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"Where a good crime can be had by all"

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AN INTERVIEW WITH MALLA NUNN

I was born in Swaziland when it was still a British colony and attended a boarding school set up especially for 'mixed race' children. Most of my childhood was spent in the wilds of rural

Swaziland and books were a window into the rest of the world.

My family migrated to Perth in the 1970s. I graduated from the University of Western Australia with a double major in English and History and then set off to the United States to study drama. After eight years away, I came back to Perth with a Master of Arts and an American husband who produced my first two short films. I worked on a lot of film sets and made a documentary of SBS Television, which was screened nationally and travelled the world. I now live in Sydney with my husband Mark and our two children.

Q. How did you come to be a writer?

Via the long road! I'd always wanted to write, but it takes time and courage to put words onto the page and I couldn't commit to a short story, let alone a novel. What if it was terrible and proved I couldn't write at all? Having children changed that. I could write in my spare time and treat it as a hobby. My main goal was simply to finish the manuscript and go from there. Lucky for me *A Beautiful Place to Die* sold worldwide and opened the door to full-time writing.

Q. What are your strongest memories of your childhood living in Swaziland?

My main memories are two-fold: first, the claustrophobic and insular world of the Evangelical boarding school that my siblings and I attended; and second, the hills and rivers of my grandmother's farm 'Paradise'. The beauty of the land still moves me, but the underlying cruelty of Swazi colonial society is the reason I write crime novels.

Q. Why did you choose South Africa in the 1950s as the setting for *A Beautiful Place to Die* and *Let the Dead Lie*?

My parents migrated to Australia because of the racial segregation laws passed in the 1950s. It was a turbulent decade during which South Africans were separated into specific race groups and told where they could live, what jobs they could have and whom they could marry and even have a sexual relationship with. To stay in South Africa, my parents would have had to accept that, as mixed-race people, they were genetically

contaminated, second-class citizens. They said, "No thanks". The experiences of my extended family during the 1950s fascinated me and continues to do so.

Q. You have recently been nominated for the Mystery Writers of America 2010 Edgar Allan Poe Award for *A Beautiful Place to Die*. How did you feel when you heard that?

Stunned. The nomination is more than I dared hope for when writing *A Beautiful Place to Die*. It's an honour to be nominated for an *Edgar* and makes me feel like the luckiest Swazi girl north of the Limpopo River!

Q. Your characters are lovable and memorable: are they pure fiction, or is there a bit of you in any of them?

Writers find and yes, sometimes even steal details from other people's lives and their own. Nothing in fiction is 100% made up. There are bits of me, my parents, my aunts and uncles, and even strangers folded into my characters.

Q. You're a director, filmmaker and now an author; which is better – the book or the film?

That's like comparing fried chicken to roast chicken. Both taste good in their own way. I do think that books take you deeper into the world created by the author and they allow the reader to settle into character's lives more fully. Movies have the attraction of bringing the world of the book to you in living colour and right before your eyes. But having said that, it's hard for me to think of more than a handful of movies that are better than the book.

Q. What's the most unexpected aspect of being a published author?

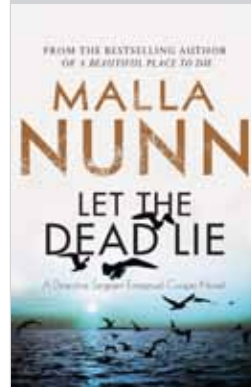
Deadlines are something I'm still coming to terms with, but it's impossible to overestimate the pleasure of seeing your book in a store window display. I've loved holding *A Beautiful Place to Die* and *Let the Dead Lie* in my hands because it makes all that time agonising over a fictional world completely worth it.

Q. Do you have a favourite book?

I graze widely over genres and authors. My recent favourite books have been *The Graveyard Book* by Neil Gaiman and *Brooklyn* by Colm Toibin. In the crime genre, it's hard to beat Walter Mosley for dialogue, James Lee Burke for atmosphere, Minette Walters for impeccable set-up, Mo Hayder for creepiness and almost any Scandinavian crime fiction for the marriage of strong character and bleak, beautiful landscape.

Let the Dead Lie

400pp Tp \$32.99 Or 9 CDs \$39.95

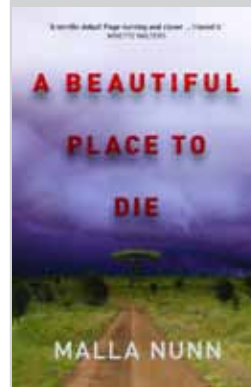


Reclassified as 'mixed race' and forced to resign from his position of Detective Sergeant, Emmanuel Cooper ends up mixing labouring with a bit of surveillance work for his old boss, Major van Niekerk. One night, Cooper stumbles upon the body of a young

white boy, and the detective in him can't turn away. When two more bodies are discovered at his boarding house, he unwittingly becomes the prime suspect in a triple murder case. At van Niekerk's behest, Cooper is given 48 hours to clear his name and unofficially solve three murders. (Australian) *Due Apr*

A Beautiful Place to Die

406pp Pb \$22.99 \$17.99



In the tiny South African town of Jacob's Rest, detective Emmanuel Cooper is sent to investigate the murder of an Afrikaner police officer, Captain Willem Pretorius. But the more he digs, the more dangerous the investigation becomes... (Australian)

\$5.00 off

A Beautiful Place to Die

April only (while stocks last)

EASTER & ANZAC DAY HOURS

2 Apr	Good Friday	Closed
3 Apr	Saturday	8.30am - 6pm
4 Apr	Sunday	10am - 5pm
5 Apr	Monday	10am - 5pm
26 Apr	Anzac Day	10am - 5pm
(Public Holiday Monday)		

MODERN CRIME

Rennie AIRTH The Dead of Winter

460pp Pb \$22.99

Inspector Madden #3. London, 1944: a Polish girl, Rosa Nowak, is murdered. The police are baffled, but for former police inspector John Madden, the crime hits close to home. Rosa worked on his farm and he feels personally responsible for not protecting her. His old colleagues Angus Sinclair and Billy Styles are still at the Yard, but are struggling to make sense of their few clues. Their only lead points towards war-torn Europe – but as the fighting sweeps across the continent, will they find the killer before he strikes again? (South African) *Due Apr*



James ANDRUS The Perfect Woman

460pp Pb \$12.95

Pharmacy clerk and college professor William Dremmel drugs pretty young women and lulls them into their deaths. Detective John Stallings is haunted by his own daughter's unsolved disappearance, and is committed to finding runaways and busting their abductors. When a series of girls are found dead and stuffed into duffle bags, he's consumed with capturing 'The Bagman' – at the risk of his marriage, his career, and possibly his tough-as-nails partner, Patty Levine. (American) *Due Apr*

Ace ATKINS Devil's Garden

400pp Pb \$27.00

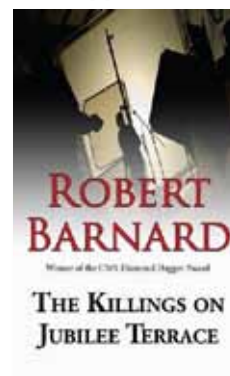
Dashiell Hammett Mystery #1. San Francisco, 1921: silent-screen comedy star Roscoe 'Fatty' Arbuckle throws a wild party which ends with the murder of an actress. The DA says it was Arbuckle who killed her. Meanwhile, William Randolph Hearst's newspapers stir the public, demanding a guilty verdict. In desperation, Arbuckle's defence team hires an operative to investigate and discover the truth. The agent's name is Dashiell Hammett... and what he discovers will change American legal history forever! (American) *Due Apr*



Robert BARNARD The Killings on Jubilee Terrace

320pp Pb \$19.99

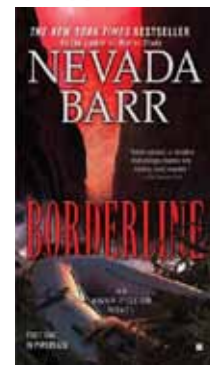
Meet the cast of *Jubilee Terrace* – among the most popular soap operas on British television. When a cast member suddenly dies of a heart attack, the production team are quick to make the most of the opportunity, making plans to bring back an old character for a major plotline. But when a suspicious letter emerges which raises questions about the supposedly 'natural death' – and when two more of the cast are killed – it would appear something far more sinister is afoot. The script-writers are clearly not the only ones capable of killing off characters... (English) *Due Apr*



Nevada BARR Borderline

496pp Pb \$18.95

Anna Pigeon Novel #17. To list their spirits, Anna Pigeon and her husband head to Texas for a rafting trip on the Rio Grande. The power of the river works its magic – until the raft is lost in the rapids and someone makes the grisly discovery of a pregnant woman caught between two boulders. Soon Anna will learn that nature isn't the only one who wanted to see the woman and her baby dead... (American) *Due Apr*




Greig BECK Return of the Prophet Tp \$32.99

Alex Hunter #2. When masses of gamma radiation are detected somewhere beneath the desert of Iran, the world begins to watch. Alex Hunter and his incursion team are dropped into the ruins of Persepolis... but find nothing. The President of Iran is making speeches about the end of the world and the return of the prophet, Israel is threatening nuclear war, and the details of America's Arcadian program have been stolen. Alex's investigation leads to the ancient caves of Arak. Inside those tunnels he will come face to face with a creature from his darkest nightmares... (Australian) *Due Apr*



