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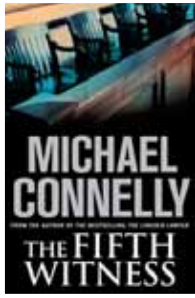
Michael Connelly The Fifth Witness

Mickey Haller #4.

Mickey Haller must defend a client who is accused of killing the banker involved with her foreclosure - a case that reveals black-market dealings and a threat to Mickey's life. By the bestselling author of **The Lincoln Lawyer**

(Pb \$19.99). (American, Legal)

400pp Tp \$32.99



James Henry First Frost

Denton, 1981. Britain is in recession, the IRA is increasingly active and the country is on alert for a rabies outbreak. Detective Sergeant Jack Frost is working under his mentor and inspiration DI Bert Williams. Then Bert's body is found and things get very complicated! (English, Police Procedural)

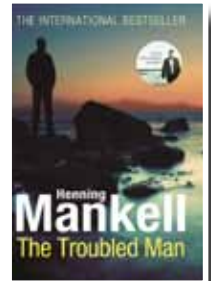
400pp Tp \$32.95



Henning Mankell The Troubled Man

Wallander #10. When his daughter's future father-in-law disappears under suspicious circumstances, Kurt Wallander uncovers disturbing evidence of Cold War espionage - a case that forces him to confront dark truths about his own nature. (Swedish, Suspense)

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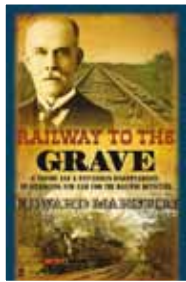
Mankell: the standalone novel **The Man from Beijing** (Pb \$24.95), where Judge Birgitta Roslin uncovers a crime unprecedented in Swedish history...

Edward Marston Railway to the Grave

Railway Detective #7.

Yorkshire, 1855. When the well-respected Colonel Aubrey Tarleton loses his will to live without his wife, who has mysteriously disappeared, he commits suicide. Is this the act of a guilty man? It's up to Inspector Robert Colbeck to find out. (Welsh, Historical)

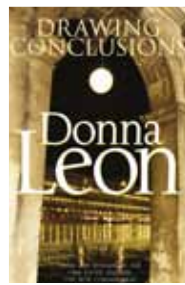
352pp Pb \$22.99



Donna Leon Drawing Conclusions

Brunetti #20. When Anna Maria Giusti finds her elderly neighbour Constanza Altavilla dead, with blood on the floor near her head, Commissario Brunetti is called to the scene. It seems the woman has suffered a fatal heart attack, but Brunetti cannot shake the feeling that the heart attack was somehow triggered... (American, Police Procedural)

272pp Tp \$29.95

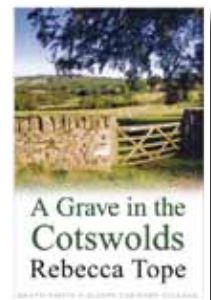


Rebecca Tope

A Grave in the Cotswolds

Thea Osborne #8. When Drew Slocombe finds himself the chief suspect of a murder in the Cotswolds, Thea Osborne is embroiled in another investigation. As Thea works with Drew to clear his name, they face a village simmering with secrets, where a means and motive can be laid at anybody's door... (English, Cosy)

416pp Pb \$17.99



GARY CORBY with David Hall from Abbey's talking about The Pericles Commission (\$24.95)



You set your novel
in the somewhat
neglected period of

Classical Athens, not Ancient Rome or Egypt. Was
this a conscious decision? And why a crime novel?

Classical Athens was one of the most exciting periods of human history. These people started Western civilization; you can't get much more critical than that! They all lived in a period of just 50 years, in a place no larger than a modern town, and they all knew each other.

Also, they killed each other in such interesting ways... and I've always loved puzzle stories, both of the murder mystery kind and the science fiction kind. (In fact, your Galaxy Bookshop was a favourite haunt back in my university days when I could drop in frequently). So when I decided to write a novel, it was the most natural place to set a murder mystery.

In your next novel, Nico visits Themistocles in

the Persian Empire. How far afield do you see
him travelling?

Nico's adventures will eventually take him around much of the known world. The second book is **The Ionia Sanction**. Ionia was the western coast of what is now Turkey, and part of the Persian Empire. The third book takes place at the Olympics of 460BC.

Nico is definitely going to Egypt. I already have notes for that and a fair idea of the characters. After that, there are so many options: southern Italy was entirely Greek; Carthage was up and running; Marseilles in southern France began as a Greek colony called Massilia.

Readers send me requests for Nico to go to certain places, such as further inside Persia. I'd like to get him to Susa and Babylon. That would certainly be a perilous mission because it's right in the heart of the enemy empire.

I'll keep writing these books as long as people want to read them. There's no shortage of material. The Golden Age of Greece was 50 years packed with tales of adventure, war, conspiracy, lust, love, corruption, power politics, assassination - you name it!

You use a mix of real and fictional characters

and events. Will this continue in future books?

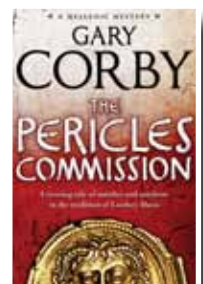
Absolutely. Luckily for me, because the period is largely untapped, there are huge wells of history from which to turn real events into stories so strange, they read almost like fantasy.

I'm somewhat driven by when things actually happened. The years 460 to 461 BC were among the most momentous in history and the first three books take place in quick succession in less than 12 months of story time. I'll have to slow the pace soon though, otherwise at three books per story year, I'll need 150 books to get my heroes through the Golden Age!

