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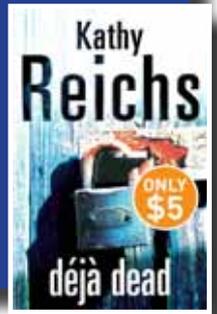
The Ghost Writer (Film Tie-in)

416pp Pb \$24.95

The narrator is a professional ghost-writer accustomed to working with fading rock stars and minor celebrities. Jumping at the chance to ghost the memoirs of Britain's former Prime Minister in the American resort of Martha's Vineyard, it doesn't take him long to realise he has made a terrible mistake. His predecessor on the project died in suspicious circumstances and the ex-Prime Minister turns out to be a man with deadly secrets – secrets that are returning to haunt him...

KATHY REICHS - ONLY \$5

In anticipation of the release of Kathy Reichs' **Mortal Remains** (due September, Pre-Order now), the first title in the *Temperance Brennan* series, **Deja Dead**, is now only \$5 (while stocks last).



MOVIE OFFER!

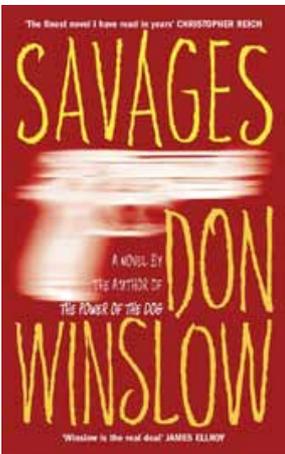
The first 20 customers to buy this book receive a Buy-One-Get-One-Free pass to the film adaptation, directed by Roman Polanski, only at the movies from 12 August.

Courtesy of Hoyts Distribution.

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Tuesday 3 August

Join us in-store for champagne and cake any time on Tuesday afternoon (courtesy of Allen & Unwin).



Don Winslow
Savages

320pp Tp \$29.95

In his latest novel, Winslow has jumped towards an almost abstract style with his tale of two low-level marijuana dealers and the attempted takeover of their business by a brutal Mexican cartel. With sharp dialogue - and outbursts of even sharper violence - this novel lands somewhere between Elmore Leonard and James Ellroy. Yet Winslow feels original and truly

embedded in the southern Californian beaches and malls that he makes his own. If you've enjoyed Winslow before, this novel marks a change of gear, combining the violent, ripped-from-the-headlines feel of **The Power of the Dog** (Pb \$24.95) with the laid-back surfer milieu of his Dawn Patrol novels. If you've not met Don before, this story will throw you in the deep end, but that's where it's all happening. - *Adrian*

DON WINSLOW

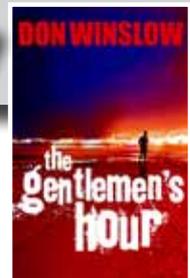
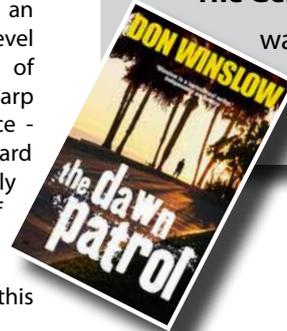
Prices cut on the *Dawn Patrol* series:

The Dawn Patrol (Pb)

was ~~\$24.95~~ **NOW \$12.95**

The Gentleman's Hour (Tp)

was ~~\$35.00~~ **NOW \$16.95**



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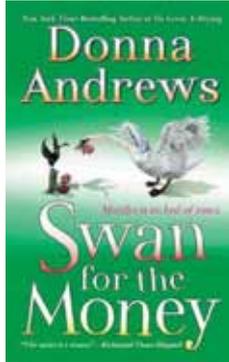
MODERN CRIME

 **Gilbert ADAIR**
And Then There Was No One
304pp Pb \$22.99

The writer and professional controversialist Gustav Slavorigin is murdered in the small Swiss town of Meiringen during the annual Sherlock Holmes Festival, his body discovered with an arrow through the heart. With a price of ten million dollars on his head, almost no Festival guest is above suspicion. Except, of course, the stubborn amateur sleuth Evadne Mount. (Scottish)

 **Donna ANDREWS**
Swan for the Money
352pp Pb \$14.95

Meg Lanslow Mystery #9. Volunteering to help her parents' latest venture in competitive rose cultivation, Meg encounters unexpected ruthlessness among the contestants and applies her sleuthing skills when the show's wealthy host is discovered murdered on her estate. (American)

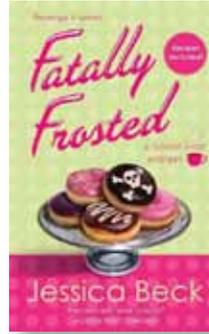


 **Lorna BARRETT**
Chapter and Hearse
352pp Pb \$14.95

Booktown Mystery #4. Mystery bookstore owner Tricia Miles has been spending more time solving whodunits than reading them. Now a nearby gas explosion has injured Tricia's sister's boyfriend, Bob Kelly, the head of the Chamber of Commerce, and killed the owner of the town's history bookstore. Tricia has never been a fan of Bob, but when she reads that he's being tight-lipped about the 'accident', she decides it's time to take action! (American)

 **Jessica BECK**
Fatally Frosted **320pp Pb \$14.95**

Donut Shop Mystery #2. A local busybody has dropped dead after eating one of Suzanne's famous treats. A forensic team is soon swarming through the Donut Hearts kitchen, dusting for clues, sifting through sugar and suspecting the worst of Suzanne. But with the help of police inspector Jake Bishop and her ex-husband Max, Suzanne hopes to clear her good name – before another bad donut is fatally frosted... (American)



 **Alex BERENSON**
The Midnight House
400pp Tp \$32.95

John Wells is asked to investigate the murder of a secret American interrogation squad that was running a black site in Poland in 2007 and 2008 and has since been disbanded. What he discovers is that, while the squad came up with some very valuable intelligence, its tactics were questionable at best... (American)

 **Alex BERENSON**
The Silent Man **432pp Pb \$21.95**

CIA special agent John Wells is living on the edge and has no time for rest after making many enemies. First he is targeted by assassins sent by a psychotic arms dealer out for revenge, and his girlfriend is left for dead. Then, in vengeful pursuit of his assailants in Moscow, he stumbles on a terrifying plot. Terrorists have successfully targeted Russia's nuclear complex and are planning an attack on America's shores. With the clock ticking, Wells knows he must not let a personal vendetta get in his way. (American)

 **Jebediah BERRY**
The Manual of Detection
288pp Pb \$24.95

Charles Unwin is a humble file clerk working for a huge and imperious detective agency. All he knows about solving mysteries comes from filing reports for the illustrious investigator Travis Sivart. When Sivart goes missing and his supervisor turns up murdered, Unwin is suddenly promoted to detective, a rank for which he lacks both the skills and the stomach. His only guidance comes from his new assistant, who would be perfect if she weren't so sleepy, and from the pithy, yet profound, Manual of Detection. (American)

 **Steve BERRY**
The Paris Vendetta
432pp Pb \$19.99

Cotton Malone #5. Cotton Malone's closest and most dangerous friend, Henrik Thorvaldsen, is in serious trouble – and the men who want to kill Thorvaldsen are on Malone's doorstep. Thorvaldsen has been tracking a shadowy group called the Paris Club. Not only does Malone believe that they are about to trigger a global financial meltdown, but also that one of the club's members murdered his son, Cai, two years ago. And Thorvaldsen won't rest until he has avenged his boy's death... (American)

 **Christopher BROOKMYRE**
Pandaemonium **400pp Pb \$24.99**

The senior pupils of St Peter's High School are at a secluded retreat, coming to terms with the murder of a fellow pupil through counselling, contemplation, prayer, booze, drugs, clandestine liaisons and as much partying as they can get away with. Not so far away, the commanders of a top-secret military experiment fear they have literally unleashed the forces of Hell. Two very different worlds are on a collision course, and will clash in an earthly battle between science and the supernatural... (Scottish)

