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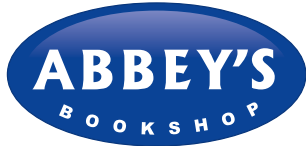
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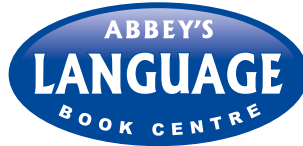
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Title	Author	RRP	Price	Bind	Description
CRIME - MODERN					
Arctic Floor	Mark Aitken	\$19.99	\$18.00	Pb	Gerry Gallen is searching for peace after years serving as a captain in the US Marines special forces. But when Gallen agrees to lead a team of former soldiers looking after the personal security of an eccentric oil billionaire, he finds himself catapulted onto a rollercoaster of violence and double-crossing where private intelligence operators and clandestine hit teams are commonplace. Powerful US and Russian interests are vying for the Arctic's valuable oil fields and it seems they'll stop at nothing to secure control of them, even if it means global catastrophe. Gallen and his men are faced with a choice between personal safety and saving the world. They can either walk away or go to the Arctic Floor.
Miss Me When I'm Gone	Emily Arsenault	\$23.95	\$21.55	Pb	Author Gretchen Waters made a name for herself with her bestseller Tammyland - a memoir about her divorce and her admiration for country music icons Tammy Wynette, Loretta Lynn, and Dolly Parton that was praised as a honky-tonk Eat, Pray, Love. But her writing career is cut abruptly short when she dies from a fall down a set of stone library steps. It is a tragic accident and no one suspects foul play, certainly not Gretchen's best friend from college, Jamie, who's been named the late author's literary executor. But there's an unfinished manuscript Gretchen left behind that is much darker than Tammyland a book ostensibly about male country musicians yet centered on a murder in Gretchen's family that haunted her childhood. In its pages, Gretchen seems to be speaking to Jamie from beyond the grave--suggesting her death was no accident... and that Jamie must piece together the story someone would kill to keep untold.
This Green Hell	Greig Beck	\$19.99	\$18.00	Pb	Deep in the steaming jungles of Paraguay, Aimee Weir is in trouble. The petrobiologist has found what she was looking for - a unique microorganism in a natural gas deposit - but it proves to be more destructive than anyone could have imagined. A contagion is striking down all in its wake. The camp is quarantined, but workers start to vanish in the night. Alex Hunter and his Hotzone All-Forces Warfare Commandos must be dropped in to the disaster area to stem the outbreak. But can they survive long enough to confront the danger that threatens the very survival of mankind?
Where the Bodies are Buried	Christopher Brookmyre	\$22.99	\$20.70	Pb	Where the Bodies Are Buried is the latest work from Scottish crime writer Christopher Brookmyre, best known for his comic crime novels. His latest book is just as richly Scottish as his earlier work, but it is his grittiest and most realistic novel yet. When small-time heroin dealer Jai McDiarmid turns up dead one fine Glasgow morning, no one is that surprised - he'd been sleeping with a drug trafficker's girlfriend and had made himself a lot of enemies - so many, in fact, that Detective Superintendent Catherine McLeod doesn't know where to start when she is assigned to the case. Meanwhile, out-of-work actress Jasmine Sharp is doing her best to be a private investigator, but her PI mentor Uncle Jim, who was meant to be showing her the ropes, has just disappeared in mysterious circumstances. She begins looking at the open cases that Jim was investigating - which sends her into trouble, fast. And when she soon finds out that Jim's disappearance has something to do with Jai's death, she teams up with Catherine - and together they stumble upon an old open case which throws everything into question. In Glasgow, nothing is quite what it seems.
Creole Belle	James Lee Burke	\$29.99	\$27.00	Pb	Creole Belle begins where the last book in the Dave Robicheaux series, The Glass Rainbow, ended. Dave is in a recovery unit in New Orleans, where a Creole girl named Tee Jolie Melton visits him and leaves him an iPod with the country blues song Creole Belle on it. Then she disappears. Dave becomes obsessed with the song and the memory of Tee Jolie and goes in search of her sister, who later turns up inside a block of ice floating in the Gulf. Meanwhile, there has been an oil well blowout on the Gulf, threatening the cherished environs of the bayous. Creole Belle is James Lee Burke at his very best, with beloved series hero Dave Robicheaux leading the charge against the destruction of both the land and the people he has sworn to protect.
Feast Day of Fools	James Lee Burke	\$19.99	\$18.00	Pb	Danny Boy Lorca was used to having apocalyptic visions - the beatings he'd taken in jail and the booze he drank to forget them made sure of that. But what he saw and heard that night out in the desert was more terrifying than anything even his battered spirit could have conjured. A man tortured to death. Slowly and methodically and with inhuman cruelty. When Danny Boy tells his tale to Sheriff Hackberry Holland, Hack knows something evil has leaked over the border into his corner of South Texas. What he doesn't realize is that this brutal slaying is just the beginning of a twisted three-way manhunt that will pit a psychotic killer seeking release for the souls of his murdered children against a religious maniac in love with death, and a Russian gangster whose name is a byword for fear...
The Death Sculptor	Chris Carter	\$29.99	\$27.00	Pb	Good job you didn't turn on the lights ...' A student nurse has the shock of her life when she discovers her patient, prosecutor Derek Nicholson, brutally murdered in his bed. The act seems senseless - Nicholson was terminally ill with only weeks to live. But what most shocks Detective Robert Hunter of the Los Angeles Robbery Homicide Division is the calling card the killer left behind. For Hunter, there is no doubt that the killer is trying to communicate with the police, but the method is unlike anything he's ever seen before. And what could the hidden message be? Just as Hunter and his partner Garcia reckon they've found a lead, a new body is found - and a new calling card. But with no apparent link between the first and second victims, all the progress they've made so far goes out of the window. Pushed into an uncomfortable alliance with the confident Alice Beaumont, Hunter must race to put together the pieces of the investigation ...before the Death Sculptor puts the final touches to his masterpiece.

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Babylon	Camilla Ceder	\$29.99	\$27.00	Pb	Inspector Christian Tell and his team are called to the scene of a double murder. University lecturer Anne-Marie Karpov lies dead in her home, alongside her student and lover, Henrik. The crime appears straightforward: Henrik's girlfriend Rebecca, a woman in therapy for her violent jealousy, had been spotted outside Karpov's flat, and her fingerprints are found on the door. But shortly afterwards, when Rebecca's flat is burgled in a seemingly unconnected attack, Tell begins to wonder whether she might be the victim in a larger game. It emerges that items on the Red List - artefacts raided from Iraqi museums - were found among Henrik's possessions. As the truth behind Anne-Marie and Henrik's past begins to emerge, the dead woman's ex-husband, Danish gangsters and Turkish black marketeers all come into the frame. Tell must unravel a web of hidden motives that spans continents, all while trying to salvage his stormy relationship with Seja.
A Dark Place to Die	Ed Chatterton	\$32.95	\$29.65	Pb	By Merseyside standards it's been some time since a decent corpse arrived on his patch, but now, on a bone-cold October morning, Detective Inspector Frank Keane's wait is over. The son of Keane's old boss, the legendary DI Menno Koopman, has been discovered dead twelve thousand miles from his Australian home, lashed to a scaffolding pole on Liverpool's bleak shoreline. It's the start of a vicious cycle of violence spanning half the globe. For Koopman, who turned his back on a thirty-year career in the city to live the quiet life in northern New South Wales, the death of a son he never knew means a return to England and the past he'd left behind. Koopman has not been forgotten in his old hunting ground - not by his former colleagues, and not by the enemies waiting for him. As the body count rises in Liverpool and Australia, Keane and Koopman's search for the killer becomes a fight for survival.
