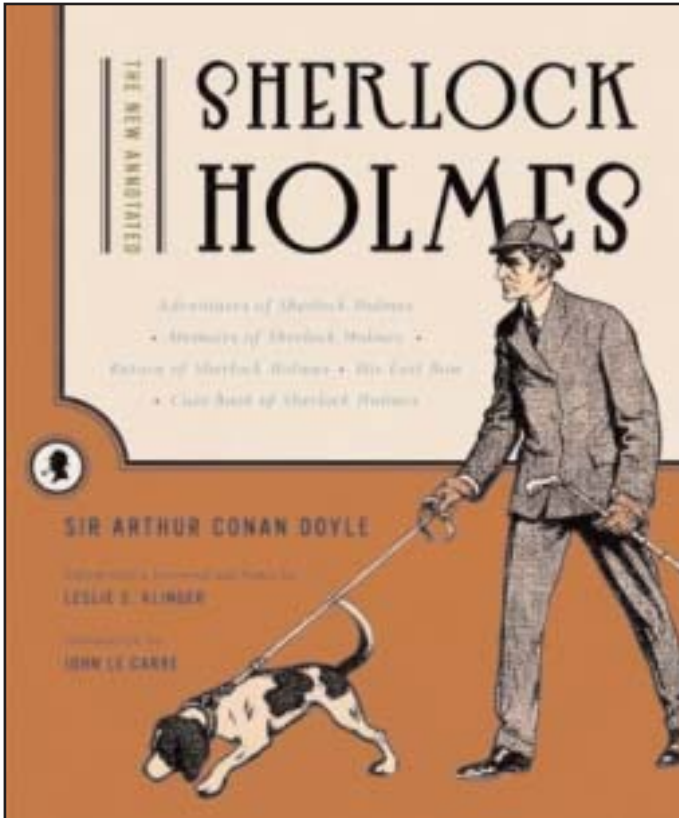


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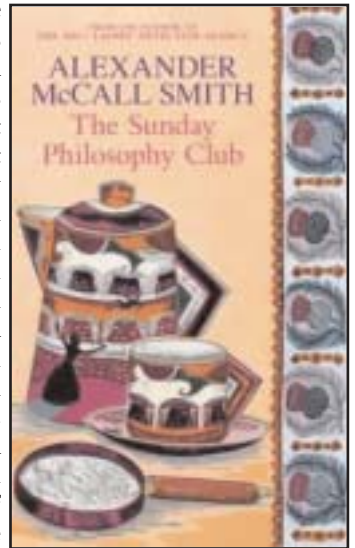
THE NEW ANNOTATED SHERLOCK HOLMES
Arthur Conan DOYLE

Edited with a Foreword and Notes by Leslie Klinger
 2 volume Hb boxed set 1,300pp \$115.95

Sherlockians and more casual Holmes fans alike will delight in this comprehensive edition of the 56 original short adventures featuring the world's first private consulting detective. Modelling his efforts on W S Baring Gould's 1968 **Annotated Sherlock Holmes**, Klinger packs as many extras into these two volumes as a special director's cut DVD: detailed essays on subjects as diverse as the Boer War and the history of rugby, illuminating citations to early drafts of Doyle's original manuscripts and full discussions of the numerous theories developed over more than a century concerning ambiguities, contradictions and unresolved issues in the stories. Those new to such scholarship will be fascinated by the sophisticated multi-disciplined approach, much of it based on close readings and historical research similar to Bible study. The synthesis of the commentaries will engage veteran Sherlockians, who will be able to compare hypotheses concerning, for example, the true identity of the king of Bohemia or Holmes's actual whereabouts during the Great Hiatus. First-time readers might want to skip Klinger's brief introductions to each tale, as they presume familiarity with the plot and often hint strongly at the solutions. I believe that the four novels will be treated in a third volume due out in 2005. A wonderful gift or just a treasure to own.

THE SUNDAY PHILOSOPHY CLUB
Alexander McCall SMITH
 281pp Tp \$29.95

This is a new series from the author of **The No.1 Ladies Detective Agency**. Edinburgh is the genteel home to ladies who lunch, attend concerts, art exhibitions and – for this is not a showy city – do good by stealth. Ladies such as Isabel Dalhousie. But behind Edinburgh's regimented Georgian facades, its moral compasses are spinning with greed, dishonesty, lust and murderous intent. Isabel knows this. Isabel, in fact, rather relishes it. An accomplished philosopher and editor of **The Review of Applied Ethics**, she knows the difference between good and bad. Which is probably why, by instinct, she is an amateur sleuth. And instinct tells her the man who tumbled to his death in front of her eyes after a concert in the Usher Hall didn't fall. He was pushed.... **The Sunday Philosophy Club** marks new territory, but familiar moral ground, from the author of the Mma Ramotswe series. With Isabel Dalhousie, Alexander McCall Smith introduces a new and waspish female sleuth to tackle murder, mayhem – and the mysteries of life.



If you haven't yet had the pleasure of the Mma Ramotswe series, we have all six titles in stock: **The No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency** (#1) Hb 34.95, Pb 22.95; **Tears of the Giraffe** (#2) Pb 22.95; **Morality for Beautiful Girls** (#3) Pb 22.95; **The Kalahari Typing School for Men** (#4) Pb 22.95; **The Full Cupboard of Life** (#5) Pb 22.95, and **In the Company of Cheerful Ladies** (#6) Hb 29.95.

- Peter

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Rennie AIRTH



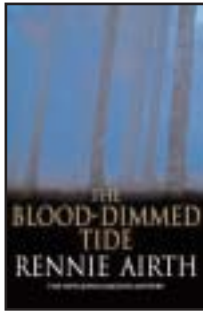
The Blood-Dimmed Tide

341pp Tp 30.00

This is the eagerly awaited sequel to the critically acclaimed

River of Darkness

(Pb 18.95). It is 1932 and former Scotland Yard Inspector John Madden is now a farmer in the peaceful Surrey countryside. Peaceful, that is, until he discovers the mutilated body of a small girl, Alice Bridger, hidden in a wood. Uneasy at the direction of police enquiries and convinced a multiple killer is at large, he quietly begins his own investigation. When a second body is found, he follows leads to Germany, where the Nazis are on the brink of power. (British)



Lori AVOCATO



A Dose of Murder

305pp Pb 16.95

A *Pauline Sokol mystery*. After years of chasing around sniffily munchkins with a tongue depressor, Nurse Pauline Sokol has had it. Luckily, the smarmy head of an agency that investigates medical fraud thinks she would make a perfect PI but since she knows as much about detective work as a potted geranium, the hunky and mysterious Jagger steps in to teach her the ropes. Her first assignment promises to be a hoot until the healers around her start inexplicably dropping dead. Sexy, sassy and prescriptive... (American)

