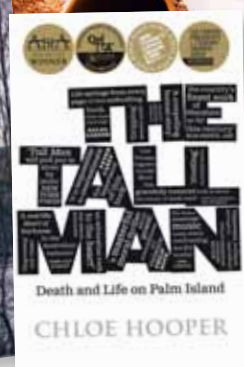
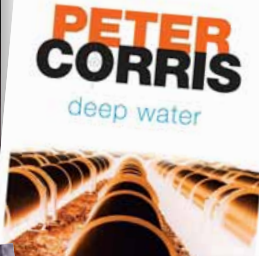


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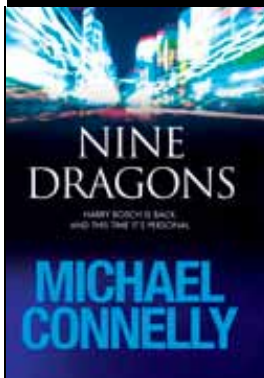
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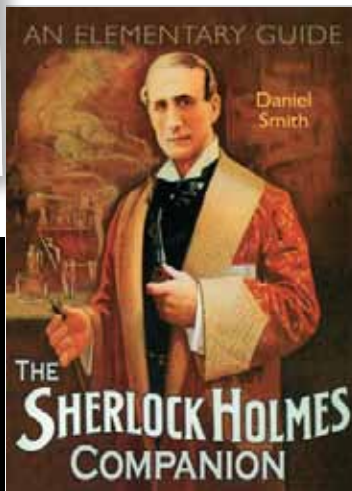
- Mark Sanderson, *Evening Standard*



Michael CONNELLY
Nine Dragons
416pp Tp \$32.99

Bosch #14. Harry Bosch is assigned to a homicide call in South LA that takes him to Fortune Liquors, where the Chinese owner has been shot to death behind the counter in a robbery. Joined by

members of the department's Asian Crime Unit, Bosch relentlessly investigates the killing and soon identifies a suspect, a Los Angeles member of a Hong Kong triad. But before Harry can close in, he gets the word that his young daughter Maddie, who lives in Hong Kong with her mother, is missing. Could her disappearance and the case be connected? (American) *Due Nov*



Daniel SMITH

The Sherlock Holmes Companion

An Elementary Guide

224pp Hb \$39.95

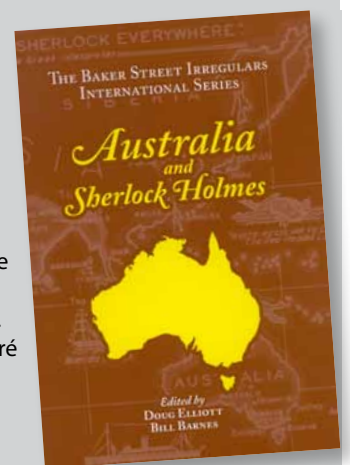
This gathers together an astounding range of Holmesian information! Included are synopses of the four novels and 56 stories; profiles of beloved characters such as Mrs Hudson (the great detective's long-suffering landlady) and Lestrade (the perennially baffled Scotland Yard detective); essays discussing themes such as Holmes' attitude towards women and his use of contemporary forensic science; and highlights of the various renditions of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's stories on screen, including interviews with actors who have played the roles of Holmes and Watson. Artwork includes the classic work of Sidney Paget, stills from film and TV adaptations, cover artwork for various editions published over the years

and contemporary photographs of the settings of various stories. (American) *Due Nov*

Doug ELLIOTT & Bill BARNES (eds)

Australia and Sherlock Holmes 208pp Hb \$79.95

This title captures the distinctive Sherlockian voice from 'Down Under', providing context for, and an introduction to, Sherlock Holmes in Australia. It gathers materials written from 1959 to 2007, mostly from *News from the Diggings* and *The Passengers' Log*. These incisively-written scholarly essays include two pieces about the larger-than-life Richard Hughes, an Australian journalist who made one of the scoops of the (last) century by obtaining the first interview with the Cambridge spies, Burgess and Maclean. (Hughes was a real-life inspiration for novelists John le Carré and Ian Fleming). Popular culture is well-represented by a piece covering Sherlock Holmes film concepts that were never filmed, and accompanied by delightful, apocryphal movie posters. Well-reasoned papers link both Watson's childhood and the speckled band snake to Australia, and a fine essay addresses "The Gloria Scott," plus much more attesting to the continuing popularity of the great detective around the globe, particularly in Australia. (Australian)



"...the most wrenching Bosch novel yet. ...The jagged intersection between a cop's personal and professional lives is a recurring theme in many crime novels, but never has it been portrayed with the razor-edge sharpness and psychological acuity that Connelly brings to the subject."

- Bill Ott, *Booklist*

Modern Crime

James ANDERSON

 **Affair of the Thirty Nine Cufflinks**
413pp Pb \$19.99


Understandably, Lord Burford had some misgivings about hosting another house party at Alderley, his beautiful country mansion. After all, the previous two could at best be described as disastrous. But with family members travelling down for a relative's funeral, the Earl really had no choice but to offer them accommodation. It didn't take long for things to start going wrong. One of the guests claimed she had knowledge that would ruin the others' reputations, but luckily nobody took her seriously enough to take offence. At least, that's what they thought up until her body was found. (English)

Donna ANDREWS

 **Six Geese A-Slaying**
336pp Pb \$13.95

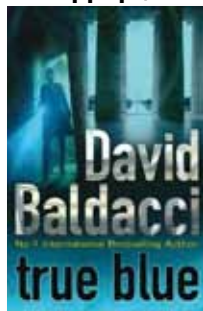
Meg Lanslow Mystery #11. Meg and Michael's house is serving as the marshalling point for the annual Caerphilly holiday parade. As organiser, Meg's job is already hard enough, but when her nephew Eric, wide-eyed and ashen-faced, whispers, "something's wrong with Santa," things take a tragic turn. Turns out the local curmudgeon, whose beard and belly made him a natural for the role, has been murdered. Now it's up to Meg and Chief Burke to solve the murder and save Christmas... (American) *Due Nov*

David BALDACCI

 **True Blue**
Mason 'Mace'

Perry was a maverick cop on the DC police force until she was kidnapped and framed for a crime. She lost everything and spent two years in prison. Now back on the outside, Mace is trying to rebuild her life and track down the people who set her up. Roy Kingman is a young lawyer, still getting used to his high-paid job at a law firm in Washington. When Roy discovers the dead body of a female partner at the firm, his fate becomes entangled with Mace's, as the two team up to investigate. As their enquiries gather pace, Roy and Mace soon find themselves drawn into both the private and public world of the nation's capital. For what began as a fairly routine homicide investigation will quickly turn into something far more complex and possibly lethal. (American) *Due Nov*

464pp Tp \$32.95



Lorna BARRETT

 **Bookplate Special 320pp Pb \$15.95**
Booktown Mystery #3. Bookstore owner

Tricia Miles has put up - and put up with - her uninvited college roommate for weeks. In return, Pammy has stolen \$100. But the day she's kicked out, Pammy's found dead in a dumpster, leaving loads of questions unanswered. (American) *Due Nov*

Colin BATEMAN

 **Mystery Man** 432pp Pb \$22.99

He's the Man With No Name and the owner of *No Alibis*, a mystery bookshop in Belfast. When the detective agency next door goes bust, the clients start calling into his shop asking him to solve their cases. It's an easy way to sell books to his gullible customers and Alison, the beautiful girl in the jewellery shop across the road, will surely be impressed. When they break into the shuttered shop next door on a dare, they're catapulted along a murder trail which leads them from small-time publishing to Nazi concentration camps and serial killers... (English) *Due Nov*

M C BEATON

 **There Goes the Bride**
278pp Hb \$39.95

Agatha Raisin #20. Agatha's former husband James is engaged to be married to a beautiful, young woman and Agatha has been kindly invited to the wedding. When the bride is murdered on her wedding day, Agatha is Suspect Number One. However, matters are turned on their head when the dead bride's mother engages Agatha to take on the case of her murdered daughter! Very soon Agatha's own life is in danger while she tries to solve the mystery of the corpse bride. (English)

Ted BELL

 **Tsar: A Thriller** 720pp Pb \$19.99


Alexander Hawke #5. With her finger on the switch to the European economy and her sights on the American jugular, Russia gains a new leader. Not just a president, he has been appointed Tsar, a signal to the world that the old imperial power is back - and plans to have her day. At the same time, a mysterious killer brutally murders an innocent American family, in the process blowing up the small Midwestern town they called home. Just a taste, according to the new Tsar, of what will happen if America does not step aside in preventing Russia's plans to 'reintegrate' her rogue states. Onto this nightmarish stage steps special agent extraordinaire, Alex Hawke, the only man who can stop the madness. (American) *Due Nov*

