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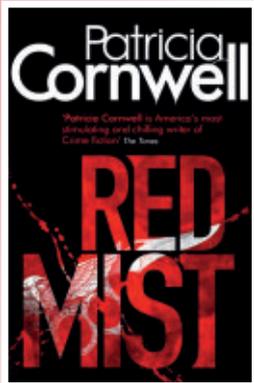
John Le Carré

Tinker Tailor Soldier Spy
[Film Tie-In]

George Smiley, a troubled man of infinite compassion, is also a single-mindedly ruthless adversary as a spy. The scene which he enters is a Cold War landscape of moles and lamplighters, scalp-hunters and pavement artists, where men are turned, burned or bought for stock. Smiley's mission is to catch a Moscow Centre mole burrowed 30 years deep into the Circus itself. [English, Espionage] 432pp Pb \$22.99

See the movie on us!

We have 20 double passes to see the new film starring Gary Oldman and Colin Firth in cinemas from 19 Jan. Simply email abbeynewsletters@abbey.com.au with your name, address and the answer to this question: **Who played George Smiley in the 1979 film adaptation of Tinker Tailor Soldier Spy?**



Patricia Cornwell
Red Mist
Scarpetta #19

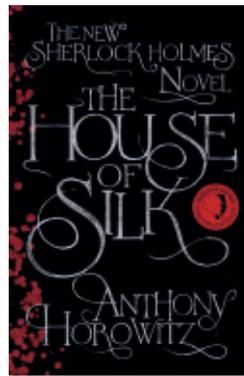
Kay Scarpetta has arranged to meet an inmate at the high-security Georgia Prison for Women. The prisoner is a convicted sex offender and the mother of a brilliant killer. Against advice, Scarpetta is determined to hear this woman out; she believes she may hold answers to the murder of her former deputy. But she soon finds connections to a string of killings and realises this is the beginning of something more destructive: conspiracy and terrorism on an international scale!

[American, Forensic] 512pp Hb \$39.99

Anthony Horowitz
The House of Silk

London, 1890. Sherlock Holmes and Dr Watson are enjoying tea by the fire when an agitated gentleman arrives unannounced at 221b Baker Street. He begs Holmes for help, telling the unnerving story of a scar-faced man with piercing eyes who has stalked him in recent weeks. Intrigued by the man's tale, Holmes and Watson find themselves swiftly drawn into a series of puzzling and sinister events, stretching from the gas-lit streets of London to the teeming criminal underworld of Boston.

[English, Historical] 304pp Tp \$32.99

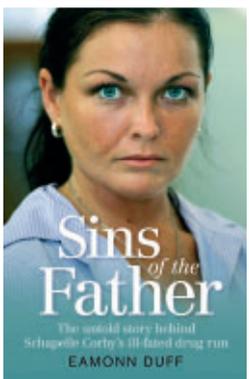


Eamonn Duff
Sins of the Father

The Untold Story Behind Schapelle Corby's Ill-Fated Drug Run

A reckless father, his dark past, an Adelaide drug trafficker and the Gold Coast beauty school dropout who kept her mouth shut. This is the explosive, untold story of Schapelle Corby and how she took the rap for her father's drug syndicate. The result of a three-year investigation, Eamonn Duff returns to the beginning of Australia's most famous drug case to shed new light on her long-held claims of innocence.

[Australian] 416pp Tp \$35

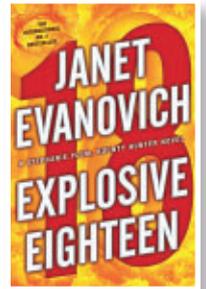


POINT BLANK EXCITEMENT

Janet Evanovich
Explosive Eighteen
Stephanie Plum #18

Once Stephanie Plum steps on the plane from Hawaii to Newark, she hopes to put her hellish holiday behind her. But when her seatmate mysteriously disappears during the stopover in LA - to be found later in a garbage can - things get worse. Only one other person has seen the missing photograph the dead man was supposed to be carrying - and it just so happens to be Stephanie Plum. Now she's the target and the last thing she wants is to end up in a garbage can...