David BALDACCI



Hour Game 437pp Tp 30.00

Ex-Secret Service agents Sean King and Michelle Maxwell have gone into partnership and are investigating the robbery of some secret documents from the incredibly wealthy Battle family. Meanwhile, a spate of killings terrorise the neighbourhood. As the killing spree escalates it seems the Battle family are somehow involved... (British)

Robert BARRETT



Trifecta 559pp Tp 24.95

The *Ultimate Robert G Barrett Collection*. Here are two marvellous Les Norton mysteries: *Mud Crab Boogie* (1998) and *The Wind and the Monkey* (1999); plus the ultimate Les Norton Trivia Challenge. It also contains his 1997 collection of outrageous newspaper columns, *So What Do You Reckon?* A great gift and a sure bet for Barrett fans as well as new readers. (Australian)

M C BEATON



Agatha Raisin and the Case of the Curious Curate #13

229pp Pb 16.95

Agatha has been humiliated by an unseemly proposition from John Armitage, her handsome neighbour, and so complete is her devastation she has given up on makeup and taken to wearing sensible shoes. But there is light at the end of this dark and lonely tunnel, and its source is Carsely's beatific new curate Tristan Delon. And to her surprise, he seems he reciprocates her interest. However, there is something odd about the curate; especially when he is found dead in the vicar's study. (American)

Richard BENKE



Ghost Ocean 280pp Tp 32.95

In the remote Apache Wilderness of New Mexico, violence is a way of life. The area is home to ranchers, environmentalists, drug runners, people smugglers and law enforcement officials. While tracking wolf poachers, Bureau of Land Management ranger Will Mann finds the body of a 12-year-old girl. (American)

Nero BLANC



Wrapped up in Crosswords # 8

130pp Hb 22.95

Santa Claus is coming to the town of Newcastle, Massachusetts. But this year, there are three of them and *more* is not merrier. These Santas look an awful lot like the escaped prisoners supposedly missing from a nearby jail. Now, as holiday jitters abound, crossword editor Belle Graham and her PI partner Rosco Polycrates must follow a trail of clues to make sure these costumed convicts are caught red-handed... (American)

Meredith BLEVINS



The Hummingbird Wizard

399pp Pb 16.95

An *Annie Szabo mystery*. After the unexpected death of her husband, Annie Szabo was not planning on veering off course again. But her late husband's family, a proud clan of Gypsies, has other plans. When her oldest friend Jerry is found dead, she is forced to form an alliance with Madame Mina, her stubborn and powerful mother-in-law and the heart of the Szabo family. To catch this killer, Annie and Mina must use all of their resources: ancient curses, talented petty theft, bizarre love magic, a Gypsy PI and a strong sense of humour. (American)

Suzanne BROCKMANN



Flashpoint 452pp Pb 16.95

Brockmann delivers an exciting new thriller about male and female operatives working where agents of the US government cannot, where America's most ruthless enemies thrive and where every step you take just might be your last. (American)

Bob BURTON



Bullet Blues 302pp Pb 14.95

A *Dev Shannon mystery* #2. When the wife of an old friend disappears and his buddy ends up facing a murder rap, Dev agrees to look for the missing woman; never imaging someone will start shooting at him. Looks like his lousy week is about to get a hell of a lot worse... (American)

Leslie CAINE



Death by Inferior Design

372pp Pb 16.95

A *Domestic Bliss mystery*. Erin Gilbert was headed to a lovely neighbourhood to engage in a friendly little design contest with her nearest and less-than-dearest competitor, the unspeakably handsome Steve Sullivan. Erin would do a room in one home. Across the street, Steve would do another. Between Gilbert and Sullivan, may the best eye win? But somewhere between her faux wall finish and her custom window treatments, Erin is in for a shock. It seems that a killer has created this designing job just for *her!* (American)

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ACADEMIC



BANKING



CANINE DETECTIVES



CLERICAL



COSY/MALICE DOMESTIC



CULINARY/FOOD



FBI



FELINE DETECTIVES



FORENSIC



HORSE RACING MYSTERY



MEDICAL



MILITARY



NATIVE AMERICAN



POLICE PROCEDURAL



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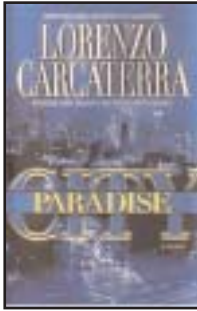
**Stella CAMERON****Kiss them Goodbye**

473pp Pb 16.95

Just weeks after inheriting Rosebank, a once magnificent plantation on the banks of the Bayou Teche, David Patin died in a mysterious fire that destroyed his popular New Orleans restaurant. In the aftermath, his daughter Vivian and wife Charlotte are shocked to discover that the family finances are as run-down as their only remaining asset - Rosebank! (American)

Lorenzo CARCATERRA**Paradise City** 335pp Tp 29.95

As a 15-year-old, Giancarlo Lo Monto learned about injustice the hard way. The Camorra, the murderous clan run by Don Nicola Rossi, gunned down his father in NYC. When his mother moved him



back to his family's ancestral home in Naples, Gian found himself face-to-face with the source of the Mob's strength, the spring that spawned its deadly killers. Today, 23 years later, he is a dogged detective on the Naples police force's homicide division, the most dangerous beat in Europe. He is the nemesis of all who export evil, the man who stops it before it spreads overseas. His efforts have not gone unnoticed. The strength of Naples reinforces the muscle of New York, and now the two worlds are about to collide. (American)

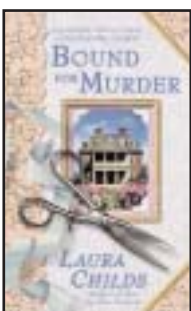
John CASE**The Murder Artist** 435pp Tp 32.95

Foreign correspondent Alex Callahan surprises himself by enjoying the Renaissance Faire his six-year-old twin boys have dragged him to. However, the boys mysteriously disappear while watching the Green Knight despatch the Black Knight in the carnival's joust. The perfect day has turned into to a nightmare. Nothing Alex has seen as a newspaperman has prepared him for The Piper! (American)

Laura CHILDS**Bound for Murder**

238pp Pb 14.95

A Keepsake mystery #3. Carmela Bertrand's pre-wedding party is overshadowed when her friend's intended groom is murdered. Asked by the heartbroken bride to look into the case, Carmela must help pick up the pieces while wrapping up a murder that has more than one lethal loose end. (American)

