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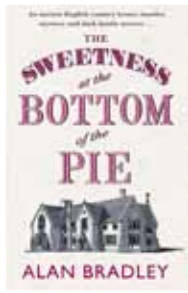
TOP 10 FOR 2010

AS CHOSEN BY ABBEY'S CRIME
SPECIALIST, PETER MILNE

Alan Bradley

The Sweetness at the Bottom of the Pie
400pp Pb \$22.99

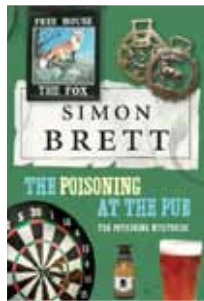
Flavia de Luce #1. The discovery of a dead snipe on the doorstep of Buckshaw was a marvellous mystery for 11-year-old Flavia de Luce. As the police descend on Buckshaw, Flavia decides to piece together the clues. What was the snipe doing in England at all? And who took a slice of Mrs Mullet's custard pie that had been cooling by the window? (Canadian, Cosy)



Simon Brett

The Poisoning at the Pub
320pp Pb \$22.99

A Fethering Mystery. Fethering residents, Jude and Carole, get more than they bargained for when a lunchtime meal at the local pub leaves everyone with food poisoning – the first of a series of disasters which befall his business. Left with a bad taste in their mouths, the two amateur detectives wonder if it's more than bad luck which is forcing their favourite pub into bankruptcy... (English, Cosy)



Andrea Camilleri

The Track of Sand 272pp Pb \$23.95

Inspector Montalbano #12. When Inspector Salvatore Montalbano awakes to find a bludgeoned horse carcass in front of his seaside home, his men come to investigate – only to find the carcass has disappeared, leaving just a trail in the sand. Then his home is ransacked and the inspector is certain the crimes are linked... (Italian, Police Procedural)



Garry Disher
Wyatt

The job is a jewel heist – the kind Wyatt likes. He prefers to work alone, but this is Eddie Oberin's job. Eddie's very smart ex-wife, Lydia, has the inside information. Add Wyatt's meticulous preparation, and what could possibly go wrong? Plenty. And when you wrong Wyatt, you don't just get to walk away... (Australian, Suspense)

288pp Pb \$23.95



Alan Furst

Spies of the Balkans 288pp Tp \$32.99

Set in the countryside of Macedonia, around the time of the British SIS-inspired coup in the April of 1941 – and then in Greece, particularly Salonika, during the invasion itself. This is a multi-spy novel, involving Turkish, Greek, Serbian and Bulgarian operatives. The double hero, a senior police official in Salonika, is involved in resistance as the Germans and Italians occupy the country. (American, Spy)



Kerry Greenwood
Dead Man's Chest

The Honourable Miss Phryne Fisher is off to Queenscliff, promising everyone a nice holiday by the sea – with absolutely no murders. Not likely! An empty house, a gang of teenage louts, a fisherboy saved, and the mystery of a missing butler and his wife lead towards a hunt for buried treasure by the sea. But what information might the curious Surrealists be able to contribute? (Australian, Private Eye)

312pp Pb \$22.99



Reginald Hill

Midnight Fugue

Gina Wolfe is searching for her missing husband, believed dead, and thinks Superintendent Dalziel and Pascoe can help. What neither realise is that there are others on the same trail. Four stories, two mismatched detectives trying to figure it all out, and 24 hours in which to do it: Dalziel and Pascoe are about to learn exactly just how much difference a day makes! (English, Police Procedural)

432pp Pb \$24.99

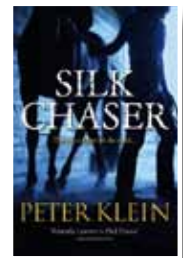


Peter Klein

Silk Chaser

A serial killer is stalking young, female strappers, and the police and the race clubs seem powerless to do anything. Meanwhile, John Punter's got problems closer to home; everyone says his new socialite girlfriend, Maxine, is trouble. Back at the track, as the body count mounts, Punter finds himself involved in a desperate race against time to find a killer. (English, Private Eye)