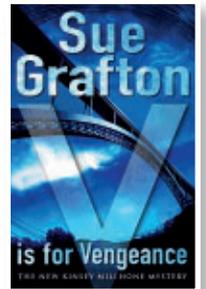
[American, Suspense] 320pp Tp \$32.99



Sue Grafton
V is for Vengeance

On her 38th birthday, PI Kinsey Millhone receives a facial punch that leaves her with a broken nose and two black eyes, after apprehending shoplifter, Audrey Vance, in a shopping centre. Events take a darker turn when Audrey's body is discovered beneath the Cold Spring Bridge, a local suicide spot. Unable to believe she took her own life, Audrey's fiance Marvin Striker hires Kinsey to investigate, where it soon emerges that the shoplifter was caught up in a much larger operation...

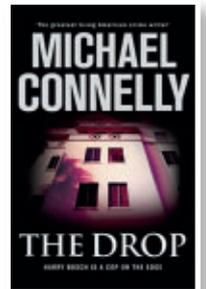
[American, Private Eye] 368pp Tp \$29.99



Michael Connelly
The Drop
Bosch #16

Harry Bosch is facing the end of the line. He's been put on the DROP - Deferred Retirement Option Plan - and given three years before his retirement is enforced. Seeing the end of the mission coming, he's anxious for cases. He doesn't have to wait long. The first is a resurrected cold case, that leads to the discovery of a killer operating in the city for as many as three decades; the other to a deep political conspiracy that reaches back into the dark history of the police department...

[American, Police Proc.] 400pp Tp \$32.99

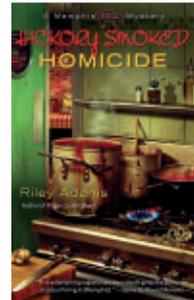


MODERN CRIME

Ellery Adams

The Last Word Books by the Bay #3

Olivia Limoges and the Bayside Book Writers are excited about Oyster Bay's newest resident: bestselling novelist Nick Plumley, who's come to work on his next book. But when Olivia stops by Plumley's rental she finds that he's been strangled to death. Her instincts tell her that something from the past came back to haunt him... but she never expects that the investigation could spell doom for one of her dearest friends!
[American, Cosy] 320pp Pb \$13.50

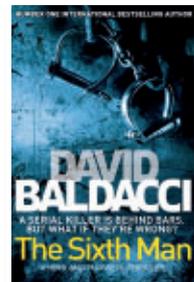


Riley Adams

Hickory Smoked Homicide Memphis BBQ #3

BBQ-joint owner Lulu Taylor knows pretty much everyone in Memphis who loves ribs. But one person she'd rather not know is Tristan Pembroke, a snooty pageant couch with a mean streak. When

she finds Tristan's dead body stuffed in a closet at a party, the police are suspicious - especially since Lulu has developed a taste for being in the wrong place at the wrong time. Caught in a situation stickier than molasses, Lulu must clear her name, or risk getting fried...
[American, Cosy] 288pp Pb \$13.50



David Baldacci

The Sixth Man Sean King & Michelle Maxwell #5

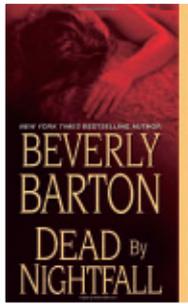
After alleged serial killer Edgar Roy is apprehended and locked away in a mental facility, private investigators Sean King and Michelle Maxwell are called in by Roy's lawyer - an old friend of Sean King

- to look into the case. But their investigation is derailed before it begins: while en route to their first meeting with the lawyer, King and Maxwell discover his dead body. A rash of terrifying events begins to unfold and it is up to King and Maxwell to uncover the truth!
[American, Police Proc.] 400pp Pb \$19.99

Beverly Barton

Dead by Nightfall Dead by Mystery #3

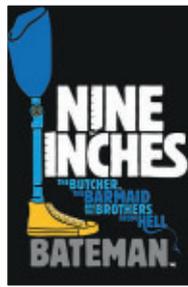
Malcolm York is a sadistic monster, guilty of unspeakable crimes. And with his endless wealth, he's funded a series of depraved hunts. Griffin Powell knows the twisted depths of York's madness, so when Griff's wife Nicole disappears, he must use all the resources of the Powell Agency to search for her - aware that every step propels him further into a madman's web. Because the only way to keep Nic safe is to join one last game where the winner takes all and the loser is dead by nightfall...
[American, Suspense] 416pp Pb \$13.50



