

# CRIME CHRONICLE

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"WHERE A GOOD CRIME  
CAN BE HAD BY ALL"

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## AUTHOR OF THE MONTH

### STEVE BERRY

#### The Charlemagne Pursuit

Tp 598pp \$32.99

Berry's fourth thriller features ex-Justice Department agent and sometimes Copenhagen bookseller Cotton Malone, who embarks on a search for answers about his father. He discovers that Captain Forrest Malone, rather than dying in 1971 in a nuclear sub accident in the North Atlantic, actually died while on a secret submarine mission to the Antarctic. Meanwhile, bad guy Admiral Langford Ramsey schemes to become the next ranking officer of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. The two storylines merge as a group led by Malone races to Antarctica, where they find a strange underground city belonging to the Aryans - an advanced race who inhabited the earth at the dawn of our own civilisation.

Steve Berry is a meticulous researcher who carefully weaves elements such as Charlemagne, Nazis, ancient manuscripts, historical puzzles and scientific surprises into the plot. Those who like a good adventure should enjoy this read. I know I certainly did. A great read for summer or the beach. This is the best so far in the series.



Out this month in paperback is the third in the series, **The Venetian Betrayal** (Pb 480pp \$20.00). Cotton Malone is back and the stakes have never been higher - a deadly virus that could wipe out civilisation as we know it. A cure lies buried in the past. The Venetian League, a secret group of 45 political and economic leaders from around the world, has joined forces with a coalition of former Soviet republics to create a potentially devastating biological weapon: a virus similar to bird flu that has been artificially mutated to pass from human to human. The first two titles in this series are **The Templar Legacy** (Pb \$19.99) and **The Alexandria Link** (Pb \$20). Berry's previous, non-Cotton Malone, titles are **The Third Secret** (Pb \$21.95), **The Amber Room** (Pb \$19.99) and **The Romanov Prophecy** (Pb \$23.95).

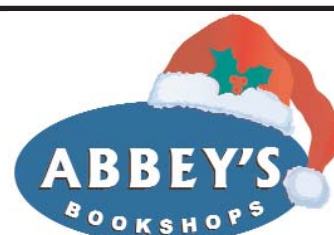
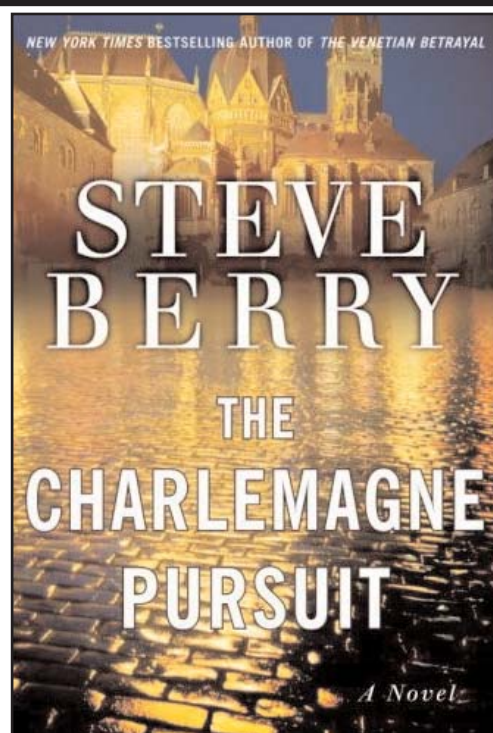
I have thoroughly enjoyed all of them and in my opinion he is a better writer than Dan Brown.

- Peter

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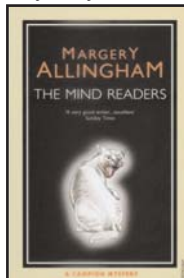
## MODERN CRIME

**Margery ALLINGHAM**

**The Mind Readers (1965)**

 **256pp Pb \$23.95**


 *Albert Champion*. Fact catches up with fiction when the secret of telepathic communication is discovered. But the device at the centre of the mystery is in the possession of two schoolboys and whether they stole it or invented it, there are powerful interests who will kill to get hold of it. Albert Champion faces as deadly a challenge as any in his career. *Due Dec* (English)

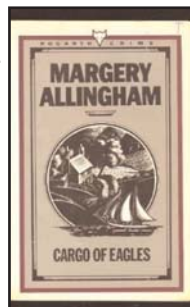


**Margery ALLINGHAM**

**Cargo of Eagles (1968)**

**224pp Pb \$23.95**


 *Albert Champion*. Albert Champion sets out to plumb the secrets of Saltey, an ancient hamlet on the Essex marshes. Once the haunt of smugglers, now it hides a secret rich and mysterious enough to trap all who enter... and someone in the village is willing to raise the very devil to keep that secret to himself. *Due Dec* (English)

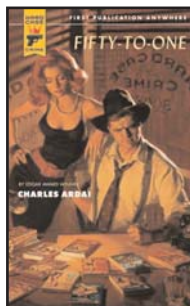


**Charles ARDAI**

 **Fifty-to-One**

**320pp Pb \$18.95**


 *Hard Case Crime*. A shady book publisher and an artistic showgirl must escape both the cops and the Mob after publishing a made up account of a robbery at a Mob run nightclub. This special collector's edition celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Hard Case Crime imprint includes a colour insert featuring the covers of all 50 Hard Case Crime books. *Due Dec* (American)

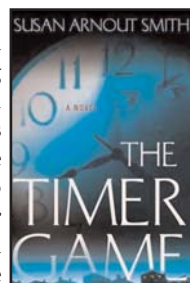


**Susan ARNOUT**

**The Timer Game**

**512pp Pb \$20.00**


 *Grace Descanso* #1. Grace Descanso is a single mother working for CSI San Diego and struggles to spend as much time as she would like with her 5 year old daughter Katie. But when a routine crime scene turns into a bloodbath, Grace realises that someone is after her and then Katie is snatched from their house, Grace hasn't got much time to work out why and where she's been taken. Welcome to 'The Timer Game'. *Due Dec* (American)

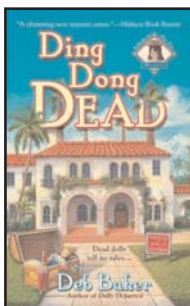


**Deb BAKER**

**Ding Dong Dead**


**272pp Pb \$16.95**

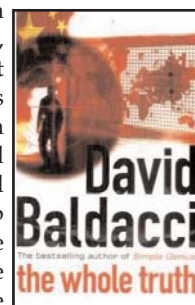
 *Dolls to Die For Mystery* #4. Doll restorer Gretchen Birch and the other Phoenix Dollers can hardly wait to open their doll museum. But when an out of town doll maker meets her own maker, the Dollers's dream come true will soon prove more of a nightmare. *Due Dec* (American)



**David BALDACCI**


 **The Whole Truth** 400pp Pb \$19.99

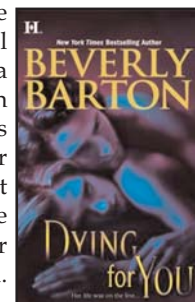
 Nicolas Creel, a super rich arms dealer, decides that the best way to boost his business is to start a war. As international tensions rise and superpowers line up against each other, the lives of three people will never be the same again. As intelligence agent Shaw, academic Anna Fischer and ambitious journalist Katie James are all drawn into Creel's games, can anything stop the world from spiralling out of control? *Due Dec* (American)



**Beverly BARTON**

 **Dying for You** 384pp Pb \$16.95

 An offer to be the personal bodyguard to a billionaire heiress in South America turns into a nightmare for private security agent Lucie Evans when she is mistaken for her client and is abducted. *Due Dec* (American)



**Brett BATTLES**

 **The Cleaner**

 (2005 AKA Hung Out to Die)

**480pp Pb \$21.95**

*Jonathan Quinn Thriller* #1. Meet Jonathan Quinn, a freelance operative. His job, professional 'cleaner'. Nothing too violent, just disposing of bodies, doing a little cleanup if necessary. But when a dead body turns up where it doesn't belong, and Quinn's handlers at 'the Office' turn strangely silent he knows he's in over his head. Quinn struggles to find out why someone wants him dead and if it is linked to a larger attempt to wipe out the Office. *Due Dec* (American)

**Ted BELL**

 **Tsar**

**512pp Tp \$29.95**

 *Alex Hawke* #5. Alex Hawke must face a global nightmare of epic proportions. Russia gains not just a new president, but also a new tsar, a signal that Russia plans to have her day. And in America, a mysterious killer murders an innocent family and literally flattens the small town. Just a taste, according to the new tsar, of what will happen if America does not back down. Alex Hawke is the only man who can stop the absolute madness borne and bred inside the modern police state of Vladimir Putin's 'New Russia'. *Due Dec* (American)