Did you do any specific research
for this book, or just draw on
your existing knowledge of
ancient Greece?

I do massive amounts of research. I once spent three hours proving the ancient Greeks had garlic, just so I could write one line of text!

Because I use a large number of historical people in the stories, I study their lives in minute detail to make sure I don't break real history. I'm very keen on historical accuracy. (continued page 14)

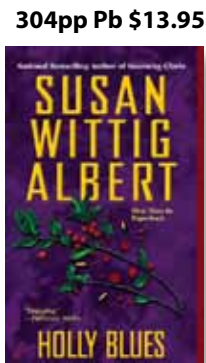




**Susan Wittig Albert
Holly Blues**

China Bayles #18. China Bayles isn't happy when a Texas wind blows her husband's ex-wife, and the mother of China's stepson, into her herb shop. Sally is known to have a split personality and fall into constant trouble with the law, but she claims she has nowhere else to turn.

Now it's up to China to weed out whatever it is that Sally is running from... before the truth catches up with them all! (American, Cosy)



304pp Pb \$13.95

**Ace Atkins
Infamous**

A seemingly straightforward kidnap-for-ransom scheme by 1930s gangster 'Machine Gun' Kelly is thrown into near-whimsical chaos by the greed of two partners, a determined former Texas Ranger and Kelly's two-faced wife Kathryn - the Lady Macbeth of Depression-era crime. Once again Ace Atkins, author of *Devil's Garden* (Pb \$27), transforms real-life events into riveting fiction. (American, Suspense)

448pp Pb \$24.95

**Kate Atkinson
Started Early, Took My Dog**

Jackson Brodie #4. Retired police detective Tracy Waterhouse leads a quiet life - until she encounters habitual offender Kelly Cross, dragging a miserable child through town. On an impulse purchase, Tracy finds herself burdened with a small child - but parental inexperience is the least of her problems. Meanwhile, Jackson Brodie embarks on a rescue involving an abused dog, where he learns that no good deed goes unpunished... (English, Police Procedural)



496pp Pb \$24.95

**Greig Beck
This Green Hell**

Alex Hunter #3. In the jungles of Paraguay, petro-biologist Dr Aimee Weir has located a unique and highly-destructive micro-organism in a natural gas deposit - and now a contagion is striking down all in its wake. The camp is quarantined and Alex Hunter and his Hotzone All-Forces Warfare Commandos are dropped into the disaster area to stem an outbreak that threatens the very survival of mankind! (Australian, Suspense)

310pp Tp \$32.99

**David Belbin
Bone and Cane**

Nottingham, 1997. Ex-radical Sarah Bone is a Labour politician facing the election battle of her life, who has successfully campaigned for the release of Ed Clarke, a wrongfully imprisoned 'murderer'. When Sarah is sexually assaulted by Ed after his release, Sarah's radical ex-boyfriend Nick Cane - whose life is strangely bound with Ed, having once been prison inmates - must work with Sarah to expose Ed's guilt. (English, Suspense)

256pp Tp \$29.99



**Alex Berenson
The Secret Soldier**

John Wells #5. Saudi Arabia's King Abdullah fears he is losing control of his family and his people, and turns to the one man who can make the difference. Ex-CIA operative John Wells must go undercover to investigate King Abdullah's claims. But as Wells begins to unravel the conspiracy, it seems the plotters want to spark the final conflagration between Islam and the West. (American, Spy)

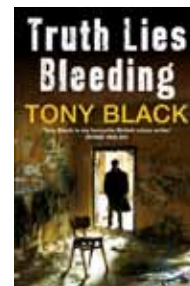
416pp Tp \$29.99

Also available: *John Wells #4, The Midnight House* (Pb \$21.95).

**Tony Black
Truth Lies Bleeding**

When the mutilated corpse of a young girl stuffed into a dumpster is discovered, the case is assigned to Inspector Rob Brennan, recently returned from psychiatric leave. His superiors think the case will get him back on track. But Rob has enemies within the force and a nose for trouble. What he discovers about the victim will blow the case wide open! (British, Police Procedural)

320pp Tp \$32.95



Also available by Black: *Gus Dury #4, A Long Time Dead* (Pb \$24.95).

**William Peter Blatty
The Redemption**

Albania, 1970s. A prisoner suspected of being an enemy agent is held by state security. An unsettling presence, he maintains an eerie silence, though subjected to unimaginable torture. He escapes - and on the way to freedom, completes a mysterious mission. The prisoner is Dimiter, the American 'agent from hell'. The scene shifts to Jerusalem, focusing on a series of inexplicable deaths... (American, Spy)

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**Rhys Bowen
The Last Illusion**

Molly Murphy #9. The wife of the world-famous illusionist, Harry Houdini, hires Irish immigrant and private investigator Molly Murphy to uncover the truth behind the on-stage death of a magician's assistant, intent on clearing Houdini's name and finding the person truly responsible for the death. (English, Private Detective)

304pp Pb \$13.95



Also available: *Molly Murphy #8, In a Gilded Cage* (Pb \$13.95), where Murphy investigates the death of her friend's missionary parents, while also tracking the philandering husband of a Vassar grad.