KEY to crime genres

 Suspense Thriller

 Feline Detectives

 Forensic

 Political/Legal

 Military

 Spy

 Banking

 Canine

 Culinary/Food

 Sport

 Romantic Suspense

 Police Procedural

 FBI

 Cosy/Malice Domestic

 Journalists

 Private Eye

 Psychological

 Clerical

 Medical

 Horse Racing

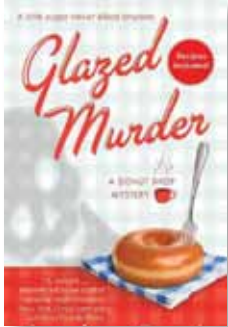
Pb = Paperback

Hb = Hardback

Tp = Trade Paperback (slightly larger)

Jessica BECK
Glazed Murder 320pp Pb \$14.95

Donut Shop Mystery #1. Meet Suzanne Hart, owner and operator of the 'Donut Hearts' coffee shop in April Springs, North Carolina. After her divorce, Suzanne pursued her one true passion in life: donuts. So she cashed in her settlement



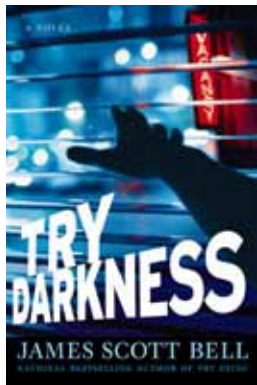
and opened up shop in the heart of her hometown. But when a dead body is dumped on her doorstep, Suzanne's cosy little shop becomes a crime scene. Now, everyone in town is dropping by for donuts... and details! Soon Suzanne – who finds snooping as irresistible as donuts – is poking holes in everyone's alibis! (American) *Due Apr*

Simon BECKETT
Whispers of the Dead 480pp Pb \$24.95

Dr David Hunter #3. Having escaped London and the violence that nearly killed him, forensics expert David Hunter needs to know whether he is still up to the job of confronting death in all its strange and terrible forms. When a body is found in a remote cabin out in the woods, and then another, Hunter is pushed deep into the heart of a terrifying manhunt and he begins to wonder if they're on the trail of a maniac who simply cannot be stopped. (English) *Due Apr*

James Scott BELL
Try Darkness 304pp Pb \$22.99

Ty Buchanan #2. Recovering from the death of his fiancée and a false accusation of murder, Buchanan finds his previous ambitions as a trial lawyer in LA unrewarding. Now he prefers offering legal services to the under-privileged. When a woman



comes to him for help after being illegally evicted – an interest represented by his old law firm – Buchanan is determined to fight for the woman's rights. Then she ends up dead, and the case moves from the courtroom to the streets. Soon, Buchanan realises he must depend on skills he never needed before – if he wants to survive. (America) *Due Apr*

Chris BOHJALIAN
Secrets of Eden 384pp Tp \$32.99

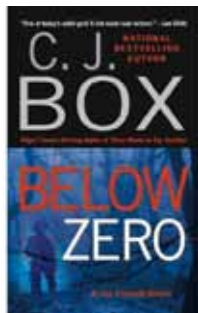
Shortly after being baptised by Reverend Drew, Alice is shot by her abusive husband in a murder-suicide. Tortured by these events, the Reverend feels his faith in God slipping away as he tries to unearth the truth behind Alice's death. Only new arrival Heather Laurent – the successful author of books about angels – seems able to save him from slipping into the depths of despair. But then the state's attorney begins to suspect that Alice's husband may not have killed himself after all... and that Alice kept secrets that only her minister knew of. (American) *Due Apr*

Michael BOND
Monsieur Pamplemousse and the Carbon Footprint 288pp Hb \$49.95

When France's premier gastronomic bible *Le Guide* fails to whet the appetites of American readers, Monsieur Pamplemousse is tasked with the job of addressing the problem. Though he has the help of his faithful bloodhound Pommes Frites, everything rests on the revered American food critic, Jay Corby. However, disaster strikes and Pamplemousse is the only one who can save *Le Guide's* transatlantic reputation, as well as saving Corby from the Mob. Once again Pamplemousse must rely on Pommes Frites – even if the only lead is several flimsy undergarments... (English) *Due Apr*

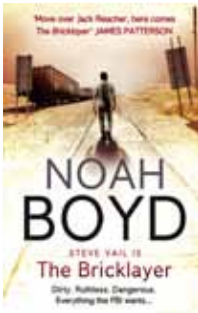
C J BOX
Below Zero 336pp Pb \$14.95

Joe Pickett Mystery #9. Six years ago, Joe Pickett's foster daughter, April, was murdered. Now, someone is leaving phone messages claiming to be the dead girl. As his family struggles with this disturbing event, he discovers that the calls have been placed from locations where serious environmental crimes have occurred. And as the phone calls grow closer, so does the danger. (American) *Due Apr*



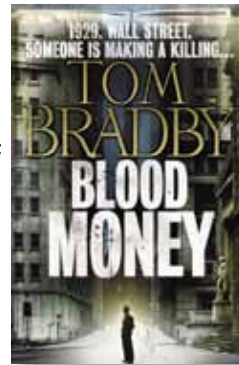
FBI Noah BOYD
The Bricklayer 400pp Tp \$32.99

A bank robbery is foiled in Chicago, and the FBI realise that Steve Vail is needed back on the bureau – for one job only. It won't be easy; Vail despises authority and can't do rules. But the FBI needs him, because someone is killing their agents – and it looks like its one of their own. Reluctantly, Vail accepts the job. It takes a trained killer to catch a killer – but it looks like there's more than one... and Vail may just regret being coaxed back into a job that he'd thought he'd seen the back of! (American) *Due Apr*



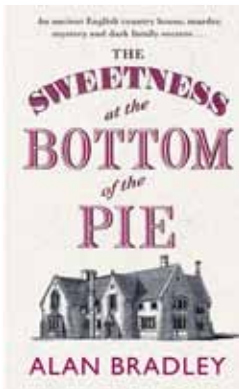
Tom BRADBY
Blood Money 544pp Pb \$24.95

New York, 1929: a city at the fag end of the 'roaring twenties'. Joe Quinn's first case is one that could put his name up in lights; a banker takes a dive from a tall building onto Wall Street. All the signs point to murder. For the young detective, a case that starts as an opportunity swiftly becomes a nightmare from which he cannot escape. Quinn is about to discover just how tough being an honest cop in a dishonest world can be... (English) *Due Apr*



Alan BRADLEY
The Sweetness at the Bottom of the Pie 400pp Pb \$14.99

A sleepy English village is awakened by the discovery of a dead body in Colonel de Luce's cucumber patch. The police are baffled. So when a dead snipe is deposited on the Colonel's doorstep with a rare stamp impaled on its beak, they are baffled even more. Only the Colonel's daughter, the precocious Flavia has the ingenuity to follow the clues which can reveal the victim's identity and a conspiracy that reaches far back into the de Luce family's murky past. (English) *Due Apr*



Kate BRADY
One Scream Away 464pp Pb \$22.99

Seven years ago, Beth Denison was attacked by a killer named Chevy Bankes. Since then, she's created a new life for herself. But now Bankes is out of prison, and he wants Beth to know he's coming for her. Meanwhile, ex-FBI agent Neil Sheridan must investigate a chain of murders that are eerily similar to a disturbing case from his past. When the killer's trail ends at Beth's doorstep, Neil finds a woman who will do anything to keep her secret. Yet even as Beth surrenders to Neil's protection, she is considering the unthinkable: to face Bankes alone. (American) *Due Apr*



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 **Simon BRETT**
The Poisoning at the Pub

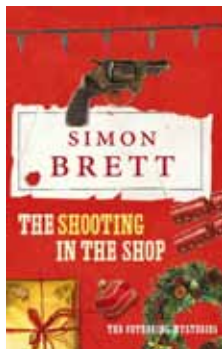
320pp Pb \$22.99

A Fethering Mystery. Fethering residents, Jude and Carole, get more than they bargained for after a meal in their local pub leaves everyone with food poisoning. And when further disasters befall the Crown and Anchor, the two amateur lady detectives suspect it's more than bad luck which is forcing their favourite pub into bankruptcy. When Ray, a young man with the mental age of a five-year-old, is found in the pub kitchen with a knife through his heart, the two detectives swing into action. There's a killer on the loose, and Carole and Jude need to uncover who it is... otherwise it'll be last orders for the pub! (English)

 **Simon BRETT**
The Shooting in the Shop

336pp Hb \$54.99

A Fethering Mystery. Several days after Carole Seddon's neighbour and best friend, Jude, drags her to the Christmas sales at Gallimaufry, the store is burnt down and the body of a young woman is discovered in the ashes. It seems like a tragic accident... But no-one can die of natural causes when a gun is involved. As Carole and Jude dig deeper, they discover a host of half-truths and lies. It seems that someone in Fethering has a deep, dark, deadly secret – and is prepared to kill to keep it. (English) *Due Apr COSY*