### KEY

**ACADEMIC**



**BANKING**



**CANINE DETECTIVES**



**CLERICAL**



**COSY/MALICE DOMESTIC**



**CULINARY/FOOD**



**FBI**



**FELINE DETECTIVES**



**FORENSIC**



**HORSE RACING MYSTERY**



**JOURNALISTS**



**MEDICAL**



**MILITARY**



**NATIVE AMERICAN**



**POLICE PROCEDURAL**



**POLITICAL/LEGAL**



**PSYCHOLOGICAL**



**PRIVATE EYE**



**ROMANTIC SUSPENSE**



**SPORT**



**SPY**



**SUSPENSE/THRILLER**



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**HB = HARDBACK**

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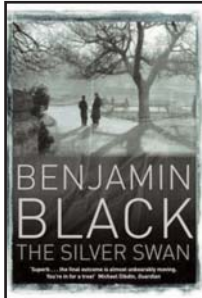


**William BERNHARDT****Strip Search 416pp Pb \$18.95**

Susan Pulaski is an unconventional Las Vegas police behaviourist who's never been needed more. Someone is ritually murdering handpicked victims leaving behind parts of their bodies, and writing obscure mathematical formulas in their blood. Darcy O'Bannon is a 26 year old whose autistic savant skills can think along the lines of Vegas's most savage serial killer. Pulaski hunts for dangerous prey with herself as the perfect bait, and the closer she gets, the more terrifying and intriguing the case becomes... *Due Dec* (American)

**Benjamin BLACK****The Silver Swan 344pp Pb \$22.99**

Quirke #2. Time has moved on for Quirke, the world weary Dublin pathologist. A woman he loved has died and his daughter is finding it hard to accept him as her father. When an acquaintance approaches him about his wife's apparent suicide, Quirke is drawn into a twilight world of drug addiction, sexual obsession, blackmail and murder... *Due Dec* (Irish)

**Miranda BLISS****Dying for Dinner****272pp Pb \$16.95**

*Cooking Class Mystery* #4. When Annie leaves the safety of her old bank job to become the full time manager of her boyfriend's restaurant, what's meant to be the first day of the rest of her life might be the last day of someone else's. *Due Dec* (American)

**Jay BONANSINGA****Perfect Victim 352pp Pb \$16.95**

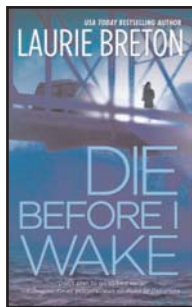
*Ulysses Grove* #4. FBI profiler Ulysses Grove hunts a vengeful psychopath committed to fulfilling his destiny as history's greatest serial killer. *Due Dec* (American)

**C J BOX****Blue Heaven 384pp Pb \$18.95**

A 12 year old girl and her younger brother go on the run, pursued by men they have just watched commit murder. The kids soon find they don't know whom they can trust among their LA neighbours, including hundreds of retired Southern California cops who've given the area it's nickname, 'Blue Heaven.' As a group of dirty cops search for William and Annie, one false move will stop these children from ever finding their way home. *Due Dec* (American)

**Laurie BRETON****Die Before I Wake****384pp Pb \$16.95**

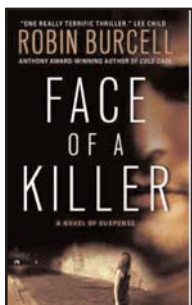
Just five days after they meet, Julie Hanrahan and Dr Thomas Larkin marry. But the honeymoon is quickly over when Julie learns her husband is a workaholic, her mother in law is hostile, her stepdaughter is resentful, and Tom's first wife didn't die in an accident after all. *Due Dec* (American)

**Sandra BROWN****Fat Tuesday (1997)****480pp Tp \$33.00**

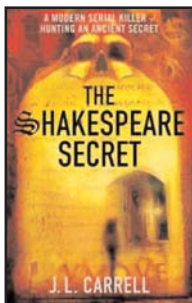
Burke Basile is a cop with nothing left to lose. Wanting revenge on Pinkie Duvall, an attorney who helps killers evade justice, he sees his opportunity lies with the lawyer's trophy wife. But Burke hasn't planned on the attraction he'll feel for the desperate woman, nor can he predict the fierce duel that will explode as the clock ticks toward midnight on Fat Tuesday, when Burke must confront his own terrifying secret. *Due Dec* (American)

**Robin BURCELL****Face of a Killer 400pp Pb \$18.95**

FBI agent and forensic artist Sydney Fitzpatrick confronts her father's killer but the inmate who's scheduled to be executed for the crime is not what she expected. Then she receives a photograph sent by a man prior to his suicide, causing her to question everything she believed about her father. She wants the truth, but Sydney is about to trespass on sacred ground, and being a federal agent will offer her no security if it's her own government that wants her dead. *Due Dec* (American)

**J L CARRELL****The Shakespeare Secret****(AKA Interred with Their Bones)****480pp Pb \$23.00**

A woman is drowned like Ophelia, skirts swirling in the water and a professor has his throat slashed open on the steps of Washington's Capitol building. A deadly serial killer is on the loose, modelling his murders on Shakespeare's plays. But why is he killing and how can he be stopped? *Due Dec* (American)

**Alex CHANCE****The Final Days 544pp Pb \$21.95**

Karen Wiley, recently qualified San Francisco psychologist, thought she understood moral dilemma. Ella McCullers, police chief of Canaan, Utah, is investigating a high profile kidnapping case. Her leads are a decaying tombstone, a missing cat, and a little mute girl with ghastly, formless nightmares. In truth, it began with The Cult of the Final Days, and a long buried history of murder. Now Karen Wiley must cross the desert wilderness to play a deadly game disguised as a righteous quest for the truth. *Due Dec* (English)

**Raymond CHANDLER****The Big Sleep (1939)****272pp Pb \$125.00**

This is one in a series of six luxury leather bound titles. Fast talking, trouble seeking Californian private eye Philip Marlowe's entanglement with the Sternwood family and a cast of colourful underworld figures is the background to a story reflecting all the tarnished glitter of the great American Dream. *Due Dec* (American)

**Noah CHARNEY****The Art Thief 320pp Pb \$21.95**

The disappearance of a priceless Caravaggio in Rome heralds the start of a series of seemingly unconnected art crimes across Europe. Fitting the pieces Inspector Jean-Jacques Bizot in Paris and Harry Wickenden of Scotland Yard come to realize that what at first appears a spate of random thefts is all part of a single master plan, and that they are being led ever deeper into a baffling conspiracy. *Due Dec* (American)

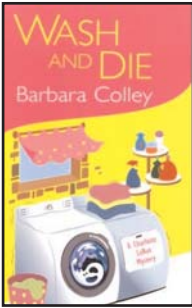
**Laura CHILDS****Eggs in Purgatory****304pp Pb \$16.95**

*Cackleberry Club Mystery* #1. Introducing the Cackleberry Club Mysteries. Suzanne, Toni, and Petra lose their husbands but find independence when they open the Cackleberry Club. Then their cosy cafe becomes the scene of a crime when a lawyer dies with a secret on his lips and egg on his face. What this all has to do with a religious cult and Suzanne's past could put her own life on the line. *Due Dec* (American)


**Agatha CHRISTIE****Detectives and Young****Adventurers: The Complete Short Stories 720pp Pb \$40.00**

A brand new bumper omnibus gathering together over 50 classic Agatha Christie stories featuring Tommy and Tuppence Beresford, Harley Quin, Parker Pyne and Hercule Poirot, plus her rare Christmas Stories not available in any other volume. *Due Dec* (English)


**Barbara COLLEY****Wash and Die** 256pp Pb \$16.95

Charlotte LaRue Mystery #5. Charlotte LaRue knows she should chase Joyce Thibodeaux off her front porch. Joyce is fresh out of detox and swears she will find her own place in a few days, and soon she's staying in Charlotte's guest room. Then Joyce ends up dead. Now Charlotte is a murder suspect. Finding the answers means doing a little snooping. She's starting with the hospital where Joyce last stayed, a place with skeletons in its closets and a bucket full of clues that just might lead to a killer... *Due Dec* (American)

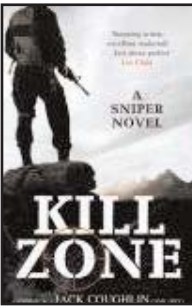
**Michael CONNELLY****Harry Bosch Novels V3** 816pp Tp \$35.00

Contains three Harry Bosch novels "A Darkness More than Night", "City of Bones" and "Lost Light" in one omnibus. *Due Dec* (American)


