

CRIME CHRONICLE

"WHERE A GOOD CRIME CAN BE HAD BY ALL"

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AUTHOR OF THE MONTH
KATHRYN FOX



Fox's third novel following **Malicious Intent** and **Without Consent** (both Pb \$19.95) does not feature Dr Anya Crichton, the main character in the first two books, but instead features Detective Sergeant Kate Farrar, whom we last met in **Malicious Intent**. Kate has returned to work after her ordeal and some much-needed leave, and has a new partner, Detective Constable Oliver Parke. The novel starts with the discovery of a dead woman in a burnt-out house, who turns out to be an unknown mother. Given the author's interest in forensic medicine, you will get to learn a lot about the effects of fire on the human body and a number of other forensic facts too! Kate and Oliver are then moved on to another seemingly political case of a missing daughter. How these separate cases come together forms the plot behind this excellent new novel.

I have to admit to being a fan and I especially found **Skin and Bone** (276pp Tp \$32.95) hard to put down. The characters of Kate and Oliver and their problems kept me interested to the very last page. The setting is Sydney and Fox demonstrates a good knowledge of the city and the seamier side of things, along with some interesting sidelights into human behaviour, both good and bad.

If you enjoy crime novels with a solid forensic and police procedural background, then I highly recommend this latest novel.

- Peter

**MODERN CRIME****Catherine AIRD** **Losing Ground****Hb \$49.95**


Sloan and Crosby Mystery. The theft of an 18th century painting is discovered just before the house it depicts is burnt to the ground. DI Sloan and DC Crosby have to piece together the puzzle of the painting and the history of the property to solve the mystery of the fire. In the close-knit village of Berebury, someone must have answers... (Scottish)

Campbell ARMSTRONG **Jig****Pb \$19.95**


Only one man is trusted by the terrorists to go after the money - their best assassin, the man they call Jig, who is deft at killing and nimble at eluding capture. But hot on his trail is Frank Pagan, British counter-terrorist agent, who will hunt his prey to the ends of the earth... *Due Nov* (Scottish)

**Kathleen BACUS** **Calamity Jayne Heads West****352pp Pb \$15.95**

Tressa Jayne Turner Mystery #5. When intrepid Tressa Calamity Jayne Turner travels west to celebrate her grandmother's marriage, she finds herself and the whole Grandville gang caught up in another intrigue. (American)

David BALDACCI **Stone Cold****400pp Tp \$32.95**

Oliver Stone. Oliver and the Camel Club are back in their most dangerous adventure yet, a war on two fronts. Casino king Jerry Bagger from The Collectors is hunting Annabelle Conroy, the beautiful woman who conned him out of millions. *Due Nov* (American)

Robert BARRETT **Les Norton and the Case of the Talking Pie Crust****288pp Tp \$30.00**

Bodine Menjou, an Albanian would-be film-maker, wants to make *The Case of the Talking Pie Crust*, based on the cartoons of Emile Mercier. So when the script goes missing, Bodine calls in Les to track it down. *Due Nov* (Australian)


Cynthia BAXTER **Who's Kitten Who?****368pp Pb \$15.95**

Reigning Cats & Dogs Mystery #6.

Veterinarian and amateur sleuth Jessica Popper takes centre stage in the cast of an up-and-coming Long Island playwright's last production. The fur flies as Jess finds the theatre world littered with clues to Simon Wainwright's murder. (American)

**Tonino BENACQUISTA** **Someone Else** **305pp Pb \$24.95**

Who hasn't wanted to become 'someone else'? The person you've always wanted to be - the person who hadn't given up half-way to your dreams and desires? One evening in a bar, two men who have just met at their tennis club in Paris conclude that it is time to change their lives. But becoming someone else is not without risk: at the very least, you risk finding yourself. A helter-skelter tale of humour and suspense. (Italian)

Claudia BISHOP **Carol for a Corpse****224pp Pb \$15.95**

Hemlock Falls Mystery. For the Quilliam sisters, there's nothing jolly about this Christmas. But at least there's one bright star on the horizon: a big-time magazine and TV show will feature the Inn. But soon the editor's husband skis to his death. Now, if the Quilliams are to save the Inn from a lawsuit, they'll need to prove this was no accident. *Due Nov* (American)

Michael BLACK **Killing Frost** **384pp Pb \$17.95**

Ron Slade Thriller. A search for a missing man leads Chicago PI Ron Shade into a lot more trouble than he bargains for as he heads straight into a plot of fraud, payoffs, cover-ups and murder. (American)

Ben BOVA **The Green Trap** **368pp Pb \$15.95**

Microbiologist Michael Cochrane has been murdered. His brother Paul wants to find out who did it, and why. Accompanied by a beautiful industrial spy, Elena Sandoval, Paul follows the trail from California to Cambridge, Massachusetts. Along the way, a lot of people seem to be interested in getting in their way, or discovering what they know. (American)

Gary BRAVER **Flashback** **480pp Pb \$17.95**

On the 35th anniversary of his parents' mysterious drowning, Jack Koryan returns to his family beach cottage. During a swim, Jack is attacked by a school of rare jellyfish whose toxic stings put him in a coma for three years. When he awakens, he finds that the jellyfish toxin has left him with an extraordinary memory that impresses his doctors. This discovery is complicated by flashbacks: pleasant childhood vignettes, as well as confusing flashes of violence that leave him quaking in horror... (American)

Ken BRUEN & Jason STARR **Slide** **224pp Pb \$15.95**

Hard Case Crime. In a hilarious sequel to *Bust* (\$16.95), fugitive Angela Petrakos hooks up with a serial killer in Ireland, while failed New York businessman Max Fisher finds a new calling as a crack dealer. But will their paths cross again? (Irish/American)

Jan BURKE **Kidnapped** **400pp Pb \$17.95**

News reporter Irene Kelly untangles the threads of a past crime and a haunting disappearance while trying to survive the present in this suspense-charged bestseller from *Edgar Award* winner Burke. (American)

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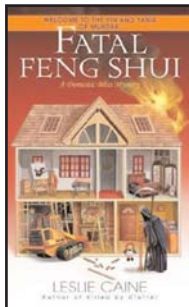
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**Leslie CAINE****Fatal Feng Shui****336pp Pb \$15.95**

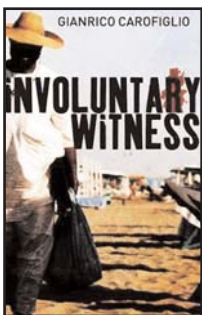
Domestic Bliss Mystery #5. Once they were competitors. Then they became partners. Now interior designers Erin Gilbert and Steve Sullivan wish they had never gotten involved in a feng shui 'inspired makeover' of a home owned by a celebrity chef and his wife, a famous artist with an infamous artistic temperament. An attic erupts in flames. The death of a carpenter strikes Erin too close to home, while a dangerous beauty wants to get much too close to Sullivan. Erin finds herself left on her own with her best-made plans, her worst fears, and someone whose design is to kill her... *Due Nov* (American)