 **Karen CAMPBELL**
After the Fire

480pp Pb \$22.99

Newly qualified as a firearms officer, Jamie Worth is called to a domestic disturbance. Events get out of hand, and he shoots and kills a teenage girl who appears to have been unarmed. Already wracked with guilt, and with the media baying for blood, he is horrified when he is accused of murder. How can a cop survive in prison, when he suddenly finds himself on the wrong side of the law? (Scottish) *Due Apr*



 **C S CHALLINOR**
Phi Beta Murder 216pp Pb \$27.00

Rex Graves Mystery #3. When Scottish barrister, Rex Graves, visits his son at his university in Florida, tragedy strikes after a student is found hanging from a rope in his locked dorm room. Did the poor lad commit suicide, or was it murder? With one student dead and his own son in danger, Rex vows to learn the truth. In between trying not to worry about his son and trying to please his new love, Helen d'Arcy, Rex conducts his own investigation, only to unveil a maze of sordid secrets in the university's not-so-hallowed halls. (American) *Due Apr*



 **Mary Higgins CLARK**
The Shadow of Your Smile

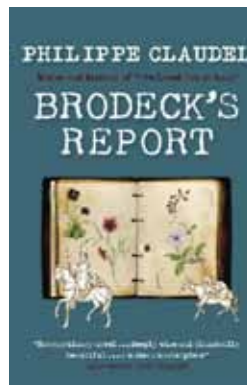
Tp \$32.99

Olivia, aged 82, has in her possession letters from her deceased cousin Catherine – a nun, now being considered for beatification by the Catholic Church – testifying that Catherine gave birth to a son and gave him up for adoption. Two generations later, Catherine's granddaughter Monica stands as the rightful heir to what remains of the family fortune. But in telling Monica who she really is, Olivia would have to betray Catherine's wishes and reveal the story behind Monica's ancestry. To silence Olivia and prevent Monica from learning the secret, some will stop at nothing – even murder. (American) *Due Apr*

 **Philippe CLAUDEL**
Brodeck's Report

288pp Pb \$24.95

The report that Brodeck is writing – about the lynching of an artist in the town Brodeck resides in – becomes a report into the catastrophe of his own life. Like the artist, Brodeck is also an outsider, and has returned from a concentration camp. In the course of his investigation into the death of the artist, he uncovers the truth about his own distant origins; of having been rounded up when the Germans came to the town, and all that happened to his family when he was gone... (French)



 **Ann CLEEVES**
Red Bones 391pp Pb \$22.99

Shetland Island Quartet #3. When an elderly woman is shot in a tragic accident in the middle of the night, Shetland detective Jimmy Perez is called in to the Isles investigate. The victim was a recluse who had her land, her pride and her family. As Jimmy looks to the islanders for answers, he finds two feuding families whose envy, greed and bitterness have lasted generations. Then there's another death and, as the spring weather shrouds the island in claustrophobic mists, Jimmy must dig up old secrets to stop a new killer from striking again... (English)

 **Ann CLEEVES**
Blue Lightning 356pp Tp \$32.99

Shetland Island Quartet #4. When Shetland Detective Jimmy Perez returns to the Fair Isles to introduce his fiancée Fran to his parents, the autumn storms begin to rage and the island is cut off from the rest of the world. When a woman's body is discovered, the islanders react with fear and anger. With no support from the mainland and only Fran to help him, Jimmy has to investigate the old-fashioned way. With no way off the island until the storms abate, Jimmy must work quickly... (English) *Due Apr*

 **Harlan COBEN**
Caught 400pp Tp \$32.99

Wendy is a reporter who chases the worst sexual predators and exposes them on national television. Her big break comes when she nails a supposed child advocate who works with abused and under-served children. Three months and another case later, Wendy receives a phone call that changes everything. Secrets long-buried rise to the surface and Wendy begins to wonder if her assumptions about the child advocate were based on solid investigative journalism – or if she has unwittingly been part of a grand manipulative scheme to destroy an innocent man. (American) *Due Apr*

 **Sheila CONNOLLY**
Red Delicious Death 304pp Pb \$12.95

Orchard Mystery #3. Some baby-faced chefs, fresh out of cooking school, are looking to open a restaurant in Granford. They plan on using local foods, which is great news for banker-turned-orchard owner, Meg Corey. But when one of the



chefs is found dead, face-down in a farmer's pig wallow, plans come to a screeching halt. And Meg soon discovers they may have a locally grown killer on their hands. (American) *Due Apr*



Beverly CONNOR
The Night Killer 368pp Pb \$14.95

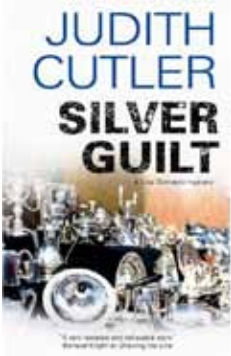
Diane Fallon Forensic Mystery #7. Diane is driving through a downpour on a windy mountain road after picking up a set of rare Indian artefacts, when a tree suddenly slams across the hood of her car – revealing a human skeleton in its hollow trunk. As she starts to investigate, she's ambushed by a stranger and forced to run for her life. Stranded in the night with a killer, Diane must uncover a secret hidden away by time and distance – or she may not live to see another morning... (American) *Due Apr*

Neil CROSS
Burial 304pp Pb \$22.99

Nathan has never been able to forget the worst night of his life: the party that led to the shocking death of a young woman. Only he and Bob know what really happened, and they have resolved to keep it that way. Then years later, Bob appears at Nathan's door with terrifying news, and wounds are suddenly reopened, threatening to tear Nathan's whole world apart. Because Nathan has his own secrets now, and Bob doesn't realise just how far Nathan will go to protect them... (English) *Due Apr*

Judith CUTLER
Silver Guilt 192pp Hb \$49.95

A Lina Townend Mystery. Lina Townend is making a name for herself as an antiques dealer, in partnership with her old friend Griff Tripp. When she is accused of stealing an item that she is selling for her father, her plight attracts the attention of Piers, a handsome fellow dealer. But is Piers all he seems? And what about the kindly policeman investigating the case? There's only one person she can really trust – Griff. But when violence threatens him, Lina has a difficult decision to make... (English) *Due Apr*



Martin EDWARDS
The Coffin Trail 288pp Pb \$19.95

Oxford historian Daniel Kind and his partner Miranda both want to escape to a new life. On impulse they buy a cottage in Brackdale, an idyllic valley in the Lake District. But the past soon catches up with them. Tarn Cottage was once home to Barrie Gilpin, suspected of murder... Daniel and DCI Hannah Scarlett, in charge of the Cold Cases Review Team, find themselves risking their lives as they search for a ruthless murderer, who is prepared to kill again to hide a shocking secret. (English)

Kate ELLIS
The Merchant's House (1998) 256pp Pb \$21.99

Wesley Peterson Mystery #1. DS Wesley Peterson has his hands full when a child goes missing, and a young woman is brutally murdered on a lonely cliff path. Then his old friend, archaeologist Neil Watson, unearths the skeletons of a strangled woman and a newborn baby in the cellar of an ancient merchant's house nearby. As the investigation continues, Wesley begins to suspect that these deaths, while centuries apart, may be linked by age-old motives of jealousy, sexual obsession and desperate longing... (English) *Due Apr*



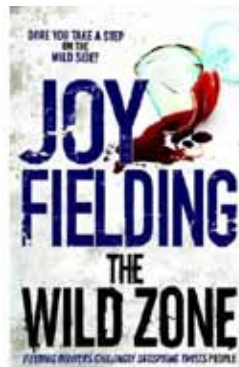
Christy EVANS
Lead-Pipe Cinch 256pp Pb \$12.95

Georgiana Neverall Mystery #2. Georgiana Neverall never pictured herself knee-deep in a muddy trench building a moat – part of a state-of-the-art castle that would soon house a retired Microsoft engineer. She also never imagined being a murder suspect, but that's exactly what happens when a floater in the moat turns out to be her ex-boyfriend. (American) *Due Apr*



Joy FIELDING
The Wild Zone 456pp Tp \$32.99

At their favourite bar, Will, Jeff and Tom bet on who can seduce a mysterious young woman drinking by herself. Dark-haired Suzy has an innocent, 'girl-next-door' appeal. Little do they know the secrets that she conceals from the outside world – namely those to do with the daily horror she experiences under the watchful eye of her abusive husband. Little do they know that she wants him dead. Another bet is on: who is man enough to slay the villain and rescue the damsel in distress? (American) *Due Apr*



Joseph FINDER
Vanished 480pp Pb \$19.99

For Nick Heller – high-powered investigator with a private corporate intelligence firm – the investigation is personal. Nick's estranged brother has vanished, and with his disappearance, old wounds resurface in Nick's life as he is pitted against one of the most powerful private military companies in the world. And those in control will stop at nothing to protect the secrets that Nick is determined to uncover in order to find his brother... (American) *Due Apr*