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

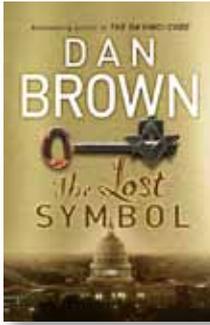
Hb = Hardback

Tp = Trade Paperback (slightly larger)

Dan BROWN
The Lost Symbol

672pp Pb \$19.95

Washington DC: Harvard symbologist Robert Langdon is summoned to deliver an evening lecture in the Capitol Building. Within moments of his arrival, a disturbing object – encoded with five symbols – is discovered at the epicentre of the Rotunda. Langdon recognises, an ancient invitation, meant to beckon its recipient towards a long-lost world of hidden esoteric wisdom. When Langdon's revered mentor, Peter Solomon – philanthropist and prominent mason – is brutally kidnapped, Langdon realises his only hope of saving his friend's life is to accept this mysterious summons and follow wherever it leads him... (American)

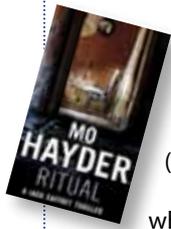


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Dorothy CANNELL
Goodbye, Ms Chips

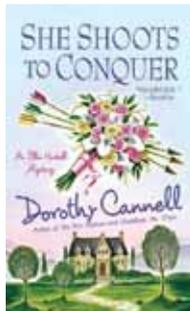
306pp Pb \$12.95

Ellie Haskell Mystery. Ellie is no longer a wayward pupil at St Roberta's, but a happily married mother with a beautiful home by the sea. Thanks to her success as an amateur local sleuth, Ellie has been summoned to St Roberta's, now that the former games mistress, Ms Chips, has retired. Ellie discover who has stolen the Lovely sports trophy. Soon she finds herself in the thick of boarding school life, where an apparent schoolgirl prank gives way to murder. (English)

Dorothy CANNELL
She Shoots to Conquer

294pp Pb \$14.95

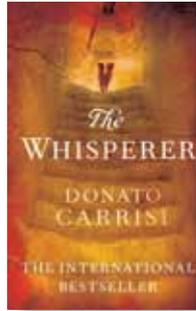
Ellie Haskell Mystery. Lord Belfrey of Mucklesfeld Manor offers himself as the prize on a TV reality show, but after one of his potential brides is shot during an archery contest, Ellie Haskell begins to explore the dark corners of Belfrey's estate. (English)



Donato CARRISI
The Whisperer

416pp Tp \$32.99

A team led by Captain Roche and criminologist Goran Gavila are on the trail of a six missing girls and a serial killer. The killer is taunting them, leading them to discover each small corpse in turn – but the clues on the bodies point to different killers. Roche and Gavila bring in Mila Vasquez, who discovers that the real killer is one who has never lifted a finger against the girls, but psychologically instructs others to do his work: a 'subliminal killer' – the hardest to catch. (Italian)



Richard CASTLE
Heat Wave

224pp Pb \$14.95

Nikki Heat #1. NYPD Homicide Detective Nikki Heat is tough, sexy, and professional. She's hit with an unexpected challenge when the commissioner assigns superstar magazine journalist Jameson Rook to ride along with her to research an article on New York's finest. Pulitzer Prize-winning Rook is as much a handful as he is handsome. His meddling isn't her only problem. As she works to unravel the secrets of the murdered real estate tycoon, she must also confront the spark between them... (American)

Barbara CLEVERLY

Folly du Jour 336pp Pb \$24.95

A Joe Sandilands Mystery. Rushing to the aid of an old friend who has been wrongly accused of murder, Detective Joe Sandilands receives unlikely help from a self-conscious usherette who guides her through the notorious Paris Music Hall in search of answers. (English)

Harlan COBEN
Play Dead

528pp Pb \$22.99

Ex-fashion model and successful businesswoman Laura Ayers' perfect world is shattered. On her honeymoon, her sports superstar husband goes for a swim and never returns. But what really happened to David? As events unfold, Laura questions David's mysterious disappearance – uncovering a conspiracy that reaches deep into the past and is now slowly destroying everyone involved. Someone will do anything to keep Laura away from the awful truth – and she has no idea who she can trust... (American)

J J COOPER
Deadly Trust

320pp Tp \$32.95

Former military interrogator Jay Ryan is thrust back into the thick of things when a disgruntled scientist, backed by the Australian security industry, develops a weapon of mass destruction – a hybrid strain of Anthrax. Only one batch of anthrax inoculations can resist the new strain, and it was given to five military interrogators. One of them was Jay Ryan. When the other four disappear, Ryan is the last interrogator left with the antibodies to defeat the deadly Anthrax strain. Racing against time, Ryan digs deep into his past for a chance at a future. (Australian)

Ellen CROSBY
The Riesling Retribution

352pp Pb \$14.99

Wine County Mystery #4. When a tornado destroys some of her newest grapevines and unearths the grave of a murdered man, Lucie Montgomery finds herself having to defend her father's innocence in the face of increasingly damning evidence, a situation that is further complicated by abuse allegations that target winemaker Quinn Santori. (American)

Clive CUSSLER
Lost Empire

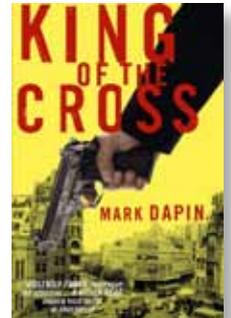
500pp Tp \$32.95

An ancient relic belonging to a long-lost Confederate ship named *Shenandoah* finds itself in the hands of treasure hunters Sam and Remi Fargo. But there is something strange about this artefact, so the Fargos set off on a race to uncover the mysterious wreck and, with it, the truth. (American)

Mark DAPIN
King of the Cross

Pb \$22.99

Jacob Mendoza, legendary Godfather of the Kings Cross – and for more than four decades Australia's most powerful and notorious crime figure – employs a hapless young reporter to record his epic life story. As Mendoza unfolds his seductive story of thugs and drugs, murders and mysteries, it emerges he's not the only one with a past... (Australian)



Adrian d'HAGE
The Maya Codex 480pp Tp \$32.95

Deep in the Guatemalan jungle lies an ancient document containing a warning for civilisation. Archaeologist Dr Aleta Weizman is desperately seeking the codex, but forces in Washington and Rome will do anything to stop her. When CIA agent Curtis O'Connor joins Aleta in her dangerous quest, he also becomes a target. If discovering the codex can avert the global catastrophe as predicted by the Mayans, why are the Vatican and the CIA determined it should never be found? (American)

Richard DOETSCH
The 13th Hour 432pp Pb \$14.95

Nick Quinn is being held in jail, falsely accused of murdering his wife Julia. A mysterious gentleman gives Nick a talisman that takes him back in time – hour by hour – for a total of 12 hours. With each hour, Nick finds more clues to the identity of the killer, but he also discovers his past actions have unexpected repercussions in the future. If he doesn't set things right by the 13th hour, his attempts to save Julia may lead to a greater catastrophe than he ever imagined. (American)



Alex DRYDEN
Moscow Sting 512pp Pb \$22.99

When a British spy named Finn is brutally murdered by a Russian assassin, the chief of MI6, Adrian, wants vengeance. He also wants answers, which can only be revealed by Finn's widow Anna, the former KGB colonel who betrayed her country for love and has now disappeared with their child. Adrian isn't the only one seeking Anna. Finn accessed intelligence so confidential that the KGB are willing to kill to protect it. Now everyone wants to know what Russia is concealing beneath its veil of political cordiality. (American)



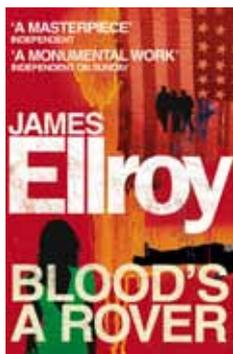
Tom EGELAND
Relic: The Quest for the Golden Shrine 432pp Tp \$32.99

A golden relic containing an ancient manuscript that could change the course of history has been hidden in a monastery. One determined man sets out to find this sensational artefact and to trace its origins. His quest takes him via a scientific intelligence organisation in London, a Middle Eastern outpost and a Crusaders castle, as layer by layer he reveals the religious mysteries inside the Shrine of Sacred Secrets. (Norwegian)