**Stella CAMERON****A Cold Day in Hell 416pp Pb \$17.95**

Christmas is coming and all is far from calm in Pointe Judah, Louisiana. Newcomer Christian DeAngelo - Angel to his friends - is at his wit's end trying to manage Sonny, the hotheaded 19-year-old everyone believes is his nephew. In fact, Sonny is the orphaned son of a notorious mob boss, a protected witness - and Angel's responsibility. *Due Nov* (English)

Gianrico CAROFIGLIO**Involuntary Witness****290pp Pb \$24.95**

Guido Guerrieri. A nine-year-old boy is found murdered at the bottom of a well near a popular beach resort in southern Italy. In what looks like a hopeless case for Guido Guerrieri, counsel for the defence, a Senegalese peddler is accused of the crime. Faced with small-town racism fuelled by the recent immigration from Africa, Guido tries to exploit the esoteric workings of the Italian courts. More than a perfectly-paced legal thriller, this relentless suspense novel transcends the genre. *Due Nov* (Italian)

**J L CARRELL****Shakespeare's Secret****480pp Tp \$32.95**

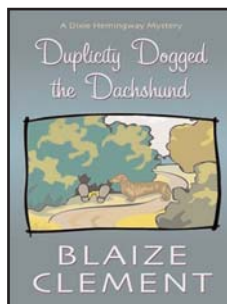
A woman is left to die as the rebuilt Globe theatre burns. Another woman is drowned like Ophelia, skirts swirling in the water. A professor has his throat slashed open on the steps of Washington's Capitol building. Hunting an ancient secret, a deadly serial killer is on the loose, modelling his murders on Shakespeare's plays. *Due Nov* (English)

Cassandra CHAN**Village Affairs****368pp Pb \$15.95**

Gibbons & Bethancourt Mystery #2. Scotland Yard detective Sergeant Jack Gibbons hears about the death of a middle-aged widower in Chipping Chedding, a small town in the English Cotswolds, and can't believe his luck. His best friend, wealthy man-about-town Phillip Bethancourt, just so happens to be in Chipping Chedding already, and since Phillip often indulges his interest in a good mystery by aiding Jack's investigations, it's natural he'd do so now. (English)

Blaize CLEMENT**Duplicity Dogged the Dachshund****272pp Pb \$15.95**

Dixie Hemingway Mystery #2. Everybody who loves dachshunds knows about their adventurous streak. So when Mame, the elderly dachshund in Dixie Hemingway's care, gets away from her to investigate a mound of mulch, Dixie isn't surprised. What the dachshund digs up, however, is not only a surprise but a trigger for a whole new pile of jolting events that puts Dixie at the centre of a hunt for a psychopathic killer, someone who fears Dixie saw him leaving the scene of a brutal murder. (American)

**Nancy COHEN****Perish by Pedicure****320pp Pb \$15.95**

Bad Hair Day Mystery #8. Beauty shows are known for a lot of things: glitz, glamour, products, catfights, very big-bordering-on-scary hair 'creations', and some equally oversized egos. What they're not usually known for is cold-blooded murder, but that's exactly the case when Luxor Products company director Christine Parks is found dead in her hotel room - face down in a foot bath. And suspect number one is Marla's college roommate Georgia Rogers. *Due Nov* (American)

William COHEN**Dragon Fire 448pp Pb \$17.95**

Upon the assassination of the Secretary of Defence, former senator and Vietnam POW, Michael Patrick Santini is called by his President to fill the vacancy. But America is hours away from going to war - with the wrong enemy! Rejecting direct orders from the President, Santini races across the world in a desperate attempt to prevent a catastrophic global war. (American)

Ann CLEEVES**Hidden Depths****320pp Pb \$19.95**

A hot summer on the Northumberland coast and Julie Armstrong arrives home from a night out to find her son murdered. Luke has been strangled, laid out in a bath of water and covered with wild flowers. This stylised murder scene has Inspector Vera Stanhope and her team baffled. *Due Nov* (English)

Barbara CLEVERLY**Folly du Jour 288pp Hb \$60.00**

Joe Sandilands #7. Folies Bergere, Paris, December 1926. Joe hurries to the assistance of an old friend who has been arrested for murder. In a cell of the Quai des Orfèvres he meets with Sir George Jardine, still in the evening dress stained with the blood of the dead man... (English)

James COBB**Robert Ludlum's The Arctic Event****400pp Tp \$32.95**

On a desolate island deep within the Canadian Arctic, a scientific expedition photographs the wreckage of a bomber on a mountain glacier. To the world at large, the 50-year-old aeroplane is merely a relic of the Cold War. Only a handful of insiders know that it still represents a major threat to civilisation, since the aircraft is a Soviet Air Force biological warfare platform, still armed with two tons of active anthrax. *Due Nov* (American)

Martina COLE**Faces****448pp Tp \$32.95**

11 years ago, Marie Carter was convicted of killing her two best friends. And she's paid the price. Now released from prison, time has stood still for Marie and she has nowhere to go. Her parents have disowned her; her friends have abandoned her; even her kids don't want to know her. But some people out there care, particularly when they know she's out for revenge... *Due Nov* (English)

Susan CONANT**All Shots****256pp Hb \$48.00**

Dog Lover's Mystery #18. Holly Winter, the malamute trainer, knows she's not the only Holly Winter living in Cambridge, Massachusetts, but it would be so much nicer if Holly #2 wasn't a dog-hating academic... and if a third woman calling herself Holly Winter didn't happen to be dead... *Due Nov*

**Gaits of Heaven 336pp Pb \$15.95**

Dog Lover's Mystery #17. Enlisted to train an adorably free-spirited dog, Holly gets sidetracked when the dog's owner - an over-medicated, over-analysed, super-dysfunctional New Age wife and mother - is found dead following an accidental overdose. 'Accidental' - yeah right! *Due Nov* (American)

**Bill CUNNINGHAM (Ed)**

★ **Lone Star Sleuths: An Anthology of Texas Crime Fiction**
 304pp Tp \$49.95

Texas has always staked a large claim on the nation's imagination and its mystery literature is no exception. This collection captures the sense of place that distinguishes much of the great literature set in Texas. A must-read for mystery lovers. *Due Nov* (American)

Clive CUSSLER

★ **The Chase** 416pp Tp \$32.95

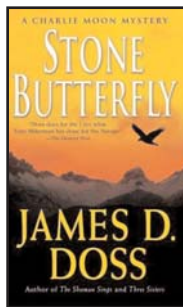
● April 1950. The rusting hulk of a steam locomotive rises from the deep waters of a Montana lake. Inside is all that remains of three men who died 44 years before. But it's not the engine or its grisly contents that interest the people watching nearby, it's what happens next... *Due Nov* (American)

James DOSS

✠ **Stone Butterfly**

Pb \$15.95

Charlie Moon Mystery #11. Daisy Perika is no stranger to eerie dreams, but when she has a nightmare, lives could be at stake. Convinced that her visions of a wisp-thin girl with blood dripping from her hands are omens, the old woman calls on her nephew - part-time tribal investigator and full-time Colorado rancher - Charlie Moon. (American)

**Rebecca DRAKE**

★ **The Next Killing** 384pp Pb \$15.95

● When the first body is found, the police call it an accident - an initiation ritual gone terribly wrong. But the students know something isn't right at St Ursula's. There are sounds in the darkened corridors, a figure glimpsed between the trees, locked doors somehow opened. Someone is watching them, judging them, killing them... (American)