**Honey Brown
Red Queen**

Shannon and Rohan Scott have retreated to their family's cabin in the Australian bush to escape a virus-ravaged world. After months of isolation, a stranger slips under their late-night watch. Reluctantly the brothers take the young woman into their fold. Soon, possessiveness takes hold, loyalties are split, and trust is shattered. All three are locked in a very different battle for survival... (Australian, Psychological)

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**Philip Carter
Altar of Bones**

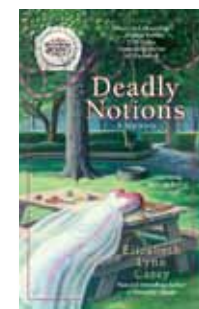
Dying words from a murdered homeless woman in San Francisco unlock a decades-buried secret. A pair of ruthless assassins are sent to cut the few living 'loose ends', while a young woman on the run encounters a man with a vengeful agenda. Forced to partner for survival and answers, a deadly game of cat and mouse ensues, taking them across the globe where destiny, passion, and further betrayal await them... (Suspense)

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**Elizabeth Lynn Casey
Deadly Notions**

Southern Sewing Circle #4. Librarian Tori Sinclair throws a birthday bash for a fellow sewer's daughter, and though the party is a hit, self-important pageant mum Ashley Lawson leaves the ladies wanting to permanently shut her annoying mouth. So when Ashley turns up dead, Tori and the girls need to figure out who really murdered Ashley - before fingerprinting causes their friendships to unravel! (American, Cosy)

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- Nationality of author

- Crime genre

Chris Cavender
Pepperoni Pizza Can be Murder

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Pizza Lovers' Mystery #2. For once, no one is trying to pin a murder on Eleanor Swift, owner of the pizzeria A Slice of Delight, located in the quiet little town of Timber Ridge, North Carolina. But when a body is found in Eleanor's kitchen, it turns out the body belongs to the nasty brother of her delivery driver Greg Hatcher. When Greg disappears in a panic, Eleanor must search for the real serial killer. (American, Cosy)



Lee Child (Editor)
First Thrills

368pp Tp \$32.99

This title presents brand-new stories from world-class writers, handpicked by bestselling author, Lee Child. Con-men and killers, aliens and zombies, priests and soldiers - just some of the characters that kill and thrill in this compelling collection of gun-toting, double-crossing, back-stabbing, pulse-pounding stories! Featuring work by Jeffery Deaver, Karin Slaughter, Stephen Coonts, John Lescroart, and more! (American, Anthology)



Marcia Clark
Guilt by Association

368pp Tp \$29.99

A Deputy DA specialising in high-profile cases, Rachel Knight is addicted to her work and loyal to her friends. But when her colleague Jake is found dead in a seedy LA hotel room beside the body of a teenage male sex worker, the police want to write off the death as a simple murder-suicide. Warned off the case but determined to find the killer, her investigation leads her to a dangerous truth... (American, Police Procedural)



Mary Higgins Clark
I'll Walk Alone

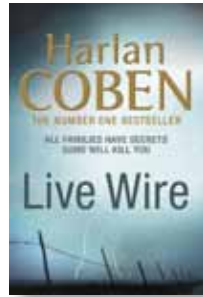
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When 32-year-old Alexandra Moreland is plagued by identity theft, her successful life in Manhattan is turned upside down. Someone has gained access to her personal information, and is now impersonating her. Then, when overwhelming circumstantial evidence is stacked against her, Alexandra is arrested for the murder of a woman she claims she's never met... Or has she? (American, Suspense)

Harlan Coben
Live Wire

384pp Tp \$32.99

Myron Bolitar #10. Myron Bolitar has negotiated his share of contracts for former tennis star Suzze T and her rock star husband, Lex. But now Lex has disappeared and a very pregnant Suzze fears the online rumours questioning the baby's paternity have driven him away. Questions of fatherhood couldn't hit closer to home, as Myron's dad clings to life, and his long-lost brother resurfaces - with danger following close behind. (American, Suspense)



Kate Collins
Night of the Living Dandelion

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Flower Shop Mystery #11. Flower shop owner Abby Knight, while hobbling around on crutches, agrees to help her fiancé, Marco, clear the name of his old army buddy Vlad Serban. Everyone thinks Vlad is a vampire and responsible for the death of local nursing director Lori Willis, whose body was drained of blood. But how does one explain that Vlad, has prominent canines, and dresses entirely in black? (American, Cosy)



E J Copperman

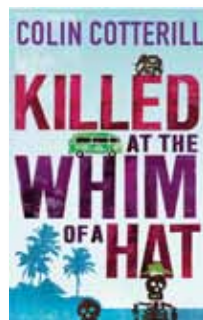
An Uninvited Ghost 304pp Pb \$13.95

Haunted Guesthouse Mystery #2. Alison and her resident gumshoe ghost are on their next case, when the deceased Scott MacFarlane floats in, concerned that he accidentally killed a prominent local woman. Turns out she's still alive - until she's murdered in Alison's house. Between the demands of her guests and the arrival of a reality TV crew, Alison must find the killer... before she sees reality from the other side! (American, Cosy)

Colin Cotterill
Killed at the Whim of a Hat

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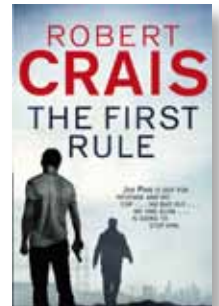
When journalist Jimm Juree follows her family from Chiang Mai to a fishing village on the Gulf of Siam, there is no shortage of news. Local palm oil plantation workers excavate a well, unearthing an old Volkswagen kombi containing two skeletons. Then a monk is murdered nearby in Lang Suan. There is no apparent motive, but there are odd connections between this killing and several others... (English, Journalistic)