336pp Tp \$32.99

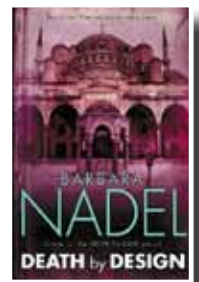


Barbara Nadel

Death by Design

Ikmen #12. When a young man with explosives strapped to his chest blows himself up in front of the Istanbul police, further evidence indicates a terrorist attack will soon target London. Inspector Aaetin Ikmen goes undercover in London, although what he discovers is not what his British colleagues are expecting... (English, Police Procedural)

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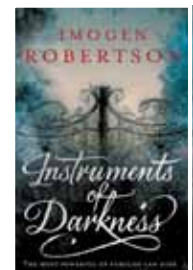


Imogen Robertson

Instruments of Darkness

Thornleigh Hall, seat of the Earl of Sussex, dominates its surroundings. Impulsive Harriet Westerman has felt the Hall's menace long before she happens upon a dead man bearing the Thornleigh arms. The grim discovery cries out for justice and she recruits reclusive anatomist Gabriel Crowther to her cause, much against his better judgement, for he knows a dark path lies before those who stray from society's expectations... (English, Historical)

448pp Pb \$22.99



MODERN CRIME

James ANDERSON

The Affair of the Bloodstained Egg Cosy/ Mutilated Mink/ Thirty-Nine Cufflinks

1,120pp Pb \$24.95

The Affair of the Bloodstained Egg Cosy: The theft of the diamond necklace and the antique pistols might all be explained, but the body in the lake is a puzzle. For Inspector Wilkins, it's going to take some intricate sleuthing to uncover who killed whom and why. *The Affair of the Mutilated Mink:* A Hollywood party at Alderley country estate proves too much for the family's butler Merryweather. And then murder ensues... *The Affair of the Thirty-Nine Cufflinks:* When Lord Burford agrees to host his relatives at Alderley, he discovers family can be murder. It's long before Inspector Wilkins is called in again! (English, Cosy)

Lori ARMSTRONG

No Mercy

416pp Pb \$14.50

Mercy Gunderson #1. Former Army sniper Mercy Gunderson must return to her struggling South Dakota ranch to investigate the suspicious death of a Native American child – a killing that is met with indifference by local authorities. (American, Suspense)

David BALDACCI

Deliver Us from Evil

596pp Pb \$19.99

In South America a wealthy 96 year old man reads a book late into the night. Then he dies, leaving a trail of secrets. Six months later, Shaw witnesses the murder of a mysterious man. Barely escaping, Shaw realises there is another organisation that rivals his own in secrecy. At the same time, half a world away, journalist Katie James meets with a potential inside source for a new story. Next, she is unconscious and on a plane to an unknown destination... (American, Spy)

Nevada BARR

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320pp Pb \$14.50

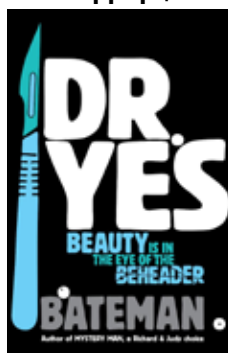
Single mother of two, Polly Deschamps' bliss upon marrying the architect Marshall Marchand soon turns to fear as his moods darken. Polly believes it's due to the sway of Marshall's brother, Danny. Polly wonders what the Danny's dark secret could be... and whether it has anything to do with the infamous 'Butcher Boy' murders of 1971. (American, Suspense)

BATEMAN

Dr Yes

384pp Tp \$32.99

When the wife of obscure crime writer Augustine Wogan disappears after entering the exclusive clinic of charismatic plastic surgeon Dr Yes, the Small Bookseller with No Name is persuaded to investigate. As fatherhood approaches, our intrepid hero is interested in a quick buck and the chance to exploit a neglected writer. But he soon finds himself up to his neck in murder, make-up and madness... and face to face with the most gruesome serial killer since the last one! (Irish, Suspense)



Jessica BECK

Sinister Sprinkles

320pp Pb \$14.50

Donut Shop Mystery #3. When donut shop owner Suzanne Hart discovers that Darlene Higgins – her ex-boyfriend's ex-girlfriend, is murdered, and he is suspected of the crime – Suzanne gets mixed up in the investigation as she sifts through the clues to catch the real killer. (American, Cosy)

Steve BERRY

The Emperor's Tomb

464pp Tp \$32.99

Cotton Malone #8. Hearing that his old friend Cassiopeia Vitt is in trouble, Malone follows the clues and realises trouble is huge – involving Russian and US oil interests and a centuries-old secret. After stumbling across two dead bodies and into the crosshairs of his former boss, Malone must race to unravel the mystery of an emperor's tomb, a sinister society, and a deadly battle between two ruthless men for supremacy in China... and the world. (American, Spy)