Carola DUNN

✠ **Gunpowder Plot**

256pp Pb \$15.95

Daisy Dalrymple Mystery #15. In the winter of 1924, Daisy Dalrymple Fletcher travels to a school friend's house to witness the estate's famous Guy Fawkes celebration. But she gets more than a quiet weekend at the quaint family manse that she was originally hoping for. *Due Nov* (English)

John DUNNING

★ **Bookman's last Fling**

● 352pp Pb \$18.95

Janeaway #5. Travelling to Idaho to look at rare first-edition books, PI Cliff Janeway is disturbed by a horse owner's untimely death, a case that brings Janeway to the California Races at Golden Gate Fields and Santa Anita Park. *Due Nov* (American)

Ruth Dudley EDWARDS

★ **Corridors of Death** (1981)

240pp Tp \$29.95

Robert Amiss Mystery #1. At the close of a top-level meeting in the offices of the British civil service, a respected senior civil servant is found murdered. Detective Superintendent James Milton of Scotland Yard is bewildered: who in this grey, conventional world would want Sir Nicholas dead? Can a complex murder investigation succeed within the bureaucracy of Whitehall? *Due Nov*

★ **The Saint Valentine's Day Murders**

● (1984) 248pp Tp \$29.95

Robert Amiss Mystery #2. Civil servant Amiss embarks upon a new job in the British Conservation Society. A few months into his employ and precisely on Saint Valentine's Day, a multiple murderer strikes co-workers and their families in a subtle, but deadly, manner. *Due Nov* (English)

J T ELLISON

✠ **All the Pretty Girls**

416pp Pb \$15.95

When a local girl falls prey to a sadistic serial killer, Nashville Homicide Lieutenant Taylor Jackson and her lover, FBI profiler Dr John Baldwin, find themselves in a joint investigation pursuing a vicious murderer. The Southern Strangler is slaughtering his way through the Southeast, leaving a gruesome memento at each crime scene - the prior victim's severed hand... *Due Nov* (American)

Janet EVANOVICH

★ **Visions of Sugar Plums** (2002)

192pp Pb \$15.95

Stephanie Plum Holiday Mystery. It's December in Jersey and Stephanie Plum has bigger problems than the usual thugs, thieves and hoodlums. This time, there's someone in her apartment who just won't leave. Sure, this kind of thing has happened before, but previously she's been able to talk her way out of trouble. (American)

Nancy FAIRBANKS

✠ **Turkey Flambe** 288pp Pb \$15.95

● Culinary Mystery #10. Food writer Carolyn Blue's book launch goes up in smoke when her turkey flambé results in two flaming birds getting tossed out the window-leading to a young woman's death. *Due Nov* (American)

Gillian FLYNN

✠ **Sharp Objects** 336pp Pb \$22.95

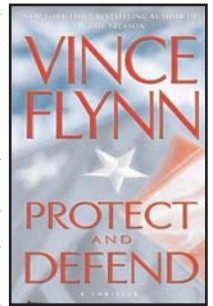
● When two young girls are abducted and killed in Wind Gap, Missouri, Camille Preaker is sent back to her home town to investigate and report on the crimes. Camille, self-described 'white trash from old money', is the daughter of one of the richest families in town. *Due Nov* (American)

Vince FLYNN

★ **Protect and Defend**

416pp Tp \$29.95

With Iran on the brink of developing a nuclear weapon, Israel is forced to react. In a daring raid, Israel destroys Iran's main nuclear facility, creating a radioactive tomb and an environmental disaster. Enter Mitch Rapp, America's terrorist hunter and one man wrecking crew... *Due Nov* (American)

**Nicci FRENCH**

★ **Until It's Over** 384pp Tp \$32.95

● Young and athletic, London bicycle courier Astrid Bell is bad luck - for other people. First Astrid's neighbour Peggy Farrell accidentally knocks her off her bike. Soon after, Peggy is found bludgeoned to death in an alley. Then a few days later, Astrid is asked to pick up a package from a wealthy woman called Ingrid de Soto, only to find the client murdered in the hall of her luxurious home. For the police, it's more than coincidence. For Astrid and her six housemates, it's the beginning of a nightmare. (English)

Luca Di FULVIO

✠ **The Mannequin Man**

367pp Pb \$24.95

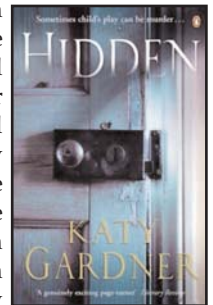
Inspector Amaldi. "Know why she's smiling?" he asked, pointing a small torch at the corpse. "Fish hooks. Two fish hooks at the corners of her mouth, a bit of nylon, pull it round the back of the head and tie a knot." Amaldi noticed the metallic glint at the corners of the taut mouth. Inspector Amaldi had enough problems. A city choked by a rubbish strike, a beautiful student harassed by a telephone stalker, an arson case at the orphanage. Then the mutilated bodies begin to appear. *Due Nov* (Italian)

Katy GARDNER

✠ **Hidden**

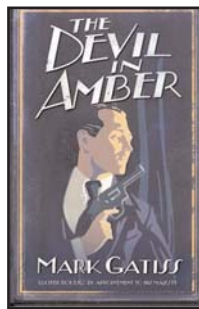
352pp Pb \$24.95

● It all began with a simple game of hide and seek... Mel Stenning knows her seven-year-old daughter Poppy requires extra love and attention. In the last year she has had a lot to get used to: a new stepfather, a new baby brother and a new home by the coast in Kent. So a game of hide and seek in the family's sprawling converted warehouse seems an ideal way to bond. But when Mel starts searching, Poppy has completely disappeared... *Due Nov* (English)



**Mark GATISS****The Devil in Amber****245pp Pb \$19.95**

Lucifer Box - portraitist, dandy and terribly good secret agent - returns for another round of spirited, pun-heavy sleuthing in this devilishly decadent sequel to the acclaimed **The Vesuvius Club** (Pb \$19.95). From the glittering sophistication of Art Deco Manhattan to the eerie Norfolk coast and the snow-capped peaks of Switzerland, Gatiss takes us on a thrilling, delicious ride that pits Lucifer Box against the most lethal adversary of his career: the Prince of Darkness himself. *Due Nov* (English)

**Melissa GLAZE****Murderous Glaze****224pp Pb \$15.95**

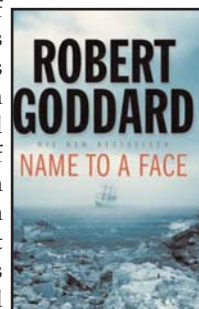
Clay and Crime Mystery #1. In Maple Ridge, Vermont, Carolyn Emerson planned to ease into her golden years running her paint-your-own-pottery shop, Fire at Will. She never expected to uncover a dead body in the shop, and she certainly didn't plan on a drop in live clientele. Now it's up to Carolyn and her shop's pottery club, The Firing Squad, to help clear her name. *Due Nov* (American)

Roy GLENN**Body of Evidence 300pp Pb \$15.95**

Passion and intrigue abound in this suspenseful page-turner as a woman becomes involved with her divorce attorney and is charged with the murder of her husband's mistress. (American)

