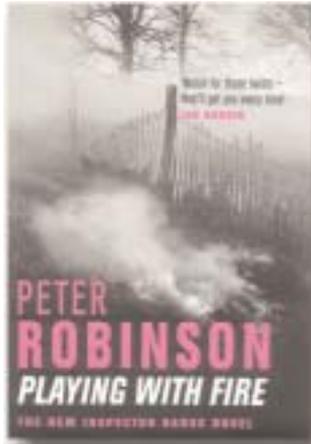


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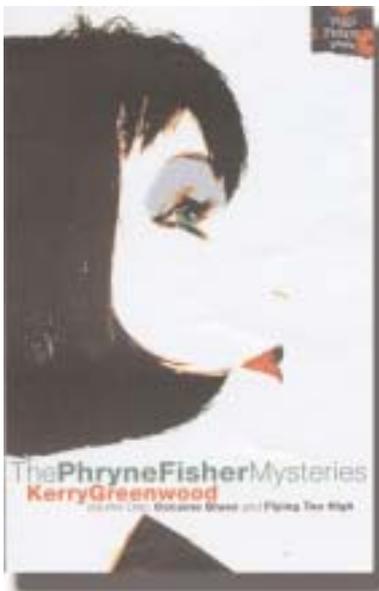
Peter ROBINSON
Playing with Fire
 464pp Tp 30.00



An Inspector Banks investigation #14. In the early hours of the morning, a man reports a fire on two old canal boats. One of the fire fighters notices the use of accelerant at the scene and calls the police, but by the time Inspector Banks arrives, the fire brigade have put out the flames and only the smouldering wreckage remains. A body has been found on each barge, and all the evidence

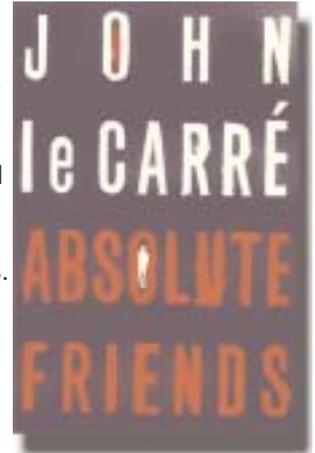
points towards a deliberate arson attack. One of the victims is Tina, a young girl with a drug addiction and a terrible past who had been living with her boyfriend Mark. The other is Tom, an artist who had been living alone. Now, with little evidence to go on and a number of possible suspects, including Tina's boyfriend, the local 'lock-keeper' who reported the fire, and Tina's own father, Banks must begin to delve into the lives of the victims, and to discover who could have wanted them out of the way forever... (English)

Kerry GREENWOOD
The Phryne Fisher Mysteries: Omnibus Volume 1
 Pb 24.95



At last! The first two mysteries featuring the fabulous Phryne Fisher are finally back in print! For those readers who have been seduced by Phryne in her later adventures, but have missed the beginnings, this is the volume for you. **Cocaine Blues** has our intrepid heroine on the trail of a drug czar. In between sleuthing, she collects men, fast cars and designer dresses... **Flying Too High** sees Phryne walking the wings of a Tiger Moth, saving a child from kidnapping, clearing a friend of murder charges and fitting in a bit of love, luxury and leisure. A marvellous companion to those long hot days of summer. (Australian)

John Le CARRE
Absolute Friends
 544pp Hb 49.95



Deriving its scale from **A Perfect Spy** (Pb \$20.95) and its passion from **The Constant Gardener** (Pb \$19.95), this long-awaited novel from Le Carré presents us with magical writing, characters to delight and a spellbinding story that enchants even as it challenges. Friends Ted Mundy and Sasha first meet in the late 1960s as students in riot-torn West Berlin, again in the grimy looking-glass of Cold War espionage and, most terribly, in today's unipolar world of terror, counter-terror and war of lies. This superbly paced novel, spanning 56 years, is a theatrical masterpiece of tragi-comic writing and a savage fable of our times. (English)

Robert G BARRETT
Rosa-Marie's Baby
 280pp Tp 29.95



Les Norton hits the Great Ocean Road. Barrett's books have sold over one million copies, earning him the crown of king of Australia's popular fiction. This new novel, featuring his much-loved hero Les Norton, is a cracking story featuring the legendary witch of old Kings Cross, Rosaleen Norton, and a modern-day hunt through Victoria. Hold on to your hats for a rip-roaring read full of all the action, sex and humour that is the Barrett trademark. 2003 marks a very special anniversary for the former butcher from Bondi, with the publication of his 20th book. (Australian)

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Jo BANNISTER

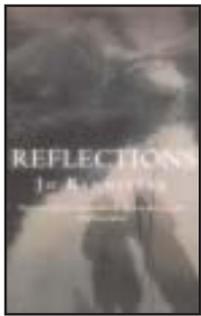
Reflections

268pp Hb 49.95

A Brodie Farrell mystery #3.

Though Brodie runs a business called "Looking for Something?"

she tries to avoid Missing Persons cases. However, she cannot refuse when a police friend asks her to find the long-lost



aunt of two girls after their mother is murdered and their father disappears. When an intruder breaks into the girls' home, Brodie must act quickly to save them from a dangerous, elusive murderer. (British)



Jo BANNISTER

True Witness 292pp Pb 19.95

A Brodie Farrell mystery #2. A teenage boy is beaten to death with a wheel brace on an abandoned pier. There is one eyewitness to the crime. The police are convinced they have the murderer; they just need a positive identification to lock him up for good. But Daniel Hood is the eyewitness and he is not prepared to bow to pressure and identify Neil Cochrane when he is not convinced that this is the man he saw. As the town starts paying for blood, Brodie Farrell once more steps in to defend her friend. (British)

Dave BARRY

Tricky Business 320pp Pb 18.95

The Extravaganza of the Seas is a 5,000-ton cash cow, a top-heavy tub whose sole function is to carry gamblers three miles from the Florida coast, take their money, then bring them back so they can find more money. Travelling this trip are Fay Benton, a single mom and cocktail waitress; Johnny and the Contusions, the ship's band; Arnold and Phil, two refugees from the Beaux Arts Senior Centre; Lou Tarant, a wide, bald man who has killed nine people; and an assortment of uglies with names like Tark and Kaz whose job it is to facilitate the ship's true business, which is money-laundering or drug-smuggling or... something. (American)

Michael BIEHL

Doctored Evidence 295pp Pb 17.95

Investigating the alleged wrongful death of the hospital's own chief financial officer, attorney Karen Hayes uncovers a betrayal of trust, both professional and personal, evidence of criminal fraud, and hints of corruption. Now, her job and her life are on the line. A line that a murderer is all too willing to cross... a second time. (American)

John BIGUENET

Oyster 272pp Pb 21.95

It is the mid 1950s and the Petitjeans and the Bruneaus have farmed oysters in Louisiana for hundreds of years. Bitter rivals, the two families struggle to survive, their boats mortgaged to the next harvest, their emotions soured by the grievances they pass down to their children. Now the oyster beds are threatened and with them both families' livelihoods. The solution is a marriage between the headstrong young Therese Petitjean and Horse, the brutal patriarch of the Bruneau clan. But then a body is trawled in with the shrimp, and so begins a cycle of revenge that can only end one. (American)

Steven BOCHCO

Death by Hollywood Tp 29.95

One evening, spying on his Hollywood Hills neighbours through his \$4,000 electronic telescope, Bobby witnesses a beautiful woman making love to a handsome Latin actor. As their pillow talk turns ugly, Bobby watches in horror as the woman appears to bludgeon her lover to death with his own acting trophy. Instead of rushing to the cops, Bobby decides to find out more about the events that led up to the crime, and to use the material for his next movie screenplay. However, when he sneaks into the actor's apartment, the discovery he makes changes his life forever. Savvy, funny, sexy and streetwise. (American)