Robert Crais
The First Rule

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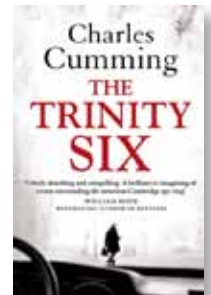
Joe Pike #13. Helped by his boss John Pike, Frank Meyer put an end to his mercenary days and settled down with his wife and children. Ten years later, Frank and his family are brutally gunned down in their LA home. Pike is determined to hunt down and eliminate everyone involved in the attack, one by one, even if the crims are bigger and better organised than he could ever have imagined... (American, Suspense)



Charles Cumming
The Trinity Six

416pp Tp \$32.99

Russia expert Dr Sam Gaddis has staggering new information about an unknown sixth member of the infamous Cambridge spy ring. But when his source suddenly dies, Gaddis has no idea that he is in too deep. He is being hunted. To get his life back, he must scour a continent to find the truth behind the Trinity Six. But Moscow and MI6 will use everything in their power to keep their fragile peace intact... (Scottish, Spy)



Clive Cussler & Jack Du Brul
The Silent Sea 414pp Pb \$19.95

Oregon Files #7. Juan Cabrillo and the Oregon team must locate the remains of a crashed NASA satellite in the Argentine jungle, where they make a discovery that sends them on the trail of an ancient Chinese expedition: the lost ship, *The Silent Sea*. Cabrillo is embroiled in a race against time to find the ship's mysterious and deadly remains... or pay the consequences if someone else does! (American, Archaeological)

Casey Daniels

A Hard Day's Fright

304pp Pb \$13.95

Pepper Martin #7. What happened to a teenager named Lucy after a Beatles concert in 1966? She rushed the stage, kissed Paul, started home with her friends, and was never seen again - until cemetery guide and unintentional PI to the dead Pepper Martin sees Lucy's ghost. Lucy's spirit can't rest in peace until her body is found and buried. But how will Pepper track down a missing corpse after 45 years? (American, Cosy)



Paul Doiron

The Poacher's Son

Mike Bowditch #1. Mike Bowditch is one of the few who believes his father, Jack, did not murder a local beloved cop, despite being the prime suspect.

Jack is a hard-drinking womaniser who makes his living poaching illegal game - and now he's on the run from the police. With the help of a retired pilot, Mike must journey deep into the Maine wilderness to find his fugitive kin - and the real killer! (American, Suspense)

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Elsebeth Egholm

Next of Kin

Late one evening, journalist Dicte Svendsen receives an anonymous package containing footage of a beheading carried out by a figure in black. A wave of anti-immigrant hysteria is unleashed and, as the panic escalates, Dicte finds herself caught up in a Danish secret intelligence investigation - one that poses uncomfortable questions about freedom of speech and a powerful upsurge in nationalism. (Danish, Suspense)

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Tana French

Faithful Place

When Frank Mackey was 19, his girlfriend, Rosie Daly, failed to turn up for their rendezvous in Faithful Place, to escape to London as planned. Frank never heard from her again. 20 years on, Frank is still in Dublin, working as an undercover cop. But when he is told that Rosie's suitcase has been found, Frank embarks on a journey into his past that demands he re-evaluate everything he thought to be true. (Irish, Psychological)

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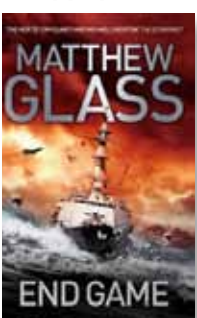


Matthew Glass

End Game

It is 2018. Two seemingly unrelated incidents in an African war zone and a New York bank have set the wheels in motion for a confrontation between the US and China. The leaders on both sides recognise that the first shot fired will have lethal consequences. But how can they resolve the crisis without being swept from office and being replaced with the hawks and hardliners who promote confrontation? (English, Political)

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Sarah Graves

Crawlspace

Home Repair Is Homicide #13. When author Carolyn Rathbone arrives in Maine to research the infamous Dodd murders for a new book, the unsolved slayings become a hot topic. But the investigation reopens old wounds and deadly secrets, and ex-Wall Streeter Jacobia Tiptree is targeted by one of the most deranged criminal minds she's ever encountered. (American, Suspense)

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Alex Gray

Sleep Like the Dead

Lorimer & Brightman #8. When her ex-husband is murdered, Marianne - a student of criminal profiler Dr Solomon Brightman - goes into hiding after her brother runs off to Spain with the hitman's fee. But there is more to Marianne's relationship with Solly. Can DCI Lorimer's friendship with Solly produce the necessary clues, and can Solly find Marianne before time runs out for her? (Scottish, Police Procedural)

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John Grisham

The Confession

In 1998, Travis Boyette murdered a high-school cheerleader, then watched as the police arrested Donte Drumm, a local football star who was tried and sentenced to death row. Nine years later, Drumm is four days from execution. Travis faces an inoperable brain tumour, so decides to confess. But how can he convince lawyers, judges and politicians that they have the wrong man? (American, Legal)

432pp Tp \$32.95



Rosemary Harris

Dead Head

Dirty Business Mysteries #3. Learning that one of her popular neighbours is actually an escaped convict, investigator Paula Holliday is hired to find out which of the community's inner circle ladies is a fugitive from the law and why the woman's long-kept secret is being exposed. (American, Cosy)

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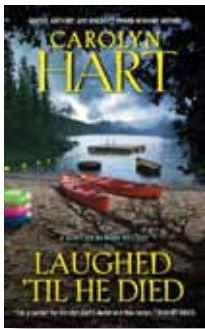
Also available: *Dirty Business Mysteries #2, The Big Dirt Nap* (Pb \$13.95), where Paula's trip to the Titans Hotel goes awry when Lucy is detained... and a suitor turns up dead!