Robert GODDARD**Name to a Face 352pp Tp \$32.95**

A sequence of extraordinary events over the past 300 years provides the links in a chain of intrigue, greed and murder: the loss of *HMS Association* with all hands in 1707. An admiralty clerk's secret mission 30 years afterwards. A fatal accident during a dive to the wreck in 1996. An expatriate's reluctant return home 10 years later. The simple task he has come to accomplish turns out to be anything but. *Due Nov* (English)

**Louis GREIMAN****Unmanned****320pp Pb \$15.95**

Even in a city of long, tall beauties, psychologist Christina McMullen is used to getting hit on. But she's definitely not accustomed to having a hit on her. Until the day a charming stranger shows up at her door and someone guns him down right in front of her. *Due Nov* (American)

Laura GRIFFIN**One Last Breath****464pp Pb \$15.95**

When pampered former cheerleader Feenie Malone takes a job writing fluff pieces for her South Texas paper, she has no idea she's about to stumble into a juicy news story that could launch her career, if it doesn't get her killed first... (American)

Carolyn HAINES**Revenant****3652pp Pb \$15.95**

Non Series. When a decades-old mass grave near a notorious Biloxi nightclub is unearthed, reporter Carson Lynch is among the first on the scene. The remains of five women lie within, each one buried with a bridal veil and without her ring finger. Days later, two more bodies appear, begging the question: Is a copycat murderer terrorising Biloxi or has a serial killer awoken from a 25-year slumber? (American)

Sophie HANNAH**Hurting Distance 432pp Pb \$19.95**

Three years ago, something terrible happened to Naomi Jenkins, so terrible that she never told anybody. Now Naomi has another secret - the man she has fallen passionately in love with, unhappily married Robert Haworth. When Robert vanishes without trace, Naomi knows he must have come to harm... *Due Nov* (English)

Charlaine HARRIS**Grave Surprise 320pp Tp \$29.95**

A bolt of lightning struck Harper Connelly when she was 15, leaving her with a strange spider web of red on her torso and right leg, episodes of weakness, shakes and headaches - and an ability to find dead people. Harper is summoned to Memphis to demonstrate her unique talent, but there are still plenty of sceptics, even as Harper stands atop a grave and announces there are two bodies buried there... *Due Nov* (American)

Illona HAUS**Blue Justice 384pp Pb \$15.95**

Haus's grittiest, most riveting thriller yet - the third novel featuring Detective Kay Delaney - takes readers into the twisted mind of a serial rapist and on a desperate hunt for the detective he has brutally abducted. (American)

Maddy HUNTER**Norway to Hide 304pp Pb \$15.95**

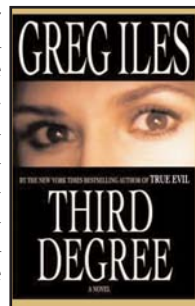
Passport to Peril Mystery #6. Sure, Jackie Thum's newly published novel might not be Hemingway, but bad reviews from her fellow travellers have Emily Andrew's transgender ex-husband (Jackie was formerly Jack) steaming like a sauna. It's a dismal start to their Scandinavian tour, and group leader Emily is getting that sinking feeling in Helsinki: something fishy this way comes... *Due Nov* (American)

Graham HURLEY**One Under****356pp Pb \$19.95**

Buriton Tunnel, just north of Havant. A body is torn apart under the wheels of the first morning train to leave Portsmouth for London. The body was naked and chained to the rails. Was this a brutal murder or a grotesquely calculated suicide? DI Joe Faraday must try to unravel this most gruesome of crime scenes. *Due Nov* (English)

Greg ILES**Third Degree****400pp Tp \$32.95**

Illes latest tour-de-force thriller is an unforgettable plunge into a world of sex, violence, marital betrayal, medical malpractice, and Southern intrigue, all of which takes place in the span of one furious, terrifying day. *Due Nov*

**True Evil****672pp Pb \$19.95**

Dr Chris Shepard, a busy young doctor in Natchez, Mississippi, has never seen his new patient Alex Morse before. But the attractive young woman with the scarred face has come to Dr Shepard's office on a mission to catch a killer. *Due Nov* (American)

Susan ISAACS**Compromising Positions (1978)****352pp Pb \$17.95**

Long Island housewife Judith Singer is incredibly bored. So when a local dentist is found murdered and the police suspect her neighbour, that's all the excuse Judith needs to jump in and begin her own investigation. In between school runs and making dinner, she is drawn deeper into the case, and closer to the police detective in charge. *Due Nov* (American)

Iris JOHANSEN**Killer Dreams 398pp Pb \$17.95**

If you close your eyes, he'll get you. Sophie Dunston knows all too well how dreams can kill. As one of the nation's top sleep therapists, she specialises in the life-threatening night terrors that her 10-year-old son Michael suffers from. But she is also an expert in another kind of terror - the kind that can turn a dream life into a living nightmare in the blink of an eye. (American)

Chris JORDAN**Trapped****400pp Pb \$15.95**

Long Island single mom Jane Hartley is frantic when her 16-year-old daughter Kelly, a survivor of childhood leukemia, disappears from her bedroom one night. "Mom, I need your help. Please call...", she pleads, but her phone call cuts off mid-sentence. No static. Nothing. Just an overwhelming silence. *Due Nov* (American)

**Ward JUST****Forgetfulness** 258pp Tp \$29.00

 Thomas Railles, an American expatriate and former odd-jobber for the CIA, is a successful painter living with his beloved wife Florette in a small village in the Pyrenees. On an ordinary autumn day, Florette goes for a walk in the hills and is killed by unknown assailants. Was her death simply a case of being in the wrong place at the wrong time? Or was it somehow connected to Thomas's work with the CIA? (America)

Thomas LAKEMAN **The Shadow Catchers**

384pp Pb \$15.95

FBI Special Agent Mike Yeager is in trouble. His most recent child-kidnapping case ended tragically and the FBI has suspended him. Worse, Mike can't seem to forgive himself. He's run away from Philadelphia to the mountains of Nevada in an attempt to forget. (American)

John LAMB **Crafty Teddy** 304pp Pb \$15.95

Bear Collector's Mystery #3. After the theft of his wife's anniversary gift - a valuable, antique teddy bear - retired cop Brad Lyon must discover the fur-fetched connection between the theft and the murder of a local museum curator. *Due Nov* (American)

Mike LAWSON **Payback** 560pp Pb \$20.00

Sent to investigate what he thinks is a case of fraud at a US naval base, all round good guy and Washington trouble-shooter Joe DeMarco soon realises that he's stumbled on something even more lethal. *Due Nov* (American)

Dennis LEHANE **Coronado** 320pp Pb \$21.95

Along with completely original material, this new collection is a compilation of the best of LeHane's previously published short stories, including *Until Gwen*, which was adapted for the stage in 2005 and appears in this book as the title play, *Coronado*. At turns suspenseful, surreal, romantic and tragically comic, these tales journey into myths about class, gender and freedom to find that the truth waiting for us there is not what we'd expect. *Due Nov* (American)

John LUTZ **In for the Kill** 400pp Pb \$15.95

The victims are dismembered, their body parts ritualistically stacked in a bathtub, with all blood rinsed down the drain. Semiretired NYPD homicide detective Frank Quinn is lured back to the job out of a sense of service and a chance to reassemble his former team, which not so coincidentally includes his former lover, Pearl Kasner... *Due Nov* (American)