Steve BERRY

 **The Charlemagne Pursuit**
544pp Pb \$19.99

Ex-agent Cotton Malone wants to know what really happened to his father, officially lost at sea when his submarine went down in the north Atlantic in 1971. But when he uses his government contacts to obtain the submarine's sealed file, he finds he is not the only person looking for answers. He is attacked in an attempt to take the file and pitched into a lethal power struggle between twin sisters whose twisted ambition takes sibling rivalry to new levels. Forced to choose a side when neither can win, Malone is determined to uncover the truth behind his father's death - but will he be able to escape his own? (American) *Due Nov*

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 Horse Racing

PB = PAPERBACK

HB = HARDBACK

TP = TRADE PAPERBACK (Slightly Larger)

Stuart BLACK

 **Shallow Water** 344pp Tp \$24.95

A lifeless body by the side of the road in Notting Hill. A gorgeous but high maintenance wife self-destructing because she's been denied access to the family fortune. Another death - this time in the shallows of the stunning Great Barrier Reef. Life for Brad West is not turning out the way he expected. But before he can make any sense of it, he's going to have to confront a few home truths about the family he's married into. A family whose secrets are well hidden and whose power and money are enough to turn sister against sister and friend into foe. (Australian)

C J BOX

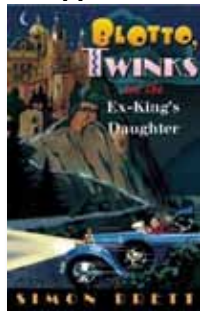
 **Three Weeks to Say Goodbye** 368pp Pb \$15.95

Jack and Melissa McGuane have spent years trying to have a baby. Finally their dream comes true with the adoption of their daughter, Angelina. But nine months after bringing her home, they receive a devastating phone call... Angelina's birth father, a teenager, never signed away his parental rights and he wants her back. Worse, his father, a powerful Denver judge, will use every trick in the book to make sure it happens. When the McGuanes attempt to meet the father and son, it becomes clear that there's something sinister about their motivations and love for Angelina is not one of them. A horrifying game of intimidation and double crosses begins that quickly becomes a death spiral where everyone is suspect and no one is safe. (American) *Due Nov*

Simon BRETT

 **Blotto, Twinks and the Ex-King's Daughter** 185pp Hb \$49.95

Ex-Princess Etheline, daughter of the exiled king of Mitteleuropa, has been kidnapped during a visit to Tawcester Towers, ancestral seat of the Dukes of Tawcester. Ducal family honour demands she be rescued. The Dowager




Duchess entrusts the task to her son, the Right Hon Devereux Lyminster, known universally as 'Blotto'. He is, of course, terribly handsome, honourable and brave, but as sadly deficient in the brains department as his sister 'Twinks' is gifted. So Blotto sets off, accompanied by trusty former batman and chauffeur, Corky Froggett. They drive across many countries to Mitteleuropa, a realm now ruled by a usurper, the ex-king's brother, where they suspect the princess has been taken. Can brave Blotto and loyal Corky rescue Ethelinda, or will they meet their end in the evil clutches of King Vlatislav? (English)

Leslie CAINE

 **Holly and Homicide** 352pp Pb \$15.95

Domestic Bliss Mystery #7. It's Christmas-time in sleepy Snowcap, Colorado, and the town is up in arms. The venerable Goodwin Estate has been sold to enterprising out-of-towners and is getting a major makeover just in time for the holidays. Interior designers Erin Gilbert and Steve Sullivan walked smack into a storm of chaos - the estate's new owners, including one whose idea of holiday decor involves inflatable elves and a gingerbread facade, are battling among themselves. Erin's big-talking ex-boyfriend shows up just in time to make Sullivan crazy jealous and when a local building inspector is found strangled with a strand of Christmas lights, Gilbert and Sullivan begin to suspect it might be time to leave this psychodrama of a project behind. Features domestic bliss home decorating tips! (American) *Due Nov*

Duncan CAMPBELL

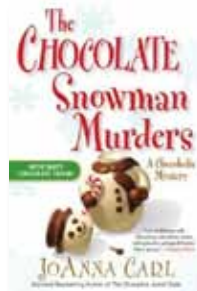
 **If It Bleeds** 384pp Pb \$22.99

Britain's best known gangster, Charlie Hook, wants to tell his life story and chooses crime reporter Laurie Lane as his reluctant ghost. But the next day Hook is dead, his blood and hair on the walls of his north London mansion. Who has killed the last of the London Godfathers? (American) *Due Nov*

Joanna CARL

 **The Chocolate Snowman Murders** 240pp Pb \$13.95

Lee McKinney Chocoholic Mystery #8. The much anticipated Winter Arts festival is here and as treasurer of Winterfest, Lee is up to her elbows in mix-ups behind the scenes. When the art show's guest juror shows up drunk, Lee lets him sleep it off, only to find out later that someone's put the visiting dignitary into a permanent state of repose. (American) *Due Nov*




Haggai CARMON

 **Triangle of Deception** 336pp Pb \$15.95


Dan Gordon Intelligence Thriller #3. How do you penetrate the world's most secretive and tightly knit terrorist organisation? Dan Gordon's only option is deception. Working undercover in a joint CIA/Mossad mission, he's on the hunt for the source of funding to Hezbollah. He has infiltrated a Lebanese network in Paraguay, only to realise the operation is far more wide-ranging than he's been told. And when Dan finds himself locked in a grim Romanian prison cell, he wonders if there's still more that he hasn't been told. Did the CIA make him a sacrificial lamb? Or has he stumbled on a much bigger plot, one with the potential to disrupt Al Qaeda's operations in America? (American) *Due Nov*

Tania CARVER

 **The Surrogate** 448pp Tp \$32.99

A shocking double-murder scene greets Detective Inspector Philip Brennan when he is called to a flat in Colchester. Two women are viciously cut open and laying spreadeagled, one tied to the bed, one on the floor. The woman on the bed has had her stomach cut into and her unborn child is missing. But this is the third time Phil and his team have seen such an atrocity. Two other pregnant women have been killed in this way and their babies taken from them. No-one can imagine what sort of person would want to commit such evil acts. Can they find the killer before another woman is targeted? (English) *Due Nov*

Mary & Carol CLARK

 **Dashing Through the Snow: A Holiday Mystery in the Country** 320pp Pb \$15.95


In the picturesque village of Branscombe, New Hampshire, the townsfolk are all pitching in to prepare for the first Festival of Joy. The night before the festival begins, a group of employees at the local market learn that they have won \$160 million in the lottery. One of their co-workers, Duncan, decided at the last minute, on the advice of a pair of crooks masquerading as financial advisers, not to play. Then he goes missing. A second winning lottery ticket was purchased in the next town, but the winner hasn't come forward. Could Duncan have secretly bought it? Alvirah Meehan, amateur sleuth, and private investigator Regan Reilly have arrived in Branscombe for the festival. They are just the people to find out what is amiss. As they dig beneath the surface, they find that life in Branscombe is not as tranquil as it appears. (American) *Due Nov*

Barbara CLEVERLY

 **Bright Hair About the Bone** 496pp Hb \$46.95

Laetitia Talbot Mystery #2. Laetitia's joy at snaring a place in the excavation of an ancient church in Burgundy is dimmed by the recent death of her godfather Daniel. But then she starts to believe that Daniel Thorndon's fatal accident was nothing of the kind. Letty's investigation into Daniel's possible murder sends her on a journey back in time and into the orbit of a privileged French family harbouring its own damning secret. Encountering ancient Celtic mysteries and one sacred truth kept through the ages, Letty makes an explosive revelation that could rock the notion of faith itself - and may force a killer out of hiding. (English) *Due Nov*

Wilkie COLLINS

 **No Name (1862)** 784pp Pb \$19.95

Magdalen and her sister Norah find themselves suddenly orphaned and penniless. Norah takes up a position as a governess, but Magdalen cannot accept the loss of her inheritance and decides to win it back. With the help of cunning Captain Wragge, she concocts a scheme that involves disguise, deceit and astonishing self-transformation. (English) *Due Nov*



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John CONNOR



Unsafe

496pp Pb \$19.99

#5. Karen Sharpe has been promoted to Detective Sergeant, but are the pressures of the job getting too much for her? When the battered body of a young girl is discovered, it kicks off an inquiry which pushes Karen and a trainee DC, Marcus Roth, too close for comfort, both on and off-duty. The investigation leads to a woman with a violent past - a woman with a six-year-old boy in her care... As the terrible truth emerges, the inquiry becomes a race against time before another child becomes a victim. (English) *Due Nov*

