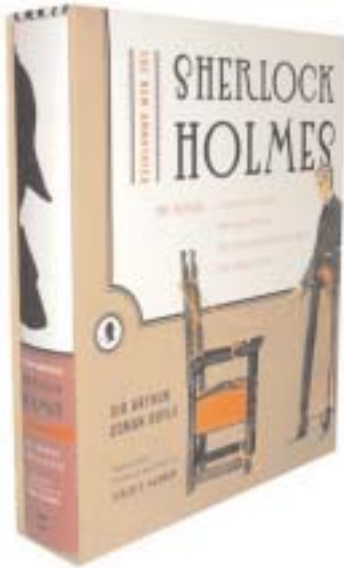


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MAKE IT A SHERLOCKIAN CHRISTMAS...



The New Annotated Sherlock Holmes Volume 3
 Sir Arthur Conan DOYLE (edited by Leslie Klinger)
 Hb Slipcase 907pp 69.95

This companion volume to last year's 2-volume slipcased edition of the short stories (\$115.95) contains the novels: **A Study in Scarlet**, **The Sign of the Four**, **The Hound of the Baskervilles** and **The Valley of Fear**. Completing the celebration of the 150th birthday of the greatest detective ever, this is a lavish, ultimately definitive look at the famous investigator and his partner, Dr Watson, as they sleuth their way through the four 'long stories' or novels. Filled with fascinating Victorian history, thousands of literary tidbits and tantalising new theories, this volume includes nearly 400 illustrations that were originally published in *Strand Magazine* and early editions of the books, as well as period photographs. Also includes almost 1,000 annotations - many drawing on newly discovered sources - an extensive bibliography and a chronological tabulation and timeline of the lives of Conan Doyle, Holmes and Watson, and other important world events. The holiday gift of the year!

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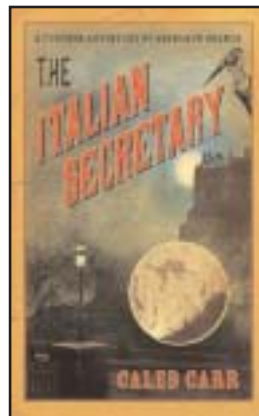
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The Italian Secretary

Caleb CARR

Hb 278pp 29.95

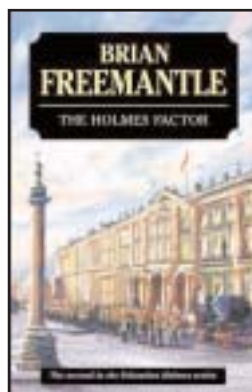


Author of the internationally acclaimed **The Alienist** (Pb 22.95), Caleb Carr is also a renowned military historian and author of **The Lesson of Terror** (Pb 28.00). He is also a contributor to the Baker Street Irregulars and, in honourable homage to Conan Doyle, here he escorts Holmes and Watson through what turns out to be one of their most sensational adventures - one of their "largely secret sub-collection" of cases, swathed in discretion and bound by decorum. And rightly so, given the delicate nature of the investigation: murder in a royal palace, an affront to the majesty of Queen Victoria and a tantalising take on another ancient murder, one witnessed by the wilful Mary, Queen of Scots. In this landmark event in crime fiction, Carr exquisitely echoes the master of the whodunit. In capturing the conversational rhythms of detection's most famous exponents, this stunning, original story recreates the glory of Holmes and Watson, ensuring their continued resonance through the annals of crime.

The Holmes Factor

Brian FREEMANTLE

Tp 320pp 27.95



It is just weeks from the outbreak of the First World War, a conflict that few expect to erupt. If it does, Russia is pivotal. But Russia, having survived one abortive revolution, seethes with unrest. Lenin, Trotsky and Stalin plot a second. The hypnotic monk Rasputin has ingratiated himself sufficiently with the Tsar and Tsarina to dictate government policy. Will Russia fight? Will the Romanov dynasty be overthrown? If they are, will Britain accept them in exile? To answer such questions - upon which British war policy depends - Sebastian Holmes, son of the legendary Sherlock Holmes, is despatched to St Petersburg to infiltrate the revolutionaries and imperial court. This is the second in the series following **The Holmes Inheritance** (Hb 54.95), but the first in paperback. Great fun!

Two other recent Sherlockian titles are **Spider Dance** by Carole Nelson Douglas (Pb 18.95), which features Irene Adler and Sherlock Holmes (#8 in the series), and **The Malabar Rose** by Martin Davies (Tp 29.95), which features Mrs Hudson and her employer Sherlock Holmes (#2 in the series).

- Peter

**MODERN CRIME****Donna ANDREWS****Access Denied****256pp Pb 16.95**

Turning Hopper #3. If Turing Hopper had a nose, she would smell something fishy. The Artificial Intelligence Personality has been monitoring criminal-at-large Nestor Garcia's credit card, which has been gathering dust. Then several thousand dollars' worth of purchases show up. Turing learns that dozens of packages have been ordered on Garcia's credit card - and sent to a vacant house. She's sure that it's not Garcia, because using his own, old, traceable credit card would be like clapping on his own handcuffs and hanging outside the police station. So Turing and her friends, of both the bionic and biped varieties, make plans to stake out the empty house's vicinity (minus, of course, the immobile mainframes). What they discover could get them all "deleted". (American)

**Brigitte AUBERT****Death from the Woods****256pp Pb 16.95**

"Brigitte Aubert, one of France's leading thriller authors, has created a unique and unlikely heroine, Elise Andrioli. Blind, mute and quadriplegic after surviving a terrorist bomb that killed her fiancé, she returns to her family home outside Paris. Young boys have been disappearing in the local woods, only to be found dead and mutilated several days later. Elise meets Virginie, a strange child who claims to have witnessed one of the murders. Virginie soon tells Elise that she herself is in danger. Trying to solve these crimes and convey what she has learned to the police is a formidable task for Elise. This frightening tale, written from Elise's point of view, won France's 1997 *Grand Prix de Litterature*." - Barbara Bibel, Booklist (French)

Robert G BARRETT**Crime Scene Cessnock****Tp 29.95 268pp**

A Les Norton novel. Les is back and on the detox... All it took was a summer's day and a flat tyre on his push-bike and Les is out on bail and on the run from a gun-happy street gang intent on a drive-by. So Les Norton, defendant, becomes Len Gordon, film director, safely ensconced at the ultra-swish Opal Springs Health Resort, till Eddie can sort things out back in Sydney. Unfortunately, the first thing Les finds on arrival is motivational guru Alexander Holden dead at the front gate. Then the cops arrive and Les is fighting off steroid-happy bodybuilders, sex-crazed socialites, violent greyhound owners - and, worst of all, caffeine withdrawals - while at the same time matching wits with the four acrimonious writers-in-residence. (Australian)

Laurie BERENSON**Jingle Bell Bark 287pp Pb 16.95**

A Melanie Travis Mystery. It's Christmas again and Melanie Travis barely has time to pencil in some holiday festivities. Especially once she finds herself making a list of murder suspects - and checking it twice... (American)

Nero BLANC**Wrapped Up in Crosswords****129pp Pb 11.95**

Crossword Mystery #9. Santa Claus is coming to the town of Newcastle, Massachusetts. But this year, there are three of them, and more is not merrier. That's because these Santas look an awful lot like the three escaped prisoners who are supposedly missing from a nearby jail. As holiday jitters abound, crossword editor Belle Graham and her PI partner Rosco Polycrates follow a trail of crossword clues to make sure these costumed convicts are caught red-handed... (American)