**John CONNOR****Falling** 496pp Pb \$20.00

Karen Sharpe #4. DC Karen Sharpe was the victim of a terrifying crime and has been working simple cases in West Yorkshire CID. But the murder of a young woman has her drafted onto the squad to deal with the victim's young child. As nightmares reoccur, an illicit relationship with her boss promises escape, but life has a lesson in store for her. As West Yorkshire erupts in a summer of explosive race riots, events tip Karen into the depths of the very world she has been fleeing. *Due Dec* (English)


**Jack COUGHLIN & Donald DAVIS****Kill Zone** 352pp Pb \$18.95

Sniper Novel. An American general is captured in the Middle East by terrorists. Marine sniper Sgt Kyle Swanson receives orders to mount a top secret mission to rescue the general, but as he and the Marines land, they're ambushed. How did the enemy have details of a mission known only to a few high level American officials? Now Swanson will encounter the most dangerous enemies of all, his fellow Americans. Their sworn enemy, the captured general whose fate now rests in Sniper Swanson's hands. *Due Dec* (American)


**Michael DOBBS****The Touch of Innocents** (1994) 352pp Pb \$20.00

Paul Deveraux is one of the most powerful politicians in the country. Isadora Dean is the rising star of television news journalism. Two people brought in to dangerous conflict. Izzy cannot accept the death of her baby daughter Bella. Her belief that her daughter is alive leads her to an international black market where babies are sold for cash and Izzy detects the sinister hand of Devereux. As she believes that Bella is alive she will never surrender and Paul Devereux must use every means in his power to make sure she is silenced for good. *Due Dec* (English)


**Martin ESTEBAN & Andreu CARRANZA****The Gaudi Key** 496pp Pb \$20.00

As the Grand Master of an ancient religious brotherhood nears death, he chooses to entrust to Antonio Gaudi a sacred object. The great architect protects the artefact by hiding it where he believes it might never be discovered. A new century, and the granddaughter of Gaudi's apprentice is charged with finding the holy object. Maria and her mathematician boyfriend unravel the clues Gaudi placed in his work but as mutilated bodies and sinister enemies follow in their wake, both realize that what's at stake is of far greater importance and their survival is the key. *Due Dec* (Spanish)


**Loren ESTELMAN****American Detective** 256pp Pb \$16.95

Amos Walker Mystery. Former Detroit Tigers pitcher Darius Fuller wants Walker to break off his daughter's engagement to Hilary Bairn, a man Fuller believes is after her trust fund. Walker breaks into Bairn's apartment and finds Fuller's daughter dead. Soon Walker finds himself on the run from crooked cops and vile gangsters. Every time Walker thinks he's solved the case, he finds out he is further from the truth than when he started... *Due Dec* (American)

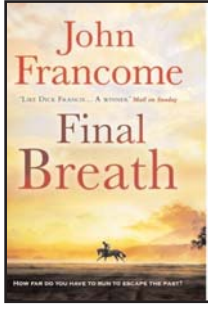
**Christopher FORREST****The Genesis Code** 256pp Pb \$16.95

Nobel Prize winning geneticist Joshua Ambergris has made an astounding discovery, that there is a message from a much earlier, more sophisticated human civilization encoded in the human genome. Who planted it and why? Before he can announce his discovery, he is murdered. His protégé must follow a trail of clues left by the scientist to uncover a global conspiracy of silence, secrecy, and murder that spans the breadth of human history. *Due Dec* (American)


**John FRANCOME****Dark Horse** 384pp Pb \$20.00

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, but when a hit and run sparks off a chain of unstoppable events these men know that the truth 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)


**John FRANCOME****Final Breath** 320pp Tp \$33.00

It's been a year since Danny girlfriend Kirsty died in a diving accident. Danny's back on his feet, with help from Kirsty's friend, Tara. In fact, Danny has fallen for Tara in a major way. Danny's godfather Adrian Spring, who runs a racing stable, can't help wondering how much Tara knows about the secrets that died with Kirsty. Tara herself is unconvinced that Kirsty's death was an accident, and fears that she might fall victim to an 'accident' herself. *Due Dec* (English)

**Nicci FRENCH****What to Do When Someone Dies** 352pp Tp \$32.95

It's devastating to hear that your husband has died in a car Greg having an affair? Ellie clings to Greg's innocence, and her determination to prove it to the world means she must find out what Milena Livingstone was doing in Greg's car. But those around her begin to question her motive, and the louder she shouts that Greg must have been murdered, the more suspicion falls on Ellie herself. *Due Dec* (English)

**Sue GRAFTON****T is for Trespass** 562pp Pb \$20.00

Kinsey Millhone #20. Kinsey Millhone is relieved when the niece of her elderly neighbour Gus organises a nurse for him. A background check on Solana Rojas doesn't turn up anything suspicious, but Kinsey's not convinced. Kinsey turns to more unorthodox methods to step up her investigation and gets more than she bargained for. Not only is Solana not who she seems to be but she's more than able to play Kinsey at her own game. *Due Dec* (American)



**Sarah GRAVES****The Book of Old Houses****400pp Pb \$16.95**

*Home Repair is Homicide Mystery #11.* What would you do if a long buried book was unearthed from beneath your 1823 fixer upper, a book containing your name written "in blood"? That's the mystery Jacobia "Jake" Tiptree faces in the midst of her latest old house renovations. But it's only the first in a town better known for its scenic views and historic homes than its body count. Now Jake is putting aside her hammer and fixing to find someone who's got the blueprint for a perfect murder. *Due Dec* (American)

**David HAGBERG****Dance with the Dragon****448pp Pb \$18.95**

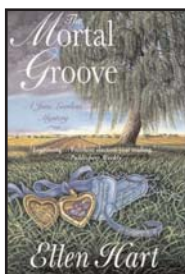
All signs indicate that something is coming at the United States. Then the body of CIA agent Louis Updegraf ends up on the steps of the US Embassy in Mexico. He appeared to be freelancing and the Agency must scramble to get a clue as to what he was after. Kirk McGarvey and Otto Rencke try to work out the connection between China and the murdered agent. The only informant they can find is an enigmatic Iranian belly dancer whose story changes with the wind, and her knowledge of McGarvey's past is uncanny... *Due Dec* (American)

**Cynthia HARROD-EAGLES****Game Over 240pp Tp \$27.95**

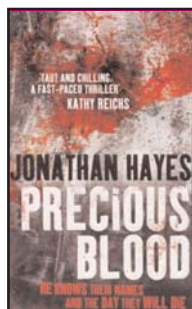
*Bill Slider Mystery #11.* When ex BBC correspondent Ed Stonax is found dead, the last thing Detective Inspector Slider needs to complicate his life is the reappearance of an old enemy issuing death threats. Trevor Bates, aka The Needle, is on the loose and trying to kill him, and with a high profile murder to solve, he must try to find a spare moment to marry Joanna before their baby is born, and stay alive long enough to do it... *Due Dec* (English)

**Ellen HART****The Mortal Groove****368pp Tp \$29.95**

*Jane Lawless Mystery.* Minneapolis amateur sleuth Jane Lawless is in the middle of ringing in the New Year when the biggest financial backers in Minnesota politics proposition her father: How'd he like to be the state's next governor? Flattered, Ray Lawless agrees to run, and his campaign is a huge success until reporters start digging. The men running his campaign have a secret involving the mysterious death of a young woman, have been buried since the summer they all came home from Vietnam. Unfortunately for Jane and her father, those secrets won't stay that way for long. *Due Dec* (American)

**Jonathan HAYES****Precious Blood****512pp Pb \$21.95**

*Edward Jenner #01.* Dr. Edward Jenner is a New York forensic pathologist and has attended countless murder scenes and performed thousands of autopsies but the killing of 21 year old Andie Delore is different. The naked body is marked with an indecipherable ancient script and is arranged in the shape of a ritual sacrifice. The sole eye witness is Andie's flatmate Ana, who turns to Jenner for help. But then a second victim is found and then a third. Both corpses have the same mysterious script. The killer is leading Jenner and Ana into his own private nightmare... *Due Dec* (American)

**Betty HECHTMAN****Dead Men Don't Crochet****288pp Pb \$16.95**

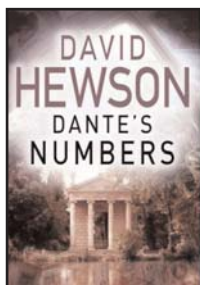
*Crochet Mystery #2.* When a member of Molly Pink's crochet group is suspected of murder, it's up to Molly and her pals to pick up the dropped stitches and catch a killer. *Due Dec* (American)

