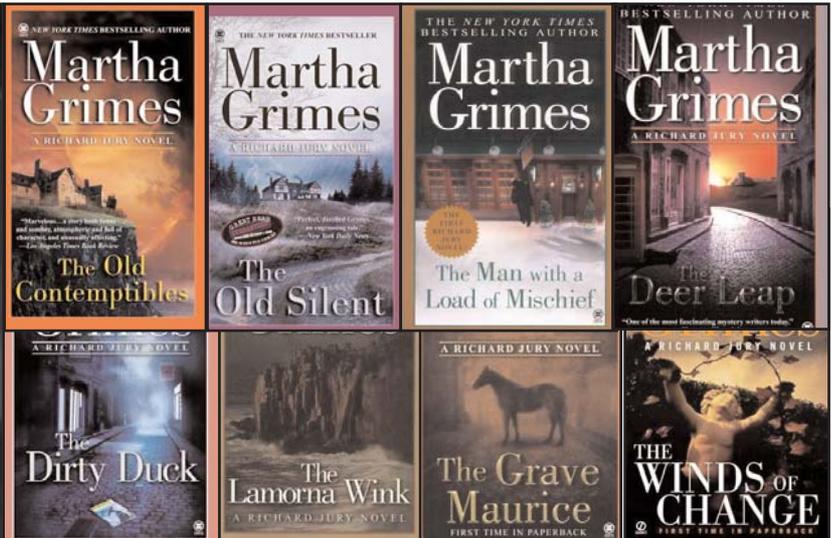
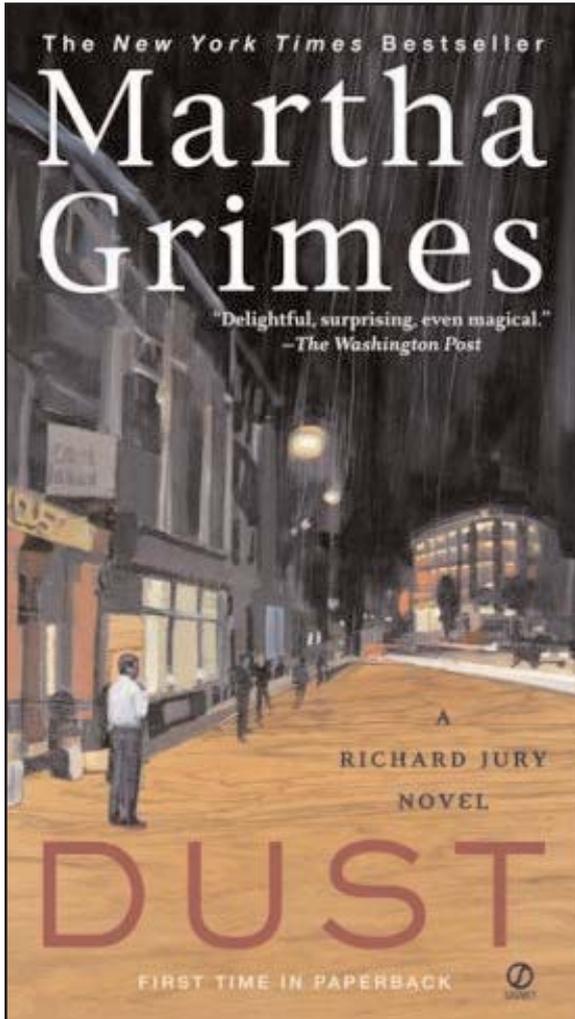


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"WHERE A GOOD CRIME CAN BE HAD BY ALL"

AUTHOR OF THE MONTH MARTHA GRIMES



When an old friend pulls Richard Jury into the investigation of the murder of a wealthy bachelor, Jury is not sure what's more perplexing: the circumstances of the fellow's death, the conflicted stories of the man's past, or the motivations of the lead detective - the beautiful and forbidding Lu Aguilar. What Jury is sure of is that he's in over his head, both with the inscrutable and challenging Aguilar and the false leads surrounding the once charismatic Billy Maples, last seen in a club named Dust.

A web of clues draws Jury to the trendy Clerkenwell galleries, clubs and hotels, to the dark stories behind the Maples family, and to the Sussex town of Rye, where Billy had temporarily taken up the tenancy of Lamb House, the charming home where Henry James composed his three masterworks and a place with secrets of its own. With Melrose Plant investigating Lamb House, Aguilar interceding, and the appearance of Maples' young nephew, Scotland Yard's finest - and now infamous - will need every bit of his intelligence and quiet charm to crack the case. The 21st in the series.

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Peter ABRAHAMS

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Gilbert ADAIR

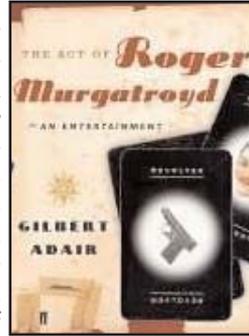
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Evadne Mount #1.

It is Boxing Day circa 1935. The place is a snowed-in manor on the very edge of Dartmoor. It is a Christmas house-party. And overhead, in the attic, the dead body of Raymond Gentry, gossip columnist and blackmailer, shot through the heart. Fortunately (though, for the murderer, unfortunately), one of the guests is the formidable Evadne Mount, the bestselling author of countless classic whodunits. *Due Dec* (Scottish)



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Alina ADAMS

Skate Crime 224pp Pb \$15.95



Figure Skating Mystery #5. Bex Levy is shooting footage of veteran coach and skater Lucian Price for a tribute piece when he takes a bad fall - and dies. It seems to just be a tragic accident, until Bex discovers that his skates had been tampered with. *Due Dec* (American)

Madelyn ALT

Hex Marks the Spot Pb \$15.95



Bewitching Mystery #3. While her boss becomes entranced with a beautiful armoire at the countywide craft bazaar, Maggie can't help noticing the Amish craftsman who made it. But when the hunky craftsman turns up dead with a strange hex symbol near his corpse, Maggie wonders if the craft involved is the witchy kind. *Due Dec* (American)

Russell ANDREWS

Hades 480pp Tp \$32.95



Police Chief Justin Westwood is content to escape his big-city past in sleepy East End Harbour, but the brutal murder of a Wall Street shark is about to change all that, not least because Westwood was in bed with the victim's wife at the time. Westwood is willing to do whatever it takes to solve this crime, even if it means teaming up with an FBI agent who once broke his heart. *Due Dec* (American)

Russell ANDREWS

Midas

496pp Pb \$19.95



Justin Westwood is mourning the death of his boss, victim of a terrorist bombing in a local restaurant, when he's called to investigate an air accident: a small plane has crashed on take-off from Hampton Airport. The pilot is dead, but when Justin discovers the body has no ID, the cockpit has been wiped clean of prints and the Federal Air Authority has deleted the aircraft's details he is sure the pilot was murdered. *Due Dec* (American)

Icarus

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When a burglary goes wrong on the opening night of his new restaurant, Jack Keller is left a widower and suffering from several bullet wounds. In emotional and physical turmoil he becomes a self-pitying recluse, until Kid Demeter, a young man Jack once regarded as a son and who is now a formidable physiotherapist, bullies him into better health. Then Kid is found dead, but Jack cannot accept the view that his death was either accidental or suicide. *Due Dec* (American)

David ARMSTRONG

A Kind of Acquaintance

224pp Hb \$49.95



Kavanagh & Salt Mystery. In 1986, on a country lane in Shropshire, a newspaper boy appears to have been abducted. Some 20 years later, Sarah Clement, a once successful novelist, disappears from her houseboat on the Grand Union Canal. Her submerged body is found a few days later by a woman working with a group of canal restoration volunteers. DI Frank Kavanagh is seconded to the case, along with his lover and colleague, DC Jane Salt. (English)