Juliet BLACKWELL

If Walls Could Talk

336pp Pb \$12.50

Haunted Home Renovation Mysteries #1. Melanie Turner has made quite a name for herself remodelling historic houses in the San Francisco Bay Area. At her newest project, Mel is visited by the ghost of a colleague who recently met a bad end with power tools. Mel hopes that by nailing the killer, she can rid herself of the ghostly presence of the murdered man – and not end up a construction casualty herself! (American, Cosy)

Frances BRODY

A Medal for Murder

432pp Pb \$22.99

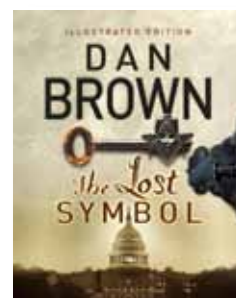
Kate Shackleton #2. Exposing the culprit of a pawn-shop robbery turns sinister when Kate Shackleton's investigation takes her to Harrogate. At the theatre, Kate stumbles upon a body in the doorway. The knife sticking out of its chest definitely suggests a killer in the theatre's midst. So when a ransom note demands GBP 1,000 for the safe return of the play's leading lady, the streets of Harrogate play host to Kate's skills in piecing together clues – and luring criminals out of their lairs... (English, Amateur Sleuth)

Dan BROWN

The Lost Symbol: Illustrated Edition

528pp Hb \$59.95

When Professor Robert Langdon is summoned to deliver an evening lecture at the Capitol Building in Washington DC, he finds himself embroiled in a clandestine world where Masonic secrets and revelations lead him to an inconceivable truth. This new edition features over 250 superb photographs and illustrations, allowing you to explore the rich historical research from which Dan Brown drew his inspiration, uniquely complementing the reading experience. (American, Suspense)



Keith BULFIN

Undercover: A Novel of a Life

400pp Tp \$32.95

Keith Bulfin – a conservative stockbroker from Melbourne – is convicted of conspiracy to defraud. Sent to Victoria's Port Philip prison, he befriends the infamous Mexican drug cartel banker Daniel Gomez. Once free, Keith is approached by the US Drug Enforcement Agency and forced to become a DEA agent. As an undercover private banker to the ruthless Mexican drug cartel, he knows that, if discovered, he and his family will pay the ultimate price... (New Zealander, Suspense)



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Tp = Trade Paperback (slightly larger than Pb)

Hb = Hardback

In parentheses at end:

- Nationality of author

- Crime genre



John BURDETT

The Godfather of Kathmandu

464pp Pb \$21.95

Sonchai Jitpleecheep #4. Thai police detective Sonchai Jitpleecheep is summoned to investigate the most shocking murder of his career. Solving it could mean a promotion... but Sonchai is more interested in Tietsin, an exiled Tibetan lama living in Kathmandu. Yet there are obstacles in Sonchai's path to enlightenment. Police Colonel Vikorn and Army General Zinna are warring for control over Bangkok's network of illegal enterprises - and Tietsin has 40 million dollars' worth of heroin for sale! (English, Police Procedural)

JoAnna CARL

The Chocolate Cupid Killings

226pp Pb \$14.50

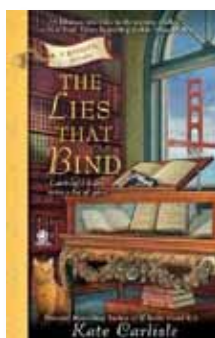
Lee McKinney Chocoholic Mysteries #9. It's Valentine's Day at TenHuis Chocolate, but Lee is getting no love from detective Derrick Valentine. He's looking for one of their new employees - an abused woman who Lee and her Aunt Nettie have been hiding. But when Valentine meets a sticky end, it's Aunt Nettie who is suspect. Lee must free Nettie of guilt without exposing their innocent guest - and find a killer with a heart that's definitely not made of chocolate! (American, Cosy)

Kate CARLISLE

The Lies That Bind

304pp Pb \$14.50

Bibliophile Mysteries #3. While in San Francisco to teach a bookbinding class at Bay Area Book Arts, rare books and antiquities expert Brooklyn Wainwright must investigate the murder of Layla Fontaine, the horrible director of BABA whose past is inexplicably linked to Brooklyn's boyfriend Derek. (American, Cosy)