Bateman

Nine Inches

Radio shock-jock Jack Caramac is used to controversy, but when his four-year-old son is kidnapped for just one hour and then sent back with a warning note, he knows he has gone too far. Jack turns to Dan Starkey for help. Dan resolves to catch whoever kidnapped Jack's son... and soon finds himself in the middle of a feud between rival drug gangs, pursued by jealous husbands, unscrupulous property developers and vicious killers as the case spirals ever more out of control!
[Irish, Private Eye] 416pp Tp \$32.99



Pamela Beason

Endangered Summer Westin #1

A child has gone missing and there's a media campaign targeting the cougars that wildlife biologist Sam Westin helped rehabilitate and release. Now she's joining FBI Agent Chase Perez on a search through the high country, hoping to uncover the truth in time to save both the boy and the wild cats!
[American, FBI] 320pp Pb \$13.50



Mikkel Birkegaard

Death Sentence

Frank Fons is a very successful crime writer. But now someone is copying his imaginary crimes. For Frank what once seemed a clever, intriguing plot twist, has suddenly become a terrifying, blood-spattered reality. Someone is taking Franks' fiction and using it to destroy his life. The writer must become the detective. In fiction, the bad guy always gets caught, but in real life there is no such guarantee. For Frank, what had once been a game is now a matter of life and death...
[Danish, Suspense] 400pp Pb \$19.95

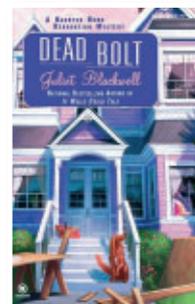


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Juliet Blackwell

Dead Bolt Haunted Home Repair #2

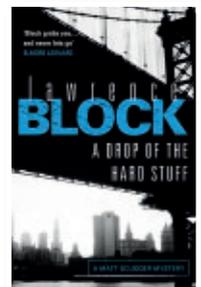
Turner Construction's latest restoration project is a historic Queen Anne Victorian in San Francisco. This time general contractor Mel Turner must contend with some ghosts that are insisting in their own way that the work stops. The ghosts aren't the only ones standing in the way of the renovations. A neighbor, Emile Blunt, secretly wants the house and could be behind some of the disturbances. But when Emile is found dead, Mel appears guilty. And she must restore her reputation before it's too late!
[American, Cosy] 336pp Pb \$13.50



Lawrence Block

A Drop of the Hard Stuff Matt Scudder #17

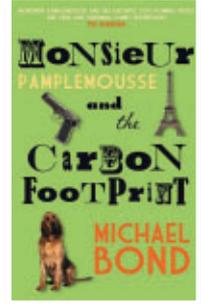
Matt Scudder and Jack Ellery went to school together. 20 years later, Scudder was a detective and Jack was standing in a police line-up. Despite taking different paths, they both shared a battle with alcohol. Now Jack is on the ninth step of the AA program and it's time to make amends to the people he's wronged over the years. But when he is killed, it's clear that stirring up the past was not a good idea. Now it's up to Scudder to find the killer...
[American, Police Proc.] 336pp Tp \$32.99



Michael Bond

Monsieur Pamplemousse and the Carbon Footprint Pamplemousse #17

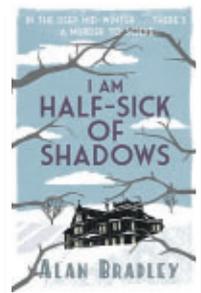
In an attempt to improve the lacklustre reputation of France's prestigious culinary guide in America, the director persuades Monsieur Pamplemousse to write a play for its benefit. Monsieur Pamplemousse determines to impress the renowned American food-critic Jay Corby, whose positive review would revitalise the guide's credibility. But disaster strikes on opening night and once again, Pamplemousse must rely on sniffer dog Pommes Frites, who is hot on the trail!
[English, Cosy] 288pp Pb \$17.99