Suzanne ARRUDA

Stalking Ivory 352pp Tp \$29.00



Jade del Cameron Mystery. On a photography assignment in the northern territory of Mount Marsabit, Jade and her friends Beverly and Avery Dunbury hope to capture on film the area's colossal elephants. Instead they discover the mutilated remains of four elephants and one man. The authorities suspect Abyssinian poachers and raiders in search of ivory and slaves. But Jade has her own suspicions, which are only heightened when she discovers a cache of German rifles hidden nearby. *Due Dec* (American)

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CANINE DETECTIVES



CLERICAL



COSY/MALICE DOMESTIC



CULINARY/FOOD



FBI



FELINE DETECTIVES



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HORSE RACING MYSTERY



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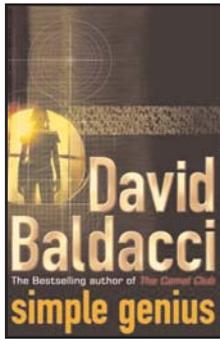
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**Maggie BARBIERI****Murder 101: A Mystery** 320pp Pb \$15.95

Safely outside the New York City limits, St Thomas College was supposed to promise peace and quiet. Unfortunately, English professor Alison Bergeron has found it to be anything but. She recently divorced a fellow faculty member and, more recently, her car was stolen. Then one evening, she gets a visit from two homicide detectives from the NYPD. The good news is that they found Alison's beat-up Volvo; the bad news is that the body of one of the students in her Shakespeare seminar was in the trunk... *Due Dec* (American)

Colin BATEMAN**I Predict a Riot** 672pp Pb \$22.95

Bateman's back with a fast-paced, unforgettable story of murder, intrigue and reincarnation on the streets of Belfast. *Due Dec* (Irish)

Brett BATTLES**Cleaner** 496pp Tp \$32.95

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Laurien BERENSON**Chow Down** 256pp Pb \$15.95

Melanie Travis Mystery. If Melanie Travis was planning on a quiet family summer with her Standard Poodle Faith, son Davey and new husband Sam. Then her plans are turned upside down by an unexpected competition, a trip to New York, and, oh yes, a murder. Later Melanie finds herself in a choke collar of deceit and corruption. (American)

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A hidden treasure. A forgotten truth. Cotton Malone is in trouble. His son has been kidnapped and his bookshop in Copenhagen attacked, all because he is the only man alive who knows the whereabouts of the Alexandria link - the means of locating the most important cache of ancient knowledge ever assembled: the legendary Library of Alexandria, which vanished without trace 1,500 years ago. *Due Dec* (American)

Claudia BISHOP**The Case of the Tough Talking Turkey** 194pp Pb \$15.95

Readers will gobble up this new McKenzie Farm mystery. Veterinarian Austin McKenzie has met plenty of snakes - and none meaner than turkey farmer Lewis O'Leary. So it's no surprise when O'Leary's dead body is found in a dumpster. Circumstantial evidence points to a turkey feed salesman, but the doc has a feeling the guy was framed. (American)

Benjamin BLACK**(aka John BANVILLE)****The Silver Swan** 288pp Tp \$32.95

Time has moved on for Quirke, the world-weary Dublin pathologist first encountered in *Christine Falls*. It is the middle of the 1950s, that low, dishonourable decade; a woman he loved has died, a man whom he once admired is dying, while the daughter he for so long denied is still finding it hard to accept him as her father. When Billy Hunt, an acquaintance from college days, approaches him about his wife's apparent suicide, Quirke recognises trouble but, as always, trouble is something he cannot resist. *Due Dec* (Irish)

Victoria BLAKE**Skin and Blister** 320pp Pb \$19.95

When a student is found dead in his rooms at St Barnabas College, Oxford, it looks nothing more than an unfortunate suicide. A week later, when Sam Falconer's brother disappears, Sam begins to see a disturbing connection between the events. *Due Dec* (English)

Miranda BLISS**Dead Men Don't Get the****Munchies: A Cooking Class Mystery** 256pp Pb \$15.95

Cooking Class Mystery #3. Cooking class is back in session for best friends - and sometime sleuths - Annie and Eve. But this time, Annie finds herself on the teacher's side of the cutting board, helping out during a bar food cooking class at DC's latest hotspot, Bellywasher's. And her best friend, Eve, is in more hot water than ever - as the prime suspect in a student's murder. *Due Dec* (American)

Jay BONANSINGA**Shattered** 352pp Pb \$15.95

In this follow-up to *Twisted* (Pb \$16.95), FBI profiler Ulysses Grove is closing in on a serial killer known as the Mississippi Ripper, but the killer is planning a gruesome surprise for Grove that will come too close to home. *Due Dec* (American)

Michael BROOKS**Entanglement** Tp \$29.95

Nathaniel Virgo is a London based journalist who has recently been asked to cover the science beat by his editor at the *Herald*. Rather reluctantly, he attends a Quantum conference in Baltimore and is given a disk by a scientist he doesn't know. On his return to London he discovers that the man who gave him the disk has died. As Virgo investigates the story, he discovers that the Quantum computer that can break any code in the world in the matter of seconds might not only exist, but may be in danger in falling into criminal hands. *Due Dec* (English)

Sammi CARTER**Peppermint Twisted** 256pp Pb \$15.95

A Candy Shop Mystery #3. No one's happy when wealthy Felicity Asbury names herself director of the local arts festival. But when she's found dead, all evidence points to candy shop owner Abby Shaw, who must put aside her sweets to discover the twisted killer. *Due Dec* (American)

Lincoln CHILD**Deep Storm** 432pp Pb \$17.95

Former naval doctor Peter Crane is urgently summoned to a remote oil platform in the North Atlantic to help diagnose a bizarre medical condition spreading through the rig. But when he arrives, Crane learns that the real trouble lies far below on Deep Storm, a stunningly advanced science research facility built on the ocean floor, two miles beneath the surface. The top-secret structure has been designed for one purpose: to excavate a recently discovered undersea site that may hold the answers to a mystery steeped in centuries of myth and speculation. *Due Dec* (American)

Jill CHURCHILL**The Accidental Florist** 224pp Pb \$17.95

Jane Jeffry Mystery #16. Here comes the bride Suburban super-sleuth Jane Jeffry and her detective beau Mel VanDyne have finally decided to tie the knot. While Jane's planning the wedding of her dreams Mel convinces her to take a self-defence class. But before she can learn the karate kicks, the class is cut brutally short when two participants are murdered... *Due Dec* (American)

**Richard A CLARKE****Breakpoint** 320pp Pb \$19.95

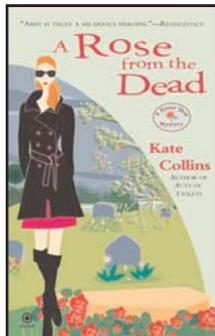
 The global village - an intricately intertwined network of technology that binds together the world's economies, governments, and communication systems. So large, so vital - and so fragile. Now a sophisticated group is seeking to "disconnect the globe" - destroying computer grids, communications satellites, Internet cable centres, biotech firms. Hard to do? If only that were so... *Due Dec* (American)

Barbara COLLEY**Scrub a Dub Dead** 256pp Pb \$15.95

 *Charlotte LaRue Mystery #5.* Doing a favour for a friend has Charlotte cleaning rooms at the New Orleans Jazzy hotel, a historic Garden District mansion. The hotel is serving as a home-away-from-home for Shreveport's chapter of the Red Scarf Sorority, a group of socially elite women in their 40s. When a young woman named Lisa is found strangled, apparently with a red scarf, the police arrest Sorority member Tessa Morgan, whose husband was having an affair with Lisa. But Charlotte has her doubts... *Due Dec* (American)