**Mandasue HELLER****Shafted****560pp Pb \$20.00**

*Larry Logan* is a small time TV star with a huge ego. He's not impressed when the only work he can get is fronting a fake game show, actually an undercover police sting to entrap criminals. His reluctance evaporates when the show rockets his career back to prime time stardom. But Larry doesn't know how dangerous those criminals are. He shafted some dangerous men, and they want revenge. *Due Dec* (English)

**David HEWSON****Dante's Numbers****400pp Tp \$32.95**

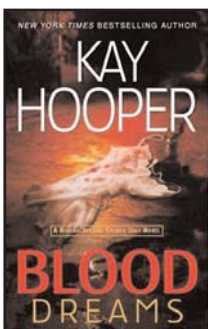
*Nic Costa #7.* The death mask of the poet Dante is to be exhibited at the premiere of a controversial film, *Inferno*, based on his epic work. But at it's unveiling this priceless artefact is replaced by a macabre death mask of the film's star, Allen Prime. And minutes later, the leading actress, Maggie Flavier, is threatened. The Carabinieri take over the investigation, certain that a crazed Dante fan is behind the killing. Nic Costa and his team follow the movie to its next showing in San Francisco. With the Carabinieri distracted by false leads, can Costa protect Maggie, find the truth and stop the killer all before life imitates art? *Due Dec* (English)

**Hazel HOLT****Mrs Malory and a Time to Die****256pp Pb \$16.95**

Sheila Malory's old friends Charlie and Jo Hamilton run a riding school in a quiet English. When Charlie is found dead in his stables the entire community is shaken. Especially since Charlie's is just the first in a series of shocking and suspicious deaths. Mrs Malory is on the case, but the trail of clues, from an unlucky horseshoe to a lethal electric fence, proves to be anything but a smooth ride. *Due Dec* (English)

**Kay HOOPER****Blood Dreams****352pp Pb \$18.95**

*Bishop Special Crimes Unit #4.* Dani Justice knows all about monsters. They haunt her dreams—and her life. But she never expected to find herself on the trail of a real flesh-and-blood predator so cunning, he's eluded



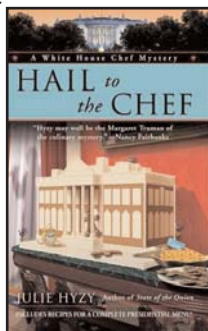
the best law enforcement could send against him; so deadly, he doesn't hesitate to kill even a senator's daughter. Or a cop. Dani doesn't want to hunt this killer. But she doesn't have a choice. She alone commands a weapon powerful enough to stop him. And she knows something even Bishop of the FBI's Special Crimes Unit doesn't know. Dani knows how the hunt ends. It ends in fire. And blood. And death. What she doesn't know is who will survive. *Due Dec* (American)

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The Trident Force is the blackest of the black ops. Their specialty: fighting the war on terror at sea. Handpicked for their skills above and below the waterline, they do the jobs no one else can handle and the jobs no one else could survive. *Due Dec* (American)

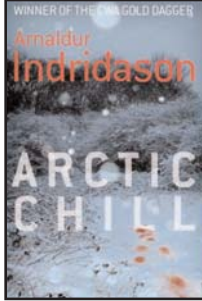
**Julie HYZY****Hail to the Chef****336pp Pb \$18.95**

*White House Chef Mystery #2.* White House executive chef Ollie Paras has to put her own interests on the back burner when a kindly electrician is electrocuted to death, and the First Lady's nephew dies in an apparent suicide less than 24 hours after cleaning shrimp with Ollie. Ollie suspects something fishy is going on. She'll have to watch her back and find a killer unlikely to be pardoned. *Due Dec* (American)



**Arnaldur INDRIDASON**

**Arctic Chill** 352pp Tp \$32.95  
*Reykjavik Murder Mystery #5.* On an icy day the Reykjavik police are called to where the body of a young, dark skinned boy has been found. Erlendur and his team have little to go on but the news that the boy's Thai half brother is missing. The investigation soon unearths tensions simmering beneath the surface of Iceland's outwardly liberal, multicultural society. Meanwhile, the boy's murder forces Erlendur to confront the tragedy in his own past. Soon, facts are emerging from the snow filled darkness. *Due Dec* (Iceland)

**Lisa JACKSON**

**Almost Dead** 416pp Pb \$20.00  
 Cissy Cahill's world is unravelling fast. One by one, her family are dying. Cissy's right to be afraid but not for the reasons she thinks. The truth is much more terrifying. Hidden in the shadows of the Cahill family's twisted past is a shocking secret, a secret that will only be satisfied by blood. And Cissy must uncover the deadly truth before it's too late for her and her innocent baby son. *Due Dec* (American)

**Jonathan KELLERMAN**

**Compulsion** 456pp Pb \$19.95  
*Alex Delaware #22.* Three baffling murder cases, linked only by a lack of motive, until LAPD Detective Milo Sturgis and psychologist Alex Delaware are called to the scene of a bizarre 'crime'. A stolen car has been returned, unblemished except for a tiny bloodstain. This clue sets the pair on a hunt for a multiple killer, from LA to New York. However this killer defies identification and to unmask him, Alex and Milo will have to confront the true face of murderous compulsion. *Due Dec* (American)

**Jim KELLY**

**The Skeleton Man** 432pp Pb \$19.95  
*Philip Dryden #5.* For 17 years the hamlet of Jude's Ferry has lain abandoned, requisitioned for military training. It had been famous for never having recorded a single crime. But when reporter Philip Dryden joins the Territorial Army on exercise in the empty village a TA's shell reveal a hidden cellar and inside the hangs a skeleton, a noose around its neck. Two days later, a man is pulled from the reeds in the river nearby. He has no idea how he got there, but, he knows the words 'Jude's Ferry' are important, and he's afraid. *Due Dec* (English)

**Laurie KING**

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 Once studied by British intelligence for his unique abilities, Bennett Grey has withdrawn from a rapidly changing world, until an American agent comes to investigate Grey's potential as a weapon in a vicious new kind of warfare. Agent Harris Stuyvesant desperately needs Grey's help entering a world where the rich and the radical exist side by side, among whom lurks an enemy ready to strike a deadly blow at democracy. Here as he sifts through secrets divulged and kept, he uncovers the target of a horrifying conspiracy, and wonders if he can trust Grey, to reveal the most dangerous player of all. *Due Dec* (American)

**Kenzo KITAKATA**

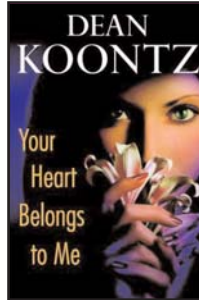
**City of Refuge** 256pp Tp \$29.95

He killed two gangsters for the woman he loves, for Makiko. The sensation of the murder on Koji's hands is still fresh. Now he's running from the police as well as the mob. Unlike your ordinary hero, Koji kidnaps a boy during his getaway. On his trail is "the Old Dog" Detective Takagi. *Due Dec* (Japanese)

**Dean KOONTZ**

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At 34 Ryan Perry suddenly finds himself on a waiting list for a heart transplant. He receives a new heart, and one year later, Ryan has never felt better, except for troubles connected to the heart. It began with mysterious gifts and a feeling of being watched. Ryan glimpses a mysterious woman whom he tries to follow. The mysterious woman then lets him know that everything will be taken from him because of whose heart he received. Profoundly troubled, Ryan will face up to the woman and get her out of his life... *Due Dec* (American)

**Patrick LENNON**

**Steel Witches** 384pp Pb \$20.00  
*Tom Fletcher #2.* Tom Fletcher is working as a private investigator in Cambridge when he receives a message from his missing father. He seems to be connected to the disappearance and murder of a young physics student. Tom's inquiries begin to spiral into darker conspiracies. How is an American company involved in an officially suppressed story from WWII? Where is the disused USAF base that seems to be the key to a centuries old mystery and who were the haunting sisters who played such a part in a drama that is still reaching out to claim Tom Fletcher? *Due Dec* (English)

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 Homeless, Francesca Mills is just another face on the streets of London. When a violent encounter leads to a man's death, however, she is forced to forge a new life. On the run, Frankie unknowingly stumbles across a secret so powerful that men will stop at nothing to protect it. She tries to build a new life, but you can only stay anonymous when no one wants to find you. Hunted by both the police and shadowy assailants with powerful connections, the odds are stacked against a woman who will do whatever it takes to protect herself. *Due Dec* (English)

**Jeff LINDSAY**

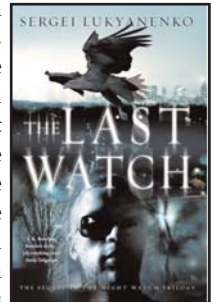
**Dexter: An Omnibus** 592pp Tp \$35.00

A trio of novels about Miami's best dressed serial killer with a sense of justice, "Darkly Dreaming Dexter", Dearly Devoted Dexter" and Dexter in the Dark". *Due Dec* (American)