Janie BOLITHO

Caught Out in Cornwall 244pp Hb 49.95

A Rose Trevelyn mystery. When a distress flare goes up from a yacht in the bay, Rose immediately alerts the coastguard and very soon a small crowd has gathered to watch the rescue in progress. With the rain now coming down in sheets, Rose is concerned to see a little girl wandering alone on the shore but her fears are soon allayed as she is picked up and taken towards the safety of the car park. Her relief is short-lived, however. A young mother cannot find her daughter... (British)

Jane BOLITHO

Killed in Cornwall 201pp Pb 19.95

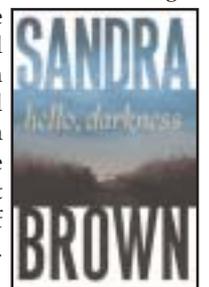
A Rose Trevelyn mystery. Despite being busy with a new exhibition, Rose is always there to offer her friends support if they need her. Meanwhile, her sometime boyfriend DI Jack Pearce is investigating a series of burglaries and a spate of vicious attacks on young women in the area. As secrets get shared and the crimes become more serious, should Rose betray her friends' confidences or will Jack just accuse her of interfering? (British)

Sandra BROWN

Hello, Darkness 404pp Tp 32.95

This is the gripping story of radio host Paris Gibson who is haunted by her past and caught in a nightmare that threatens to destroy her future, when one listener tells her that her on-air advice to the girl he loves has caused her to leave him and that now he intends to exact his revenge.

First he plans to kill the girl, and then he will come after Paris. It is a brilliant, fast-paced tale, electric with sexual tension, by one of America's most popular authors of sophisticated suspense. (American)



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**Sandra BROWN**

 **The Crush** 474pp Pb 18.95
When Dr Rennie Newton is summoned to jury duty, she brings to the courtroom the same level of competence that she displays in the operating room. Her commitment to precision compels her to deliver a not guilty verdict in the murder case against notorious contract killer Ricky Lozada. It will be the most regrettable decision in her life because Rennie's trial with Lozada does not end with his acquittal. (American)

James Lee BURKE

 **Last Car to Elysian Fields** 335pp Tp 29.95
For Dave Robicheaux, there is no easy passage home. New Orleans, and the memories of his life in the Big Easy, will always haunt him. So to return there means visiting old ghosts, exposing old wounds, opening himself up to new, yet familiar, dangers. A masterful exploration of the troubled side of human nature and the darkest corners of the heart, and filled with the kinds of unforgettable characters that are the hallmarks of his novels, this is Burke in top form in the kind of lush, atmospheric thriller that his fans have come to expect. (American)

Stella CAMERON

 **Some Die Telling** 248pp Pb 15.95
Ellen Shaw arrives in London expecting to join her sister Fiona, who has found her the perfect job managing an antiquarian bookshop. Instead, she finds an empty apartment, and no sign of her sister. The only contact Ellen has is Hugh Weston, Fiona's boss and the bookshop's owner. Hugh has his own theories about Fiona's disappearance. His Grandmother had been murdered only days before, and Hugh suspects Fiona had something to do with it. Is Ellen simply an innocent woman looking for her sister or a partner in the crime, too? (American)

Tom CLANCY

 **Sea of Fire: Op-Centre** 381pp Pb 19.95
A half-dead Singapore pirate is plucked from the Celebes Sea in the Western Pacific, setting off alarms in Washington, DC. Traces of radiation are found on the man, causing Australian officials to call in Op-Centre for a top-secret investigation of nuclear disposal sights. When an empty drum from a recent drop-off is discovered near where the pirate's ship was destroyed, the Op-Centre team comes to a terrifying conclusion: a multinational corporation that has been hired to dispose of nuclear waste is selling it instead to a most unlikely terrorist... (Australian)

Jon CLEARY

 **Degrees of Connection** 276pp Tp 29.95
Australia's master of crime is back with a new (and final) Scobie Malone mystery, set in the world of shady financial deals and desperate dreams. Once again Scobie Malone and Ron Clements delve into the dark side of Sydney and bring us a story as fresh as this morning's headlines. From Sylvania Waters to Rooty Hill to harbour side penthouses, they negotiate a lethal world of corporate crime, dodgy deals and some very unorthodox business practices. (Australian)

Harlan COBEN

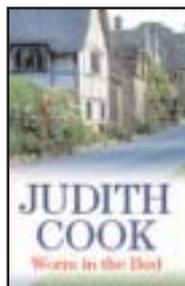
 **Darkest Fear** 337pp Pb 17.95
Life is not going well for Myron Bolitar. His business is struggling, and his father, recently recovered from a heart attack, is facing his own mortality. Then comes another surprise. Emily Downing, Myron's college sweetheart, reappears in his life with devastating news: her 13-year-old son Jeremy is gravely ill and can be saved only by a bone marrow transplant from a donor who has vanished without trace. Before Myron can absorb this revelation, Emily hits him with an even bigger shocker: Jeremy is Myron's son, conceived the night before Emily's wedding to another man. For Myron, finding the only person who can save the boy's life means cracking open a mystery as dark as it is heartbreaking, a brutal kidnapping spree, and a cat and mouse game between an ambitious reporter and the FBI. (American)

Martina COLE

The Know Tp 32.95
 Joanie Brewer worries constantly about her children. Jon-Jon is knee-deep in crime at 18 and 14-year-old Jeanette knows more than is good for her. But it is angelic 11-year-old Kira who really scares her. When the police tell Joanie that a child's body has been found, her darkest fears are realised. She thinks she is in the know when it comes to who killed her little girl, but her deadly obsession to make him pay threatens to destroy the rest of her family. (English)

Judith COOK

 **Worm in the Bud** 245pp Hb 54.95
Former policeman John Latymer becomes embroiled in a savage murder, the body found after an anti-GM crops demo on a local farm. He is soon intrigued by the similarities to that of an unsolved crime in 1945 and calls in his old friend Keith Berry to help him with his research. (English)

**Deborah CROMBIE**

 **And Justice there is none** 436pp Pb 22.00
A Duncan Kincaid/Gemma Jones mystery. In their latest outing, Kincaid and his former partner (and soon-to-be roommate) follow a twisting trail of rage and retribution, whose buried roots are about to exact a deadly toll on the living. This book was advertised in August, however, the shipment was misbound. This is the British edition, free of errors. (American)

Clare CURZON

 **Body of a Woman** 260pp Pb 19.95
A Mike Yeadings mystery. Leila Knightley ran a small gift shop in the quiet town of Mardham, was well liked by neighbours and acquaintances and was devoted to her family, especially her two step-children, Edward and Chloe. Her husband, Professor Aidan Knightley, an eminent academic, had recently been offered a promotion and to many their life was a source of envy. When her dead body is discovered dumped in a nearby wood, dressed vampishly in a striking evening dress, her face covered by a feathered mask, both family and friends are at a loss to find any kind of explanation. (British)

Clare CURZON

 **A Meeting of Minds** 246pp Hb 49.95
A Mike Yeadings mystery. On a cold November morning, Detective Superintendent Yeadings and his team are called to a pub car park in Henley-on-Thames where the body of a woman has been found. As they examine the body detective sergeant Rosemary Zycynski is horrified to realise that the dead woman is her next-door neighbour, Sheila Winter. (British)

Judith CUTLER

 **Dying to Deceive** 320pp Pb 19.95
Sophie Rivers takes a job archiving a collection of memorabilia at her husband's home cricket ground. But she becomes the victim of a terrifying campaign of intimidation and violence and soon some of the most valuable items, including the museum's curator, start to go missing. (English)