Patrick CULHANE



Red Sky in Morning 288pp Pb \$16.99

A World War's being fought in 1943 and Lieutenant Peter Maxwell wants in on it. But his assignment to the Liberty Hill Victory is not what he had in mind. An ammo ship commanded by racist officers and crewed by largely untrained and inexperienced African-American sailors, it is a volatile floating powder keg in more ways than one. In the wake of a deadly explosion and subsequent mutiny in San Francisco's Port Chicago, the Liberty Hill Victory puts out to sea with Maxwell and his new ally, former Chicago cop Seaman 'Sarge' Washington, struggling to keep the ship afloat in treacherous waters. Because if a typhoon doesn't sink them or their cargo doesn't blow them straight to hell, a looming, more human threat just might, as a brutalised corpse discovered at the ship's bottom hammers home a terrible truth: they are thousands of miles from anywhere with a murderer onboard. (American) *Due Nov*

Clive CUSSLER & Justin SCOTT



The Wrecker

470pp Tp \$32.95

Isaac Bell #2. It is 1907, a year of financial panic and labour unrest. Train wrecks, fires and explosions sabotage the Southern Pacific Railroad's Cascades express line and, desperate, the railroad hires the fabled Van Dorn Detective Agency. Van Dorn sends in his best man and Bell quickly discovers that a mysterious saboteur haunts the hobo jungles of the West, a man known as the Wrecker, who recruits accomplices from the down-and-out to attack the railroad, and then kills them afterward. Who is he? What does he want? Is he a striker? An anarchist? A revolutionary determined to displace the privileged few? A criminal mastermind engineering some as yet unexplained scheme? Whoever he is, whatever his motives, the Wrecker knows how to create maximum havoc and Bell senses that he is far from done. (American) *Due Nov*

Jordan DANE



The Wrong Side of Dead

384pp Pb \$15.95

Sweet Justice #2. On the mean streets of Chicago, bounty hunter Jessie Beckett works to solve a grisly murder and save a friend in the process. (American) *Due Nov*

David Stuart DAVIES



Requiem for a Dummy

224pp Hb \$49.95

Johnny One Eye #4. London 1943. Successful ventriloquist Raymond Carter begins receiving death threats over the telephone. These calls are especially unnerving as the threats are made in the voice of his dummy, Charlie Dokes. Disturbed, Carter calls on the services of private detective Johnny Hawke to get to the bottom of this bizarre case. However, when a cast member of Carter's radio show is brutally murdered, the ventriloquist becomes a suspect and the investigation begins to take a dark and surreal path. This not only places Johnny in danger, but also those who are close to him. (English) *Due Nov*

Carola DUNN



The Black Ship

256pp Pb \$21.99

Daisy Dalrymple Mystery #17. It is 1925 and the Honourable Daisy Dalrymple, her husband Alec Fletcher and their recent twins move to a new, large house on the outskirts of London. Set in a small circle of houses with a communal garden, it seems like the idyllic setting - that is, until a murder victim turns up under the bushes of the communal garden. (American) *Due Nov*

Carola DUNN



Sheer Folly

272pp Pb \$21.99

Daisy Dalrymple #18. In March of 1926, Daisy Dalrymple Fletcher and her friend Lucy head off for several days at stately home reputed to have the best grotto in the country. Working on a book of architectural follies they plan to research and photograph it. When the grotto explodes with Lord Rydal in it, it's not a question of who would do it - as most who've met him would be sorely tempted - but who actually did do it. (American) *Due Nov*

David ELLIS



The Hidden Man

352pp Tp \$32.95

On a hot summer night in 1980, two-year-old Audrey Cutler was snatched from her bedroom and never seen again. 26 years later, her brother, Sammy, fatefully crosses paths with the man the police failed to convict for her abduction and murder. A few weeks later, that man is murdered. Private attorney Jason Kolarich, Sammy's long-lost childhood friend, is engaged to defend him. But can he trust the people who hired him? Why are they paying for Sammy's defence and why do they want the case heard so quickly, leaving Kolarich no time to prepare it? Why, when Kolarich's investigations lead the police to a buried cache of children's bodies, do they kidnap his brother and threaten his life? As the clock ticks for both his brother and his childhood friend, Jason must discover the shocking truth in order to save them and, finally, to save himself. (American)



Kate ELLIS



A Perfect Death

432pp Pb \$19.99

Wesley Peterson #14. When a woman is burned to death in Grandal Field in Devon, it seems like a case of mistaken identity, until DI Wesley Peterson learns of a legend involving a French woman who burned to death there in the 13th century. (English) *Due Nov*

R J ELLORY



The Anniversary Man

400pp Tp \$32.99

20 years ago John Costello's life, as he knew it, ended. He and his beautiful girlfriend, Nadia, became victims of the deranged 'Hammer of God' killer who terrorised New Jersey City throughout the summer of 1984. This murderer went after young courting couples in an attempt to 'save their souls'. Nadia was killed by the first blow of the hammer. John survived, but was physically and psychologically scarred to an extent that few people could comprehend. He withdrew from society, hid in his apartment and now only emerges to work as a crime researcher for a major newspaper. Damaged he may be, but no one in New Jersey knows more about serial killers than John Costello. So, when a new spate of murders starts - all seemingly random and unrelated - John is the only one who can discern the complex pattern that lies behind them, but could this dark knowledge be about to threaten his life? (English) *Due Nov*

J F ENGLERT



A Dog at Sea

288pp Pb \$15.95

Bull Moose Dog Run Mystery #3. For Randolph and his owner, Harry, a struggling artist, it was dog heaven: a pet lover's cruise filled with canine experts and gung-ho trainers - plus plenty of art lectures for Harry and midnight buffets for Randolph. The two have come on board to follow clues that they hope will lead to the whereabouts of the long-lost Imogen, Randolph's mistress and Harry's beloved girlfriend. But no one prepared Randolph for being put on a diet, not to mention a new meaning for 'poop deck' - or anything about murder. Now, with a storm bearing down on the ship, Milton Tabasco, TV's celebrated dog 'mutterer', threatening to drive him mad and a mysterious stalker shadowing Harry's every move, Randolph is running out of time to catch a killer. After all, this Lab was born to eat - not to swim. (American) *Due Nov*



Helen FITZGERALD



Bloody Women

240pp Pb \$22.95

Returning to Scotland to organise her wedding, Catriona is overcome with the jitters. She decides to tie up loose ends before settling permanently in Tuscany and seeks out her ex-boyfriends. Only problem is, they're all dead. (English) *Due Nov*

Shamini FLINT**Inspector Singh Investigates:** **A Bali Conspiracy Most Foul**
304pp Pb \$22.99

Inspector Singh is back, but this time on secondment to Bali. A bomb has exploded and Singh has been sent to help with anti-terrorism efforts. But there's a slight problem: he knows squat about hunting terrorists. (English) *Due Nov*

Vince FLYNN**Extreme Measures****528pp Pb \$19.99**

With Mitch Rapp away on assignment in Pakistan, CIA Director Irene Kennedy turns to his protégé, Mike Nash. Nash has served his government honourably for sixteen years, never wavering in his fight against the jihads and their culture of death. He has soldiered on secure in the knowledge that his hard work and lethal tactics have saved the lives of thousands. But the one thing he never saw coming was that his own government was about to turn on him... (American) *Due Nov*

Vince FLYNN**Pursuit of Honour****448pp Tp \$32.99**

Mitch Rapp is on the trail of the traitor within. Honour must be satisfied. (American) *Due Nov*

Allan FOLSOM**The Hadrian Memorandum****560pp Tp \$32.99**

When the giant Texas-based oil company, AG Striker, requests seismic details of an oil reserve just off Equatorial Guinea's coast, what they find astounds them: beneath the small field lies a literal ocean of oil, bigger than the entire Saudi Arabian deposit. Striker's lease for the area gives them control of the field and, essentially, Equatorial Guinea. Enlisting the CIA and an enigmatic military company called Hadrian, the oil company plots to overthrow the existing government of Equatorial Guinea and replace it with a puppet they can control completely. A lethal document, The Hadrian Memorandum guarantees AG Striker ownership of the field - and the state. A brave few strive to uncover what's really going on. (American) *Due Nov*

John FRANCOME**Deadly Finish****320pp Tp \$32.99**

It's summer, Royal Ascot, and life is good for young trainer Simon Waterford. He has inherited his father's top-class yard, his brilliant two-year-old has just won the Coventry Stakes and he is soon to marry his beautiful girlfriend. But Mariana has a secret which would wreck her hopes of marriage - and which Simon's uncle Geoff has found out. And he has threatened to tell Simon. On their way back from the races, two rough-looking young men pass lewd comments about Mariana. There's not much of a brawl - it's over too quickly and is hardly even-handed - but it leaves Mariana in a sea of blood tending to Simon's wounded face, while Geoff lies dead on the floor. It's a tragedy, of course, but Mariana can't help but feel relieved. Her secret is safe, for now... (English) *Due Nov*