T J MACGREGOR **Kill Time** 384pp Pb \$15.95

An *Edgar Award*-winning author delivers the harrowing tale of a woman who uncovers the terrifying secrets of a shadowy government organisation that employs time-travel technology and makes threatening individuals disappear. (American)

Tim MALEENY **Beating the Babushka** Tp \$29.95

A movie producer hurtles to his death from the top of the Golden Gate Bridge, an apparent suicide that shocks the film community and puts a two hundred million dollar production in jeopardy. His colleague, Grace, doesn't believe it was suicide and turns to private detective Cape Weathers to find the truth. *Due Nov* (American)


Jessica MANN **The Mystery Writer**

288pp Pb \$22.95

It is 1940. The world is at war and the lives of two English boys are about to be changed forever. Jonathan Hicks, heir to the Cornish estate of Goonzoyle, and Ted Johns, son of the estate's groundskeeper, find themselves floating in an icy Atlantic Ocean, clinging to the wreckage of the doomed SS City of Benares. The ship was carrying British evacuee children to a new home, but as it made its perilous way to the USA it was torpedoed by a German U-boat. *Due Nov* (American)

Sujata MASSEY **Girl in a Box** 304pp Tp \$29.00

"It's taken me almost a whole lifetime to become a decent liar." Japanese-American sleuth Rei Shimura is on her most dangerous outing yet. Massey is back with a delicious blend of mystery and contemporary women's fiction. *Due Nov* (English)

John MATTHEWS **Ascension Day**

576pp Pb \$19.95

Lawyer Jac McElroy's first big case is a no-hoper: to get a pardon for a man set to be executed in just 50 days. But Jac is hungry to make his mark and he knows something just isn't quite right about Larry Durrant's murder conviction. *Due Nov* (American)

Archer MAYOR **The Second Mouse**

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Joe Gunther Mystery #17. When Joe Gunther is called to the home of a young woman apparently dead by her own hand, he is troubled enough by his findings to want to dig deeper. But his normally trustworthy medical examiner stalls the investigation, crippled by problems of her own. Will Joe be able to help her out and get what he needs in time to derail the machinations of the increasingly violent trio lurking behind it all? (American)

Andy McNAB **Crossfire** 512pp Tp \$32.95

Nick Stone. Bodyguarding a TV crew on the streets of war-torn Basra, ex-deniable operator Nick Stone seems certain to die when insurgent gunmen attack... *Due Nov* (American)

Leslie MEIER **Mistletoe Murder (1998)**


224pp Pb \$15.95

A Lucy Stone #1. In addition to her busy Christmas schedule, Lucy is also working nights for the famous mail-order company Christmas Cousins. But when she discovers founder Sam Miller dead in his car from an apparent suicide, Lucy knows something is not right. She's convinced it's murder - and with each harrowing twist she uncovers in this bizarre case, another shocking revelation is exposed. (American)

Rick MOFINA **The Perfect Grave**

352pp Pb \$15.95

The shocking murder of a much-loved community saint draws the attention of *Seattle Mirror* reporter Jason Wade. But it's his father's demons that tell Jason more than the police investigation, even if Detective Grace Garner wants to reveal everything... (American)

David MORRELL **Scavenger**

Pb \$19.95

Frank Balenger, the resolute but damaged hero of *Creepers* (Pb \$19.95), now finds himself in a desperate high-tech scavenger hunt for a 100-year-old time capsule. To save himself and the woman he loves, he must play by the rules of a god-like Game Master with an obsession for unearthing the past. *Due Nov* (American)



Warren MURPHY & James MULLANEY

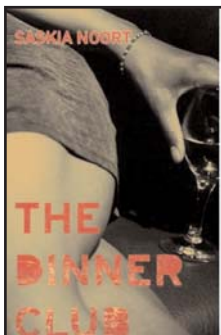
Choke Hold 256pp Pb \$15.95

New Destroyer #2. Pity poor tobacco tycoon Edgar Rawly. Thanks to lawsuits, government meddling and the inexplicable deaths of many of his best customers, his megabucks industry is gasping its last breath. That is, until the introduction of the Cheyenne Smooths, Rawly's latest product. Not quite tobacco, not quite legal, more addictive than crystal meth. Suddenly customers are once more beating a path to his door. That's when the bodies start piling up... (American)

Saskia NOORT

The Dinner Club 256pp Pb \$23.95

On a cold winter's night, an elegant villa goes up in flames. Evert Struyck, happily married, father of two and successful business man, dies in the fire. His wife, Babette and the children manage to escape. This story talks about a group of people desperately hanging on to the outer varnish of their lives, at any cost. *Due Nov* (Dutch)



Dead of the Day 302pp Pb \$15.95

Annie Seymour Mystery #3. A soggy April has hit New Haven, Connecticut-along with an unidentified body in the harbour. The strange fact that there were bee stings on the floater gives New Haven Herald police reporter Annie Seymour an intriguing excuse to put off her profile of the new police chief - a piece that becomes a lot more interesting when the subject is gunned down. *Due Nov* (American)

Perri O'SHAUGHNESSY

Keeper of the Keys

388pp Pb \$17.95
Non Series. For ambitious, troubled architect Ray Jackson, the nightmare begins one sultry California night when his wife disappears. No phone call, no ransom note, no body, reveals whether Leigh is dead or alive. Suspected by his wife's friend and by the police, Ray launches a desperate and alarming search of his own. (American)

Katherine Hall PAGE

Body in the Ivy 352pp Pb \$17.95

Faith Fairchild Mystery #15. Faith Fairchild is asked to cater a very small, very private college reunion on an isolated New England island; an event that could be her dream job. But when she discovers the true reason for the get-together, not even the spectacular ocean views can keep it from turning into a nightmare. *Due Nov* (American)

Robert B PARKER

Dream Girl 304pp Pb \$19.95

Spenser #33. When a mature, beautiful and composed April Kyle strides into Spenser's office, the Boston PI barely hesitates before recognising his once and future client. As Spenser again plays the gallant knight, it becomes clear April's not as innocent as she seems. In fact, she may be her own worst enemy. (American)

Richard North PATTERSON

Exile 576pp Pb \$19.95

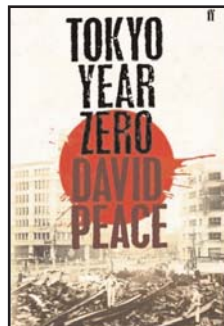
"An astonishing book, a hugely entertaining human drama that also offers remarkable insight into the lethal conflict between the Israelis and the Palestinians. Patterson has outdone himself." - Bill Clinton *Due Nov* (American)

David PEACE

Tokyo Year Zero

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August 1946. One year on from surrender and Tokyo lies broken and bleeding at the feet of its American victors. Facing the threat of a second purge, the surviving officers of the Tokyo Metropolitan Police Dept, with their changed identities and false names, realise they can trust no one, least of all each other. *Due Nov* (English)