J L CARRELL

The Shakespeare Curse

512pp Pb \$22.99

A dead body is discovered on a remote Scottish hillside with a mysterious ancient knife beside it. The victim is a young woman, her throat slashed. Then a trench on that same hill is found to be filled with blood. The shocking discoveries all seem linked to the ancient curse of Macbeth. From the streets of New York to the twisting corridors of Hampton Court Palace to a remote loch in the Scottish Highlands, the race is on to stop a modern serial killer! (American, Suspense)

Laura CHILDS

Tragic Magic

302pp Pb \$14.50

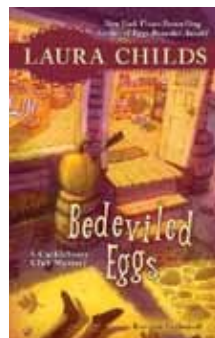
Scrapbooking Mysteries #7. Scrapbook shop owner Carmela helps her friend renovate an old mansion in New Orleans into a crafty haunted house for tourists... Yet she finds herself investigating a series of murders when her friend's flaming body comes crashing through the window... (American, Cosy)

Laura CHILDS

Bedeveled Eggs

336pp Pb \$14.50

Cackleberry Club Mysteries #3. The ladies at the Cackleberry Club are busy preparing for Halloween. But someone's jumped the gun on the tricks when Mayoral candidate Chuck Peebler is struck with a crossbow arrow and killed instantly. When another murder occurs on the historical society's Quilt Trail, the Cackleberry Club must sniff out the bad egg - before they strike again! (American, Cosy)



Sam CHRISTER

The Stonehenge Legacy

384pp Tp \$32.99

Eight days after the summer solstice, a man's corpse is discovered on the grounds of Stonehenge, strange symbols carved into the flesh. The case falls to Wiltshire policewoman Meg Redfern, who appeals to young Cambridge historian Gideon Chase. Their investigation threatens to expose an ancient secret society devoted to Stonehenge. With a ruthless new leader at the helm, the cult is now performing ritual human sacrifices in a bid to unlock the secret of the stones... (English, Police Procedural)



Max & Linda CIAMPOLI

Churchill's Secret Agent

496pp Pb \$17.95

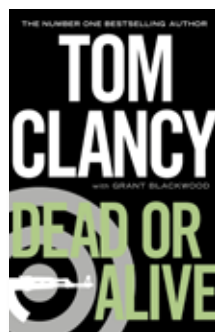
Based on Max Hardonniere's experience as a covert operative during WW2, this is the story of a young man whose acquaintance with Prime Minister Winston Churchill would lead to him being recruited and trained as a spy who would fight his own war from behind enemy lines... (French/American, Spy)

Tom CLANCY

Dead or Alive

736pp Hb \$49.95

For years, Jack Ryan Jr and his colleagues at the Campus have waged a campaign against the terrorists who threaten Western civilisation. The most dangerous of these is 'the Emir', who has masterminded the most vicious attacks on the West, while eluding capture. Now the Campus is on his trail. Joined by their latest recruits, Jack Ryan Jr is determined to catch the Emir and bring him in - dead or alive. (American, Spy)



Ann CLEEVES

Blue Lightning

340pp Pb \$22.99

Shetland Island Quartet #4. Shetland Detective Jimmy Perez knows it will be a difficult homecoming when he returns to the Fair Isles to introduce his fiancée, Fran, to his parents. With the autumn storms raging, the island is cut off from the rest of the world. When a woman's body is found, Jimmy must investigate the old-fashioned way, with no support from the mainland. And he must work quickly - before the killer strikes again... (English, Police Procedural)

Sheila CONNOLLY

A Killer Crop

304pp Pb \$14.50

Orchard Mysteries #4. When her mother arrives unannounced during harvest season, apple orchard owner Meg Corey finds things taking a turn for the worse. After an old friend of her mother's is found dead on her property, Meg's mother stands accused of the crime. Could Meg's mother have committed murder? (American, Cosy)