Carolyn Hart

Laughed 'Til He Died

Death on Demand #20. Mystery bookstore owner Annie Darling and her husband, Max, are plunged into danger when a trio of deaths is linked to the island's youth recreation centre. With the evidence mounting, the centre's director seeks Max to clear her name. But when it comes to intrigue, where Max goes, Annie follows. To save an innocent woman, the pair must unravel three complex interlinked puzzles! (American, Cosy)

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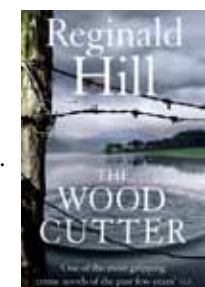


Reginald Hill

The Woodcutter

From humble origins as a Cumbrian woodcutter's son, Wolf Hadda became a happily-married, successful entrepreneur. Then everything changes. Ostracised and thrown into prison, Wolf retreats into silence until prison psychiatrist Alva Ozigbo makes a breakthrough; Wolf speaks after seven years. Granted parole, Wolf returns to his rundown family home in Cumbria, seeking the truth - and vengeance. (English, Psychological)

592pp Pb \$24.99



Quintin Jardine

A Rush of Blood

Bob Skinner #19. The suicide of a successful Lithuanian entrepreneur arouses suspicion amongst the newly appointed Chief Constable Bob Skinner and his colleagues. As enquiries begin, a drugged and incoherent girl is dumped in a health centre by a man who promptly departs. Who is the girl, and why did the man disappear? And is it coincidental that the city massage parlours have closed overnight? (Scottish, Police Procedural)

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Faye Kellerman

Hangman

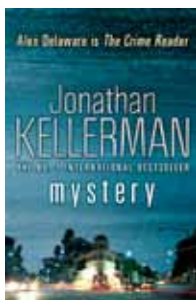
Peter Decker & Rina Lazarus #19. When LAPD Lieutenant Peter Decker agrees to do a favour for old friend Teresa McLaughlin, he knows that his involvement will bring her sociopathic husband, Chris Donatti, back into his life. But when Terry and Donatti disappear, their 14-year-old son, Gabe, is left behind. While Decker and his wife Rina want to look after Gabe, no one is safe with Donatti on the loose! (American, Police Procedural)

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**Jonathan Kellerman
Mystery**

Alex Delaware #26. Psychologist Alex Delaware and his girlfriend make a visit to a hotel bar in LA, where a beautiful and aloof young woman grabs their attention. Two days later, Alex is called in on a murder case and is shocked to recognise the victim as the woman at the bar. Discovering her true identity is not going to be easy and the investigation will lead him to the darkest secrets in the highest places... (American, Psychological)

320pp Tp \$32.99



**Jassy Mackenzie
Random Violence**

Jade de Jong #1. Piet Botha is the primary suspect in the murder of his wealthy wife. PI Jade de Jong, recently returned to Johannesburg, offers to help her father's former assistant, Superintendent David Patel, with the investigation. As Jade probes into other recent cases, a pattern begins to emerge - a pattern which goes back to her father's murder, involving a vast and intricate series of crimes for profit... (South African, Private Detective)

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**G J Moffat
Fallout**

Logan Finch has made a new life for himself with his daughter Ellie. But a blossoming relationship with DC Rebecca Irvine is about to be put to the test when Irvine's old flame, drug-addicted rock star Roddy Hale, enters her life again. And then there's the small matter of a professional killer following her every move. Logan must make impossible choices: between his best friend and the woman he loves. (Scottish, Suspense)

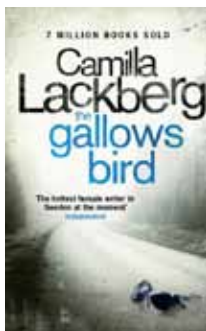
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**Camilla Lackberg
The Gallows Bird**

Patrik Hedstrom #4. A reality TV show is being shot in the town of Tanumshede. As the cameras shadow every move, relations with the locals grow strained. When a drunken party ends with an unpopular contestant's murder, the cast and crew are obvious suspects. Under the intense glare of the media spotlight, detective Patrik Hedstrom and his colleagues faces their toughest investigation yet! (Swedish, Police Procedural)

384pp Tp \$32.99



**Mary Jane Maffini
The Busy Woman's Guide to Murder**

Charlotte Adams #5. Serena Redding, a high school 'mean girl' who used to torment Mona Pringle, is coming back for a reunion. When Mona talks about how good it would be to kill Serena, Charlotte doesn't believe she means it. But when a woman who looks like Serena is killed in a hit-and-run, and another former mean girl is also run down, Charlotte realises she needs to look both ways for the now-missing Mona! (Canadian, Cosy)

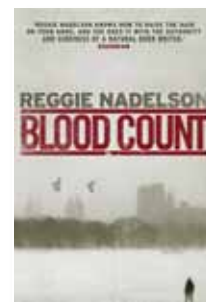
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**Reggie Nadelson
Blood Count**

Artie Cohen #9. In New York's Harlem, the music of jazz legends plays in the memories of its residents. Artie Cohen could feel at home here - if he wasn't on the trail of a killer intent on erasing the past. An elderly Russian woman is found dead in her apartment, and Cohen finds himself in the centre of a violent debate between city developers and an older generation of Harlem tenants... (American, Police Procedural)

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**Virginia Lowell
Cookie Dough or Die**

Cookie Cutter Shop Mystery #1. The reputation of Olivia Greyson and her cookie shop is in danger, when she becomes the prime suspect in the murder investigation of her mentor - the prominent business owner Clarisse Chamberlain - after it is revealed that Clarisse left her a large sum of money. Olivia and her sidekick Maddie must take a break from baking and find the real killer, before their reputations - and lives - are battered for good!! (American, Cosy)