James ELLROY
Blood's a Rover 656pp Pb \$24.95

Underworld USA #3. 1968. Bobby Kennedy and Martin Luther King are dead. The Mob, Howard Hughes and J Edgar Hoover are struggling for America's soul. Wayne Tedrow Jr: parricide, assassin, loyal to none. His journey will take him into a greater darkness. Dwight Holly: Hoover's enforcer and conspirator in terrible crimes. Don Crutchfield: a kid, a nobody, a private detective who stumbles upon an ungodly conspiracy from which he and the country may never recover. All three men are ripe for destruction. Only one of them will survive. The final instalment in the trilogy following **American Tabloid** and **The Cold Six Thousand** (both Pb \$24.95). (American)



Dan FESPERMAN
The Arms Maker of Berlin 432pp Pb \$22.99

Nat Turnbull is dragged from his quiet academic life when his former mentor, Professor Gordon Wolfe, is arrested for stealing top-secret archive documents dating back to WW2. Coerced into examining the archives for the FBI, Nat finds references both to Wolfe's activities in an Allied intelligence office in Switzerland and to a mysterious student resistance group in Berlin known as the White Rose. Following Wolfe's cryptic clues to Europe, Nat embarks on a race to unlock the truth... before it gets him killed. (American)



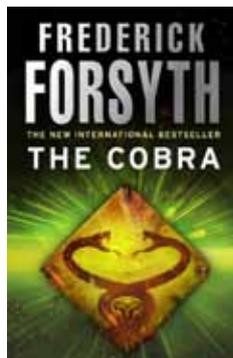
Gillian FLYNN
Dark Places 448pp Pb \$22.99

Libby Day was seven when her older brother massacred her family. Her evidence helped put him away. Since then, she has drifted, surviving on the proceeds of the Libby Day Fund. But the money is running out and when she is offered \$500 to do a guest appearance, she accepts. The Kill Club is a group of true-crime obsessives who share information on notorious murders and they think her brother Ben is innocent. Libby must delve into her family's past to uncover the truth. (American)



Frederick FORSYTH
The Cobra 400pp Tp \$32.95

The Cocaine industry is worth billions of dollars a year to the drug cartels who spread their evil across Western society. Paul Devereaux – ruthless ex-CIA special ops – is given what seems like an impossible task. Up to now the drug trade has been accustomed to world governments attempting to prevent them plying their trade. And governments have played by those rules. That is about to change. The rules no longer apply... and a dirty war is about to get a whole lot dirtier. (English)



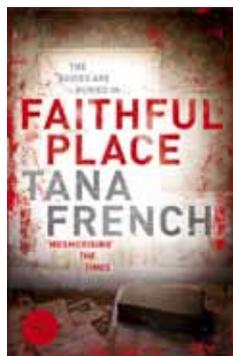
Dick FRANCIS & Felix FRANCIS
Even Money 398pp Pb \$19.95

Ned Talbot is a small-time bookmaker on the edge of giving it all up, when his world is turned upside down by a man who claims to be his father, long thought dead. And when the mysterious stranger is murdered, Ned feels compelled to find out exactly what is going on. But the more he discovers, the longer the odds become for his survival... (Welsh)



Tana FRENCH
Faithful Place 448pp Tp \$32.99

Aged 19, Frank's life changed when his girlfriend Rosie failed to turn up for their rendezvous in Faithful Place and run away with him to London as planned. Frank never heard from her again. 20 years on, Frank is still in Dublin, working as an undercover cop. When his sister calls to say Rosie's suitcase has been found, Frank embarks on a journey into his past that demands he re-evaluate everything he believes to be true. (Irish)



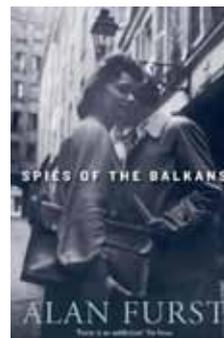
Scott FROST
Wait For Dark 352pp Tp \$32.99

As the heat rises, LA begins to experience a series of power blackouts. As the situation worsens, LAPD is put on tactical alert in preparation for nightfall. With every available cop on the streets, Lt Alex Delillo and her partner, Harrison, are holding the fort at headquarters, waiting for the first homicide call. But when that call comes in, it's a voice talking in riddles, pointing to a murder that is about to be committed at nightfall. Can Delillo find the killer before it's too late? (American)



Alan FURST
Spies of the Balkans 288pp Tp \$32.99

A tale set in WW2 Macedonia finds senior police official Costa Zannis working with a resistance cell and secret operatives from various European regions to organise an escape route from Berlin to neutral Turkey. (American)



Lisa GARDNER
Live to Tell 400pp Tp \$32.99

Danielle is haunted by the night her father shot her mother and brother, then turned the gun on himself before her eyes. Danielle has always wondered why her father didn't kill her too. Years later, Danielle is working in a hospital that deals with the most violent and damaged of children. And someone there knows something about her past, and is prepared to kill to keep it quiet... (American)



Tess GERRITSEN
The Killing Place 336pp Tp \$32.95

In the snowbound village of Kingdom Come, Wyoming, 12 identical houses stand dark and abandoned. This is the place where Maura Isles finds herself trapped during a snowstorm... and where she disappears. Days later, Jane Rizzoli flies to Wyoming to search for her missing friend. A crashed vehicle has been found with four badly burned bodies still inside. The authorities assume that one of the women is Maura. But Jane's search for the truth leads her to a terrifying and gruesome discovery buried beneath the snow... (American)



Victor GISCHLER
The Deputy 256pp Pb \$27.00

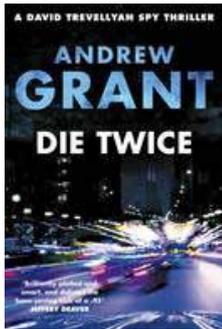
Toby Sawyer doesn't have much going for him. 25 years old, married to a girl he got pregnant, and living in a trailer on the edge of town. He's working part-time for the police department, hoping the budget comes through so they can put him on full-time with health benefits. His wife is a waitress at a little diner near the railroad tracks. When he gets the call about the dead body, he slips into a pair of sweatpants and grabs his revolver... (American)

f Alan GLYNN
Winterland 480pp Pb \$22.99

The world of business, politics and crime collide when two men with the same name, from the same family, die on the same night; one death is a gangland murder, the other, a road accident. Was it a coincidence? That's the official version of events. But then a family member, Gina Rafferty, starts asking questions. Gina is fuelled by grief and anger and is determined to establish a connection between the two deaths. In doing so, she embarks on a path that will push powerful people to their limits... (English)

f Andrew GRANT
Die Twice 416pp Tp \$32.99

Obligated to leave NYC after his previous mission, David Trevelyan is summoned to the British Consulate in Chicago. To the same office where, just a week before, his new handler was attacked and shot by a Royal Navy Intelligence operative gone bad.