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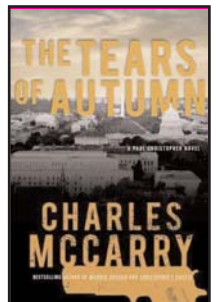
**The Last Watch** 384pp Tp \$32.95

*Watch #4.* While on holiday in Scotland, visiting macabre tourist attractions a young Russian tourist is murdered. The Watches are immediately aware that there is a renegade vampire on the loose. Anton is detailed to the investigation, but on arriving in Scotland begins to realise that there is much more to the story. Aided by the head of Edinburgh's Night Watch, Anton becomes aware that a team of unlicensed Others are hunting for a fabled magical treasure, hidden in the sixth level of the Twilight by Merlin himself. *Due Dec* (Russian)

**Charles MCCARRY**

**The Tears of Autumn (1974)** 288pp Pb \$24.95


*Paul Christopher #2.* Dallas, 1963. America plunges into mourning when US President John F Kennedy is assassinated. For CIA agent Paul Christopher, this is no random act of violence. A clear picture of cause and effect starts to take shape in Christopher's mind, but he is ordered to abandon the investigation. Driven by his relentless desire to uncover the truth, Christopher goes it alone, following his intuition on a trail that leads from Washington to Europe, the Congo and Vietnam. *Due Dec* (American)








**Michael MCGARRITY**

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 *Kevin Kerney Novel.* The killing of a deputy sheriff in Lincoln County and the brutal murder of the deputy's wife in Santa Fe bring Police Chief Kevin Kerney and his Mescalero Apache son, Sergeant Clayton Istee, back together. The investigation is soon linked to a major drug trafficking scheme and the slaughter of two women in Albuquerque. Kerney calls upon Clayton to find the slain officer's son, discover what triggered the killings, and give him the ammunition he needs to bring a murderer to justice. *Due Dec* (American)


**Grant MCKENZIE**

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 How far would you go to save the ones you love? Security guard Sam White's life falls apart when he arrives home to find his house burnt out and the bodies of his wife and daughter inside. Then he receives a call from a man who claims that his wife and child are alive and Sam can still save them. But first, he must complete a few simple tasks. Sam joins forces with Zack Parker whose life has also been ripped apart by the same sadistic kidnapper. Together they race against time to discover the identity of the kidnapper and save their families before it's too late. *Due Dec* (Canadian)


**P D MARTIN**

**Fan Mail** 400pp Pb \$19.99  
 *Sophie Anderson #3.* On her first day in her new job in Los Angeles, FBI profiler Sophie Anderson finds herself investigating the murder of a bestselling crime writer who was strangled with a pair of stockings, just like the character in her last book. *Due Dec* (Australian)


**Sujata MASSEY**

**Shimura Trouble** 256pp Tp \$27.95  
 *Rei Shimura #10.* Japanese-American undercover spy Rei Shimura takes leave from work to care for her father. Then a letter arrives from an unknown branch of the Shimura family who have been in Hawaii, inviting Rei's family to celebrate the 88th birthday of the family patriarch. On the island of Oahu, Rei discovers that the Hawaiian Shimuras are seeking help to regain land they believe was stolen from them. Rei agrees to research their claim, but a fire sweeps the island and her young cousin is accused of arson. Now Rei, with the assistance of her boyfriend Michael Hendricks and ex-lover must turn over every stone to discover who set the fire, a mystery that turns out to be linked to the Shimura family history. *Due Dec* (English)


**Peter MAY**

**Blacklight Blue** 326pp Hb 45.00  
 *Enzo Files #3.* Enzo MacLeod bet that he could use his expertise to crack seven notorious murders described in a book on cold cases by Parisian journalist Roger Raffin. He's solved the first two, but the third is far from his mind right now. He's just been diagnosed with a terminal illness, and someone who seems intent on destroying his relationships and getting him arrested for murder. Are his personal woes somehow connected to the digging he's done? What further remnants of evidence can he review and can he stay alive long enough to catch the long hidden killer? (Scottish)


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 Adrian Monk is on a roll solving murders and not counting his Wheat Chex until they are in the bowl. But when his therapist, Dr Kroger, leaves for Germany, Monk can't tie his shoes, forgets how to swallow, and loses track of his blinking. Desperate, he follows Dr Kroger to Germany where he sees a man with six fingers. The man responsible for his wife's death or was it just his imagination? Now Monk has to deal with his phobias and the unfriendly polizei to find his man. *Due Dec* (American)


**Manuel Vazquez MONTALBAN**

**Tattoo** 256pp Pb \$23.95  
 Pepe Carvalho, ex-cop, ex-Marxist and constant gourmet, is working as a private detective in Barcelona, when a body is pulled out of the sea, its face so badly destroyed that the only way of identifying it is through a tattoo that says: 'Born to raise hell in hell'. A local hairdresser hires Carvalho to find out who the man is. Meanwhile, the Barcelona police make a connection between the murder and local drug dealers and prostitutes, and they begin raiding bars and brothels. A lead on the identity of the murdered man brings Carvalho to Amsterdam, where he gets entangled with a drug gang. As the pace accelerates, Carvalho realises that this is no straightforward John Doe case. *Due Dec* (Spanish)


**Jonathan NASAW**

**When She was Bad** 384pp Pb \$19.95  
 *E L Pender #4.* Lily deVries suffers from DID, a psychiatric condition known as dissociative identity disorder. Her mind has fragmented into different personalities. There's the gentle Lily, the sexually insatiable Lilah, and Lilith, the violent psychopath. Now Lily has found herself in the Reed-Chase mental institution. Fellow DID sufferer Ulysses Maxwell faces life imprisonment following the rape and murder of a dozen women. When Lilith and Max, Maxwell's psychopathic alter meet, the reaction is dynamite. When the ingenious lovers engineer a bloody escape, it's only ex FBI Agent Pender who has any chance of stopping the ensuing carnage... *Due Dec* (American)

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 A doctor has finally found the cure for cancer in the blood of a teenage boy. Will he be able to keep the boy alive and out of the hands of a desperate mobster who will do anything to defeat the cancer that's killing him? *Due Dec* (American)

**James PATTERSON**

**The Final Warning** 320pp Pb \$19.95  
 *Maximum Ride #4.* Maximum Ride and the other members of the flock have wings and can fly. It seems like a dream come true, until the world's nastiest villains hunt them. The flock takes refuge in Antarctica with a team of environmentalists. In this remote wilderness, whether pursued by corrupt governments, bioengineered bad guys, or the harsh forces of nature, survival of the fittest takes a new twist. *Due Dec* (American)

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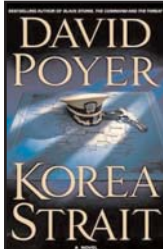
*Christmas Novellas* #6. Emily Radley's Christmas plans are shattered when she learns that her aunt, Susannah, is dying. Emily decides that she must journey to Susannah's home in West Ireland to assist her in her final days. In Connemara there is a sense of disquiet in the village that is only amplified when Daniel, the lone survivor of a ship wreck, seeks refuge in Susannah's house. Emily discovers strange parallels with the unsolved death of another young man many years before. As Emily investigates she learns that some people will do anything to keep their secrets safe. *Due Dec* (English)

**Cathy PICKENS****Hush My Mouth****304pp Pb \$16.95**

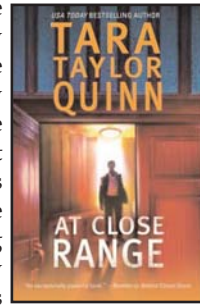
*Southern Fried Mystery* #2. Small town lawyer Avery Andrews gets her first paying case when Fran French arrives looking for her adopted sister, Neanna. Neanna's aunt was murdered 20 years ago, the case was never solved and Fran thinks Neanna came to town looking for answers. Meanwhile, Avery's landlord has befriended three ghost hunters who quickly have altercations with the resident biker gang. In short, they are cutting quite a swath through Camden County, and keeping Avery on her toes. *Due Dec* (American)

**David POYER****Korea Strait****384pp Pb \$18.95**

*Dan Lenson Novel.* Commander Dan Lenson is assigned to conduct a major international naval exercise, with players from South Korea, the US, Britain, Japan, and Australia. But one night at sea in a South Korean frigate, it seems World War III is about to begin. Submarines race to South Korea's most important port, and Dan realises that this is the first part of a strategy to overrun the country. Lenson battles nuclear armed submarines, two typhoons, and his own doubts, to stop World War III on the brink. *Due Dec* (American)