Anna BLUNDY**Faith without Doubt****480pp Pb 18.95**

2003. War-torn Baghdad: Saddam Hussein may be hiding in a hole, but foreign correspondent Faith Zanetti is once again at the heart of the action. But there is one bombshell that even Faith isn't prepared for. (English)

Stella CAMERON**Now You See Him****416pp Pb 18.95**

Two years ago, Ellie Byron was the only witness to the brutal murder of a young woman. Charles Penn, a hard-eyed man with a history of violence, was convicted of the crime. Now he has escaped and another woman is dead. Ellie fears she may be next and turns to the only person she trusts, attorney Joe Gable. Joe would give his life to protect Ellie, but neither of them knows just how deadly an enemy they face, or how close he is. (American)

Paul CHARLES**The Justice Factory****282pp Tp 19.95**

While attending a funeral in a rain-drenched churchyard, Detective Inspector Christy Kennedy is as surprised as anyone when an extra body is discovered in the recently-dug grave. The subsequent investigation into the families involved uncovers a labyrinth of secrets, lies and deceit. (British)

G K CHESTERTON**Father Brown 258pp Tp 26.95**

The Essential Tales. Introduced by P D James, this definitive collection of 15 Father Brown stories includes such classics as *The Blue Cross*, *The Secret Garden* and *The Paradise of Thieves*. (British)

Agatha CHRISTIE**Poirot 732pp Tp 39.95**


The Complete Ariadne Oliver Volume 2. The final Poirot omnibus, featuring the last four appearances of the detective's sidekick, the sleuthing crime novelist Ariadne Oliver: *Third Girl*, *Hallowe'en Party*, *Elephants Can Remember* and *The Pale Horse*. (English)

George Elliott CLARKE**George & Rue 223pp Hb 39.95**


The facts are clear. It was, by all accounts, a 'slug-ugly' crime. In 1949, George and Rufus Hamilton bludgeoned a taxi driver to death with a hammer in the dirt-poor settlement of Barker's Point, New Brunswick. Less than eight months later, the brothers were hanged for their crime. George and Rue's brutal act lives on in New Brunswick over half a century later, where the murder site is still known as Hammertown. In his first novel, Clark draws from this disturbing chapter in Canadian history to brilliantly reimagine the lives and deaths of the two brothers. (Canadian)

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**Barbara CLEVERLY**

 **The Palace Tiger 312pp Pb 21.95**
 India, 1922: Joe Sandilands, Scotland Yard detective, is staying with Governor Sir George Jardine in Simla when there is some unexpected news. Sir George sends Joe off to the Princely State of Ranipur in the company of Edgar Troop, an experienced hunter, at the request of the Maharajah, an old ally of the British. A man-eating tiger is terrorising the northern villages and the two men are invited to join a hunting party in the forest. But the quality of the weaponry Sir George supplies raises Joe's suspicions. The rifle will be perfect for the tiger, but why has he also been issued with the small Browning M pistol, designed for use on human targets? Winner of the CWA Ellis Peters Historical Dagger Award. (English)


Nancy COHEN

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Bad Hair Day Mystery. Hairstylist Marla Shore stumbles over her rival's body in the meter room behind their competing salons. When her boyfriend, hunky Detective Vail, asks for her help in solving the murder, she jumps on the case. (American)


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Margaret DUMAS

 **Speak Now 366pp Pb 16.95**
Married to Mystery. Charley Van Leeuwen, confirmed commitment-phobic theatre director, shocks her friends when she returns from London with a husband in tow. But Charley still wonders about his past - and before she can settle her post-wedding jitters - they find a dead woman in the bathroom of their hotel suite. After another tragedy strikes, Charley fears she herself might soon exit stage left. (American)


Carola DUNN

 **Mourning Wedding 299pp Pb 16.95**
A Daisy Dalrymple Mystery. The inimitable Daisy Dalrymple Fletcher and her husband Detective Chief Inspector Alec Fletcher seem to get a reprieve from their sleuthing duties when they are invited to the wedding of their friend, Lucy Fotheringay. Lucy's grandfather is hosting the ceremony at his beautiful estate and so it promises to be a typical affair with hordes of gossipy aunts and other colourful but not necessarily pleasant relatives. Daisy meets all these characters and observes the ensuing familial fraternisation with a certain kind of amusing nonchalance. That is, until Lucy's great aunt is found strangled to death in her bed. (American)


Aaron ELKINS

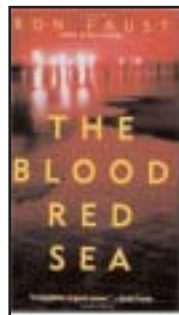
 **Murder in the Queen's Armes (1990) 256pp Pb 16.95**
Professor Gideon Oliver Mystery #3. Edgar-winner Aaron Elkins follows "skeleton detective" Gideon Oliver on his honeymoon, one that will prove none too sweet. (American)


Roger J ELLROY

 **Quiet Vendetta 464pp Tp 29.95**
 When Catherine Ducane disappears in the heart of New Orleans, the local cops react quickly. After all, she is the daughter of the Governor of Louisiana. But the case gets very strange, very quickly. Her bodyguard turns up horribly mutilated in the trunk of a beautiful vintage car and, when her kidnapper calls, he doesn't want money: he wants time alone with a minor functionary from a Washington-based organised crime task force... (American)

Ron FAUST

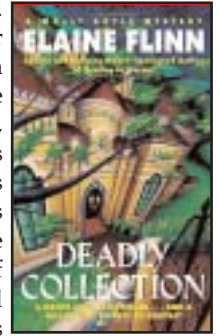
 **The Blood Red Sea 340pp Pb 16.95**
 Dan Shaw has only been practicing law for four months but he's already burnt out. Add the fact that he's just lost his girlfriend, and the cops are scouring his dubious past, and it's no wonder he decides to set sail for the summer. However, alone in the middle of the sea, trouble still finds him - she is naked, nearly drowned and has little memory of how she got that way. But the real story is even more twisted. (American)


**Monica FERRIS**

 **Crewel Yule 256pp Pb 16.95**
Needlecraft Mystery #8. Part-time sleuth and full-time owner of the needlework shop Crewel World, Betsy Devonshire prepares for a chilling holiday season filled with mistletoe and murder. (American)


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 **Deadly Collection 352pp Pb 16.95**
Molly Doyle Mystery. Antiques dealer Molly Doyle has an unerring eye for the rare and valuable, which is why she has been hired to assess and sell the contents of the home of the late parents of insufferable local heiress Frances O'Brien. The deceased former owners were well-known Hollywood set designers who crammed their domicile with all manner of priceless antiques and worthless junk. But the last thing Molly expects to find behind the walls of La Casa is a mummified human corpse. (American)


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 **Sugar Cookie Murder 380pp Pb 16.95**
A Hannah Swensen Holiday Mystery. When it comes to holidays, Minnesotans rise to the occasion, and the little town of Lake Eden is baking up a storm with Hannah Swensen leading the way. But when everyone is stranded at the community centre by a blizzard, Hannah puts her investigative skills to the test, using the ingredients at hand: half the town of Lake Eden - and a killer. (American)