Tess GERRITSEN
Girl Missing 336pp Pb \$21.95

The corpse of a young woman – laid out in the office of Boston medical examiner Kat Novak – clutches a matchbook in one stiff hand with seven numbers scrawled inside. When a second victim is discovered, Kat fears that a serial killer is stalking the streets. The police are sceptical. The mayor won't listen. And Kat's chief suspect is one of the town's most prominent citizens. With the death toll rising, Kat races to expose a deadly predator who is closer than she ever dreamt... (American) *Due Apr*

Brent GHELFI
Shadow of the Wolf 352pp Tp \$32.99

Covert agent Colonel Alexei Volkovoy is struggling to stay afloat in a world of political intrigue and underground plots. To complicate matters further, in the snowy mountains of Southern Russia, a terrorist named Abreg – who once held Volk captive in a Chechen mud pit – hatches a plan to lure him back into his grasp. And when Volk takes out his anger on the wrong man, he gains a powerful enemy in the highest reaches of the Kremlin... (American) *Due Apr*

J G GOODHIND
Menu for Murder 204pp Pb \$27.95

Honey Driver #4. A film crew has arrived in Bath and, to the satisfaction of hotel owner and police liaison officer Honey Driver, some of the visitors are staying in her hotel. But then the film's impossibly demanding star is found dead by Honey herself – and then she's arrested. Sexy DI Steve Doherty races to the rescue, and the pair embark on a mission to uncover the truth... (English) *Due Apr*





Margaret GRACE
Monster in Miniature

304pp Pb \$14.95

Miniature Mystery
#5. For a festive Halloween project, Geraldine Porter and her granddaughter Maddie, set out to create a multi-story haunted dollhouse. But their holiday fun turns to fear when a neighbourhood scarecrow turns out to be a bloody corpse! (American) *Due Apr*



Martha GRIMES
The Black Cat

336pp Hb \$45.00

Richard Jury Mystery
#22. Richard Jury is called to investigate a case far out of his jurisdiction – in an outlying village where a young woman has been murdered. The only witness is a black cat, who gives no clue as to the girl's identity or her killer's. Identifying the girl becomes tricky when she's recognised as both the shy local librarian and a posh city escort, and Jury must use all his wits and intuition to determine the connection to subsequent escort murders. (American) *Due Apr*



David HAGBERG
Burned

384pp Pb \$22.99

Inspired by the true story of Australian Yvonne Weinstock, who was kidnapped in Russia in the 1990s by Islamic terrorists, where she and her husband were held for ransom. During her captivity she was beaten, starved, and raped. While the KGB and the Russian Spetsnaz were adept at hunting down kidnapers, the hostages seldom survived their rescue operations. Despite Cold War antagonisms, they invited the FBI to come to Moscow and assist. Yvonne's story and the rescue operation – conducted by two bitter international enemies – have inspired this new high-octane, pulse-pounding thriller! (American) *Due Apr*



John HART

The Last Child

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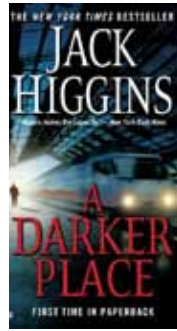
In the year since his twin sister's abduction, 13-year-old Johnny Merrimon arms himself with a map, a bike and a flashlight, stalking the bad men of Raven County. The police might have given up on Alyssa, but he never will. Someone, somewhere, knows something. Only detective Clyde Hunt shares Johnny's obsession with the case. But when Johnny witnesses a hit-and-run and insists the victim was killed because he'd found Alyssa, even Hunt thinks he's lost it. And then another young girl goes missing... (American) *Due Apr*



Jack HIGGINS
A Darker Place

352pp Pb \$18.95

Outspoken Russian writer Alexander Kurbsky wanted to 'disappear' into the West. To avoid the wrath of the ruling elite, he makes elaborate plans with covert experts Charles Ferguson and Sean Dillon for his escape. It's a real coup for the West – except for one thing: Kurbsky is still working for the Russians. And his master plan is about to unfold... (English) *Due Apr*



Reginald HILL
Fell of Dark (1971)

208pp Pb \$17.50

A friendship renewed. A marriage gone sour... Harry Bentick heads for the Lake District not knowing if he's going in search of something or running away. Then two girls are found murdered in the high fells, and suddenly there's no doubt about it. He's running. (English) *Due Apr*



Tobias HILL
The Hidden

352pp Pb \$23.99

In Sparta, a city that masks age-old secrets and private enmities, a close-knit group are excavating. They are a potent and seductive mix: Natsuko, beautiful and mysterious; Jason, restless and menacing; Eberhard, commanding, aloof and fiercely intelligent. When Ben, lost and aimless, comes to Greece to escape private failures, he is inevitably drawn to them, thrilled by the idea of acceptance and excited by the dangerous games they play. But there is more to the group than Ben understands and he finds out too late that some things should remain hidden... (English) *Due Apr*



Nancy HOLDER
Saving Grace: Tough Love

288pp Pb \$14.95

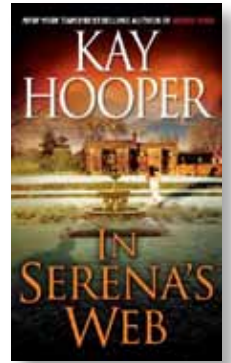
Oklahoma City is caught in the deadly cross fire between white-supremacist vigilantes known as the 'Sons of Oklahoma' and black and Hispanic street gangs. Grace Hanadarko really feels the pressure when her best friend is targeted for protecting the runaway wife of the Sons' abusive leader. As if arson, vandalism, and bloodshed aren't enough for Grace, the very sick young friend of her nephew is kidnapped, and his abductors threaten to withhold medical treatment. But Grace won't put down her gun until there's nothing left to fight for. (American) *Due Apr*



Kay HOOPER
In Serena's Web

288pp Pb \$14.95

At 26, Serena Jameson is brilliant, manipulative, and passionate. Her father, a renowned computer magnate, is worried about Serena's impetuous nature and entrusts a colleague, handsome Brian Ashford, to ferry her on a trip across the country. But Serena has ideas of her own.



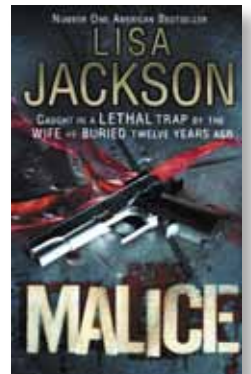
A novice in affairs of the heart, Serena asks Brian to give her a crash course in seduction. But what starts as a simple lesson becomes a complex dance, as Brian is snared by Serena's wiles. Can Serena finish weaving her web before the mysterious cabal eager to kill Serena's father manages to succeed – over her head body? (America) *Due Apr*



Lisa JACKSON
Malice

544pp Pb \$19.99

Opening his eyes in the hospital room, New Orleans detective Rick Bentz sees his deceased first-wife standing in the doorway. But Jennifer died 12 years ago... So when a copy of Jennifer's death certificate arrives emblazoned with a red question mark, Bentz follows the postmark trail to Los Angeles, straight into a killer's web. Each new discovery serves as a chilling reminder of how little he really knew about his first wife. Then the murders begin, each grisly corpse pointing to Bentz as the prime suspect. A diabolical killer has been waiting patiently... (American) *Due Apr*



Jesse KELLERMAN
The Executor

352pp Tp \$32.99

Philosopher Joseph Geist is broke, and his girlfriend has given him the boot. He's ready to give up all hope of happiness, when an ad in the local paper catches his eye. 'Conversationalist wanted', it reads. And Joseph has never done anything in his life except talk. And the woman behind the ad turns out to be the perfect employer. Before long, Joseph has moved in with her, and has begun to feel very comfortable in her big, beautiful house. So comfortable, in fact, that he would do anything to stay there forever... (American) *Due Apr*



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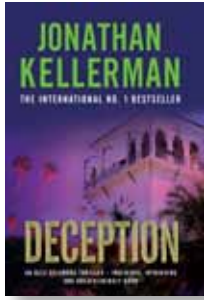
Jonathan KELLERMAN

Deception

320pp Tp \$32.99

Milo brings the DVD to Alex's house. A woman comes on screen and her narrative begins:

"My name is Alice Freeman and I work as a substitute teacher at Oak Canyon Preparatory Academy." What follows is an account of sexual horror followed by list of offenders – a trio of fellow teachers at the prestigious school. The next day Alice is found dead. With the stakes high and the players drawn from the highest echelons of LA society, this will be one of Alex and Milo's most perilous journeys! (American) *Due Apr*



Jonathan KELLERMAN

Evidence

448pp Pb \$19.99

Early one morning a foreman shows up at the building site of a mega-mansion where he discovers, lying on a blanket, a man and a woman murdered. Why have the lovers chosen a construction site for their late-night tryst? Is the double-murder simply a horrific example of wrong-place, wrong-time? Or were the victims stalked? Alex and Milo are called in, and as they struggle to make their way through the universe of the impossibly rich, they unveil a scheme rooted in deception and evil beyond even their imaginations. (American) *Due Apr*



J A KERLEY

Little Girls Lost 432pp Pb \$24.99

Children are disappearing in Alabama. Detective Carson Ryder is called in to investigate the abduction of LaShelle Shearing, only to find the case getting tangled in departmental and civic politics. Public rage is now reaching dangerous levels, and Ryder's bosses turn to ex-Detective Conner Sandhill whose uncanny ability to spot connections and details missed by others is legendary. Ryder and Sandhill form an uneasy alliance in the hunt for the missing children. But at the core of these disappearances is something much closer to home than either could have imagined... (American) *Due Apr*