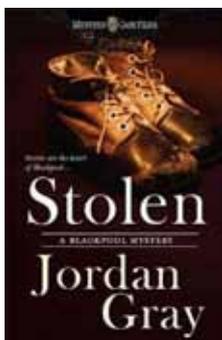
Assigned the task of finding the rogue agent, Trevelyan discovers that his only hope of saving innocent lives lies not within the system, but in his instinctive belief to do what's right, whatever the personal cost may be... (English)

f Andrew GRANT
Even 400pp Pb \$22.99

When David Trevelyan takes a late-night walk in NYC, he encounters homeless man who has been shot dead. A police car arrives and he realises he's been set up. Trevelyan is a survivor from the Royal Navy Intelligence. And when the case is handed to the FBI, he's sucked into an international conspiracy, spanning from war-torn Iraq to the heart of the USA. The price of failure is death, but the reward for success will be redemption – for himself as well as for the huddled corpse from the alley. (English)

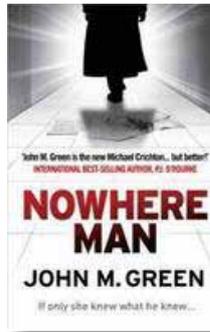
f Jordan GRAY
Stolen 256pp Pb \$14.95

Mystery Case Files #1. In the cosy English seaside town of Blackpool, American Molly Graham and her British husband Michael investigate the murder of a woman whose past is linked to a 70-year-old train wreck, a lost child and a cache of valuable paintings smuggled out of London during WW2. (American)



f John GREEN
Nowhere Man 384pp Tp \$32.99

When wealthy stock trader Michael Hunt suddenly goes missing – leaving his university professor wife Sonya with millions in debt and many unanswered questions – Sonya must piece together the secrets behind his disappearance and a bleak future. When she stumbles on some revealing files, Sonya risks everything. She journeys through reeling stock markets, a love-triangle murder, and a conspiracy that takes her from Sydney to Princeton University to ask a famous physicist to help her unlock the mystery... (Australian)



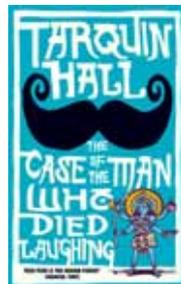
Signed Copies available. And see next month's Chronicle for an exclusive interview with this new Australian thriller writer.

f Derek HAAS
Hunt for the Bear 384pp Pb \$22.99

Notorious hit man Columbus is known in the trade as a silver bear - an expert assassin who earns top fees because he never defaults on a contract. Columbus believes himself immune to the pressures of his chosen life. But after a mission to take out a prominent mark on the streets of Paris, suddenly Columbus finds himself in a new position – a target! (American)

eye Tarquin HALL
The Case of the Man Who Died Laughing 320pp Tp \$32.95

Vish Puri #2. In central Delhi, a group of professionals are attending their therapeutic Laughing Club when a 20-foot apparition of the Goddess Kali appears, striking one of their numbers dead.



The victim is celebrated sceptic and rationalist Dr Suresh Jha, enemy of all gurus and mystics – and he has been killed in a manner that unnerves his most loyal supporters. As it becomes clear that powerful forces are at play, one man is perfectly placed to investigate: the portly detective Vish Puri. (English)

eye Tarquin HALL
The Case of the Missing Servant 320pp Pb \$21.95

Vish Puri #1. Meet Vish Puri – India's portly and unmistakably Punjabi private investigator. When an honest public litigator is accused of murdering his maidservant, Puri must trace the fate of the girl, known only as Mary, in a population of more than one billion. Combining modern techniques with principles of detection established in India over 2,000 years ago, the search for Mary takes Puri to the desert oasis of Jaipur and the remote mines of Jharkhand, revealing modern India in all its complexity. (English)

f John HARVEY
A Darker Shade of Blue 384pp Pb \$24.95

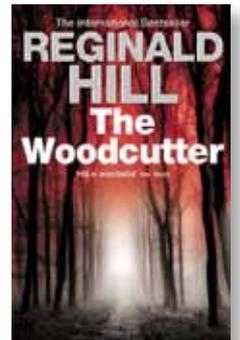
Meet Frank Elder, who tried to turn his back on police work and failed; Jack Kiley, ex-copper and one-time professional footballer, now a London-based PI; and the renowned jazz-loving Detective Inspector Charlie Resnick. From the killing fields of the East Midlands to the mean streets of London, this is a world of broken families, revenge killings, drugs, and corruption; a world of overstretched police forces and underpaid detectives, men and women who strive nonetheless for a kind of justice; a world where everything has a price. (English)

eye Michael HARVEY
The Fifth Floor 288pp Pb \$24.95

Michael Kelly, a tough-talking Irish cop turned PI, is hired by an ex-flame to tail her abusive husband. But what originally seemed like a domestic dispute hurls him into one of Chicago's most enduring mysteries: the Great Chicago Fire of 1871. Soon he is drawn into a web of corruption; the Mayor of Chicago is hiding secrets dating back to the Fire and beyond. Kelly finds himself in the last place he wants to be: City Hall's fifth floor, where the Mayor looks to silence any investigations. (American)

gears Reginald HILL
The Woodcutter 400pp Tp \$32.99

When Wolf Hadda is pulled from his fairytale life and into prison, and – abandoned by friends and family – retreats into silence. Seven years later, prison psychiatrist Alva Ozigbo makes a breakthrough. Wolf speaks up, and under her guidance gets parole, returning to his rundown family home in rural Cumbria. But there is a mysterious period in Wolf's youth when he disappeared from home and was known to his employers as the Woodcutter. And now the Woodcutter is back, looking for the truth – and revenge... (English)



heart Chuck HOGAN
The Town 400pp Pb \$14.95

When he falls for the woman he held hostage during a bank robbery, career criminal Doug MacRay, with the FBI fast on his trail, tracks her down without his mask and gun. As passion rages between them, he must choose between the perfect heist and the perfect woman. (American)



Arnaldur INDRIDASON
Operation Napoleon

304pp Tp \$32.95

1945. A German bomber flies over Iceland in a blizzard and eventually crashes on the Vatnajökull glacier – the largest in Europe. Puzzlingly, there are both German and American officers on board. 1999, winter. The US Army is secretly trying to remove an aeroplane from the Vatnajökull glacier. By coincidence, two young Icelanders become involved, but will pay with their lives. Before they are captured, one of them gets in contact with his sister Kristin, who will not rest until she discovers the truth of her brother's fate... (Icelandic)

Miranda JAMES

Murder Past Due 304pp Pb \$14.95

Cat in the Stack Mystery #1. Everyone in Athena, Mississippi, knows librarian Charlie Harris and his Maine coon cat named Diesel that he walks on a leash. They also know his former classmate-turned-famous bestselling novelist, Godfrey Priest. But someone in Athena has taken Godfrey off the bestseller lists – permanently, and with extreme prejudice. Now, Charlie and Diesel must browse through the history section of the town's past to find a killer! (American)

Peter JAMES

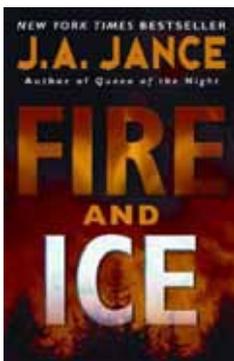
Dead Like You 500pp Tp \$32.99

Roy Grace #6. When two women are raped and their shoes stolen, Detective Superintendent Roy Grace realises these new cases bear similarities to the unsolved case of Shoe Man, who is believed to have raped five women before murdering his sixth and vanishing. Is this a copycat or has Shoe Man resurfaced? When more women are assaulted, Grace becomes certain they are dealing with the same man. In a race against time, she must delve into the past to save the life of the next victim... (English)

J A JANCE

Fire and Ice 448pp Pb \$18.95

Beaumont & Brady. In Seattle, six women have been set on fire, their charred remains abandoned in various dump sites around the city. Investigator J P Beaumont is working overtime to unravel a killer's grisly pattern. In the Arizona desert, Sheriff Joanna Brady investigates the cold-blooded slaying of the elderly caretaker of an ATV park – seemingly the innocent victim in a brutal turf war. Two cases separated by thousands of miles draw closer together by the hour, and once again Beaumont will enter Brady country. (American)



Quintin JARDINE
Blood Red

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Primavera #2. Primavera is enjoying the quiet life in an idyllic village on the Catalan coast of Spain. The attractive single mother and eight-year-old Tom, son of the late and still lamented Oz Blackstone, are popular figures in the tiny community. But her close friendship with the parish priest has eyebrows rising and tongues wagging. Then a dispute explodes with a powerful councillor who refuses to allow the village wine fair to go ahead. When his body is found, ominous questions are asked... (Scottish)

Iris JOHANSEN & Roy JOHANSEN
Storm Cycle

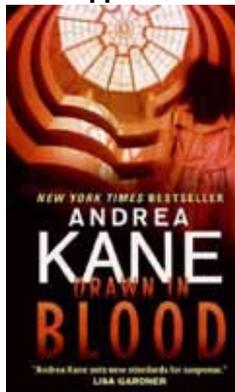
416pp Pb \$14.95

Rachel Kirby is a computer genius whose personal life is falling apart. As Rachel struggles with the imminent death of her seriously ill sister, she receives a mysterious email from John Tanek – an archaeologist who may know of a cure and who has been trapped inside a collapsed Egyptian tomb by dangerous adversaries... (American)