Peter CORRIS

Torn Apart

264pp Pb \$17.99

Cliff Hardy #34. When Hardy meets his second cousin Patrick Malloy, they quickly become friends. Then Malloy is shot dead... But who was the bullet aimed at? And why is Malloy's ex-wife, Sheila, now making her presence known to Hardy? Clues point in many directions, taking him north to a paramilitary training camp. Hardy is de-licensed and out of work, but this investigation is personal. (Australian, Private Eye)



Isis CRAWFORD

A Catered Birthday Party

256pp Pb \$12.50

Libby & Bernie Mystery #6. When sisters Bernie and Libby Simmons cater a canine birthday celebration for Trudy the Pug, who is the mascot for the Colbert toy company, the big day is marred by murder. After Trudy's pugnacious owner is poisoned, Bernie and Libby are forced to sniff out a killer among a lot of suspects - all of whom had a bone to pick with the deceased. (American, Cosy)

Donna Fletcher CROW

A Very Private Grave

384pp Pb \$19.99

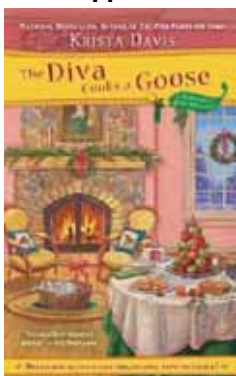
Monastery Murder #1. Felicity Howard, a young American studying at the College of the Transfiguration in Yorkshire, is devastated to find her beloved Fr Dominic bludgeoned to death and Fr Antony, her church history lecturer, soaked in his blood. Felicity must learn ancient truths in order to solve the mystery and save her own life, as she and Fr Antony flee a murderer and follow clues that take them to remote sites in northern England and southern Scotland. (American, Clerical)

Krista DAVIS

The Diva Cooks a Goose

304pp Pb \$14.50

Domestic Diva Mysteries #4. When a scrooge steals gifts and meals from her family and neighbours, Sophie Winston attempts to restore the spirit of the season... until the murder of her sister-in-law's father's new girlfriend puts a damper on the festivities, as her relatives all become suspects. (American, Cosy)



Jeffery DEAVER

Edge

432pp Tp \$32.99

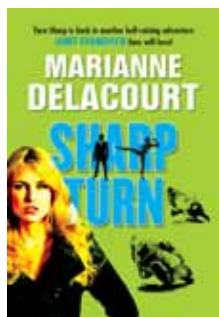
When police detective Ryan Kessler is targeted by Henry Loving, he and his family are put under government protection. Loving is a ruthless 'lifter', hired to extract information from his victims, using whatever means necessary. Assigned to the Kesslers is protection officer Corte: a brilliant game strategist. He knows personally just how brutal Loving can be. As Loving closes in on his prey, Corte must decide whether to protect his charges, or expose them to a killer in the name of personal revenge... (American, Police Procedural)

Marianne DELACOURT

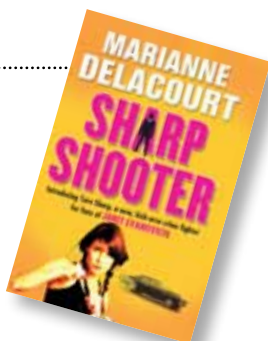
Sharp Turn

304pp Tp \$29.99

Things are finally looking up on the work front, which may just mean Tara Sharp can escape living in her parents' garage. But dark clouds are gathering. The word is that local ganglord Johnny Viaspa has engaged a hitman known as 'the Finisher' to 'finish' business. And given her previous history with Viaspa, Tara has reason to be concerned... (Australian, Cosy)



Comes with a **FREE** copy of the first Tara Sharp novel, **Sharp Shooter** (normally Tp \$29.99), while stocks last.



Nelson DeMILLE

The Lion

448pp Tp \$35.00

It's been three years since Detective John Corey last traded words (and bullets) with his arch-nemesis Asad Khalik - code name 'The Lion' - an infamous terrorist and assassin who vanished after a devastating attack on American soil. But with Khalik's spectacular return, the threat of a terrorist apocalypse looms. The Lion wants revenge. And with the life of Corey's wife Kate in the balance, so does Corey... (American, Police Procedural)

Daniel DEPP

Babylon Nights

336pp Tp \$32.99

Oscar-winning actress Anna Mayhew is pushing 40, seriously depressed, and thinking up clever ways to kill herself. But when she discovers she has a crazed stalker, Anna decides to let the stalker do it instead - and propel her name into film immortality. Enter David Spandau, who's hired by Anna's sister to protect her. Despite himself, Spandau finds himself falling for Anna when he accompanies her to the Cannes Film Festival. But Anna's stalker is also in Cannes... So begins a deadly cat-and-mouse game. (American, Suspense)