Kate COLLINS**A Rose from the Dead** 304pp Pb \$15.95

 *Flower Shop Mystery #6.* The Midwestern Funeral Directors Association's regional convention was supposed to be a chance for Abby Knight and her flower shop, Bloomers, to flourish. To her surprise, the morticians are a lively bunch, organising soap-box derbies and a vampire VIP party complete with Midnight Bloody Marys. But when the association's intensely disliked chairperson is found dead in a locked casket, her signature rose missing from her hair, Abby's determined to find out who loved the victim - and who loved her not... *Due Dec* (American)

**Max Allan COLLINS****Deadly Beloved** 208pp Pb \$15.95

 *Hard Case Crime.* In this first novel to star the heroine of the popular and longest-running private-eye comic book series of all time, Ms Tree investigates a desperate housewife manipulated into murdering her husband. Soon, however, Ms Tree discovers the truth about her own husband's brutal murder years earlier. *Due Dec* (American)

Peter CORRIS**Big Score** 228pp Pb \$19.95

 *Cliff Hardy #30.* In this brand new collection of short stories, Cliff Hardy has his hands full with murder, blackmail, embezzlement and more. True to form, Cliff doesn't waste words or pull punches as he untangles an ugly divorce, investigates the killing of a Glebe drinking buddy, and takes care of a nasty case of blackmail. The 11 tales are set in Cliff's Sydney, a place of thugs, mid-morning beers and crooked cops. *Due Dec* (Australian)

Deborah CROMBIE**Water Like a Stone** 416pp Pb \$19.95

 When Scotland Yard superintendent Duncan Kincaid takes Gemma, Kit, and Toby for a holiday visit to his family in Cheshire, Gemma is soon entranced with Nantwich's pretty buildings and the historic winding canal, and young Kit is instantly smitten with his cousin Lally. But their visit is marred by family tensions exacerbated by the unravelling of Duncan's sister Juliet's marriage. And tensions are brought to the breaking point on Christmas Eve with Juliet's discovery of a mummified infant's body interred in the wall of an old dairy. *Due Dec* (English)

Clive & Dirk CUSSLER**The Treasure of Khan** 617pp Pb \$19.95

 Genghis Khan almost conquered the world. Now, one man wants to finish the job - unless Dirk Pitt can stop him. *Due Dec* (American)

Adrian Conan DOYLE**The New Annotated Sherlock Holmes Vol 1, Vol 2, Vol 3** 650pp Hb \$54.95 each

 This handsome set contains all the short stories from *The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes* and *The Memoirs of Sherlock Holmes*, with a cornucopia of insights. Beginners will benefit from insightful biographies of Holmes, Watson, and Conan Doyle; history lovers will revel in the wealth of Victorian literary and cultural details and Sherlockian fanatics will puzzle over tantalising new theories. With over 450 illustrations, this is the most lavishly illustrated edition of the Holmes tales ever produced. *Due Dec* (English)

Robert ELLIS**City of Fire** 340pp Tp \$32.95

 When a businessman arrives home to find his wife in bed, carved from belly to throat with a very sharp knife, the elite Robbery-Homicide division of the LAPD responds in full force and Detective Lena Gamble prepares for her first major case. At first all fingers point towards the victim's husband, but best-case scenarios only happen in films and it soon transpires that this murder is one of a series of brutal crimes against women and the work of a killer dubbed 'Romeo' by the ravenous Hollywood media. *Due Dec* (American)

Earl EMERSON**Firetrap** 320pp Pb \$17.95

 No one writes with the power, authority, and poetry that Earl Emerson has demonstrated in his action-packed novels about fire and the people who make their living fighting it. Here, Trey Brown is a man tormented by race, by family, and now by a political firestorm that has erupted because 14 people died in an illegal Seattle nightclub - and someone must take the fall. *Due Dec* (American)

G M FORD**No Man's Land** 340pp Pb \$19.95

 Meza Azul Correctional Facility, Arizona is designed to hold the worst collection of criminals in the USA. It is also prided by its founders for being 100% escape proof. So it is with mixed horror and disbelief that Governor James Blaine discovers 'lifer' and ex-Navy submarine captain Timothy Driver has somehow managed to take control of the security and surveillance systems and begin releasing his fellow prisoners. *Due Dec* (American)

John FRANCOME**Dark Horse** 288pp Tp \$32.95

 10 years ago, a car crash left a girl dead and four friends from racing school with a dark secret. Since then they have gone their separate ways and have managed to put the memory of that day to the backs of their minds. But when a hit-and-run sparks off a chain of unstoppable events, and a journalist starts asking questions, these men know that the truth of that day is about to come to light. In the world of flat racing, everything rides on reputation and there are those who would do just about anything to save their own necks and keep a secret buried! *Due Dec* (English)

Free Fall 416pp Pb \$19.95

 Jockey Pat Vincent has ambitions to win the best races and become a wealthy sporting hero. But Pat knows his dreams will never be fulfilled so he's devised a brilliant new scam which, if discovered, would see him warned off for life. But first it's guaranteed to make him rich... *Due Dec* (English)

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Rona Parish Mystery. Rona is continuing her series of articles on old family businesses when she learns that Curzon, local manufacturers of fine bone china, are about to celebrate their 150th anniversary. Furthermore, this is planned to coincide with the introduction of a revolutionary new line, about which there is much speculation. Rona decides to approach the firm, and almost at once is caught up in the intricacies of the Curzon family, little realising that her involvement will directly precipitate a tragedy no one could have foreseen. (English)

Annie FRASIER**Garden of Darkness**

384pp Pb \$17.95

Haunted by both the town of Tuonela and the betrayal of Evan Stroud, medical examiner Rachel Burton tries to leave, but is brought back by the skinned body found in the woods. Others are coming to Tuonela, drawn to the legend of the Pale Immortal, the so-called vampire whose exhumed body is now on display. And others will die... *Due Dec* (American)

Brian FREEMANTLE**Time to Kill**

288pp Tp \$27.95

Jack Mason, once Russia's most successful CIA embedded traitor, has spent the last 15 years in a penitentiary planning his vengeance on the Russian defector who exposed him. Former KGB Colonel Dimitri Sobell has spent these 15 years making a new and perfect life for himself in America. He's married Mason's ex-wife Ann, the woman for whom he defected from Russia's Washington embassy. He has also acquired a new and permanent name, Daniel Slater. Until he gets an official letter advising him of the man's impending release, he'd virtually forgotten Jack Mason. But Mason hasn't forgotten him... (American)

James FRIEL**The Higher Realm** 256pp Pb \$26.95

In the heat of a British summer, Sidney Chisholm discovers the five bodies of his neighbours, the Gilhooley sisters. In a series of twists and turns, their mystery becomes the catalyst for unravelling the truth behind the disappearance of Sidney's young daughter many years ago. Can the dead persuade the living to confront the past? (Australian)

Alan FURST**The Foreign Correspondent**

288pp Pb \$22.95

An underground newspaper reporter becomes the target of a European spy web in the looming shadow of WWII Paris in this heart-pounding thriller from the master of international intrigue, Alan Furst. *Due Dec* (American)

Francis FYFIELD**The Art of Drowning**

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Rachel Doe is a shy accountant at a low ebb in life when she meets charismatic Ivy Schneider, nee Wiseman, at her evening class and her life changes for the better. Ivy is her polar opposite: strong, six years her senior and the romantic survivor of drug addiction, homelessness and the death of her child. Rachel wants justice for Ivy, but Ivy has another agenda and Rachel's naive sense of fair play is no match for the manipulative qualities of the Wisemen women. *Due Dec* (English)