**Jill CHURCHILL****Bell, Book, and Scandal**

245pp Pb 16.95

A Jane Jeffry mystery #14. With best buddy Shelley Nowack in tow, Jane is heading down to a nearby mystery writers' convention hoping to drum up interest in her own recently completed manuscript. But what would a



mystery convention be without a mystery? So when a famous ego-squashing editor is undone by an anonymous poisoner, and a much hated book-bashing journalist is himself bashed quite nastily in the parking lot, Jane and Shelley jump right on the case. (American)

Nancy COHEN**Highlights to Heaven**

297pp Pb 14.95

A *Bad Hair Day* mystery. Marla Shore lands a case close to home when her pet-loving neighbour, a man aptly named Goat, disappears, leaving a dead body behind. The corpse might be just another anonymous stiff except for the distinctive highlighting in his hair. Marla immediately recognizes the signature technique of Ft Lauderdale's Heavenly Hair Salon. (American)

Kate COLLINS**Mum's the Word**

293pp Pb 14.95

This is #1 in a new series featuring Abby Knight, the proud new owner of Bloomers Flower Shop. When a black 4WD rams her vintage Corvette in a hit and run, Abby accepts the help of hunky ex-cop Marco Salvare. But their budding relationship is threatened when the trail turns deadly. (American)

Max Allan COLLINS**Two for the Money (1973)**

378pp Pb 16.95

Hard Case Crime series. Would Nolan bury the hatchet with the mob or would they bury him first? Nolan is a tough guy but even a hardened professional thief cannot fight off the whole Chicago mafia. Complete and unabridged edition with a new afterword by the author. (American)

Richard CONDON**The Manchurian Candidate (1959)**

358pp Pb 18.95

Sgt Raymond Shaw is an ex-POW who saved the lives of his entire outfit, a winner of the Congressional Medal of Honour, the stepson of an influential senator ... and the perfect assassin. Brainwashed during his time as a POW, he is a 'sleeper', a living weapon to be triggered by a secret signal. Film tie-in edition. (American)

John CONNOLLY**Bad Men**

407pp Hb 44.95

Signed edition. 300 years ago, the settlers on the island of Sanctuary were betrayed by one of their own and slaughtered. Now a band of killers has returned to seek revenge on a young woman and her son. The only people who stand in their way are a rookie officer and the island's resident policeman. (Irish)

Cleo COYLE**Through the Grinder**

270pp Pb 14.95

A *Coffee House mystery.* Business is booming at Clare Cosi's Village Blend, until her female customers start to die. Lt Quinn is convinced that someone has an axe to grind and, unfortunately, his prime suspect is the new man in Clare's life. Now Clare will risk her heart and life to follow the killer's trail to the bitter end. Recipes and tips on coffee making included. (American)

Isis CRAWFORD**A Catered Murder**

315pp Pb 14.95

A *Libby and Bernie mystery.* Bernadette Simmons was not sure what to expect when she left LA and her no-good, cheating boyfriend to move back in with her family in New York. And her sister Libby had no idea what she was in for when she hired Bernie to work for her catering business. But in between cutting up canapés and dishing up desserts, the two find themselves in the midst of a mystery they can really sink their teeth into... (American)

Deborah CROMBIE**Now May You Weep**

397pp Pb 18.95

This author has garnered tremendous praise and has been nominated for virtually every major mystery award for her piercing police procedurals featuring Scotland Yard detectives Duncan Kincaid and Gemma James, who are personally and professionally entwined. Now Gemma takes centre stage when a lethal crime of passion turns a recreational trip to Scotland into pure, bloody business. (American)

Richard DALBY (editor)**Mystery for Christmas (1990)**

292pp Pb 16.95

Ghosts, murders, bizarre disappearances and journeys back through time - every conceivable type of mystery can be found within this holiday collection's pages. Long inspired by the season of peace and goodwill to tell tales of murder, mystery and the supernatural, the stories range from work by writers as diverse as Charles Dickens, Thomas Hardy, Roger Johnson, HRF Keating, Marjorie Bowen and Muriel Spark. What yuletide gathering would be complete without a homicidal Santa on the loose? (American)

**Nelson DeMILLE (editor)****The Best American Mystery****Stories 2004 432pp Tp 29.95**

Assembled by bestselling suspense author Nelson DeMille, this contains a spectacular array of stories by both mystery veterans and talented newcomers. Follow a chain reaction that saves a woman's life, visit a house haunted by a husband's violent killing spree, enter the high-stakes world of Las Vegas gambling, watch the line between reality and dream blur, travel with a bored salesman who is driven to crime, plus much more. Encompassing all aspects of the genre, this year's selections are sure to quicken pulses, send chills down the spine and keep readers continually guessing! (American)

**Peter DUCHIN & John WILSON****Good Morning, Heartache****394pp Pb 16.95**

Damon and his orchestra are in LA for a gig at the Coconut Grove. But when the body of his trumpeter is found washed up on the coast, he sets out with Hercules Platt, ex-cop-turned-sax-player, to find the hidden truth behind Hollywood's facade. (American)

Barry EISLER**Hard Rain****451pp Pb 19.95**

A *John Rain* thriller #2. This is the sequel to 2002's *Rain Fall* (Pb 19.95). After killing a CIA officer who had hunted him around the globe, John Rain 'disappears' in search of elusive peace. But his old nemesis tracks him down, pulling him out of retirement for one last hit: a killer without conscience who threatens the delicate balance of power of the state. (American)

Janet EVANOVICH**Metro Girl****296pp Tp 29.95**

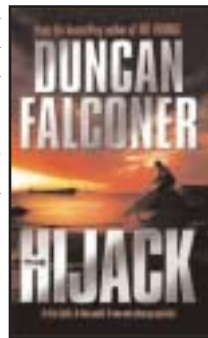
Buckle your seat belts and move into the fast lane in this high-octane misadventure with high stakes, hot nights, cold-blooded murder, sunken treasure, a woman with a chassis built for speed and one very good, very sexy stock-car-racer who tags along for the ride. When Wild Bill Barnaby drops off the face of the earth, his big sister Alex heads for Miami to save him. Battling bad-hair-day humidity, Miami hit men and Palmetto bugs big enough to eat her alive, Alex pursues Bill's trail through the bars of South Beach, then to Key West and Cuba. Brilliantly funny, unputdownable. (American)

Nancy FAIRBANKS**Holy Guacamole 276pp Pb 14.95**

A *Culinary mystery with Recipes*. At an opera party in Texas, the artistic director dies after he eats some bad guacamole. A scorned soprano admits to mixing the dish to get back at him for passing her over for her dream role. But Carolyn learns that foul play, not foul food, was the real culprit and uncovers some unsavoury secrets that lead to a full menu of suspects. (American)

Duncan FALCONER**The Hijack****470pp Pb 19.95**

200 miles south of the Devon coastline, Palestinian freedom-fighter Abed Abu Omar and 20 men prepare for their most daring mission yet - the hijack of a super tanker, a 5-storey superstructure loaded with oil. Meanwhile, in an Elizabethan country house, SBS operative Stratton has been seconded to bodyguard work and is bored by the lack of challenge - but not for long! (British)