John DARTON

 **Mind Catcher** 433pp Pb 19.95
A brain damaged 13-year-old boy lies in a New York hospital bed. At his side, his father waits helplessly as two scientists take charge of the boy's fate. Together, they are sending Tyler far beyond the frontiers of medical science into a dark and terrifying netherworld of man and machine - a place no living soul has gone before. (American)

**Freda DAVIES****Bound in Shallows****286pp Hb 42.95**

A murder mystery featuring DI Keith Tyrrell. When a girl's body is washed up on a mud bank on the River Severn, Tyrrell is sure he will find the answers in the Forest of Dean. Three more local girls are murdered, but a mixture of witchcraft, computers and conflicting evidence convinces Tyrrell that the hunt is on for two killers. (English)

P T DEUTERMANN**Darkside****510pp Pb 17.95**

A midshipman's six-story fall onto a plaza at the United States Naval Academy is classified initially as an accident. The Academy's administration, nicknamed the Darkside by the students, attempts to brush the ensuing controversy under the rug. But a bizarre twist complicates what might otherwise be a tidy cover-up, and pulls Midshipman first class Julie Markham into the incident in a highly embarrassing manner. Suddenly there are rumours of homicide. (American)

Martin EDWARDS**Mysterious Pleasures Hb 35.00**

Ever since its creation in 1953, the Crime Writers' Association has celebrated and championed the very best in the field of murder and mystery. Now, on the 50th anniversary of this esteemed organisation, this volume offers a unique collection of short stories from its most illustrious members. All of the contributors to this anthology have won the CWA's prestigious Diamond or Gold Dagger Awards, served as chairperson, or, in many cases, all three. From Eric Ambler to Ian Rankin, Dick Francis to Ruth Rendell, John Creasy to Sara Paretsky, here are tales that alternatively tantalise, intrigue, shock, surprise and thrill; a myriad of styles united only by subject matter and the sheer quality of the writing. A box of delights, some hard-centred, some soft, some sprinkled with a smidgen of poison, this is a must-read for fans of crime fiction everywhere. (American)

James ELLROY**Destination Morgue Tp 29.95**

This volume contains 16 pieces by James Ellroy: true crime, sex, scandal and a novella. (American)

Janet EVANOVICH**& Charlotte HUGHES****Full Speed 342pp Pb 19.95**

Posing as husband and wife, with computer genius Muffin and a mutt named Fleas along for the ride, Max and Jamie are in the middle of a crazy case, closer than ever to each other, and too close for comfort to the kind of people who will do anything to stop them. (American)

Colin FORBES**No Mercy****322pp Tp 29.95**

Tweed and his team risk their lives to overpower a new enemy, unseen but potentially deadly, playing out on an international stage. They are betrayed at each turn and even Tweed, using every ounce of his experience and instinct, is confounded by the shrewd, insidious nature of the opposition. Then an appalling realisation: could the traitor be someone close to him, even one of his own team? (English)

Nicci FRENCH**Secret Smile****Tp 29.95**

When Miranda Cotton gets home from work to find her new boyfriend, Brendan, reading her diary, she breaks off the relationship and throws him out. Getting Brendan out of her life, however, is not so easy. When he starts seeing her sister, what begins as an embarrassment turns into a nightmare. (English)

Alan FURST**Blood of Victory 289pp Pb 21.95**

November 1940. Serebin, a writer from Odessa and former decorated Hero of the Soviet Union, is on his way to Istanbul following a cryptic letter from a former lover. Ostensibly there on official business for the International Russian Union, an émigré organisation based in Paris, he is drawn into a clandestine world of international spies and political players. With war in Europe drawing nearer, Serebin is recruited by the British secret services. His mission is to stop the export of Roumanian oil to Germany. In a race against time, Serebin's journey will take him from the glittering salons of Paris to the back alleys of Bucharest and the Black Sea ports, in a covert operation to staunch the flow of oil, the precious 'blood of victory'. (English)

Jim FUSILLI**A Well-Known Secret****309pp Pb 17.95**

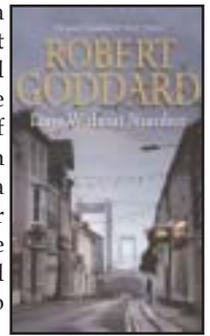
Five years ago, Terry Orr's wife and infant son died when a madman pushed them in front of a New York subway train. Since then, Terry has focused on two things: his daughter, Bella, and finding the madman who murdered his loved ones. He quit his job as a music critic for a New York paper and became a licensed PI. His latest case is the controversial murder of Sonia Salgado, found murdered, just a few days after her release from a 30 year prison term for killing a diamond merchant. Who killed her and why? (American)

Eric GARCIA**Matchstick Men 226pp Pb 24.95**

A novel about grifters with issues and the inspiration behind Ridley Scott's new movie starring Nicolas Cage and Sam Rockwell. Garcia is the acclaimed cult author of **Anonymous Rex** (Pb 21.95) and **Casual Rex** (Pb 22.95). (American)

Robert GODDARD**Days without Number****Pb 19.95**

Nick's father is a retired archaeologist who is a supposed descendant of the emperors of Byzantium. When someone puts in a ridiculously high offer for the family's home in Cornwall, the old man refuses to sell, to the fury of his family.



Only after his death does Nick discover why. (English)

Paula GOSLING**Ricochet****263pp Pb 19.95**

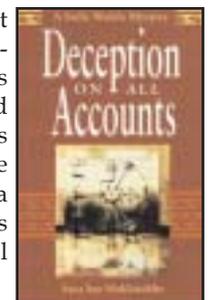
A Jack Stryker novel. When Professor Mayhew is murdered in her own home, Stryker's team believe they are investigating a straightforward case of domestic homicide. Jack, however, has his doubts, though he isn't sure whether his uncertain frame of mind is due to the case or the fact that his relationship with Kate Trevorne is going through a rocky patch. This is another blissfully serpentine mystery from the mistress of the genre. (English)

Jack HIGGINS**A Fine Night for Dying****295pp Pb 18.95**

The death of a gangster draws super-spy Paul Chavasse into a breathtaking new adventure on the high seas. Weighted down by chain, the body of gangland boss Harvey Preston was dragged out of the English Channel in the nets of a local fishing boat. British intelligence suspects a connection with a modern cross-channel smuggling ring. But as undercover agent Paul Chavasse embarks on what will be one of the most dangerous cases in his extraordinary career, he soon discovers that this is no small-time operation and the ruthless men behind it will go to any lengths to protect their precious cargo. (English)

Sara HOKLOTUBBE**Deception on all Accounts****209pp Tp 36.00**

A Sadie Walela mystery. Is murder always a simple transaction? Don't bank on it. In this story of bank robbery, murder, love and intrigue, blue-eyed Cherokee Sadie Walela faces adversity at each bend in the road, but in the tradition of her people she adapts and moves forward, even if it means having to re-think her relationships and expectations. And as Sadie comes to terms with murder, romance and her hopes for a career, she finds deception on all accounts. (American)

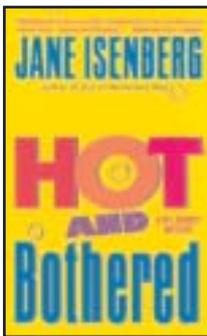


**Gregg HURWITZ**

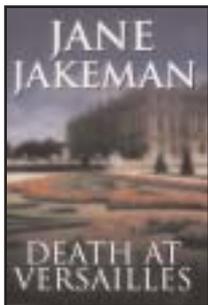
 **Do No Harm** 521pp Pb 18.95
Someone is stalking the UCLA Medical Centre, a depraved madman who is preying upon the staff, particularly those who are young and female. No stranger to the terrible ravages of senseless violence, ER Chief Dr David Spier must keep the emergency room running smoothly and efficiently, even as his terrified co-workers wonder who will be the next victim. But when the monster himself is dragged in, hideously burned, suffering and begging for mercy, a single act of humanity is about to unleash a bloody wave of horror that threatens to engulf everyone and everything Dr Spier cares about. (American)