Stan GALLON**Darkest Days** 320pp Pb \$17.95

The crash of Air Force One and a catastrophic volcanic eruption leave a starving, demoralised population with no leader. When the Vice President takes charge and imposes martial law, Lieutenant Adam Burch must find a way to save freedom. *Due Dec* (American)

Gianrico GAROFILIO**The Past is a Foreign Country**

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"Raises the standard for crime fiction... Breathtaking." - Jeffery Deaver. An intense and superior psychological thriller in which Carofiglio takes his readers deep into Patricia Highsmith's Ripley territory. Winner of the coveted *Premio Bancarella*. (Italian)

Julie GARWOOD**Shadow Dance**

400pp Pb \$17.95

Jordan Buchanan is thrilled that her brother and best friend are tying the knot. The wedding is a lavish affair - for the marriage of Dylan Buchanan and Kate MacKenna is no ordinary occasion. It represents the joining of two family dynasties. The ceremony and reception proceed without a hitch, until a crasher appears claiming to be a MacKenna guest. The dishevelled and eccentric professor of medieval history warns that there's bad blood between the couple's clans, stemming from an ancient feud that originated in Scotland, and involving the Buchanan theft of a coveted MacKenna treasure. *Due Dec* (American)

Friedreich GLAUSER**Thumbprint (2004)**

197pp Pb \$24.95

The death of a travelling salesman appears to be an open and shut case. Studer is confronted with an obvious suspect and a confession to the murder. But nothing is what it seems. Envy, hatred, and the corrosive power of money lie just beneath the surface. Studer's investigation soon splinters the glassy facade of Switzerland's tidy villages and manicured forests. *Due Dec* (Austrian)

Sue GRAFTON**T is for Trespass**

352pp Tp \$32.95

When her elderly neighbour Gus has an accident, Kinsey Millhone is relieved when his niece organises a nurse for him. Verifying a background check on Solana Rojas doesn't turn up anything suspicious. But



Kinsey's not convinced, especially when Gus seems to be getting worse under his nurse's tender care. Realising that her neighbourly concern isn't going to get her past the front door Kinsey turns to more unorthodox methods to step up her investigation. *Due Dec* (American)

Ann GRANGER**Rattling the Bones**

416pp Pb \$19.95

The much-loved amateur sleuth Fran Varady finds herself investigating an old love affair and a family quarrel. Edna, the dotty bag lady who Fran used to see living in a churchyard with only feral cats for company, has crossed her path again. Now, Edna is staying in a hostel, spending her days roaming as before. But Fran begins to see a method to her madness and, even though no one will believe her, she is certain Edna is being followed. Who could be interested in a harmless old lady? *Due Dec* (English)

Sarah GRAVES**Trap Door**

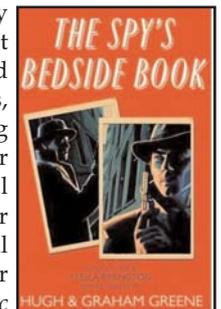
256pp Pb \$15.95

Home Repair is Homicide Mystery #10. When Jacobia 'Jake' Tiptree left behind her high-powered, high-risk career on Wall Street for the charming town of Eastport, Maine, she expected a quiet life spent fixing up her 1823 Federal-style house. But there are skeletons in her closet that may prove beyond repair... *Due Dec* (American)

Hugh & Graham GREENE**The Spy's Bedside Book**

272pp Hb \$45.00

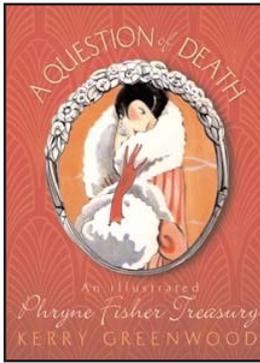
On its first appearance in 1957, this book provoked a storm of interest. Perhaps unsurprisingly, 100 copies were bought by East German Intelligence. This classic anthology, with a new introduction by the former head of MI5, Stella Rimington, includes stories by some of the great writers on spying and many practitioners, including Ian Fleming and John Buchan, Sir Robert Baden-Powell and Belle Boyd, Walter Schellenberg, Sir Paul Dukes and Vladimir Petrov. *Due Dec* (English)



**Kerry GREENWOOD****A Question of Death**

272pp Pb \$26.95

An Illustrated Phryne Fisher Treasury. The Honourable Phryne Fisher - she of the Lulu bob, green eyes, Cupid's Bow lips and diamante garters - is the 1920's most elegant and irrepressible



sleuth. This collection of Phryne short stories and other Phryne miscellany - including Phryne's favourite shoes and hats, decadent cocktail recipes and her best tips for discouraging unwanted admirers - is a gorgeously collectable treat for all Phryne fans. *Due Dec* (Australian)

Tom HARPER

The Lost Temple 400pp Tp \$32.95

Sam Grant is a disgraced ex-SOE soldier and an adventurer by trade. But he has a secret: six years ago, a dying archaeologist entrusted him with his life's work - transcripts of mysterious writing found in a hidden cave on Crete. Deciphered, it could lead to one of the greatest prizes in history. But the treasure is as dangerous as it is valuable... *Due Dec* (American)

Charlaine HARRIS

Real Murders (1989)

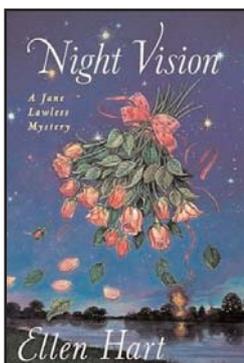
304pp Pb \$17.95
Aurora Teagarden Mystery #1. Someone is killing the crime buffs of the Real Murders Society in Lawrenceton, Georgia. A librarian, Aurora Teagarden, sets out to catch the brutal murderer after fellow club members end up as victims. *Due Dec* (American)

Ellen HART

Night Vision

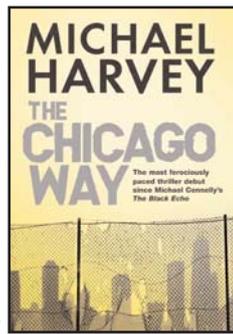
336pp Tp \$29.95

Jane Lawless Mystery. Joanna Kasimir, an old friend of Jane Lawless's, left town years ago to make it big in Hollywood. She succeeded, but stardom had a price. Early on, Joanna met a man who quickly went from being a dalliance to a stalker. A decade has passed since she sent him to prison, but just as she has returned to Minneapolis to perform at Jane's friend Cordelia Thorn's theatre, Joanna receives one of his ominous calling cards... *Due Dec* (American)

**Michael HARVEY****The Chicago Way**

416pp Tp \$29.95

From the creator and executive producer of the television show *Cold Case Files*, a fast-paced, stylish murder mystery featuring a tough-talking Irish cop turned private investigator who does for the city of Chicago what Elmore Leonard did for Detroit and Raymond Chandler did for Los Angeles. (American)

**Mandasue HELLER**

Shafted

400pp Tp \$32.95

Larry Logan is a small-time TV star with a mile-wide ego. Gunned when his latest show is axed, he is less than impressed when the only work he can get is fronting a fake game show, which is actually an undercover police sting to entrap criminals. His reluctance evaporates when the show rockets his career back to prime time stardom. And when lovely, shy Stephanie enters his life he thinks he finally has it made. But Larry doesn't know how dangerous those criminals are. He shafted some dangerous men - and they want revenge... *Due Dec* (English)