**Elaine FLINN****Tagged for Murder****304pp Pb 16.95**

A *Molly Doyle mystery*. The murder of a friend and fellow antiques dealer has shaken Molly to the core. And matters are not helped by the arrival of her deceitful, long-estranged sister who sticks around only long enough to dump on Molly her 12-year-old niece. Actually, young Emma is clever, endearing and shows a natural aptitude for antiques work and sleuthing. (American)

Ken FOLLETT**Whiteout****394pp Tp 30.00**

Fast, full of thrills and based on meticulous research; this is Ken Follett at his finest. Antonia Burrell runs her own security firm and her major client is Oxenford Medica, a boutique pharmaceuticals company. Owner Stanley Oxenford, now 60, has been persuaded to have a multi-generational family Christmas at his lovely country home. Meantime, there has been a break-in at the laboratories and a gang have stolen a lethal virus. But when their getaway car gets stuck, the gang are caught in a raging blizzard just outside Stan's house. (British)

Christopher FOWLER**Full Dark House****411pp Tp 22.95**

A bomb devastates the office of London's most unusual police unit and claims the life of its oldest detective, Arthur Bryant. His surviving partner John May's search for the bomber takes him back to the day the detectives first met as young men in the blitz of 1940. In a war-shaken city of myths, rumours and fear, Bryant and May discover that a house is not always a home; nothing is as it appears and the most cunning criminals hide in plain sight. Bryant and May take centre stage in their first great case. (British)

**Colin FORBES****No Mercy****322pp Pb 18.95**

Star-detective-turned-spy-master Tweed reluctantly agrees to make inquiries into a man called Michael Volkanian at the urging of his old friend, DS Buchanan. Buchanan had found Michael on the steps in Whitehall, where he heard him utter only three words: "I witnessed murder." (British)

Alan FURST**Dark Voyage****261pp Tp 29.95**

Tangier, 1941. Eric DeHaan is Captain of the Dutch tramp freighter, Noordenam. Recruited by Dutch Naval Intelligence while in the port of Tangier, DeHaan steers his ship, disguised as a neutral Spanish freighter, through a series of secret missions for British Naval interests. Slowly, the Noordenam becomes a ship of fugitives trapped on the seas until the war ends. Magnificent historical espionage complete with a fighting hero, a good-hearted man battling against an evil world. (British)

Frances FYFIELD**Looking Down****243pp Tp 29.95**

A *Sarah Fortune novel*. Richard Beaumont hoped to see a rare crow on the Dover cliffs. Instead he sees a young woman fall to her death. Unable to forget it, he returns to the coast and is befriended by the local police surgeon. Recently widowed, John is depressed by the realisation that his marriage had been a loveless void so Richard introduces him to Sarah Fortune. She is drawn into helping them trace where the dead girl came from and in so doing reveals a trade, which is both breath-takingly lucrative and chillingly cruel. (British)

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**Frances FYFIELD****Staring at the Light**

406pp Pb 19.95

A Sarah Fortune novel. Someone has stolen the only person John Smith has ever loved - his twin brother Cannon. Johnny will stop at nothing to get him back but Cannon does not feel the same way any more. He is married now and loves his wife. In a desperate effort to avoid Johnny's destructive brotherly affections, Cannon enlists the aid of Sarah Fortune, a lawyer who has turned helping the needy and eccentric into something of an art form. (British)

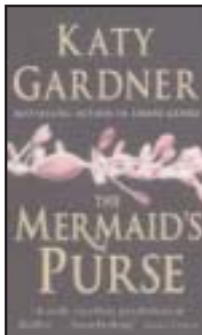
Robert GANDT**Shadows of War 352pp Pb 18.95**

Commander Brick Maxwell's best friend Raz Rasmussen was shot down on the first night of the first Gulf War. Though his body was never recovered, he was declared KIA and forgotten. Years later, his remarried widow receives evidence that Raz might be alive. She asks Maxwell to learn the truth. When Maxwell's old enemy Colonel Jamal Al-Fasr is captured in a battle on the Iranian border, Jamal offers to exchange himself for an American POW. (American)

Katy GARDNER**The Mermaid's Purse**

310pp Pb 22.95

Strange tides are acting upon Dr Cass Bainbridge, impelling her to take up a lecturing job in Brighton, not the natural choice for a woman with a fear of the sea. Dealing with mounting pressure from her students, a series of strange phone calls and disturbing emails are forcing her to finally come to terms with her own history and the demons threatening her future. (British)

**Giuseppe GENNA****In the Name of Ishmael**

441pp Tp 29.95

Politics, terror and spellbinding literary gamesmanship are at the heart of this daring fiction debut translated by Ann Goldstein for this first UK publication. In their parallel quests to uncover the identity of Ishmael, detectives Montorsi and Lopez struggle to assemble pieces of the puzzle that connect a series of inexplicable events - from an attempted assassination of Henry Kissinger to Princess Diana's tragic car crash. Both are led ever closer to the seemingly omnipotent yet invisible Ishmael, who may not only direct the deaths of innocents but also determine the fate of nations. (Italian)

Sarah GRAVES**Mallets Aforethought**

332pp Pb 16.95

A Home Repair is Homicide mystery. Jacobia 'Jake' Tiptree left her high-powered career for a dilapidated fixer-upper and the dream of a quiet existence in the quaint town of Eastport, Maine. But she found that no matter how carefully you remodel your life, murder can take up residence anywhere. (American)

Martin GREENBERG & Francis NEVINS (editors)**Mr President, Private Eye**

(1988) 275pp Pb 16.95

Here are diabolically clever mysteries featuring 13 former US presidents; from George Washington to Gerald Ford, these tales of conspiracy, menace, murder and detection unmask a gallery of executive profiles like none other in crime fiction! It features stories by Ed Gorman, Stuart Kaminsky, Dorothy Hughes, Joe Hensley, Sharyn McCrumb, Edward Hoch plus five more. (American)

Parnell HALL**With this Puzzle, I Thee Kill**

347pp Pb 16.95.