Andrea KANE

Drawn in Blood 416pp Pb \$14.95

Former FBI agent Sloane Burbank's father witnessed a crime that has now come back to haunt him and Sloane must either betray his secret or withhold the information from the man she loves – her former colleague Derek Parker. (American)



L A LARKIN

The Genesis Flaw 320pp Tp \$32.95

After an Australian farmer's death and a Sydney CEO's suicide, Serena Swift, a ballsy advertising director, takes on Gen-Asis – the world's most powerful producer of genetically modified food. Serena infiltrates Gen-Asis in an attempt to expose the company's horrific experiments. But she is being watched. Suddenly Swift's informants disappear, and she is hunted by a hired killer and framed for murder. Chased from Sydney to New York, she must face the man she fears most – on his own turf. (Australian)

Stephen LEATHER

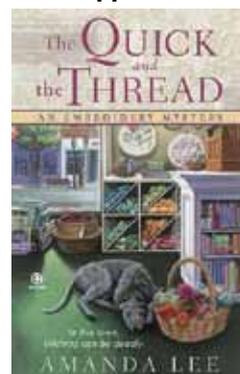
Rough Justice 544pp Tp \$32.99

Villains across London are being killed by vigilante cops. Crime rates are falling, but the powers-that-be want Dan Shepherd to bring the wave of rough justice to an end. Shepherd has never been comfortable investigating cops, but working for the Serious Organised Crime Agency means that he has no choice. When he goes undercover with an elite group of officers who are at the sharp end of policing, Shepherd must make hard decisions of his own when his family is in the firing line... (English)

Amanda LEE
The Quick and the Thread

336pp Pb \$12.95

Embroidery Mystery #1. When Marcy Singer opens an embroidery shop in Tallulah Falls, Oregon, she throws a soiree. Soon, Marcy's sign-up sheet for embroidery classes fills up and everyone in town seems willing to raise a glass – or a needle – to support the newly-opened Seven Year Stitch. When Marcy finds the shop's previous tenant dead in the store-room, a message scratched with a tapestry needle on the wall beside him, she realises she'll have to find the killer before someone puts the final stitch in her! (American)



Kevin LEWIS

Scent of a Killer 464pp Pb \$19.95

When the corpses of three men are found in a London side street, it becomes clear that this is a horrific message to the Metropolitan Police – and to one officer in particular. DI Stacey Collins finds herself on the hunt for a psychopathic killer. But all the victims had themselves been predators, terrorising the innocent. Is this a twisted vigilante mission, or something far more sinister? Collins must battle her own demons, as the MET's Internal Affairs department investigate her past and her connections to London's underworld... (English)

Barry MAITLAND

Dark Mirror 372pp Pb \$19.99

When the mysterious Marion Summers collapses and dies in the surrounds of the London Library, DI Kathy Kolla and DCI David Brock lead the investigation. Marion's research on the intriguing, adulterous circle of artists, wives, lovers and muses around Victorian artist Dante Gabriel Rossetti seems irrelevant – until the use of arsenic arises. As Brock and Kolla get closer to the truth, another victim dies an excruciating death by poison in a library, and it seems a serial poisoner is on the loose. (Scottish)

Val McDERMID

Fever of the Bone 512pp Pb \$19.99

Meet Tony Hill's most twisted adversary – a killer with a shopping list of victims, unmoved by youth and innocence, driven by perverted desires. The murder and mutilation of teenager Jennifer Maidment is horrific enough, but it's just the start of a brutal and ruthless campaign targeting an apparently unconnected group of young people. Struggling with the newly-awakened ghosts of his past, Tony battles to find answers that will provide personal and professional satisfaction. (Scottish)



Val McDERMID

Trick of the Dark 464pp Tp \$32.99

Corinna is an Oxford don who knows enough of Jay Macallan Stewart's history to be very afraid indeed, after Jay turns her sights on her freshly-widowed daughter Magda Newsam. Determined to protect Magda, Corinna turns to clinical psychologist Charlie Flint. But it's not the best time for Charlie. Her career is in ruins and she's barred from the profiling work she loves. Yet Corinna's request may be her last chance at redemption, though the price of truth may be more than what Charlie wants to pay. (Scottish)



Andy McDERMOTT

The Sacred Vault 512pp Tp \$32.99

When the Talonor Codex – an Atlantean explorer's account of his travels – is stolen, it becomes clear that the theft forms only part of the raider's ultimate plan. The codex holds clues to the location of the Vault of Shiva and its fabled contents – the chronicles of the ancient Hindu god of destruction. Archaeologist Nina Wilde and former SAS soldier Eddie Chase must trek across the world to locate the vault, before its secrets fall into dangerous hands. For the vault may be the catalyst for global annihilation... (English)



Gladys MITCHELL

The Mystery of a Butcher's Shop

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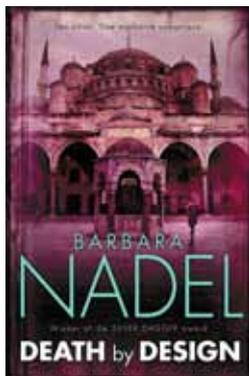
When Rupert Sethleigh's headless body is found laid out in the village butcher shop, the inhabitants of Wandles Parva aren't particularly upset. Sethleigh was a blackmailing money lender, and when the unconventional detective Mrs Bradley begins her investigation, it soon transpires that most of the village seem to have been wandering about Manor Woods, home of the mysterious druidic stone on which Sethleigh's blood was found splashed on the night he was murdered. Can she eliminate the red herrings and catch the real killer? (English)



Barbara NADEL

Death by Design 352pp Pb \$19.99

Ikmen #12. When a young man with explosives strapped to his chest blows himself up in front of the Istanbul police whilst they are raiding a counterfeit goods factory, Inspector Cetin Ikmen is injured. Documents found in the factory lead the authorities in both Istanbul and London to believe that a terrorist attack is about to be enacted in the British capital. Ikmen goes undercover amongst the Turkish community of North London, although what he uncovers there is certainly not what his British colleagues were expecting... (English)



Reggie NADELSON

Londongrad 400pp Pb \$22.99

Artie Cohen #8. On the outskirts of New York, a young woman is found naked and mutilated with the letter T carved into her chest. Unfortunately for Artie Cohen, death is never far away. In London, where glamorous old-world émigrés rub shoulders with the hungry young zealots of Putin's Moscow, a hired gun with sadistic tastes has crashed the party. And where international espionage, business and corruption mingle, Artie might have to dance with the devil to save the life of a friend... (American)

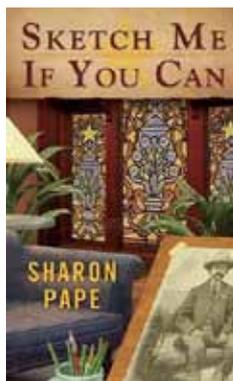


Sharon PAPE

Sketch Me If You Can

304pp Pb \$14.95

Portrait of a Crime Mystery #1. When she inherits a beautiful Victorian home and a list of clients from her late uncle's private detective business, police sketch artist Rory McCain – while getting settled in – is startled by a ghost from the 1870s who had helped her uncle with his cases... and who proposes a similar partnership with her! (American)



Sara PARETSKY

Hardball

464pp Pb \$19.99

When V I Warshawski is asked to find a man who's been missing for four decades, a futile search becomes lethal. A young cousin whom she's never met arrives from Kansas City to work on a political campaign; a nun who marched with Martin Luther King Jr dies without revealing crucial evidence; and on the city's South Side, people spit when she shows up. Afraid to learn that her father was a bent cop, V I persists with the investigation all the way to its frightening end. (American)