John FRANCOME**Final Breath****384pp Pb \$19.99**

It's been over a year since Danny Clark's girlfriend Kirsty died in a horrific diving accident in the Caribbean. Danny was plunged into a time of bitter mourning, but now he's back on his feet, with a lot of help from Kirsty's best friend, Tara. In fact, Danny has fallen for Tara in a major way. Danny's godfather Adrian Spring, who runs a racing stable, isn't at all happy about this. He can't help wondering how much Tara knows about the secrets that died with Kirsty. Secrets he'd prefer stayed secret for ever. (English) *Due Nov*

Michelle GAGNON**The Gatekeeper 416pp Pb \$15.95**

Kelly Jones Mystery #3. From the moment 16-year-old Madison Grant is abducted, an unthinkable terrorist plot is set in motion - pitting Special Agent Kelly Jones against her most powerful adversary yet. A shadowy figure who calls himself The Gatekeeper is uniting hate groups, opening the door to the worst home-grown attack in American history. (American) *Due Nov*

Alison GAYLIN**Heartless****320pp Pb \$12.99**

After ditching a high-powered Manhattan job to join her lover Warren in a tiny, quaint Mexican town, Zoe Greene's ready for a more tranquil way of life. But as soon as she arrives in San Esteban, its clear there's something very strange lurking behind its idyllic appearance. Creepy local customs, a gruesome recent murder and Warren's peculiar disappearances do little to ease her fears. When tourists are killed, Zoe decides it's finally time to get to the bottom of the sinister goings-on. (American) *Due Nov*

John GRISHAM**The Associate 384pp Pb \$19.95**

Kyle McAvoy is one of the outstanding legal students of his generation: he's good looking, has a brilliant mind and a glittering future ahead of him. But he has a secret from his past, a secret that threatens to destroy his fledgling career and, possibly, his entire life. Now Kyle is caught between the criminal forces manipulating him and the FBI, who would love to unmask a conspiracy. Will his intellect, cunning and bravery be enough to extricate him from an impossible dilemma? (American) *Due Nov*

M R HALL**The Coroner****450pp Pb \$22.99**

When lawyer, Jenny Cooper, is appointed Severn Vale District Coroner, she's hoping for a quiet life and space to recover from a traumatic divorce, but the office she inherits from the recently deceased Harry Marshall contains neglected files hiding dark secrets and a trail of buried evidence. Could the tragic death in custody of a young boy be linked to the apparent suicide of a teenage prostitute and the fate of Marshall himself? Jenny embarks on a lonely and dangerous one-woman crusade for justice which threatens not only her career but also her sanity. (English) *Due Nov*

Charlaine HARRIS**Grave Secret****352pp Tp \$29.99**

Harper Connolly #4. Harper's pretty happy with her life: she's making a living, using her unique talent to help people and she's got a lover - her stepbrother Tolliver. That creeps some people out, but though they grew up together and got each other through the real bad times - their parents' drug-use, the abuse, the disappearance of Harper's elder sister Cameron - they're not blood relatives. Then the police get a tip-off that after all these years, Cameron's been spotted in a mall, Tolliver gets shot, and a cop dies taking a bullet for her. Harper can find dead people, but now it's clear someone wants her dead. (American) *Due Nov*

Cynthia HARROD-EAGLES**Fell Purpose****256pp Hb \$49.95**

A Bill Slider Mystery. Zella Wilding, straight-A student at St Margaret's, prefect, future Head Girl, lies dead near the famous Wormwood Scrubs prison in London. What was this good girl from a strict Christian family doing out there, dressed to kill, when she was supposed to be at a sleep-over with school friends? The mysteries only seem to proliferate as the investigation progresses and the more Bill Slider knows, the less he understands about this very secret girl. (English) *Due Nov*

Cynthia HARROD-EAGLES**Fourth Bill Slider Omnibus****576pp Pb \$29.99**

Contains **Gone Tomorrow** and **Dear Departed.** (American) *Due Nov*

Susan HILL**The Vows of Silence****336pp Pb \$24.95**

Simon Serrailier #4. Melanie shops happily for supper the day after her return from honeymoon but when she gets back from the supermarket there is someone other than her new husband waiting for her. Tanya and Dan, who have been married that day, slip back into town to enjoy the fun of Lafferton's 'Jug' Fair. Also in the throng are middle-aged Helen and Phil who are planning their wedding. And someone else. Someone bent on destroying happiness and lives. Simon Serrailier is faced with a number of apparently motiveless murders. Could the link be love and marriage? (English) *Due Nov*

Matt HILTON**Dead Men's Dust 448pp Pb \$19.99**

Joe Hunter #1. Hunter's current problem is a missing little brother, last seen fleeing the site of a gruesome killing. A brutal encounter with some very nasty criminals leaves Hunter fighting for his life. And that's before he comes up against America's most feared serial killer. (Scottish) *Due Nov*



Matt HILTON

Judgement and Wrath

320pp Tp \$32.99

Joe Hunter #2. Joe Hunter doesn't like bullies. So his latest job - saving a young woman from her bully boyfriend - is a no-brainer. Hunter's only worry is that the man who hired him is looking for more than protection for his daughter. One thing Hunter has never been and never will be, is a killer-for-hire. As it turns out, the vengeful father isn't the only one who wants the boyfriend dead. Soon Hunter is face-to-face with a contract killer who takes his work very seriously. (Scottish) *Due Nov*

Hazel HOLT

Any Man's Death

287pp Hb \$49.95

Mrs Malory #19. The village of Mere Barton is facing a time of upheaval, with traditional rural lifestyles being forced out by the demands of newcomers in search of a countryside idyll. When local author Sheila Malory is asked to research the history of the village, she has her reservations; 'The Book' is one of the many projects of Annie Roberts. Miserly and controlling, Annie is at the heart of everything that goes on in Mere Barton. Indeed, it seems that hardly anyone - not even the local rector - has a good word to say about her. When Annie suffers a fatal bout of self-inflicted food poisoning, there is more relief than grief around the village. However, as Sheila continues to work on the local history, she discovers that Annie's influence was due to more than just her forceful personality. Was the death as accidental as it first seemed? (English)

Quintin JARDINE

Skinner's Trail (1994)

512pp Pb \$22.99

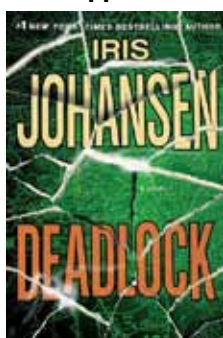
#3. First the joyous birth of Skinner's son... then the grim reality of murder in one of Edinburgh's prosperous suburbs. (Scottish) *Due Nov*

Iris JOHANSEN

Deadlock

384pp Pb \$15.95

Emily Hudson is a renowned archaeologist who travels the world to save priceless artefacts from theft or destruction. Her best friend and partner, Joel Levy, is always at her side, until they are held hostage by a sadistic captor determined to find the missing link to a legendary treasure. John Garrett has worked for the CIA, British intelligence, and whoever else was willing to pay for his services. This time, a Washington operative hands him what at first appears to be just another assignment: to save Emily and Joel. But it quickly becomes much more, especially when Garrett finds himself drawn to someone as dauntless and bent on revenge as Emily. (American) *Due Nov*



Joseph KANON

Stardust

512pp Tp \$32.99

Hollywood, 1945. Ben Collier returns from war to the news that his filmmaker brother Daniel has died in mysterious circumstances - the papers say it was an accident, but others suspect suicide. Why would a man with such a bright future take his own life? Could he have been murdered? Ben is determined to uncover the truth and uses his friendship with Continental Studios boss Sol Lasner to penetrate the maze of studio politics and Hollywood secrets. (American) *Due Nov*



Alex KAVA

Black Friday

432pp Tp \$32.99

Maggie O'Dell #7. On the busiest shopping day of the year, idealistic students wade into malls across America carrying concealed devices they believe will cause chaos at the checkouts. But at the nation's largest shopping centre, the results are incendiary and people lie dead. A white-collar lobby group called Citizens for American Pride takes responsibility for the protest action, calling for an end to cheap, foreign-made goods and exported manufacturing jobs. But they insist the bombing was the work of rogue members who took the message too far. As Maggie and her partner sift through both the debris and the facts of the case, they uncover paranoia, racism and a sinister secret agenda that extends to the highest ranks. (American) *Due Nov*

