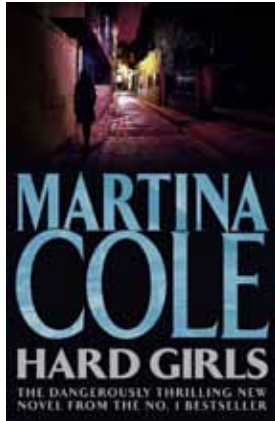


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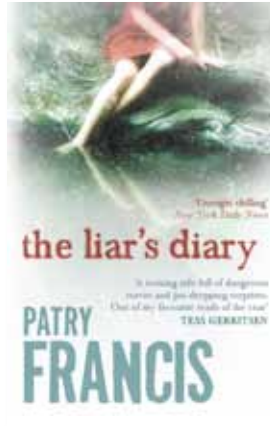
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Martina COLE
Hard Girls
439pp
Tp \$32.99

Martina Cole is a huge seller in the UK, but has not reached the same heights in Australia. She writes gritty and compelling novels, and her latest story is no exception.

DCI Annie Carr and retired DCI Kate Burrows, now a consultant, must dig deep if they hope to catch a callous serial killer who knows no limits and makes no mistakes. But how many people will pay the ultimate price? A gripping, disturbing thriller.



Patry FRANCIS
The Liar's Diary
340pp
Pb \$19.95

School secretary Jeanne Cross is an ordinary wife and mother with a seemingly perfect life. Then Ali Mather, the new music teacher, arrives on the scene. Ali is everything Jeanne

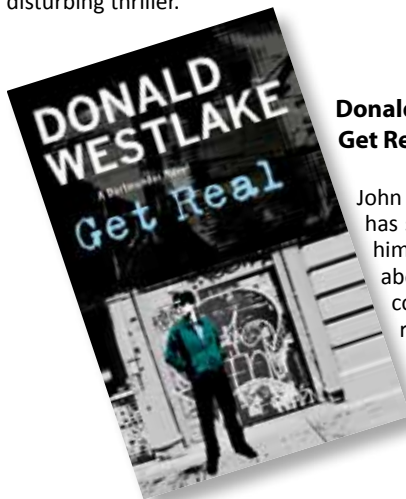
isn't - flamboyant, reckless and sexy, with a habit of breaking rules and hearts wherever she goes. Despite their differences, the women are drawn to each other, and an unlikely friendship develops. But beneath the surface, both of them are troubled. Secrets, lies, love, obsession – a stunning psychological suspense debut.



Peter MAYLE
The Vintage Caper
223pp
Tp \$29.95

From the author of **A Year in Provence** comes Peter Mayle's first crime novel, with a French setting, of course! The unravelling of the ingenious crime is threaded

through with Mayle's seductive rendering of France's sensory delights, from the fine wines of Bordeaux to the bouillabaisse of Marseille. A vintage work from a beloved author.



Donald WESTLAKE
Get Real

278pp Tp \$32.95

John Dortmunder, perennially depressed master thief, finally has something to smile about. A TV producer has convinced him and his merry band of crooks to star in a reality TV show about their next heist, and the pay is exceptionally good. Of course, there's the small issue of how to avoid being caught red-handed when the camera is capturing their every move, but Dortmunder has an ingenious plan. (Sadly, this is the last Dortmunder novel as Donald Westlake passed away in December 2008).



We have signed copies of Peter Temple's new book **Truth** (Tp \$32.95) and signed copies of the numbered, limited edition (Hb \$45), as well as signed copies of **The Broken Shore** (Pb \$23.95), while stocks last.



Stieg LARSSON
The Millennium trilogy

We now have a limited number of hardback editions of these three hugely popular books, published posthumously after the author's untimely death in 2004. #1 **The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo**, #2 **The Girl Who Played with Fire** and #3 **The Girl Who Kicked the Hornet's Nest**, \$49.95 each. The paperbacks, bestsellers all, are still available: #1 \$24.95, #2 \$24.95 and #3 \$32.95.

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MODERN CRIME

Megan ABBOTT **Queenpin**

\$22.99 Pb 192pp

A young woman hired to keep the books at a down-at-the-heels nightclub is taken under the wing of the infamous Gloria Denton, a mob luminary who is notoriously cunning and ruthless. Gloria shows her young protégée the ropes, ushering her into a glittering demimonde of late-night casinos, racetracks, inside heists, and big money. As the roulette wheel turns, both mentor and protégée scramble to stay one step ahead of their bosses... and each other. (American) *Due Dec*



Will ADAMS **Exodus Quest**

\$19.99 Pb 560pp

On the trail of a Dead Sea Scroll, Daniel Knox stumbles across an ancient temple being excavated by evangelical Christians outside Alexandria. Meanwhile, Knox's partner, Gaille Bonnard, is kidnapped by rogue soldiers in the ancient city of Amarna. Gaille sends Knox a hidden SOS in a hostage video – but Knox is under arrest on suspicion of murder for Alexandra's senior archaeologist. The only way for him to find and save her is to crack one of the great unsolved mysteries of the ancient world. (English) *Due Dec*

James ANDERSON **The Affair of the Thirty-Nine Cufflinks**

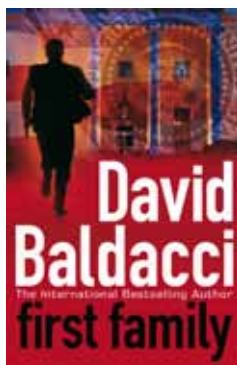
\$19.99 Pb 416pp

Lord Burford had some misgivings about hosting another house party at his beautiful country mansion; the previous two could at best be described as disastrous! But with family members travelling down for a relative's funeral, the Earl had no choice but to offer them accommodation. It didn't take long for things to go wrong. One of the guests claimed she had knowledge that would ruin the others' reputations, but luckily nobody took her seriously... At least, until her body was found. (English) *Due Dec*

David BALDACCI **First Family**

\$19.99 Pb 400pp

Camp David, USA. A birthday party turns into a nightmare after a child is kidnapped. The First Lady enlists the services of Sean King and Michelle Maxwell to bring the child home safely. But she and King share a past. Years ago he saved her then-senator husband from political disaster. And this may not be all that passed between them... (American) *Due Dec*



Alex BARCLAY **Blood Runs Cold**

\$19.99 Pb 448pp

Special Agent Jean Transom is a rising star in the FBI – until her charred corpse is found on the slopes of Quandry Peak. Special Agent Ren Bryce is drafted in from Washington DC to take Transom's place. Under pressure from her boss in Washington, Ren delves deeper into Transom's past. The investigation leads Ren down a dark and treacherous path, where one secret leads to another, and murder is the only way out for a damaged and dangerous mind... (Irish) *Due Dec*