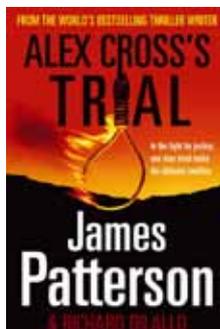


James PATTERSON

Alex Cross's Trial

512pp Pb \$21.95

From his grandmother, Alex Cross has heard the story of his great-uncle Abraham and his struggles for survival in the era of the Ku Klux Klan. Now, Alex passes the family tale along to his own children in a novel he's written called 'Trial'. As a lawyer in early-20th century Washington DC, Ben Corbett represents the toughest cases. Fighting against oppression and racism, he risks his family and his life in the process. (American)

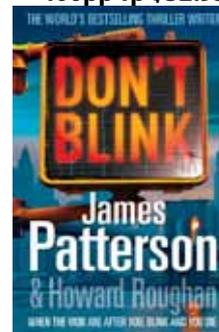


James PATTERSON

Don't Blink

400pp Tp \$32.95

Lombardo's Steak House in New York is famous for the gruesome murder of an infamous mob lawyer. Seated at a nearby table, reporter Nick Daniels is conducting an interview with a legendary baseball bad-boy. Shocked and shaken, he doesn't realise he's accidentally captured a key piece of evidence. Ensnared in the city's most sensational crime in years, Nick investigates for a story of his own. Back off or die is the clear message as he closes in on the facts. (American)



James PHELAN

Red Ice

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Lachlan Fox is thrown into the midst of the action when a dangerous and powerful Umbra organisation offers to trade a man they've taken hostage for one of their own operatives. After the CIA claim they won't negotiate with terrorists, Umbra cuts off the natural gas supply to Europe. This is just a small indication of the level of chaos they're prepared to inflict. Assassinations will follow, and the ex-Navy hero Lachlan will face his greatest challenge... (Australian)



Douglas PRESTON & Lincoln CHILD

Fever Dream

416pp Pb \$29.99

At the old family manse in Louisiana, Special Agent Pendergast makes a dreadful discovery. His deceased wife Helen had been mauled by a vicious lion while they were hunting in Africa. But now, Pendergast learns that her rifle had been deliberately loaded with blanks. Who could have wanted Helen dead and why? Pendergast embarks on a journey to uncover the mystery of his wife's murder, where he learns secrets that Helen herself had wished to keep hidden... (American)



Kwei QUARTEY

Wife of the Gods

336pp Tp \$27.00

Investigating the murder of an AIDS worker in an African community from which his mother went missing years earlier, Detective Inspector Darko Dawson collects details about the killing and realises that he is close to solving the truth about his mother's disappearance. (Ghanaian)

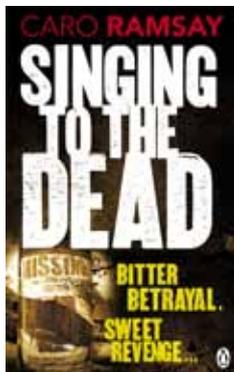


William RABKIN
Psych: A Fatal Frame of Mind
288pp Pb \$12.95

Psych #4. While investigating the murder of a museum curator, Shawn and Gus find the clues leading them toward a centuries-old cabal desperate to keep an ancient secret buried forever. (American)

Caro RAMSAY
Singing to the Dead
510pp Pb \$19.95

It's Christmas, and half the Partickhill police squad are down with flu. Not good timing, with a series of cyanide poisonings in the area, plus two small boys reported missing in the space of a few days. And then there's the monumental task of providing concert security for rock legend Rogan O'Neill. But for DI Colin Anderson, the nightmare is immediate; his son Peter is missing. The team race to find the boys. And the key to their disappearance is hidden in the lyrics of a rock song by Rogan O'Neill... (Scottish)

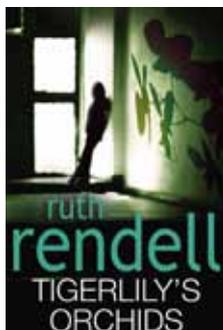


Ruth RENDELL
The Monster in the Box
352pp Pb \$24.95

Wexford #22. Years earlier, when Wexford was a young police officer, a woman called Elsie Carroll had been found strangled in her bedroom. Many suspected her husband, but no one was convicted. Another woman was strangled shortly afterwards, and every instinct told Wexford that the killer was still at large. And it was Eric Targo, a psychopath who would kill again. As Wexford investigates a new case, he looks to the clues of his early career – even to his courtship of the woman who would become his wife. (English)

Ruth RENDELL
Tigerlily's Orchids 288pp Tp \$32.95

When Stuart Font decides to throw a house-warming party in his new flat, he invites all the people in his building. The party will be one everyone remembers, though not for the right reasons. All the occupants of Lichfield House are about to experience a dramatic change in their lives. Living opposite, in reclusive isolation, is a beautiful young Asian woman, christened 'Tigerlily' by Stuart. She emerges to exert a terrible spell... (English)

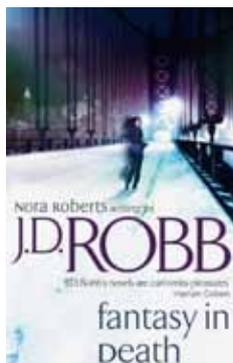


Michael RIDPATH
Where the Shadows Lie
356pp Tp \$32.99

Fire & Ice #1. Amid Iceland's wild, volcanic landscape, rumours swirl about the secret sale of a long-lost ancient manuscript containing a saga about a ring of terrible power – a manuscript which influenced the writing of J R R Tolkien in the 1930s. That alone is enough to make the manuscript worth killing for... Untangling murder from myth is Iceland-born, Boston-raised homicide detective Magnus Johnson. Assigned to the Icelandic police force for his own protection, Magnus also returned to the country of his birth to investigate the unsolved murder of his father. (English)

J D ROBB
Fantasy in Death
352pp Pb \$19.99

#30. Cill, Var, Benny and Bart aspire to rule the world of virtual reality games. Their newest virtual reality game is just about to be launched. Then suddenly, Bart is found brutally killed, defeated by the game itself. Who could have engineered a virtual death with such devastating consequences? Eve Dallas, NYC's most cunning investigator, is hard-pressed for answers. But as she digs deeper, she realises the depth of the killer's master plan. And she knows the game is far from over... (American)



Peter ROBINSON
Bad Boy 416pp Tp \$32.99

Banks #19. DCI Alan Banks' daughter Tracy has fallen for the wrong boy. Her flatmate's boyfriend is intriguing... and very dangerous. When Tracy warns him the police might be on his tail, he persuades her to go on the run with him, and flattered by his attention, she agrees. Before she knows it, a deadly chase across the country is set in motion. Upon his return, unsuspecting of Tracy's precarious situation, Banks is plunged into his most terrifying, personal case yet. (English)

Luis Miguel ROCHA
The Holy Assassin 400pp Tp \$32.95

1978. Pope John Paul I dies in mysterious circumstances. His successor, John Paul II, emerges from the conclave unaware he is in mortal danger. It is only the actions of a few loyal operatives that prevent his assassination. 30 years later, journalist Sarah Monteiro uncovers the sinister machinations of a covert agency, whose web of lies conceal the true power behind the throne. It would seem that dark forces are at large, and Sarah faces a life or death struggle in the name of truth and faith. (Portuguese)

Luis Miguel ROCHA
The Last Pope 486pp Pb \$19.95

1978. Pope John Paul I dies only a month after his accession. 30 years later in London, young journalist Sarah Monteiro receives a mysterious package containing a list of names and a coded message. Moments later an attempt is made on her life. Sarah holds the key to a deadly secret – a plot that implicates crooked politicians, striking the very heart of the Vatican. Embroiled in a worldwide conspiracy, Sarah can trust no one – even her own father whose name appears on the incriminating list. (Portuguese)



James ROLLINS
Ice Hunt 496p Pb \$19.99

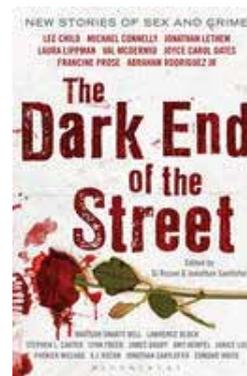
For over 70 years, Ice Station Grendel has been abandoned in the polar ice cap. The brainchild of the finest minds of the former USSR, it was designed to be inaccessible and invisible. But an American research vessel has inadvertently pulled too close – and something has been sighted moving inside the deserted facility. Scientists, soldiers, intelligence operatives and unsuspecting civilians are drawn into Grendel's lethal vortex, and extreme measures will be undertaken to protect its dark mysteries – mysteries that could end human life on Earth. (American)