Colin FORBES

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 Tweed and his dynamic team face one of their biggest challenges yet. Not even the most sophisticated security systems or the most experienced counter-terrorist czars can stand up to a force that threatens the whole of Europe. Tweed rarely experiences fear or doubt, but is almost overwhelmed when he has to make a seemingly impossible decision about one of his own team. (English)

Clyde FORD

 **The Long Mile 256pp Tp 29.95**
The Shango Mysteries. Framed and found guilty of a murder he didn't commit, NYPD officer John Shannon served two years in a federal penitentiary. When his conviction is overturned on appeal, Shannon walks out of prison to a life in shambles. His wife is contemplating divorce. The Feds are champing at the bit to throw him back in prison. His fellow police officers think he's a cop killer. Drug lords, street gangs and the Mob all want a piece of him. And now his 13-year-old son has gone missing. Shannon embarks on a dangerous quest to find his son and uncover the truth behind the bungled drug raid that cost him his career, his family and his freedom. (American)

**G M FORD**


No Man's Land 315pp Tp 32.95
 Meza Azul Correctional Facility in Arizona is designed to hold the country's worst collection of criminals. Its founders believe it is 100% escape-proof, so it is with mixed horror and disbelief that Governor James Blaine discovers that 'lifer' and ex-Navy submarine captain Timothy Driver has managed to take control of the security and surveillance systems and begun releasing prisoners. (American)

Shelley FREYDONT


Halloween Murder 348pp Pb 14.95

A Lindy Haggerty Mystery. At first, the Mischief Night Marathon seems like a good idea to Lindy. It promises to be an old-fashioned Halloween celebration, complete with bonfire, ghost stories, a Haunted Hay Ride, plenty of woods and dilapidated buildings for atmosphere, and a theatrical revue, directed by Lindy herself. And it's a chance to raise money for a teen centre to be housed at the historic VanCleaf Farm site where the fair will be held. But instead of being a festive good time, Mischief Night is living up to its name, turning into a nightmare of flaring egos and outright hostility among the planners and participants. And then the pranks begin... (American)


**Robert GANDT**

Killing Sky 368pp Pb 18.95
 When Brick Maxwell's wingman is shot down and taken prisoner by a Palestinian splinter group, Rick Solares negotiates his release. But Brick suspects something sinister going on behind the scenes. And when the woman he loves falls victim to the same terrorists, his devotion to duty turns into a desire for vengeance. With the help of his Roadrunner Squadron, Brick will risk everything to make the enemy pay - as only an angry F/A-18 Hornet fighter pilot can. (American)


Meg GARDINER

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 For Evan, China Lake was a tough place to grow up. But she didn't realise just how tough until, returning to the desert military base for her high school reunion, she discovers that a disturbing number of her classmates have died young. The morning after the reunion, another is found, savagely butchered. She is just the first. Someone in China Lake has a major axe to grind with the class of 91. And that includes Evan... (American)


Ronal GAUTHIER

Prey for Me 211pp Tp 37.00
 *A New Orleans Mystery.* After a stint at the FBI Behavioural Science Unit, Jeannette Plaisance uses all of her investigative and profiling skills to help search for an elusive killer dubbed the Garbage Man. The victims are young, black males found during a time of maddeningly high homicide rates, so at first nobody notices the serial killer's pattern. But the pressure is soon on to catch the perp before the grisly news makes its way into the national media spotlight. (American)


Tess GERRITSEN

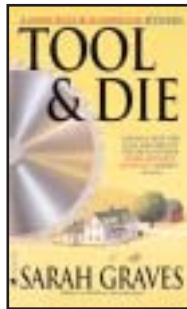
Vanish 336pp Tp 32.95
 The nameless and beautiful woman seems to be just another corpse in the morgue. An apparent suicide, she lies on a gurney in the cold room, awaiting the dissecting scalpel of medical examiner Maura Isles. But when Maura unzips the body bag and looks down at the body, she gets the fright of her life. The corpse opens its eyes. Now very much alive, the 'dead' woman is rushed to the hospital, where her next action shocks everyone. With cool precision, she murders a security guard and seizes hostages. One of those hostages is a very pregnant patient, Jane Rizzoli. Who is this mysterious hostage-taker and what does she want? (American)


Robert GOTT

A Thing of Blood 304pp Pb 27.95
 As WWII drags on, failed Shakespearian actor and would-be private detective William Power returns to Melbourne in disgrace after a disastrous brush with theatre and murder in Queensland. This brilliant, wry sequel to **Good Murder** (Pb 26.95) perfectly recreates the tension and fear of wartime Australia. (Australian)


Sarah GRAVES

Tool and Die 352pp Pb 16.95
 *Home Repair is Homicide Mystery #8.* Jacobia 'Jake' Tiptree traded her power-broker life for a rundown dream house in peaceful Eastport, Maine. But the do-it-yourself enthusiast is learning that, no matter how carefully you build your home, murder has a way of slipping in through the cracks. (American)


**Martha GRIMES**

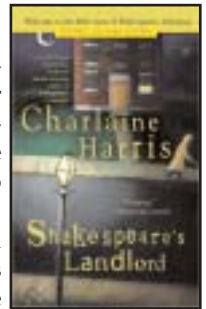
Winds of Change 384pp Pb 18.95
 *Richard Jury #19.* Richard Jury embarks on the darkest investigation of his career when the dead body of a young London girl leads to the cold case of a missing girl in Launceston - an unsolved mystery that has haunted Police Officer Brian Macalvie for years. (American)


Lev GROSSMAN

Codex 384pp Pb 21.95
 About to depart on his first vacation in years, Edward Wozny, a hot-shot young banker, is sent to help one of his firm's most important and mysterious clients. When asked to unpack and organise a personal library of rare books, Edward's indignation turns to intrigue as he realises that among the volumes there may be hidden a unique medieval codex, a treasure kept sealed away for many years and for many reasons. His intrigue becomes an obsession that only deepens as friends draw him into a peculiar and addictive computer game, as mystifying parallels between the game's virtual reality and the legend of the codex emerge... (American)

Charlaine HARRIS

Shakespeare's Landlord 224pp Pb 16.95
 *A Lily Bard Mystery.* Lily Bard is a loner. Other than the day-to-day workings of her cleaning and errand-running service, she pays little attention to the town around her. But when her landlord is murdered, Lily is singled out as the prime suspect, and proving her innocence will depend on finding the real killer in quiet, secretive Shakespeare. (American)

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Scared Money 320pp Pb 16.95
 When the CIA comes knocking at the door of ex-Texas Ranger, Jeremiah Spur, asking for a favour, he's not that interested in helping. At least, not until the agent mentions that the man who needs help, Benjamin Farkas, specifically requested Jeremiah because he knew Jeremiah's father. Jeremiah hasn't seen his father since he was a little boy, so this piques his interest, and he reluctantly agrees to travel from his ranch in tiny Brenham to the big smoke of Austin to investigate the disappearance of an accountant who has vanished with \$10 million of his boss's money. (American)