A Puzzle Lady mystery #5. Cora Felton and her brainy niece Sherry find themselves up against a killer whose identity is worse than a mystery. It is a cryptogram! An entertaining homage to the mind-game mysteries of the 1930s and 1940s, this book is fun from the first page. (American)

David HANDLER**The Bright Silver Star**

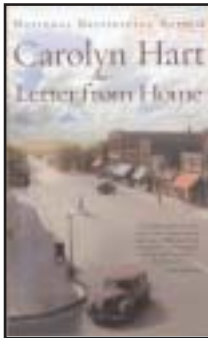
295pp Pb 16.95

A Berger and Mitry mystery. It is no ordinary July for the picture-perfect village of Dorset or for transplanted New York film critic Mitch Berger and his alluring love, Resident State Trooper Desiree Mitry. When famous, and combustible, movie star Tito Molino plunges to his death from a cliff just outside town, Des's investigation threatens to reveal secrets too terrible to imagine. (American)

Carolyn HART**Letter from Home**

262pp Pb 16.95

World-renowned journalist G G Gilman does her best not to think of the past. But one day she gets a letter - sent from the small Oklahoma town where she grew up - that brings it all back. Memories of people she had once known and loved dearly and of the sultry summer when her life changed forever! (American)

**Robert HEILBRUN****Offer of Proof 367pp Pb 16.95**

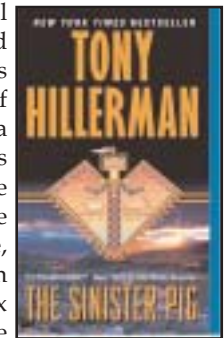
A beautiful businesswoman is robbed and murdered. With her last breath, she identifies her assailant. Or does she? Damon Tucker, a young kid from Harlem, is quickly charged but he maintains his innocence despite some incredibly damning evidence. Soon the only person standing between Damon and a possible death sentence is his public defender, Arch Gold, a tough courtroom veteran who knows every move in the game of criminal justice in New York City. This may be a case he cannot win. (American)

Jack HIGGINS**Toll for the Brave 327pp Pb 18.95**

Active combat, a Viet Cong prison camp and the callous treachery of his lover and interrogator Madam Ny had taken their toll. Ellis Jackson was out of his mind. Or was he? Maybe it would all have been easier to take if he really had been mad? A classic tale of deception, treachery and murder. (British)

Tony HILLERMAN**The Sinister Pig 318pp Pb 18.95**

The victim, well dressed but stripped of identification, is found at the edge of the vast Jicarilla Apache natural gas field just inside the jurisdiction of the Navajo Tribal Police, facing Sergeant Jim Chee with a complex puzzle. Why did the Washington office of the FBI snatch custody of this case from its local agents, cover it with secrecy and call it a hunting accident? Was the victim investigating the embezzlement of billions of dollars from the Indian Tribal royalty trust in the Department of the Interior? Legendary Lt Joe Leaphorn, now retired, connects the lines on a dusty old map to find the answers and the Sinister Pig among the great scimitar-horned Oryx grazing on the historic Tuttle Ranch. (American)

**Hazel HOLT****The Silent Killer**

218pp Hb 49.95

A Sheila Malory mystery. When the quiet, unassuming widower Sidney Middleton is found dead in his cottage from carbon monoxide poisoning, Sheila is deeply disturbed. Soon she uncovers some rather shocking information that paints him in a very different light and leads her to ask who the real Sidney was, and how many people might have borne him a grudge. A thoughtful and engaging novel about human weakness and power. (British)

**Jane ISENBERG****Hot on the Trail 322pp Pb 16.95**

A Bel Barrett mystery. Bel can barely find time to plan her upcoming wedding to her sweetie Sol, or to read urgently needed e-mail messages on bladder control at mid-life. She must have been crazy to volunteer to teach a writing class to senior citizens. And fitting extracurricular sleuthing into her overbooked schedule should be damn near impossible. But when one of her older students, racing pigeon enthusiast Dom Tommaselli, fails to show up after a death in the family Bel cannot control her urge to investigate... (American)

Jonnie JACOBS**Intent to Harm 379pp Pb 16.95**

A Kali O'Brien mystery. Summoned to Lake Tahoe by a potential client who sets up a mysterious meeting in a public park, Kali is speaking with her for only a moment when shots ring out, wounding Kali and killing her would-be client. Having learned nothing about why 'Betty' wanted to hire her, Kali makes it her business to find out what led to her murder. (American)

Paul JOHNSTON**The Golden Silence****341pp Tp 32.95**

An Alex Mavros mystery #3. When half-Greek, half-Scots PI Alex Mavros is asked to trace a missing teenager, an immigrant of the former Soviet Union, he does not see any connection with the recent plague of violent killings afflicting Athens. As his search plunges him deep into the intricate network of underground crime, he is confronted by a wall of gang-inspired silence. One lead, however, takes him into a criminal organisation trading in illegal antiquities. As he follows the trail to the missing girl, he discovers that the present day killings have their roots in the brutal civil war. And that he has put himself in grave danger... (British)

R J KAISER**Black Sheep 635pp Pb 16.95**

Jonas Lamb's greatest regret is that he never had much of a relationship with his son. A genetic engineer, his son comes to him with news of a groundbreaking discovery, code-named Black Sheep, which could revolutionise energy markets, putting oil companies out of business and turning the world economy on its head. All Patrick needs is his father's help in finding financial backing. There's just one problem: everybody - including spies, femme fatales and hit men - wants to stop him. Jonas risks everything he has, including his own life, for one last chance to win everything he ever wanted. (American)

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A Jackie Flowers thriller #2. A naked girl in handcuffs and a dog collar stumbles out of the woods, collapsing at the side of the road. She is University of Colorado co-ed Amy Lynch, a daughter of wealth and privilege, who was last seen at a local bar. What happened to Amy? And why has she been found in handcuffs belonging to ambitious federal judge Glenn Ballard, a man with an impeccable personal reputation? Riveting authenticity, colourful characters and penetrating questions about justice and the law make an entertaining read. (American)

Natsuo KARINO**Out****520pp Pb 22.95**

The first of this award-winner's books to be translated into English, author Karino pushes the limits of violence, sex and the human condition. In the Tokyo suburbs four women work the draining graveyard shift at a boxed-lunch factory. A young mother among them finally cracks and strangles her philandering, gambling husband then confesses her crime to Masako, the closest of her colleagues. For reasons of her own, Masako seeks the help of the other co-workers to dismember and dispose of the body. When body parts are discovered, the police start asking questions but the women now have far more dangerous enemies... This is a psychologically taut and unflinching foray into the darkest recesses of the human soul, an unsettling reminder that the desperate desire for freedom can make the most ordinary person do the unimaginable. (Japanese)

Alex KAVA**At the Stroke of Madness****329pp Pb 17.95**

A Maggie O'Dell novel. With only an old man afflicted with Alzheimer's as a witness, Special Agent O'Dell is on the trail of a serial killer who targets people with physical disabilities, removing each victim's imperfections to keep as a twisted trophy. (American)