The Drop	Michael Connelly	\$19.99	\$18.00	Pb	Harry Bosch has been given three years before he must retire from the LAPD, and he wants cases more fiercely than ever. In one morning, he gets two. DNA from a 1989 rape and murder matches a 29-year-old convicted rapist. Was he an eight-year-old killer or has something gone terribly wrong in the new Regional Crime Lab? The latter possibility could compromise all of the lab's DNA cases currently in court. Then Bosch and his partner are called to a death scene fraught with internal politics. Councilman Irvin Irving's son jumped or was pushed from a window at the Chateau Marmont. Irving, Bosch's longtime nemesis, has demanded that Harry handle the investigation. Relentlessly pursuing both cases, Bosch makes two chilling discoveries: a killer operating unknown in the city for as many as three decades, and a political conspiracy that goes back into the dark history of the police department.
The Abbey	Chris Culver	\$19.99	\$18.00	Pb	Ash Rashid is a former homicide detective who can't stand the thought of handling another death investigation. That's until his niece's body is found in the property of one of the city's wealthiest citizens. The coroner calls it an overdose, but the case doesn't add up. Against orders, Ash launches an investigation to find his niece's murderer. But the longer he searches, the darker the case gets - and if he doesn't solve it fast, his niece won't be the only family member he has to bury...Discover for yourself the US crime novel that became a word of mouth phenomenon. The Abbey is the beginning of a major new series, featuring one of the most fascinating detectives in the history of crime fiction.
The Kingdom	Clive Cussler	\$19.99	\$18.00	Pb	Sam and Remi Fargo return for the thrilling third adventure in the acclaimed new series. In Spartan Gold and Lost Empire, Clive Cussler brought readers into the world of husband-and-wife team Sam and Remi Fargo, whose passion and instinct for treasure-hunting has led to extraordinary discoveries-and perilous journeys. Their next adventure, however, might be their most astonishing yet. The Fargos are used to hunting for treasure, not people. But then a Texas oil baron contacts them with a personal plea: an investigator friend of the Fargos' was on a mission to find the oil baron's missing father-and now the investigator is missing, too. Would Sam and Remi be willing to look for them both? Though something about the situation doesn't quite add up, the Fargos agree to go on the search. What they find will be beyond anything they could have imagined. On a journey that will take them to Tibet, Nepal, Bulgaria, India, and China, the Fargos will find themselves embroiled with black-market fossils, a centuries-old puzzle chest, the ancient Tibetan kingdom of Mustang, a balloon aircraft from a century before its time... and a skeleton that could turn the history of human evolution on its head.
The Inca Prophecy	Adrian D'Hage	\$29.99	\$27.00	Pb	An eerie clue to the Inca Prophecy lies hidden in a tomb near the ancient city of Machu Picchu. The prophecy itself is concealed deep in the Amazon jungle, amongst the ruins of Paititi, the Lost City of the Inca. Disaffected CIA agent Curtis O'Connor and Guatemalan archaeologist Dr Aleta Weizman are convinced a mysterious crystal skull, discovered near the Inca Trail, will lead them to it. Thousands of kilometres away, the Pope lies gravely ill in the Vatican and Cardinal Felici, a key contender for the Papacy, is anxious to return to Rome. At his luxurious villa on the shores of Lake Como, Felici is concluding a meeting with Professor Macchiarolo, one of the world's foremost experts on crystal skulls. What is hidden in Paititi that would attract the attention of both the CIA and the Vatican's espionage service? Is the prophecy connected to the cataclysm predicted by both the Mayans and the Incas? And is there a link to the Iranian heavy water nuclear reactor and the manufacture of deadly plutonium suitcase bombs? O'Connor is certain there is, and that both he and Weizman are now in mortal danger. High in the Andes, in a portent of what lies ahead, an Andean Condor, the largest of the vultures, circles above Machu Picchu and the mists engulfing the Inca Temple of the Moon.
Rat Poison	Margaret Duffy	\$24.95	\$22.45	Pb	The brand-new Patrick Gillard and Ingrid Langley mystery - When vicious gang warfare breaks out in the city of Bath, it soon becomes apparent that a London crime lord is trying to move in to the area. DCI James Carrick has to enlist help from the Serious Organized Crime Agency. Patrick Gillard, late of MI5, and his colleague Ingrid Langley are brought in, and their first task is to try to identify those taking part in the shootings. But the gang seems able to stay one step ahead of them all the way...

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The Cruel Stars of the Night	Kjell Eriksson	\$17.99	\$16.20	Pb	As autumn creeps across the Swedish city of Uppsala, elderly Professor Ulrik Hindersten disappears without a trace. When the bludgeoned corpses of two local farmers are unearthed within days of each other, Inspector Ann Lindell and her team are called in to investigate what might connect the crimes. Caught in the middle of a dangerous web as distant events take on a devastating and urgent clarity, Lindell must unravel the threads if she is to stop the deranged killer, who may be closer than she thinks... Kjell Eriksson once again shows why he has become an international crime writing sensation - discover him now. Translated by Let the Right One In's Ebba Segerberg.
Kill Shot: A Thriller	Vince Flynn	\$19.99	\$18.00	Pb	For months, Mitch Rapp has been steadily working his way - bullet by bullet - through a list of the men responsible for the slaughter of 270 civilians including his own girlfriend in the Pan Am Lockerbie bombing. His next target - a Libyan diplomat - should be easy. Prone to drink and currently in Paris without a bodyguard, Rapp quickly tracks the man down and sends a bullet into his skull while he's sleeping. But in the split second it takes the bullet to leave the silenced pistol, everything changes. The door to the hotel room is kicked open and gunfire erupts all around Rapp. When the news breaks that Libya's Oil Minister has been killed along with three innocent civilians and four unidentified men, the French authorities are certain that a wounded gunman is still on the loose in Paris. As the finger-pointing begins, Rapp's handlers have only one choice - deny any responsibility for the incident and race to do damage control. Rapp has become a liability, and he must not be taken alive by the French authorities. But alone in Paris, on the run from the authorities and from his own employers, Mitch Rapp must prepare to fight for his life.
In the Darkness: An Inspector Sejer Novel	Karin Fossum	\$29.95	\$26.95	Pb	Eva is walking by the river one afternoon when a body floats to the surface of the icy water. She tells her daughter to wait patiently while she calls the police, but when she reaches the phone box Eva dials another number altogether. The dead man, Egil, has been missing for months, and it doesn't take long for Inspector Sejer and his team to establish that he was the victim of a very violent killer. But the trail has gone cold. It's as puzzling as another unsolved case on Sejer's desk: the murder of a prostitute who was found dead just before Egil went missing. While Sejer is trying to piece together the fragments of a seemingly impossible case, Eva gets a phone call late one night. A stranger speaks and then swiftly hangs up. Eva looks out into the darkness and listens. All is quiet. Gripping and thought-provoking, In the Darkness is Karin Fossum's first novel featuring the iconic Inspector Sejer. The prizewinning series has been published around the world to great acclaim.
The Caller	Karin Fossum	\$19.95	\$17.95	Pb	One summer evening Lily and her husband are enjoying a meal while their baby daughter sleeps peacefully in her pram beneath a maple tree. But then Lily steps outside to find her baby soaked in blood. The distraught parents rush to the hospital where they discover that she is unharmed. Inspector Sejer is called in and spends the evening trying to comprehend why anyone would carry out such a sinister prank. Then, just before midnight, somebody rings his doorbell. The corridor is empty, but the caller has left a small grey envelope on the mat. Inside it, Sejer finds a postcard bearing a short message: Hell begins now...
Bloodline	Felix Francis	\$29.99	\$27.00	Pb	When Mark Shillingford commentates on a race in which his twin sister Clare, an accomplished and successful jockey, comes in third, he can't help but be suspicious. As a professional race-caller, he knows she should have won. Did she lose on purpose? Was the race fixed? Why on earth would she do something so out of character? That night, Mark confronts Clare with his suspicions, but she storms off after an explosive argument. It's the last time Mark sees her alive. Hours later, Clare jumps to her death from the balcony of a London hotel...or so it seems. Devastated by her death, and almost overcome with guilt, Mark goes in search of answers. What led Clare to take her own life? Or was it not suicide at all...?