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**Joanna HINES**

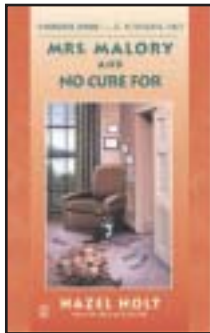
Angels of the Flood 409pp Pb 18.95

Florence 1966: the most beautiful city on earth was devastated by a terrible flood. No tourists, no cars, just a sea of oily mud. The young volunteers from overseas who came to rescue the buildings, paintings and sculptures became known as the Angels of the Flood. Kate Holland was one of these angels, until the hideous death of her friend Francesca forced her back to England, vowing never to return. Now, for the first time in 30 years, Kate is again drawn to Italy. Someone has sent her a priceless Italian painting, but it has been crudely tampered with. What is the mysterious message at its heart? (British)

Hazel HOLT

Mrs Malory and No Cure for Death 250pp Pb 16.95

John Morrison is a brilliant doctor, but his bedside manner has made many enemies in Taviscombe among both his peers and patients. So no one is surprised when he is stabbed to death, but Mrs Malory is surprised when she uncovers numerous suspects for both motive and murderer. (English)

**Gregg HURWITZ**

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Leah Henning, the 18-year-old daughter of a famous Hollywood producer, has vanished into The Program - a shadowy cult that practices mind-control and manipulation, led by its brilliant, messianic leader T D 'Teacher' Betters. Leah surrendered her life, looking for peace, but she found Hell. (American)

India INK

Scent to her Grave 272pp Pb 16.95

Bath and Body Mystery. From custom-blended oils to relaxing spa services, the store Venus Envy takes care of all the beauty needs of Gull Harbour, Washington. Behind the counter is Persia Vanderbilt, a woman with a nose for mixing scents and a mind for solving murder. (American)

Susan JAMES

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40ish Flip Paxton, the cleaning lady of Solace Glen, finally has it all - a booming business, a beautiful new home and a ring on her finger. But her expectations of a romantic and tranquil honeymoon disappear, along with one of the resort's owners. (American)

Kate KINGSBURY

No Clue at the Inn 320pp Pb 16.95

Special Pennyfoot Hotel Mystery. Cecily Baxter and her husband, Hugh, haven't been back to Badgers End in two years, not since they sold the Pennyfoot Hotel and the new owner turned it into a country club. But when Cecily receives a letter asking her to manage the place during the Christmas season, she is delighted to accept. But Hugh is not quite so enthusiastic, especially when he discovers that the previous manager met a mysterious end. (American)

Andrew KLAVAN

Shotgun Alley 304pp Pb 16.95

A Weiss and Bishop Novel. Honey is the vivacious, 17-year-old daughter of a politician who is running for state senate and eventually (he hopes) the presidency. But his sweet little girl has a penchant for drug dealers, mad-dog bikers, booze, sex and guns. She has run off with Cobra, the leader of a band of motorcycle-gang outcasts who have dubbed themselves the Outriders. Enter Scott Weiss and Jim Bishop. Weiss is a former cop and an accomplished detective with a lot of connections. Bishop is a savvy, strong-willed tough guy and ladies' man who does the legwork for Weiss. Bishop's assignment: infiltrate the Outriders and seduce Honey away. Have Weiss and Bishop finally met their match? Is Honey too hot to handle? (American)

Christine KLING

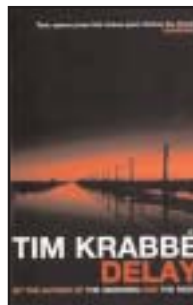
Cross Current 352pp Pb 16.95

Kling's first novel, *Surface Tension* (Pb 16.95), introduced a remarkable sleuth in Seychelle Sullivan. In this electrifying new book, Sullivan returns. A tall, strong, beautiful woman in a man's world, she is caught up in a complex drama set on the South Florida seacoast, where the crimes, hopes and follies of dreamers and con artists all come washing ashore. (American)

Tim KRABBE

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On his way back to Amsterdam from New Zealand, Jacques Bekker's plane is delayed, giving him four unexpected hours in Sydney. On a whim, he decides to look up an old girlfriend - his first love. He arrives on Monique's street just as a stylish woman is loading the last suitcase into the back of a smart car. 30 years vanish in the blink of an eye and, before Jacques knows it, he's become an accomplice to a disappearing act that is soon front page news. (Dutch)

**Rochelle KRICH**

Grave Endings 359pp Pb 16.95

Crime reporter Molly Blume is busy planning her wedding to Rabbi Zack when Detective Andy Connors appears with a locket that belonged to her best friend, Aggie Lasher. Someone fatally stabbed Aggie six years earlier and the crime remains unsolved. The locket turned up with the body of Randy Creely, an aspiring actor and drug addict who overdosed. The police assume that Creely was the murderer. Molly, who has been obsessed with her friend's death, is not sure that the actor committed the crime and begins investigating. Winner of the *Mary Higgins Clark Award*. (American)

Linda LA PLANTE

Above Suspicion 400pp Pb 18.95

Young Anna Travis has been assigned to her first murder case - a series of killings that has shocked even the most hardened detectives. They started eight years ago and now the body count is six. The method of killing and the girls' backgrounds are identical - all drug-users and prostitutes. Then a seventh body is found. The modus operandi is again the same, but this time the victim is a young student with the face of an angel. The profile of the murderer has changed dramatically. Determined to earn the respect of her male colleagues, Anna stumbles on a vital piece of information that links one man to the killings, a much-loved actor on the brink of international stardom. (British)

Cam LAVAC

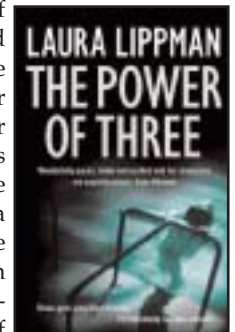
Satan's Church 384pp Tp 29.95


Peter LeSarus, an Australian priest, and Sister Christina find themselves caught up in a struggle to find a 3,000-year-old papyrus - The Prophecy - and reveal its secrets before they are destroyed. Why does the Cardinal Secretary of State at the Vatican stop at nothing to keep these documents from the world? (Australian)

Laura LIPPMAN

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Lippman is one of the most acclaimed authors of crime fiction and a winner of every major award the genre has to offer. Now she dazzles again with a riveting stand-alone novel that takes on the secret - and not-so-secret - lives of teenage girls, illuminating a dark tragedy with startling clarity and empathy. (American)



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A *Thomas Martindale Mystery*. Renegade Russians, marauding polar bears and a quest for the facts inspire retired professor Thomas Martindale - a sometimes sleuth who is much too nosy for his own good - to leave the comfort of his college campus in Oregon to sign on as science writer for an Arctic expedition. (American)

Mike LUPICA **Too Far** 304pp Pb 18.95


The biggest thing that's ever happened to the Long Island town of South Shore is its high school basketball team, blessed with two players of national calibre and the white-hot attention of the media. Not even the death of the team's manager can dampen their enthusiasm, but then a kid on the high school paper begins to hear things - stories of brutality at a team retreat, of hazing that went over the line, of murder... (American)

T J MACGREGOR **Category Five** 380pp Pb 16.95

A monster hurricane takes aim at the Florida coast. As thousands evacuate Tango Key, three dangerous escaped convicts are searching for a place to ride out the storm, and they've just found the perfect spot. (American)

John MACKIE **West Side** 384pp Pb 18.95

In a Manhattan bar, two strangers pick up a soon-to-be-dead look-alike for one of them. After pulling off a flawless 1.5 million dollar insurance fraud, the perpetrators decide that one perfect scam deserves another. As Detective Sergeant Thorn Savage and his Manhattan South Homicide squad enter the investigation, they are drawn into the city's seamy underbelly where dangerous fun - and the answers to an ingenious murder case - await those who know where to look. (American)