Colin BATEMAN **The Day of the Jack Russell**

\$32.99 Tp 384pp

The Small Shop Keeper With No Name is back. Hired to find the vandals responsible for spraying graffiti on an aspiring insurance magnate's advertising hoarding, he soon finds himself up to his ears in intrigue and battling to solve murders which echo in the corridors of power. With MI5 getting involved and everyone on the hunt for a missing Jack Russell, can Our Man Behind the Counter stay alive? (Irish) *Due Dec*



M C BEATON **There Goes the Bride**

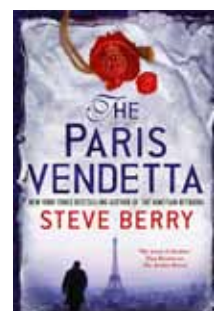
\$39.95 Hb 246pp

Agatha Raisin #20. Agatha's former husband James is engaged to be married to a beautiful, young woman. Agatha conveniently decides to fall for Sylvan, a Frenchman she meets at James' engagement party. To distract herself further, she decides upon a holiday in Istanbul, where she unfortunately bumps into James and his fiancée not once, but twice – convincing James that she is stalking them. So when the bride is murdered on her wedding day, naturally Agatha is the first suspect... (Scottish) *Due Dec*

Steve BERRY **The Paris Vendetta**

\$39.99 Tp 432pp

Cotton Malone's closest and most dangerous friend, Henrik Thorvaldsen, is in serious trouble. Thorvaldsen has been tracking a shadowy group called the 'Paris Club', and not only does he believe that they are about to trigger a global financial meltdown, but that one of the club's members murdered his son two years ago. Thorvaldsen won't rest until he has avenged his boy's death, even if it means dragging Malone into his schemes. (American) *Due Dec*



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Mikkel BIRKEGAARD
The Library of Shadows

\$24.95 Pb 432pp

When Luca Campelli dies suddenly, his son Jon inherits his second-hand bookshop, Libri di Luca, in Copenhagen. Jon has not seen his father for twenty years since the mysterious death of his mother. When Luca's death is followed by an arson attempt on the shop, Jon is forced to explore his family's past. Unbeknown to Jon, the bookshop has for years been hiding a remarkable secret. Now the secret is out, and Jon finds himself in a fight for his life. (Danish) *SUS Due Dec*



Benjamin BLACK
The Lemur

\$22.99 Pb 240pp

When William Mulholland, an ex-CIA operative, gets wind of a hostile biography planned for him by the investigative journalist Wilson Cleaver, he commissions his daughter's husband, John Glass, to pen the official line. But Glass' young researcher tries to blackmail him, and Glass is horrified, fearing that his own secrets, as well as the Mulholland's, are at risk. Intrigue ensues when Glass hears from the NYPD that his young researcher has been murdered. (Irish) *SUS Due Dec*



Miranda BLISS
Murder Has a Sweet Tooth

\$13.95 Pb 256pp

Cooking Class Mystery #5. Annie Capshaw has discovered that the way to a man's heart is through his cooking class. But just as she and her best friend Eve are planning Annie's big day with Jim – her former cooking instructor turned boss – murder takes the cake. Make that the wedding cake! (American) *COS Due Dec*



Allison BRENNAN
Sudden Death

\$19.99 Pb 416pp

FBI #1. When FBI agent Megan Elliott realises that a murder victim carries military ID and an unusual body mutilation, Meg suspects the murder is target specific – especially when she discovers other recently murdered soldiers with the same disfigurement. Forced to partner up with the mercenary Jack Kincaid, Meg realises that the killer's primary target is closer to home... (American) *Due Dec*

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William BRODRICK

Whispered Name \$24.99 Pb 352pp

Father Anselm #3. Herbert Moore had been one of the founding fathers of the Priory, and a man who'd shaped Anselm's own vocation. But Father Anselm soon learns that Herbert harboured secrets from his past. In 1917, during the terrible slaughter of the Passchendaele campaign, a soldier faced a court martial for desertion, whilst Herbert sat upon the panel that judged him. In coming to understand the court martial, Anselm discovers its true significance... (American) *Due Dec*



Frances BRODY

Dying in the Wool \$22.99 Pb 368pp

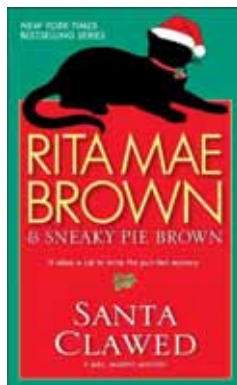
A Kate Shackleton Mystery. Kate Shackleton has always loved solving puzzles. Pretty and remote, nothing exceptional happens in the village of Bridgestead – except for the day when Joshua Braithwaite goes missing in dramatic circumstances, never to be heard of again. So who better to get to the bottom of Joshua's mysterious disappearance than Kate? But as she taps into the lives of the Bridgestead dwellers, she opens cracks that some would *kill* to keep closed... (English) *COS Due Dec*



Rita Mae BROWN

Santa Clawed \$15.95 Pb 288pp

Mrs Murphy Mystery #17. Christmas is picture-perfect in Crozet, Virginia, until Harry and her husband find their chosen Christmas tree decorated with a grim corpse. As the season grows merrier, a murderer grows bolder. One by one, prominent men of Crozet are being added to the morgue. And if Harry isn't careful – this Christmas will be her last! (American) *Due Dec*



Michael BYRNES

The Sacred Blood \$19.99 Pb 432pp

A group of archaeologists in the Judean desert stumble upon a secret room inside a cave, where they discover an ancient scroll... Meanwhile, a covert and ruthless sect called 'The Sons of Light' plans to turn the world upside down. All they need is a specific strain of DNA from an ancient human skeleton. When they discover that American scientist Charlotte Hennessey actually shares this DNA, the race begins to kidnap the girl and prepare for the final battle. (American) *Due Dec*



Anne CANADEO

While My Pretty One Knits

\$24.99 Pb 250pp

The Black Sheep Knitters – Maggie, Lucy, Dana, Suzanne, and Phoebe – meet once a week without fail, sharing the varied and colourful skeins of their lives as much as knitting tips, recipes, and small-town gossip. Now a shocking murder has peaceful Plum Harbor, Massachusetts, in knots – and the Black Sheep women must herd together to protect one of their own from a scandalous frame-up. (American)



J L CARRELL

The Shakespeare Curse

\$32.99 Tp 416pp

Macbeth is a famously cursed play, and Kate Stanley's friends question her choice to direct its production for its 400th anniversary – but Kate's expertise in the mysteries of Shakespeare make her a natural. However, bizarre ritual objects begin to appear at rehearsals, and it becomes clear that someone is sending a sinister message. When a boy is abducted, Kate digs deep into her knowledge of Macbeth and occult Shakespeare to decipher the riddles and save him. (American) *Due Dec*