Chris RYAN
Who Dares Wins 416pp Pb \$21.95

Sam and Jacob Redman – two brothers who are SAS through and through. Side by side, they are ruthlessly professional. But when Jacob is booted from the Regiment, he disappears – and no one knows if he's still alive. When Sam is ordered to conduct another dangerous operation into an inhospitable part of the world, he learns that his unit are not being told everything by their government paymasters, and is forced to choose between his duty to the men around him and his loyalty to his brother... (English)

S J ROZAN & Jonathan SANTLOFER (ed)
The Dark End of the Street 304pp Pb \$19.99

A glittering line-up of crime fiction's best writers – including Lee Child, Michael Connelly, Val McDermid, Edmund White and Patrick McCabe – weave fresh tales from a pair of classic themes: sex and crime. This innovative, exciting and intriguing book is a rare treat for fans of great fiction. (American)





Daniel SILVA
The Rembrandt Affair

484pp Tp \$32.95

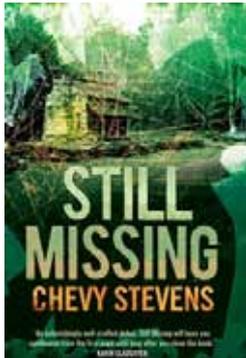
Gabriel Allon #10. For spy turned art restorer Gabriel Allon, it has been six months since his final showdown with the murderous Russian oligarch and arms dealer Ivan Kharkov. He has severed his ties with the Office with only one thing in mind: recovery. But the violent murder of a Glastonbury art restorer and the theft of a Rembrandt painting will yet again draw Allon into a dangerous world, where he is persuaded to use his unique skills to solve the crime... (American)



Chevy STEVENS
Still Missing

277pp Tp \$32.99

The open house is slow – but when her last visitor pulls up in a van just as she's about to leave, real estate agent Annie O'Sullivan thinks it just might be her lucky day after all... This tale interweaves two narratives: the year which Annie spent as the captive of a psychopath in a remote mountain cabin, which unfolds through sessions with her psychiatrist; and following her escape, her struggle to piece her shattered life back together and the ongoing police investigation into the identity of her captor. (American)



Frank TALLIS
Deadly Communion

352pp Pb \$24.95

Dr Max Liebermann #5. A sexual predator is at large on the streets of Imperial Vienna. Detective Inspector Oskar Rheinhardt appeals to his friend, psychoanalyst Dr Max Liebermann, for assistance. As the investigation continues, Liebermann and Rheinhardt find themselves drawn into the worlds of art and couture, worlds in which glamorous appearances mask the most sinister of secrets... (English)



Joseph TELLER
Overkill

400pp Pb \$14.95

Jaywalker Mystery #4. Harrison J Walker finds his 90% acquittal rate threatened by his latest case involving a 17-year-old boy who killed another boy after fighting over a girl. But the boy is unable to recall the events of that day, or coherently defend himself... (American)



Terri THAYER
False Impressions

272pp Pb \$14.95

Stamping sisters #3. Professional rubber-stamper April Buchert is shocked to discover that the brother of one of the Stamping Sisters faked his own death, only to really die in a tragic car accident that was not an accident at all. Now this heated family drama could cause one cold winter if the killer isn't found! (American)



Nicola UPSON
Two for Sorrow

496pp Tp \$32.99

When Josephine Tey sets out to write a novel about Amelia Sach and Annie Walters, the notorious Finchley baby farmers, she has little idea that the research for her book will be needed to help solve a modern-day killing – the sadistic murder of a young seamstress, found dead in the Motley sisters' studio on the eve of a star-studded charity gala. (English)



Martin WALKER

Black Diamond 320pp Tp \$32.95

Bruno #3. At the heart of French gastronomy lies the famed black truffle of the Périgord. But France's truffles are being adulterated with cheaper ones from China and it seems that Chinese organised crime is behind the fraud. When vicious murder, illegal immigration and the trafficking of underage girls for sex work are added to the mix, Bruno has his work cut out! (English)



Martin WALKER

Dark Vineyard 320pp Pb \$24.95

Bruno #2. Chief of Police, Bruno, is pulled from sleep by the wail of the town siren atop the Mairie. A large barn and the fields surrounding it are ablaze. When Bruno arrives at the scene, the smell of petrol leaves no doubt that it was arson. Bruno must use all his skills, tact and local knowledge to negotiate a minefield to reach the truth... (English)



Penny WARNER

How to Crash a Killer Bash

320pp Pb \$12.95

Party Planning Mystery #2. Presley Parker is hosting a 'Murder Mystery' party, thrown by a notorious yet benevolent curator, Mary Lee Miller. But when the role-play becomes terrifyingly real, and Mary Lee is found dead, Presley kicks her sleuthing into high gear, only to discover that someone wants the life of the party dead too. (American)



Heather WEBBER

Deeply, Desperately

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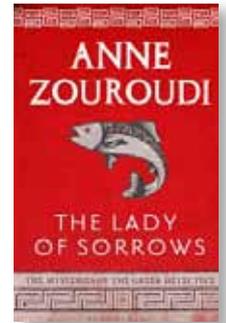
Lucy Valentine Mystery #2. Using her gift of finding lost things, Lucy Valentine – in order to breathe new life into her family's Boston-based matchmaking company – finds lost loves... Until she gets involved in a murder investigation which leads her straight into the arms of her hot fire-fighter-turned-private-eye neighbour! (American)



Anne ZOUROUDI
The Lady of Sorrows

256pp Tp \$32.99

Hermes Diaktoros #4. Hermes Diaktoros visits a remote island which is home to an ancient icon famed for its miraculous powers. But Hermes suspects that the Virgin is a fake. Ready to hand the matter over to the authorities, Hermes intends to leave – until the island's icon painter is found dead at sea. Did he die of natural causes or by a wrathful hand? What secret is a dishonest gypsy keeping? And what haunts the ancient catacombs beneath the bishop's house? (English)



CRIME HISTORICAL

Kenneth CAMERON

The Bohemian Girl 320pp Pb \$22.99

1901. Denton, a writer, receives a note from a young woman named Mary, saying she's in danger and needs his help. The letter is months old, and was only forwarded to him when the buyer of a painting found it stuck behind the frame. So why did she hide the note behind this particular painting, instead of sending it? Denton's investigation leads him into the heart of Bohemian London, where the border between genius and madness is hard to discern... but easy to cross. (American)

P F CHISHOLM

A Murder of Crows 250pp Tp \$27.00

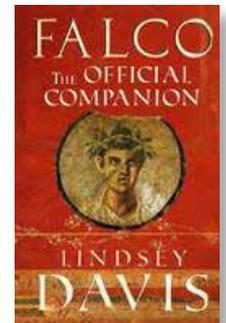
A Sir Robert Carey Mystery. Sir Robert Carey is asked by his father, Henry, Lord Hunsdon, to stay in London to investigate a corpse found on Her Majesty's privy steps, while Sergeant Dodd seeks revenge for his mistreatment by the Queen's Vice Chamberlain. (English)

Lindsey DAVIS

Falco: The Official Companion

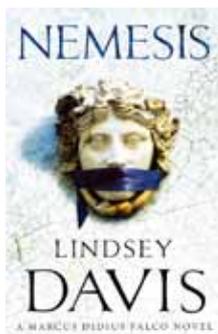
320pp Hb \$52.95

In 1989, readers were introduced to Marcus Didius Falco, the Roman informer. 20 books later, the author brings readers a companion volume, where we learn about the author's private background, the real glories and heartache involved in research and creation: why the baby had to be born in Barcelona, which plots evolved from intense loathing of management trainees, and what part a thermal vest played in the iconic Falco's conception. Readers have asked for this book, and here it is! (English)



