeps the reader on tenterhooks until the very final pages. (Cuban)

Jim FUSILLI**Hard, Hard City**
290pp Pb 18.95

At his daughter's request, PI Terry Orr searches for a gifted teenage boy who has disappeared. He is greeted by unexpected violence and realisations about his past and his own relationship with his daughter. (American)

Tess GERRITSEN**Body Double** 463pp Pb 19.95

Boston medical examiner Dr Maura Isles literally meets her match. She must face a savage serial killer and shattering personal revelations simultaneously. Never before has her blood run cold, and never has the grim expression dead-ringer rung so terrifyingly true, because never before has the lifeless body on the medical examiner's table been her own. (American)

**Judith GOULD****The Parisian Affair 372pp Pb 18.95**

At the request of her publicity-shy boss, jewellery designer Allegra Sheridan purchases a celebrated jewel at a Paris auction. But her possession of it invites threats from a lethally handsome stranger. For embedded in this sought-after gem is a legendary mystery, a scandalous history and a global conspiracy that means death to anyone who discovers its secrets. (American)

Alex GRAY**Shadows of Sounds****269pp Tp 29.95**

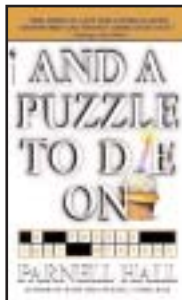
The Glasgow Orchestra is rehearsing, unaware of the sequence of events happening backstage. When George Millar, the orchestra's leader, is brutally murdered in his dressing room, his colleagues are shocked. But the show must go on. Enter DCI Lorimer and psychologist Solomon Brightman to investigate. What they uncover is a series of irrevocably tangled relationships between the orchestra members. Until his death, Millar had been involved in homosexual relationships with several orchestra members and was well known for playing his lovers off against each other. But were his controversial dalliances really enough to incite cold-blooded murder? A thrilling, dark tale from one of Scotland's finest writers. (British)

Alex GRAY**A Small Weeping****335pp Pb 22.95**

The body of a prostitute is discovered in Glasgow's Queen Street Station, sparking a murder hunt that focuses on the city's seamier side. DCI Lorimer and psychologist Solomon Brightman must decide if this is the work of a serial killer when the body of a young nurse is found dead in a private clinic, with her corpse positioned in an identical way to that of the first victim. Once again, Gray takes the reader on a journey through the streets of Glasgow, this time weaving into her tale the very fabric of the city with the wilds of the Scottish Outer Hebrides. (British)

Parnell HALL**And a Puzzle to Die On****347pp Pb 16.95**

A *Puzzle Lady* mystery. When nerdy cruciverbalist Harvey Beerbaum throws a birthday bash for Cora Felton at the Bakerhaven Library, it is no surprise that the centrepiece, a huge cake decorated like a crossword puzzle, is a complete bust until a corpse thrown from the second floor stacks hits it dead centre, filling in 14 down. (American)

**Lee HARRIS****The Silver Anniversary Murder 245pp Pb 16.95**

A *Christine Bennett* mystery. As foretold to Christine in an early morning phone call from a stranger, a woman's body turns up along with the worried daughter of the Mitchell's. (American)

Libby Fischer HELLMANN**A Shot to Die For****319pp Pb 16.95**

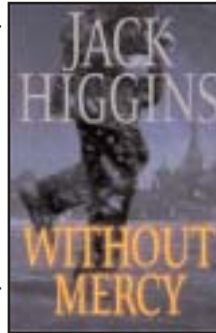
Returning from a video shoot, Ellie Foreman assists a woman abandoned at a rest stop only to witness her murder moments later. When the victim's family begs Ellie to help, she soon finds herself caught in the crosshairs of a killer. (American)

Carl HIAASEN**The Carl Hiaasen Omnibus #2****1176pp Tp 30.00**

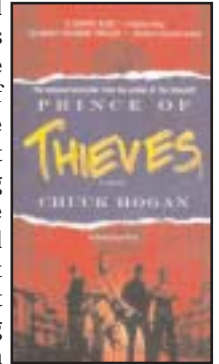
This volume contains: **Native Tongue** (1991), **Strip Tease** (1993) and **Stormy Weather** (1995). (American)

Jack HIGGINS**Without Mercy 327pp Tp 29.95**

As DS Hannah Bernstein of Special Branch lies recuperating in the hospital, a dark shadow from her past, scarred deep by hatred, steals across the room and finishes the job. Consumed by grief and rage, Dillon, Blake, Ferguson and all who loved Hannah swear vengeance, no matter where it takes them. But they have no idea of the searing journey upon which they are about to embark, nor of the war which will change them all. (British)