Pierre MAGNAN **Death in the Truffle Wood**
201pp Tp 32.95

Banon is a small, peaceful village in upper Provence, where the local community's principal source of income comes from the cultivation and sale of truffles. Tourists and outsiders rarely venture to this remote region, but a small group of society's dropouts have chosen to set up home on the village outskirts, and trouble ensues. One of them is found dead in the freezer of a local hotel, then five bodies are discovered hanging by their feet and drained of blood in the family vault at the cemetery. It takes all Commissaire Laviolette's considerable resources to unravel crimes that have been committed in a climate of centuries-old superstition and secret animosity. (French)

Richard MARINICK **Boynos** 274pp Tp 29.00

Set in and around 'Southie' - the South Boston, working class, Irish-American enclave popularised by such novelists as George V Higgins and Dennis Lehane - this story focuses on Jack 'Wacko' Curran, a rising young player in the criminal underworld. Local 'boyos' like Curran resent the steady influx of young working professionals, who are gentrifying the area and pricing out the old-time residents. Curran and his coked-out brother, Kevin, work for mob boss Marty Fallon, wholesaling drugs to a network of area dealers. Tired of giving Fallon a cut of every score, Jack dreams of replacing Fallon, and figures that the bankroll from the armoured-car heist he's planning will put him on his way. (American)

Petro MARKARIS **The Late Night News**
288pp Pb 23.95

Costas Haritos, a CID chief in central Athens, is uncomfortably married, aggressive and pessimistic. He only manages to relax when he at home reading his English dictionaries. A veteran of the force, he is only now coming to terms with the pervasive corruption in public and private life since the fall of the military dictatorship and the advent of democratic government. When an Albanian couple is found brutally slaughtered, it looks like an open-and-shut crime of passion. But when Yanna, a TV journalist investigating the same case, is murdered in a broadcasting studio just before going on air, Haritos begins to think he's missing something crucial in this seemingly simple case. (Greek)

Paul MCAULEY **Mind's Eye** 432pp Tp 29.95

When he chances upon a strange piece of graffiti daubed on the walls of a north London restaurant, the violence of his reaction takes Alfie Flowers by surprise. The thorny circle of dashes and zigzags seems to reach right inside his brain, provoking a flashback to a terrifying childhood incident that he has spent his life trying to forget. Convinced the graffiti artist possesses the clues to his past, Alfie embarks on a search that leads him to the mysterious Nomads' Club and a secret history of espionage, culminating in the disappearance of Alfie's father 20 years before. But the real secret of the graffiti patterns - or 'glyphs' - is to be found amidst the chaos of post-war Iraq. There are others seeking the source of the glyphs - people with sinister and dangerous motives - and if they were to succeed in their aims, the consequences would be too horrible to contemplate. (English)

Scott McCaULEY **Revenge in Exile** 374pp Pb 16.95

CIA officer Elizabeth Cramer and her old Navy friend Cole Palmer are sent to Mexico to stop a revolution orchestrated by an exiled former Mexican president, while foiling a plot to assassinate the US President and his Mexican counterpart. Debut novel. (American)

S K McClAFFERTY **In at the Kill** 351pp Pb 14.95

LA attorney Lily Martin is a woman running from dangerous memories, secrets too deep and dark to reveal. But a call in the night changes everything, sending her back to her roots in the bayous of Louisiana and to the three men who changed her life - one of whom is now dead. (American)

Chandler McGREW **In Shadows** 399pp Pb 16.95

In a small, Maine valley, 13-year-old Pierce Morin, born blind and deaf, possesses a terrifying gift: he can hear evil whispering. He knows an elusive, deadly force is stalking the people he loves. Detective Jake Crowley has run far away from his Maine hometown, but a bizarre shootout in Galveston, Texas finally draws him home: to a woman he can barely face, to the unsolved mystery of his mother's murder and to a family curse and a valley that has fallen under the spell of a serial killer. (American)

Kirk MITCHELL **Dance of the Thunder Dogs**
363pp Pb 18.95

After 13 years of federal law enforcement with the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Emmett Parker has come home, wounded and estranged from his partner and love interest, Anna Turnipseed. A son of the Comanche and a government investigator, he has ties to both sides, and he is about to discover which side pulls harder. (American)

David MORRELL **Creepers** 352pp Tp 32.95

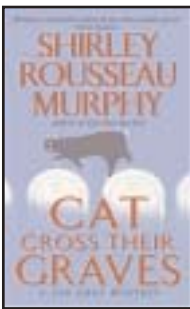
They call themselves Creepers. Urban explorers who illegally enter sealed buildings - hotels, offices, department stores - many of which have been abandoned for years. One night in New Jersey, a group of creepers enters the Paragon, a hotel designed and built during the glory days of Asbury Park by a reclusive millionaire. The magnificent, seven-story structure, which foreshadowed the beauties of Art Deco architecture, is now a decrepit, boarded-up edifice marked for demolition. But the Paragon has a disturbing history and, soon after the group enter, it is clear this decaying building holds more secrets than they could have imagined in their worst nightmares. (American)

**Bob MORRIS****Bahamarama 320pp Pb 16.95**

After two years in a Florida federal prison on bogus charges, former Miami Dolphins linebacker Zack Chasteen is stir crazy. His first step to getting his life back together is to meet up with his beautiful, magazine mogul girlfriend, Barbara, on Harbour Island in the Bahamas. But making it out of Florida proves to be more trouble than a gator with a toothache - and even deadlier. Zack is barely alive when he discovers that Barbara has been kidnapped and her ex-lover, a photographer, has been murdered. As unpredictable as island trade winds, this debut novel twists and turns its way to a stunning conclusion. (American)

Shirley Rousseau MURPHY**Cat Cross their Graves****385pp Pb 16.95***A Joe Grey Mystery.*

Ageing film star Patty Rose came to Molena Point, California, to enjoy her golden years running an inn. She didn't go there to be murdered. But it's Patty's body that a cat named Kit discovers after hearing three shots fired. By the time the police arrive, the curious tortoiseshell has already scampered off to investigate, followed by Kit's cat friends Joe Grey and Dulcie. Joe is certain Kit is heading for big trouble. Then a kidnapping and the shocking discovery of hidden graves raise the stakes, and the inquisitive feline trio have to work quickly to claw out the truth and end the nightmare that has left the devastated community reeling. (American)

**Tim MYERS****Death Waxed Over****240pp Pb 16.95**

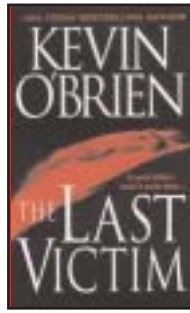
Candlemaking Mystery #3. On Founder's Day, Harrison Black, owner of At Wick's End, has a stand near Gretel Barnett. When she is killed in the middle of the festivities - and folks start suspecting Harrison - he must figure out who extinguished his biggest rival. (American)

Joyce Carol OATES (ed)**The Best American Mystery****Stories 2005 352pp Tp 29.95**