Lincoln CHILD

Terminal Freeze \$15.95 Pb 448pp

On a routine exploration of a glacial ice cave in the Arctic Circle, a group of scientists led by palaeoecologist, Evan Marshall, discover an enormous ancient animal, encased in solid ice. The media conglomerate sponsoring their research immediately intervenes, planning to reveal the creature live on television. Despite warnings from the local Native American village, the "docudrama" goes ahead... Until the scientists make a horrifying discovery. The beast is no regular specimen... Nor is it dead. (American) *Due Dec*



Laura CHILDS

Eggs Benedict Arnold

\$15.95 Pb 336pp

Cackleberry Club Mystery #2. When Cackleberry Clubber, Suzanne, delivers a pie to funeral director Ozzie Driesden, she discovers him dead on the embalming table. She barely has time to recognise his corpse before she's drugged with chloroform. With more suspects than breakfast specials, the Cackleberry Club scrambles to crack the case – before one of their own ends up six feet under! (American) *Due Dec*





Agatha CHRISTIE

Hallowe'en Party

Facsimile Edition \$29.99 Hb 256pp

At a Halloween party, Joyce – a hostile teenager – boasts that she once witnessed a murder. When no-one believes her, she storms off home. Within hours her body is found, drowned in an apple-bobbing tub. That night, Hercule Poirot is called in to find the evil presence. But first he must establish whether he is looking for a murderer or a double-murderer... (English) *Due Dec*



Agatha CHRISTIE

Poirot's Early Cases

Facsimile Edition \$29.99 Hb 256pp

Still in the formative years of his career, Hercule Poirot faces a most taxing case: who killed Lord Cronshaw? Was Coco Courtenay's death on the same night a mere coincidence? And did she deliberately take an overdose of cocaine? No sooner has Poirot revealed his astonishing conclusions, than he must turn his powers of deduction to 17 other whirlwind mysteries. (English) *Due Dec*



Michael CONNELLY

Harry Bosch Novels Volume 4:

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\$35.00 Pb 816pp

A great-value omnibus featuring three of Connelly's recent novels following LAPD officer-turned-private investigator, Harry Bosch. (American) *Due Dec*



Clive CUSSLER

Corsair

\$19.95 Pb 438pp

Oregon Files #6. Off the coast of Somalia a battered, old freighter is boarded by pirates whose sights are set on a hefty ransom... (America) *Due Dec*

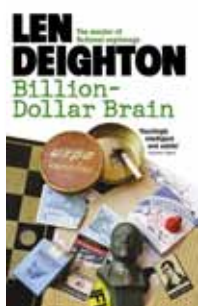


Len DEIGHTON

Billion-Dollar Brain (1966)

\$19.99 Pb 464pp

The thrilling story of an anti-communist espionage network owned by a Texan billionaire, General Midwinter, run from a vast computer complex known as the Brain. (English) *Due Dec*



Len DEIGHTON

Horse Under Water (1963)

\$19.99 Pb 464pp

A curious story, in which the dead hand of a long-defeated Hitler-Germany reaches out to Portugal, London and Marrakech and to all the neo-Nazis of today's Europe. (English) *Due Dec*



Nelson DeMILLE

The Gate House

\$22.99 Pb 864pp

When John Sutter returns to Long Island for a funeral, he finds himself living in close proximity to Susan, his ex-wife. But Susan isn't the only person from John's past who has re-emerged. Frank Bellarosa – infamous Mafia don and Susan's ex-lover – may be long dead, but his son Anthony is alive and well, and intent on drawing John back into the violent world of the Bellarosa family... and exacting revenge on his father's murderer – Susan. (American) *Due Dec*



Hannah DENNISON

Exposé!

\$13.95 Pb 320pp

Vicky Hill Exclusive #3. When local celebrity Scarlett Flemming dies, Vicky learns of Scarlett's shaky finances and marriage. Canvassing an entire town of suspects and juggling three eligible suitors, Vicky must stay one step ahead of a killer once she realises she's no longer writing an obituary – but an exposé! (English) *Due Dec*



Monica FERRIS

Sew Far, So Good:

Unraveled Sleeve / A Murderous Yarn / Hanging by a Thread

\$27.95 Pb 448pp

Shop owner and part-time sleuth Betsy Devonshire has a knack for stumbling upon dead bodies... and it's entangled her in more than one knotty situation! Here, in one volume, are three of Betsy's adventures as a not-so-seamless investigator. (American) *Due Dec*



Monica FERRIS

Thai Die

\$15.95 Pb 304pp

Needlecraft Mystery #12. Back from a trip in Thailand, Doris Valentine is eager to show Betsy – owner of the Crewel World needlework shop – her souvenirs. After the souvenirs are stolen from Doris' apartment, Betsy suspects there is something more to this exotic embroidery than meets the eye. (American) *Due Dec*



Ian FLEMING

The Blofeld Trilogy: Thunderball / On Her Majesty's Secret Service /

You Only Live Twice \$29.95 Pb 720pp

Ernst Stavro Blofeld is James Bond's arch-nemesis: a deranged criminal mastermind with ambitions to bring the world to its knees in his pursuit of power. This collection brings together three novels featuring the ultimate Bond villain! (English) *Due Dec*



Nicci FRENCH

Complicit

\$32.95 Tp 320pp

Bonnie is a music teacher who has spent a long, hot summer in London rehearsing with a band to play at a wedding. It was supposed to be fun, but the band members find the complicated knots of their friendships unravelling as the days themselves unwind.

Music turns deadly as lovers betray one another, passions turn murderous and friendship itself becomes a crime. (English) *Due Dec*



Meg GARDINER

The Dirty Secrets Club

\$19.99 Pb 448pp

San Francisco. Forensic psychiatrist, Jo Beckett, confronts the mangled remains of prosecutor Callie Harding, with 'dirty' written in lipstick on her thigh. Callie Harding isn't the first high flyer to go down. And if Jo can't figure out why the prosecutor died, Harding won't be the last. Jo is about to discover how dirty some secrets can be. (American) *Due Dec*



Michael GILBERT

The Murder of Diana Devon and Other Mysteries \$49.95 Hb 224pp

Containing eleven previously uncollected stories, two radio plays and a poem, as well as other unpublished stories by Gilbert. This new collection is a must-have! (English) *SUS Due Dec*



Carol GOODMAN

Night Villa

\$22.99 Pb 432pp

In the aftermath of a tragic shooting on the University of Texas campus, classics professor Sophie Chase seeks sanctuary on the isle of Capri, immersing herself in her latest scholarly project. Secreted in a subterranean labyrinth rests a cache of antique documents believed lost to the ages – a prize too tantalizing for Sophie to resist, and she is swiftly sucked into their dark and terrifying vortex... (American) *Due Dec*