**Chuck HOGAN****Prince of Thieves 636pp Pb 22.95**

Four masked men - thieves, rivals and friends from the tough streets of Charlestown - take on a Boston bank at gunpoint. Holding bank manager Claire Keesey hostage and cleaning out the vault was simple. But career criminal Doug MacRay didn't plan on one thing: falling in love with Claire. Racing to an explosive climax, Chuck Hogan's brash tale of robbery in all its forms is an unforgettable odyssey of crime, love, ambition and dreams. (American)

**Linda HOWARD****Killing Time 330pp Tp 32.95**

In 1985, a time capsule was buried in the front lawn of a small town courthouse, to be reopened in 2085. But just 20 years later, in the middle of the night, the capsule is dug up and its contents stolen. (American)

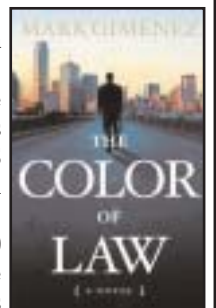
Iris JOHANSEN**Blind Alley 397pp Pb 19.95**

An *Eve Duncan* forensic thriller. Eve is asked to reconstruct the identity of a young Jane Doe, her face left unrecognisable. But whoever killed her was not just trying to hide her identity. As the face forms under Eve's expert hands, she is about to get the shock of her life. The victim is someone she knows all too well. Someone who isn't dead. Yet Eve finds herself trying to catch a master murderer. (American)


RECOMMENDED READING

Mark GIMENEZ**The Color of Law 306pp Tp 29.95**


When a debut crime novel begins with a quote from Atticus Finch, you can guarantee the issue *du jour* will be colour/race in America with a side serving of historical injustice and class differences. This novel doesn't disappoint and, happily, it's not as corny as the early John Grisham. In essence, a black American hooker is accused of murdering the son of Presidential wannabe, US Senator Mack McCall. There is plenty of physical evidence - and her personal testimony - placing her in his bed that fateful night, so it should be an open-and-shut case. Scott Feney is one of 50 partners in a prestigious Dallas law firm, the embodiment of the (white, male) American dream. His wife is the most beautiful, his house the largest, his car the fastest and his young daughter the smartest... Into every life some pain must call and, when he is chosen by the eminent Judge Samuel Buford - senior judge on the federal bench for the Northern District of Texas - to represent the accused, his life takes a sharp detour to Hell. The guilty pleasure is watching Scott get his come-uppance in spades, but the real thrills concern the character development and interplay between the supporting players. It isn't a startlingly original tale, but the assurance and style with which it is told make for an enjoyable read. I'll be looking forward with interest to his next novel. (American) - *Cara*




**Nicholas JOSE**

 **Original Face 307pp Tp 27.95**
Part thriller, part ethnic noir, dark and comic by turns, this novel offers a sensuous and highly coloured portrait of the jostling energies that make up life in contemporary Australian cities. Drawing its title from an ancient *Zen koan*, the novel traces the complicated manoeuvres by which people mask their identities, and the accidental pathways by which the hidden selves come to light. (Australian)


Gordon KENT

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Alice KIMBERLY

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A Haunted Bookshop mystery #2. Bookshop owner Penelope Thornton-McClure wants her resident sleuth-ghost Jack to stop haunting her customers. But when a pretty author is murdered, Jack can't rest in peace. (American)


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 **Live at 10:00, Dead at 10:15 290pp Pb 16.95**
A Sonya Iversion novel. Elsa Klensch, former host of CNN's *Style* with Elsa Klensch, has an insider's knowledge of the fashion industry's most flamboyant personalities, coupled with an outsider's sharp-eyed objectivity. This book has been rave reviewed by Donna Karan, Calvin Klein and other fashionistas. (American)


J A KONRATH

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A Jacquelin 'Jack' Daniels mystery. Struggling with a broken relationship, insomnia-inducing credit card bills, the FBI's inaccurate profiling computer and a band of street thugs, Lieutenant Jacqueline Daniels works on a serial murder case alongside her binge-eating partner, Herb. (American)


Jose LATOUR

 **Havana World Series 320pp Pb 21.95**
It is the 1958 baseball World Series, and more money is at stake than ever. For the first time for as long as anyone could remember the New York Yankees are the underdogs and the bets are rolling in... A large part of this money is rolling into Cuba - and to one man. Batista may be sitting in the President's palace, but the famous gangster, Meyer Lansky, really runs the place and is looking to clean up like never before. Meanwhile, five Cubans are planning to do the unthinkable: rob the mob. They know that there will be more money in Lansky's casino on the night of the last game than they could spend in a hundred lifetimes. All they have to do is steal it, and live... (Cuban)