Michael PEARCE

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256pp Hb \$49.95

#4. Why is Seymour of Scotland Yard summoned to somewhere so exotic as North Africa? Isn't the death of a Frenchman there something for the local police? Well, yes and no. The local police are answerable to the International Committee, of which the chairman is the British Consul. So naturally the ensuing investigation has to be above board. And so Seymour is bought in as he has had experience of this sort of thing before. And if he fails, well, he is expendable after all. *Due Nov* (Sudanese)

Thomas PERRY

The Butcher's Boy

316pp Pb \$22.95

Murder has always been easy for the Butcher's Boy. It's what he does best and what they pay him for. But after the successful assassination of a senator, he arrives in Las Vegas to collect his fee only to discover he has become a liability to his shadowy employers. His survival at stake, he needs to kill them before they kill him. But first he needs to find out who they are. *Due Nov* (American)

R J PINEIRO

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Mac Savage, a former CIA officer; Marie Kovacs, a former nano-technology scientist turned missionary; and Kate Chavez, a Texas Ranger investigating a murder, join forces to unravel a global conspiracy that starts with the diamond industry and ends with a plan to eliminate the human race. (American)

Douglas PRESTON & Lincoln CHILD

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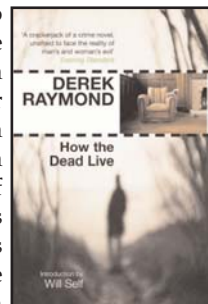
Perched like a black crow on a crag in the most hostile depths of the Himalayas stands a monastery. For a thousand years the monks have kept guard. Now their sanctum has been violated, the secret carried off. After a millennium of hiding from the world, the guardians of the treasure will have to turn to an outsider for help. Luckily Special Agent Aloysius Pendergast is no stranger. *Due Nov* (American)

Derek RAYMOND

How the Dead Live (1968)

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As in Raymond's two previous novels, the narrator is an anonymous member of the Metropolitan Police. Giving an insider's viewpoint of the police force, this time the narrator is investigating the disappearance of a 'French-born Lady of the Manor' who his superiors are no longer interested in and have placed in the 'Unexplained Deaths' file. *Due Nov* (American)



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The Six Sacred Stones Hb \$49.95

For Jack West Jr and his loyal team of heroes, the challenge now is to set six legendary diamonds known as "the Pillars" in place at six ancient sites around the world before the deadline for global destruction arrives. But the locations of these sites can only be revealed by the fabled 'Six Sacred Stones'. *Due Nov* (Australian)

Elwood REIN

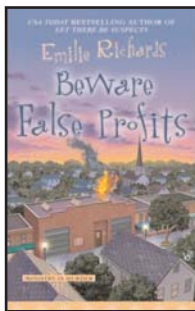
D.B.

310pp Pb \$24.95

In 1971, a man calling himself D B Cooper hijacked a flight, claimed his ransom without harming a soul and vanished. He parachuted out of the plane over the dense woods of the Pacific Northwest with \$200,000 strapped to his body. Reid uses this true story as a starting point, imagining Cooper as Phil Fitch, a Vietnam vet with a failed marriage who decides the time has come to do something that will save him from a life of punching time cards and wondering what could have been. *Due Nov* (American)

**Emilie RICHARDS** **Beware False Profits Pb \$15.95**

There's no rest for the weary Aggie Sloan-Wilcox and her minister husband, who were praying for a relaxing weekend until a member of their flock went missing. Joe Wagner, president of Emerald Springs's food bank, disappears, and Aggie discovers his secret life - as a female impersonator. Meanwhile, the murder of the mayor's wife at the annual food bank fundraiser puts Joe on top of the suspect list. If Aggie doesn't get to the bottom of things fast, she'll be leading a choir singing the blues. *Due Nov* (American)

**Phil RICKMAN** **Remains of an Altar 512pp Pb \$19.95**

#8. Merrily Watkins, parish priest, single mum and Deliverance Consultant to the Diocese of Hereford, heads for the Malvern Hills to investigate an alleged paranormal dimension to a spate of road accidents in the sleepy village of Wychehill. *Due Nov* (English)

 **The Fabric of Sin 448pp Tp \$29.95**

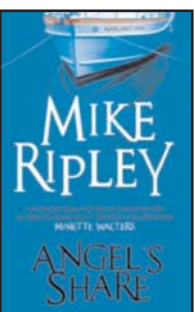
#9. Called in secretly to investigate an allegedly haunted house with royal connections, Merrily Watkins, Deliverance Consultant for the Diocese of Hereford, is exposed to a real and tangible evil. *Due Nov* (English)

John RINGO **Choosers of the Slain 448pp Pb \$18.95**

Mike Harmon #3. Mike Harmon's commando-quality retainers agree: their leader, code-named 'Ghost', is a peculiar one. An ex-Navy-SEAL, there is no stronghold he cannot penetrate, no target he can't take out. Now Harmon and his militia have been hired to rescue the daughter of a powerful political mover in America, kidnapped into the Eastern Europe sex trade. (American)

Mike RIPLEY **Angel's Share 288pp Pb \$19.95**

Roy Angel is slowly adjusting to the pressures of working at Rudgard & Blugden Confidential Investigations, although his Raymond Chandler 'training manuals' still haven't reconciled him to going to work every day. From meeting Huddersfield's very own 007 to getting entangled in a shootout, Angel's latest caper boasts a cast of unforgettable characters and indefatigable humour. *Due Nov* (English)

**W L RIPLEY** **Springers Gambit (2001) 354pp Pb \$17.95**

Cole Springer Thriller. Aspen - the American Riviera - where the rich and the beautiful go to play. Quiet streets, breathtaking mountains and one of the lowest crime rates in America. But that's about to change... (American)

Caitlin ROTHER **Naked Addiction 352pp Pb \$17.95**

Transferred to homicide, detective Ken Goode investigates a string of murders that are linked to the same beauty school his sister attends. He must race against time to catch a killer, while fighting his growing obsession with one of the women he is trying to save. *Due Nov* (American)

Robert RYAN **Dying Day 320pp Pb \$22.95**

1948: Europe is at peace, but a new war is just beginning. Laura McGill, a beautiful woman in her mid-20s, is waiting on a street corner in Piccadilly, London, with a Colt .32 in her handbag. She is desperate to find out what happened to her sister Diana. Both Laura and Diana were Special Operation Executive (SOE) spies during WWII. One night in 1944, Diana was flown into occupied France in a Lysander and never returned. Could she still be alive? *Due Nov* (American)

George D SHUMAN **Last Breath Tp \$29.95**

Sherry Moore #2. Following close on the heels of his celebrated debut **18 Seconds** (Pb \$18.95), Shuman returns with yet another remarkable thriller featuring investigative consultant Sherry Moore - a blind woman with an uncanny ability to view the final living moments of any dead body she encounters. *Due Nov* (American)

L J SELLERS **The Sex Club 347pp Tp \$18.95**

An appealing female sleuth, a plot that exposes the hypocrisies and evils of the self-righteous, and a mounting sense of danger to those the reader has learned to care about. The dialogue is authentic, the suspense builds right to the end, and not a word is wasted. *Due Nov* (American)

James SIEGEL **Deceit 432p Pb \$19.95**

It looks like just another car crash: a head-on collision on a lonely stretch of desert highway that leaves one driver dead. Yet Tom Valle, the local newspaperman assigned to the story, is damned good at spotting lies... *Due Nov* (American)