Jonathan KELLERMAN

The Conspiracy Club

416pp Pb \$19.99

When psychologist Dr Jeremy Carrier's romance with nurse Jocelyn Banks is cut short by her kidnapping and brutal murder, he is left emotionally devastated and is watched by police seeking a prime suspect in the unsolved killing. To escape the pain, he buries himself in his work. But when more women turn up murdered in the same gruesome fashion, the suspicion surrounding Jeremy intensifies and the only way for him to prove his innocence is to follow the trail of a cunning psychopath. (American) *Due Nov*

Jonathan KELLERMAN

Evidence

352pp Tp \$32.99

Alex Delaware #24. In the half-built skeleton of a monstrously vulgar mansion in one of LA's tiniest neighbourhoods, a watchman stumbles on the bodies of a young couple murdered and left in a gruesome post-mortem embrace. Though he's cracked some of the city's worst slayings, veteran homicide cop Milo Sturgis is still shocked at the grisly sight: a twisted crime that only Milo's killer instincts and psychologist Alex Delaware's keen insights can hope to solve. (American) *Due Nov*

Diana KILLIAN

Dial Om for Murder

288pp Pb \$13.95

Mantra for Murder Mystery #2. When one of AJ's celebrity yoga students gets permanently bent out of shape and another is accused of the crime, AJ has no choice but to position herself as a sleuth to find the real killer. (American) *Due Nov*

Chris KUZNESKI

The Prophecy

576pp Tp \$32.95

Payne and Jones #5. When the prophetic writings of 16th century apothecary Nostradamus begin to ring alarmingly true, Payne and Jones find themselves in a life-or-death race across the world to stop those who would use the French seer's predictions for their own dark purposes. (American)

Craig LARSEN

Mania

320pp Pb \$13.95

On the foggy streets of Seattle, a serial killer known as the Street Butcher is terrorising the city. Newspaper photographer Nick Wilder is accustomed to seeing gruesome homicide scenes. But when the Street Butcher claims Nick's brother as his latest casualty, the case suddenly becomes very personal. Determined to find his brother's killer, Nick stumbles into a dizzying labyrinth of deceit and danger. As he digs deeper, Nick discovers his own past holds a key to unmasking a clever, diabolical psychopath. (American) *Due Nov*



Asa LARSSON

The Savage Altar (2006)

320pp Pb \$22.95

Rebecka Martinsson #1. Rebecka Martinsson is heading home to Kiruna, the small town she left in disgrace years before. A Stockholm tax lawyer, she is returning because her friend Sanna's brother has been horrifically murdered in the church of the cult he helped create. To help her friend and to find the real killer, Rebecka must relive the darkness she left behind in Kiruna, delve into a sordid conspiracy of deceit and confront a killer whose motives are impossible to guess... (Swedish) *Due Nov*

Stephen LEATHER

Private Dancer

287pp Pb \$22.99

Pete wanders into a Bangkok go-go bar and meets the love of his life. Joy is young, stunning and a pole dancer. In a roller-coaster ride of sex, drugs, and deception, Pete discovers that his own very private dancer is not all she claims to be. Far from being the love of his life, Joy is his own personal nightmare. (English)

Merline LOVELACE

 **All the Wrong Moves** 240pp Pb \$13.95

Samantha Spade Mystery #1. USAF Lieutenant Samantha Spade and her techies try out the latest gizmos for the military. On a test run with the Ergonomic Exoskeletal Extension (EEEEK), Sam stumbles over two dead bodies in the desert. With the help of handsome Border Patrol Agent Jeff Mitchell, Sam must unravel a cover-up involving an illegal arms deal. (American) *Due Nov*

C J LYONS

 **Urgent Care** 384pp Pb \$15.95


Angels of Mercy Hospital charge nurse Nora Halloran has been living with a painful secret for two long years. When a co-worker is assaulted and killed, Nora must face her deepest fears and reveal all her secrets to the man she loves to stop the killer from striking again. (American) *Due Nov*

Amy MacKINNON

 **Tethered** 352pp Pb \$22.99


Clara Marsh is an undertaker. She spends her solitary life among the dead and bids them farewell with a bouquet from her own garden. But Clara's carefully structured life shifts when she discovers a neglected little girl, Trecie, playing in the funeral parlour, desperate for a friend. It changes even more when Detective Mike Sullivan starts questioning her again about a body she prepared three years ago, an unidentified girl found murdered in a nearby strip of woods. When Clara and Mike learn Trecie may be involved with the same people who killed her, Clara must choose between her solitary but steadfast existence and the perils of binding one's life to another. (American) *Due Nov*

Alastair MacLEAN

 **The Lonely Sea (1985)** 304pp Pb \$19.99


Collection of tales of the sea including the story that launched the author's writing career. (Scottish) *Due Nov*

Alastair MacLEAN

 **Partisans (1982)** 304pp Pb \$19.99


Three Yugoslavs set out from Rome to relay the German battle plan, but their loyalties lie elsewhere. A dangerous journey with dangerous companions and intrigue and betrayal are around every corner... (Scottish) *Due Nov*

Alistair MacLEAN

 **Floodgate (1983)** 464pp Pb \$19.99


Reissue of the tense tale of a deadly terrorist plot set Holland. (Scottish) *Due Nov*

Alistair MacLEAN

 **San Andreas (1984)** 384pp Pb \$19.99

Suddenly, just before dawn, the lights went out aboard the San Andreas. For the British hospital ship sailing the deadly, U-boat patrolled Norwegian waters, a nightmare of violence and betrayal has begun (Scottish) *Due Nov*

Alistair MacLEAN

 **Santorini (1986)** 288pp Pb \$19.99

Is there a sinister connection between two tragedies at sea? Only Commander Talbot of the Ariadne can provide the answers as he uncovers a deadly plot involving drugs and terrorism leading to the heart of the Pentagon. (Scottish) *Due Nov*

Charles McCARRY

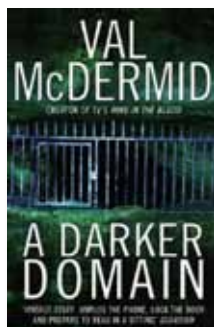
 **The Better Angels (1979)** 350pp Tp \$35.00


This takes place in an election year, close to the turn of the century, in a deeply polarised America. The presidential race matches a tall, lantern-jawed liberal against a far-right former businessman with deep ties to the energy industry. The principal threat to the country comes from Islamic terrorists who are almost impossible to track down, are led by an Arab prince made rich by oil and are desperate to acquire nuclear bombs to use against Israel and major American cities. (American)

Val McDERMID

 **A Darker Domain** 392pp Pb \$19.99


It seemed like an unsolvable mystery at the time: a wealthy heiress and son kidnapped in Fife, then a botched payoff, leaving her dead with no trace of the child. So when, over 25 years later, a possible clue is discovered by a journalist in Tuscany, cold case expert DI Karen Pirie doesn't hold much hope of unravelling the infamous enigma. She's already investigating a case from the same year. At the height of the miner's strike, Mick Prentice broke ranks to join 'scab' strike-breakers down south. But new evidence suggests Mick's disappearance may not be as straightforward as that - and Karen's investigations take her into a dark domain of secrets, betrayal and the ultimate violence! (Scottish) *Due Nov*

**Andy McDERMOTT**

 **The Cult of Osiris** 512pp Tp \$32.99

Nina Wilde and Eddie Chase are on the hunt for the lost pyramid of Osiris... The incredible secret of the Great Sphinx of Egypt is about to be revealed. An archaeological dig is preparing to open the Hall of Records, a repository of ancient knowledge hidden beneath the enigmatic statue. But on the night of the unveiling student Macy Sharif makes a shocking discovery: a religious cult already raiding the Hall of Records to find the location of the mythical Pyramid of Osiris. Framed by corrupt officials, she goes on the run, trying to reach the only people who can save her before she is silenced - permanently. (English) *Due Nov*

Ralph McINERNY

 **Relic of Time** 320pp Pb \$15.95


Rosary Chronicles #2. Five centuries ago, a Mexican peasant was visited by the Virgin Mary. His cloak was marked with the image of the Holy Mother surrounded by roses. It remains a priceless relic in Mexican religious culture and it has been stolen. Retired CIA agent Vincent Traeger soon realises that the truth is hidden within a conspiracy that could bring a country - and a faith - to its knees. (American) *Due Nov*

Andy McNAB

 **Brute Force** 579pp Pb \$21.95

Nick Stone #11. A cargo ship is apprehended by the authorities off the coast of Spain, loaded to the gunwales with enough arms and ammunition to start a war... 20 years later, an unknown aggressor seems intent on eradicating those responsible for the treachery, one by one. And Nick Stone is next on the killer's list... (English) *Due Nov*