Garry DISHER

Wyatt

288pp Pb \$23.95

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Alex DRYDEN

The Blind Spy

416pp Tp \$32.99

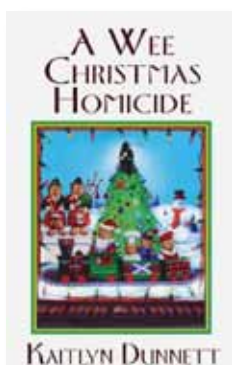
The Kremlin is threatening to invade Ukraine, a country vital to the West's oil and gas supplies. In Odessa, two top secret agents - ex-KGB Anna Resnikov and Logan Patterson - are searching for ways to prevent war. The CIA and MI6 are exerting muscle and influence - each with their own agenda. Are there assassins on Anna and Logan's tail? And will they get to them before they uncover the identity of the 'Blind Spy' - who seems to have all the answers? (English, Spy)

Kaitlyn DUNNETT

A Wee Christmas Homicide

315pp Pb \$12.50

Liss MacCrimmon #3. When her idea to drum up business in Maine results in the murder of a greedy toy-store owner, Liss MacCrimmon - the owner of the Scottish Emporium - feels personally responsible and sets out to solve the crime. (American, Cosy)



Aaron ELKINS

Skull Duggery

260pp Pb \$14.95

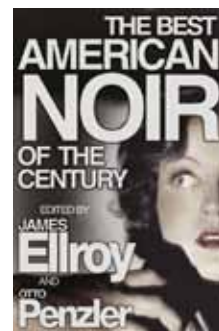
Skeleton Detective #16. Gideon is happy to be in Mexico with his wife - until he's asked to examine the mummified corpse of a drifter thought to be shot to death. But the cause of death is far more bizarre. Then he's asked to examine the skeleton of a murder victim found a year earlier - only to discover another coroner error. And the Skeleton Detective knows that two 'mistakenly' identified bodies are never a coincidence... (American, Forensic)

James ELLROY & Otto PENZLER (eds)

The Best American Noir of the Century

640pp Pb \$24.95

James Ellroy and Otto Penzler, the series editors of the annual *The Best American Mystery Stories*, have mined 100 years of writing - from 1910 to 2010 - to compile this treasure trove. From the 1920s James M Cain; to the post-war Mickey Spillane and Evan Hunter; to contemporary incarnations such as Elmore Leonard, Dennis Lehane, Patricia Highsmith and William Gay, readers will be hard-pressed to find a darker, more thorough distillation of American noir fiction than the 39 stories featured in this volume! (American, Suspense)



Vince FLYNN

American Assassin

448pp Tp \$32.99

Mitch Rapp #11. CIA Director Irene Kennedy visits Syracuse University, intent on recruiting Mitch Rapp, a student whose classmates and girlfriend perished on Pan Am flight 103 a year earlier. Nine months later, after gruelling training, Mitch finds himself in Istanbul on his first assignment: to assassinate the Turkish arms dealer who sold the explosives used in the Pan Am attack. Mitch hits his target - but when Mitch's mentor is kidnapped by a dangerous group of Islamic jihadists, he must stop at nothing to save them. (American, Spy)

John FRANCOME

Deadly Finish

384pp Pb \$19.99

Life is good for Simon Waterford. He has inherited his father's top-class yard, his brilliant two-year-old has just won the Coventry Stakes and he is soon to marry his beautiful half-Brazilian girlfriend. But Mariana has a secret - and Geoff has just discovered it, and has threatened to tell Simon. After a brawl at the races which leaves Mariana covered in blood and tending to Simon's wounded face - while Geoff lies dead - Mariana can't help but feel relief. Her secret is safe - for now... (English, Horse Racing)



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John FRANCOME**Storm Rider****336pp Tp \$32.99**

In life, horse-fancier and antiques dealer Glyn Cole was trouble for his girlfriends, their jealous partners and his creditors. His two-year absence from the close-knit Berkshire horse community has been a relief. And his disappearance has been a miracle - for the person who killed him. But now Glyn is back. A record-breaking storm has ripped his corpse from its ingenious hiding place. Many have benefited from his absence. But someone is no longer sleeping soundly at night... (English, Horse Racing)