Chris SIMMS **Shifting Skin 320pp Pb \$22.95**

DI Jon Spicer #2. The Butcher of Belle Vue has struck again. Like the first two victims, the third has been partially skinned and dumped on waste ground, her muscles, tendons and ligaments exposed to view. DI Jon Spicer and his new partner, Rick Saville, are waiting for a breakthrough when a woman approaches Jon insisting that she heard 'The Butcher' claiming his third victim in the next-door room of a run-down hotel in Belle Vue... *Due Nov*

 **The Savage Moon 352pp Tp \$32.95**

DI Jon Spicer #3. The body of a woman with her throat ripped out is found on Saddleworth Moor, near Manchester. She is discovered in an area where numerous sightings of a mysterious big black cat have been made. When analysis shows the hairs caught under her nails are those of a panther, it's assumed the animal has killed its first human victim. But then a man DI Jon Spicer is investigating as part of an entirely different case is murdered in exactly the same way... *Due Nov* (English)

Robert SKINNER **The Righteous Cut 264pp Tp \$29.95**

December 1941: Jessica Richards, daughter of corrupt New Orleans councilman Whitman Richards, is the victim of a sensational daylight kidnapping. Richards is deliberately throwing the police off the case. Is it because the kidnapper is a familiar enemy, returned to settle an old score, or has Richards faked the kidnapping to further some aim of his own? *Due Nov* (American)


Mickey SPILLANE **Dead Street Pb \$15.95**

Hard Case Crime. One of a handful of novels he was working on at the time of his death, this is a previously unpublished work from hard-boiled fiction icon Spillane (1918-2006). NYPD detective Jack Stang receives word that his old fiancée, Bettie, who supposedly died in a kidnapping-gone-wrong 20 years earlier, is still alive and residing in a small Florida coastal community. *Due Nov* (American)


Mariah STEWART **The President's Daughter 390pp Pb \$17.95**

While working on research for a biography of former president Graham Hayward, journalist Simon Keller uncovers information about a secret and tragic love affair, following a trail that leads to beautiful businesswoman Dina McDermott, but revealing the truth about her parentage could put her in the path of a ruthless killer. *Due Nov* (American)


**Vicki STIEFEL**

 **Bone Man** 358pp Pb \$17.95
Tally Whyte Thriller. When a skull found inside an ancient clay pot turns out to be not only modern, but that of a friend of Tally Whytes, she becomes determined to find out who killed her friend and to uncover how the skull got into the pot. (American)


Martin SUTER

 **Deal with the Devil** 212pp Pb \$29.95
 Sonia Frey fears for her sanity. Her marriage ended in divorce after her husband tried to kill her. On top of this, an acid trip has disordered her senses - she can now 'feel' smells, 'see' sounds. To escape these worries, she takes a job as a physiotherapist at a newly re-opened hotel in a remote Alpine village. However, a series of unusual events throws her into disarray once more. *Due Nov* (German)


James SWAIN

 **Mr Lucky** 404pp Pb \$17.95
Tony Valentine Mystery #5. Valentine made his living and his name as a cop in Atlantic City - and is now known worldwide for his ability to spot the kinds of scams, grifts, and rip-offs that cost casinos billions every year. A man with a biting wit who drives a '92 Honda, Valentine is low-profile, old-school, and has seen it all, until he meets the luckiest man on earth... (American)


Sarah Stewart TAYLOR

 **Still as Death** 320pp Pb \$15.95
Sweeney St George Mystery #4. Art history professor Sweeney St George is preparing an exhibit on her specialty, "the art of death", for the university museum when she makes an unusual discovery - a valuable piece of Egyptian funerary jewellery in the museum's collection is missing. Then a murder brings the museum under the scrutiny of Detective Tim Quinn. Together they go after a killer, trying to resolve questions of the past before a clear and present danger catches up with them both. (American)

Robert TERRALL

 **Kill Now Pay Later (1960)** 224pp Pb \$15.95
Ben Gates Mystery. This classic noir novel by a master of the genre features private eye Ben Gates, entangled with three deadly beauties after a robbery at an upper-crust wedding. (American)

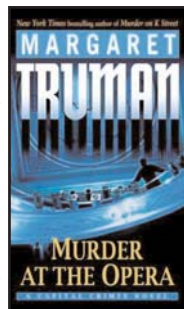
Aimee & David THURLO


 **Pale Death** 254pp Pb \$15.95
Lee Nez Mystery #3. A string of gruesome deaths in the Shiprock area has attracted the attention of FBI agent Diane Lopez. The killer is unmistakably a vampire, but the only vampire Diane knows is State Police officer Lee Nez. (American)

Margaret TRUMAN


 **Murder at the Opera** 460pp Pb \$17.95

The popular crime-fighting couple Mac Smith and his wife, Annabel Reed-Smith navigate the glitz, glamour, and grime that is Washington, DC. It ain't over until the fat lady sings, but the show hasn't even started yet when a diva is found dead. The soprano in question, a petite young Asian Canadian named Charise Lee, was scarcely a star at the Washington National Opera. But when the aspiring singer is stabbed in the heart backstage during rehearsals, she suddenly takes centre stage. *Due Nov* (American)


**Elaine VIETS**

 **Accessory to Murder** 288pp Pb \$15.95
Josie Marcus Mystery Shopper Mystery #3. Someone has killed Halley Hardwicke, the hot young designer of thousand-dollar Italian silk scarves, in the mall parking lot. Police have their eye on Jake, the husband of Josie's best friend Alyce. (American)


Jill Paton WALSH

 **The Bad Quarto** 288pp Pb \$22.95
Imogen Quy #4. Another foolhardy Cambridge college-climber has died attempting Harding's Folly. This time it is John Talentire, one of the brightest young dons at St Agatha's, and the verdict is accident, compounded by idiocy. But Imogen Quy - her name rhymes with 'why' - can't help wondering how such a clever young man died so stupidly. *Due Nov* (English)


Michael WALTERS

 **The Adversary** 324pp Tp \$29.95
Inspector Nergui #2. In Ulan Baatar, a high-profile criminal prosecution collapses as police evidence is revealed to have been faked. The female judge, Radnaa, throws out the case and the defendant, Muunokhoi, a wealthy and influential businessman with suspected links to organised crime, walks free. Nergui is assigned to conduct an internal enquiry into Muunokhoi's failed prosecution. *Due Nov* (English)


John WATSON

 **The Crimes of Dr Watson: An Interactive Sherlock Holmes Mystery** 80pp Hb \$39.95
 This illustrated hardcover book, complete with Victorian era illustrations, contains an original novella in the form of a letter from Dr John Watson. Once you've finished reading Watson's letter, it's up to you to sift through the clues and solve the mystery. *Due Nov* (American)


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 Emily Wallace has no doubt about who killed her best friend 10 years ago - Clint Austin, her then boyfriend. The key witness in his trial, Emily put Clint behind bars with her tearful testimony. After serving 10 years for a crime he didn't commit, Clint knows only the truth can set him free. (American)