Since 1915, this series has been the premier annual showcase for the country's finest short fiction and non-fiction. Editors select notable works from hundreds of periodicals, including authors Scott Turow, Edward P Jones, Louise Erdrich, Dennis Lehane, Daniel Handler, Laura Lippman, George V Higgins, David Means, Richard Burgin, Scott Wolven and Stuart Kaminsky. (American)

Kevin O'BRIEN**The Last Victim 448pp Pb 16.95**

At first, Bridget Corrigan's work with her twin brother's senatorial campaign is an exciting distraction from the trauma of her messy divorce. But everything changes when Bridget is reminded of the secret that she and Brad have been keeping since high school, a secret that could destroy the campaign - and their lives. Someone else knows what they did. Someone who has been picking off the members of their little group one by one. (American)

**June Duncan OWEN****Worm in the Bud 295pp Tp 26.95**

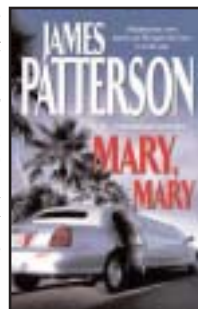
While Rose was looking forward to celebrating their wedding anniversary, her husband Lewis remained cold and detached, his manner becoming increasingly distant from the entire family. What secrets of infidelity, murder and incest lie hidden behind this outwardly strong farming family? (Australian)

Robert B PARKER**Melancholy Baby****296pp Pb 19.95**

Sunny Randall #4. Sunny must face the unthinkable: the marriage of ex-husband Richie to someone else. When college student Sarah Markham comes asking for help in finding her birth parents, Sunny realises she must take the case to distract her from her personal life. Before the investigation has a chance to take off, two key players are dead and Sunny is back on a psychiatrist's couch, probing her own past for clues. (American)

James PATTERSON**Mary Mary 320pp Tp 32.95**

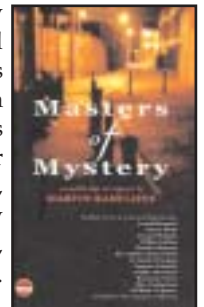
Somebody is murdering Hollywood's A list. FBI agent Alex Cross is on vacation in Disneyland when he gets the call. A well-known actress has been shot outside her home in Beverly Hills. Shortly after, an editor for the *Los Angeles Times* receives an email recounting the murder in shocking detail, signed Mary Smith. Right from the beginning, this case is like nothing Alex has ever confronted. Members of the A-list fear they are Mary's next target and the case grows into blockbuster proportions as Cross and the LAPD scramble to find a pattern before Mary can send one more chilling update. (American)

**Richard North PATTERSON****Conviction 528pp Pb 19.95**

When the body of nine-year old Thuy Sen is found in San Francisco Bay, the police quickly charge Rennell and Payton Price with her grisly murder. A 12-person jury, abetted by an incompetent defence lawyer, is nearly as quick to find the brothers guilty and sentence them both to die for their crimes. 15 years later, overworked pro-bono lawyer Teresa Paget, husband Chris and stepson Carlo (a recent Harvard law graduate), become convinced not only that Rennell didn't receive a fair trial but that he may well be innocent. Racing against the clock and facing enormous legal obstacles, Teresa, Chris and Carlo desperately try to stay Rennell's execution, taking the case all the way to the Supreme Court, and to an enormously moving and powerful conclusion. (American)

Martin RADCLIFFE (ed)**Masters of Mystery 556pp Pb 24.95**

Renowned Victorians such as Wilkie Collins, Charles Dickens and Sir Arthur Conan Doyle were the pioneers of crime and detective fiction, but they were by no means alone. In this definitive collection, mystery critic and historian Radcliffe delves into the archives, presenting some of the best and most influential short stories of the Victorian and Edwardian years. These are the tales of Masters (and Mistresses) of Mystery that inspired generations of writers and led to the creation of renowned detectives such as Lord Peter Wimsey, Sam Spade, Miss Marple, Lew Archer, Morse, Dalgliesh and Rebus. (English)

**Nora ROBERTS****Blue Smoke 400pp Tp 32.95**

Catarina Hale grew up with an intimate knowledge of the destructive power of fire. When she was a child, her family's restaurant burned to the ground and the man responsible was sent to jail. The Hale family banded together to rebuild and Reena found her life's calling. She trained as a firefighter, then as a cop, always with the end goal in sight: to become an arson investigator. Now part of the arson unit, she is called in on a series of suspicious fires that seem to be connected, not just to each other, but to her. As danger ignites all around her, Reena must rely on experience and instinct to catch a dangerous madman who won't stop until everything she loves has gone up in smoke. (American)

**Heather ROSE****The Butterfly Man 352pp Pb 24.95**

On 7 November 1974, a young English nanny named Sandra Rivett was murdered in London's West End. Her employer, Lord Lucan, was named as her attacker. It was widely assumed he had mistaken her for his wife. Lord Lucan disappeared that night and has never been seen since. Henry Kennedy lives on a mountain on the other side of the world. He is not who he says he is. Is he a murderer or a man who can never clear his name? And is he the only one with something to hide? Set in Tasmania, Africa and London's Belgravia, this is an absorbing novel about transformation and deception, and the lengths to which we go to protect the ones we love. (Australian)

Kirk RUSSELL**Night Game****365pp Tp 29.00**

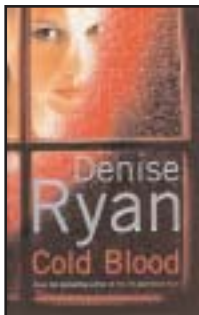
A *John Marquez Crime Novel*. Former federal drug agent Marquez again pushes the boundaries of safety and politics when he takes his team of Fish and Game officers on a dangerous operation



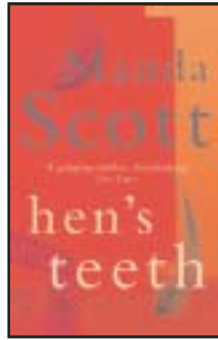
in pursuit of bear poachers. This book hits hard and moves fast toward a finish that ricochets through wilderness, backwoods towns and the darker recesses of love and greed. A second novel that delivers and firmly establishes a great series. (American)

Denise RYAN**Cold Blood****416pp Pb 19.95**

Life gets tough again for Shannon Flinder when her best friend is murdered and she comes to believe that the police have arrested the wrong person. So who did kill Jenny Fong and why? Things get worse when Shannon's bitter enemy, Cindy Nightingale, is put in charge of the murder inquiry. Cindy is more interested in nailing Shannon than anyone else. An escaped killer with a grudge causes chaos and manages to elude capture. His mission is to get the lawyer who helped send him to prison. How can Shannon protect herself when the police can't? Local reporter Wanda Brennan's husband was viciously attacked and left in a coma. Wanda's life starts to unravel. She wants justice and wants Shannon Flinder to help her get it. But Shannon is more interested in solving her friend's murder and, of course, staying alive. (English)

**Manda SCOTT****Hen's Teeth (1996)****480pp Pb 22.00**

Murder runs in families. How could a healthy, 41-year-old woman die of cardiac arrest? When Glasgow psychiatrist Kellen Stewart learns of the death of ex-lover Bridget Donnelly, she quickly suspects foul play. Then she discovers that Bridget's brother, Malcolm, died of the same cause just weeks before, hours after bringing some hens to Bridget's country farmhouse for safekeeping. And now those hens are missing. With the help of a friendly pathologist, who numbers breaking and entering among her more formidable skills, Kellen investigates the deaths. The trail of evidence takes her into a dangerous maze of valuable hens, lethal eggs, bodies that vanish from the morgue and biomedical marvels that lead to murder. (Scottish)