**Tara Taylor QUINN****At Close Range****384pp Pb \$16.95**

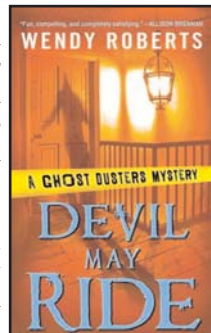
Criminal court judge Hannah Montgomery presides over the murder trial of Bobby Donahue. When the jury finds him not guilty, Hannah is convinced they've reached the wrong verdict. Especially when strange things happen, including the death of her adopted son. *Due Dec* (American)

**Stella RIMINGTON****Illegal Action****400pp Pb \$21.95**

*Liz Carlyle* #3. When MI5 intelligence officer Liz Carlyle learns of a Russian government plot to kill Nikita Brunovsky, a man who openly criticises the Putin regime from his London base, it's a race against time to track down the killer. As she goes undercover, desperately trying to find out who might betray him, Liz discovers that an 'illegal' Russian agent has arrived in London. Is this the assassin she is seeking? Under an assumed name, Liz soon finds herself in terrible danger. *Due Dec* (English)

**Wendy ROBERTS****Devil May Ride****288pp Pb \$16.95**

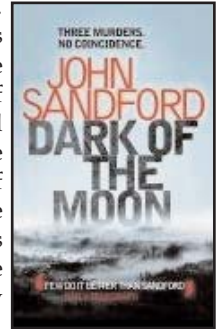
*Ghost Dusters Mystery* #2. When Sadie and her partner Zack stumble on evidence of a cult ritual in an abandoned meth lab, Sadie comes face to face with an evil spirit unlike any she's ever seen before. And it's no coincidence that a bundle of stolen cash turns up at her next crime scene just in time to convince a biker gang that Sadie made off with their money. She knows the threads are connected, but how? *Due Dec* (American)

**Greg RUCKA****Patriot Acts****416pp Pb \$16.95**

*Atticus Kodiak Novel.* Atticus Kodiak, bodyguard turned fugitive must go underground to protect the woman he loves and a country he may have to betray to defend. As a bodyguard, Atticus Kodiak once protected his clients against professional killers. Now he is taking lessons from the world's premier assassin. It begins with a betrayal, an ambush, and the murder of a friend. Atticus has been falsely identified as one of The Ten, a short list of the world's most wanted assassin, and to survive, he's going to have to become exactly what they're accusing him of being... *Due Dec* (American)

**John SANDFORD****Dark of the Moon****448pp Pb \$19.95**

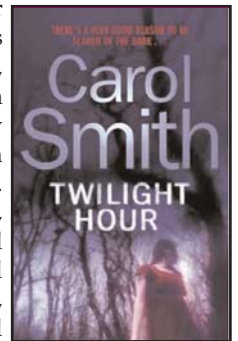
*Virgil Flowers* #1. Virgil Flowers has been recruited to the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension. In the small town of Bluestem, where everybody knows everybody, a house explodes, its elderly owner trapped inside. Following up rumours Flowers discovers several reasons why the victim was so hated. And that wasn't even the reason why he'd come to Bluestem. Three weeks before, a doctor and his wife were murdered, the doctor found with both eyes shot out. Flowers knows this isn't a coincidence, and this has to be personal. But the next victim might be Virgil himself. *Due Dec* (American)

**Kelly SIMMONS****Skylight****288pp Pb \$25.00**

When Claire, mother and wife of an often absent husband discovers a kidnapper in her daughter's bedroom, she offers herself as hostage instead. Driven by her abductor to a rundown motel, days pass in which Claire learns more about her kidnapper, but no explanation of what he wants. Has her past come back to haunt her or is it something to do with her husband's work? Gradually Claire uncovers the truth, but questions remain. How is she going to get home in one piece... *Due Dec* (American)

**Carol SMITH****Twilight Hour****416pp Pb \$20.00**

In Dartmoor Erin O'Leary has gone to ground, hiding from Russian assassins. Her new neighbours are a disparate bunch. Gerald and Sylvia, whose social pretensions exceed their altered means, newlyweds Ned and Lisa, embittered, abandoned Auriol, Crazy Betty, who lives in the woods and a ghost seen tending her own grave. Winter approaches. Each has a secret they want to hide, and when the killing starts, each has a motive. *Due Dec* (English)

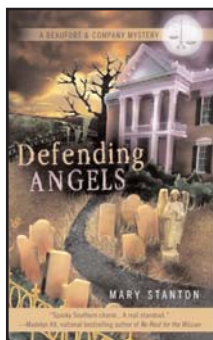




**Mary STANTON****Defending Angels**

304pp Pb \$18.95

*Beaufort & Co Mystery #1.* With a long list of ethereal clients who need her help, Savannah lawyer Brianna Winston Beaufort's career choice is beginning to haunt her. An already dead businessman needs Bree's help to find his murderer and prove his innocence against the charge of greed, which comes from the mightiest hand of the law, the Celestial Court. And the verdict in this case could put Bree's life on the line as well as her client's afterlife. *Due Dec* (American)



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**Jason STARR****The Follower**

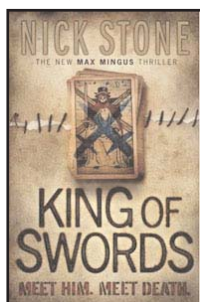
384pp Pb \$18.95

No matter how wide a net she casts Katie Porter can't seem to find a guy who really understands her. But someone thinks she's very special, and he's watching her. Peter sees Katie almost everywhere, as he quietly trails her. But most of all, he sees her in his plans for the future. He's got the proposal worked out, he's even got the ring and their happy home already bought. After all, he's had enough time to plan things to perfection, he grew up in the same small town. Surely, after all these years, he can't let anything stand in his way... *Due Dec* (American)

**Nick STONE****King of Swords**

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*Max Mingus #2.* When Detective Max Mingus and his partner Joe are called to the scene of a death at Miami's Primate Park, it looks like another routine investigation until the victim's family is slaughtered and a tarot card, 'The King of Swords', is found in the dead man's stomach. Max and Joe are lead to the infamous Solomon Boukman, the most feared criminal in Miami. What is the significance of the King of Swords? What makes those who have swallowed the card go on a killing spree just before they die? And can Max find out the truth about Solomon Boukman, before death's shadow reaches his own front door? *Due Dec* (English)

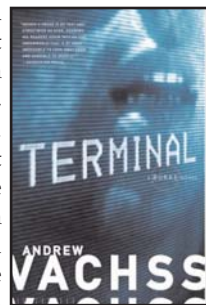
**Aimee & David THURLO****False Witness** 272pp Pb \$16.95

*Sister Agatha Mystery #4.* Situated in rural New Mexico, Our Lady of Hope Monastery squeaks by on donations. When an SUV crashes through their walls, their budget goes through the roof. So it seems like divine intervention when an ailing millionaire asks Sister Agatha to find his long estranged niece. All Sister Agatha has to do is track down the woman, and the monastery's financial worries will be over. But at what cost? Sister Agatha's investigation quickly lands her in the midst of a deadly situation...and now it's going to take more than faith alone to see that justice is done. *Due Dec* (American)

**Andrew VACHSS****Terminal**

256pp Tp \$32.00

*Burke #18.* A blood commitment forces Burke's return to his former career, violence for money. Claw, once the shot caller of a white supremacist prison gang is free, and terminally ill. He needs cash to bet on a long shot cure. He tells Burke about a man who claims to know the truth behind a "cold case," the unsolved rape and murder of a 13-year-old girl. The killers are all wealthy men today, ideal blackmail marks. Burke decides to roll the dice. A win would give Burke the two things he lives for, money and revenge. A loss would turn "terminal" from a diagnosis into a certainty, and not just for Claw. *Due Dec* (American)

**Claus VON BOHLEN****Who is Charlie Conti?**

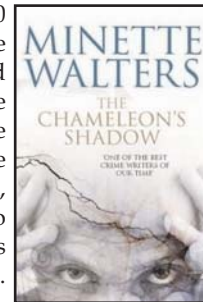
240pp Pb \$24.95

Charlie Conti has just come into his inheritance. Young, rich and alone in the world, he decides to leave the echoing luxury of his Manhattan home and head for Los Angeles. He throws wild parties and everyone comes, but he remains on the outside, an isolated figure. Then he meets Ray Celador. Ray has the eyes of a visionary and the rough, gnarled hands of a lumberjack. He deals in drugs, women and philosophy, and before long he's indispensable to Charlie: father-figure, teacher, friend. But who, in the end, is Ray Celador? And who when he finds himself stripped of his home, his money and his identity is Charlie Conti? A thriller with a literary twist, this is the story of Charlie's betrayal, of the theft of his identity and of his attempt to recover what is his. (English)