Andy McNAB

 **Exit Wound** 400pp Tp \$32.95

Nick Stone #12. Three tons of Saddam Hussein's gold in an unguarded warehouse in Dubai... For two of Nick Stone's closest ex-SAS comrades, it was to have been the perfect, victimless crime. But when they're double-crossed and the robbery goes devastatingly wrong, only Stone can identify his friends' killer and track him down... As one harrowing piece of the complex and sinister jigsaw slots into another, Stone's quest for vengeance becomes a journey to the heart of a chilling conspiracy, to which he and the beautiful Russian investigative journalist with whom he has become ensnared unwittingly hold the key. (English) *Due Nov*

Aly MONROE

 **The Maze of Cadiz** 304pp Pb \$24.99

Peter Cotton #1. 1944. Sent to Spain to arrest a rogue spy, British agent Peter Cotton expects an easy first assignment, but he arrives to find his quarry dead and all of Cadiz awaiting his arrival. Cotton must navigate through a labyrinth of international conspiracies, shifting political allegiances and a mysterious local expatriate community to discover the truth. What he unearths could just tilt the emerging balance of post-war power and the course of history for ever. (American) *Due Nov*

**Miguel Rui MONTANEZ**

 **The Divine Conjuror** 384pp Pb \$21.95

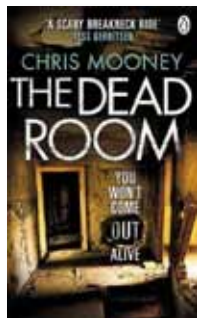
What lies behind the secret of Pope Silvestre II's mythical 'talking head' and what must be done now to halt its effects? (Spanish) *Due Nov*

Chris MOONEY

 **The Dead Room** 464pp Pb \$19.95

A mother and her son have been executed in their home and fingerprint matches show their attacker died 20 years ago. But how can dead serial killers return to haunt the present?

The answers lie in the darkest shadows of The Dead Room. When CSI Darby McCormick is called to the crime scene, it's one of the most gruesome she's ever seen. But the forensic evidence is even more disturbing: someone watched the murder unfold from woodland behind the house - and the killer died in a shoot-out two decades earlier. The deeper Darby digs, the more horrors come to light. Her prime suspect is revealed as a serial killer on an enormous scale, with a past that's even more shocking than his crimes, thanks to a long-held secret that could rock Boston's law enforcement to its core. (American) *Due Nov*



Carla NEGGERS

 **Cold River** 352pp Pb \$15.95

Hannah Shay has finally shown the town of Black Falls what she's worth. Her Three Sisters Café is a success and she's soon to become a prosecutor. When the café becomes an epicentre for investigators trying to pierce a violent crime ring that's leaving bloody trails in nearby Cameron Mountain, Hannah suspects a man from her past is involved. Sean Cameron returns to the snowy cold of his Vermont hometown to unmask his father's killer. Sean has the skills and resources to mount his own search, but he must convince the resistant Hannah to cooperate, because the killer is ready to strike again... and closer than anyone ever imagined. (American) *Due Nov*

James PATTERSON

 **Cross Country** 352pp Pb \$21.95

When Alex Cross is called to investigate a massacre-style murder scene, he is shocked to find that the victim is an old friend. Angry, hurt and more determined than ever, Cross begins the hunt for the perpetrators of this cruel crime. He is drawn into a dangerous underworld right in the heart of Washington DC that leads him on a life threatening journey to the Niger Delta where heroin dealing, slave trade and oil and gas theft are rife. (American) *Due Nov*

James PATTERSON

 **I, Alex Cross** 400pp Tp \$32.95

When Alex Cross's niece is found brutally murdered, Alex is overcome with grief and vows to take down her killer before he strikes again. But shortly after he begins the investigation, Alex discovers that his niece had gotten mixed up with some very important, very dangerous people. And she's not the only one who has disappeared. (American) *Due Nov*

Stuart PAWSON

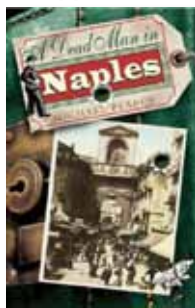
 **Last Reminder** 288pp Pb \$19.99

DI Charlie Priest #4. Detective Inspector Charlie Priest's day hasn't got off to a good start. Late for work for the first time in 20 years, thanks to a sloe gin hangover, he's faced with the grisly evidence of a crime in the local park. (English)

Michael PEARCE

 **A Dead Man in Naples** 224pp Hb \$46.95

#5. Naples, 1913. A minor British consular official, Scampion, has been banished from Florence because he has allowed himself to be caught up in the mad social whirl surrounding D'Annunzio, the famous Italian poet, Nationalist and revolutionary. Scampion brings with him from Florence the new craze that is sweeping Italy - bicycling. And one day as he walks home after a road race that he has been organising, he is stabbed to death. Could Scampion's murder have something to do with the racing? Where there is gambling, there is usually the Camorra, the powerful Neopolitan secret society. But then the Foreign Office receives a tip off that the murder may be linked to high politics in Rome. And that's when Seymour is sent south to investigate... (English) *Due Nov*



Louise PENNY

 **The Brutal Telling** 384pp Tp \$29.99

Chief Inspector Gamache #5. A stranger is found murdered in the village bistro and antiques store and once again, Chief Inspector Gamache and his team are called in to strip back layers of lies, exposing both treasures and rancid secrets buried in the wilderness. (Canadian) *Due Nov*

Anne PERRY

 **A Christmas Grace** 176pp Pb \$19.99

In this Christmas novella, a community learns to come to terms with a terrible event from its past. (American) *Due Nov*

Anne RICE

 **Angel Time** 288pp Tp \$32.95

Songs of the Seraphim #1. Toby O'Dare, a contract killer, is a dead man walking, living under a series of aliases. Into his nightmarish world comes a mysterious stranger, a seraph, who offers him a chance to save rather than destroy lives. O'Dare, who long ago dreamt of being a priest, seizes his chance. He is carried back through the ages to 13th-century England, to dark realms where accusations of ritual murder have been made against Jews, where children suddenly die or disappear. In this primitive setting, O'Dare begins his perilous quest for salvation, a journey of danger and flight, loyalty and betrayal, selflessness and love. (American) *Due Nov*

J D ROBB

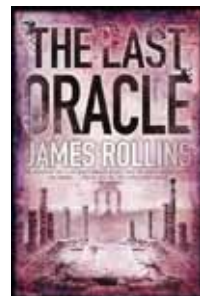
 **Kindred in Death** 384pp Tp \$32.99

#29. A phone call from up high interrupts Eve's plans to have a lazy day with her husband: The teenage daughter of Captain Jonah McMasters, head of the NYPD drug squad, has been found raped and strangled in her bedroom. A terrifying video of Deena, bloody and beaten beyond recognition, hints at a link between her death and a criminal in McMasters's own past, someone determined to exact revenge in the cruellest way possible. (American) *Due Nov*

James ROLLINS

 **The Last Oracle** 512pp Pb \$19.99

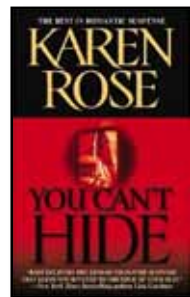
Sigma Force #5. In Washington DC, a homeless man dies in the arms of Commander Gray Pierce clutching a bloody coin in his hand - an ancient artefact that could unlock a plot threatening the very foundation of humanity. Meanwhile, a group of international scientists are engineering children with exceptional talents into something far greater and far more frightening - a world prophet for the new millennium, one to be manipulated to create a new era of global peace... a peace on their own terms. For Commander Pierce and SIGMA Force, it's a race against time to solve a mystery that dates back to the Oracle of Delphi... (American) *Due Nov*



Karen ROSE

 **You Can't Hide (2006)** 608pp Pb \$19.99

Someone is tormenting psychiatrist Tess Ciccotelli's patients, pushing them to commit suicide and setting her up to take the blame. But even police pressure won't make her break her oath to protect their secrets. Detective Aidan Reagan understands Tess's need to safeguard her clients, but all the clues suggest that a nameless, faceless enemy is set on destroying her career, her family and Tess herself. As Reagan and Tess race to stop the killer, one thing becomes clear - the noose is tightening around Tess's neck and there is nowhere for her to go... (American) *Due Nov*



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As Shanghai surpasses Hong Kong as Asia's most important city, Zhong Fong's Office of Special Investigations faces an increasingly sophisticated and increasingly global, breed of criminal. When Zong follows a disturbing lead, he finds himself in a sleepy rural province. Here, he is shocked to discover a blood-trafficking racket and a massive outbreak of AIDS. In pursuit of the organisation behind the trafficking, he embarks on what proves to be the longest journey of his life, which will take him to the streets of Vancouver - and a meeting with a man who holds an old, potentially lethal grudge. (Canadian) *Due Nov*

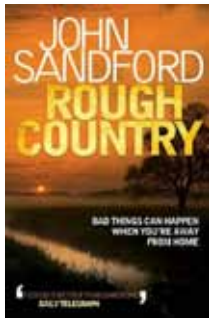
John SANDFORD



Rough Country 432pp Tp \$32.99

Virgil Flowers

#2. While competing in a fishing tournament in a remote area of northern Minnesota, Virgil Flowers gets a call from Lucas Davenport asking him to investigate a murder at a nearby resort, where a woman has been shot while kayaking. As Flowers starts to ask questions, he finds a web of connections between the people at the resort, the victim and some local women, notably a talented country singer. And the more he digs, the more he discovers the resort to be a hotbed of jealousy, blackmail, greed, anger and fear. And then he discovers that this is not the first murder, that there was a second, seemingly unrelated killing the year before. And that there's about to be a third, definitely related one, any time now. (American) *Due Nov*



Lisa SCOTTOLINE



Lady Killer

Rosato and Associates #12.