Jack HIGGINS**The Killing Ground**

320pp Pb \$33.00

For intelligence operative Sean Dillon, it is a routine passport check. But the events it will lead to will be as bloody as any he has ever known. The man he stops at Heathrow airport is Caspar Rashid, born and bred in England, but with family ties to a Bedouin tribe fiercely wedded to the old ways, as Rashid has just found out to his pain. His 13-year-old daughter Sara has been kidnapped by Rashid's own father and taken to Iraq to be married to a man known as the Hammer of God, one of the Middle East's most feared terrorists... (American)

Patricia HIGHSMITH

A Game for the Living (1958)

288pp Pb \$19.95

Theodore is gentle and benevolent, Ramon is hot-tempered and moody. Theo comes from a wealthy German family; Ramon was born into poverty. Theo believes in nothing; Ramon is a devout Roman Catholic. On the surface they seem to have nothing in common - except Lelia, that is. The best friends have no problem with sharing the affections of the young painter - until Theo discovers her dead in her studio, raped and mutilated. *Due Dec* (American)

J A JANCE**Web of Evil**

368pp Pb \$17.95

Alison Reynolds #2. Ali Reynolds is mad as hell and she's not going to take it anymore! Fired from her glamorous high profile LA anchorwoman job, Ali's returned to her hometown of Sedona, Arizona to lick her wounds, shedding her old life and her old husband (the 'cheating rat') in the process. But then Ali's estranged husband is found dead in Palm Springs - having been trussed up in the boot of a car and left on the railway tracks to be pulverised by an oncoming freight train - leaving behind him a rich estate and a pregnant fiancée. Not only is Ali the sole heir to her soon-to-be-ex-husband's estate, she's also the prime suspect in his murder... *Due Dec* (American)

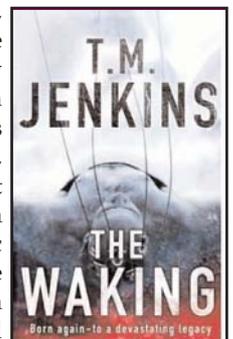
T M JENKINS

The Waking

400pp Pb \$19.95



Los Angeles, 2006: Dr Nate Sheehan is casually murdered in a parking lot. His wife, also a doctor, hopes to rescue at least a part of him for cryonic preservation. She performs an unprecedented operation. Arizona, 2070: 64 years after his own violent death, Nate is resuscitated using the body of an anonymous donor. Despite the advances in science, neuro-technologist Dr Persis Bandelier and her colleague Garth Bannerman never expected their covert operation to be a success. So when the patient responds to their treatment, no one is ready... *Due Dec* (English)

**Linda JOHNSTON****Meow is for Murder**

261pp Pb \$15.95

Another purr-fect Pet-Sitting mystery. The last thing pet-sitter Kendra Ballantyne wants is to start a catfight with her boyfriend's ex-wife, Amanda. So she agrees to help when Amanda's stalker turns up dead in her home, but only if Amanda will take her claws out of her ex for good. (American)

Merry JONES

The River Killings 352pp Pb \$15.95

Zoe Hayes Mystery #2. While on vacation, divorced Philadelphia art therapist Zoe Hayes decides to take a sculling class on the Schuylkill River with her best friend, Susan, just for fun. When Susan's oar catches on some flotsam (which turns out to be a woman's dress), the boat flips and the two friends find themselves in deep water with not just one, but a throng of floating bodies... *Due Dec* (American)

**Andrea KANE****Run for Your Life (2000)**

464pp Pb \$11.95

Manhattan attorney Victoria Kensington is deeply alarmed when she runs into her sister, Audrey, in Central Park-clad in a hospital gown and fleeing from unknown pursuers. As Audrey collapses at her feet, warning about danger, Victoria rushes for help. When she returns, Audrey has vanished from sight... *Due Dec* (American)

Faye & Jonathan KELLERMAN**Capital Crimes 384pp Pb \$19.95**

Berkeley homicide detectives Barnes and Iris are called to investigate the murder of legislator Davida Grayson. As the detectives probe further, they find she has a lot of enemies. But is the reason for Davida's death political or personal? *Due Dec* (American)

Asa LARSSON**The Blood Spilt 368pp Tp \$26.00**

It's midsummer in Sweden when the light lingers through dawn and a long, isolating winter finally comes to an end. In this magical time, a brutal killer has chosen to strike. A female priest - who made enemies and acolytes in equal number - has been found hanging in her church. And a big-city lawyer quite acquainted with death enters the scene as police and parishioners try to pick up the pieces... *Due Dec* (Swedish)

Jenifer LECLAIR**Rigged for Murder**

221pp Tp \$29.95

High seas adventure turns to high stakes sleuthing when a beautiful homicide detective and a handsome sea captain join forces in this exciting new mystery series set on the coast of Maine. (American)

Jeff LINDSAY**Dexter in the Dark**

320pp Tp \$32.95

Is evil alive? Dr Jerry Halpern is trying to find out, studying for his PhD on the subject. Dexter Morgan, meanwhile, has a few wicked things of his own to contend with - not least, planning his wedding to Rita to complete his nice-guy disguise. But when a student of Halpern's is found burnt, molested and headless - seemingly sacrificed to an ancient god - and Dex is brought in as forensic analyst to help investigate, he realises he could be dealing with someone a whole lot more sinister than he is... *Due Dec* (American)

Ross MACDONALD**The Barbarous Coast (1956)**

256pp Tp \$28.00

Lew Archer. One of the 'Big Three' in American hard-boiled detective fiction (with Chandler and Hammett), Macdonald makes a routine story of oceanside murder among the rich take on a hard-edged, glistening solidity. *Due Dec* (American)

Ross MACDONALD**The Doomsters (1958)**

256pp Tp \$28.00

Lew Archer, MacDonald's celebrated Southern California private detective, hunts for a killer in the hellholes of Los Angeles and Las Vegas. The illustrious and obscenely wealthy Senator Hallman and his large family have had a run if bad luck. First the mother mysteriously croaks. The Senator is the next to greet the Reaper. And that's only the beginning... *Due Dec* (American)

Shane MALONEY**The Murray Whelan Trilogy: Stiff /****The Brush Off / Nice Try (2001)**

856pp Pb \$30.00

The first three Murray Whelan novels together in one volume. Shane Maloney integrates humour, political satire and social observation into crime novels. These titles tie in with the TV series starring David Wenham. *Due Dec* (Australian)

Peter MAY**Extraordinary People:****The First of the Enzo Files**

336pp Tp \$29.95

What has happened to Jacques Gaillard? The brilliant teacher who trained some of France's best and brightest at the Ecole Nationale d'Administration vanished 10 years ago. The mystery inspires a bet, one that Scottish biologist Enzo Macleod can ill afford to lose. The wager is that Enzo can find out what happened to Jacques Gaillard by applying new science to an old case. (Scottish)

Andy McDERMOTT**The Hunt for Atlantis**

544pp Tp \$32.95

Archaeologist Nina Wilde believes she has found the location of the lost city of Atlantis and now she wants the opportunity to prove her theory. But someone else wants her dead! With the help of ex-SAS bodyguard Eddie Chase and beautiful heiress Kari Frost, Nina faces a breakneck race against time around the world, pursued at every step by agents of the mysterious - and murderous - Brotherhood of Selasphoros. *Due Dec* (Australian)

Leslie MEIER**Bake Sale Murder**

256pp Pb \$15.95

Lucy Stone Mystery #13. Life hasn't been the same for Lucy Stone since local developer Fred Stanton and his constantly complaining wife, Mimi, built five homes next door to her farmhouse. When Mimi doesn't show up for her shift at The Hat and Mitten Fund bake sale, Lucy makes a shocking discovery: Mimi, face down on her kitchen floor - dead... *Due Dec* (American)