Gamble	Felix Francis	\$16.99	\$15.30	Pb	As one of the youngest ever winners of the Grand National, Nick 'Foxy' Foxton's career as a world class jockey is on perfect track until a near fatal accident cuts his dream brutally short. But when he returns to Aintree as a spectator years later, nothing can prepare him for what unfolds. Minutes before the biggest event on the racing calendar, Nick's affable American colleague Herb Kovak is shot at point blank range, the gunman disappearing amongst the stunned crowd. Along with the police, Nick is left baffled as to why anyone would want to kill such an apparently gentle soul. With the press speculating links to gangland crime and a crumpled note containing a threatening message found in the dead man's coat, Nick begins to doubt how well he really knew Herb. And on discovering Herb had named him as the benefactor of his will, Nick questions why he has been entrusted with the legacy. Is this a generous gift from a friend or is it, in fact, a poisoned chalice?
Tuesday's Gone	Nicci French	\$29.99	\$27.00	Pb	Nicci French, the bestselling author of What to do When Someone Dies and Losing You , returns with the second book in the gripping new series that began with Top Ten Bestseller Blue Monday . Fans of Peter James' Roy Grace series and Peter Robinson's DCI Banks series will love central character psychotherapist Frieda Klein, who is consulted on a grisly and seemingly unsolvable crime. For Frieda Klein the days get longer, the cases darker...Psychotherapist Frieda Klein thought she was done with the police. But once more DCI Karlsson is knocking at her door. A man's decomposed body has been found in the flat of Michelle Doyce, a woman trapped in a world of strange mental disorder. The police don't know who it is, how he got there or what happened - and Michelle can't tell them. But Karlsson hopes Frieda can get access to the truths buried beneath her confusion. Painstakingly, Frieda uncovers a possible identity for the corpse: Robert Poole, a jack of all trades and master conman. But the deeper Frieda and Karlsson dig into Poole's past, the more of his victims they encounter - and the more motives they find for murder. Meanwhile, violent ghosts from Frieda's own past are returning to threaten her. Unable to discover quite who is telling the truth and who is lying, they know they are getting closer to a killer. But whoever murdered Poole is determined to stay free - and anyone that gets too close will meet the same fate.

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Broken Harbour	Tana French	\$29.99	\$27.00	Pb	In Broken Harbour, a ghost estate outside Dublin - half-built, half-inhabited, half-abandoned - two children and their father are dead. The mother is on her way to intensive care. Scorcher Kennedy is given the case because he is the Murder squad's star detective. At first he and his rookie partner, Richie, think this is a simple one: Pat Spain was a casualty of the recession, so he killed his children, tried to kill his wife Jenny, and finished off with himself. But there are too many inexplicable details and the evidence is pointing in two directions at once. Scorcher's personal life is tugging for his attention. Seeing the case on the news has sent his sister Dina off the rails again, and she's resurrecting something that Scorcher thought he had tightly under control: what happened to their family, one summer at Broken Harbour, back when they were children. The neat compartments of his life are breaking down, and the sudden tangle of work and family is putting both at risk...
Paving the New Road	Sulari Gentill	\$29.99	\$27.00	Pb	It's 1933. Rowland and his companions are back home at Woodlands House occupied with their usual artistic pursuits, when Senator Charles Hardy calls unexpectedly. He puts an alarming proposal to Rowland. Eric Campbell, commander of the New Guard (featured in AFRTM) is in Europe about to travel to Germany with the intention of establishing links with the Nazi government. An opposing party, concerned that such an association will see Campbell's own star rise, placed a man in Germany to work with another agent ensconced in Campbell's party to ensure such links were thwarted. The first man, Bothwell, has died in unusual circumstances. Hardy asks Rowland to replace Bothwell, to travel Germany as an Old Guard spy and investigate Bothwell's death while he's at it. Manipulated by the Senator, Rowland agrees. Of course his friends, fellow artist Clyde Watson Jones, Jewish poet Milton Isaacs and the beautiful sculptress Edna Higgins insist on accompanying him. As time is of the essence, Charles Kingsford Smith and the Southern Cross fly the gang to Germany. Murder, kidnapping, impersonating, smuggling, propaganda, deceit, torture, war prisoners, book burnings, and more. Rowland finds himself in a dark world - a world like no other...
Last to Die: (Rizzoli & Isles 10)	Tess Gerritsen	\$29.95	\$26.95	Pb	Three children, strangers to each other, are brought together by seemingly motiveless and extreme acts of violence. Orphaned and alone, they are taken in as students at Evensong, a boarding school for emotionally traumatized children in the remote Maine wilderness. A place of safety? Forensic pathologist Maura Isles already has a connection with the school - Julian 'Rat' Perkins, the 16-year-old boy she met during a previous case, is now living there. But she suspects that the Evensong founders may be using the school for their own agenda. And her concerns grow when Detective Jane Rizzoli is asked to investigate yet another attempt on the life of one of the orphans at the school ...Or A place of danger? What both Jane and Maura soon discover is that even a school protected by locked gates and acres of forest cannot shut out a gathering threat. When three blood-spattered twig dolls are found hanging from a tree, they wonder if the threat comes from outside the school ...or from within.
Sweet and Deadly and a Secret Rage	Charlaine Harris	\$29.99	\$27.00	Pb	Charlaine Harris is a No. 1 Sunday Times, and internationally, best-selling author of four different and exceptional series. She has topped the charts in more than thirty different languages around the world, with her magical combination of engrossing mystery, strong characters and a touch of romance. So now, by popular demand, her debut Southern mystery novels are coming to the UK. SWEET AND DEADLY Six months ago Catherine Linton's parents died in a car crash. Now, she's returning to her hometown -Lowfield, Mississippi - because she doesn't believe it was an accident. She wants answers, and when she starts asking questions they lead her to the dead, badly beaten, body of one of her father's long-term colleagues. She was right: there are secrets being kept in Lowfield. But if she keeps investigating, the town where she grew up might also send her to her grave ...SECRET RAGE Nickie Callahan is full of optimism when she moves to the sleepy town of Knolls, Tennessee. Her career as a New York City model may be over, but she plans to go back to college and train up to become a writer. But the women of Knolls are not safe. There's a violent attack at her college - and then another. As Nickie is unwillingly swept up in what becomes a string of brutal crimes, she must take matters of justice into her own hands if she is to keep hold of her new, promising life ...
The Cutting Room	Jilliane Hoffman	\$24.99	\$22.50	Pb	The chilling new psychological thriller from the bestselling author of Retribution and Pretty Little Things The body of a young woman who went missing from a Florida nightclub is found in a dumpster. A horrifying scene, but nothing compared to what she had to endure before her murder. She was drugged and tortured - all broadcast live for the twisted pleasure of a snuff club. Detective Manny Alvarez works the homicide alongside young hotshot Assistant State Attorney Daria DeBianchi. The media spotlight shines on the accused, a privileged playboy seen leaving the club with the victim. But without cast-iron evidence, Daria and Manny must dig deeper to crack the case. The investigation exposes a terrifying connection between numerous unsolved murders and abductions stretching across the country. Their only lead is through convicted serial killer William Bantling, who knows the sinister society's secrets first-hand. But Bantling won't show his hand for free - he wants off Death Row. For Manny and Daria, the nightmare is just beginning. And the only thing more devastating than this case's past is what lies ahead...

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The Blind Goddess	Anne Holt	\$29.99	\$27.00	Pb	A drug dealer is found battered to death in the outskirts of Oslo. A young Dutchman, walking aimlessly in central Oslo covered in blood, is taken into custody but refuses to talk. When he is informed that the woman who discovered the body, Karen Borg, is a lawyer, the young Dutchman demands her as his defender: he will speak to Karen Borg and to her alone. A couple of days later, Hansa Larsen, a lawyer of the shadiest kind is found shot to death. Very soon, police officers Hakon Sand and Hanne Wilhelmsen establish a link between the two killings. They also find a message in code hidden in the murdered lawyer's apartment. The reason why the young Dutchman insisted on having Karen Borg as a defender slowly dawns upon them: since she was the one to find and report the body, she is the only Oslo lawyer that cannot be implicated in this business. But the tentacles of this conspiracy reach much higher than a corrupt lawyer and a small-time dealer. There are political movers and shakers in the frame. Hanne must work against time to uncover the truth - but she is in more danger than she knows. This is the first instalment in the Hanne Wilhelmsen series.