Mary DiNunzio has attitude. She's become a big-time business-getter at Rosato & Associates, but the last person she expects to walk into her office one morning - in six inch stilettos - is super-sexy Trish Gambone, her old high school rival. Trish was the head Mean Girl who flunked religion and excelled at smoking in the bathroom. Trish's life has taken a horrifying turn. She's terrified of her live-in boyfriend who is an abusing, gun-toting drug dealer for the South Philly mob. Before Mary knows it, Trish vanishes. A dead body turns up in an alley and Mary is plunged into a nightmare that threatens her family, her job and even her life. Mary goes on a one-woman crusade to unmask the killer, and finds love in a very unexpected place. (American)

435pp Pb \$22.99



Maggie SEFTON



Fleece Navidad 304pp Pb \$15.95

Knitting Mystery #6. This Yuletide, Kelly Flynn and friends are helping the town's librarian, Juliet, teach children how to knit. Juliet has fallen in love, but just as she finds happiness, death finds her, facedown in her Christmas cape. Suspicion falls on a newcomer, a widow with a puzzling past, who - some believe - was sweet on Juliet's boyfriend. But Kelly and her knitting crew aren't convinced. It's up to them to find a killer- before someone else gets fleeced. (American) *Due Nov*

Ray SMITHIES



Scorpio's Lot 728pp Tp \$34.95

Following the murder of a young, well-liked man in the small, peaceful community of Pedley, Tom Harrison's world is plunged into turmoil. Determined to protect his niece Brigit from Scorpio, a notorious drug syndicate, he engages in numerous ploys to deter the villains from their unrelenting pursuit. His persistence and evasive actions draw the underworld into a rapidly escalating string of deadly games. (Australian)

Gunnar STAALESEN



The Consorts of Death
272pp Pb \$22.99

Varg Veum #4. Veum receives a telephone call that takes him back 25 years to a case where a small boy was separated from his mother under tragic circumstances. In the following decades, the same boy had surfaced in connection with several murder cases. Now, as an adult, he is determined to take revenge on those responsible for destroying his life - among them the former child protection officer who is now Detective Veum. (Norwegian) *Due Nov*

Gunnar STAALESEN



The Writing on the Wall (2002)
272pp Pb \$24.99

Varg Veum #5. Detective Varg Veum is drawn into a world of privileged teenage girls involved in drugs and prostitution. The situation worsens when the local judge is found dead in a luxury hotel, clad only in women's lingerie. Called in by anxious parents to look for a missing daughter and explain the judge's death, Varg is led deep into Bergen's criminal underworld. (American) *Due Nov*

Peter STEINER



L'Assassin 277pp Pb \$22.99

Louis Morgon #2.

Ex-spy Louis Morgon is in France living a quiet life of good food, good wine, and good friends. When his house is burglarised, he thinks nothing of it. But neither the burglar nor the motive for the burglary is as simple as it seems. And the consequences of the seemingly trivial break-in will lead Louis and his loved ones to the ends of the earth? And quite possibly to the ends of their lives. (American)

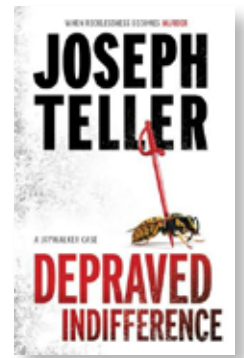


Joseph TELLER



Depraved Indifference
400pp Pb \$15.95

Jaywalker #3. An Audi sports car, speeding on the wrong side of the road, forces an oncoming van off the road. The van bursts into flames, killing all nine occupants... eight of them children. Criminal defence attorney Harrison J Walker, known simply as Jaywalker, is trying to keep his nose clean while serving a three-year suspension. But when a woman seduces him into representing the Audi Assassin, things get messy. Struggling with the moral issues surrounding this case, he collides with a truth that could turn his entire defence into disaster. (American) *Due Nov*



Charles TODD

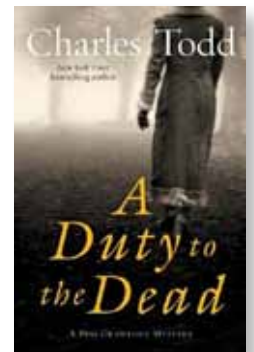


A Duty to the Dead
336pp Tp \$32.99

Bess Crawford

Mystery #1.

Serving as a nurse on a hospital ship, Bess Crawford makes a promise to a dying young lieutenant to take a message to his brother. However, when she passes on the message, the family doesn't appear to know what it means. Then she learns that there's another brother, incarcerated in a lunatic asylum since the age of 14 when he was accused of brutally murdering a housemaid. Because the family seems unwilling to do anything, she decides to investigate. (American) *Due Nov*



Rebecca TOPE



Blood in the Cotswolds
288pp Pb \$17.99

Thea Osborne #5. Thea Osborne and her faithful spaniel, Hepzie, have taken on a house-sitting assignment in the charming Cotswold village of Temple Guiting. But this idyllic village harbours a disquieting number of secrets and when a skeleton is discovered at the roots of an old beech tree and Thea finds herself drawn into a murder investigation. (English) *Due Nov*

Elaine VIETS



The Fashion Hound Murders
304pp Pb \$13.95

Josie Marcus Mystery Shopper Mystery #5. Josie Marcus has been hired to check out a big pet store's involvement with puppy mills. When an employee who clued her into the mills' existence shows up dead, Josie realises that sinking her teeth into this case could mean getting bitten back... (American) *Due Nov*

David WADDELL



Blood Atonement

400pp Pb \$24.95

Nigel Barnes #2. Katie Drake was an affluent single mother living in Queen's Park - until someone cut her throat and tore out her tongue. Worse still, the killer has abducted her 14-year-old daughter, Naomi. Detective Chief Inspector Grant Foster quickly sees chilling parallels with the disappearance of teenager Leonie Stamey three years earlier. With hopes fading of finding Naomi alive, he calls on genealogist Nigel Barnes to piece together the links between the families of the two girls. The trail leads Nigel back to 1890 and a husband and wife who harbour a terrible secret. (English) *Due Nov*

Livia WASHBURN



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Fresh Baked Mystery #3. Phyllis Newsom stands a good chance in the Christmas cookie contest with her snowflake-shaped lime sugar cookies, but Mrs Simmons' gingerdoodles might give her a run for her money - until she's found strangled in a pile of cookies. (American) *Due Nov*

Livia WASHBURN



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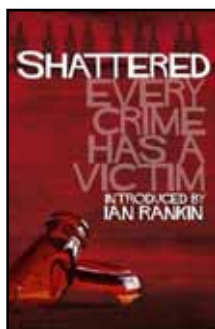
VARIOUS



Shattered: Every Crime Has a Victim

144pp Pb \$29.95

Written from the perspective of the victim, this collection of stories by some of Scotland's leading crime writers illustrates the devastating impact of crime on the lives of ordinary people. The crimes featured range from fraud and house break-in to domestic abuse, rape and murder, and the stories focus on the victims of crime rather than the perpetrators and the investigators - a completely different take on the usual crime book. All the writers have donated their royalties to the charity, Victim Support Scotland. Contributors include Ray Banks, Christopher Brookmyre, Karen Campbell, Gillian Galbraith, Alex Gray, Allan Guthrie, Stuart MacBride, Denise Mina and Louise Welsh, with an introduction by Ian Rankin. (English) *Due Nov*