Sue GRAFTON

U is for Undertow

\$32.99 Tp 400pp

In 1960s Santa Teresa, California, a child is kidnapped and never returned. When the case is reopened after twenty years, private detective Kinsey Millhone is approached by Michael, who claims to have recalled a strange and disturbing memory which might provide the key to the mystery. And while stepping back into Michael's past, Kinsey discovers more about her own history too... (America) *Due Dec*



Thomas GREANIAS
The Atlantis Revelation
\$22.99 Pb 368pp

In the ruins of the Third Reich, archaeologist Conrad Yeats discovers the key to an ancient conspiracy that reaches the highest levels of every major government. Suddenly Yeats is plunged into a deadly race across the Mediterranean, hunted by the assassins of an international organisation that will stop at nothing to ignite global Armageddon and revive an empire. (American) *Due Dec*

Sophie HANNAH
The Other Half Lives
\$19.99 Pb 576pp

Ruth Bussey is rebuilding her life, and has found a love she doesn't believe she deserves – Aidan Seed. Like Ruth, Aidan is troubled by his past, until one day he decides to confide in her. Years ago, Aidan killed a woman named Mary Trelease. When Ruth realises why the name sounds familiar, her fear and confusion deepen. The Mary Trelease that Ruth knows is very much alive... (English) *Due Dec*

Sam HAYES
Tell Tale
\$32.99 Tp 416pp

A woman stands on a bridge. In a few seconds she will jump to her death. Who is she? Nina Kennedy, a wife and mother, is afraid. A man is following her, threatening her family, toying with her sanity. What does he want? Eight-year-old Ava is waiting for her daddy. But just like the others in the children's home, her father never comes. In the home, no one dares tell the truth. Until now... (English) *Due Dec*

Jack HIGGINS
Passage by Night **\$19.99 Pb 320pp**

Harry Manning had fled the Cuban revolution, sacrificing everything to seek solace on the tranquil waters of the Bahamas. His solace is later shattered by a terrorist bomb that claims the lives of his loved ones. Driven by a seething desire for revenge, Harry unknowingly unearths a deadly conspiracy that threatens to bring the world to the brink of the ultimate war. (English) *Due Dec*



Hazel HOLT
Mrs Malory and Any Man's Death
\$49.95 Hb 288pp/\$13.95 Pb 256pp

Mrs Malory Mystery #19. When Sheila Malory gets roped into village busybody Annie Robert's latest project – a compilation of the village's history – she has a feeling it will lead to trouble. The project is cut short when Annie is poisoned to death. Mrs Malory suspects that because of her nosy nature, Annie has discovered some dark secrets about her fellow villagers... (English) *Due Dec*

Angela HUNT
Let Darkness Come
\$15.95 Pb 384pp

Chicago tabloid headlines are screaming that a society wife has killed her long-abusive husband. It seems like a hopeless, open-and-shut case, but Briley Lester is increasingly convinced that her client truly is innocent. A tragic secret could be the key to proving it. But before Briley can expose the truth, she'll have to face this woman's shadow-haunted past, and her own – to let darkness come... (American) *Due Dec*



Greg ILES
The Devil's Punchbowl
\$33.00 Pb 560pp

As mayor of his hometown, Natchez, Mississippi, ex-prosecuting attorney Penn Cage faces his most dangerous threat yet. When Penn's childhood friend is brutally murdered, he realises the extent of his failure to protect his increasingly corrupt city. So begins his quest to find the men responsible. But it's a hunt he begins alone, for the local authorities have been corrupted by the money and power of a hidden enemy. (American) *Due Dec*

Arnaldur INDRIDASON
Arctic Chill
\$24.95 Pb 352pp

Reykjavik #5. When the body of a young, dark-skinned boy is found, Erlendur and his team embark on an investigation that soon unearths tensions simmering beneath the surface of Iceland's outwardly liberal, multicultural society – forcing Erlendur to confront the tragedy in his own past... (Icelandic) *Due Dec*



Bill JAMES
Hotbed
\$46.95 Hb 208pp

Harpur and Iles #25. For years, drug barons Ralph Ember and Mansel Shale have run their crooked empires peacefully alongside each other, tolerated by detectives Iles and Harpur as a way of keeping violence off the streets. But are things changing? Lust for monopoly seems to have finally kicked in. Iles and Harpur have picked up hints of a shift in the Ember-Shale relationship and must act urgently to prevent outright carnage! (English) *Due Dec*

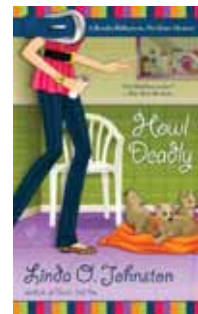
J A JANCE
Cruel Intent
\$19.99 Pb 352pp

When the battered, bloodstained body of Morgan Forester is discovered by Ali Reynolds' twin daughters, the prime suspect is the contractor Ali has hired to help re-design her home – Morgan's husband, Bryan. But Bryan swears he had nothing to do with the killing. Was Morgan's death the result of a domestic dispute that turned violent – or is her murder part of something far more sinister that may also cost Ali her life? (American) *Due Dec*

Linda JOHNSTON
Howl Deadly
\$15.95 Pb 304pp

Kendra Ballantyne Pet Sitter Mystery #8.

Kendra's weekend getaway with gorgeous millionaire Dante DeFrancisco turns chilling when a mother she-wolf goes missing from Dante's pet sanctuary. Now Kendra must find her – along with a killer hiding right before her eyes. (American) *Due Dec*



Morag JOSS
The Night Following
\$29.99 Tp 368pp

The wife of a doctor discovers that her husband has been having an affair. Moments later, she accidentally hits 61-year-old Ruth Mitchell with her car, killing her instantly. Horrified by what she has done, she turns her attention to Ruth's bereaved husband, a man as wracked by grief as she is by guilt. As she insinuates herself into his life, he starts to believe that his wife has returned to him. (Scottish) *Due Dec*

Michael KORYTA
Envy the Night
\$22.99 Pb 336pp

Since learning that his US marshal father led a double life as a contract killer – and committed suicide to avoid prosecution – Frank Temple III has drifted through life. But when he learns that Devin Matteson, the man who informed his father to the FBI, is returning to Wisconsin, Frank cannot allow it. After all, contract killer or not, Frank's father was at heart a teacher. And his son was an excellent student... (American) *Due Dec*

Chris KUZNESKI
The Lost Throne
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Richard Byrd, an academic, has nearly uncovered the location of one of the Seven Ancient Wonders – the statue of Zeus and his mighty throne. But Byrd's search has also uncovered a forbidden conspiracy involving a long-forgotten sect – and there are those who would do anything to conceal its dark agenda... (American) *Due Dec*