**Jane ISENBERG**

 **Hot and Bothered** 276pp Pb 17.95
A Bel Barrett mystery. Post 9/11, Bel turns her attentions to home renovation, civic matters and to an increasingly bitter battle for scholarship money, a contest she and three others must ultimately decide. Then one of the other judges is found dead on the mean streets of Hoboken, a woman who lived a strange double life as academic by day and stripper by night. (American)

**Jane JAKEMAN**

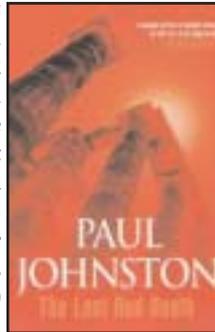
 **Death at Versailles** 223pp Hb 49.95
After her successful prosecution of a powerful gangster in the south of France, examining magistrate Cecile Galant has been transferred to Versailles for her own protection. The workload is heavy: an aristocrat accused of shoplifting, a girl who has gone missing and, then, a bizarre case in the grounds of Versailles. An Oxford student, Marina Cassatt, claimed to have witnessed a murder but by the time she has contacted the police and returned to the scene, no trace of the crime can be found. (British)

**J A JANICE**

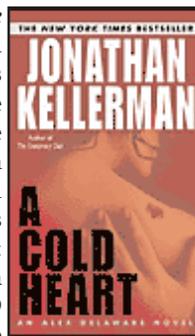
 **Tombstone Courage** Pb 18.95
A Joanna Brady novel #2. When a young widow named Joanna Brady runs for sheriff in Cochise County, Arizona, she earns the enmity of the local police force and gets involved in investigating a strange double homicide. (American)

Paul JOHNSTON

 **The Last Red Death** 401pp Tp 32.95
An Alex Mavros thriller #2. Iraklis is a mysterious Greek terrorist group, a rogue offshoot of the communist party. At its head is a man with many names, an elusive master assassin who has been in exile for 10 years. Half-Greek, half-Scottish investigator Alex Mavros is a man driven by the desire to find his missing brother, last heard of at an underground resistance meeting during the dictatorship. Grace Helmer is an American who saw her father murdered when she was a child. Iraklis was responsible. Two businessmen are murdered in Athens. The trademark piece of olive wood is found with the victims' bodies. Iraklis is back. And Grace Helmer employs Mavros to track down her father's killer. This is an intriguing and atmospheric new thriller, in which the sins of the fathers come back to haunt their children. (Scottish)

**Jonathan KELLERMAN**

 **A Cold Heart** Pb 19.95
An Alex Delaware novel. This novel features Kellerman's brilliant signature style but in this tour de force he mines even deeper the emotional landscape of his characters: psychologist-sleuth Alex Delaware, LAPD homicide detective Milo Sturgis, Milo's colleague Petra Connor, and Alex's ex-lover, Robin Castagna, bringing them all vividly to life as never before. (American)

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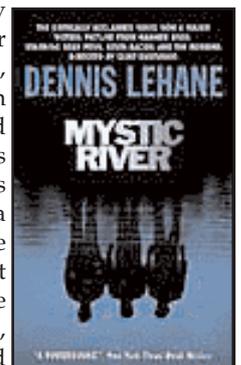
 **Conspiracy Club** Tp 32.95
Dedicated young psychologist Dr Jeremy Carrier is unschooled in the ways of violent crime and incalculable evil until both irreversibly touch his life. When his romance with nurse Jocelyn Banks is cut short by her kidnapping and brutal murder, he is left emotionally devastated and being warily eyed 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 as Jocelyn, the suspicion surrounding Jeremy intensifies and the only way for him to prove his innocence is to follow the trail of a cunning psychopath. Spurring on Jeremy's investigation is Dr Arthur Chess, an enigmatic pathologist who harbours a keen fascination with the darker deeds committed by the living. Arthur draws Jeremy into the confidence of a cryptic society devoted to matters unknown and unspoken. But when Arthur suddenly slips away, Jeremy is left to contend with an onslaught of anonymous clues and the growing realisation that a harrowing game of cat and mouse has been set in motion. (American)

Tim KRABBE

 **The Vanishing** 115pp Pb 19.95
Petrol gauge broken, anxiety and tempers flaring, young lovers Rex and Saskia pull in at a service station on their way to a holiday the South of France to refuel. As soon as they stop the tension is relieved. Rex buries two coins in a crack at the base of fence post as a secret sign of their love: Saskia goes off to buy a couple of cold drinks and vanishes. Eight years later Rex is still haunted by her. This story has been filmed twice, once in Holland and once in the USA. Stanley Kubrick told director George Sluizer that he thought the Dutch film was even more frightening than his own film, *The Shining*. (Dutch)

Dennis LEHANE

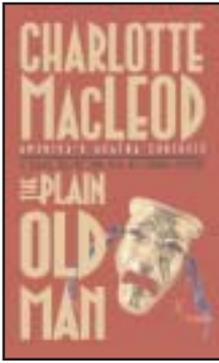
 **Mystic River** (2001) 526pp Pb 19.95
When Jimmy Marcus's daughter is found murdered, his friend Sean Devine is assigned to the case. Sean's investigation takes him back into a world of violence he thought he had left behind. As the race for a killer heats up, all are pulled toward an abyss that will force them to face their true selves. Film tie-in edition. (American)

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**Charlotte MACLEOD****The Plain Old Man (1985)**

217pp Pb 16.95

A Sarah Kelling and Max Bittersohn mystery. Sarah's Aunt Emma's theatre troupe is doing *The Sorcerer*, as Emma has always hankered to play Lady Sangazure. Perhaps she made a bad choice, though, by casting a well-connected con man in the title role. (American)

**Henning MANKELL****Firewall**

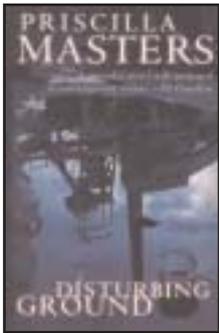
422pp Pb 19.95

The new Kurt Wallander novel. A body is found at an ATM the apparent victim of heart attack. Then two teenage girls are arrested for the brutal murder of a cab driver. The girls confess to the crime showing no remorse whatsoever. Two open and shut cases. At first these two incidents seem to have nothing in common, but as Wallander delves deeper into the mystery of why the girls murdered the cab driver he begins to unravel a plot much more involved complicated than he initially suspected. The two cases become one and lead to conspiracy that stretches to encompass a world larger than the borders of Sweden. (Swedish)

Priscilla MASTERS**Disturbing Ground**

278pp Pb 19.95

A Dr Megan Banesto mystery. From her surgery window Banesto watches as the body of Bianca Rhys is dragged from the local pond; a paranoid schizophrenic, her death does not come as a surprise to the local community.