Alan Bradley

I am Half-Sick of Shadows Flavia de Luce #4

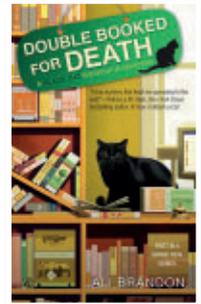
With the family finances in a parlous state, Colonel de Luce has rented Buckshaw to a film company for a location shooting. Typically, director, crew and stars do nothing to endear themselves to the household - until a heavy snowfall cuts off Bishop's Lacey from the rest of the world and the actors are talked into staging a benefit performance in the parish hall. But old jealousies resurface and the leading lady is murdered. Flavia finds herself up to her knees in snow - and murder!
[Canadian, Suspense] 304pp Tp \$32.99



Ali Brandon

Double Booked for Death Black Cat Bookshop #1

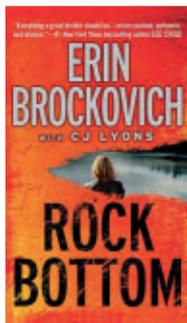
As the new owners of Pettistone's Fine Books, Darla Pettistone is determined to prove herself a worthy successor to her late great-aunt Dee and to outwit Hamlet, the smarter-than-thou cat she inherited along with the shop. Darla's first store event is a real coup; the hottest bestselling author of the moment is holding a signing there. But when the author meets an untimely death, it's ruled an accident... until Hamlet digs up a clue that indicates otherwise!
[American, Cosy] 336pp Pb \$13.50



**Erin Brockovich
Rock Bottom**

The nuclear facility Colleton River has been plagued by a series of unexplained mishaps and the plant's owner has asked for AJ Palladino's. AJ knows she's going to have her hands full, but she doesn't foresee her business trip turning into disaster and her young son disappearing. While AJ searches for her missing child, she also discovers what has caused the 'accidents' at the plant. Can AJ save her son - and prevent a nuclear meltdown - before it's too late?

[*American, Suspense*] 304pp Pb \$13.50



**Camille Ceder
Frozen Moment**

In a small town on the Swedish coast, Inspector Christian Tell must investigate the murder of a garage owner who has been driven over repeatedly. But he has very few clues to work with. Then another murder occurs and again the victim has been driven over. Meanwhile, Tell is becoming increasingly involved with a female reporter, but their relationship is made complicated when the murder reminds the reporter of someone she knew who went missing ten years earlier...

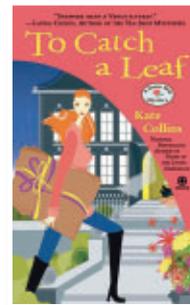
[*Swedish, Police Proc.*] 384pp Pb \$22.99



**Kate Collins
To Catch a Leaf
Flower Shop #12**

Flower shop owner Abby Knight is aglow with happiness now that she's officially engaged to her longtime beau, Marco Salvare. Nothing can possibly dampen her joy - until wealthy dowager Virginia Newport is killed and Abby's assistant Grace Bingham is the prime suspect. The plot thickens when they stumble upon mysterious stolen art and a missing cat, all part of an elaborate heist. Before Abby can throw her bouquet, she'll have to save her friend and throw a killer and a thief in jail!

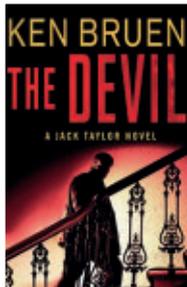
[*American, Cosy*] 336pp Pb \$13.50



**Ken Bruen
The Devil
Jack Taylor #8**

PI Jack Taylor has just been refused entry into America. Disappointed and bitter, he encounters a friendly stranger in an airport bar who seems to know more about Jack than he should. Jack thinks no more of their meeting and resumes his old life in Galway. But when he's called to investigate a murder connected to an elusive 'Mr K', he recalls the man from the airport. After more murders and coincidental encounters, Jack believes he has found his nemesis...