**C E LAWRENCE****Silent Screams \$13.95 Pb 304pp**

In the streets of New York City, the 'Slasher' chooses his female victim – and makes his move. NYPD detectives suspect a jealous boyfriend, but criminal profiler Lee Campbell senses something darker, even ritualistic, about the murder. He's convinced he's witnessing the genesis of a full-blown serial killer, and Campbell must search the most terrifying recesses of the human mind before the screaming starts again... (American) *Due Dec*

**Robert LUDLUM****The Second Bourne Trilogy: The Bourne Legacy / The Bourne Betrayal / The Bourne Sanction****\$35.00 Pb 960pp**

This features three titles from Ludlum's highly acclaimed series, following the adventures of ex-CIA agent Jason Bourne. (American) *Due Dec*

**Alastair MacNEILL****Rendezvous (1996)****\$19.99 Pb 464pp**

In 1942, the Special Operations Executive and American Military Intelligence carefully select a team to embark on a mission which could change the course of the war in the Mediterranean. James McIndoe, one of the most experienced operatives in the SOE, forms an uneasy team with two members of the AMI. But when the operation is compromised, the tension mounts... and there can be no turning back! (Scottish) *Due Dec*

**Michael MARSHALL****Bad Things \$19.99 Pb 400pp**

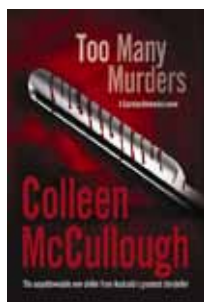
A young boy dies in tragic and mysterious circumstances. Three years on, the family has fallen apart, and the boy's father is grief-stricken. Then one day he receives an email, claiming knowledge of the boy's death. There's only one way for the bereaved father to find out if the email is true... But what are the sinister motives behind the author's involvement? (English) *Due Dec*

**Ken McClURE****White Death \$19.95 Pb 240pp**

Governments of the world know a terrorist biological attack will happen soon. Vaccination is the only solution, but designing and producing vaccines has never been harder due to stringent trials and regulations. There is no such thing as a completely safe vaccine, but necessity begins to outweigh caution; corners are cut, blind eyes turned, and scientists given free rein. The only outcome can be disaster. (Scottish) *Due Dec*

**Colleen McCULLOUGH****Too Many Murders****\$49.99 Hb 384pp**

Holloman, Connecticut, 1967. 12 murders have taken place in one day, with seemingly no connection to each other. And if 12 murders were not enough, Chief Detective Captain Carmine Delmonico soon finds himself pitted against the mysterious Ulysses – a spy providing secrets to the Russians. Are the murders and espionage different cases? Or are they somehow linked? (Australian) *Due Dec*

**Cody McFADYEN****Abandoned \$32.99 Tp 400pp**

A woman who had been missing for eight years is found thrown from an unmarked car in front of a beachside wedding – alive but unbearably traumatised. Tracking a kidnapper who appears to have no motive, FBI Special Agent Smoky Barrett and her team are plunged into the most sinister and disturbing case of their careers. Then they start to find the other victims... (American) *Due Dec*

**John McFETRIDGE****Everybody Knows****This is Nowhere \$24.95 Pb 334pp**

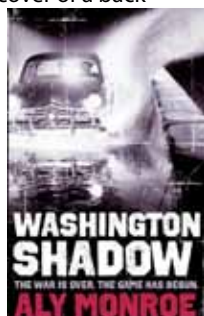
Toronto, Canada. Sharon MacDonald is under house arrest, and an Iranian man just fell from the 25th floor of her apartment building. Meanwhile, Detective Gord Bergeron is faced with a missing ten-year-old girl; an unidentified torso dumped in an alley; and corruption deep within the police force. It's only a matter of time until Sharon's and Gord's paths cross... and all hell breaks loose! (Canadian) *PPR Due Dec*

**Robyn McWILLIAM (ed)****Queen of Crime Anthology 2008****\$15.95 Pb 126pp**

The Queen of Crime Awards sponsored by Abbey's Bookshop and featuring short stories from the competition run each year by Partners in Crime Sydney is an intriguing selection including the winners but also a number of excellent other entries in the competition. (Australian) *SUS*

**Aly MONROE****Washington Shadow****\$32.99 Tp 336pp**

September, 1945. Under cover of a back-up team, agent Peter Cotton is sent from bankrupt and desperate Britain to investigate the break-up of America's wartime intelligence agency. Cotton finds himself caught up in a world of shadows involving an Anglo-American conspiracy that will change the world of post-war intelligence forever. (British) *Due Dec*

**Jo NESBO****The Redeemer \$24.95 Pb 576pp**

Harry Hole #4. When a man is shot at point-blank range during Christmas festivities in Oslo, Harry Hole and his team have little to work with. But when the assassin discovers he has shot the wrong man, Harry's troubles really begin. After exceptionally shrewd detective work, Harry begins to close in on the suspect. But the suspect grows increasingly desperate, and he will stop at nothing to eliminate his target... (Norwegian) *Due Dec*

**C M PALOV****Ark of Fire****\$15.95 Pb 400pp**

Photographer Edie Miller witnesses a murder and the theft of an ancient Hebrew relic. Fearing authorities are complicit, she turns to a historian for help. Neither realises the breadth of the crime, its ties to a government conspiracy, or its connection to the most valuable relic in history – until they are both marked for execution. (American) *Due Dec*

**Robert B PARKER****The Professional****\$32.95 Tp 304pp**

Spenser #38. When four stunningly beautiful trophy wives hire Spenser to protect them against a blackmailer threatening to expose their infidelities, even he must admit it seems like trouble. For a private eye of Spenser's abilities and contacts, tracking down Gary Eisenhower, the blackmailer and serial adulterer, doesn't seem difficult – until Spenser realises that not all of Gary's women are wealthy. (American) *Due Dec*

**Robert B PARKER****Stranger in Paradise****\$24.95 Pb 320pp**

Jesse Stone #7. An Apache hit-man arrives in Paradise to find a missing girl and snuff out her mother. But his conscience is getting the best of him. If he doesn't make the hit, he'll pay for it. So might ex-LA cop Jesse Stone, who's been enlisted to protect them all. (American) *Due Dec*

**James PATTERSON****Run for Your Life****\$21.95 Pb 400pp**

Bennett #2. A killer who calls himself 'the Teacher' is taking on New York City, killing the powerful and the arrogant. His message is clear: remember your manners or die! Only Detective Mike Bennett can tackle such a high-profile case. The pressure is enough for anyone, but Mike also has to care for his ten children who have all come down with virulent flu! (American) *Due Dec*



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**Anne PERRY****A Christmas Promise****\$55.00 Hb 160pp**

A young girl is searching for the truth behind her uncle's death. Can she solve the mystery before the Christmas bells toll? (English) *Due Dec*