Soon after, when a 10-year-old child goes missing, Megan begins to wonder if Bianca's scandalous statements about disappearances from the village were really the truth rather than symptoms of her disease. Set in the claustrophobic atmosphere of a small Welsh mining town, this is a gripping novel, which seeks to find the truth about the shifting boundary between sanity and insanity. (British)

**Priscilla MASTERS****Endangering Innocents**

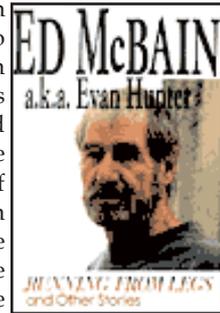
243pp Hb 49.95

A Joanna Piercy mystery. Something is amiss at a small primary school in the village of Horton. A local man, Joshua Baldwin, has been sitting in his car outside the school watching the children as they play. So DI Joanna Piercy is called out to investigate. She meets with the teachers and with Baldwin and eventually decides there is nothing to worry about. She is terribly wrong. (British)

Ed McBAIN aka Evan HUNTER**'Running from Legs' and other**

stories (2000) 202pp Pb 19.95

From downtown police stations to Caribbean beach hotels, McBain takes us with ease and style through the broad spectrum of the human condition, with the help of some memorable characters. Marriage problems, prohibition era New York, life in the circus and death in the movies, this series of beautifully observed short stories shows that there is more to McBain than the 87th Precinct. This collection brings together 11 short stories, three of which are previously published. (American)

**Andy McNAB****Dark Winter**

393pp Tp 32.95

When Nick Stone is despatched to Malaysia by the CIA to assassinate a biochemist, he expects his mission to be a straightforward part of the fight against Osama bin Laden. But soon Stone finds himself facing an unspeakable trade-off involving the life of someone he loves. (American)

Susan Cummins MILLER**Death Assemblage**

209pp Tp 36.00

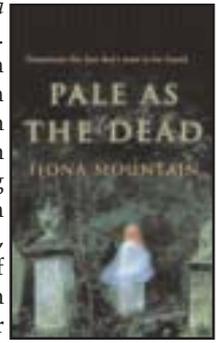
The first in the Frankie MacFarlane mysteries. Geologist Frankie MacFarlane has mapped the Palaeozoic and Mesozoic sedimentary rocks of the Nevada range for the past three summers. In the final week of her dissertation fieldwork, she searches for an elusive key to her research: a limestone marker bed (a death assemblage of fossil ammonoids) hidden by dangerous, shifting talus. As she strives to solve her geologic jigsaw puzzle she becomes embroiled in a web of ancient and recent murders, a manhunt, kidnappings and blackmail. (American)

**Fiona MOUNTAIN****Pale as the Dead**

Pb 17.95

The first in a terrific new series.

Natasha Blake is a detective with a difference. She is an ancestor detective, an ambitious young genealogist with a passion for history, whose choice of career is partly driven by the mystery of her own roots. Natasha's investigations are a matter of life and death, involving secrets, scandals and supernatural happenings; forgotten tragedies and buried crimes. The disappearance of a young girl, Bethany, appears to be linked in some way to Lizzie Siddall, the haunting, ethereal Pre-Raphaelite model and artist, wife of painter Dante Gabriel Rossetti. Lizzie's tragic life was cut short by an overdose of laudanum. Was it accident or suicide? And why is Bethany so obsessed with her, and at the same time so determined to put herself beyond the reach of her lover, Adam? (English)

**Warren MURPHY****The Destroyer #133**

347pp Pb 17.95

Troubled Waters. Complete with skull and crossbones fluttering in the wind, "Captain" Thomas Kidd is the new scourge of the Caribbean, raiding unsuspecting pleasure craft and pursuing the great piratical tradition of looting, pillaging and plant walking. The bloodthirsty crew tosses the lucky ones overboard, while saving the women for dessert at Kidd's private island hell. When these maritime marauders kidnap the daughter of a senator, CURE sets out to kick some serious pirate booty. (American)

Barbara NADEL**Harem**

407pp Pb 18.95

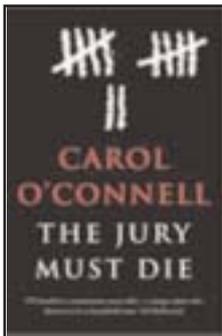
The body of a teenage girl is discovered in a cistern, deep below the city of Istanbul. For the Turkish police force's most idiosyncratic and talented officer, Cetin Ikmen, this is a difficult case. The girl was his daughter's friend and her attire, resembling a 19th century Ottoman, offers no easy explanation. With his promise of justice to the dead girl's mother still fresh on his lips, Ikmen is taken off the case. He is reassigned to the kidnapping of an ageing movie star's wife. The star is hiding something and so, Ikmen fears, are his superiors. A powerful secret exists in the labyrinthine city, one that those on either side of the law will do anything to prevent escaping. But for Ikmen, there is no choice, only the truth. (British)

**Carol O'CONNELL****Crime School 517pp Pb 19.95**

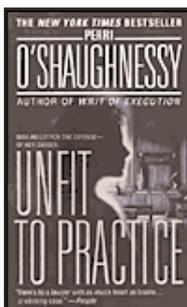
On a hot August afternoon, in an East Side apartment, a woman is found hanged. Carefully placed red candles and an enormous quantity of dead flies suggest some kind of bizarre ritual. By some cruel miracle, the victim lives, but remains in a coma... Mallory does not recognise her immediately. Once upon a time, a junkie whore and police informer, known simply as Sparrow, had cared for a young street urchin when she was lost and alone. Now, Mallory finds that she is staring her bitter past in the face, as she pursues a case which also has its origin in an unsolved murder committed years ago... (American)

Carol O'CONNELL**The Jury Must Die****325pp Tp 32.95**

O'Connell succeeds triumphantly, once again, in creating an intriguing crime scenario and also an engaging group of characters, all damaged in their own different ways, who pursue their destinies in a city that is both darkly dangerous and resilient to disaster. After bringing in a unanimous and very dubious acquittal in a murder case, only three of the original jurors remain alive. And someone, known only as the 'Reaper' because of the signature of a bloody scythe left at the crime scenes, is clearly determined to make a clean sweep of the terrified survivors. Detective Sgt Riker, although on paid sick leave after a teenage psychopath pumped four bullets into his chest, has a keen but unofficial interest in the case. And his NYPD Special Crimes partner, Kathy Mallory, orphan, sociopath and computer genius, is resolute that there will be no more personal defections in her life, and determined to discover the identity of the killer before he (or she) makes a complete mockery of justice. (American)

**Perri O'SHAUGHNESSY****Unfit to Practice****420pp Pb 18.95**

It is the moment every attorney fears most; one careless moment that threatens careers, reputations and lives. For Nina Reilly, it will change everything and ignite a case where her own clients are witnesses against her and where the defendant is Nina herself. (American)

**Michale PALMER****Fatal****517pp Pb 21.95**

In Chicago, a pregnant cafeteria worker suffering nothing more malevolent than flu like symptoms begins haemorrhaging from every part of her body. In Boston, a brilliant musician, her face disfigured by an unknown disease, rapidly descends into lethal paranoia. In West Virginia, a miner suddenly goes berserk, causing a cave-in that kills two of his co-workers. Finding the link between these events could prove fatal... (American)

Sara PARETSKY**Blacklist****415pp Tp 29.95**

A *VI Warshawski* novel. This is a story of secrets and betrayals that stretch across four generations. Secrets political, social, sexual and financial: all of them with the power to kill. Eager for something physical to do in the spirit-exhausting wake of 9/11, VI accepts a request from an old client to check up on an empty family mansion; she subsequently surprises an intruder in the dark; and, giving chase, topples into a pond. Grasping for something to hold on to, her fingers close around a lifeless human hand. (American)

Richard North PATTERSON**Balance of Power****606pp Tp 30.00**

Five months into his term, President Kilcannon and his fiancée, television journalist Lara Costello, have decided to marry. But the occasion is followed by a terrible tragedy: a massacre of innocents in a lethal burst of gunfire. It is a shattering event; challenging both their marriage and his Presidency in such a personal way that he vows to eradicate gun violence throughout the USA. But in the clash over gun rights and violence, the cost to both Kilcannons may be even higher than the President imagined. (American)