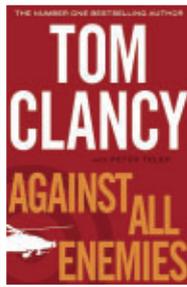
[*American, Private Eye*] 288pp Pb \$23.95



**Tom Clancy
Against All Enemies**

Ex-Navy SEAL Maxwell Moore has worked across the Middle East for the Special Activities Division of the CIA for years. But now two of the greatest threats to US security have forged an unholy alliance. The Taliban have teamed with a vicious Mexican drug cartel for which they will supply opium. For the cartel, it is a matter of money and power. But for the Taliban, it is an opportunity to bring terror and destruction to the streets of America. And only Moore and his team can stop them!

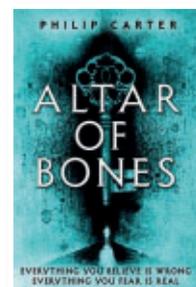
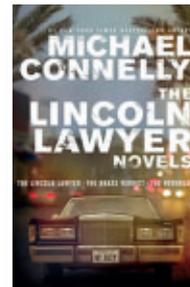
[*American, Espionage*] 762pp Tp \$32.95



**Michael Connelly
The Lincoln Lawyer
Novels**

The Lincoln Lawyer: When he gets hired by a Beverly Hills rich boy arrested for assault, Mickey Haller sees an expensive trial with maximum billable hours, until it puts him face-to-face with pure evil... **The Brass Verdict:** When a former colleague is murdered, Mickey must defend a Hollywood producer accused of killing his wife and her lover. But the killer may be coming for him next... **The Reversal:** Mickey is recruited to prosecute the high-profile retrial of Jason Jessup, a convicted child killer exonerated by new DNA evidence. Convinced Jessup is guilty, Haller must nail a sadistic killer before he kills again...

[*American, Legal*] Tp \$35.00



**Philip Carter
Altar of Bones**

Siberia, 1939. Lena Orlova plans an escape from a Soviet gulag to the one place she knows is safe: a cave concealing the legendary Altar of Bones. San Francisco, present day. Zoe Dmitroff discovers she has been

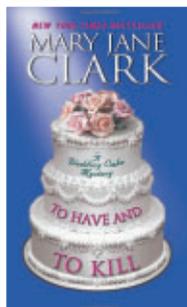
entrusted with a great secret. Propelled into a dangerous quest, Zoe is soon running from those wanting to harness the Altar's powers. Only ex-Special Ops soldier Ry O'Malley can help her survive, but with time running out, Zoe has a devastating choice to make...

[*American, Archaeo.*] 640pp Pb \$19.99

**Mary Jane Clark
To Have and to Kill
Wedding Cake
Mystery #1**

A struggling actress with no immediate prospects, Piper Donovan moves back in with her parents to take stock of her life. She steps into the family bakery business and finds herself agreeing to make a wedding cake for the acclaimed star of a daytime TV drama. But when someone close to the bride-to-be is murdered, Piper investigates, with the help of her former neighbour and FBI agent Jack. As she narrows in on a suspect, she discovers it's hotter in the kitchen than she can handle!

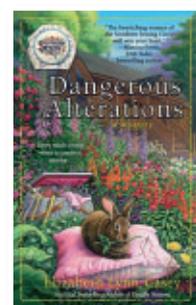
[*American, Cosy*] 368pp Pb \$13.50



**Deborah Coonts
Lucky Stiff
Lucky O'Toole Las Vegas
Adventures #2**

After a truck spills a million honeybees on the Las Vegas Strip, Lucky O'Toole - Head of Customer Relations at The Babylon, premier mega-resort - thinks it's just another night in Las Vegas. But when Lucky discovers that a prominent district attorney has been murdered during the ensuing chaos and that ace private investigator Jeremy Whitlock is being unfairly scrutinised, Lucky finds herself drawn into a deadly game where no one is what they seem...

[*American, Suspense*] 464pp Pb \$13.50

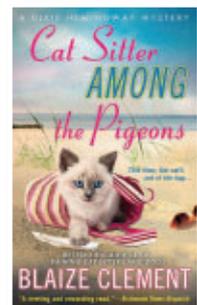


**Elizabeth Lynn Casey
Dangerous
Alterations
Southern Sewing
Circle #5**

When Tori Sinclair's philandering ex - along with his great-aunt - turns up dead, the police chief believes it was murder... and that Tori may have been involved. Now, the

Yankee librarian must rely on her friends from the Sweet Briar Ladies Society sewing circle to help her prove her innocence, before everything she has worked so hard for unravels and her life falls apart at the seams!