304pp Pb \$13.95



**Peter May
The Blackhouse**

The Isle of Lewis is a remote, harshly beautiful place in Scotland, where pagan values lurk beneath the veneer of faith. When a murder on the island bears the hallmarks of a similar slaying in Edinburgh, police detective Fin Macleod is dispatched north to investigate. But since he was raised on Lewis, the investigation also represents a journey home, into a past that recalls a horrific tragedy. (Scottish, Police Procedural)

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**Judi McCoy
Begging for Trouble**

Dog Walker Mystery #4. When Ellie Engleman, New York City's most enterprising dog walker, goes to see one of her clients perform in a show, the screams aren't just for the fantastic dance numbers. A murder occurs backstage, and the only witness is a Poodle-Chihuahua. Taking Bitsy to a dog psychic might be unconventional, but it may clear an innocent man's name, and stop the real killer! (American, Canine)

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**Malla Nunn
Let the Dead Lie**

Emmanuel Cooper #2. South Africa, 1953: Forced to resign from his position of Detective Sergeant and re-classified as 'mixed race', Emmanuel Cooper winds up mixing labouring with surveillance work for his old boss. One night, he stumbles upon the body of a young white boy and the detective in him can't walk away. When two more bodies are discovered, he becomes the prime suspect in a triple murder case. (Australian, Police Procedural)

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**Lisa Lutz
The Spellmans Strike Again**

Izzy Spellman #4. 32-year-old Izzy Spellman has agreed to take over the family detective business, where she must dig up dirt on the competition, ex-cop Rick Harkey, as well as recruit her friend Len to infiltrate the home of an ageing millionaire as an undercover butler, in a missing person's case. Meanwhile, Izzy's mother is blackmailing her to commit to regular blind dates with 'promising' professionals! (American, Private Detective)

400pp Pb \$22.99

**Alan Orloff
Killer Routine**

Last Laff Mystery #1. Channing Hayes is the co-owner of 'Last Laff Comedy Club', where he instructs his deceased fiancée's sister, Heather, in the fine art of stand-up. When Heather skips out during the club's comedy showcase, Channing searches for his AWOL protégé. Then Heather's ex-lovers start turning up dead - and Channing must fight to keep Heather from being the next hit in this deadly line-up. (American, Cosy)

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T Jefferson Parker**The Border Lords**

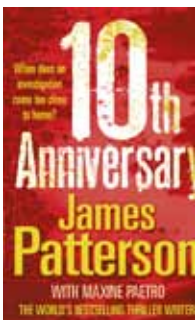
Charlie Hood #4. When undercover ATF agent Sean Ozburn stops checking in during a mission to infiltrate the Baja Cartel, fellow ATF agent Charlie Hood watches haunting digital videos which the agent sent to his wife, fearing that Oz has switched sides... (American, FBI)

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Also available: *Charlie Hood #3, Iron River* (Pb \$22.95), where Charlie discovers a close personal connection with the cartel wars south of the California-Mexico border.

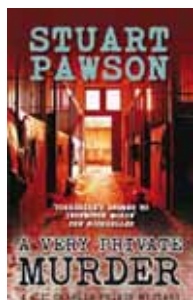
James Patterson
10th Anniversary

Women's Murder Club #10. Detective Lindsay Boxer is assigned to the case of a 15-year-old girl found unconscious in the street, haemorrhaging badly after giving birth to a missing baby. Meanwhile, fellow member of the Women's Murder Club, reporter Cindy Thomas, is investigating the case of two women who have been sexually assaulted but remember nothing of the attacks. Are the cases linked? (American, Suspense)

416pp Tp \$32.95**Stuart Pawson****A Very Private Murder**

DI Charlie Priest #13.

The royal prince's girlfriend is in Heckley to open a new shopping mall, only to find the commemorative plaque has been defaced. DI Charlie Priest is assigned to the case - which is further complicated by the murder of Heckley's mayor, the driving force behind the mall's construction. (English, Police Procedural)

384pp Pb \$19.99

Also available: *DI Charlie Priest #1 The Picasso Scam, #3 The Judas Sheep* and *#5 Deadly Friends* (Pb \$19.99 each).

J D Robb**Indulgence in Death**

In Death #31. First it was a dead limo driver; now it's a dead high-priced escort. Random hits, thrill kills, and murderers with a taste for the finer things in life are making NYPSD Lieutenant Eve Dallas angry. As time runs out for another innocent victim, Eve's investigation will take her into the rarefied circle that her husband Roarke travels in - and deep into the perverted heart of madness... (American, Police Procedural)

480pp Pb \$19.99**Andrew Rosenheim****Fear Itself**

1940s America is slowly pulling itself out of the Depression, and with 40 million US citizens of German ancestry, there is great pressure to stay out of the WW2 conflict. Jimmy Nessheim, a young Special Agent in the fledgling FBI, is assigned to infiltrate a new German-American organisation known as the Bund. Ardent pro-Nazi, it is conspiring to sabotage Roosevelt's efforts to stop Hitler's advance. (American, FBI)

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Mom Zone Mysteries #5. The family union festivities of Ellie Avery and her husband Mitch are cut short when Mitch's Air Force squadron commander is strangled. Then Mitch's look-alike cousin narrowly misses being killed, and Ellie realises that someone wants to ground Mitch - permanently... (American, Cosy)

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Also available: *Mom Zone Mysteries #4, Magnolias, Moonlight and Murder* (Pb \$11.95), where Ellie stumbles across two dead bodies in her new neighbourhood.