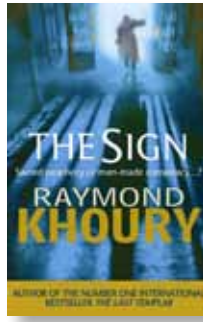


Raymond KHOURY

The Sign

512pp Pb \$22.99

A small TV crew is braving the harsh conditions to film the breaking off of a major Arctic ice shelf, when the camera pans up to reveal a blazing symbol burning high over the terrain. So begins a series of strange events worldwide, as the mysterious sign appears over the sites of conflict, natural disasters and terrorist atrocities. Suddenly, the world focuses upon an obscure monk who recognises the symbol from the past and understands what it means for the future of humanity. But could this be the most elaborate fake in world history? (Lebanese) *Due Apr*

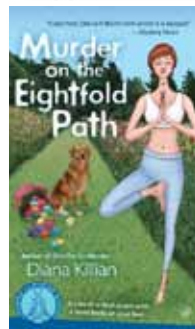


Diana KILLIAN

Murder on the Eightfold Path

320pp Pb \$14.95

Mantra for Murder Mystery #3. While in her mother's garden, AJ literally stumbles on the body of her mother's current beau. Now AJ is going to have to find her balance and solve the murder without getting tied up in knots! (American) *Due Apr*



Bill KNOX

Seafire

320pp Hb \$46.95

A Webb Carrick Murder Mystery. Webb Carrick of the Fisheries Protection Service arrives to take his first independent command of the small research ship *The Clavella*. But this is no ordinary research expedition involving the study of simple plankton. Something on the bottom of the sea is destroying everything in its path. And then two men from *The Clavella* die in an accident that is as strange as the deadly sea-life they are trying to eradicate... (Scottish) *Due Apr*



Camilla LACKBERG

The Preacher 432pp Pb \$24.99

When the remains of two holiday-makers – missing for 20 years – are discovered with those of a fresh victim, the community of Fjallbacka goes into shock. Local detective Patrik Hedstrom, can only imagine what it's like to lose a child. When a second young girl goes missing, Hedstrom focuses on the Hults, a feuding clan of misfits, religious fanatics and criminals. The suspect list is long but time is short – which of this family's dark secrets will provide the vital clue? (Swedish) *Due Apr*



Jon LAND

Strong Enough to Die

416pp Pb \$14.95

Caitlin Strong Mystery #1. Caitlin Strong is a fifth-generation Texas Ranger – until a deadly shoot-out along the Mexican border causes her to question her calling. Five years later, Caitlin is still trying to purge herself of guilt. But a shattering discovery will reopen old wounds, and Caitlin's renewed investigation into the truth behind the bloody desert fire-fight uncovers a terrifying plot. Caitlin's quest for redemption takes her to a dark world, where she learns that the strength to live comes from learning how to die... (American) *Due Apr*



Martin LANGFIELD

The Secret Fire 480pp Pb \$19.95

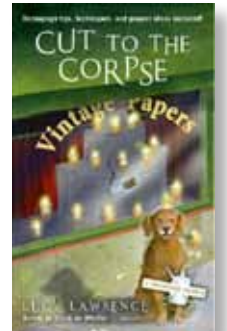
London, 1936. A paper by Sir Isaac Newton is auctioned to a bookseller's agent, and within minutes he is killed and the paper stolen. The Nazis are desperate to get their hands on a Newton formula that will unleash the 'Secret Fire' – a weapon of devastating power – and this document is the key. New York, 2007. Katherine Reckliss learns her grandmother's SOE radio is picking up disturbing messages from occupied France, warning that a V1 containing the Secret Fire is being launched by the Nazis. Its target? Present-day London! (American) *Due Apr*



Lucy LAWRENCE

Cut to the Corpse 240pp Pb \$12.95

Decoupage Mystery #2. Decoupage teacher Brenna Miller is in over her head when she discovers the bride-to-be Tara with her fiancé's dead best friend – and Tara holding the murder weapon! It's up to Brenna to get to the truth before Tara's future turns to shreds... (American) *Due Apr*



Lisa LUTZ

The Spellmans Strike Again

400pp Tp \$32.99

At Spellman headquarters, it's business as usual. Izzy has to decipher weekly 'phone calls from the edge' from her octogenarian lawyer, Morty – as well as Detective Henry Stone's mysterious interest in rekindling their 'relationship'. Just when it looks like things can't get anymore haywire, little sister Rae's internship, researching pro bono legal cases, leads her to launch a grassroots campaign that could spring an innocent man from jail – or land Rae in it! (American) *Due Apr*

Stuart MacBRIDE
Blind Eye 560pp Pb \$24.99

Aberdeen's growing Polish community is under attack from a serial offender who mutilates his victims. Detective Sergeant Logan McRae is assigned to the investigation, code-named 'Operation Oedipus' – but with the victims too scared to talk, it's going nowhere fast. When the next victim turns out to be Simon McLeod, a Scotsman and the owner of the Turf n' Track bookies – Logan suddenly finds himself caught up in a world of drug wars, prostitution rings and gun-running – courtesy of Aberdeen's oldest and most vicious crime lord. (Scottish) *Due Apr*

John MACKEN
Control 384pp Tp \$32.95

Two murders – but apart from the gruesome nature of their deaths, there is no obvious connection between the two victims. Reuben Maitland, freshly returned to GeneCrime, must investigate the case. The forensics team is brought in, the DNA sampled, and clues begin to mount up. Then the killer strikes again. Reuben's young son, Joshua, is snatched from his pram. The murderer sends Reuben a warning message, threatening to kill the child if Reuben continues to hunt him... How far will Reuben go to get his child back? (English) *Due Apr*



Robert MASELLO
Blood and Ice 512pp Pb \$24.95

Journalist Michael Wilde takes on a commission to write a feature about a remote research station deep in Antarctica. On a diving expedition in the polar sea he discovers two bodies from the 19th century encased in ice. They are brought to the surface, and as the ice begins to thaw, the mystery of these time-bound lovers unravels. Michael is gradually drawn into a horrific story that starts in the London barracks in the 1850s and leads to the bloody battlefields of the Crimea the tragic Charge of the Light Brigade. (American) *Due Apr*

Jenn McKinLAY
Sprinkle with Murder 240pp Pb \$12.95

Cupcake Bakery Mystery #1. Melanie Cooper and Angie DeLaura are finally living out their dream as the proud owners of the Fairy Tale Cupcakes bakery. But their first big client is a nightmare. She's a 'bridezilla' who wants 500 custom-made cupcakes for her wedding. When Mel stumbles upon the bride-to-be – dead by cupcakes – she becomes the prime suspect. To save themselves and their business, the ladies need to find the real murderer, before the cupcake killer ices someone else! (American) *Due Apr*



Gail OUST
'Til Dice Do Us Part 304pp Pb \$12.95

Bunco Babes Mystery #2. When Claudia Connors returns from Vegas with her new husband, Lance Ledeaux, Kate McCall and the other Bunco Babes are shocked. Lance, an actor, has plans to direct, produce, and star in a play he has written – and he wants all the Babes to participate. When he's killed during rehearsal with a pistol, all eyes are on Claudia, who is literally holding the smoking gun. So it's up to Kate to prove Claudia's innocence... or her newly-widowed friend will be throwing dice behind bars! (American) *Due Apr*



James PATTERSON
8th Confession 471pp Pb \$21.95

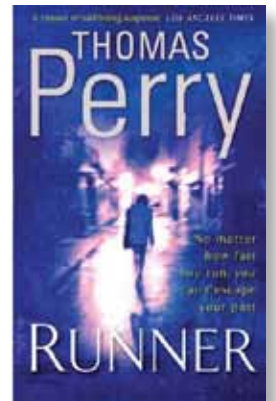
When a rock star, a fashion designer, a software tycoon and a millionaire heiress are found dead in a San Francisco mansion, detective Lindsay Boxer is quickly assigned to the case. Meanwhile, local hero 'Bagman Jesus' is brutally murdered and reporter Cindy Thomas soon becomes interested in his story. But it isn't just Cindy who has questions that need answering, because Lindsay depends on Claire's help to crack her own case. Both seek guidance from their friends, but in doing so, they are forced to confront feelings they'd buried away... (American) *Due Apr*

James PATTERSON
9th Judgement 384pp Tp \$32.95

A young mother and her child are ruthlessly gunned down while returning to their car in the garage of a San Francisco shopping mall. The same night, the wife of A-list actor Marcus Dowling is killed when she walks in on a cat burglar. Before detective Lindsay Boxer and her friends can piece together either case, one of the killers forces Lindsay to put her own life on the line. (American)