**Tom PICCIRILLI****Shadow Season \$15.95 Pb 288pp**

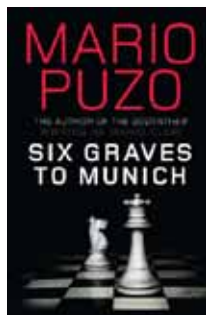
Ex-cop Finn was left literally blinded by violence. The one thing he *can* still see is the body of his wife, Dani, and a crime scene that won't fade from his mind's eye. Now a professor, Finn never would have guessed that an isolated girls' prep school could be every bit as dangerous as city streets. Especially after stumbling upon a girl lying in a graveyard in the middle of a raging blizzard... (American)

**Jason PINTER****The Darkness \$15.95 Pb 384pp**

Henry Parker #5. A young man is found murdered, his body dumped into New York's East River. The victim has ties to reporter Henry Parker's half-brother, Stephen Gaines, who was recently murdered by an elusive drug lord known only as 'the Fury'. Yet, the more Parker reveals, the more he realises how dark the Fury's plans are... (American) *JOU Due Dec*

**Mario PUZO****Six Graves to Munich****\$22.95 Pb 208pp**

During the Second World War, Michael Rogan, an American intelligence officer, is interrogated and tortured by a group of senior Gestapo officers. Ten years later, recovered from the appalling injuries he suffered and seeking to avenge the death of his wife at the hands of the same men, Michael is determined to track down and kill each one. (American) *Due Dec*

**David ROBERTS****Sweet Sorrow \$46.95 Hb 288pp**

Lord Edward Corinth & Verity Browne #10. At the outset of World War II, Byron Gates, a self-absorbed poet who has escaped the impending attack on London with his family, is found dead in the village of Rodnell. Coincidentally, newlyweds Verity Browne and Lord Edward Corinth are setting up their first home in the Old Vicarage, and must investigate this gruesome murder. (English) *Due Dec*

**Wendy ROBERTS****Dead and Kicking \$13.95 Pb 288pp**

Ghost Dusters Mystery #3. Sadie Novak cleans up crime scenes for a living and is also blessed with the gift of second sight. This time she's digging out the home of a compulsive hoarder. She discovers unexpected things, including an angry ghost who wants her to go away. And there are even more secrets beneath the surface - secrets that someone will kill to keep buried... (Canadian) *Due Dec*

**Emili ROSALES****The Invisible City \$24.99 Pb 288pp**

Emili Rosell, the young owner of one of Barcelona's top galleries, receives an old manuscript written by an Italian architect about the 'Invisible City' - an ambitious project dreamt up by King Charles III to build an alternative capital city in the Ebro delta. The site of the Invisible City is where Emili used to play as a child; seduced by this, he plunges into a fascinating world of 18th century romance and political intrigue. (Spanish) *Due Dec*

**Robert ROTENBERG****Old City Hall \$22.99 Pb 400pp**

A talk-show host confesses to the brutal murder of his young wife. The evidence is cast iron. But when a determined detective, an ambitious rookie prosecutor and a defence lawyer keen to make her mark piece together the details of the case, nothing fits. An intricately plotted web of lies, half-truths and hidden motives emerges alongside a secret no one could have suspected. (Canadian) *Due Dec*

**Stephanie ROWE****Chill****\$15.95 Pb 336pp**

The sequel to *Ice* (\$17.95 Pb). Alaskan bush pilot Luke Webber finds a bleeding woman on his doorstep and realises the past he had tried to leave behind 8 years before is about to catch up with him... in a very deadly way. (American) *Due Dec*

**Sandra RUTTAN****Lullaby For the Nameless****\$15.95 Pb 336pp**

A Hart, Nolan and Tain Thriller #3. Missing girls are turning up murdered, in ways that eerily resemble the methods of the killer from the first case that Hart, Nolan, and Tain had worked on together. Did they get the wrong man the first time? (Canadian) *Due Dec*

**John SANDFORD****Heat Lightning \$19.99 Pb 448pp**

A killer is leaving a puzzling calling card in the mouths of his victims. And in the middle of a steamy Minnesota summer, Virgil Flowers of the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension finds himself embroiled in an investigation with no easy answers - and no easy way out. (American) *PPR Due Dec*

**Alex SCARROW****October Skies \$22.99 Pb 496pp**

Deep in the mountain forests of Wyoming, Julian Cooke stumbles across the rotting remains of a wooden wagon. He's discovered what's left of the Preston Group, a convoy of settlers that vanished in the winter of 1856. It's clear that something horrific happened here all those years ago, but Cooke can only find a few tantalising clues. As Cooke unravels the mystery, he must question if the horror he is uncovering was the start of something much worse... (English) *Due Dec*

**Bernhard SCHLINK****Self's Murder****\$32.99 Tp 272pp**

Gerhard Self Mystery #3. Set during post-reunification Germany, private detective Gerhard Self is enlisted to delve into the history of a prestigious bank. But his quest to discover the identity of a sleeping partner from several decades before throws up far more questions than answers. Self begins to suspect his mission may have been but a ruse to lure him headlong into a tale of money-laundering, murder and mafiosi. (German) *PRI Due Dec*

**Chris SIMMS****Hell's Fire****\$22.99 Pb 304pp**

When a charred corpse and satanic symbols are found in the smoking ruins of a torched church in Manchester, DI Jon Spicer and the city's Major Incident Team are called in. Jon quickly finds himself drawn into the depths of a horrifying underworld he didn't know existed. Soon, fresh killings bring the realisation that those responsible are prepared to commit unspeakable acts of evil in homage to their God. (English) *Due Dec*

**Vanda SYMON****Containment \$24.95 Pb 350pp**

Sam Shephard is training as a detective at Dunedin Central when she is assigned to investigate what seems to be a routine diving accident off the Otago coast. But forensics reveals that the man didn't die from drowning, and the body was stuffed in its wetsuit *after* death. As the story unfolds, Sam tries making sense of a complex web of lies and violence. (New Zealander) *Due Dec*

Paco TAIBO (ed)
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Ronald TIERNEY
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Carly Paladino Mystery #1. Carly Paladino, a newly established PI, must investigate the death of a daughter of an old and moneyed Pacific Heights family. A mysterious young man is arrested, but Carly suspects the real murderer is inside the Hanover mansion. Meanwhile, streetwise PI Noah Lang gets involved, but struggles with the consequences of his last assignment. Can he come up with a solution to murder? (American) *Due Dec*

Peter TURNBULL
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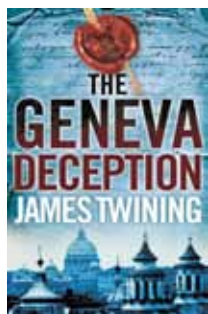
A Hennessey & Yellich Mystery. Hennessey and Yellich are investigating two parallel murders committed 20 years apart. First, Ebenezer Moulton goes from his father's funeral straight to the police to confess he witnessed his late father committing a murder. But things are not as straightforward as they seem, and the trail leads to the murder of a man in his 20s whose father is not exactly a pillar of the community... (English)