Joanne PENCE**Two Cooks A-Killing****Pb 16.95**

An *Angie Amalfi* mystery. Chef Angie gets a job preparing the banquet her all-time favourite soap opera characters will consume during an upcoming Christmas Reunion Special. Not thrilled to be staying in the very room from which the young actress Brittany Keegan took a real-life fatal tumble years earlier, Angie is equally disturbed when another corpse turns up in the cellar. Both deaths have been ruled accidental, but the bitter accusations flying back and forth among the reunited cast suggest otherwise. And now that Angie's a guest star in this deadly serial drama, she's suddenly in serious danger of being written out of it permanently. (American)

Edmund POWER**The Last Chapter 327pp Pb 18.95**

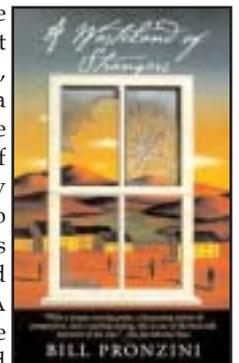
Brendan Stokes, an aspiring author, recognises an opportunity too good to miss when he finds the body of his neighbour Andrew Whitty. He unearths a masterpiece, a novel written by the dead man. It does not take Brendan long to realise he has stumbled upon a gold mine. With lucrative deals adorning his letterbox, fraud proves a much easier way of earning cash than writing his own book. But with so many lies to keep track of, Brendan's struggle to keep his own story together grows increasingly difficult. (Irish)

Anthony PRICE**The Old Vengeful 278pp Pb 19.95**

Crime Masterworks #32. When David Audley, that most subtle of Intelligence chiefs, sends his insubordinate protégé Paul Mitchell off to investigate a KGB operation (by researching a long forgotten naval engagement off France in 1812), it does not look to Mitchell as if it will lead anywhere. But the fate of the crew of the Vengeful has more than a few surprises in store for him and suddenly the past throws a dazzling and very dangerous light on the present. "Anthony Price writes spy novels as no one ever has. The adventures of Audley and his associates combine haunting characterisation, complex plots, history, international intrigue and pure detection." *Encyclopedia Mysterosa*. (English)

Bill PRONZINI**A Wasteland of Strangers****356pp Pb 22.95**

Pronzini sets his tale in the close-knit community of Pomo, which is a *Lynch*esque American town of seemingly friendly neighbours who hide a seething mass of jealousy and violent anger. A town where simmering rage and resentment is about to boil over ... Into this explosive situation wanders hulking, brooding stranger John Faith. Instantly distrusted by most of Pomo's inhabitants, Faith is soon the number one suspect in the murder of local siren Storm Carey. With a host of memorable suspects, each given their own first person narration, Pronzini has produced an unputdownable and taut thriller, full of twists and surprises. (American)



**Malcolm PRYCE****Last Tango in Aberystwyth**

263pp Tp 29.95

To the girls who came to make it big in the town's movie industry, Aberystwyth was the town of broken dreams. To Dean Morgan who taught at the Faculty of Undertaking, it was just a place to get course materials. But both worlds collide when the Dean checks into the notorious bed and breakfast ghetto, (a dark labyrinth of druid speakeasies and toffee apple dens, where every spinning wheel tells the story of a broken heart), and mistakenly receives a suitcase intended for a ruthless druid assassin. Soon he is running for his life, his heart hopelessly in thrall to a porn star known as Judy Juice. Louie Knight, the town's only private eye knows that in order to find the Dean, he has to discover what was in the druid's case. It turns out to be something so evil it makes even the hard-boiled gumshoe gasp...(Welsh)

Patrick REDMOND**Apple of my Eye**

Tp 29.95

When young lawyer Daniel Latimer meets his stepsister Christina at the funeral of a family friend, little do either of them realise the momentous chain of events that is about to be unleashed. Unhappy, vulnerable and lonely, Christina brings out the protective side of Daniel, and when she arrives in London after a failed relationship, he looks after her, successfully bringing about a rapprochement with her father, Robert. When Daniel realises that something very unhealthy is developing between father and daughter, he decides to seek help. But as he begins to explore her past, he comes to realise that Christina is a far more complex and disturbed personality than either he or Robert have realised, and that by trying to manipulate her emotions, Robert is unleashing demons that he will not be able to control. (English)

Matthew REILLY**Scarecrow**

463pp Hb 45.00

The bestselling author of *Ice Station* (Pb 19.95) and *Area 7* (Pb 19.95) reintroduces Captain Shane 'Scarecrow' Schofield for his fastest, most nail-biting challenge yet. As Schofield watches his mission (to take out a secret missile dump in Siberia) turn into a bloodbath, he discovers he has been tricked. Now he is the prey rather than the predator. An international consortium of staggering power and wealth has included his name on a mystery list of 15 targets to be eliminated without fail by noon on 31 December. Every high-powered bounty hunter on the planet is on his trail, and while Schofield battles to evade them on every side, he must simultaneously track down the perpetrators of a conspiracy that could soon reduce many of the major cities of the world to ashes. (Australian)

David ROBERTS**Hollow Crown**

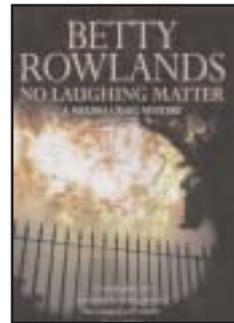
Pb 21.95

A Lord Edward Corinth and Verity and Browne Mystery. Lord Edward is invited by his friend Joe Weaver to recover certain letters stolen from the King's intimate friend Wallis Simpson. There is no mystery about who has taken these letters: a woman called Mrs Raymond Harkness, a former mistress of the King and a close friend of Edward's. (English)

Betty ROWLANDS**No Laughing Matter**

Pb 19.95

At Framleigh House, the smart residential home where Melissa's mother Sylvia is staying, two fatal cases of food poisoning are treated by the authorities as accidental. To Melissa's consternation, Sylvia decides to do some detective work: Why do the once-married couple ignore one another in company but make a secret rendezvous in the grounds? Do the two gay actors fit into the puzzle? Can Sylvia trust the confidante whom she has roped into her 'investigation'? When another resident is taken ill Melissa starts



to take her mother's concerns seriously and begins to investigate with the aid of local journalist Bruce Ingram and in so doing puts her own life in jeopardy. (English)

Denise RYAN**Backlash**

371pp Pb 19.95

Shannon Flinder is a criminal lawyer who has been to the edge and back. Determined to put her past behind her, she also wants to sort out her turbulent relationship with the man she loves but cannot trust. But things were never going to be that easy. New dangers threaten, like the vicious, shocking, apparently motiveless attack on a client. Most of all, Shannon is desperate to forget what she had to do to save her life. But how can she? Somebody thinks she has got away with murder and they are determined to make her pay... (American)

**Sharon SALA****Out of the Dark**

323pp Tp 24.95

Street artist Jade remembers little of her childhood, except for the time she spent under the ruthless control of a cult leader, a time marked by terrible abuse and suffering. After she escaped his clutch she survived by living on the streets and never putting down roots. Ex-cop Luke Kelly knows his friend Sam Cochrane wants to find his daughter who was taken from him as a child. So Luke uses all his connections to make that happen, not knowing that by reuniting Jade with her father he is exposing her to a deadly peril. In the healing embrace of her father's home, Jade (with Luke's loving help) begins to put fear behind her. But somewhere in the darkness, a man is prepared to kill rather than let Jade reveal the secrets of her childhood. And when her story makes the national news, that someone finally knows where to find her. (American)

**Mickey SPILLANE****The Mike Hammer Omnibus**

Vol 1

513pp Pb 34.95

The three novels contained here are: *I, the Jury*, *My Gun is Quick* and *Vengeance is Mine*. (American)