**Minette WALTERS****The Chameleon's Shadow**

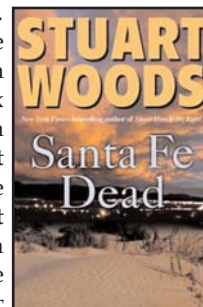
544pp Pb \$19.95

When Lieutenant Charles Acland returns from Iraq with serious head injuries, he faces not only permanent disfigurement but also an apparent change to his previously outgoing personality. He begins to display bouts of aggression, particularly against women, and especially his ex-fiancé. He cuts all ties with his former life and moves to London. A man in a pub annoys him and Acland is only prevented from killing him by the intervention of a 250 pound female weightlifter called Jackson. The police are investigating three 'gay' murders in the area. Under suspicion, Acland is forced to confront the real issues behind his isolation. *Due Dec* (English)

**Stuart WOODS****Santa Fe Dead**

416pp Pb \$23.95

*Ed Eagle Mystery #2.* Attorney Ed Eagle thinks he's safe from his black widow ex wife, who is now in police custody. But when she escapes, she spins a new web that just might trap him and everyone he loves. *Due Dec* (American)

**Cornell WOOLRICH****The Black Angel (1943)**

304pp Tp \$34.00

A panic stricken young wife races against time to prove that her convicted husband did not murder his mistress. Writing in first person from her viewpoint, Woolrich makes us feel her love and anguish and desperation, as she becomes an avenging angel to rescue her husband from execution. *Due Dec* (American)



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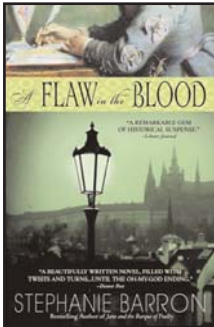
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**Stephanie BARRON**

**A Flaw in the Blood** 304pp Tp \$27.95

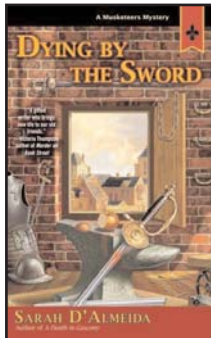
*Victorian Mystery.* 1861. For the second time Irish barrister Patrick Fitzgerald has been summoned by the Queen. He is a distinguished gentleman at the top of his profession, and the Queen is in the grip of fear. Fitzgerald can't help but notice the Queen is curiously preoccupied with the past. Yet why, and how he can help, is unclear. When the royal coach is violently overturned, nearly killing him and his brilliant young ward, Fitzgerald is sure it was not attacked at random. Soon the pair find themselves hunted. Little do they know they each carry within their past hidden clues to a devastating royal secret...one they must untangle if they are to survive. *Due Dec* (American)



**Sarah D'ALMEIDA**

**Dying by the Sword** 320pp Pb \$18.95

*Musketeers Mystery* #5. As the Four Musketeers race to save Porthos's servant from the gallows, they run afoul of Cardinal Richelieu, who is investigating a far more serious matter, a plot against the life of the king. *Due Dec* (American)

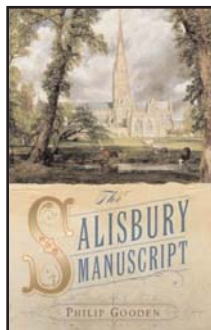


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**The Salisbury Manuscript**

288pp Hb \$59.95

In 1873 a man dies on the outskirts of Salisbury. At the same time Tom Ansell, a young lawyer, arrives receive a manuscript from one of the Cathedral Canons. Felix Slater wants the memoirs of his father to be locked away until after his own death. But Slater's death comes much sooner than expected, and it is Tom who comes under suspicion for his murder. Tom must go in search of the real culprit among the strange members of Slater's family, helped by his fiancée, Helen. Before the search concludes, Tom and Helen's own lives will nearly end at the hands of an ingenious and elusive killer. *Due Dec* (English)

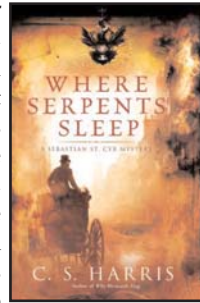


**C S HARRIS**

**Where Serpents Sleep**

352pp Hb \$48.00

*Sebastian St Cyr Mystery* #4. London, 1812. The brutal slaughter of eight young prostitutes leaves only one witness, Hero Jarvis, daughter of the Prince Regent's cousin. When an official inquiry is quashed, Hero launches an investigation of her own and turns to Sebastian St. Cyr, Viscount Devlin, for help. Hero and Sebastian follow a trail of clues leading from London's East End to the Mayfair mansions of a noble family with dark secrets to hide. Risking both their lives and their reputations, the two must race against time to stop a killer whose ominous plot threatens to shake the nation to its very core. (American)

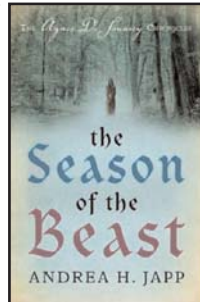


**Andrea JAPP**

**The Season of the Beast**

352pp Pb \$19.95

*The Agnes De Souarcy Chronicles* #1. 1304. The King of France and the Church are locked in a battle for power that will also decide the fate of the Knights Templar and Hospitaller. Meanwhile in the Normandy countryside, young widow Agnes de Souarcy, the beautiful lady of the manor, is fighting to retain her independent way of life, aware that her spiteful half-brother will do anything to destroy her. These two different worlds collide in the forest near Souarcy, where a terrifying creature begins to kill and mutilate a succession of monks on their way to deliver a secret message of momentous importance. (French)



**Michael JECKS**

**The King of Thieves** 384pp Tp \$33.00

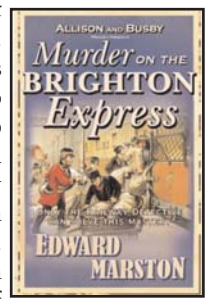
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**Edward MARSTON**

**Murder on the Brighton Express**

310pp Hb \$50.00

*Inspector Robert Colbeck* #5. October 1854. Crowds of passengers rush onto the soon to depart London to Brighton Express. A man watches, grimly satisfied when the train pulls out of the station. Soon after the train derails on the last leg of its journey. What led to such devastation and could it simply be a case of driver error? Detective Inspector Colbeck, dubbed the 'railway detective' thinks not. But digging deep to discover the target of the accident takes time, something Colbeck doesn't have as the killer prepares to strike again. *Due Dec* (English)



**Pat McINTOSH**

**St Mungo's Robin** 333pp Pb \$21.95

The warden of St Serf's has been found dead in the almshouse garden. He appears to have been killed on the previous night, but there are those who are convinced he was present at that morning's service. The elderly residents, the almshouse nurse and Humphrey, her deranged favourite, have all been set against one another by the dead man's scheming - and then there is the discarded mistress and almshouse ghost to consider. Tracing the dead man's last movements, Gil Cunningham is both helped and hindered by his two sisters who have come to Glasgow for his wedding to Alys. (Scottish)



**James McLEVY**

**McLevy: The Edinburgh Detective**

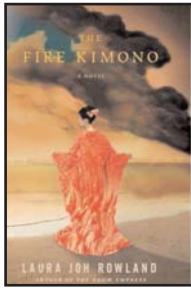
185pp Pb \$29.95

In the 1860s, a few years before Conan Doyle began his medical studies at Edinburgh University, there appeared a hugely popular series of books with titles including *Curiosities of Crime in Edinburgh*, *The Sliding Scale of Life* and *The Disclosures of a Detective*. They were all the work of one James McLevy, an Edinburgh policeman. The now largely forgotten, McLevy was one of the first exponents of the crime genre and a likely influence on the creator of Sherlock Holmes. Like Conan Doyle, McLevy had an Irish background. He was born in Co Armagh, the son of a small farmer. Largely self-educated, he joined the Edinburgh police force in 1830 as a night watchman before rising up through the ranks to become a detective. The collection of stories in this book are based on some of the 2,220 cases he dealt with in the course of his career. (Scottish)

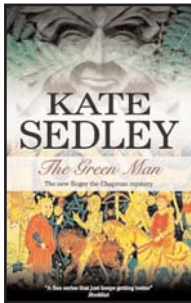


**Laura Joh ROWLAND****The Fire Kimono** 304pp Hb \$52.00

*Sano Ichiro* #13. Japan, March 1700. The strife between Sano Ichiro, the samurai detective who has risen to power in the shogun's court, and his enemies has escalated. Called away by the shogun's orders to investigate a mysterious skeleton, Sano and his wife, Reiko, must confront long buried secrets. What was Sano's own mother doing on the night when a burning kimono ignited a blaze that nearly destroyed the city? The shogun gives Sano and Reiko just three days to find out, or risk losing not only their position at court but their families' lives as well. (American)