Peter TURNBULL
Improving the Silence \$49.95 Hb 186pp

Hennessey & Yellich Mystery. When a body is discovered in a rough grave, deep in the woods, the police find that it is of one of their young undercover officers who died nearly 30 years ago. As their inquiries from slender clues progress, it becomes clear that they are also uncovering a sordid tale of corruption and murder within their own ranks. (English)

James TWINING
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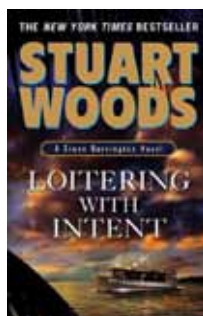
Following three separate murders, police photographer Flavia Salvatore realises that someone is staging famous Caravaggio paintings. Suspecting the detective leading the case is corrupt, Flavia begins her own investigation. In Rome, Flavia encounters art thief Tom Kirk, and before long they both find themselves submerged in a criminal conspiracy involving the police, politicians, the church and the mafia. (English) *Due Dec*



Sue WALKER
The Burning \$19.95 Pb 376pp
 Murray Shaw has bought his dream home – the imposing St Margaret's House in Edinburgh. Yet St Margaret's House has a dark past, and unknown to his wife Rowan, that's exactly why Murray bought it. What has drawn Murray to this scene of darkness? And why is the Reverend Shelagh Kerr, minister of the nearby St Margaret's Church, so terrified to learn that Murray has returned? (Scottish) *Due Dec*

Stuart WOODS
Loitering with Intent \$19.95 Pb 400pp

A Stone Barrington Novel. Broke, and just-been-dumped, ex-NYPD officer Stone Barrington is asked to track down the son of an extremely rich man in Key West. Seems too good to be true, and it is. But even as things heat up, Stone manages to keep his cool and make the most of this job in vacation-land. (American) *Due Dec*



CRIME HISTORICAL

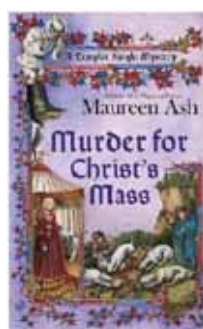
Boris AKUNIN
She Lover of Death \$29.99 Tp 272pp

Erast Fandorin #8. An intrepid newspaper reporter, Zhemailo, sets out to uncover the truth behind a wave of suicides amongst young Moscow bohemians – that the victims are linked by an occult society. But Zhemailo is not the only investigator on the case. Little do the occult members realise that the latest 'convert' to their secret society, assuming the alias of a Japanese prince, is none other than Erast Fandorin. (Russian) *Due Dec*



Maureen ASH
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Templar Knight Mystery #4. The town of Lincoln is covered in snow, concealing the mortal remains of a clerk who worked in the local mint. The only clue is a pristine coin stamped with the visage of King Stephen. But Templar Bascot de Marins soon discovers that the motive goes beyond money – and beyond mere murder. (Canadian) *Due Dec*



David ASHTON
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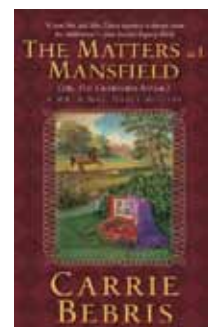
Inspector McLevy #3. Inspector McLevy teams up with Arthur Conan Doyle to pursue a ruthless killer. It is 1860 and a Confederate officer, Jonathon Sinclair, arrives in Edinburgh with a sheaf of money to purchase a blockade-runner from Clydeside shipbuilders. He is betrayed to the Union forces and brutally shot dead by their secret agents. And then the money vanishes... (English) *Due Dec*

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Pais, 1818. Master of disguise and chief of a newly-created plainclothes police force, Vidocq, investigates the dangerous mystery surrounding the fate of the dauphin, the ten-year-old son of King Louis XVI and Marie-Antoinette, presumed to have suffered a cruel death years earlier in Paris's dreaded Temple – uncovering shocking truths while he is at it! (American) *Due Dec*

Carrie BEBRIS
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Mr and Mrs Darcy #4. Following the birth of their first child, Elizabeth and Fitzwilliam Darcy are looking forward to enjoying life at Pemberley, but family commitments draw them away to Mansfield Park. While there, the Darcys find themselves embroiled in marriage arrangements, star-crossed lovers, deceit, mistaken identity... and murder! (American) *Due Dec*



Rhys BOWEN
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Molly Murphy Mystery #7. Molly Murphy stumbles upon a young woman lying unconscious in the middle of a snow-covered Central Park. When the woman wakes up, she is disorientated and has lost her ability to speak. The authorities are about to pack her off to an insane asylum – but Molly can't help but step in and take on yet another stormy case... (English)

Alys CLARE
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Lassair #2. On Ely Island, the Normans are proclaiming their authority with the construction of a magnificent cathedral. When Morcar, fishing for eels nearby, is attacked, his cousin Lassair is sent to nurse him. Morcar tells Lassair a frightening tale of assassins in the dark and a brief vision of horror. Then the killers strike again, and Lassair is forced to face a challenge that she fears is far beyond her... (English) *Due Dec*

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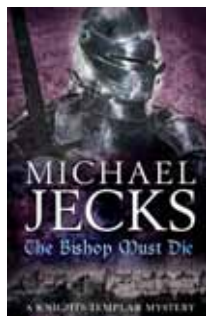
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Joliffe the Player Mystery #5. At the behest of his powerful patron, Joliffe journeys to France to act as a servant to the widowed duchess Jacquetta of Bedford – while actually training in spy-craft. But when a member of the duchess' household is murdered, Joliffe learns just how dangerous secrets can be... (American) *Due Dec*

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Alanna KNIGHT
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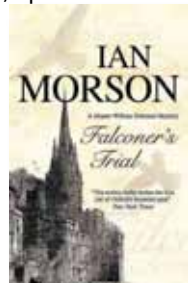
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Inspector Faro Mystery. 1860. Discovering that the devious Macheath has escaped from the local jail and is on the run in the area, Faro ensconces himself in the mansion of an old friend, Erland Flett. His rural tranquillity is suddenly disrupted by the burglary of a nearby mansion; the young maid who discovered the break-in has mysteriously disappeared. Faro knows who the culprit is, but he must struggle to find both Macheath before it is too late. (Scottish) *Due Dec*

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William Falconer #8. Oxford, April 1272. The Lady Ann Segrin has been murdered, and a Regent Master has been caught red-handed. The suspect is William Falconer, but, strangely, he doesn't deny the charges. Using Falconer's own logical methods to solve the crime, Symon, along with Saphira Le Veske, Falconer's new lover, sets out to clear his name, uncovering an extraordinary plot in the process. (English)