Mickey SPILLANE**The Mike Hammer Omnibus**

Vol 2

518pp Pb 34.95

The three novels contained here are: *One Lonely Night*, *The Big Kill* and *Kiss Me, Deadly*. These stories are one shade blacker than noir, stories that begin in the gutter and go down from there. (American)

Erica SPINDLER**In Silence**

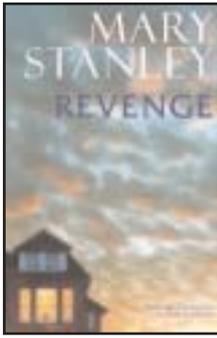
382pp Tp 24.95

When journalist Avery Chauvin returns home to Cypress Springs, Louisiana, after 12 years, it is as if time has stood still. Yet for her everything has changed; her mother died a year ago and now her father is gone. Devastated by her father's suicide and her inability to save him, Avery has taken a leave of absence from her newspaper job to come back and put his affairs in order. But in truth, she has come looking for answers. How could her father, a physician who dedicated himself to preserving life, have taken his own? (American)



**Mary STANLEY****Revenge** 310pp Tp 32.95

Her three granddaughters adore Millicent McHarg, an eccentric and forthright novelist. When the eldest, nicknamed Plumpet, is found hurt and bewildered in her own bed on Christmas morning following a party the night before, her family must at once deal with the emotional pain, and try to solve the mystery. With Plumpet's sisters' help, Millicent prepares to take a grandmother's revenge... (British)

**Cath STAINCLIFFE****Bitter Blue** 256pp Hb 49.95

 A *Sal Kilkenny mystery*. Her first new case is to discover who is sending offensive poison pen letters to hotel receptionist Lucy Barker. The second is surveillance work for a couple who want reassuring that there are no nuisance neighbours or criminal activity in the area where they are planning to buy a new home. Unluckily for Sal there is more than one surprise in store for her and a nightmarish sequence of events may well turn out to be a matter of life and death. (British)

Cath STAINCLIFFE**Towers of Silence** 253pp Pb 19.95

 A *Sal Kilkenny mystery*. Eventually persuaded and against her better judgement, Sal helps a family trace their mothers' last hours. She is ashamed to realise how little the authorities had bothered to investigate: Why would a woman so petrified of heights choose to jump from the top of Manchester's Arndale Centre car park? Written with beautiful attention to the nuances of everyday life, this is an emotionally involving journey into the heart of a city hiding dark secrets. (British)

Madge SWINDELLS**Twisted Things** 308pp Hb 49.95

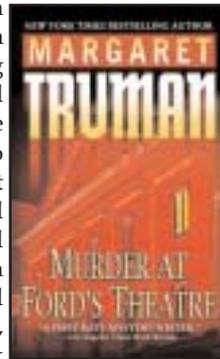
 Rescued after hours in the freezing water clinging onto the wreckage of her yacht, Clara Conner wakes up in Dover hospital with hazy memories of the accident that put her there. Patrick, her husband, is missing, presumably killed by the explosion that tore the Connemara apart. Haunted by shocking and violent images, Clara becomes convinced that Patrick was murdered and that she was attacked; but are these really memories or are they just trauma induced fantasies? (British)

M J TROW**Maxwell's Match** Pb 19.95

 On a two-week staff exchange, Peter 'Mad Max' Maxwell leaves behind his familiar local comprehensive school for the altogether more sophisticated charms of Grimonds, a private academy steeped in tradition and money. But something is amiss here with two murders within days of his arrival. With journalists besieging the school and parents in a panic, the Headmaster is scrambling to preserve Grimonds' reputation. And when Maxwell's girlfriend, DS Jacquie Carpenter, gets assigned to the case he soon finds himself involved in a complex police investigation and a tangled web of secrets. (English)

Margaret TRUMAN**Murder at Ford's Theatre** 376pp Pb 19.95

 The body of Nadia Zarinski, an attractive young woman who worked for senator Bruce Lerner (and who volunteered at Ford's) is discovered in the alley behind the theatre. Soon a pair of mismatched cops - young, studious Rick Klieman and gregarious veteran Moses "Mo" Johnson - start digging into the victim's life, and find themselves confronting an increasing cast of suspects. (American)

**Eric VAN LUSTBADER****Art Kills** 87pp Hb 21.95

 Art is having a wild affair with murder in this breathtaking, inventive tale. Racing from the marbled precincts of New York's uptown museum scene to the fashionable galleries and lofts of Soho to a gated Mafia mansion on the platinum coast of Long Island, at top speed this novella takes appraiser Tess Chase, a non-nonsense woman with a taste for martial as well as fine arts, in pursuit of a long-lost painting by the Renaissance master Raphael. (American)

Guy WALTERS**The Leader** 339pp Tp 32.95

 Britain in the late 1930s and early 1940s and Edward VIII has not abdicated but reigns with Queen Wallis. His PM is Oswald Mosley, hand in glove with Hitler. Only one man can save Britain from the hands of fascism: Armstrong, a hero of the Great War must draw together the resistance. (English)

Minette WALTERS**Disordered Minds** 433pp Tp 29.95

 In 1970, Howard Stamp, a retarded 20-year-old, was convicted on disputed evidence and a retracted confession of brutally murdering his grandmother in her Dorset home. Less than three years later, he was dead, driven to suicide by self-hatred and relentless bullying by other prisoners. A fate befitting a murderer, perhaps, but what if he was innocent? More than a quarter of a century later, anthropologist and author Jonathan Hughes re-examines Stamp's case while researching a book on injustice. His investigations lead him to believe that Stamp was wrongly convicted. But is the previously forgotten story of one friendless young man compelling enough to make Hughes leave his ivory tower in order to champion justice for someone he never knew? (English)

Derek WILSON**Tripletree** 269pp Hb 42.95

 Introducing Nathaniel Gye, *paranormal investigator*. At a fancy-dress party in a Jacobean manor house that Nathaniel and Katherine Gye attend, a body is dragged from the lake. Only his first misadventure, Nathaniel must look back into the house's history, back to the 17th century when a gallows overlooked the house. (English)

**HISTORICAL
CRIME****Alys CLARE****Dark Night Hidden** 272pp Hb 59.95

A *Hawkenlye mystery* #6. The new priest has arrived at Hawkenlye Abbey and he is a cruel fanatic. When he is found dead in a ditch after threatening the abbess, few mourn his passing. Unfortunately, his assailants have as little love for the Abbey as they had for the deceased and that spells danger for everyone. (English)

Bernard KNIGHT**Fear in the Forest** 432pp Pb 18.95

A *Crowner John medieval murder mystery* #7. 12th century, Devon. Much of the country lies under the iron rule of the Royal Forest laws, with all hunting reserved to the King. The penalty for killing a deer on the King's land is mutilation or death. June 1195. A tall, brown mare gallops into the sleepy village of Sigford, its rider dragged by the stirrup. The embroidered badge on the dead man's tunic identifies him as a senior officer of the Royal Forest. But, with plenty of money still in the victim's purse, the motive is a mystery. When a second forest officer is violently attacked, Sir John de Wolfe begins to uncover evidence of a sinister conspiracy. (English)

**Edward MARSTON****The Frost Fair 284pp Hb 49.95**

A Restoration mystery. 1669, London. During one of the coldest winters for years, the Thames freezes over and a frost fair is held on the thick ice. Architect Christopher Redmayne and puritanical constable Jonathan Bale are both visiting the fair when one of Bale's sons gets into trouble on thin ice. They rescue the boy but in the process make a grim discovery, the frozen corpse of a man. The dead man is Jeronimo Maldini, an Italian fencing master who has been missing for some time. Redmayne is inclined to dismiss the case and leave the investigation to Bale; but all that changes when his own brother, Henry Redmayne, is charged with the murder. (British)