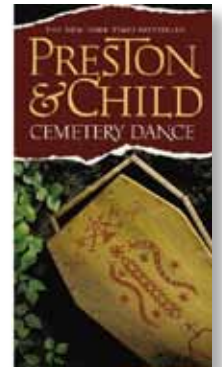
Thomas PERRY
Runner 320pp Pb \$24.95

Jane Whitefield is an intelligent and resourceful Native American woman. For ten years, she helped people escape from their enemies by creating new identities for them. Then she got married and promised her new husband she would settle for a quieter life. But after a bomb explodes in the middle of a hospital fundraiser, Jane finds herself face to face with the cause of the explosion: a pregnant young girl, who's been tracked across the country by a team of hired assassins. And Jane is determined to revisit her old skills one last time... (American)



Douglas PRESTON & Lincoln CHILD
Cemetery Dance 592pp Pb \$18.95

A couple are brutally attacked in their apartment on Manhattan's Upper West Side. Eyewitnesses claim that the assailant was their strange, sinister neighbour – a man who was supposed to be dead and buried weeks earlier. While Captain Laura Hayward leads the official investigation, Pendergast and Lieutenant Vincent D'Agosta undertake their own private, and decidedly unorthodox, quest for the truth. Their journey takes them to an enclave of Manhattan they never imagined could exist: a secretive, reclusive cult which no outsiders have ever survived... (American) *Due Apr*



R T RAICHEV
Assassins at Ospreys 272pp Pb \$24.99

Country House Murder Mystery #3. Mystery writer Antonia Darcy and her husband, Major Hugh Payne, are persuaded to visit a fan's home. But they become suspicious when the dying master of nearby Ospreys leaves his fortune to her... (Bulgarian) *Due Apr*



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 **RT RAICHEV**
The Curious Incident at Claridges

224pp Hb \$46.95

Antonia Darcy and Hugh Payne face one of their most baffling cases. Their investigation takes them from the luxury of Claridges Hotel to Mayholme Manor, a residential home for elderly gentlemen. This proves to be a distinctly sinister establishment, where they encounter the mysterious Dr Fairchild and his albino manservant Madden. There seems to be a link to the Nuremberg Trials and it looks as though a controversial royal figure might have secretly plotted to save one of Hitler's most notorious henchmen from the hangman's noose! (Bulgarian) *Due Apr*



 **Sarah RAYNE**
Ghost Song

472pp Pb \$19.99

The old Tarleton music hall on London's Bankside has been mysteriously closed to the public for over 90 years. Joining forces with researcher Hilary Bryant, Robert Fallon discovers the legend of the Tarleton's 'ghost' – a mysterious figure who was first glimpsed in the early 1900s. But the Tarleton's silence is about to end. Yet there are those who find its re-opening a threatening prospect – and as Robert and Hilary delve into the macabre history of one of London's oldest music halls, they both become menaced by its secrets... (English) *Due Apr*

 **Sarah RAYNE**
House of the Lost

416pp Tp \$32.99

When novelist Theo Kendal inherits the remote house where his cousin Charmery was murdered, he believes it will be the ideal place to finish his new book. But Theo's novel is heading in an unplanned direction, describing a young boy named Matthew who lives in constant fear of a world where people die in macabre circumstances, where they can be imprisoned without trial or reason, and where their identities can be wiped forever. Then Theo discovers that Matthew and his family really existed... And it all connects to the death of his cousin Charmery. (English)

 **Karen ROBARDS**
Shattered

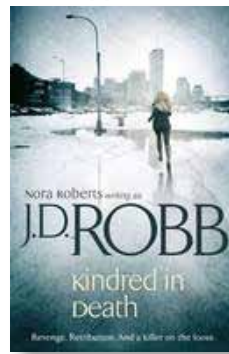
400pp Pb \$32.99

When Lisa Grant is sent by her boss Scott to help organise the courthouse basement, she finds a cold case file containing a picture of a woman – missing for 30 years – who looks just like her. Lisa is determined to discover if there's a link between them. But before she can learn anything more, a series of catastrophes strike close to home, shattering everything Lisa holds dear. It becomes very clear that there's someone out there who will go to shocking lengths to make sure certain secrets stay completely buried... (American) *Due Apr*

 **J D ROBB**
Kindred in Death

464pp Pb \$19.99

#29. The teenage daughter of Captain Jonah McMasters, head of the NYPD drug squad, has been found murdered in her bedroom. The terrifying video of Deena hints at a link between her death and a criminal in McMasters' own past – someone determined to exact revenge. Searching through McMasters' cases leads Eve nowhere until another victim – and another video – reveals the killer's deadly intent: to target every single person involved in his family's case over a decade ago. (American) *Due Apr*



 **Michael ROBOTHAM**
Bleed for Me

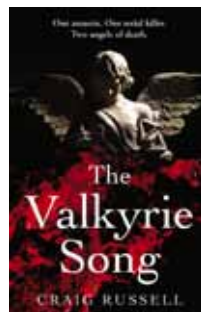
432pp Tp \$32.99

When Sienna Hegarty turns up at his family home one night, covered in blood and frozen in shock, psychologist Joe O'Loughlin tries to unearth the secrets her mind has buried. At Sienna's house, the police discover her father, a retired cop, face-down in a pool of his own blood – the same blood covering Sienna. The 14-year-old can't remember what happened that night but she doesn't mourn her father's death. What was going on behind closed doors in the Hegarty household? And is Sienna guilty of brutal murder? (Australian) *Due Apr*

 **Craig RUSSELL**
The Valkyrie Song

416pp Pb \$24.95

After a gap of ten years, a female serial killer – the Angel of St Pauli – again makes the headlines when an English pop star is found in Hamburg's red-light district. Detective Jan Fabel is called to investigate a series of apparently unrelated events: the separate murders of a journalist and a Serbian gangster. And a long-forgotten project by East Germany's Stasi – conceived at the height of the Cold War and involving a highly-trained group of female assassins known by the codename 'Valkyrie'. (Scottish) *Due Apr*



 **Fay SAMPSON**
In the Blood

208pp Pb \$27.95

Family history researcher, Suzie Fewings, is delighted when she discovers an ancestor with the same name as her teenage son. But what she finds out about the 17th century Thomas casts a darker shadow than she expected. Then her own Tom's girlfriend is found dead in mysterious circumstances, and Suzie finds it hard to suppress her growing fears that Tom has inherited more than just a name from his predecessor... (English)

 **Ian SANSOM**
The Bad Book Affair

240pp Pb \$20.99

Mobile Library #4. Israel finds himself on the trail of a troubled missing teenager, the daughter of a local politician. Why has the young woman disappeared? Does it have something to do with Israel's lending her *A Clockwork Orange* and *Lady Chatterley's Lover* from the library's special 'Unshelved' category? Will the young woman's father run Israel out of town? How will Israel recover from his own break-up with his girlfriend, Gloria? And how exactly does a Jewish vegetarian celebrate his 30th birthday in Tumdrum? (English) *Due Apr*

 **Michele SCOTT**
A Toast to Murder

272pp Pb \$14.95

Wine Lover's Mystery #6. The big day is swiftly approaching for Nikki Sands – Manager of the Malveaux Estates in Napa Valley – and her fiancé Derek Malveaux, who owns the winery. But when they start receiving cryptic messages, questioning their belief in fate, things quickly turn fatal... (American) *Due Apr*

 **John SHANNON**
Palos Verdes Blue

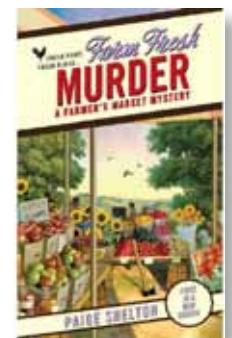
336pp Pb \$27.00

Jack Liffey Mystery #11. Barely recovered after nearly losing his daughter to religious fanatics in Bakersfield, Jack Liffey is hired to find another girl – the missing teenage daughter of his ex-wife's best friend. The investigation leads him to discover an intense turf war on LA's posh Palos Verdes peninsula. The feud turns violent, drawing in arsonists, angry bikers, racist border vigilantes, and Jack's daughter Maeve, who once again puts herself at risk to help her father... (American) *Due Apr*

 **Paige SHELTON**
Farm Fresh Murder

304pp Pb \$14.95

Farmer's Market Mystery #1. Becca Robins leads a simple life, making jams and preserves on her very own farm. But when there's a murder in her quaint little town, she puts herself in the line of fire to defend her friend's innocence – and goes from making jam... to being in one! (American) *Due Apr*



 **Dan SMITH**
Dry Season

384pp Pb \$29.99

Sam, a former priest, has ended up in the Brazilian Riverside town of Sao Tiago. He left England to help people, but he is scarred and disillusioned by what he has seen. Yet, when a man lies dying on a dirt floor, what starts as a fight to save a life becomes a battle with Sao Tiago's dark heart. Caught between friends and enemies, Sam realises that in a place where life is cheap, love can be deadly. (English) *Due Apr*

♥ Mariah STEWART
Coming Home 384pp Pb \$14.95

After his wife's murder, agent Grady Shields turned his back on the FBI – and the world. But after years of seclusion, his sister's wedding draws him to the peaceful town of St Dennis. Grady can't ignore the mutual sparks that fly when he meets Vanessa Keaton. After a tumultuous past, romance is the last thing Vanessa seeks – but Grady is hard to resist. When Vanessa's past catches up with her, Grady won't let her become a victim again, and together they fight her demons. (American) *Due Apr*