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Nebraskan suspense author Alex Kava takes a break from her successful series featuring Maggie O'Dell. Here she lines up single mother Melanie Starks and her son Charlie for a bank heist, masterminded by Melanie's just-released criminal brother Jared Barnett. Driving the getaway car, Melanie learns that the job involved some fatal shootings after Jared takes a writer hostage in the Platte River State Park. Now she needs to know who did the killings - her son or her bro? This one-night read has some loose ends, but they won't bother readers hooked on spine-tingling car chases and grisly murder scenes. (American)

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Investigating the case of a lovers' lane murder of two college students, Lt Milo Sturgis enlists the help of Alex Delaware. As the two peel back layer upon layer of deception, they encounter shocking truths that extend way beyond the slaughter of two young lovers. Something other than therapy has been taking place within the plush, soundproof chambers of the young man's therapist... (American)

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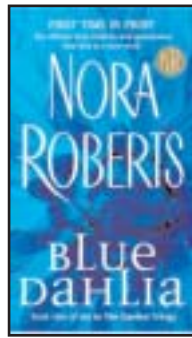
A Martha's Vineyard mystery #1. Now officially deputised, 92-year-old Victoria Trumbull must dig up clues to find a missing corpse. The rave reviews for this novel will most likely deem it the beginning of a long running new series that sees Victoria into her centurion years. (American)

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Nora ROBERTS **Blue Dahlia 367pp Pb 19.95**

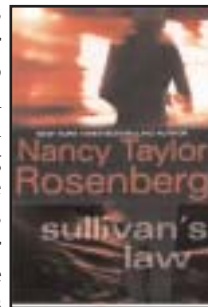
In the Garden trilogy #1. Trying to escape the ghosts of the past, young widow Stella Rothchild, along with her two energetic little boys, has moved back to her roots in southern Tennessee and into her new life at Harper House and the In the Garden nursery. Despite a reputation for being difficult, matriarch Roz Harper has been nothing but kind to Stella, offering her a comfortable new place to live and a challenging new job as manager of the flourishing nursery. As Stella settles comfortably into her new life, she discovers a fierce attraction with ruggedly handsome landscaper Logan Kitridge. But someone is not happy about the budding romance - the lullaby singing Harper Bride who haunts the Harpers' halls. (American)

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The new Inspector Banks novel #14. In the early hours of a cold January morning, two narrow boats catch fire on the dead-end stretch of the Eastvale canal. When signs of accelerant are found at the scene, DCI Banks and DI Annie Cabbot are summoned. But by the time they arrive only the smouldering wreckage is left, and human remains have been found on both boats. The evidence points towards a deliberate attack. Then the arsonist strikes again and Banks's powers of investigation are tested to the limit... (British)

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Hugely inventive, hugely readable; this novel is about two young people with Multiple Personality Disorder. Penny Driver, known as 'Mouse', blacks out whenever one of her other personalities takes control of her mind and body. So when she discovers that her new colleague Andrew Gage also suffers from MPD, she asks for his help. Through therapy, Andrew's personalities have long since learnt to co-exist in harmony in an imaginary house inside his head but by helping Mouse he discovers a locked door deep in his unconscious - a door that hides the dark secret as to why Andrew's childhood mind shattered in the first place... (American)


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A Gerhard Self mystery. Owner of a charismatic cat named Turbo; Gerhard Self is a somewhat unconventional private detective. During the war, he was a Nazi state prosecutor and is still haunted by memories of his misguided youth. Although his usual cases involve insurance investigations and he knows little about computers, he takes on a case involving computer hacking at a chemical company. This gripping detective story has real depth and heralds the arrival of a complex, charming, spirited hero. Schlink with Walter Popp, writing as Thomas Richter, produced it. (German)

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Mako Hooker may look like any other grizzled fishing-boat captain trawling the Bermuda Triangle but he is in fact a retired government operative taking a break from his highly secret, highly lethal career. When local fishermen begin to fall prey to a monstrous sea creature, he investigates. What he uncovers is a sinister conspiracy, which will pit his skills against a powerful adversary who is out to prove the old spy saying: *You're not retired from the Company until you're dead.* Hard-boiled. (American)

**Domenic STANSBERRY**

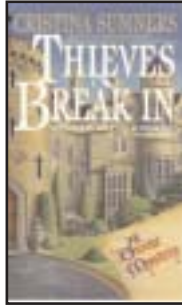
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Cristina SUMNERS

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A Divine mystery. Reverend Kathryn Koerney is looking forward to guiding her New Jersey parishioners through historical Oxford and eager to visit her cousin Richard who works at Datchworth Castle. But when Kathryn gets word that Richard has fallen to his death, her friend, Chief of Police Tom Holder, is anxious to lend his expertise. Secretly smitten with the divine lady priest, there is nothing the crime-deprived, unhappily married cop would like more than to conduct an investigation with her by his side. But his enthusiasm quickly fades when a certain Marquis captures Kathryn's attention. (American)

**Pari Noskin TAICHERT**

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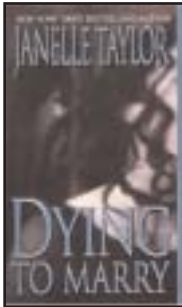
223pp Tp 32.95


Sasha Solomon, an unemployed PR director from Albuquerque, heads for Clovis, New Mexico, where she will bid on a project for the Chamber of Commerce. Meanwhile, local Clovis dairy farmer Mae King, Sasha's widowed friend, finds the body of a Singaporean aviator in one of her stock tanks. Furthermore, she believes aliens have abducted her... (American)

Janelle TAYLOR

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Holly Morrow is shocked to hear about her cousin Lizzie's sudden wedding to Dylan Dunhill - of the wealthy Dunhills, who simply do not mix with kids like the Morrrows. Stranger still, the bridal party has suffered dangerous near-miss accidents. But when Holly learns that her childhood friend, PI Jake Boone, is now Dylan's pal, she knows things have changed; except her attraction to the steady, sexy Jake. (American)

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A Natalie Price mystery. One of the youngest halfway house superintendents in the Massachusetts' prison system, Natalie Price has dealt with plenty of potentially explosive situations. But she has never seen anything like the intense media scrutiny that has followed convicted murderer Lynn Ingram to Horizon House. Natalie is determined to help her charge make a peaceful transition back into society but only a few weeks later, Lynn is savagely attacked and left in a coma. (American)

Carlene THOMPSON

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As the once sleepy town of Sinclair reels from the rash of so-called suicides, Blaine Avery regrets the day she ever came home. Only Sheriff Logan Quint is willing to accept her innocence or her suspicions, for Blaine is desperate to clear her name and dead certain somebody intends to destroy it. Somebody who calls her in the dead of night, taunting her with the childhood rhyme: Ring around the rosy, a pocket full of poesy, ashes, ashes, we ... All Fall Down! (American)