Stephen LEATHER

 **Soft Target 520pp Pb 19.95**
There is only one thing more dangerous than a corrupt cop and that is a corrupt cop with a gun. When a group of armed police in an elite unit turn maverick and start to rip off drug dealers at gunpoint, undercover cop Dan 'Spider' Shepherd is given his most dangerous mission so far. (American)


Pam LEWIS

 **Speak Softly, She Can Hear 405pp Pb 22.00**
It is the 1960s and 16-year-old Carole Mason and her friend Naomi set out to lose their virginity to Eddie Lindbaeck, a man they barely know. Events, however, go horribly wrong when a woman ends up dead in a motel room and a terrible secret between the friends is sealed. 10 years later, the girls have grown up and lost touch, but Carole is still haunted by that night. When Naomi unexpectedly re-enters her life and throws it into turmoil, Carole is forced to come to terms with what really happened, seeking revenge and finally redemption. (British)


Robert LITTELL

 **Legends 395pp Tp 29.95**
A novel of Dissimulation. Martin Odum is a CIA field agent turned private detective, struggling his way through a labyrinth of past identities: 'legends' in CIA parlance. Is he really Martin Odum? Or is he Dante Pippen, an IRA explosives maven? Or Lincoln Dittmann, Civil War expert? These men like different foods, speak different languages, have different skills. Is he suffering from multiple personality disorder, brainwashing or simply exhaustion? Can Odum trust the CIA psychiatrist? Or Stella Kastner, a young Russian woman who engages him to find her brother-in-law so he can give her sister a divorce. (American)


Carlo LUCARELLI

 **Day after Day 225pp Pb 23.95**
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Henning MANKELL

 **The Man Who Smiled 325pp Tp 32.95**
A Kurt Wallander mystery. Crestfallen, dejected and spiralling into an alcohol-fuelled depression after killing a man in the line of duty, Inspector Kurt Wallander has made up his mind to quit the police force for good. When an old acquaintance, a solicitor, seeks Wallander's help to investigate the suspicious circumstances in which his father has died, Kurt does not want to know. But when the solicitor also turns up dead, shot three times, Wallander realises he was wrong not to listen. (Swedish)


Guillermo MARTINEZ

 **The Oxford Murders 197pp Tp 28.00**
On a balmy summer's day in Oxford, an old lady who once helped decipher the Enigma Code is killed. After receiving a cryptic, anonymous note containing only the address and the symbol of a circle, Arthur Seldom, a leading mathematician, arrives to find the body. It is left to Seldom and a postgraduate mathematics student to work out the key to the series of symbols before the killer strikes again. (Argentinian)

Priscilla MASTERS

 **River Deep 265pp Pb 22.95**
Living close to the river Severn, it is no surprise to the residents of Shrewsbury to have the occasional flood. But the latest deluge stirs up more than just mud and silt, and the locals are horrified by what comes floating to the surface... A tense and gripping read, this is the first in a series featuring the coroner Martha Gunn. (British)

Archer MAYOR

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Now in a new novel, Mayor's popular Vermont sleuth Joe Gunther returns to pursue his most elusive nemesis to date. Winner of the 2004 *New England Book Award for Fiction*. (American)

RECOMMENDED READING**Gabrielle LORD****Dirty Weekend 376pp Tp 32.95**

A Jack McCain thriller #3. Jack McCain is the chief forensic scientist for the Australian Federal Police. It's a job that continually throws the worst of human nature his way. A workaholic, he would like to spend some time painting watercolours. But the job, his daughter and the spectre of his bitter ex-wife all conspire against him. After a phone call from a former police colleague worried that he is the prime suspect in the murder of his estranged wife, Jack finds himself in the car park of a Canberra nightclub looking for clues. After examining the body, Jack is left with more questions than answers. I thoroughly enjoyed this cleanly written, well-plotted novel. (Australian) - *Shelley*





Keith McCARTHY
A Feast of Carrion

327pp Pb 21.95

St Benjamin's Museum of Pathology is the greatest of its kind. Any death occurring within its walls would have created ripples within the academic world, but the death of Nikki Exner is far from being ordinary. Raped, and then grotesquely executed, her theatrical murder horrifies everyone. John Eisenmenger, a former forensic pathologist, finds himself dragged unwillingly into the case. (British)

Colleen McCULLOUGH

On, Off 435pp Hb 49.95

It is 1965 and in Holloman (ha, ha), Connecticut, someone is preying on the innocent. At a prestigious research centre for the neurosciences familiarly called 'the Hug', parts of a body are discovered. Lt Carmine Delmonico of the Holloman Police soon learns that a string of horrifying disappearances, each fitting the same modus operandi as the Hug's body, has been occurring throughout the state. Then another body is found, again at the Hug... (Australian)