🏠 Denise SWANSON
Murder of a Wedding Belle 272pp Pb \$12.95

Scumble River Mystery #12. School psychologist Skye Denison reluctantly agrees to act as maid of honour in her cousin's over-the-top wedding – and must also assist the pedantic wedding planner. But when Skye discovers the planner dead a week before the wedding, Skye is suddenly working double-time. While overseeing every nuptial detail, she's also helping the police find out who hated the planner enough to kill her. Can Skye get her cousin to the church on time – and save herself from a killer who may actually be on the guest list? (American) *Due Apr*

🏠 Nicola UPSON
Angel With Two Faces 432pp Pb \$23.99

Josephine Tey #2. Inspector Archie Penrose invites Josephine Tey down to his family home in Cornwall so she can recover from recent traumatic events. However, Josephine's hopes of a period of rest are dashed, when her arrival coincides with the funeral of a young man from the village who drowned in the nearby lake. Then another young man disappears, and the village's curate falls from a cliff. So Josephine and Archie suspect the involvement of a cold-blooded murderer, and must try to unravel the mystery... (English) *Due Apr*



🏠 Fred VARGAS
The Chalk Circle Man 256pp Pb \$24.95

Chief Inspector Adamsberg #1. Police officer Jean-Baptiste Adamsberg's methods appear unorthodox in the extreme: he doesn't search for clues; he ignores obvious suspects and arrests people with cast-iron alibis. Yet he is a highly-successful cop. When strange blue chalk circles containing banal objects start appearing overnight on the pavements of Paris, the press take up the story with amusement. Adamsberg is alone in thinking this is not a game. Soon a circle, containing the body of a savagely-murdered woman, is found. And Adamsberg knows that other murders will follow... (French) *Due Apr*

🏠 Joseph WAMBAUGH
Hollywood Moon 352pp Tp \$32.95

One moonlit night, LAPD veteran Dana Vaughn, and actor-turned-cop Nate Weiss, receive a call about a young man who's been attacking women. Meanwhile, two surfer cops known as Flotsam and Jetsam keep bumping into a suspicious duo – a smooth-talking player in dreads and a tattooed biker. No one suspects that all three dubious characters might be involved in something bigger and much more illegal. After a series of twists and turns, the cops will find they've stumbled upon a complex web of crime where even the criminals aren't sure who's conning who! (American)

👤 Louise WELSH
Naming the Bones 400pp Tp \$32.95

Knee-deep in the mud of an ancient burial ground, a winter storm raging around him, and at least one person intent on his death – how did Murray Watson end up here? His quiet life researching the lives of writers in university libraries seems a world apart – and yet it is because of the mysterious poet Archie Lunan, dead for 30 years, that Murray now finds himself scrabbling in the dirt on the remote island of Lismore... (Scottish) *Due Apr*

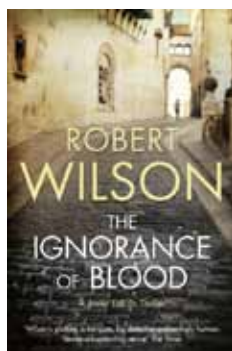


👤 Donald WESTLAKE
Memory 336pp Pb \$14.95

Hard Case Crime. Paul Cole must rebuild his shattered life, after an affair with another man's wife ends in violence and robs him of his memory. (American) *Due Apr*

🏠 Robert WILSON
The Ignorance of Blood 400pp Pb \$24.99

A spectacular car crash in the sweltering Seville summer accidentally brings to light a suitcase filled with millions in cash – and the prospect of a serious mafia presence on Inspector Jefe Javier Falcón's beat. As a turf war erupts, Falcón finds himself, and those closest to him, personally targeted by the lethal forces suddenly unleashed. In the face of attack, Falcón decides to retaliate with a ruthlessness that surprises him as much as his adversaries. But there is a terrible price to pay... (English) *Due Apr*



👁️ Jacqueline WINSPEAR
The Mapping of Love and Death 352pp Hb \$45.00

Maisie Dobbs #7. August 1914. Michael sails for his father's native country to serve in the British army. Three years later, he is MIA. April 1932. London psychologist and investigator Maisie Dobbs is retained by Michael's parents, who have learned that their son's remains have been unearthed in France. They want Maisie to find the unnamed nurse whose love letters were among Michael's belongings. Her inquiries, and the stunning discovery that Michael was murdered in his trench, unleash a web of intrigue and violence that threatens to engulf the soldier's family, and Maisie herself... (English) *Due Apr*

CRIME HISTORICAL

Lindsey DAVIS
Alexandria 368pp Pb \$24.95

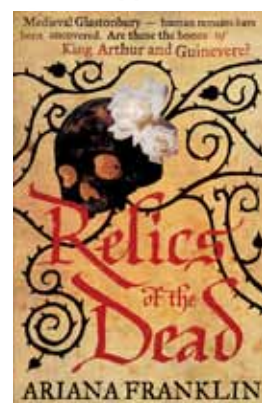
Falco #19. A mysterious death in the world-famous library brings Marcus Didius Falco into immediate conflict with the darker side of academic life. With forensic science in its infancy, even an illegal autopsy fails to find real answers. To solve the crime for the Roman Prefect, Falco will have to draw on his own intuition – supported only by his wife Helena's common sense – and the loyal backup of her brother Aulus, who goes undercover as a student among the in-fighting academics. (English) *Due Apr*

David DICKINSON
Death of a Pilgrim 384pp Pb \$24.99

Lord Francis Powerscourt #8. 1905. James Delaney is dying in a New York hospital – and when his life is miraculously spared, his tycoon father organises a family pilgrimage to Spain, where the resting place of St James – the boy's name-saint – is located. When a pilgrim is killed in Southern France, punctuated by further deaths, Powerscourt is summoned to investigate. (Irish) *Due Apr*

Ariana FRANKLIN
Relics of the Dead 448pp Pb \$26.95

Adelia Aguilar #3. On hearing of this momentous discovery, King Henry II demands evidence that the legendary Arthur is dead. So he calls upon his Mistress of the Art of Death, anatomist Adelia Aguilar, to examine the bones. But someone doesn't want the skeletons identified and is prepared to kill in order to prevent it. (English) *Due Apr*



Barry GRANT

The Strange Return of Sherlock Holmes 192pp Hb \$49.95

When James Wilson retires from journalism, he decides to settle down in Herefordshire with a room-mate, Mr Cedric Coombes, and at first thinks little of his new friend's eccentric behaviour. But he can't shake the feeling that he knows him from somewhere else. As Coombes displays his magnificent deductive prowess, and becomes embroiled in the police investigation of the apparent murder of a man in bathtub, Wilson, or should we say Watson, begins to wonder just who this Coombes really is... (English) *Due Apr*

Cora HARRISON

Eye of the Law

Burren Mystery #5.
Ireland, 1510. A great feast is being held.

Two strangers emerge into a crowd listening to the story of Balor, the one-eyed god.

The younger of the two, Iarla, bears a letter that claims that the wealthy Ardal O'Lochlainn is his true father – which Ardal

vociferously denies. So when Iarla is found dead, with one eye missing, some think he was killed by the god – but most suspect Ardal. Mara the Brehon – or lawgiver – of the Burren, is called to investigate. (Irish) *Due Apr*

Ellen HORAN

31 Bond Street

When Dr Harvey Burdell's body is found in the bedroom of his posh Bond Street home, his lover, Emma Cunningham, is a prime suspect. Her trial is nothing less than sensational, where two lawyers fight for truth, justice and their careers. Set against the background of a

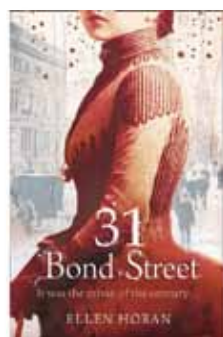
bustling, corrupt New York City, just four years before the Civil War, the author intertwines two main narratives: the trial through the perspective of the defence attorney Henry Clinton, and the story of Emma, whose search for a husband brought her into the arms of Dr Burdell. (American) *Due Apr*

Scott MACKAY

The Angel of the Glade 192pp Pb \$27.95

Widower Clyde Deacon arrives in Fairfield, New York, to take up the post of doctor. The townspeople initially regard him with suspicion because he comes from Tennessee. When a beautiful actress is found murdered, the overworked sheriff asks Deacon to assist him with the case. Deacon quickly discovers that the Fairfield inhabitants aren't as innocent as they seem, the victim not as blameless, and the truth more shocking than anyone could have imagined... (Canadian)

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Shona MACLEAN

A Game of Sorrows 352pp Tp \$32.95

It is 1628 and Alexander Seaton is happily settled as a university teacher in Aberdeen – until the arrival of a stranger carrying a plea for help from his dead mother's family in Ireland. The family has been placed under a poet's curse, elements of which have begun to come true. Alexander travels to Ulster to find himself among a family riven by secrets and long-standing resentments. His life and liberty are threatened as he is confronted with murder within his own family...