Colleen THOMPSON

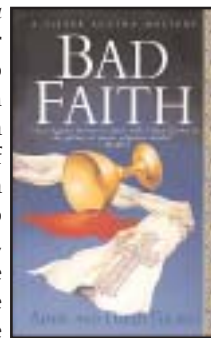
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West Texas gossip paints every story a more interesting shade, especially when a married man goes missing with a small-town banker's wife and a fortune in fraudulent loans. Maybe Susan Maddox's handsome-as-sin, bad-boy brother-in-law was not the smartest choice of ally, but who else could she trust to recover damning information from her husband's crashed hard drive? Who else is there to pick up the pieces when intruders set fire to her home, a truck runs her off the road and a trail of dead men stop her cold? (American)

Aimee & David THURLO


 **Bad Faith** 307pp Pb 16.95

A Sister Agatha mystery #1. Sister Agatha is one of two extern nuns in a cloistered order in the Our Lady of Hope Monastery in the New Mexico desert. As an extern, it is her role to be the link between the order and the outside world. On most days, that means picking up supplies in their 'Anti-Chrysler', providing support to the priest who is the chaplain to the order and dealing with the business of the monastery's scriptorium. Her not-exactly quiet life is shattered, however, when Father Anselm dies suddenly and mysteriously while consecrating the host. (American)

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A Lee Nez mystery #1. 60 years ago, New Mexico patrolman Lee Nez and his partner foiled the hijacking of an American military convoy transporting nuclear material. At the end of the firefight, all of the soldiers were dead and Lee's life was forever transformed. Now he is a nightwalker, the Navajo equivalent of a vampire; Lee lives with one foot in the human world and one in a world full of monsters. The Thurlos' skill at evoking of South-western settings and Navajo philosophies and lifestyles combines with their ability to create strong plots and solid characters in this fast-paced, action-filled story of supernatural suspense. (American)


Elaine VIETS

 **Dying to Call You**

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A Dead-End Job mystery #3. While making the best of her new telemarketing job, Helen Hawthorne thinks she hears a murder on the other end of the line and must avoid a close call with a killer. (American)

Tina WAINSCOTT

 **What She Doesn't Know**

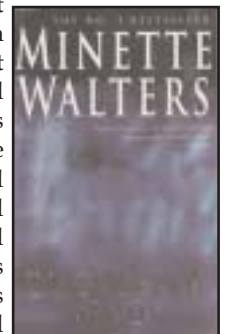
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On the brink of falling for a man she met on the internet, Dr Rita Brooks naively assumes Brian LaPorte is everything he says he is. But before she can come face to face with him, Rita is nearly killed in a horrific accident. Or was it an accident? Emerging at last from a disturbing, vision-plagued coma, Rita is confronted by a stranger who is convinced she knows more than she is telling about her own past and his brother's. Cryptic email records have led Christopher LaPorte to Rita while Brian lies near death in New Orleans from a suicide attempt. Or was it? (American)

Minette WALTERS

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By accident Jonathan Hughes, an anthropologist specialising in social stereotyping, comes across a case of the conviction and suicide of a retarded young man, Harold Stamp. He finds alarming disparities in the evidence and has little doubt that Stamp's conviction was a terrible miscarriage of justice. Is the forgotten story of one friendless young man compelling enough to make him leave his books and face his own demons? If Stamp did not murder his grandmother Grace Jeffries then somebody else did... (British)



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Teddy Clyde is a career car thief, a pro who clears 400 grand a year boosting high-end automobiles off the streets of Philadelphia. He is cooler than the other side of the pillow, always managing to stay one step ahead of any trouble. That is, until one night, after driving home from a lucrative evening on the job, he pulls over to change a flat and finds the body of Philly mob boss Dominic Scarlotti dead as a doornail in the trunk of his car. Now his biggest concern is staying alive long enough to find out who set him up. Hardboiled. (American)



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Eileen WILKS**Tempting Danger**

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Wilks draws readers into a bold new world where the magical and mundane co-exist in an uneasy alliance. Lily Yu, a cop balanced on her own knife-edged struggle, is San Diego's only hope against a cold-blooded killer who hunts like a werewolf. (American)

Jincy WILLETT**Fame and Honour 312pp Pb 20.95**

A hurricane is on its way and the Rhode Island locals are packing up and clearing out but Dorcas Mather, local librarian and spinster, is more concerned about a book just recently delivered. It is 'The Abigail Mather Story' - a true crime epic about her sexually promiscuous sister Abigail, who is now serving a life sentence for killing her husband. As the storm rages, Dorcas reads the inaccurate details of her allegedly 'dysfunctional' family and the man who tore her sister's life apart. Then she tells us the 'real truth', although we sense she is hiding something, and knows more about the murder than she is letting on. Perhaps Abigail is not the guilty one after all? (American)

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It started as a tragic but simple murder, an old woman killed in the street for her handbag, but when police detectives Terry Nye and Rose Tafoya discover some shocking forensic evidence, they know they are in way over their heads. Dennis Cooper has been prosecuting homicides in the DA's office for years, but he has never seen a case like this one. The suspect that detectives have given him is no run-of-the-mill mugger who is determined to stop Cooper at any cost. (American)

HISTORICAL CRIME**Emily BRIGHTWELL****Mrs Jeffries Stalks the Hunter 215pp Pb 16.95**

A Victorian mystery #19. Sir Edmund Leggett is flattered to be stalked by a young lady, who makes herself scarce after he is murdered in cold blood. The police hold the young woman to blame. But Inspector Witherspoon has other ideas and consults his housekeeper, Mrs Jeffries who always gets to the heart of the matter. (American)

Carole Nelson DOUGLAS**Femme Fatale 444pp Pb 18.95**

An Irene Adler mystery #7. 1889. New York City. Irene's past is shrouded in secrecy but a series of bizarre killings in NYC draws her reluctantly back to her native country, where she must race with a murderer to find her mother, a woman who may turn out to be the most notorious woman of the 19th century. As Irene forges a trail into her own hidden past, Nellie Bly draws another ace investigator across the Atlantic to join in the hunt for a serial killer; the last man on earth Irene Adler wants to discover anything about her shocking past... Sherlock Holmes! (American)

Janet GLEESON**The Thief Taker 346pp Hb 39.95**

18th century, England. Agnes Meadows is cook to the Blanchards of Foster Lane, the renowned silversmiths. Her quiet world of culinary activity is a happy refuge from the hustle and bustle of 1750's London. But in a single night everything is to change. When the Blanchards' most prestigious and expensive commission, a giant silver wine cooler destined for the house of Sir Bartholomew Grey, is stolen, a sinister chain of events is set in motion. That same night a young apprentice is murdered and a young maid, Rose, disappears. Are these portentous happenings connected? Agnes must find out. (British)