Baptism	Max Kinnings	\$18.99	\$17.10	Pb	07:45am. A monk lies dead in Snowdonia, a knife protruding from his throat. A young family is being held at gunpoint in a house in Wimbledon. The mission has begun. 08:56am. A London Underground train is stationary in a tunnel, four hundred passengers trapped inside. All efforts to communicate with it have been met with silence. 09:15am. DCI Ed Mallory has just started his day. The Met's top hostage negotiator - despite having been blinded thirteen years earlier - Mallory is about to discover that, today, an underground train is not the only thing on the line.
Thirst	L. A. Larkin	\$29.99	\$27.00	Pb	ABBEY'S CHOICE AUGUST 2012. Thirst is the perfect book for those wet days when you don't want to go outside; or for when you don't want to talk to the stranger beside you on your long distance flight; or just any occasion when you want to immerse yourself in something slightly implausible but nonetheless guiltily enjoyable! Luke Searle is a glaciologist overwintering again on the Australian Antarctic base at Hope Station. Two team members die in what seems a tragic accident, until the base is deliberately sabotaged and Luke and his station leader, Maddie Wildman, are the only survivors. Meanwhile, a corrupt Chinese general and his son are about to blow up one of the glaciers in order to transport ice to China, where fresh water is in desperately short supply. And a Chinese tailor is murdered in Sydney: how does this all tie in? Alternating points of view give the narrative a great deal of pace, as the clock ticks down to the crucial time, and the goodies race the baddies to the end - as does the reader! Does have a bit of an environmental message, but that takes a distant second place to the entertainment factor, so give Thirst to any reader who just wants to lose themselves in an exciting but undemanding read! Lindy
House Divided	Mike Lawson	\$13.50	\$12.15	Pb	When the NSA was caught wiretapping U.S. citizens without warrants, a scandal erupted and the program came to a screeching halt. But the man who spearheaded the operation wasn't about to sit by while his country sleepwalked into another 9/11. Instead, he moved the program into the shadows. So when the NSA records a rogue military group murdering two American civilians, they can't walk over to the Pentagon and demand to know what's going on. However, as the largest intelligence service in the country, both in money and manpower, they have plenty of options - mostly illegitimate. DeMarco learns all too well just what the NSA is capable of, but he doesn't like being used, so he fights back.
The Marmalade Files	Steve Lewis	\$29.99	\$27.00	Pb	An imaginative romp through the dark underbelly of politics by two veteran Canberra insiders. When seasoned newshound Harry Dunkley is slipped a compromising photograph one frosty Canberra dawn he knows he's onto something big. In pursuit of the scoop, Dunkley must negotiate the deadly corridors of power where the minority Toohey Government hangs by a thread - its stricken foreign minister on life support, her heart maintained by a single thought. Revenge. Rabid Rottweilers prowl in the guise of Opposition senators, union thugs wage class warfare, TV anchors simper and fawn...and loyalty and decency have long since given way to compromise and treachery. From the teahouses of Beijing to the beaches of Bali, from the marbled halls of Washington to the basements of the bureaucracy, Dunkley's quest takes him ever closer to the truth - and ever deeper into a lethal political game.
Harry Curry - the Murder Book	Stuart Littlemore	\$29.99	\$24.99	Pb	ABBEY'S CHOICE AUGUST 2012 Following the successful debut of Mr Curry, renegade barrister, in Harry Curry: Counsel of Choice, the new instalment has arrived at Abbey's. Harry Curry: The Murder book continues the series that rivals Rumpole of the Bailey and Rake and sees Harry Curry and his elegant partner, Arabella Engineer, return with more thrilling spanner-in-the-works criminal trials, every one of them in defence of clients charged with murder. There's the multiple murderer seeking a discounted sentence because he confesses to killings about which the police are clueless. And the fisherman who hated the sea, driven to let loose at his landlord with a rifle, plugging him ten times. And share the sadness of a shaken-baby case, where Harry, ever the iconoclast, takes on the conventional wisdom of self-serving medical experts. Throughout these cases and more, the Curry-Engineer relationship waxes and wanes: Harry sells his Erskineville terrace and retreats to a farm on the Far South Coast; Arabella is showered with high-paying civil work and looks set for a life on the District Court bench. Harry's visits to Sydney are few and far between and Ms Engineer begins to find excuses not to catch the little plane down to Merimbula. Is it Harry's fate to die an eccentric gentleman farmer? Will Arabella decamp with a suitable Indian boy? Can the pair - aided and abetted by faithful solicitor, David Surrey - rediscover the spark that brought them together? Perhaps they will, if Wallace Curry QC, from the fastness of his top-end retirement facility, lends a hand...

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All My Enemies	Barry Maitland	\$29.99	\$27.00	Pb	In one of the finest and most pivotal books in the critically acclaimed Brock & Kolla series, DS Kathy Kolla reports to New Scotland Yard and to DCI Brock's Serious Crime Division. Just before Kolla is to start her new job, a young woman is found viciously murdered in a leafy, well-heeled suburb, and the grotesque details of the slaughter appear to be well rehearsed, even theatrical. Assigned to the case, Kolla's only improbable lead draws her to a local amateur drama group. Once in their orbit, she is lured into a piece of theatre, over which, increasingly, she has little control. In All My Enemies, Brock and Kolla find themselves in a tangled web of secrets, lies and murder.
Temple of the Gods	Andy McDermott	\$19.99	\$18.00	Pb	Another brilliant Wilde/Chase thriller from one of the best in the business - Andy McDermott. Archaeologist Nina Wilde's life has fallen apart. Her husband, ex-SAS soldier Eddie Chase is on the run, falsely accused of murder, and her only distraction has been investigating the origin of three strange statues stolen from her just before Eddie's disappearance. When Nina discovers they may be relics from the lost civilisation of Atlantis, it's clear that she has to get her head back in the game, and fast. Eddie, meanwhile, tries to stay ahead of the authorities as he hunts the man responsible for his fugitive status across the globe. A mysterious benefactor offers the information he needs - but the price will put him in direct conflict with his wife. When Nina learns that a Japanese industrialist has obtained the statues on the black market she immediately heads to Tokyo meet him, unaware that Eddie is already on his way. Their arrival unleashes a chain of events that could have devastating consequences for the world, setting Nina and Eddie on their most dangerous quest ever - with the future of humanity itself at stake...
Unwanted	Kristina Ohlsson	\$19.99	\$18.00	Pb	The American debut of the first installment of the Frederika Bergman crime series. One mistake changes everything... In the middle of a rainy Swedish summer, a little girl is abducted from a crowded train. Despite hundreds of potential witnesses, no one noticed when the girl was taken. Her distraught mother was left behind at the previous station in what seemed to be a coincidence. The train crew was alerted and kept a watchful eye on the sleeping child. But when the train pulled into Stockholm Central Station, she had vanished. Inspector Alex Recht and his special team of federal investigators, assisted by the investigative analyst Fredrika Bergman, are assigned to what at first appears to be a classic custody fight. But the case soon turns into the investigation team's worst nightmare--the pursuit of a brilliant and ruthless killer. Kristina Ohlsson's Unwanted is a suspenseful and searing page-turner that will keep readers captivated until the very last powerful word.