Anders Roslund & Borge Hellstrom**Three Seconds**

Ex-convict Piet Hoffman is an undercover police informant, imprisoned after a drug-related murder, and tasked with the mission of facilitating the amphetamine trade in a maximum security prison, so the police can shut it down. Unaware of Hoffman's role, Detective Inspector Ewert Grens is charged with investigating the case, believing himself to be on the trail of a dangerous psychopath. (Swedish, Police Procedural)

384pp Pb \$22.99**John Sandford****Bad Blood**

Virgil Flowers #4. In southern Minnesota, a young man murders a local farmer, drops the body into a grain bin, and calls the sheriff to report the 'accident'. Suspicious, the sheriff calls in Virgil Flowers, who quickly breaks the kid down. The next day the boy is found hanging in his cell. Virgil suspects foul play, and his investigation uncovers a multi-generational, multi-family conspiracy of huge proportions. (American, Police Procedural)

400pp Tp \$32.99**Zoe Sharp****Fourth Day**

Charlie Fox #8. The cult calling itself 'Fourth Day' is well-funded and fiercely private. Five years ago Thomas Witney tried to obtain evidence that the cult's charismatic leader, Randall Bane, was responsible for his son's death. Witney was never seen again. When ex-Special Forces soldier Charlie Fox agrees to infiltrate Fourth Day's stronghold, it should be easy. But Charlie is not prepared for the lure of Randall Bane... (English, Spy)

448pp Pb \$19.99**Oliver Stark****American Devil**

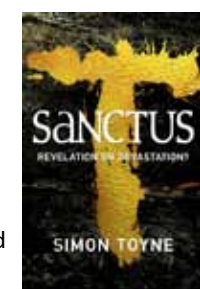
The violent killer stalking New York's streets enjoys playing games with the police. Tom Harper is the NYPD's best chance of catching the 'American Devil'. But he's on suspension for punching his superior. With panic gripping the city, Harper wants the challenge - even if it means undergoing therapy from police psychologist Denise Levene. A deranged murderer and a volatile cop. Time is running out. (English, Police Procedural)

576pp Pb \$14.99**Leann Sweeney****The Cat, the Lady and the Liar**

Cats in Trouble #3. Cat lover, Jillian Hart, finds a gorgeous stray kitty belonging to the fabulously wealthy and eccentric Ritaestelle Longworth, who believes she's being drugged. But before Jillian can get to those charges, a dead body is discovered in the lake - and Jillian's kitty Chablis finds Ritaestelle nearby. Can Jillian and her three wise kitties aid her in solving a mystery with decades old roots? (American, Feline Detectives)

288pp Pb \$11.95**Simon Toyne****Sanctus**

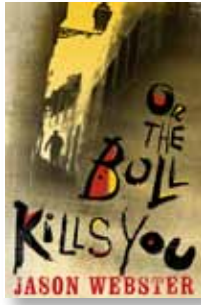
Sancti Trilogy #1. A man throws himself from the oldest inhabited place on earth, a mountainous citadel in the historic Turkish city of Ruin. This is no ordinary suicide but a symbolic act. Charity worker Kathryn Mann and a handful of others have been expecting this. The secretive fanatics living in the Citadel suspect it means the end of all they have built - and they will break every law to stop it. (English, Archaeological)

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Jason Webster
Or the Bull Kills You

Chief Inspector Max Camara #1. One hot afternoon in Valencia, Max Camara judges a bullfighting festival, starring Spain's most famous matador. In the ring, what he finds on the bloodstained sand shocks Valencia to its core. As Camara hunts his prey through the streets, the anti-bullfighting campaigners and the bull breeders fight to the death. Has the bullring become a site of national pride or shame? (American, Police Procedural)

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Barry Grant
The Strange Return of Sherlock Holmes

When James Wilson retires from journalism, he decides to settle down in Herefordshire with a room-mate, the slightly eccentric Mr Cedric Coombes. But he can't shake the feeling that he knows him from somewhere. As Coombes displays his magnificent deductive prowess and becomes embroiled in the police investigation of the apparent murder of a man in bathtub, Wilson wonders just who Coombes really is... (English)

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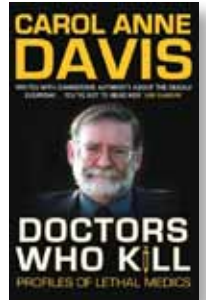
CRIME NON-FICTION



Carol Anne Davis
Doctors Who Kill: Profiles of Lethal Medics

What leads a healthcare worker to a life of crime? From Beverly Allitt, the attention-seeking nurse who preyed on the children in her care, to the infamous Dr Harold Shipman, who was responsible for the deaths of at least 215 of his patients, the author delves into the tragic stories behind these healers-turned-murderers. Includes analyses and exclusive interviews with experts in mental health and criminology. (Scottish)

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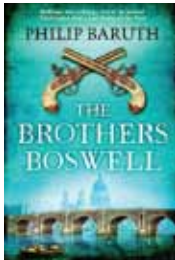
HISTORICAL CRIME



Philip Baruth
The Brothers Boswell

1763. The charismatic and meticulously coiffed James Boswell must accompany the bullish and badly dressed Dr Samuel Johnson on an excursion up the Thames, and is determined that nothing will go wrong. But another Boswell is watching from the shadows, insanely jealous of his elder brother's meteoric rise through London's artistic underground. He has two golden pistols in his pocket - and murder in his heart. (American)

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Tony Hays
The Divine Sacrifice

Arthurian Mysteries #2. Called to Glastonbury abbey to settle a political matter, Arthur and his counsellor Malgwyn meet the legendary St Patrick, and investigate the murder of an aged monk whose death is linked to a far-reaching conspiracy. (American)

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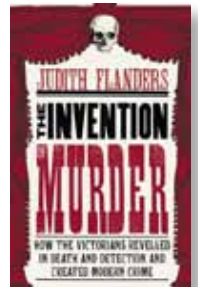


Also available: *Arthurian Mysteries* #1, **The Killing Way** (Pb \$24.95), where Merlin is implicated in the murder of a young woman, while his young charge, Arthur, finds his reputation at stake.