Anthea FRASER**Unfinished Portrait****224pp Tp \$27.95**

Rona Parish #7. Parish is asked to write the biography of reclusive artist Ellie by her concerned sister. Ellie has disappeared and the mystery surrounding her whereabouts has fuelled a new interest in her work. But when Rona discovers that Ellie's closest friend committed suicide, Rona wonders whether Ellie - wracked by guilt over her friend's death - could have been driven to do likewise... (English, Cosy)

Alan FURST**Three Great Novels:****Kingdom of Shadows / Dark Star /****The Polish Officer****832pp Tp \$39.99***Kingdom of Shadows:*

A Hungarian cavalry officer trades conspiracies with British spies and SS renegades on the orders of his uncle, a mysterious Count. *Dark Star:* Andre Szara - a Pravda journalist and survivor of the Polish pogroms -

finds himself out of his depth after being sent to retrieve a battered briefcase. *The Polish Officer:* Captain Alexander de Milja becomes a spymaster in the anti-Nazi underground, posing as a poet, coal merchant and fascist sympathiser. (American, Suspense)

Lee GOLDBERG**Mr Monk is Cleaned Out****288pp Pb \$14.50**

#10. California and Adrian Monk are both in a financial crisis when he's fired by the SFPD and finds his savings are gone, thanks to a swindle by Bob Sebes, leader of Reinier Investments. When a key witness is killed, Monk is convinced that Sebes, under house

arrest, did it. Jobless and broke, Monk devotes all his obsessive energy to solving this latest mystery. (American, Police Procedural)

**C S GRAHAM****The Babylonian Codex****368pp Pb \$14.50**

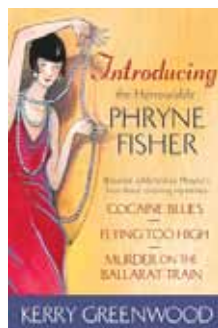
Framed for murder after agreeing to remote view a priceless artefact looted from war-torn Baghdad, Iraq War veteran October Guinness turns to her partner - rogue CIA agent Jax Alexander - for help. Together they must unravel the secrets surrounding this artefact, which is linked to a mysterious Biblical codex and a deadly cabal of powerful zealots. (American, Suspense)

Jordan GRAY**Vanished****251pp Pb \$14.50**

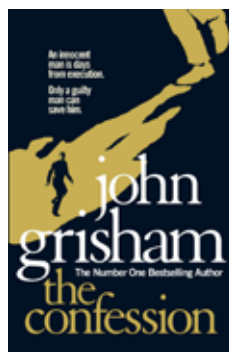
Mystery Case Files #2. During the English coastal town of Blackpool's Seafaring Days celebrations, Molly and Michael Graham must investigate the murder of local troublemaker Willie Myners - a crime linked to cursed 16th century coins, gypsy gold... and the wife of their best friend, Dylan Malcolm. (American, Cosy)

Kerry GREENWOOD**Introducing the Honourable****Phryne Fisher****576pp Tp \$29.99**

Our uninhibited heroine, Phryne Fisher, leaves the tedium of English high society for Melbourne, Australia. In her first three adventures, she encounters communism, cocaine, kidnappers and murderers, but handles everything - danger, excitement and love - with her inimitable panache and flair! Includes *Cocaine Blues*, *Flying Too High* and *Murder on the Ballarat Train*. (Australian, Amateur Sleuth)

**John GRISHAM****The Confession****432pp Hb \$49.95**

Texas, 1998. Travis Boyette murders a high-school cheerleader, and observes as police and prosecutors arrest and sentence Donte Drumm - a local football star with no connection to the crime - to death row. Nine years later, Donte Drumm is just days from execution. Meanwhile, Travis faces his own fate: an inoperable brain tumour that will kill him. After years of silence, he is ready to confess. But how can a guilty man convince lawyers, judges and politicians that they're about to execute an innocent man? (American, Legal)