**Michele SCOTT****Murder Uncorked****224pp Pb 16.95**

Wine Lovers Mystery #1. The murder of a top winemaker sours Nikki Sands' new job on a Napa Valley vineyard. (American)

Lisa SCOTTOLINE**Killer Smile****400pp Pb 19.95**

Everybody around lawyer Mary DiNunzio has decided she isn't allowed to be a Young Widow any more, although she didn't know there was an official cut-off. All Mary wants to do is immerse herself in a case everybody else calls The History Channel, a pro-bono representation of the Brandolini estate. At the outbreak of World War II, Brandolini was arrested by the FBI as part of a mass internment of Italian-Americans and sent to a camp in Montana, where he eventually committed suicide. Now, more than 60 years later, his son's estate hires Mary to sue for reparations. With only a lock of hair, an old wallet and a sheet of paper filled with odd doodles to go on, the tenacious lawyer begins to research the case, but instead finds puzzling new questions. (American)

**Lynn SHOLES & Joe MOORE****Grail Conspiracy 343pp Tp 32.95**

A *Cotten Stone Mystery*. On assignment in the Middle East, television journalist Cotten Stone stumbles upon an archeological dig that uncovers the world's most sought after religious relic: the Holy Grail. With his dying breath, Dr Gabriel Archer gives it to Cotten, uttering "You are the only one" in a language she has heard from only one other person - her deceased twin sister. What begins as a hot news story for the ambitious young reporter soon turns into a nightmare when the Holy Grail is stolen and strange 'accidents' befall her dearest friends. An anonymous source leads them to New Orleans during Mardi Gras, where an abominable experiment is underway that - unless destroyed - promises to unleash an ancient evil upon the Earth. (American)

George SIMENON**Tropic Moon****224pp Tp 29.00**

A young Frenchman, Joseph Timar, travels to Gabon carrying a letter of introduction from an influential uncle. He wants work experience; he wants to see the world. But once in the oppressive heat and glare of the equator, Timar doesn't know what to do with himself and no one seems inclined to help except Adèle, the wife of the hotel owner, who takes him to bed one day but rebuffs him the next, leaving him sick with desire. Then, in the course of a single night, Adèle's husband dies and a black servant is shot, and Timar is sure that Adèle is involved. He will cover for the crime if she will do what he wants. The fix is in, but Timar can't even begin to imagine how deep. (French)

Michael SLADE**Swastika****432pp Pb 18.95**

Swastika and Aryan believe they are acting as cleansers of society - necessary evils to empower a new master race. But there is still one secret about them that no one knows. When an elite team of investigators is assigned to hunt them down, they stumble upon a terrifying government conspiracy and a mystery buried in the ashes of WWII Germany. (American)

Patricia SMILEY**False Profits 328pp Pb 16.95**

"It's hard to believe that this clever and engaging adventure is Smiley's first novel; it reads like the latest in a well-established series. Smiley's heroine, 30-year-old divorcee Tucker Sinclair, works her tail off at a downtown LA financial advising firm and relaxes at her Malibu-area beach cottage; that is, she would relax if her actress mother wasn't a current houseguest. When her mom goes off to a shamanic retreat, leaving her daughter to care for Muldoon, the wicked Westie, the tuckered Tucker relishes the quiet. But things don't stay quiet for long..." Jenny McLarin - Booklist (American)

**Veronica STALLWOOD****Oxford Letters** 320pp Hb 60.00

When Kate Ivory returns from holiday, a phone call from a concerned friend gives her some rather alarming news. Apparently Kate's normally vibrant and energetic mother Roz is a shadow of her former self and looks very ill indeed. When Kate visits her mother, Roz sends her away, insisting that her new friends, the Freemans, are taking care of her. Although the couple seem kind-hearted, something about them disturbs Kate. Are they more interested in her mother's newfound wealth than her health? Kate decides to look into their background, an investigation that takes her across the country, uncovering a trail of deception. She soon realises that her mother may not be the only one in danger... (English)

**Mariah STEWART****Dark Truth** 336pp Pb 16.95

Murder didn't end Nina Madden's life, it destroyed it. When her father was charged with the serial killings of several college students, Nina and her mother became pariahs in their small Maryland town. Though Nina never believed the hideous accusations, evidence led to her father's conviction and guaranteed the death penalty. After the execution, Nina left Stone River to escape the hatred and persecution, but she couldn't shake the lingering doubts. (American)

Leanne SWEENEY**Dead Giveaway** 272pp Pb 16.95

Yellow Rose Mystery #3. She is a Texas heiress and a brand-new PI specialising in adoption cases. But Abby Rose focuses more on what money can't buy, like answers in a case of a baby abandoned years ago and a present-day murder. (American)

Andrew TAYLOR**Call the Dying** 448pp Pb 21.00

Lydmouth Series #7. It is 1955 and the influx of televisions do nothing to relieve the tensions in the deeply conservative town of Lydmouth. Mr Frederick, a television engineer, arrives to sell and adapt the new sets. He comes for two nights, then apparently leaves. On the evening of that same day, eccentric Dr Bayswater, a retired GP, is found dead. A gentleman's yellow kid glove, slightly gnawed by rats, is found lying next to his body. Detective Chief Inspector Richard Thornhill is drafted in to investigate and it soon becomes apparent that the case is going to be far from straightforward. (English)

Pamela THOMAS-GRAHAM**Orange Crushed**

Ivy League Mystery #3. Murder stalks the campus in this exciting, witty, fast-paced and extremely atmospheric novel. (English)

Jim THOMPSON**A Hell of a Woman** 288pp Pb 19.95

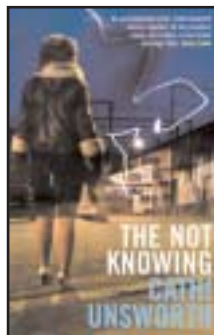
This is Thompson's version of an American **Crime and Punishment**. In a novel completely devoid of sentiment, 'Dolly' Dillon, a door-to-door salesman, goes about the appalling business of murder without conscience, without remorse and without any hope of redemption, because of a woman... (American)

James TWINING**Double Eagle** 400pp Pb 19.95

In Paris, a priest is murdered, the killers dumping his mutilated body into the Seine. He takes a secret with him to his death, a secret that reveals itself during his autopsy and reawakens memories of Depression-era politics and a 70-year-old heist. Jennifer Browne, a young and ambitious FBI agent, is assigned to the case. This is her last chance to kickstart a career that has stalled after one fatal error of judgement three years before. Her investigation uncovers a daring robbery from Fort Knox and Tom Kirk - ex-CIA and the world's greatest art thief - is the prime suspect. Caught between his desire to finally get out of the game and his partner's insistence that he complete one last job for the criminal mastermind Cassius, Kirk faces a thrilling race against time to clear his name. Debut. (English)

Cathi UNSWORTH**The Not Knowing** 288pp Pb 19.95

London, March 1992. Nearly a year after the release of Brit noir film sensation, *Bent*, the capital is still in the grip of its cultural and stylistic impact. Diana Kemp, journalist on the alternative arts magazine *Lux*, is dismissive of the film's cult following, but admires the technique of its debut director, Jon Jackson. In fact, some of her admiration has a more personal nature, and when Jon disappears following a triumphant *Guardian* lecture, she acutely feels the loss. Two weeks later, Jackson's body is found in a condemned lockup in the arches behind Camden market. A victim of his own success? (English)