Janet GLEESON**The Serpent in the Garden 412pp Pb 22.95**

1765, England. The renowned portrait painter Joshua Pope is eager to escape London and his unhappy past, so he accepts a commission to paint a wedding portrait for Herbert Bentrnick and his bride-to-be, Sabine Mercier. However when Sabine begins to cultivate pineapples in the vast conservatory at Astley, she discovers a body among her plants. And when Sabine's valuable emerald necklace disappears, she implicates Joshua.... (British)

Michael HARDWICK**The Revenge of the Hound (1987)**

347pp Pb 16.95

A Sherlock Holmes mystery. 1902, London. Has the hound of the Baskervilles returned to face the world's greatest detective? And when the King of England is threatened with blackmail Holmes and Watson must keep the British Empire from being torn apart. (American)

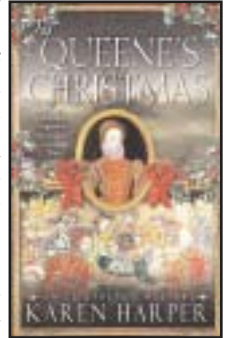
Karen HARPER**The Queene's Christmas**

297pp Pb 16.95

An Elizabeth I mystery

#6. 1564, England.

The 12 days of Christmas are murderously interrupted when the Dresser of the Queen's Privy Kitchen is found hanged and trussed like the peacock he had been fashioning for the holiday feast. With foul play afoot in her Court, Elizabeth does her royal utmost to track down the poor man's killer while striving to salvage the Yuletide joy. Doomed to suspect even her most trusted courtiers, she is nevertheless determined to vanquish the culprit, who will not only strike again but has targeted Her Majesty as his ultimate prey! (American)

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James ELLROY et al

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Photographs from the LAPD Archive. Long forgotten in a warehouse, this photographic record forms a powerful visual history of the underbelly of Los Angeles from the 1930s to the 1960s. The photographs are accompanied here by captions from police logs and original newspaper accounts. There is an introduction by James Ellroy, the leading practitioner of the LA noir genre, and an essay by museum curator Tim Wride. The 55th LAPD Chief of Police Bill Bratton also provides an official stamp of approval. Although disquieting, the black and white images have an atmospheric, eerie beauty that belies their documentary and forensic purpose; a crime library must-have. (American)

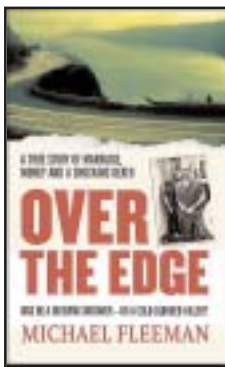


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International Terrorism and the FBI: The Untold Story. This investigative account uncovers startling evidence of how the FBI missed dozens of opportunities to stop the events of 9/11, dating back to 1989. The author calls it "the greatest failure of intelligence since the Trojan Horse" (which probably explains the timely release of the movie *Troy*). Threading the stories of FBI Special Agent Nancy Floyd, FDNY fire marshal Ronnie Bucca and bomb-maker Ramzi Yousef, Lance uncovers the years of behind-the-scenes intrigue that put these three strangers on a collision course! (American)



John PLIMMER

The Whitechapel Murders – Solved? (1998)

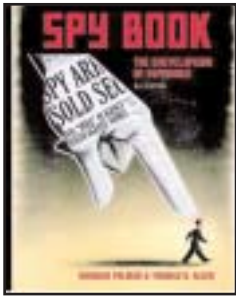
236pp Tp 29.95

A plethora of books have sought to solve the identity of the Ripper, but Plimmer, using his 31 years of experience with the West Midlands Police, takes a unique look at the methodology and resources of 1888 and compares them with modern police techniques. Taking the reader on a chilling tour of Victorian London, he asks whether one of the most elusive men in history would have been brought to justice in today's world of DNA profiling and technology? A follow-up to Plimmer's observations is forensic crime writer Patricia Cornwell's 2002 **Portrait of a Killer: Jack the Ripper Case Closed** (Pb \$19.95), which is gruesomely astonishing and unputdownable. (British)

Norman POLMAR & Thomas ALLEN

Spy Book (1997)

719pp Lp 36.95



The Encyclopedia of Espionage 2nd Edition. This comprehensive resource has over 2,000 entries on people, agencies, operations and tools of the covert world of espionage. This edition includes unveiled spies and situations, as well as new entries on the effects of espionage on literature, movies, television and other media. (American)

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Criminalising the Arab Other: Sydney Institute of Criminology series. This book examines public worrying over 'ethnic crime' and what it tells us about Australia today. It argues that we are witnessing the emergence of the 'Arab Other' as the pre-eminent 'folk devil' of our times and analyses a decisive moment in the history of multiculturalism in Australia. (Australian)

Linda ROSENCRANCE

Murder at Morse's Pond

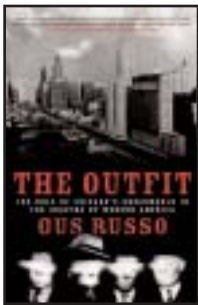
350pp Pb 16.95

Details the shocking true account of Dirk Greineder, a prominent doctor and well-respected member of the community, who led a double life filled with phone sex, internet porn and prostitutes, and was responsible for the brutal murder of his wife of 32 years. (American)

Gus RUSSO

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550pp Pb 26.95



The Role of Chicago's Underworld in the Shaping of Modern America. Extensive research includes: recently released FBI files; the Chicago Crime files of entertainer Steve Allen; first-ever access to the voluminous working papers of the Kefauver Committee; original interviews with the members of the Fourth Estate who pursued The Outfit for 40 years; and exclusive access to the journals written by the widow of Curley Humphries - one of the greatest political fixers and union organisers the USA has ever known. (American)

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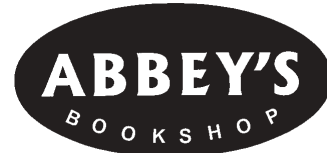
David CARROLL

Edinburgh: Literary Lives and Landscapes 148pp Hb 32.95

Crime Chronicler Peter Milne's December choices for our front cover have in common a Scots' theme and this very readable literary criticism caught my eye as a book to complement readers of both Conan Doyle and McCall Smith. Although the latter author is not mentioned in Carroll's literary history, some may find his research fine background reading to **The Sunday Philosophy Club** since it includes a wonderful deluge of authors from Boswell and Johnson to Wilfred Owen and Siegfried Sassoon. It also gives a thorough examination of the genius inherent in what William Cobbett described as "the finest city in the kingdom" that now hosts "the biggest celebration of the written word in the world" every August. Of course, Sherlockians will be pleased to note, it has a chapter on Sir Arthur, as well as 25 black and white photos to verify the text. (British) - Shelley



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