Casey MORETON**Hit and Run 448pp Pb \$17.95**

Harvard scholarship student Steven Adler has been framed by the wealthy and influential Calevetti family. Nick Calevetti committed murder, but it is Steven Adler who faces a life in prison. His father, Allan, knows he can't possibly afford the legal team necessary to fight the entire Calevetti family, and in desperation he turns to a weapon he never thought he would use. Allan Adler is the one man in the world who knows the truth about Supreme Court nominee Getty Fairfield - and Allan will do anything to save his son. *Due Dec* (American)

Jonathan NASAW**When She Was Bad**

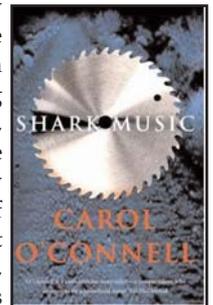
304pp Tp \$29.95

Lily deVries suffers from a psychiatric condition known as Dissociative Identity Disorder (DID). Triggered by a devastating childhood trauma, her mind has fragmented into different personalities known as alters. There is the gentle, child-like Lily; the sexually voracious Lilah; and Lilith the violent psychopath. Now she's found herself in the Reed-Chase mental institution, where they're hoping to find a cure. But there's another patient undergoing treatment at the Institute. Fellow DID sufferer Ulysses Maxwell faces life imprisonment following the rape, torture and murder of over a dozen women. When Lilith and Max - Maxwell's psychopathic alter - meet one another, the reaction is dynamite and they escape from the Institute. It's up to ex-FBI Agent Pender to track down a terrifying pair of killers who win hearts as easily as they slit throats. *Due Dec* (American)

Carol O'CONNELL**Shark Music**

464pp Pb \$21.95

A mutilated body is found lying on the ground in Chicago, a dead hand pointing down Adams Street, also known as Route 66, a road of many names. And now of many deaths. A silent caravan of cars, dozens of them, drives down the road, each passenger bearing a photograph, but none of them the same. They are the parents of missing children, some recently disappeared, some gone a decade or more - all brought together by the word that children's gravesites are being discovered along the Mother Road. Detective Sergeant Kathy Mallory drives with them. The child she seeks, though, is not like the others. It is herself - the feral child adopted off the streets, her father unknown, her mother dead, their past a mystery. *Due Dec* (American)





Michael PALMER

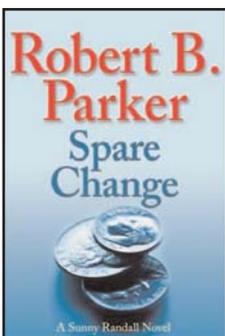
 **The Fifth Vial 384pp Pb \$19.95**
Who ends up with the blood samples you routinely give for tests? What else are they being used for? Why don't you know? Three lives in mounting peril, moving ever closer to the ultimate confrontation against a deadly secret society with godlike aspirations and roots in antiquity. Medical student. Scientist. Private eye. Three people who will learn the deeper meanings of brilliance and madness, truth and deception, trust and betrayal. Three lives linked forever by a single vial of blood - the fifth vial. *Due Dec* (American)

Sara PARETSKY

 **Indemnity Only (1982) 304pp Pb \$12.95**
Meeting an anonymous client on a sizzling summer night is asking for trouble. Especially when the client lies and tells V I Warshawski he's the prominent banker John Thayer, looking for his son's missing girlfriend. But V I soon discovers the real John Thayer's son - and he's dead. As V I begins to question her mysterious client's motives, she sinks deeper into Chicago's darker side: a world of gangsters, insurance fraud and contract killings. *Due Dec* (American)

Robert B PARKER

Spare Change 304pp Pb \$32.95
 *Sunny Randall* #6. When a serial murderer dubbed 'The Spare Change Killer' surfaces after three decades in hiding, the police immediately seek out the cop, now retired, who headed the original task force: Phil Randall. As a sharp-eyed investigator and a doting parent Phil calls on his daughter, Sunny, to help catch the criminal who eluded him so many years before. Sunny uses all her skills to draw out her prey, realising too late that she's setting herself up to become the next victim. (American)



Chantal PELLETIER

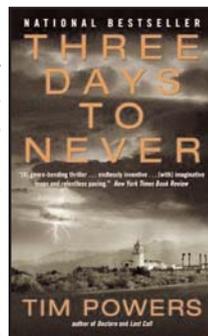
 **Goat Song 210pp Pb \$24.95**
The star male dancer of the Moulin Rouge and a beautiful young woman have been murdered. Their naked bodies are found entwined in a blood splattered dressing room. A squatter is killed in a nearby flat, his throat chewed open, the teeth marks human. Seemingly unconnected deaths that reveal a sinister pattern of Montmartre property scams fuelled by crack dealing and prostitution. *Due Dec* (French)

Chris PETIT

 **The Passenger (2004) 480pp Pb \$19.95**
James Collard and his son Nick are flying from Frankfurt to New York for Christmas in 1988. Collard (in part because of a last-minute work meeting, in part because a strange old man told him not to get on the plane) gets off in London. Later that night he learns that the plane has exploded over Lockerbie. Initially concerned to discover whether his son made the flight, Collard gets dragged into the mystery of who put the bomb on the plane, and whether a legendary old spook called James Jesus Angleton - who died three years before - was somehow involved... *Due Dec* (English)

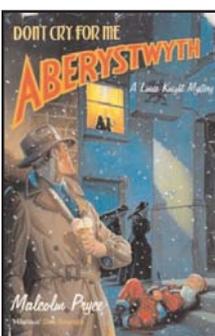
Tim POWERS

 **Three Days to Never 416pp Pb \$17.95**
When 12-year-old Daphne Marrayity steals a videotape of Pee-Wee's Big Adventure from her grandmother's house, neither she nor her college-professor father, Frank Marrayity, have any idea that the theft has drawn the attention of both the Israeli Secret Service and an ancient European organisation of occultists - or that within hours they'll be visited by her long-lost grandfather, who also wants that videotape. And when Daphne's teddy bear is stolen, and a blind assassin nearly kills her father, and a phantom begins to speak to her from a switched-off television set, Daphne and her father find themselves running for their lives through a southern California in which magic and the undead past are dangers as great as the guns of living assassins. *Due Dec* (American)



Malcolm PRYCE

 **Don't Cry for Me Aberystwyth 288pp Pb \$23.95**
It's Christmas in Aberystwyth and a man wearing a red-and-white robe is found brutally murdered in a Chinatown alley. A single word is scrawled in his blood on the pavement: 'Hoffmann'. But who is Hoffmann? This time, Aberystwyth's celebrated crime-fighter, Louie Knight, finds himself caught up in a brilliant pastiche of a cold-war spy thriller. *Due Dec* (English)



Sarah RAYNE

 **Spider Light 416pp Pb \$19.95**
The sleepy market town of Amberwood seems to offer peace and anonymity after a shattering and all-too-public tragedy in Antonia Weston's past. But as she struggles to re-build her life, she becomes increasingly fascinated by the macabre history surrounding her: the disused watermill, Twygrist, with its brooding darkness, and the now-vanished Latchkill Asylum where, 100 years ago, the unfortunate inmates suffered gruesome fates. But Antonia's fascination with the linked histories of Latchkill and Twygrist has alerted someone from her own past. Someone who knows all about Twygrist's darkness... *Due Dec* (English)

Christopher RICE

 **Light before Day 512pp Pb \$17.95**
In West Hollywood, journalist Adam Murphy is abruptly fired while chasing a career-making story. A Marine pilot is killed when his helicopter spirals into the Pacific Ocean - and Adam suspects the death was not accidental. Battling his own demons in a city of temptations, Adam pursues the truth alongside his new boss, a famous curmudgeonly mystery writer, and discovers more than he planned about his recently estranged lover, a string of murders of other young men - and a conspiracy so extraordinary that it threatens his sanity and his life. *Due Dec* (American)