Private Games	James Patterson	\$19.95	\$17.95	Pb	It's July 2012: The Games have arrived in London. Preparations have gone flawlessly and the stage is set for one of the greatest ever showcases of sporting excellence. But one man has a devastating plan. Having waited years for this chance, he is now ready for vengeance. When Sir Denton Marshall, a key member of the London Olympic organising committee, is found decapitated in his garden, Peter Knight, head of Private London, is called to the scene. Private are working with the organising committee on the security for the Games, so Denton Marshall was a valuable client. But there is a more personal link: Marshall was also the fiance of Knight's mother. Having only recently lost close friends and colleagues at Private London in a fatal plane crash, this is another torturous blow for Knight and threatens to push him over the edge. But it soon becomes clear that Denton Marshall's murder is no isolated incident, and that the killer's number one target is the Games itself. As the most talented athletes in the world gather in London, Knight knows he must find Sir Denton's killer. Thousands of lives are at stake...
The Crossing	Michael Radburn	\$22.99	\$20.70	Pb	Traumatized by the loss of his daughter Claire, Taylor Bridges is self-exiled to Glorys Crossing, a small country town on the island of Tasmania. Taylor is the only ranger of an isolated National park ... a park that is drowning beneath the waters of the new dam project. Struggling with the guilt of Claire's disappearance, Taylor has since become a chronic sleepwalker. When another young girl goes missing, Taylor begins to question himself ... not knowing what happens when he sleepwalks. It's a race against time to not only find the missing girl, but redemption for a past better left lying at the bottom of the new lake.
Saint Zita Society	Ruth Rendell	\$32.95	\$29.65	Pb	Someone had told Dex that the Queen lived in Victoria. So did he, but she had a palace and he had one room in a street off Warwick Way. Still he liked the idea that she was his neighbour'. Dex works as a gardener for Dr Jefferson at his home on Hexam Place in Pimlico: an exclusive street of white-painted stucco Georgian houses inhabited by the rich, and serviced by the not so rich. The hired help, a motley assortment of au pairs, drivers and cleaners, decide to form the St Zita Society (Zita was the patron saint of domestic servants) as an excuse to meet at the local pub and air their grievances. When Dex is invited to attend one of these meetings, the others find that he is a strange man, seemingly ill at ease with human beings. These first impressions are compounded when they discover he has recently been released from a hospital for the criminally insane, where he was incarcerated for attempting to kill his own mother. Dex's most meaningful relationship seems to be with his mobile phone service provider, Peach, and he interprets the text notifications and messages he receives from the company as a reassuring sign that there is some kind of god who will protect him. And give him instructions about ridding the world of evil spirits...Accidental death and pathological madness cohabit above and below stairs in Hexam Place.
Midnight in Death/interlude in Death	J. D. Robb	\$19.99	\$18.00	Pb	Revenge, courage and murky pasts collide in these two exclusive J. D. Robb short stories Midnight in Death Eve's name has made a Christmas list, but it's not for being naughty or nice. It's for putting a serial killer behind bars. Now he's escaped and has her in his sights. With her husband, Roarke, at her side, Eve must stop this madman from exacting his bloody revenge - or die trying ...Interlude in Death When respected Commander Skinner offers Lieutenant Eve Dallas a promotion if she'll give her husband Roarke up to custody, she reacts badly. Roarke's Irish past is murky, but he's a changed man - so what is the Commander after? With Eve and Skinner at one of Roarke's holiday resorts for a police convention, Skinner's thwarted vengeance soon brings death to their luxury surroundings ...

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Celebrity In Death	J. D. Robb	\$19.99	\$18.00	Pb	We've got a corpse that looks like one of the investigators, a houseful of Hollywood and a media machine that's going to eat it like gooey chocolate.' Lieutenant Eve Dallas is panicking - and she's not at a crime scene. Forced to attend a celeb-packed party for a new movie based on her most famous case, she is surrounded by actors who look like everyone in her life. Then brutal reality crashes through the sparkly facade. There's been a murder. The obnoxious actress playing Eve's partner, Peabody, has been found face down in the rooftop pool. It's hard to find anyone who didn't have a motive for killing her, but Eve must fight to keep a clear head and stop a calculated killer. 'Robb gives us another great thriller' Linda Fairstein
Watching the Dark	Peter Robinson	\$32.99	\$29.70	Pb	Banks is back - and this time he's investigating the murder of one of his own. Detective Inspector Bill Reid is killed by a crossbow in the tranquil grounds of a police rehabilitation centre, and compromising photos are found in his room. DCI Banks, brought in to investigate, is assailed on all sides. By Joanna Passero, the Professional Standards inspector who insists on shadowing the investigation in case of police corruption. By his own conviction that a policeman shouldn't be deemed guilty without evidence. By Annie Cabbot, back at work after six months' recuperation, and beset by her own doubts and demons. And by an English girl who disappeared in Estonia six years ago, who seems to hold the secret at the heart of this case ...
War Lord	David Rollins	\$27.99	\$25.20	Pb	A \$15 million ransom. A plane down in the remote swamps of Darwin. A new partner who plays by the rules. Special Agent Vin Cooper isn't having a good week. After returning from an enforced sabbatical, still guilt-ridden over his partner Anna's death, Vin agrees to help out an acquaintance of hers - a Vegas showgirl. Alabama's boyfriend Randy is missing; his plane's gone down in mysterious circumstances and she's been sent a bloody ransom package. What starts as an informal missing person case spirals into a full-blown multi-agency screw-up. Not only was Randy hiding some very high-level secrets, but it also appears he is connected to a missing nuclear weapon. Worst-case scenario is that the warhead is in the hands of the tyrannical Benicio Von Weiss, a man with particular interests: luxury cruiseliners, busty blondes, Nazi memorabilia and poisonous snakes. And, of course, drugs, guns and vengeance against America.
Buried Prey	John Sandford	\$19.99	\$18.00	Pb	Some secrets just can't stay buried, in the brilliant new Lucas Davenport thriller from the number-one New York Times - bestselling author. One of the best, said Kirkus Reviews of Storm Prey. Razor-sharp dialogue, a tautly controlled pace and enough homicides for a miniseries. What more could fans want? A house demolition provides an unpleasant surprise for Minneapolis-the bodies of two girls, wrapped in plastic. It looks like they've been there a long time. Lucas Davenport knows exactly how long. In 1985, Davenport was a young cop with a reputation for recklessness, and the girls' disappearance was a big deal. His bosses ultimately declared the case closed, but he never agreed with that. Now that he has a chance to investigate it all over again, one thing is becoming increasingly clear: It wasn't just the bodies that were buried. It was the truth.
The Fallen Angel	Daniel Silva	\$29.99	\$27.00	Pb	When last we encountered Gabriel Allon in PORTRAIT OF A SPY, he was pitted in a blood-soaked duel with a deadly network of jihadist terrorists. Now, exposed and war-weary, he has returned to his beloved Rome to restore a Caravaggio masterpiece for the Vatican. But early one morning Gabriel is summoned by his friend and occasional ally Monsignor Luigi Donati, the all-powerful private secretary to the Pope. The broken body of a beautiful woman lies beneath Michelangelo's magnificent dome. Donati fears a public inquiry will inflict more wounds on an already-damaged Church so he calls upon Gabriel to use his matchless talents and experience to quietly pursue the truth -- was it suicide, or something more sinister? Gabriel discovers that the woman revealed a dangerous secret that threatens powers beyond the Vatican. And an old enemy plots revenge in the shadows, an unthinkable act of sabotage that will plunge the world into a conflict of apocalyptic proportions. Once again Gabriel must return to the ranks of his old intelligence service -- and place himself, and those he holds dear, on the razor's edge of danger.
Backlash	Sally Spencer	\$24.95	\$22.45	Pb	<p>The fourth book in the acclaimed new series featuring DCI Monika Paniatowski - DCI Monika Paniatowski has a bitter personal history with Chief Superintendent Kershaw, but that is not the only reason she doesn't want the investigation into the sudden disappearance of his wife, Elaine, landing on her desk. A young prostitute, Grace Meade, has also disappeared, and yet all resources are being channelled into Elaine's case alone. Monika determines to spend time finding Grace, but when a heavily mutilated body is discovered on the moors, it begins to look as if she has made the wrong decision.