John Ramsey MILLER

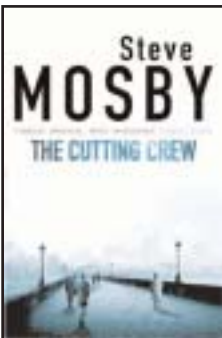
Side by Side 319pp Pb 16.95

Winter Massey is a former US marshal who has made too many enemies on both sides of the law. Lucy Dockery is a judge's daughter who has never had to fight for anything in her life. But now Lucy and her young son have been kidnapped and sentenced to die, unless her father agrees to set a vicious criminal free. (American)

Steve MOSBY

The Cutting Crew 282pp Tp 29.95

The small team of policemen never even identified the dead girl and for the officers involved her murder came to symbolise everything that was wrong with the city: a haphazard sprawl of commerce and indifference. Four months on, that group is in disarray. Sean has disappeared into the city's black heart and not returned, and Martin is separated from his job, his wife and his friends. But then a simple note from his ex-partner forces Martin to re-enter an investigation he would rather forget. His search leads him to the eight brothers rumoured by legend to have control over everything in the city. This novel is an amazing piece of work. Part noir thriller, part surreal nightmare, it will grip readers of all genres. (British)



Marcia MULLER
The Dangerous Hour

323pp Pb 17.95

A Sharon McCone mystery. When one of her investigative operatives is arrested for major credit card fraud, Sharon McCone's efforts to prove the woman's innocence are complicated by evidence that supports her guilt and points to a larger conspiracy. (American)

Andy OAKES

Dragon's Eye 460pp Pb 19.95

Shanghai. Eight bodies chained together and horribly mutilated are found in the mud of the Huangpu River. Senior Investigator Sun Piao has drawn the short straw: the case stinks of Party and Security Service involvement. Privileged Shanghai society, the labyrinthine political system, the lowest depths of China's criminal world and its repressive penal institutions... Piao's quest brings him into intimate contact with all layers of Chinese society as he unravels its secrets. (British)



Perri O'SHAUGHNESSY

Unlucky in Law 452pp Pb 19.95

Nina Reilly's new case is difficult from the start: her young client is facing his Third Strike (25 years to life) and stands accused of grave robbing... and killing the fresh corpse found on top of the coffin. Nina's got a tough battle ahead; one that stretches from the law courts and classrooms of modern-day California, to the intrigues of the Russian Revolution. (American)

Stuart PAWSON

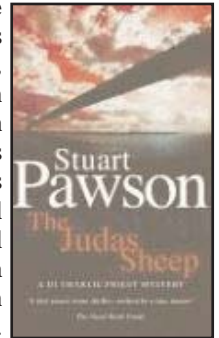
Last Reminder 311pp Pb 22.95

DI Charlie Priest's day has not got off to a good start. Late for work for the first time in 20 years thanks to a sloe-gin hangover, he is faced with the rather grisly evidence of a crime in the local park before a call comes in to say that one of his new constables has discovered a body. (British)

Stuart PAWSON
The Judas Sheep

313pp Pb 22.95

Charlie Priest of the East Pennine force is officially on sick leave, but this break from work comes to an abrupt end when Mrs Marina Norris's chauffeur is found dead from unnatural causes - namely a blast to the head from a Kalashnikov. (British)



Elizabeth PETERS

(writing as Barbara MICHAELS)

Black Rainbow

354pp Pb 18.95

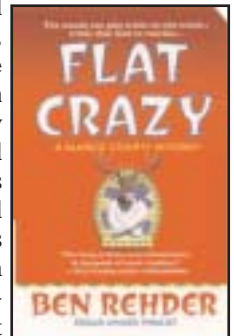
Megan O'Neill sees it hanging in the sky above the towers of Grayhaven Manor; a beautiful yet sinister black rainbow, a warning to the estate's new governess to stay away. Yet the warmth and kindness of the Mandeville family banish her fears while her hypnotic obsession for her handsome, mysterious new employer blinds her to the darkness within. But desire always has its price. (American)

Ben REHDER

Flat Crazy

320pp Pb 16.95

Being the final day of deer season, Blanco County game warden John Marlin should not have any more on his mind than working his way through a cold six-pack. That is his plan until a screaming, half-naked immigrant named Jorge comes tearing out of the woods with one word on his trembling lips... *Chupacabra*. The mythical critter should not be too hard to find, with its vampire fangs, lion's head and devil's face... (American)