**M R HALL****The Disappeared****450pp Pb \$22.99**

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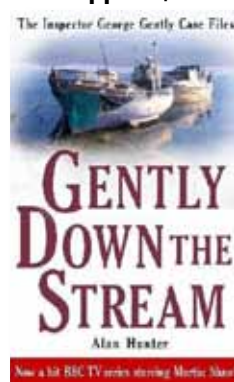
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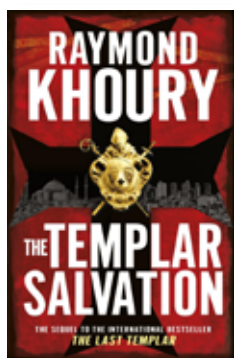
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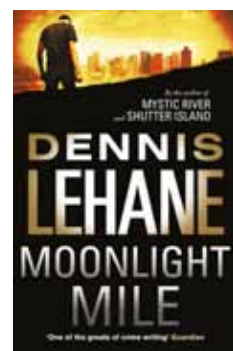
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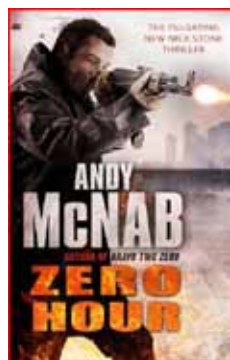


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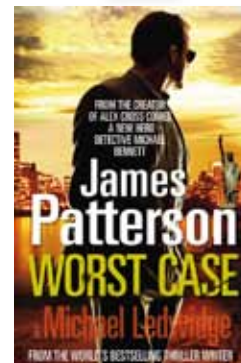
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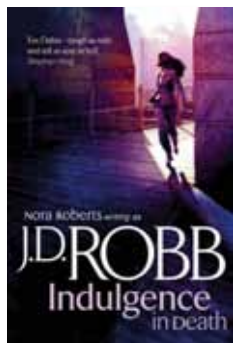
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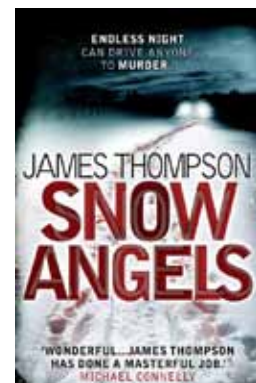
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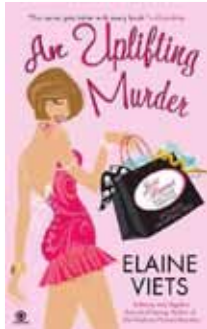
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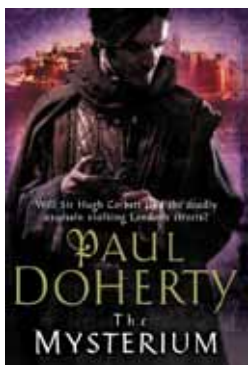
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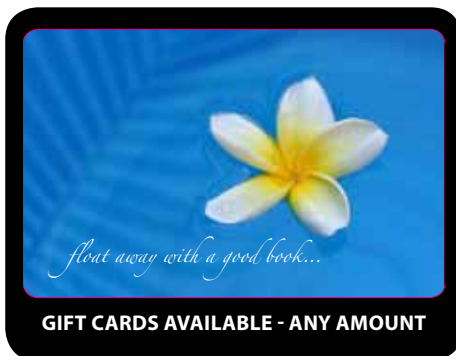
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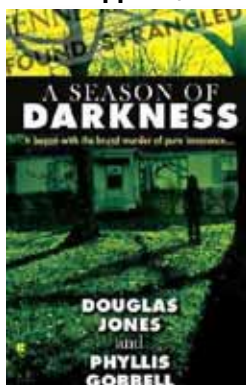
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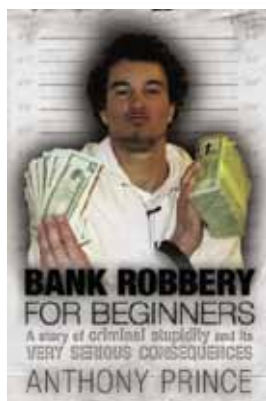
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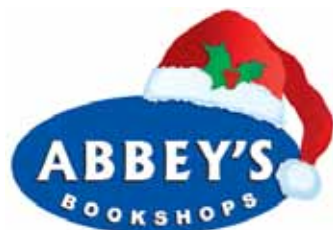
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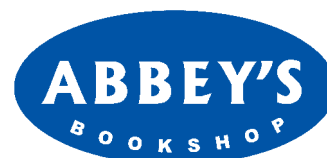
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