Death on Demand	Paul Thomas	\$29.99	\$27.00	Pb	After 15 years, New Zealand's leading crime writer, Paul Thomas is back with another Ihaka blockbuster - all three previous books were huge sellers, with Old School Tie winning Australia's prestigious Ned Kelly Award for crime writing. These days Maori cop Tito Ihaka is leading a quieter life in the Wairarapa. Five years earlier he'd sought to step into the shoes of his long-time boss Detective Inspector Finbar McGrail after the latter's promotion to Auckland District Commander. Dogged by the fall-out from his handling of the hit and run death of a prominent businesswoman, Ihaka was overlooked for a younger, more presentable candidate. After a men's room confrontation with his new boss's right-hand man, Ihaka was sent into exile. Out of the blue McGrail summons him back to Auckland. Christopher Lilywhite, the businesswoman's terminally ill husband whom Ihaka suspected was behind his wife's death, wants to see him. Lilywhite confesses that he had his wife murdered, but he dealt with the hit-man at arm's length so has no idea who he is. In quick succession Lilywhite and another potential source of information are murdered. Ihaka's old rival Detective Inspector Tony Charlton takes control of the case but with more corpses turning up and Auckland Central stretched to breaking point, he agrees to let Ihaka investigate the apparently unrelated murder of a young man about town. As the investigations expand uncovering a blackmail operation preying on married women, gang activities controlled from inside Paremeremo prison and possible police corruption, Ihaka realises that the cases are related and he's hunting a faceless and prolific hit-man. Or is the hit-man hunting him?

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To the Grave	Carlene Thompson	\$13.50	\$12.15	Pb	First comes love. Then comes obsession...As a psychologist, Catherine Gray understands the power of first love. As a woman, she still has feelings for her first crush, James - a handsome lawyer who was trapped in a bad marriage for years. Now that Catherine has returned to Aurora Falls, and James is divorced, they can finally build a life together. But then she stumbles onto his first love - his ex-wife Renee, missing for the past three years - murdered...To The Grave - Catherine is stunned. How well does she really know James? What secret destroyed his marriage - and who killed his wife? When a mysterious fire destroys the crime scene, Catherine starts looking for answers. In a portrait for a masked woman, she sees Renee's eyes looking back at her hauntingly. And when the next victim is revealed, it becomes terrifyingly clear that an obsessed killer is on the loose - and Catherine is next in line...
An Unmarked Grave Intl: A Bess Crawford Mystery	Charles Todd	\$24.99	\$22.50	Pb	In the spring of 1918, the Spanish Flu epidemic spreads, killing millions of soldiers and civilians across the globe. Overwhelmed by the constant flow of wounded soldiers coming from the French front, battlefield nurse Bess Crawford must now contend with hundreds of influenza patients as well. But war and disease are not the only killers to strike. Bess discovers, concealed among the dead waiting for burial, the body of an officer who has been murdered. Though she is devoted to all her patients, this soldier's death touches her deeply. Not only did the man serve in her father's former regiment, he was also a family friend. Before she can report the terrible news, Bess falls ill, the latest victim of the flu. By the time she recovers, the murdered officer has been buried, and the only other person who saw the body has hanged himself. Or did he? Working her father's connections in the military, Bess begins to piece together what little evidence she can find to unmask the elusive killer and see justice served. But the tenacious and impetuous nurse must be vigilant. With a determined killer on her own heels, each move she makes may be her last.
The Devil's Cave: A Bruno Courreges Investigation	Martin Walker	\$29.99	\$27.00	Pb	Springtime in St Denis. It's two weeks before Easter, and Satanism has reared its ugly head. A female body has been found on a boat, bearing the ghastly signs of a black magic ritual. The victim is unknown and nobody is coming forward. This is the last thing Bruno needs. The Chief of Police-come-culinary connoisseur has too much on his plate as it is, mediating both a domestic abuse case and a local development proposal that seems just too good to be true. Moreover, he has no one to share these stresses with. His dog, Gigi, is gone, as are his usual roster of ladies. He's never felt so alone. But Bruno soon finds himself back at his best; which is just as well if he's to solve the mystery that's threatening to scar his town's reputation.
The Girl on the Stairs	Louise Welsh	\$29.99	\$27.00	Pb	Jane Logan is six months pregnant and has moved to Berlin to live with her long-term lover, rich banker, Petra. The women's chic new apartment is in a trendy part of the city but Jane finds herself increasingly uneasy there. She conceives a dread of the derelict backhouse across the courtyard and begins to suspect something sinister is happening in the flat next door, where gynaecologist Alban Mann lives with his teenage daughter Anna. Petra believes her lover's pregnancy is affecting her judgement, but Jane is increasingly convinced that all is not well. Her decision to turn detective has devastating results when her own past collides with the past of the building and its inhabitants. A haunting, atmospheric novel from the acclaimed author of The Cutting Room.
Let the Devil Sleep	John Verdon	\$29.99	\$27.00	Pb	The mysterious return of a bloodthirsty serial killer...Dave Gurney, the most decorated homicide detective in the history of the NYPD, is still trying to adjust to life in upstate New York when a young woman who is producing a documentary on serial killers asks for his input. Soon after this conversation, odd events begin occurring in Dave's life: There is a strange problem with his tractor, a razor-sharp hunting arrow lands in his yard, and he narrowly escapes serious injury in a booby-trapped basement. As things grow more bizarre, Dave finds himself re-examining the case of 'The Good Shepherd' - which, 10 years before, involved a series of roadway shootings and a 'Unabomber-like' manifesto expressing rage at society. The killings ceased, and a cult of analysis grew up around the case with a consensus opinion that no one would dream of challenging - no one, that is, except Dave Gurney. Mocked even by some who'd been his allies in previous investigative outings, Dave is only headed when the reawakened Good Shepherd proves by his actions that his agenda is more complex than previously thought.
Bed of Nails	Antonin Varenne	\$29.99	\$27.00	Pb	It's as if he's being mocked from beyond the grave. When John Nichols arrives to identify the body of an old friend, he is immediately caught up in the detritus of Alan Musgrave's life, the side of Paris the tourists don't see, where everyone has a past but very few count on a future. But what can he expect from a man who bled to death in his own excruciating S&M stage show? Now there's a maverick police lieutenant on the prowl who thinks that Musgrave's suicide was murder. Guerin might not look like much, but he's one of the few honest officers on the force. As the horrific extent of police abuse is revealed, the race is on to find the link between a slew of recent suicides - and the key to it is buried deep in Nichols's past. Bed of Nails does for Paris what James Ellroy did for vintage America, shining a light as never before on the seedy underbelly of La Ville-Luminere.
The Kings of Cool	Don Winslow	\$32.95	\$29.65	Pb	In Savages, Don Winslow introduced Ben and Chon, twentysomething best friends who risk everything to save the girl they both love, O. Among the most celebrated literary thrillers in recent memory, Savages was a Top 10 Book of 2010 selection in the New York Times, Entertainment Weekly and in publications around the world. Now, in his high-octane prequel, Winslow reaches back in time to tell the story of how Ben, Chon and O became the people they are. Spanning fifty years, from 1960s Southern California to the recent past, it is a tale of family in all its forms - fathers and sons, mothers and daughters, friends and lovers. As the younger generation does battle with a cabal of drug dealers and crooked cops, they come to learn that their future is inextricably linked with their parents' history. A series of breakneck twists and turns puts the two generations on a collision course, culminating in a stunning showdown that will ultimately force Ben, Chon and O to choose between their real families, and their love for each other.