Fidelis MORGAN**The Ambitious Stepmother Pb 21.95**

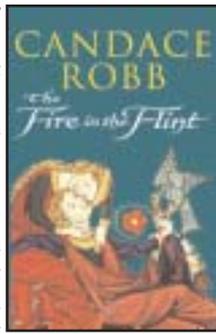
A Countess Ashby de la Zouche mystery. 1699, France. The second Mrs Alderman Franklyn-Green is willing to go to any lengths to get rid of her unwanted stepdaughter Virginia. And the promise of 100 guineas and a sojourn in the land of gay balls and all-night gambling is sufficient to secure the Countess's services, even if the girl is a complete shrew. Sadly, the exiled English Court at St Germain is far from the den of iniquity the Countess and her maidservant Alpieuw were hoping for. Worse, any hopes of enjoying fine French cuisine are dashed when a fellow guest is poisoned. In addition to unravelling plots against three kings and negotiating the culinary eccentricities of the Court of Versailles, our sleuths encounter the Bastille's most mysterious prisoner, and discover the peculiar employment Lord Whippingham has devised for young women with strong teeth. (English)

Anne PERRY**Christmas Journey Hb 39.95**

Victorian England. This new novel features Lady Vespasia Cumming-Gould (one of the most memorable characters from the Thomas Pitt series) who appears here as the ultimate aristocrat who can trace her blood to half the royal houses of Europe. It is Christmas and the Berkshire countryside lies wrapped in winter chill. But the well-born guests who have gathered at Applecross for a delicious weekend of innocent intrigue and passionate romance are warmed by roaring fires and candlelight, holly and mistletoe, good wine and gorgeously wrapped gifts. It is scarcely the setting for misfortune, and no one anticipates the tragedy that is to darken this light-hearted holiday house party. But soon one young woman lies dead, a suicide, and another is held partly responsible for the shocking turn of events. (English)

Candace ROBB**The Fire in the Flint Hb 59.95 Tp 32.95**

A Margaret Kerr mystery #2. Medieval Scotland. Margaret Kerr of Perth is living in Edinburgh with her Uncle Murdoch during the summer of 1297. She had come to search for her long-absent husband who is in the service of Robert the Bruce. Margaret herself is still loyal to the deposed King John Balliol. Then terrifying raids and a brutal murder on the Kerr property bring the wrath of the English down on the heads of Margaret and her uncle. The sudden reappearance of Roger, her husband, gives Margaret the chance for escape from Edinburgh and together they make for Perth. But soon she begins to suspect that Roger's newfound enthusiasm for their marriage is just a foil for a mission for Robert the Bruce. Then her father returns from Bruges, bringing trouble and discord in his wake. What was it the raiders sought from Margaret's property? Can she trust either her husband or her father...? (American)

**David WISHART****A Vote for Murder 356pp Pb 18.95**

A Marcus Corvinus Roman mystery. One of the liveliest and most engaging of sleuths, Marcus makes a welcome return in this baffling and intricate puzzle. He is spending a few days in the Alban Hills, enthusiastically patronising the local wine shop and taking a mild interest in the forthcoming consul's elections. When one of the two candidates is murdered, he is all too pleased to put his holiday on hold and help with the investigation. In a grand finale, he enters the local wine tasting competition (which, given his dedicated attitude to training, should be a walkover), only to be beaten... by a sheep. (British)

**CRIME
NON-FICTION****Bill BASS****Death's Acre****Tp 29.95**

In 1981, Dr William Bass founded the Anthropology Research Facility at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville. It was the first, and remains the only, institution in the world dedicated to research into the timing of post-mortem human decomposition. It quickly acquired the nickname "the Body Farm", a phrase given international recognition after Dr Bass assisted Patricia Cornwell with her forensic research and she used the sobriquet as the title for the fifth Dr Kay Scarpetta novel (Pb 19.95). This is the story of how Bass created the scientific method for assessing time of death. (American)

Richard BENNETT**Espionage: Spies and Secrets****418pp Pb 26.95**

This reference resource contains over 500 entries covering every aspect of modern-day intelligence gathering and counter-terrorism, along with a comprehensive overview of its history. Global in scope, it focuses in particular on developments in intelligence since the Cold War: governmental failure to foresee terrorist attacks against western targets; counter-terrorism, including the growth in commercial terrorism; electronic and communications surveillance; illegal activities by the intelligence services from around the world, including assassination, smuggling and torture; and terminology and equipment. With entries on individual spies, politicians and diplomats, from the players to the patsies, and profiles of the key historical events and scandals from the history of spying, this book is designed for journalists, researchers and anyone with an interest in this controversial and chilling subject. (English)

Patrick BLACKDEN**Tourist Trap****250pp Pb 19.95**

When holiday turns to nightmare. Tourism - the world's largest peacetime industry and the way many of us realise our dreams of escape. As the world becomes increasingly divided into the haves and have-nots, crimes committed against tourists are escalating. From the back streets of Mexico to the hostess bars of Japan, tourists are being raped, taken hostage, murdered and ritually sacrificed. And with the escalating threat of terrorist attack to contend with, are we safer staying at home? From the hellhole jails of the East to the sordid world of sex tourism, this is an exploration of the dark side of the holiday experience. (English)

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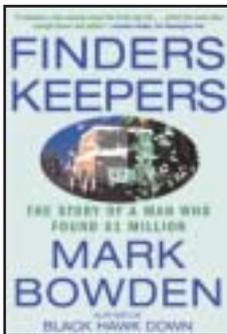
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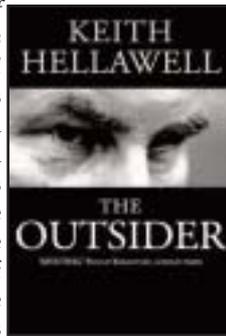
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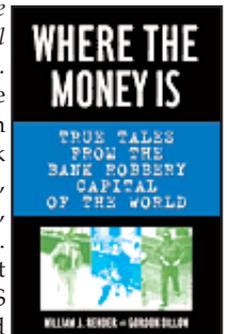
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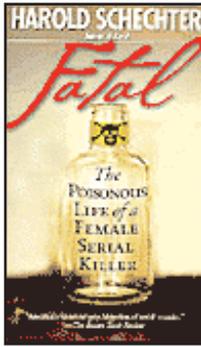
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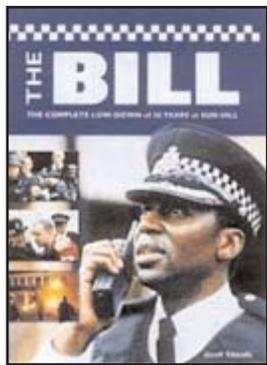
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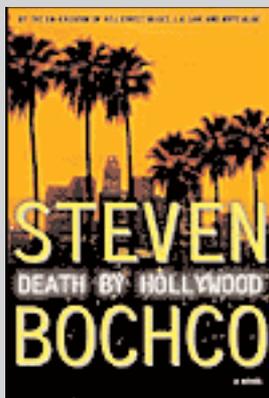
text will provide an overview of the character-led story lines and the crime drama, as well as providing behind-the-scenes info about the making of the show. (British)

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- Stephen J Cannell

The novel is so utterly saturated with sex, duplicity, cynicism and worthless human beings that I cannot recommend it to decent people. The rest of us, however - and despite all the moral-majority, family-values rhetoric, we remain the majority in this great land - will wallow in it quite contentedly.

- The Washington Post



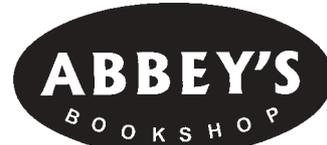
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