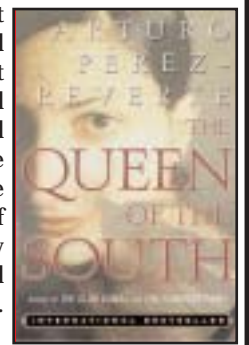


RECOMMENDED READING

Arturo PEREZ-REVERTE

The Queen of the South 625pp Pb 22.00

Pérez-Reverte's latest novel has him poised for true breakout bestsellerdom. It hit multiple bestseller lists and garnered stunning reviews, with raves describing it as his greatest achievement to date (the *Washington Post's* reviewer devoted several pages to it!) An extraordinary novel, it captivated booksellers, critics and readers almost without exception. The story spans continents, from the dusty streets of Mexico to the sparkling waters off the coast of Morocco, to the Strait of Gibraltar and Spain. Set to the irresistible beat of outlaw ballads, this sweeping story encompasses sensuality and cruelty, love and betrayal, as its heroine's story unfolds. Highly recommended. (Spanish)



**Matthew REILLY** **Seven Ancient Wonders****462pp Hb 49.95**

Thousands of years ago, a magnificent golden capstone sat atop the Great Pyramid of Giza. It was a source of immense power, capable of bestowing upon its holder absolute global rule for 1,000 years. But then, in 323 BCE, the capstone was broken into seven pieces and spread to the corners of the Earth, hidden within the Seven Ancient Wonders of the World. Now, with the coming of a rare solar event, the time has come to locate the pieces and rebuild the capstone. Everyone wants it. From the greatest, most powerful countries on Earth to one daring coalition of eight small nations who think no single country should possess such an awesome power source. And so, led by the mysterious Captain Jack West, this determined group enters into an adventure beyond imagining. (Australian)

J D ROBB (Nora ROBERTS) **Survivor in Death (#20)****376pp Pb 19.95**

Murder is always an insult and has been since the first human hand smashed a stone into the first human skull. But the murder - bloody and brutal - of an entire family in their own home, in their own beds, was a different form of evil. (American)

David ROLLINS **The Death Trust 394pp Tp 32.95**

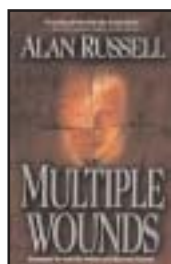
A Special Agent Vin Cooper investigation. When US General Abraham Scott, the commander of the vast NATO Ramstein Air Base in Germany, is killed in what appears to be a glider accident, Washington reluctantly assigns washed-up Special Agent Vincent Cooper to the case. When the crash turns out to have been sabotage, Cooper suddenly finds himself immersed in a highly sensitive murder investigation because the general was married to the US Vice President's daughter. (Australian)

Nancy Taylor ROSENBERG **Sullivan's Law 380pp Pb 19.95**

Single mom, part-time law student and overworked Ventura County probation officer Carolyn Sullivan's troubles begin when one of her probationers, Fast Eddie, rapes an eight-year-old girl. (American)

Alan RUSSELL **Multiple Wounds 374pp Pb 16.95**

While investigating the death of an art dealer, Detective Orson Cheever encounters the dangerous Holly Troy, an enchanting woman with multiple personalities who appear in the form of classical gods. (American)

**Vivian SCHILLING** **Quietus 650pp Pb 18.95**

quietus: 1. A finishing stroke 2. Discharge or release from life 3. The moment of death. Regaining consciousness in a Boston hospital soon after her chartered flight crashes into the treacherous White Mountains of New Hampshire, Kylie O'Rourke finds the world around her irrevocably altered. She is haunted by memories of the crash and although she was trapped within the wreckage, she recalls wandering through the icy mountainside and speaking with the other passengers, including one who had died upon impact. Seized by a growing sense of guilt and paranoia, Kylie fights to hang onto her life despite increasing evidence that she is living on borrowed time. (American)

Steven SIDOR **Skin River 256pp Pb 16.95**


This is the story of Buddy Bayes, a man with a past trying desperately for a second chance at a peaceful life as a tavern owner in small town Gunnar, Wisconsin. Buddy's hopes are shattered when he finds the severed hand of a missing young woman. A tense, chilling debut. (American)

Michael SIMON **Dirty Sally 322pp Pb 18.95**

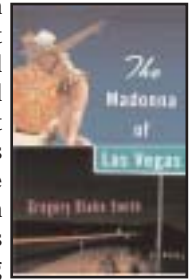
What James Ellroy did for LA, Michael Simon now does for Austin, Texas in the first of a series of ferociously-paced crime novels. The time is the oil-bust year of 1988. The detective is Dan Reles, a New York-born Jew marooned among good old boys and unhinged by the violent death of his partner. His career depends on solving the case of a murdered prostitute whose body arrives in grisly instalments at inconvenient locations. But as he tries to find out who killed Dirty Sally, Reles starts crossing the line between his town's crack-ridden ghettos and the watering holes of its moneyed elite. (American)