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A Spoonful of Murder	Connie Archer	\$13.50	\$12.15	Pb	Winter is big business in small-town Snowflake, Vermont. Tourists arrive to hit the ski slopes - and what could be more satisfying after a chilly day of carving powder than a steaming bowl of soup? When Lucky Jamieson inherits her parents' soup shop, By the Spoonful, she realizes it's time to take stock of her life. Should she sell her parents' house or move in herself? Does she really want to run a restaurant business? And what about her grandfather Jack, who seems to be showing signs of Alzheimer's? But her life decisions are moved to the back burner after an icy blonde tourist is found frozen to death behind the soup shop. and Lucky is bowled over when her soup chef, Sage DuBois, is led out of the kitchen by the police. As suspicion and speculations snowball, Lucky decides that the only way to save her employee and her business is to find out herself who iced the tourist - and landed her chef in the soup... Recipes included!
Peril in Pb: A Bibliophile Mystery	Kate Carlisle	\$13.50	\$12.15	Pb	How to become the life of the party? First, survive the celebration! Rare books and antiques expert Brooklyn Wainwright is thrilled to be invited to the fiftieth birthday party of her neighbor Suzie's aunt Grace. A retired founder of a major video game corporation, Grace is a larger-than-life character who's turned her Lake Tahoe mansion into a fun house, full of everything from pinball machines and giant props to secret passageways and trap doors. Brooklyn is most excited to catalog Grace's extensive collection of rare Pb pulp fiction. Part of the fun involves a séance, but after the lights flicker, one guest is dead, poisoned by a cocktail intended for Grace. It seems someone is determined to turn Grace's playful palatial estate into a house of horrors. Brooklyn suspects the key to the killer's identity may lie in the roman á clef Grace has written about her life.
Allergic to Death	Peg Cochran	\$13.50	\$12.15	Pb	Preparing calorie-conscious meals for the dieters of Woodstone, Connecticut, Gigi Fitzgerald knows a cheater when she sees one. And when murder is on the menu, she's ready to get the skinny on whodunit... Business is looking up for Gigi's Gourmet De-Lite, thanks to her newest client, restaurant reviewer Martha Bernhardt. Martha has the clout to put Gigi's personal meal plans on everyone's lips. But instead of dropping a few pounds, Martha drops dead from a severe peanut allergy... right after eating one of Gigi's signature dishes. When the distractingly debonair Detective Mertz identifies traces of peanut oil in Martha's last meal, Gigi suddenly finds her diet catering business on the chopping block. Now she'll have to track down who tampered with her recipe before her own goose is cooked. Includes delicious and healthy recipes!
Sour Apples	Sheila Connolly	\$13.50	\$12.15	Pb	Apple orchard owner Meg Corey is finally feeling settled into her new life in Granford - she's made friends, and her relationship with Seth Chapin is heating up - when her old Boston coworker Lauren Converse comes barreling into town, running the Congressional campaign for a former hometown football hero. But Meg doesn't have time to worry about why Seth seems reluctant to back Lauren's campaign when her neighbor, local dairy farmer Joyce Truesdell, is found dead from an apparent kick to the head from one of her cows. When an autopsy shows that the fatal blow actually came from a weapon, Meg is even more troubled. Popular opinion points to Joyce's husband as the culprit, but Meg can't help wondering if someone wanted the outspoken dairy farmer out of the way - but why? She'll have to find out who had a beef with the victim, before she's the next one to get creamed...
All the Pretty Hearses: A Bed-and-Breakfast Mystery	Mary Daheim	\$12.99	\$11.70	Pb	There's no fun in fund-raiser for Judith McMonigle Flynn when she donates an overnight at Hillside Manor for the parish school's annual auction. Judith feels like she's already losing it when the pricey winning bid goes to a family of Paines. Dinner is included, if Judith can sort through the endless allergies and aversions of the painfully picky Paines. The last thing she needs is another bed and breakfast guest who checks out permanently. Thankfully, she's not alone. Joe Flynn is back home, his latest surveillance job ending abruptly when a supposedly paralyzed guy suspected of insurance fraud is put out of action for good by a .38 Smith and Wesson. Surely one corpse in one week is enough, even for the Flynn's. Cousin Renie is trying to force-feed her Shrimp Dump recipe (running slightly ahead of her Clam Doodoo and Bean Glop) to the parish cookbook fund-raising committee, while her cantankerous mother, Gertrude, agrees to let a wealthy parishioner stable a horse in her tool shed apartment. And neighbor Arlene Rankers wants to know why some parish school kids, including her grandson, are sick after the weekly hamburger lunch. Judith figures she's got more than enough to handle until the Paines go home. But at Hillside Manor, what can possibly go right?
Dead by Midnight	Carolyn Hart	\$11.95	\$8.70	Pb	Solving puzzles comes naturally to Annie Darling, cheerful owner of the Death on Demand mystery bookstore on the lovely sea island of Broward's Rock. Annie is aided and abetted by her admiring husband, Max, who runs an unusual business that offers help to people in trouble. A recent death appears to be suicide, but Annie suspects murder. To solve the case, she unravels the mystery of a towel hidden at midnight in a gazebo, the lack of fingerprints on a crystal mug, blood on a teenager's blue shirt, and the secret of a lovers' tryst. Annie believes she has set the perfect trap for a merciless killer... until her cell phone rings and Death whispers in her ear.
When the Cookie Crumbles	Virginia Lowell	\$13.50	\$12.15	Pb	Olivia Greyson is the proud owner of The Gingerbread House - a quaint shop that specializes in all things cookie - and her best friend, Maddie, is her sidekick, baking up scrumptious treats for their parties. But the real-life version of their magnificent gingerbread house is about to crumble to pieces... Tensions are running high as Chatterley Heights' 250th birthday celebration approaches, and Olivia and Maddie are working feverishly to finish a gingerbread house modeled after the famous Chatterley Mansion. When Paine Chatterley, presumed to be dead, shows up to claim his father's house, the town gossips are driven into a tizzy. And when he refuses to allow visitors to tour the mansion during the celebration, all the preparations seem for naught. Then Paine is found lifeless in the bathtub, his wife hysterical and their precious heirlooms destroyed. The hidden lives of the prestigious Chatterley family members begin to surface, and Olivia must unravel their dark past. As it turns out, the town's history isn't all that sweet...

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Mimosas, Mischief and Murder: An Ellie Avery Mystery	Sara Rosett	\$13.50	\$12.15	Pb	Organizational whiz Ellie Avery is prepared for everything, including a visit with her quirky in-laws. But a promising week sipping Alabama sweet tea sours when she learns her husband's Grandpa Franklin has passed away - and the police suspect very unnatural causes. Looking for motives among the mourners, Ellie gathers that quite a few relatives stood to profit from Franklin's passing. When a little more sleuthing reveals Franklin's mysterious ties to a legendary local author, another murder thickens the plot like a plateful of mud pie. While the grits cook slowly, Ellie needs to act fast if she wants to keep her untimely demise off what could be her last to-do list ever.
Bruja Brouhaha	Rochelle Staab	\$13.50	\$12.15	Pb	Practical psychologist Liz Cooper and occult professor Nick Garfield are enjoying the sixteenth wedding anniversary celebration for their charming hosts Paco and Lucia Rojas, devout Santeria practitioners who own the historic Botanica Rojas near MacArthur Park. But the small group of friends is left horrified and confused when the evening ends in tragedy. Devastated by loss, Lucia, a Santeria priestess, blames the locals for the escalating crime in her beloved community. She casts a vengeful hex on the neighborhood, leading strangers and friends alike to dub her bruja - Spanish for witch - and turn on the elderly woman. Lucia may be in harm's way, and it's up to Liz and Nick to unravel a mysterious disappearance and solve a murder before more lives are lost...
CRIME - HISTORICAL					
Queen without a Crown	Fiona Buckley	\$24.95	\$22.45	Paperback	The ninth gripping murder mystery to feature Ursula Blanchard, special aide to Elizabeth I - November, 1569. Happily married to her third husband, Hugh Stannard, lady-in-waiting Ursula Blanchard is hoping to give up her undercover work for Queen Elizabeth I in order to enjoy domestic bliss. But when Hugh unwittingly endangers possession of his ancestral home, Ursula is forced to take on a seemingly hopeless - but handsomely paid - private assignment, which the Queen spots is the perfect cover for a covert investigation into a group of rebel barons plotting to put Mary, Queen of Scots on the English throne...