David ROBERTS

 **Something Wicked 256pp Hb \$49.95**
Lord Edward Corinth & Verity Brown Murder Mystery. Verity Browne returns from Prague, where she is reporting for the New Gazette, with suspected tuberculosis. Lord Edward Corinth to whom she is engaged is naturally desperately anxious about her. The only cure for TB in 1938 is rest and a healthy diet so he suggests she go to a private clinic in Henley-on-Thames run by a Cambridge friend of his, Dr Leonard Bladon. It is convenient for Edward as he can keep an eye on her while he investigates the sadistic murder of his dentist, Eric Silver whose death has a Henley connection. *Due Dec* (English)

 **The Quality of Mercy**

229pp Pb \$22.95
Lord Edward Corinth & Verity Brown Murder Mystery. When the Nazis seize Austria in March 1938, Verity Browne - the New Gazette's correspondent in Vienna - is one of the first to be deported as a well-known anti-Fascist. Before she leaves she is able to arrange for a young Jew, Georg Dreiser, to escape to England, but where he expects to find safety, he finds danger and sudden death. *Due Dec* (English)

**Nora ROBERTS**

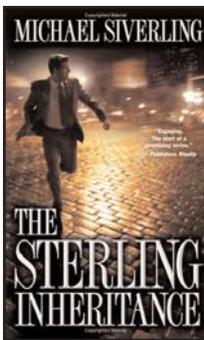
 **Blood Brothers** 320pp Pb \$19.95
In the small village of Hawkins Hollow, three best friends who share the same birthday sneak off into the woods for a sleepover the evening before turning 10. But a night of celebration turns into a night of horror as their blood brother oath unleashes a 300-year-old curse. 21 years later, Cal Hawkins and his friends have seen their town plagued by a week of unexplainable evil events two more times - every seven years. Quinn is a well known investigative journalist, and despite Cal's protests, she insists on delving into the mystery. *Due Dec* (American)

Wendy ROBERTS

 **Remains of the Dead** 288pp Pb \$15.95
Ghost Dusters Mystery #1. A medium who can see the ghosts of victims, Sadie Novak cleans up crime scenes. It seems a husband has murdered his cheating wife, then turned a gun on himself. But Sadie finds evidence that after killing his wife, he stripped, showered, changed, and then killed himself. Why? Besides these questions, Sadie also has: a ghost with a chip on her shoulder; a new psychic friend she once thought was a quack; and a hunk framing her for theft. How much more excitement could a girl want? *Due Dec* (American)

Michael SIVERLING

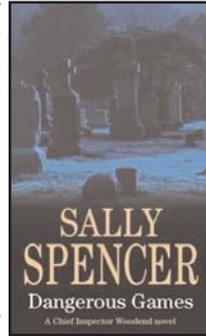
 **The Sterling Inheritance** 368pp Pb \$17.95
Private Investigator Jason Wilder has the toughest boss in River City. His own mother. And given the choice, he'd rather just play guitar. But gigs are sometimes few and far between in a middle-sized city. Jason's lucky that his parents not only taught him the tricks of the detective trade, but have been willing to provide him with a day job (that often turns into a day-and-night job) between engagements. Filled with great characters and ongoing action, and spiced with low-key humour, this debut mystery will have readers and critics singing Siverling's praises. *Due Dec* (American)

**Carol SMITH**

 **Fatal Attraction** 288pp Tp \$32.95
When Rose sees Joe in an Oxford bar, for her it is instant infatuation. He is everything that turns her on: gifted musician, wit and high achiever. In her mind, at least, they are ideally matched and a burning desire for him takes hold. Fate, however, has other plans... *Due Dec* (American)

Sally SPENCER

 **Dangerous Games** 224pp Tp \$27.95
Chief Inspector Woodend Mystery #17. A man in his late 20s is found hanging from a bridge, though his injuries indicate he was dead before the hanging. A second man is found hanged from a crane. It's now up to Detective Chief Inspector Charlie Woodend to find a common link between the two. (English)

**Michelle SPRING**

 **Night Lawyer** 384pp Pb \$17.95
Perfectly composed in a tailored skirt and jacket, Eleanor Porter walks confidently through the lobby of a gleaming skyscraper on London's Isle of Dogs. The newly appointed 'night lawyer' for the tabloid Chronicle, Eleanor has been hired to protect her employer from lawsuits. It's a job she can do with her whole heart. After all, she knows what it's like to be vulnerable. *Due Dec* (Canadian)

J B STANLEY

 **Deadly Dealer** 208pp Pb \$15.95
Collectible Mystery #3. Covering the famous Heart of Dixie antique show for *Collector's Weekly*, amateur sleuth Molly Appleby gets an unwelcome scoop when she finds the dead body of an antiques dealer in her hotel's lush conservatory. (American)

Richard STARK

 **Comeback (1997)** 304pp Pb \$22.95
The heist went down while the people prayed. An angel walked with sagging shoulders - he was Parker's inside man, dressed in wings and robes and destined to be a problem. An hour later, Parker, Liss, and Mackey were out in the shimmering heat of a stadium parking lot with four duffel bags full of cash. Then the double cross began... (American)

 **Flashfire (2000)** 288pp Pb \$22.95

Melander likes to do things flashy. When Parker finds himself working with Melander on a bank heist in a mid-sized Midwestern city, his job is throwing a Molotov cocktail into a gas station. The resulting explosion sends the cops and fire trucks to the east side of town, while Melander and his gang plunder the bank on the west side. But Parker doesn't care for Melander's plan for a new heist, one that will clean out Palm Beach of a lot of very expensive jewellery. What Parker really dislikes is Melander's intention to use the proceeds from the bank job to capitalise the Palm Beach job - including Parker's cut... (American)

Richard STARK

 **Ask the Parrot (2006)** 352pp Pb \$22.95
Parker, a professional thief, is on the run after a country town bank robbery goes wrong. There are road blocks everywhere and search parties with bloodhounds are in the woods. As they close in on Parker he is confronted by a local with a shotgun. But this citizen is not out to arrest him; he wants Parker to help him with his own nefarious plans. So Parker enters into a queasy partnership with an embittered recluse, whose only companion is a speechless parrot, and finds himself joining the posse looking for him! (American)

Peter TURNBULL

 **Fire Burn** 176pp Tp \$27.95
Hennessey & Yellich Mystery. A badly burned body - male, presumed local. And then another charred corpse. Related? Crimes of passion or revenge? Family feud? Possibly the latter, but neither of the children seem likely perpetrators, even though son Gregory, with a cast-iron alibi, is a chilling piece of work. Set as usual in and around York, Hennessey and Yellich investigate the private and business lives of the deceased but throw up little hard evidence. And Detective Chief Inspector Hennessey's gut feeling as to the identity of the killer, based on years of experience and intuition, is shaken when another burned body is discovered. (English)

Scott TUROW

 **Limitations** 207pp Pb \$19.95
Life would seem to have gone well for George Mason. His days as a criminal defence lawyer are long behind him. At 59, he has sat as a judge on the Court of Appeals in Kindle County for nearly a decade. Yet, when a disturbing rape case is brought before him, the judge begins to question the very nature of the law and his role within it. What is troubling George Mason so deeply? Is it his wife's recent diagnosis? Or the strange and threatening emails he has started to receive? *Due Dec* (American)