Karin SLAUGHTER **Faithless 390pp Tp 32.95**

A walk in the woods takes a sinister turn for police chief Jeffrey Tolliver and medical examiner Sara Linton when they stumble across the body of a young girl. Incarcerated in the ground, all the initial evidence indicates that she has, quite literally, been scared to death. But as Sara embarks on the autopsy, something even more horrifying comes to light. Detective Lena Adams, talented but increasingly troubled, is called in from vacation to help with the investigation and the trail soon leads to the neighbouring county, an isolated community and a terrible secret... (American)

Gregory SMITH **The Madonna of Las Vegas 270pp Tp 29.00**


A masterfully written novel that is part romantic comedy and part dysfunctional detective story, it exuberantly explores the quest for a genuine life in a world built on false appearances. It is the hair-raising countdown to a new millennium, and Cosmo Dust watches in dismay as the wreckage of his life comes into garish focus in the glow of post-Sinatra Las Vegas. Surrounded by the simulacra of Western civilization, Cosmo finds himself strong-armed by the Golden Calf Casino into recreating the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel: a task that makes a mockery of both Michelangelo's genius and Cosmo's skill. (American)

**Faye SNOWDEN** **The Savior 431pp Pb 16.95**

Believing that her mother's death from a drug overdose was no accident, Dr Kendra Hamilton, once a child of the streets, launches an investigation that brings her to a twisted killer who is targeting the lost souls of California's Dunhill County. (American)

Dana STABENOW **A Taint in the Blood 333pp Pb 16.95**

Hired by Charlotte Mauravieff, who wants to clear her mother's name in the arson fire that killed one of her brothers, PI Kate Shugak wonders why Charlotte's mother quietly accepted blame and finds the case complicated by someone who wants the truth to stay hidden. (American)

Olen STEINHAUER **The Confession 326pp Pb 24.95**

Eastern-bloc Europe, 1956. Homicide detective Ferenc Kolyeszar is finding his life increasingly frustrating. His career as a published author appears to be at a standstill, his job is acquiring a political dimension that is making him uncomfortable, and his wife is cheating on him with a colleague. Then the celebrated painter Antonin Kullmann is found dead, his arms and legs shattered, his body set on fire. As his country moves from a tenuous democracy into a brutal totalitarian state, Ferenc learns what it means to betray others, and what it means to be betrayed. (American)

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**Olen STEINHAUER** **The Vienna Assignment****308pp Tp 29.95**

Eastern Europe, 1965. Security Officer Brano Sev, a secretive member of his country's homicide department, is sent to the backwoods village of his birth to interrogate a potential defector, only to find himself framed for murder. Assuming this is part of a covert plan devised by his bosses, he allows himself to be pushed into a dramatic flight to the West and the life of an exile in Vienna, a city teeming with scheming expatriates, spies and old enemies. But Brano soon finds himself lost in a maze of conflicting interests where love and friendship conceal treachery, and where the Cold War game of bluff and double bluff leaves him manoeuvring in the dark. And, in the end, he learns that loyalty to the cause might be the biggest crime of all. This is a powerful, atmospheric thriller, which perfectly captures the paranoia of Cold War Europe and the terrible dangers facing a man caught up in a game whose rules are constantly changing... with deadly consequences. (American)

Mariah STEWART **Cold Truth** **373pp Pb 16.95**

Before a series of brutal murders rocked the idyllic town of Bowers Inlet, Cassie Burke lost her parents, her sister and nearly her own life to a transient befriended by her father. Back then, Cassie was a scared kid. Now she is a homicide cop. Back then, the suspect was caught and convicted, dying in prison. But now the killing has started again. And all the signs indicate that the Bayside Strangler has come back for more. (American)

**Mariah STEWART** **Hard Truth** **400pp Pb 16.95**

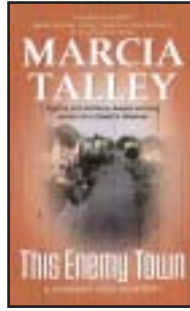
Two children who mysteriously disappeared 21 years ago are the last thing on Lorna Temple's mind when she returns to her Pennsylvania hometown to sell the old family property in the wake of her parents' passing. But instead of memories, the fields where Lorna grew up yield something utterly chilling. (American)

Madge SWINDELLS **Twisted Things** **343pp Pb 22.95**

Rescued after hours in the freezing water clinging onto the wreckage of her yacht, Clara Conner wakes up in a Dover hospital with hazy memories of the accident that put her there. Patrick, her husband, is missing, presumably killed by the explosion that tore their boat apart. (British)