The Final Sacrament	James Forrester	\$32.99	\$29.70	Paperback	September 1566. William Harley, Clarenceux King of Arms, lives quietly with his family in London, with a document in his possession that could destroy the state. The aged Lady Percy, Countess of Northumberland, has not given up trying to find it. Nor has she forgotten how he betrayed her and the Catholic cause - she has spent the last two years planning her revenge. But then eloquent and adventurous courtier, John Greystoke suddenly seems most concerned for Clarenceux's safety. And why, on behalf of the government, does Francis Walsingham have spies watching Clarenceux's house day and night? When his wife and his daughter go missing, Clarenceux finds himself on the run with his other young daughter, hunted by Lady Percy's agents. He knows he must finally destroy the document, even if it should cost him his life - but how can he, until he has reunited his family?
Particular Eye for Villainy (#4 Lizzie Martin)	Ann Granger	\$32.99	\$29.70	Paperback	When one of Ben's neighbours is bludgeoned to death in his sitting room, Ben and Lizzie discover that there is a lot more to Mr Thomas Tapley than meets the eye - and more than one person who would benefit from his death...
Mystery in the Minster: The Seventeenth Chronicle of Matthew Bartholomew	Susanna Gregory	\$22.99	\$20.70	Paperback	In 1358 the fledgling college of Michaelhouse in Cambridge is in need of extra funds. A legacy from the Archbishop of York of a parish close to that city promises a welcome source of income. However, there has been another claim to its ownership and it seems the only way to settle the dispute is for a deputation from Michaelhouse to travel north. Matthew Bartholomew is among the small party which arrives in the bustling city, where the increasing wealth of the merchants is unsettling the established order, and where a French invasion is an ever-present threat to its port. But soon he and his colleagues learn that many of the Archbishop's executors have died in unexplained circumstances and that the codicil naming Michaelhouse as a beneficiary cannot be found...
Pirate King	Laurie R. King	\$17.99	\$16.20	Paperback	When Mary Russell is called upon to investigate the criminal activities that surround England's silent-film supremo Randolph Fflytte, she finds herself travelling undercover to Morocco, as chaperone to the stars of his latest extravaganza, Pirate King, based on Gilbert and Sullivan's masterful The Pirates of Penzance. Nothing seems amiss until the cameras start to roll and Mary feels a storm of trouble brewing...a derelict boat, a film crew with secrets, ominous currents between the pirates, decks awash with budding romance - and where is her husband Sherlock Holmes? As film fiction becomes true terror, Russell and Holmes themselves may experience a final fadeout...
The Baghdad Railway Club	Andrew Martin	\$29.99	\$27.00	Paperback	Baghdad 1917. Captain Jim Stringer, invalided from the Western Front, has been dispatched to investigate what looks like a nasty case of treason. He arrives to find a city on the point of insurrection, his cover apparently blown - and his only contact lying dead with flies in his eyes. As Baghdad swelters in a particularly torrid summer, the heat alone threatens the lives of the British soldiers who occupy the city. The recently ejected Turks are still a danger - and many of the local Arabs are none too friendly either. For Jim, who is not particularly good in warm weather, the situation grows pricklier by the day. Aside from his investigation, he is working on the railways around the city. His boss is the charming, enigmatic Lieutenant-Colonel Shepherd, who presides over the gracious dining society called The Baghdad Railway Club - and who may or may not be a Turkish agent. Jim's search for the truth brings him up against murderous violence in a heat-dazed, labyrinthine city where an enemy awaits around every corner.
The Baker's Blood	Jean-Francois Parot	\$19.99	\$18.00	Paperback	1775. Commissioner Nicolas Le Floch is on a diplomatic mission to Vienna, ostensibly to deliver a bust of Marie Antoinette to her mother, the Empress Maria Theresa. His real task, however, is to investigate the breakdown of French secret intelligence in Austria. The city is a hotbed of plotting - and Nicolas only just survives an attempt on his life. On his return to France, Paris is in turmoil. The soaring price of grain and bread is causing widespread social unrest, and Nicolas' first police case is the unexplained death of a baker. Could it be that events in the French capital are somehow connected to his experiences in Vienna...?

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The Dark Monk: A Hangman's Daughter Tale	Oliver Potzsch	\$24.99	\$22.50	Paperback	1648: Winter has settled thick over a sleepy village in the Bavarian Alps, ensuring every farmer and servant is indoors the night a parish priest discovers he's been poisoned. As numbness creeps up his body, he summons the last of his strength to scratch a cryptic sign in the frost. Following a trail of riddles, hangman Jakob Kuisl; his headstrong daughter Magdalena; and the town physician's son team up with the priest's aristocratic sister to investigate. What they uncover will lead them back to the Crusades, unlocking a troubled history of internal church politics and sending them on a chase for a treasure of the Knights Templar. But they're not the only ones after the legendary fortune. A team of dangerous and mysterious monks is always close behind, tracking their every move, speaking Latin in the shadows, giving off a strange, intoxicating scent. And to throw the hangman off their trail, they have ensured he is tasked with capturing a band of thieves roving the countryside attacking solitary travelers and spreading panic. Delivering on the promise of the international bestseller <i>The Hangman's Daughter</i> , once again based on prodigious historical research into his own family tree, Oliver Potzsch takes us on a whirlwind tour through the occult hiding places of Bavaria's ancient monasteries, bringing to life an unforgettable compassionate hangman and his tenacious daughter, painting a robust tableau of a seventeenth-century Bavaria still negotiating the lasting impacts of war, and quickening our pulses with a gripping, mesmerizing mystery.
The King's Spy	Andrew Swanston	\$32.95	\$29.65	Paperback	Summer, 1643. England is at war with itself. King Charles I has fled London, his negotiations with Parliament in tatters. The country is consumed by bloodshed. For Thomas Hill, a man of letters quietly running a bookshop in the rural town of Romsey, knowledge of the war is limited to the rumours that reach the local inn. When a stranger knocks on his door one night and informs him that the king's cryptographer has died, everything changes. Aware of Thomas' background as a mathematician and his expertise in codes and ciphers, the king has summoned him to his court in Oxford. On arrival, Thomas soon discovers that nothing at court is straightforward. There is evidence of a traitor in their midst. Brutal murder follows brutal murder. And when a vital message encrypted with a notoriously unbreakable cipher is intercepted, he must decipher it to reveal the king's betrayer and prevent the violent death that defeat will surely bring.
Witch Hammer	M. J. Trow	\$97.73	\$54.95	Hardback	July, 1585. Desperate to pursue his chosen career as a professional playwright, the young Christopher Marlowe abandons his Cambridge studies to join Lord Strange's men, a group of travelling players. En route to perform at Oxford, the players are rehearsing amongst the famous Rollright Stones on the Warwickshire border when they are rudely interrupted by the discovery of the corpse of actor-manager Ned Sledd. Is it an act of witchcraft, a human sacrifice to mark the festival of Lammastide? Or is there a more personal reason? Kit Marlowe determines to find out.
CRIME - TRUE					
The Marmalade Files	Steve Lewis	\$29.99	\$27.00	Pb	An imaginative romp through the dark underbelly of politics by two veteran Canberra insiders. When seasoned newshound Harry Dunkley is slipped a compromising photograph one frosty Canberra dawn he knows he's onto something big. In pursuit of the scoop, Dunkley must negotiate the deadly corridors of power where the minority Toohey Government hangs by a thread - its stricken foreign minister on life support, her heart maintained by a single thought. Revenge. Rabid Rottweilers prowl in the guise of Opposition senators, union thugs wage class warfare, TV anchors sip and fawn...and loyalty and decency have long since given way to compromise and treachery. From the teahouses of Beijing to the beaches of Bali, from the marbled halls of Washington to the basements of the bureaucracy, Dunkley's quest takes him ever closer to the truth - and ever deeper into a lethal political game.
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