Lindsey DAVIS**Nemesis**

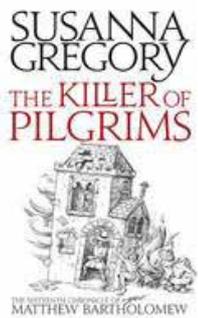
Falco #20. A middle-aged couple who supplied statues to Marcus Didius Falco's father have mysteriously disappeared after feuding with a group of freedmen called the Claudii. When a corpse turns up near Rome, Falco and Petronius investigate. But as they are making progress, the Chief Spy, Anacrites, snatches the case away from them. When it is discovered that the Claudii have acquired corrupt protection at the highest level, Falco and Petronius dig deeper, egged on by the slippery bureaucrats who hate Anacrites. (English)

336pp Tp \$32.95**Ann FEATHERSTONE****Walking in Pimlico****320pp Pb \$24.99**

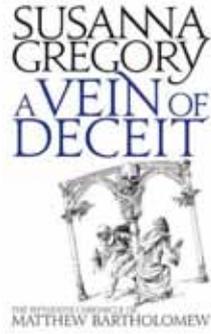
Actor and comedian Corney Sage is treading the boards at the Constellation in Whitechapel when he stumbles across the body of an actress outside the theatre and catches sight of the killer as he escapes. Fellow actress Lucy Strong also saw what happened, and when the murderer returns to the scene of the crime that same night, both flee in fear of their lives. But the murderer is closing in on them and it is only a matter of time before he pounces... (English)

Susanna GREGORY**The Killer of Pilgrims****432pp Hb \$50.00**

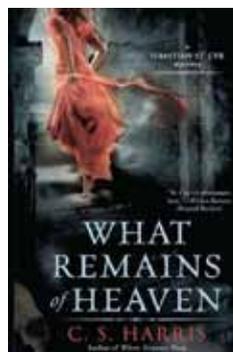
Matthew Bartholomew #16. When a wealthy benefactor is found dead in Michaelhouse, Brother Michael and Matthew Bartholomew must find the culprit before the College is accused of foul play. At the same time, Cambridge is plagued by a mystery thief, who is targeting rich pilgrims, whilst pranksters stage practical jokes which grow increasingly dangerous. The mysteries are connected, and it becomes a race against time to catch the killer-thief before the University explodes into violent conflict. (English)

**Susanna GREGORY****A Vein of Deceit**

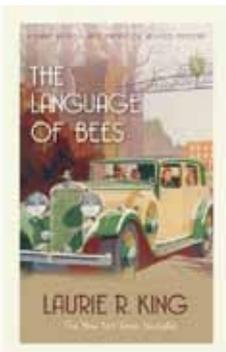
Matthew Bartholomew #15. When the Brother in charge of the accounts at Michaelhouse unexpectedly dies, it's discovered that he has been paying large sums for goods the college never received. But Matthew is more concerned with the disappearance of pennyroyal from his herbarium, after a pregnant visitor to his sister's home dies from an overdose of the herb. When Matthew learns that it was her husband who had received Michaelhouse's money for undelivered goods, he exposes a very treacherous vein of deceit. (English)

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**Pat McINTOSH****The Stolen Voice***Gilbert Cunningham*

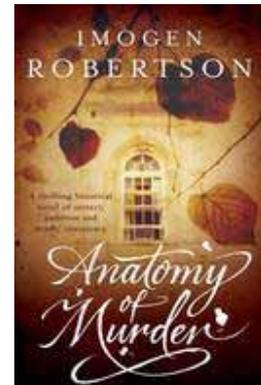
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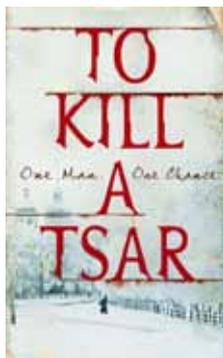
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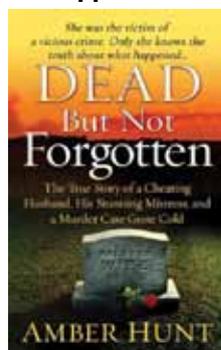
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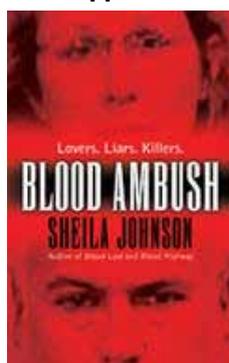


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Forensic investigator Geoff Bernasconi had always been passionate about his job as a policeman in rural NSW, always going the extra mile for victims of crime. But when he is called to investigate the scene of a car accident in which an entire family has been wiped out, his day-to-day working life becomes a catalogue of tragedies and he falls victim to post-traumatic stress disorder. This is a harrowing account of what it can be like to work on the frontlines of crime and tragedy. (Australia)



CRIME NON-FICTION

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In the Company of Monsters

288pp Tp \$34.95

In this autobiography, true-crime author Philip Carlo reveals that, while working on **The Ice Man** (Pb \$27.99), he was diagnosed with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), a terminal illness which causes all the muscles in the body to atrophy over time. After years of penetrating the minds of killers, Carlo was himself being pursued by the grim reaper. But rather than succumbing to the disease, he continues to work. Here he reveals intriguing information about his bestsellers, while coping with the challenges that ALS presents as it slowly steals his life away. (American)



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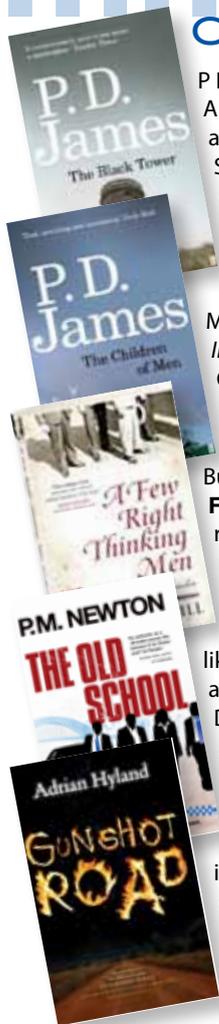
P D James turns 90 years old this month and, courtesy of Allen & Unwin, Abbey's is celebrating by hosting cake and champagne on the afternoon of Tuesday 3 August. So drop in and share some with us! Faber is celebrating by reissuing many of her backlist titles in a handsome new look, including volumes from the *Dalgliesh* series, such as **The Black Tower** (#5), **Death of an Expert Witness** (#6) and **Devices and Desires** (#8), as well as the standalone **The Children of Men** (all Pb \$14.99), plus many others!

Meanwhile, praise pours in for **I Kill** by Giorgio Faletti (Tp \$32.95). The *Independent Weekly* said it "Makes you feel a part of the madness in Monte Carlo with its great depth in characters, fine threadlines... and explosive surprises", while *Publisher's Weekly* raved "As the victim count mounts, so does the suspense in this fine cat-and-mouse game of skill and subtlety."

But our local crime authors are getting great reviews too! Sulari Gentill's **A Few Right Thinking Men** was *The Age's* Pick of the Week, described as "...richly drawn and involving... a cut above much Australian crime. It's well researched and atmospheric, with a brisk pace, colourful characters and charming period dialogue."

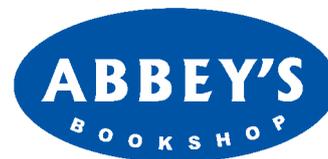
And how can you resist **The Old School** (Tp \$32.95) with a comment like this: "Newton's bitter-sweet thriller is an arresting debut: astonishingly accomplished and as authentic as a .38 bullet wound. File between D for Disher and T for Temple and sweat on the sequel" from *Underbelly* writer Andrew Rule. Matthew Reilly chimes in: "The writing is razor-sharp and the dialogue sizzles with tough-as-nails authenticity. Newton is a writer to watch."

Adrian Hyland's **Gunshot Road** (Tp \$32.95) is also praised by Sue Turnbull in the *Sydney Morning Herald*, describing main character Tempest as "...one of the most beguiling characters to appear in Australian crime fiction in the past 20 years" and concluding that "...this is an outstanding crime novel that, like Peter Temple's *Broken Shore*, raises the bar for Australian crime fiction to a new level".



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