Marcia TALLEY **This Enemy Town****255pp Pb 16.95**

Hannah Ives is always ready to support others like herself who have been through the gauntlet of fear and uncertainty that a diagnosis of cancer often brings. So when friend and fellow survivor Dorothy Hart asks for help building sets for the Naval Academy's upcoming production of Sweeney Todd, Hannah readily agrees. Hannah stands to lose everything, unless she unmask a killer before the final curtain falls. (American)

**Peter TEMPLE** **The Broken Shore** **345pp Tp 29.95**

"Feeling fattened, yet strangely unfulfilled, by your sickly diet of predictable serial killer thrillers, plodding procedural cop yarns and gore-drenched blockbusters? Then Peter Temple's latest genre-bender may just be the well-balanced literary meal you're craving...Every word in **The Broken Shore** contains meaning. It's all killer, no filler. Especially the dialogue. It's deliciously brutal and spare, full of unambiguous violence, prejudice and hatred one moment, cavernous instances of insight and revelation the next." - *Courier-Mail*. (Australian)

Carlene THOMPSON **Share No Secrets** **366pp Pb 16.95**

Adrienne Reynolds knows that bad things can happen anywhere. Even at Point Pleasant's grandest hotel, La Belle Riviere. Known by locals as The Belle, the hotel has been the scene of many tragedies. Some even suspect that it is haunted. But just days before the hotel is to be torn down, Adrienne and her teenage daughter discover the body of her best friend, Julianna Brent. (American)

David & Aimee THURLO **Blood Retribution****270pp Pb 16.95**

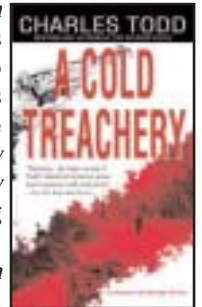
A *Lee Nez* novel. Lee Nez is a nightwalker or a Navajo vampire. He is also a New Mexico state police officer. Paired with sexy FBI agent Diane Lopez, Lee is tracking down violent smugglers who have killed two cops while bringing silver and turquoise across the border from Mexico. Shocked to discover that the smugglers are Navajo shapeshifters /skinwalkers, Lee and Diane realise they must wipe out the whole pack, and fast, before the skinwalkers realise there is a nightwalker on their tails. Werewolves and vampires are deadly enemies. Complicating matters, Lee is being stalked by a pair of vampire assassins. (American)

Mark TIMLIN **Answers from the Grave****477pp Tp 26.95**

THEN: Once upon a time in south London, three young men without a future decide to invent their own. The 1960s are starting to swing and Jimmy, John and Billy want the clothes, the pills, the music and the women. Through drugs, protection and armed robbery, they get most of what they want. But then Billy changes sides and becomes a cop and his days are numbered. NOW: Billy's son Mark is marking time. His father's killer is getting out of prison any day and Mark is going to be there when the doors swing open. This is the masterpiece Mark Timlin has been working towards for his entire career. (British)

Charles TODD **A Cold Treachery****400pp Pb 16.95**

An *Inspector Ian Rutledge* novel. Charles Todd returns to Scotland Yard's Inspector Ian Rutledge in a series that the *New York Times Book Review* called "harrowing psychological drama" and the *Washington Post Book World* hailed as "among the most intelligent and affecting being written these days." This time the embattled Inspector has met his match, hunting a brutal killer across a frozen hell. (American)

**Rebecca TOPE** **A Cotswold Killing****349pp Pb 22.95**

The first in a new series set in the quintessentially English countryside of the Cotswolds. House sitter Thea Osbourne is expecting a quiet time until a body turns up in the neighbouring field. (British)

Patricia TYRELL **The Bones in the Womb****218pp Pb 21.95**

What do you do when the daughter who was abducted - and you thought was dead - turns up on your doorstep 12 years later after being abducted by a lowlife? The book revolves around the drama of the daughter and mother meeting after all this time: Cate is now a hard-bitten, poorly educated teenager, whilst her English mother is "scented like a city shopping mall". (British)



**Valerie WOLZIEN**

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 After signing a lucrative deal to remodel Bride's Bed and Breakfast, island contractor Josie Pigeon thinks her summer is set until a series of unfortunate events befalls the construction site. First, Josie's wealthy employer hires his inexperienced grandson as architect of the project. Soon after, the only male member on her crew is causing problems, romantic as well as professional. To top it off, there are rumours that the B&B is haunted and mannequins are turning up behind the walls of the inn. (American)

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Karin SLAUGHTER

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HISTORICAL CRIME**Mike ASHLEY (editor)**