James TWINING

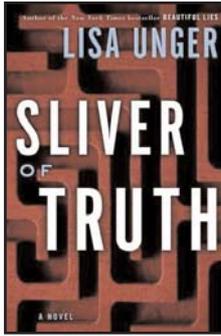
 **The Gilded Seal** 448pp Tp \$33.00
The most audacious heist in history is about to commence, and Tom Kirk is right in the middle of it! Whilst investigating the theft of a stolen Da Vinci, reformed art thief Tom Kirk is confronted with the horrifying sight of a cat nailed to the wall where the painting once stood. He instantly recognises the sign as a greeting from his old enemy Milo. Then Tom finds out that a long time friend in Seville has been murdered and whilst visiting his friend's daughter Eva, she is kidnapped by Milo. Suddenly Tom finds himself in a frantic race against time to save her life. *Due Dec* (American)



Lisa UNGER

Sliver of Truth 368pp Pb \$19.95

Love hurts - sometimes it even kills... One day Ridley Jones stepped off a street corner and into an abyss of violence, deception and fear. Everything she thought was true turned out to be a lie. Just as she's beginning to move on with her life, another seemingly ordinary act puts her life in danger and makes her question everything and everyone who's close to her. Forced to hunt down a ghost from her past Ridley wonders if she's ever had the power to shape her own destiny - and whether love has any reality beyond her own imagination. *Due Dec* (American)



Robert W WALKER

City of the Absent

336pp Pb \$17.95

Inspector Ransom Mystery #2. In the final days of the Grand Exposition of 1893 in Chicago, Inspector Alastair Ransom returns to hunt down a murderer responsible for killing two of Ransoms acquaintances. *Due Dec* (American)

Michael WHITE

Equinox 320pp Pb \$24.95

Oxford, 2006: a young woman is found brutally murdered. 24 hours later, another woman is found dead, with the same MO. Laura Niven, American journalist, begins to research these murders which lead to the Royal Society in the 1600s: Isaac Newton, Edmund Halley, Christopher Wren - and alchemy. Laura becomes the one person who can stop the killer. *Due Dec* (Australian)

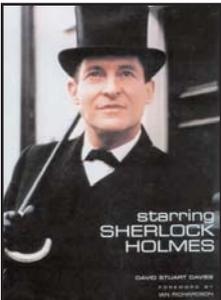
HISTORICAL CRIME



David Stuart DAVIES
Starring Sherlock Holmes

208pp Hb \$45.00

Sherlock Holmes has been portrayed on screen more often than any other character in history. This beautifully produced book is the definitive illustrated guide to the films and television series featuring the master detective, with an unprecedented collection of colour and black and white stills, posters, lobby cards and behind-the-scenes shots, including much rare and previously unpublished material. (English)



Guy FRASER

Blade of the Assassin

224pp Hb \$52.95

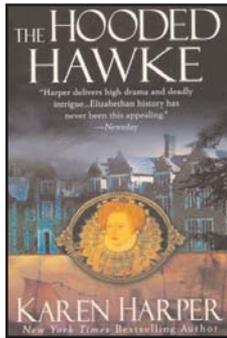
In 1863, the Detective Department at Glasgow Central is undermanned and short of funds, yet Superintendent Jarrett, Inspector Grant and Sergeant Quinn are expected to run to ground a multiple murderer, a vengeful madman and a professional pornographer and to do so without inconveniencing or implicating certain prominent citizens. Comfortably ensconced in Elsie Maitland's superior guest house for single gentlemen, Henry Jarrett, formerly of the Hong Kong Police, depends solely on deduction, whilst Inspector Charlie Grant brings to bear his long experience of the city's back streets. (Scottish)

Karen HARPER

The Hooded Hawke 240pp Pb \$15.95

Elizabethan Mystery

#9. This summer, Queen Elizabeth I is in no mood for games. She and her court were expecting to spend the warmer months lounging in great manor houses, feasting in the fields, tempting forbidden romance, and perhaps engaging in sport. But someone in the Queen's entourage isn't playing by the rules - and soon Elizabeth is dodging crossbows, longbows, and, worst of all, the threats of her greatest rival - Mary Queen of Scots. *Due Dec* (American)



Anne PERRY

A Christmas Beginning Hb \$49.95

Superintendent Runcorn - who Anne Perry fans will remember as William Monk's ex-boss - is feeling rather lonely during his holiday on the remote, snowy island of Anglesey, off the north coast of Wales. However, he is suddenly called into action when the sister of the local vicar is discovered murdered and draped over a gravestone in her brother's churchyard... *Due Dec* (English)

John Maddox ROBERTS
Under Vesuvius: SPQR XI

224pp Hb \$45.00

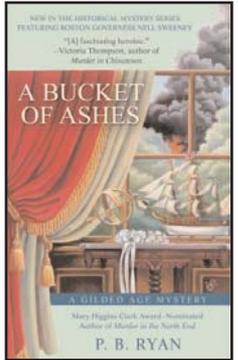
Things are going well for Decius Caecilius Metellus. He is Praetor Peregrinus, which means he has to judge a case or two, but those cases are outside of the City. His cases will be those dealing with foreigners, and all of Italy is his province. His first stop is Campania, Italy's most popular resort district. Decius and his wife, Julia, are happy for a change of scenery. But the good times end when, in a town near Vesuvius, a priest's daughter is murdered. *Due Dec* (American)

P B RYAN

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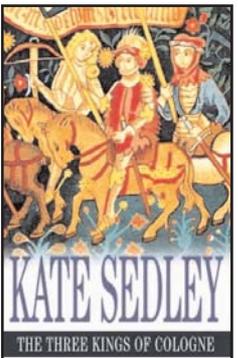
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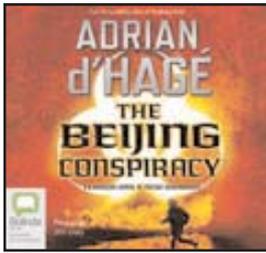


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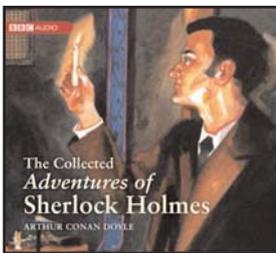


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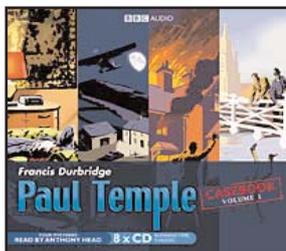
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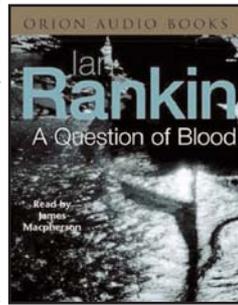
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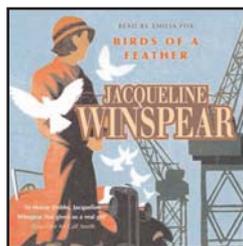
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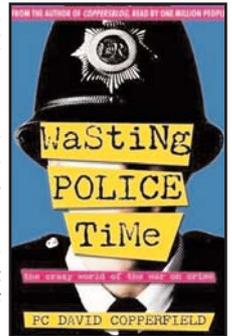
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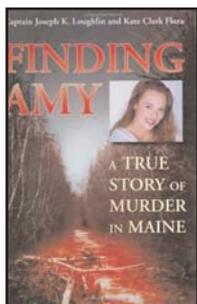
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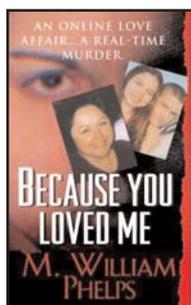
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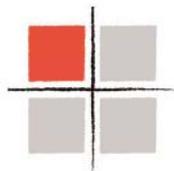
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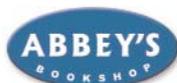
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