HISTORICAL

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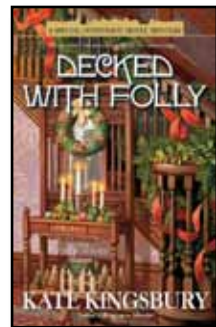
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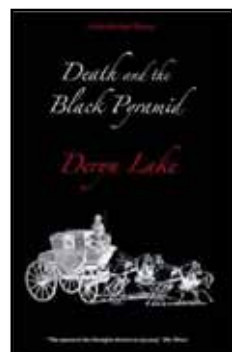
Deryn LAKE

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Frank SCHATZING

Death and the Devil 388pp Tp \$32.95

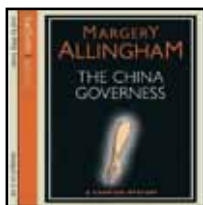
It's the year 1260 and the great cathedral - the most ambitious building in all of Christendom - is rising above the streets of Cologne. Far below its soaring spires and flying buttresses, an assassin of unnatural talent surveys his new hunting ground. More shadow than man, the assassin is quick to take his first life. But there is a witness to his crime: a flame-haired thief known as Jacob the Fox. For all his street-smart cunning, the wily Fox cannot shake off the assassin - a cruel, efficient murderer who favours a pistol-grip crossbow as his weapon of choice. With the threat of an untimely death at the end of a crossbow bolt never far way, Jacob's unlikely cabal find themselves faced with a conspiracy born of an unquenchable thirst for revenge, a conspiracy that threatens to tear Cologne apart and stain the city with blood. (German)

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Alex has quit his job with the FBI but can't seem to stay away. When a series of brutal rapes are committed across Washington and none of the victims will talk, Sampson calls on Alex for help. (American) *Due Nov*

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The Man Who Loved Books Too Much

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Rare-book theft is even more widespread than fine-art theft. Most thieves, of course, steal for profit. John Charles Gilkey steals purely for the love of books. Gilkey is an obsessed, unrepentant book thief who has stolen hundreds of thousands of dollars' worth of rare books from book fairs, stores and libraries around the country. Ken Sanders is the self-appointed "bibliodick" (book dealer with a penchant for detective work) driven to catch him. The author looks at the history of book passion, collection, and theft through the ages, to examine the craving that makes some people willing to stop at nothing to possess the books they love. (American) *Due Nov*

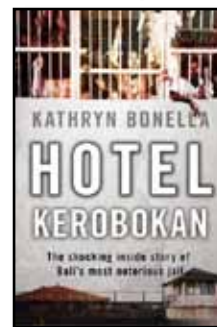


Kathryn BONELLA

Hotel Kerobokan: The Shocking Inside Story of Bali's Most Notorious Jail

Tp \$34.99

Welcome to Hotel Kerobokan, the ironic name given to Bali's most notorious jail by its inmates. It's a bizarre world where murderers sleep alongside petty thieves, drug and alcohol addiction is rife, guards are corrupt and money talks. Into this hellhole have passed a procession of the infamous and the tragic: the Bali bombers, Gold Coast beautician Schapelle Corby, the Bali Nine and Chris Packer, among many others. The inmates grim experiences are at stark odds with the holiday paradise that exists just beyond Kerobokan's dank concrete walls. This is the shocking inside story of the jail and its inmates (Australian) *Due Nov*



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Mommy's Little Girl 352pp Pb \$13.95

When news broke of three-year-old Caylee Anthony's disappearance from her home in Florida in July 2008, there was a huge outpouring of sympathy across the nation. The search for Caylee made front-page headlines. But there was one huge question mark hanging over the case - the girl's mother. As the investigation continued and suspicions mounted, Casey became the prime suspect. Did she or didn't she kill Caylee? This is the story of one of the most shocking, confusing and horrific crimes in modern American history. (American) *Due Nov*

Tim HILL

True Crime: Classic Rare and Unseen

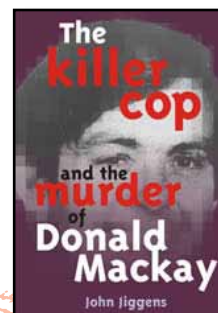
288pp Hb \$49.95

Journalists from the Daily Mail have written new text and excerpted contemporary articles to accompany a selection of more than 900 photos from their extensive archives on this subject. (English) *Due Nov*

John JIGGENS

The Killer Cop and the Murder of Donald Mackay 253pp Pb \$29.95

Frank Nugan was a banker who had the power to make money disappear. His financial trickery lay behind the bottom-of-the-harbour scandal and the Nugan Hand Bank. Fred Krahe was the Frightener, an ex-detective who had the power to make people disappear. He was the killer cop. Donald Mackay was murdered to protect an enormous secret. In *The Killer Cop and the Murder of Donald Mackay*, historian Dr John Jiggins reveals that secret. (Australian)



Jerry LANGTON

Biker: Inside the Notorious World of an Outlaw Motorcycle Gang
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This follows the career trajectory of 'Crash' from his days as a small-time high school drug dealer to his rapid rise through the ranks of a biker gang that is rapidly and brutally expanding its territory and criminal connections. His story relates how an outlaw biker sees his gang from the inside. It is an experience shaped by seamy and ruthless characters waging a never-ending battle to establish their supremacy. From drug running and gun sales, to prostitution and allegiances forged by violence, this is a struggle played out within biker gangs the world over. (American) *Due Nov*



Don & Bowe LASSETER
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Rebecca Salcedo had an easy smile, a sexy body and strong appetites she wanted the world. Bruce Cleland, she decided, would buy it for her. The shy engineer quickly fell victim to her charms, getting her whatever she wanted. But he wasn't Rebecca's only admirer... Even after Rebecca manipulated Bruce into marrying her, hoping to divorce him and take him for everything he had, she occupied herself with a series of lovers. But when she learned that a divorce would only get her a few pennies, she enlisted two family members as killers-for-hire. But while she kept the blood off her hands, the evidence led straight to her, culminating in a trial that would shock a community. (American) *Due Nov*

Brenda Ralph LEWIS
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The idea of the wandering murderer, leaving a trail of mutilated bodies in his wake, has long fascinated followers of true crime. By charting the geography of the killer's actions, this takes an innovative approach to exploring the killing sprees of more than 40 mass murderers from the early 20th century right up to the present day. (American) *Due Nov*

Hilary MacASKILL
Agatha Christie at Home

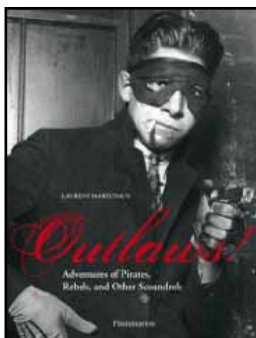
144pp Hb \$49.95

Agatha Christie was the author of over 80 novels and over a dozen plays, including *The Mousetrap*, the longest continuously running play in theatrical history. Her books have been translated into more languages than the works of Shakespeare. Though well travelled and the owner of several houses, her favourite by far was Greenway on the Dart estuary in Devon. She was born nearby, knew it as a child, bought it in 1938 and spent her summers there till she died in 1976. Now owned and preserved by the National Trust, the house will open to the public for the first time in 2009. Greenway itself makes a thinly disguised appearance in at least two of her novels. This book will explore and illustrate the significance of Devon in her work and of Greenway in particular. Illustrated with rarely-seen archive images and evocative photographs of Greenway and the surrounding countryside, this provides an insight into the life and work of a much-loved author. (American) *Due Nov*

Laurent MARECHAUX
Outlaws! Adventures of Pirates, Rebels and Other Scoundrels

240pp Hb \$75.00

A collection of 50 astonishing stories featuring hero-villains ranging from Robin Hood to Buffalo Bill, and from Calamity Jane to Bonnie and Clyde. Whether a pirate, a gunslinger, a gangster, or a desert fiend, you aren't born an outlaw, you become one. These rebels rose up against injustice; they yearned for great open spaces. From the monopoly of the maritime powers to the advent of industrialism, they defied everything and in doing so they signed their own death warrants. From train robbers Jesse James and Bruce Reynolds, to Lawrence of Arabia and IRA-activist Bobby Sands, to duos like Wyatt Earp and Doc Holliday or Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid, their armed exploits are well known, but their true cause has often gone unheard. First seen as nothing but dreaded bandits, today they provoke the rapt fascination of all who secretly harbour a thirst for rebellion and wild adventure. (American) *Due Nov*



Glenn PUIT
In Her Prime

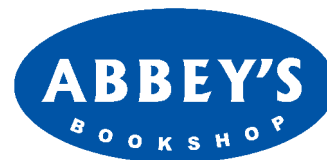
320pp Pb \$15.95

State controller Kathy Augustine was one of Nevada's best known politicians and had plenty of enemies. So when the healthy, vibrant, 50-year-old with no history of heart trouble suddenly stopped breathing, investigators wanted to know why. One nurse had a theory - and it involved Kathy's husband. (American) *Due Nov*

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