Judith Flanders
The Invention of Murder

The author retells gruesome stories of murder, both famous and obscure. From the crimes of Sweeney Todd and Jack the Ripper; the tragedies of the murdered Marr family in London; Burke and Hare and their bodysnatching business in Edinburgh; and Greenacre who transported his dismembered fiancée around town by omnibus. This is history at its darkest! (English)

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Lindsey Davis
Nemesis

Falco #20. Summer, 77AD. A middle-aged couple who supplied statues to Marcus Didius Falco's father have disappeared. When a mutilated corpse turns up near Rome, Falco and his friend Petronius investigate. But just as they are making progress, the Chief Spy, Anacrites, snatches the case away. But that won't stop Falco and Petronius from digging deeper, while the shocking truth creeps closer and closer to home... (English)

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Andrea Penrose
Sweet Revenge

Lady Arianna Hadley #1. England, 1813. Lady Arianna Hadley acts the part of a French chef in an aristocratic London household, to find her father's murderer. But when the Prince Regent falls ill after consuming Arianna's chocolate dessert, she finds herself the centre of a scandal. It soon becomes clear that someone wants to plunge England into chaos... and Arianna to the bottom of the Thames! (American)

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David McMillan
McVillain: The Man Who Got Away

Born into an establishment family, highly intelligent and well-educated, David McMillan sabotaged a career in film and advertising for a life of crime, excitement, money and a beautiful girl, eventually becoming the mastermind of an international smuggling network and one of Australia's most hunted men. McVillain tells the story of a gentleman rogue who went from high life to low life... and lived to tell the tale! (Australian)

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Ann Granger
A Better Quality of Murder

October, 1867. Inspector Ben Ross of Scotland Yard must investigate the murder of Allegra Benedict, the beautiful Italian wife of an art dealer in Piccadilly. But what had Allegra been doing in London that afternoon, and why had she been selling her brooch in the Burlington Arcade just hours before her death? It seems that Allegra's private life contained more than one reason for someone wanting her dead... (English)

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Andrew Pepper
The Detective Branch

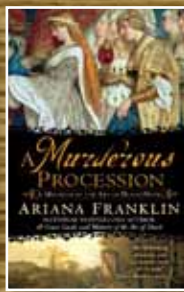
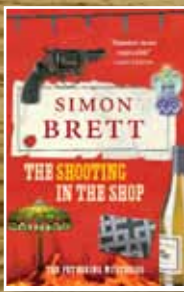
Detective Pyke #4. Drury Lane, 1844. Pyke, head of Scotland Yard's newly formed Detective Branch, must investigate a robbery at a pawnbroker's which killed three people. Pyke must find the culprit quickly, considering the identity of one victim threatens to expose Pyke's criminal past. His suspicions lead him to a dissolute former Catholic priest, devil worship, and an old case that no one wants him to investigate... (Northern Irish)

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Ian Parry-Ogden
Crime Investigation Australia: Book 2

This continues the tradition of matter-of-fact reporting on Australia's most shocking crimes that so attracted viewers to the TV show hosted by Steve Liebmann. Featuring meticulous attention to detail and driven by the same desire to chronicle these horrific events in their entirety, readers will find themselves immersed in the recollections of detectives and witnesses, examining the records of forensic investigators and reliving the terror of unfortunate victims. (Australian)

188pp Tp \$29.95



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The Shooting in the Shop (<i>Fethering Mysteries #11</i>) by Simon Brett (English, Cosy)	Pb \$22.99
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The Silent Spirit [2009] (<i>Wind River Reservation #14</i>) by Margaret Coel (American, Suspense)	Pb \$13.95
Killer Listing (<i>Darby Farr Mystery #2</i>) by Vicki Doudera (American, Banking)	Pb \$24.95
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Original sources are crucial. I read a lot of classics written in the 5th century BC, which may sound ultra-nerdy, but is really fascinating. Herodotus was the father of history and was researching his great work, which we know as **The Histories**, at the very moment Nicolaos was solving murders. So I've picked a very decent time to be writing in! (I can absolutely guarantee Herodotus will appear as a character in a later book).

Being immersed so heavily in the ancient world makes you view the modern world in a very different way. If you think modern politics is tough, try the ancient version – where losers were regularly exiled or killed. Also, the mindset of everyday life was a weird combination of the totally familiar and like something from another planet.

Can you recommend any non-fiction books for anyone who wants to learn more about Periclean Athens?

All the Greek novels of Mary Renault. They are fiction, not non-fiction, but they're simply the best stories of ancient Greece ever written. I'm quite sure they'll be available at Abbey's!

Other than that, go straight to the horse's mouth - Herodotus and Thucydides. Herodotus is a fine old chatterbox and reads more like a Boys' Own Adventure than the founding document of history and anthropology. Thucydides is full of geopolitics and is better than any modern thriller.

Thanks David for your terrific questions – I've really enjoyed answering them. If anyone's interested, I keep a blog at GaryCorby.com, in which I rattle on about the publishing experience and ancient history.

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