The Mammoth Book of Historical Whodunnits #3 564pp Pb 24.95
 This is an all-new collection of intriguing murder mysteries from ages past featuring Ian Rankin, Lynda Robinson, Sharan Newman, Margaret Frazer, Gillian Linscott, Peter Tremayne and many more. (British)

Stephanie BARRON

Jane and His Lordship's Legacy 349pp Pb 16.95
A Jane Austen mystery. 1809, England. It is with a heavy heart that Jane Austen takes up a new residence at Chawton Cottage in Hampshire. Secretly mourning the lost love of her life, she is stunned to learn that the late Lord Harold Trowbridge has made her the heir to an extraordinary bequest: a Bengal chest filled with his diaries, letters and most intimate correspondence. From these, Jane is expected to write a memoir of the Gentleman Rogue for posterity. But before she can put pen to paper on this labour of love, she discovers a corpse in the cellar of her new home. (American)

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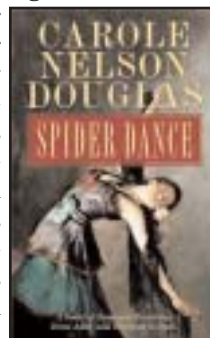
Whiter than the Lily 359pp Pb 18.95
A Hawkenlye medieval mystery #7. 1190, Weald of Kent, southern England. The young, beautiful Galena and her husband, the much older Ambrose, are trying for a child, but to no avail. When Josse d'Acquin tells her of the healing waters of Hawkenlye, Galena is overjoyed and sets off with her escort. But she arrives alone. Ambrose arrives a few days later, befuddled and unwell, and within hours Galena dies in agony on the infirmary floor. On examination, it appears she has been poisoned and that she was pregnant after all. Josse and Helewise are determined to solve the riddle of her death, even if it leads them into danger. (British)

**Paul DOHERTY**

The Assassins of Isis 399pp Pb 18.95
1478 BCE, Egypt. Somewhere deep in the desert, the location of Rahimere's tomb has long been kept a closely guarded secret. But now, the Sebaus (a sect taking its name from demons) has plundered and pillaged the sepulchre for its most powerful treasure. The fiery Pharaoh Queen Hatusu must fight to protect the tombs of her kin and tighten her grip on the collar of Egypt. But when Egypt's great military hero, General Suten, is bitten to death by a swarm of venomous vipers, it seems events have spiralled out of her control. Meanwhile, a dark shadow lies across the peaceful Temple of Isis; four of the temple handmaids have vanished without trace. Will Lord Amerotke, Pharaoh's Chief Judge, find that the perpetrators are in league with forces beyond his jurisdiction? (British)

Carole Nelson DOUGLAS

Spider Dance 490pp Pb 18.95
An Irene Adler and Sherlock Holmes investigation. 1889, New York City. After numerous adventures, Irene has finally come home; not out of loyalty to her native shores, but because of a baffling puzzle and the one thing that haunts her. Daredevil reporter Nelly Bly lures her back to America by hinting that she knows of Irene's parentage. Irene takes the bait and, in doing so, embarks upon a pursuit of the most notorious woman of the 19th century. (American)

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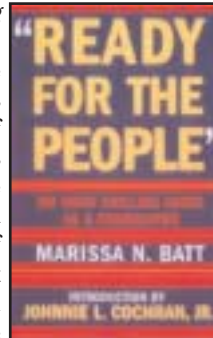
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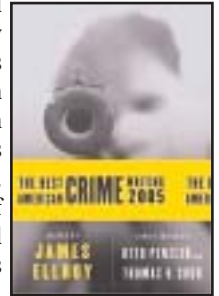
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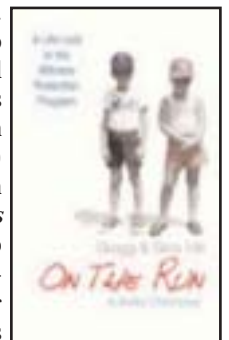
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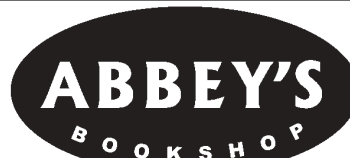
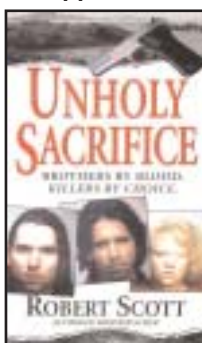
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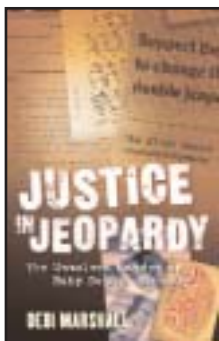
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