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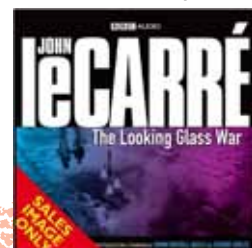
The Further Adventures of Sherlock Holmes. Sherlock Holmes, Professor Challenger and Dr Watson meet their match when the streets of London are left decimated by a prolonged alien attack. Who could be responsible for such destruction? Sherlock Holmes is about to find out... This novel takes H G Wells's classic story of Martian invasion and throws Holmes into the mix, with surprising and unexpected results! (American) *Due Dec*

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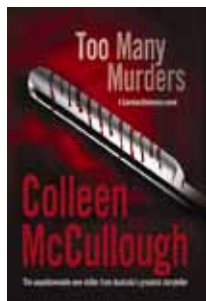
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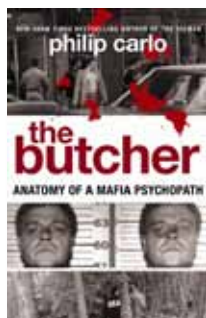
Jack Irish Thriller #2. Jack Irish is recovering from his last foray into the criminal underworld when he agrees to look for the missing son of Des Connors, the last living link to Jack's father. It's an offer he soon regrets, as he discovers that prodigal sons often go missing for a reason, and they always have something to hide... (Australian) *Due Dec*

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Tommy Pitera not only murdered for the mob, he took pleasure in killing and did so at whim. A cold-blooded, homicidal maniac with a fascination for the macabre, he had an autopsy table in his basement and regularly dismembered his victims, expertly cutting them into six pieces: the arms, legs, torso and head. Convicted for six murders, he is believed to be responsible for over sixty deaths. (American) *Due Dec*

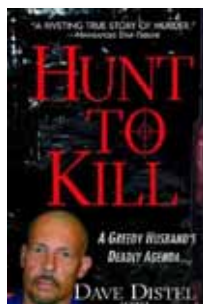


Doug CRANDELL
Fear Came to Town \$15.95 Pb 304pp

It's a town where the streets are named Candy Cane Road and December Drive. The Christmas holiday spirit lives all year around. It's also where Jerry Scott Heidler was raised. And in December 1997, it became the place where Heidler brutally slaughtered his former foster family in an act that devastated the town forever. (American) *Due Dec*

Dave & Lynn DISTEL
Hunt to Kill \$13.95 Pb 342pp

In 1992, Judy Blake Moilanen was found shot to death, after what seemed like a hunting accident. But state police Sergeant Bob Ball remained sceptical – Judy's husband Bruce was the beneficiary of insurance policies with "accidental death" clauses that would pay off \$330,000 in claims. For months, Sergeant Ball painstakingly gathered evidence to prove that Judy Moilanen's death was anything but accidental... (American) *Due Dec*



Tom HENDERSON
Afraid of the Dark: The True Story of a Reckless Husband, His Stunning Wife and the Murder That Shattered a Family \$13.95 Pb 384pp

After years of personal and financial pressures, the marriage between Mark Unger and his wife Flo began to break down. Panicked by the thought losing her, Mark did everything he could to win Flo back. Eventually Flo agreed to a weekend getaway at the family's favourite lakeside resort. But on the second day, Flo's corpse was found floating on the water. Was her death an accident? (American) *Due Dec*

Margaret HOLLINGSWORTH & Stewart LANSLEY
Londongrad: From Russia With Cash – The Inside Story of the Oligarchs \$27.99 Pb 402pp

A group of buccaneering Russian oligarchs made colossal fortunes after the collapse of communism – and many of them came to London to enjoy their new-found wealth. This is the true story of their journeys from Moscow and St Petersburg to mansions in Mayfair, Knightsbridge and Surrey, offering a shimmering world of audacious multi-billion pound deals, outrageous spending and rancorous feuds. (English)

Deborah LOCKE
Watching the Detectives \$27.99 Pb 272pp

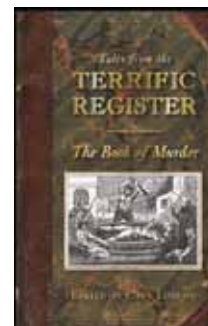
Deborah Locke had always wanted to be a police officer, and the day she graduated from the NSW Police Academy was one of the happiest of her life. But when she started questioning some of the corrupt practices she saw around her, she discovered the dark side of policing – and the ugly face of Aussie 'mateship'... (Australian) *Due Dec*

Arthur VENO
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This is an up-to-date, definitive account of Australia's outlaw motorcycle clubs, written by the country's foremost expert on bikie culture. (Australian) *Due Dec*

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The Book of Murder \$24.95 Hb 144pp
As a schoolboy, Charles Dickens took a copy of 'The Terrific Register' every week, and later recalled how it 'frightened my very wits out of my head...' This selection contains the most gruesome tales from this 185-year-old publication. Richly illustrated with original woodcuts, it will fascinate anyone with an interest in true crime! (English) *Due Dec*



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The collapse of Bernie Madoff's 'Ponzi' scheme led not only to the evaporation of \$65 billion of wealth, but made front page news across the globe. Here, Brian Ross sheds an unyielding light into Madoff's scheme – how he got started, how he succeeded for so long and who shielded him from early investigations. Featuring the best of investigative journalism, this is a riveting account! (American) *Due Dec*

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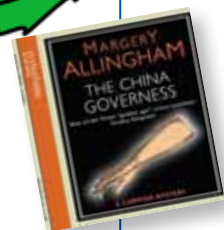
For me, there is nothing better than a cosy bedtime read, a dose of "Just the facts ma'am, just the facts", before my head hits the pillow. As long as the crime stays on the pages of the book and keeps off the streets, it's okay with me.

Colin



Colin McLaren, previously a National Crime Authority investigator, is the author of crime books on undercover work within the mafia: **Infiltration** (Tp \$32.99) and **On the Run** (Tp \$29.99).





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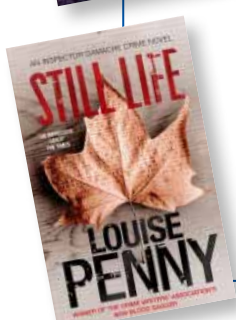
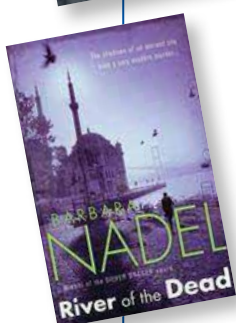
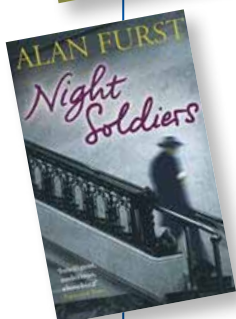
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