F Paul WILSON

 **Harbingers** 488pp Pb \$17.95
Repairman Jack #10. It starts off so simply: still feeling down after the tragic events of *Infernal* (18.95), Jack is hanging in Julio's when a regular named Timmy asks him for help. His teenage niece has been missing since this morning; the police say it's too early to worry, but Timmy knows something bad has happened... (American)


Simon WOOD

 **Paying the Piper** 384pp Pb \$17.95
 Years ago, reporter Scott Fleetwood had become famous through his correspondence with a serial kidnapper called the Piper, but it turns out that he'd been talking to the wrong man, helping the real criminal to get away. Now the real Piper is back with new targets in mind - Scott's children. *Due Nov* (American)

Steven WOMACK

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 At first, it was just research... After several critically acclaimed novels, Michael Schifftmann has yet to make the kind of living he thinks due him; any kind of living at all, in fact. One drunken, depressed night, it comes to him. Readers want glitz and violence he'll give it to them. He'll create a series of novels featuring the boldest, coldest serial killer ever imagined. But to do this, he'll have to discover for himself what it feels like to actually kill someone... *Due Nov* (American)

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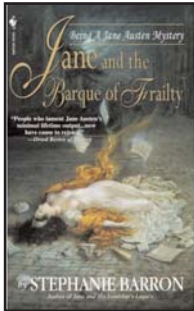


Stephanie BARRON

Jane and the Barque of Frailty

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In her latest spellbinding escapade, Jane Austen arrives in London to watch over the printing of her first novel, and finds herself embroiled in a crime that could end more than her career. For it's up to Jane to tease a murderer out of the ton, lest she and her country suffer a dastardly demise. *Due Nov* (English)



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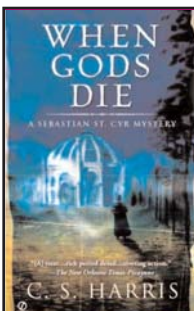
Alafair is sceptical of her daughter's new beau, Walter Kelly. Walter may appear charming and he is wealthy, but Alafair can't stop thinking about his last wife whose body was found in Cane Creek only a few months earlier. *Due Nov* (American)

C S HARRIS

When Gods Die

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Sebastian St Cyr Mystery #2. The young wife of an aging marquis is found murdered in the arms of the Prince Regent. Around her neck lies a necklace said to have been worn by Druid priestesses - that is, until it was lost at sea with its last owner, Sebastian St Cyr's mother. Now Sebastian is lured into a dangerous investigation of the marchioness's death - and his mother's uncertain fate. *Due Nov* (American)



Kate KINGSBURY

Slay Bells

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Pennyfoot Hotel Mystery #14. Cecily Sinclair Baxter hosts a holiday party at the Pennyfoot Hotel where the children of Badger's End can meet Father Christmas. Unfortunately, the jolly old man is found dead along with one of his helpers. *Due Nov*

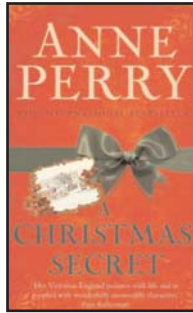
Shrouds of Holly 304pp Tp \$29.00

Pennyfoot Hotel Mystery #15. While decorating the Pennyfoot's ballroom for a Christmas reception, Cecily sends her husband Baxter and stable manager Samuel into the woods to cut some fresh boughs of holly for the ballroom. An hour later their one-horse open carriage returns with the horse, the holly - and the unwelcome gift of a dead body... *Due Nov* (American)

Anne PERRY

A Christmas Secret 144pp Pb \$19.95

December 1890. 11 days before Christmas, Clarice and her husband Reverend Dominic Corde arrive in the idyllic village of Cottisham to watch over the Reverend Wynter's flock while he takes a deserved holiday. With its village green and thatched cottages, Cottisham is a far cry from the bleak London parish they've left behind. But Clarice can't shake the feeling that the welcoming smiles of the locals are hiding dark secrets. When a shocking discovery confirms her suspicions, Clarice can't resist investigating. *Due Nov* (English)



Laura Joh ROWLAND

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#11. Tokyo 1698. Sano Ichiro, the samurai detective who has risen to become the shogun's second-in-command, is investigating rumours of a plot to overthrow the ruling regime. But conspiracy theories travel far too close to home when Sano discovers that Lord Mori, heir to the shogun, has been found murdered in his own bed... with Sano's pregnant wife Reiko lying naked beside him.

The Snow Empress

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#12. Japan 1699. Sano Ichiro, the samurai detective who has risen to power and influence in the shogun's court, has attracted dangerous rivals. *Due Nov* (American)

CRIME AUDIO

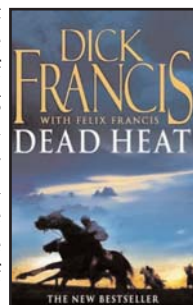


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Dead Heat

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2,000 guineas at Newmarket sees the great and the good of the horse-racing community gathered for a prestigious black-tie gala dinner. It is a fitting testament to the glamour of the occasion that top chef Max Moreton is cooking the evening's meal. However, spending the night retching in the throes of agony is the last thing Max expects. But much worse is to come - his food is suspected of putting 24 of the dinner guests in hospital. Read by Martin Jarvis. *Due Nov* (American)



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Richard Clark was a petty criminal, jailbird and alcohol and drug abuser who couldn't control his paedophilic and homicidal urges. This is the brutal, heartbreaking true story of the crimes and punishment of a monster that preyed on the most vulnerable victims of all, and of the determined prosecutor who swore to bring him to justice. (American)

Michael CONNELLY

Crime Beat: A Decade of Covering

Cops and Killers 375pp Pb \$19.95

Before Connelly became a novelist, he was a crime reporter, covering the detectives who worked the homicide beat. In these vivid, hard-hitting pieces, Connelly leads the reader past the yellow police tape as he follows the investigators, the victims, their families and friends - and of course the killers - to tell the real stories of murder and its aftermath. *Due Nov* (American)

Peter DAVIDSON

Murder at Holy Cross 272pp Pb \$17.95

On 25 March 2001, the body of a Catholic nun - stabbed 92 times - was discovered at South Florida's Holy Cross Academy. Police captured her killer, a young apprentice monk. But the deeper the investigation got, the more sordid and disturbing the story became. *Due Nov* (American)

John DOUGLAS & Johnny DODD

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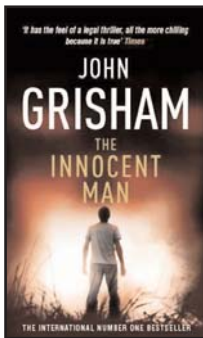
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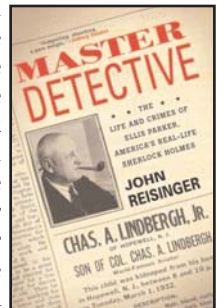
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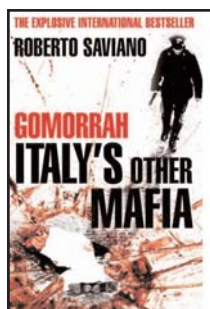
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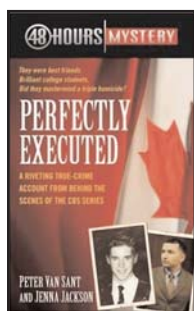
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John THEODORE

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