**Elaine VEITS****Dying in Style** 288pp Pb 16.95

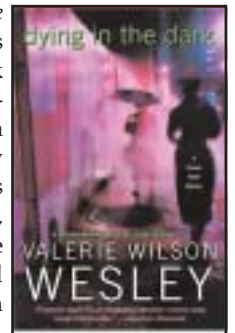
Dead End Job Mystery #5. Mystery shopper Josie Marcus's report about Danessa Celedine's exclusive store is less than stellar and it may cost the fashion diva \$50 million. But Danessa's financial future becomes moot when she is found murdered, strangled with one of her own \$1,000 snakeskin belts - and Josie is accused of the crime. (American)

Tina WAINSCOTT**In Too Deep** 384pp Pb 16.95

Society writer Winslow Talbot feels she is living a lie: she is beautiful, but her face has been cleverly constructed by plastic surgeons after an automobile crash. She is rich, but the wealth belongs to her doting stepfather who's funded a life she finds increasingly shallow. So when she learns of a hit-and-run boating accident that leaves a young Cuban girl terribly disfigured, Winslow sees the opportunity to make a real difference and decides to help the injured child. She begins an investigation that leads her to Alex Diaz, editor of a Miami newspaper. But Alex warns Winslow against snooping in Florida's exile community, where passions often explode with deadly consequences. (American)

Valerie Wilson WESLEY**Dying in the Dark** 240pp Tp 29.00

A Tamara Hayle Mystery. Tamara's past has come back to haunt her - literally. She's been plagued by terrifying dreams about Celia Jones, an old friend whose walk on the wild side led her to a horrible death. Celia's teenage son, Cecil, begs Tamara to find his mother's killer - only to end up dead - stabbed through the heart. Despite her better judgment and the admonitions of the police department, Tamara refuses to back away from the mystery surrounding her old friend's death and the tragedy that met her son. But she uncovers more than she bargained for, unearthing secrets someone would kill to keep in the shadows. (American)

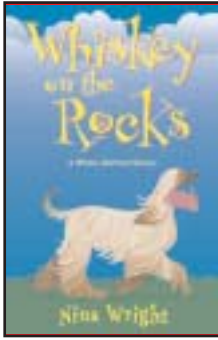
**Stuart WOODS****Two Dollar Bill** 304pp Pb 22.95

A Stone Barrington Novel. In this stylish thriller in the bestselling series, Barrington - the suave Manhattan cop-turned-lawyer - is caught between a clever con man (who has just become his client) and a beautiful prosecutor. Barrington is back on his home turf, facing down a brilliant Southern flimflam man. (American)

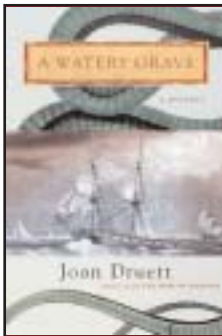


**Nina WRIGHT****Whiskey on the Rocks****254pp Tp 29.95**

A *Whiskey Mattimoe Mystery*. Still reeling from her husband's death, 33-year-old realtor Whiskey Mattimoe is adjusting to a new life, which includes the embarrassing purse-snatching antics of her mischievous Afghan hound. That's bad for business, but not as bad as having clients die on the premises. When one of her properties turns into a murder scene, Whiskey becomes hopelessly entangled in a devious scheme involving identity fraud and priceless art. Dodging a house fire, break-ins and attempts on her life, she manages to keep her sense of humour throughout the chaos with help from a part-time police force, her 8-year-old neighbour and other eccentric characters in the Lake Michigan resort town of Magnet Springs. Debut novel. (American)

**HISTORICAL
CRIME****Joan DRUETT****A Watery Grave****304pp Tp 29.00**

The year is 1838 and, after more than 10 years in the planning, the famous US Exploring Expedition is set to launch into uncharted waters from the coast of Virginia. Aboard the convoy as ship's linguist is Wiki Coffin. Half New Zealand Maori and half American, Wiki speaks numerous languages and is expected to help the crew navigate the Pacific islands that are his native heritage. But just before departure, he is arrested for a vicious murder he didn't commit, subject to the unfortunate bigotry of the time. Just before the ships have sailed off out of reach, Wiki is exonerated, free to catch up and sail on. The catch is that the local sheriff is convinced that the real murderer is aboard one of the seven ships and Wiki is deputised to identify the killer and bring him to justice. (New Zealand)

**Lee JACKSON****Welfare of the Dead 368pp Pb 23.95**

"Her arms were bare and milky-white, her hands dainty and graceful; her smile as sweet as any I have ever seen. An awful shame..." In the disreputable dance halls and 'houses of accommodation' of 1870s London, a boastful killer selects his prey. Are these random acts of malevolence or is there a connection between the terrible murders, a mysterious theft at the Abney Park Cemetery and a long-forgotten crime? Inspector Decimus Webb, newly promoted to the Detective Branch at Scotland Yard, must investigate, and quickly, to prevent another tragedy... (English)

Philippa MORGAN**Chaucer and the Legend of Good****Women****320pp Hb 44.95**

Three years after his secret mission to Aquitaine, the poet and diplomat Geoffrey Chaucer finds he must once more set forth on royal business. After an arduous overland journey, in the spring of 1373 he reaches Florence, a city twice the size of London and the banking centre of Europe. (English)

Anne PERRY**Long Spoon Lane 384pp Pb 19.95**

Thomas Pitt #24. You need a very long spoon indeed to dine with the devil. Early one morning, two bombs explode in an East London street. Forewarned of the attack, Thomas Pitt of the Special Branch arrives in time to chase the bombers to a tenement in Long Spoon Lane, where two men are arrested and one shot dead. But who, and where, is the killer? As Pitt investigates, he uncovers truths more disturbing than the acts of a few misguided idealists. There is a web of corruption within the police force and all the clues point to Inspector Wetrton of Bow Street as its mastermind. As head of the sinister Inner Circle, Wetrton has powerful allies in every sphere. (English)

Rosemary ROWE**Enemies of the Empire****288pp Pb 18.95**

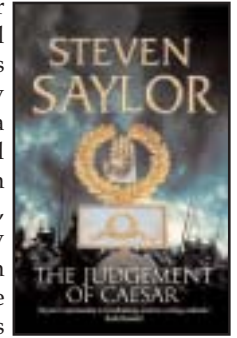
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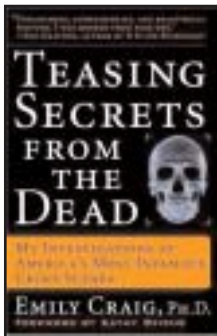
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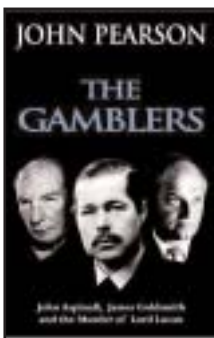
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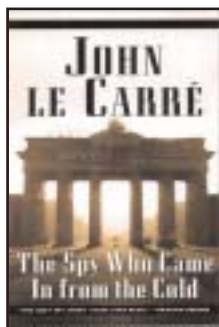
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