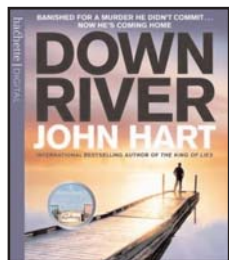
**Kate SEDLEY****The Green Man** 256pp Tp \$27.95

*Roger the Chapman* #17. In 1482, an English army invades Scotland in order to put King James the Third's younger brother, the Duke of Albany, on the Scottish throne. Albany insists that Roger Chapman be a member of his personal bodyguard. But during the march northwards, a series of sinister events, centred around the cult figure of the mythical Green Man, makes Roger question Albany's true motive for requesting his presence. And once in Edinburgh, he is called upon not only to solve a murder, but also begins to realise that his own life could be in danger. *Due Dec* (English)

**CRIME AUDIO****John HART****Down River**  
(Read by William Hope)

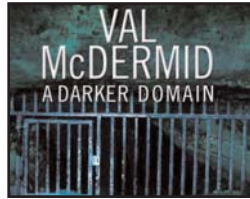
4 CDs \$40.00

When he left North Carolina, Adam Chase left for good. Within hours of arriving, Adam is beaten up, and has to face the hostility of those closest to him. Then people start turning up dead. For a man only just acquitted of murder, Adam's homecoming does not go well. No one trusts him, and as the past threatens to overshadow the present, Adam becomes the prime suspect for the new murders. *Due Dec* (American)

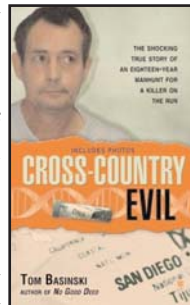
**Val MCDERMID****A Darker Domain**  
(read by Valerie Gogan)

5 CDs \$40.00

1984, Fife. An heiress and her baby son are kidnapped. She is killed and her son disappears. 2008, Tuscany. New evidence reopens the cold case. For Detective Sergeant Karen Pirie, it's an opportunity to make her mark. 1984, Fife. At the height of the miners' strike, Mick Prentice joins the strike breakers. 2008, Fife. A woman reports Mick Prentice missing. Since Karen Pirie's already immersed in 1984, another inquiry with a cold trail ends up on her desk. *Due Dec* (Scottish)

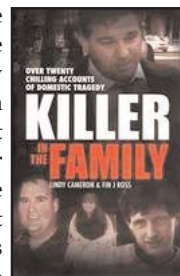
**CRIME NON-FICTION****Tom BASINSKI****Cross-Country Evil** 304pp Pb \$18.95

The murder of a San Diego woman in 1988 was eventually solved nearly two decades later, and thousands of miles away after a Florida traffic cop pulled a man over during a routine stop. What transpired was an incredible combination of chance and relentless investigative work. *Due Dec* (American)

**Lindy CAMERON & Fiona ROSS****Killer in the Family: Over Twenty Chilling Accounts of Domestic Tragedy**

256pp Pb \$24.95

Most Australians are murdered by someone they know, usually by someone in their own family. What is it that makes a person kill their family? Why is the spouse the main suspect when a person is murdered? Includes true stories covering all types of murder within a family. It describes the spiralling trauma that is unleashed within families when the unthinkable happens. (Australian)

**Nerida CAMPBELL****Femme Fatale: The Female Criminal** 128pp Hb \$19.95

The pictorial content starkly contrasts the glamour of film noir seductresses and pulp fiction sirens with the reality of female criminals from Sydney's Long Bay Gaol in the first half of the 20th century. (Australian)

**Joaquin "Jack" GARCIA****Making Jack Falcone**

272pp Tp \$29.95

Jack Garcia looked the part of a mobster, and he played his part so perfectly that his Mafia bosses never suspected he was an undercover agent for the FBI. 'Big Jack Falcone', as he was known inside La Cosa Nostra, learned all the inside dirt about the Gambino organised crime syndicate and its illegal activities, from extortion and loan sharking to assault and murder. The result was a string of busts and a contract put out on his life. A fascinating inside look at the struggle between law enforcement and organised crime, this sheds new light on two organisational cultures that continue to exert an unparalleled grip on our imagination. (American)

**John GLATT****To Have and to Kill: Nurse Melanie McGuire, an Illicit Affair and the Gruesome Murder of Her Husband**

384pp Pb \$16.95

Three suitcases were pulled from the Chesapeake Bay, in each were body parts of a man. William McGuire had been horribly murdered and dismembered. William and his wife, a nurse named Melanie, had just closed on their New Jersey dream home. Little did William know that Melanie had been involved in an affair with a married doctor where she worked, and she had plans that didn't include William. Investigators believe that Melanie murdered William, and three years later she was convicted of first-degree murder. This is the true story of a marriage that turned deadly... *Due Dec* (American)

**Richard JONES****Jack the Ripper: The Casebook**

62pp Hb \$34.95

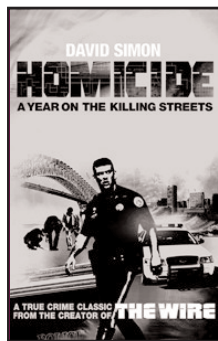
*With Rare and Removable Facsimile Documents and Memorabilia.* The reader is taken on a tour of the underworld of Victorian London, travelling into the backstreets where the murders took place. The localities are investigated in detail, from the street corner taverns to lodging houses with their unsavoury characters. One by one, the murder victims are revealed and discussed. (English)

**Paul MILLEN****Crime Scene Investigator**

288pp Pb \$24.95

Semi-autobiographical, this charts the development of the science of crime scene investigation, with real life stories, the horror and the humour, human endeavour at it's very best and worst. It tells the stories of real cases and real people. The book is punctuated by chapters explaining the thought processes and practises behind the science during its recent development. *Due Dec* (English)

David SIMON

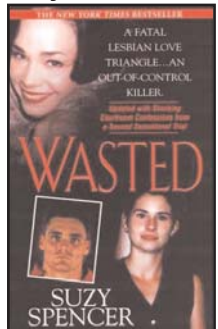


## Homicide: A Year on the Killing Streets (1992)

656pp Pb \$34.95

The scene is Baltimore. Twice every three days another citizen is shot, stabbed, or bludgeoned to death. At the centre of this hurricane of crime is the city's homicide unit. David Simon was the first reporter ever to gain unlimited access to a homicide unit, and his book is both a compelling account of casework and an investigation into our culture of violence. The narrative follows Donald Worden, a veteran investigator, Harry Edgerton, a black detective in a mostly white unit and Tom Pellegrini, an earnest rookie who takes on the year's most difficult case. *Due Dec* (American)

Suzy SPENCER



## Wasted (1999)

352pp Pb \$16.95

In 1995, Texas was rocked by the brutal murder of a lesbian princess named Regina Hartwell. Within days the police had two suspects. One was the object of Regina's desire, the other a man who would take the fall for murder. Four years after Regina's murder, a new charge was brought against one of her suspected killers. Now, Suzy Spencer adds a new chapter, detailing a killer gone wild, a nerve-racking legal standoff and the shocking twists that would take place in a second, explosive trial... *Due Dec* (American)

Neil STOREY

## East End Murders: From Jack the Ripper to Jonnie Kray 160pp Pb \$39.95

As well as the murders of Jack the Ripper, perhaps the most infamous in history, nine other cases are investigated in detail. *Due Dec* (English)

Jane WELLS

## Run Jane Run

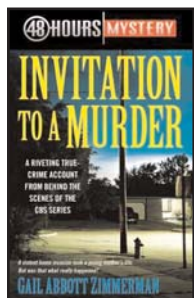
304pp Pb \$16.95

This is a firsthand account of the terrors that Jane Wells and her children faced in their desperate attempt to escape from the jealous control of her abusive second husband. It is also a powerful indictment of a legal system that often protects criminals more successfully than it does the victims of crime. *Due Dec* (American)

Gail ZIMMERMAN

## Invitation to a Murder

352pp Pb \$18.95



A frantic 911 call sent emergency units racing to a home in suburban Springfield, Illinois. Donnah Winger had been bludgeoned to death by a male intruder. Her attacker was fatally shot by Donnah's husband, Mark. Family and friends rallied around Mark, a well liked and respected nuclear scientist, and the infant daughter he and Donnah had just adopted. But one rookie detective didn't buy Mark Winger's version of events. After four years of relentless investigation, a closed case is reopened, and a shocking new witness testimony reveals how Mark Winger turned a chance meeting with a troubled young man into the almost seamless killing of his own wife. *Due Dec* (American)



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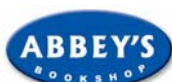


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