(Scottish) *Due Apr*

Charles O'BRIEN

Deadly Quarrel

On a trip from Paris to London in October 1789, Anne Cartier learns that her wealthy and deaf friend, Janice Parker, was almost murdered. With the help of retired Bow Street officer Dick Burton, Anne searches London, Bath and Bristol for the perpetrators.

She discovers that Captain Judd, the half-brother of Janice's guardian, had Janice's parents killed. Judd and his mistress now conspire to kill Janice, then her guardian, and secure her inheritance for themselves... (American) *Due Apr*

Andrew PEPPER

Detective Branch

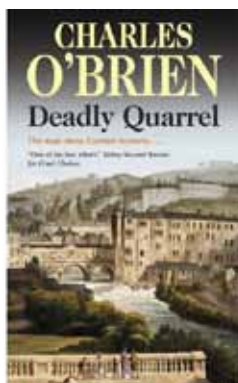
Pyke #4. London, 1843. When a policeman is found dead, it appears that the man has been killed while on duty, in the course of a robbery gone wrong. But Pyke's investigations reveal that the robbery could be a red herring for murder. Then a tavern landlord is killed and a connection to the dead policeman is unearthed. Digging into both men's past, Pyke's investigative team unearth evidence of corrupt practices and connections to slum-lords and high-ranking City of London officials. (Irish) *Due Apr*

Elizabeth PETERS

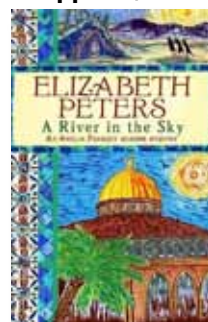
A River in the Sky

Amelia Peabody #19. 1910. Amelia turns her attention to Palestine, the Holy Land of three religions. Hearing that Morley, an English adventurer, has raised money to search for treasures of the Temple in Jerusalem, Emerson and Amelia go after him to prevent a catastrophically inept excavation and the possibility of armed protest by the infuriated members of all three religions who view the Dome of the Rock as sacred. (American) *Due Apr*

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Laura Joh ROWLAND

The Cloud Pavilion 320pp Pb \$24.99

Sano Ichiro #14. Japan, 1701. A woman is brutally attacked within a bamboo prison. Edo Castle, samurai detective-turned-chamberlain Sano Ichiro is suspicious of his old rival, Yanagisawa, who has been oddly cooperative since his return from exile. But just as Yanagisawa's true motives emerge, Sano's estranged uncle comes to him for help: his daughter has disappeared! (American)

Laura Joh ROWLAND

Secret Adventures of Charlotte Bronte

384pp Pb \$24.95

Falsely accused of plagiarism, the mild-mannered Charlotte Bronte sets off for London to clear her name. But after witnessing a murder, she finds herself embroiled in a dangerous chain of events. With the clandestine aid of the other Bronte sisters, she works to unravel a deadly web of intrigue that threatens the very fabric of the British Empire. (American)

Lynn SHEPHERD

Murder at Mansfield Park

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Fanny Price has become an heiress to a fortune... and also a scheming minx. Hiding behind a demure facade, she is betrothed to Edmund, now Mrs Norris's stepson; but do the couple really love each other? Henry and Mary Crawford arrive ready to wreak havoc with their city ways, and tragedy strikes the grand house as it becomes the scene of violence. Every member of the family falls under suspicion and the race begins to halt a ruthless murderer. (English) *Due Apr*

E V THOMPSON

Churchyard and Hawke

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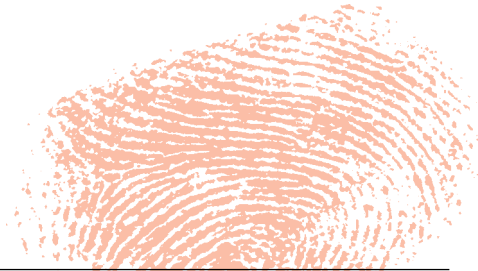
After taking a beating while engaged in undercover work in London's 19th century slums, Constable Tom Churchyard goes to Cornwall to become right-hand man to Amos Hawke, a senior Cornish policeman. Churchyard's knowledge of the London rogues proves invaluable as Hawke foils a gang of city thieves but when a brutal murder is committed it proves far more complex than appears at first glance... (English) *Due Apr*

Nancy Means WRIGHT

Midnight Fires

248pp Pb \$27.00

1786, Ireland. The new governess of Mitchelstown Castle, Mary Wollstonecraft, witnesses the stabbing of an illegitimate son of the nobility. When young Liam Donovan, who hated the aristocratic rogue for seducing his niece, becomes the prime suspect, Mary determines to prove him innocent. (American) *Due Apr*

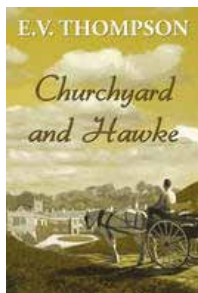


CRIME AUDIO

M C BEATON

Agatha Raisin: The Terrible Tourist/ The Fairies of Fryfam 2 CDs \$29.99

The Terrible Tourist: Now that their marriage plans have collapsed, Agatha is furious to find that James is taking a holiday on the island where they were to have their honeymoon. But when she sets out in pursuit of him, she stumbles upon another



murder. **The Fairies of Fryfam:** Having been hurt by James once too often, Agatha takes a trip to the Cornish village of Fryfam and is soon disturbed by some strange lights at the bottom of the garden. (Scottish) *Due Apr*

Alan BRADLEY

The Sweetness at the Bottom of the Pie 5 CDs \$49.99

See Modern Crime section. (English) *Due Apr*

Agatha CHRISTIE

Towards Zero 2 CDs \$29.99

Lady Tresselian invites several guests to stay at her seaside house at Gul's Point. Against her better judgment she has allowed handsome tennis ace Neville Strange and his wife Kay to come at the same time as Neville's ex-wife Audrey. When one of the guests, Mr Treves, dies suddenly, and Lady Tresselian is murdered in her bed, the house party is thrown into turmoil. (English) *Due Apr*

Harlan COBEN

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See Modern Crime section. (American) *Due Apr*

John Le CARRE

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Smiley, now head of the Circus, must rebuild trust in the shattered organisation. He is also determined to destroy his nemesis, Karla, and his spy networks. He recruits Jerry Westerby – occasional spy, occasional news reporter, full-time romantic – and despatches him to the Far East, where amidst the corruption and decay of former colonies, a new battle is about to begin... (English) *Due Apr*

Karen ROSE

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16 CDs \$45.00

Detective John Grace's investigation into a string of suicides leads him to Evie, the victim of an assault that resulted in paralysis on one side of her face. Evie facilitates



an online virtual community called 'Another World', designed to improve self-esteem through the use of avatars. When one of her online test subjects dies of supposed suicide, Evie suspects homicide, and John is the only person who will listen. As more deaths occur, John asks Evie to be his virtual guide in the investigation. But the killer is closer than they think (American) *Due Apr*

CRIME NON-FICTION

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Ian Rankin and Inspector Rebus: The Story of the Best-selling Author and His Complex Detective 288pp Hb \$39.99

For over 20 years, the critically-acclaimed Inspector Rebus novels have sold in their millions, thrilling readers the world over. This fascinating biography presents a thought-provoking insight into the minds of the writer and his creation. (English) *Due Apr*

Agatha CHRISTIE

Agatha Christie: An Autobiography 544pp Hb & CD \$45.00

In 2008, Christie's grandson made a remarkable discovery - a box of old recordings of Agatha dictating her autobiography. They reveal the normally reclusive Agatha telling her own story in a lively, spontaneous and often conspiratorial way. This new edition includes a CD of highlights from these priceless tapes, allowing us to hear the Queen of Crime's story in her own words! (English) *Due Apr*

John KERR

The Hit Men 320pp Tp \$32.95

A chilling account of some of Australia's most ruthless contract killers – their plots, accomplices, victims, crimes and punishments – and of the ordinary people who saw fit to employ them, to get what they wanted. (Australian)

Glen McNAMARA

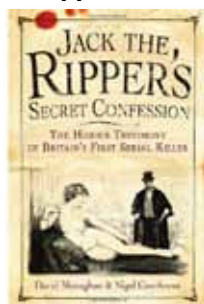
Dirty Work 320pp Pb \$29.99

McNamara was sworn in as a constable in the NSW Police at 19. A career as a detective beckoned and he was soon tracking down the notorious Warren Lanfranchi, Neddy Smith and disgraced cop Roger Rogerson in 1980s Sydney, when cash and drugs flowed freely. (Australian)

David MONAGHAN & Nigel CAWTHORNE

Jack the Ripper's Secret Confession: The Hidden Testimony of Britain's First Serial Killer 352pp Pb \$26.99

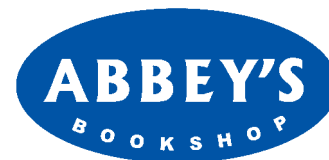
While Jack the Ripper spread fear through East End London in 1888, another man named Walter stalked the streets. A fetishist obsessed with sex workers, he printed a memoir, *My Secret Life*. Long banned for obscenity, this is the story of those memoirs and the horrific clue they contain – unlocking the diary as the final confession of Jack the Ripper. (English)



Jimmy THOMSON

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