[*American, Cosy*] 272pp Pb \$13.50



**Blaize Clement
Cat Sitter Among
the Pigeons
Dixie Hemingway #6**

A cat-sitting venture for a prickly old man turns murderous, after the client's granddaughter shows up to the house with a baby in tow - desperately seeking protection from con artists who have stolen

millions from naive investors and who are willing to kill to hold onto the money. Dixie Hemingway must investigate, where she discovers ties between the con artists and the community's most prominent citizens.

[*American, Cosy*] 288pp Pb \$13.50

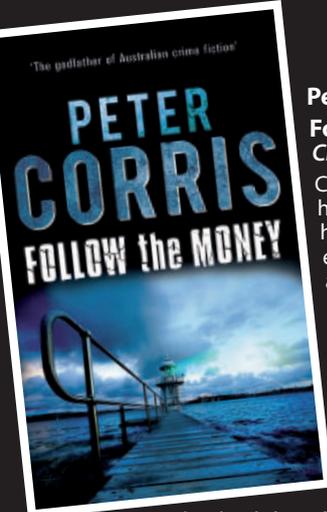


**Isis Crawford
A Catered
Thanksgiving
Mystery with Recipes #7**

Sisters Bernie and Libby Simmons have handled plenty of catering challenges with grace and aplomb. But when the beautiful Thanksgiving turkey they prepared literally blows up in Monty

Field's face, their wealthy client is sent to the great dining room in the sky. Bernie and Libby must act quickly to convince the Field family that they are not responsible for the murder and whip up the real killer!

[*American, Cosy*] 304pp Pb \$13.50



Peter Corris
Follow the Money
Cliff Hardy #35

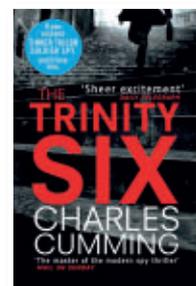
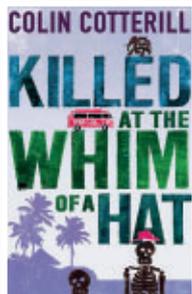
Cliff Hardy may still have the moves but he's in trouble. The economy's tanking and he's been conned by an unscrupulous financial adviser and lost everything he's got. Cliff only knows one way and that's forward, so he's following the money trail. It's a twisted road

that leads him deep into Sydney's underbelly - into the territory of big money, bent deals, big yachts and bad people. Cliff's in greater danger than ever before, but he's as tenacious as a dog with a bone!
[Australian, Private Eye] 272pp Pb \$17.99

Colin Cotterill
Killed at the Whim of a Hat

When crime reporter Jimm Juree is forced to follow her family from Chiang Mai to a fishing village on the Gulf of Siam, she's convinced her career is over - for what crimes could happen in such an out-of-the-way place? But then an old Volkswagen combi containing two skeletons is unearthed from the ground and soon afterwards a monk is murdered in the nearest town. Suddenly Jimm's new life becomes somewhat more promising - and a great deal more dangerous!

[English, Journalism] 384pp Pb \$22.99



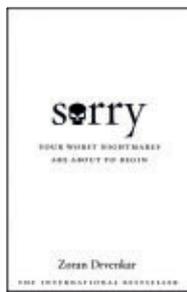
Charles Cumming
The Trinity Six

Russia expert Dr Sam Gaddis finally has a lead for a book that could set his career back on track. He has staggering new information about an unknown sixth member of the infamous Cambridge spy ring - a man who has evaded

detection for his entire life. But when his source suddenly dies, he is left with just shreds of his investigation... and no idea that he's already in too deep - Moscow and MI6 will use everything in their power to keep their fragile peace intact...
[Scottish, Espionage] 416pp Pb \$19.99

Clive Cussler & Graham Brown
Devil's Gate
NUMA Files #9

A Japanese cargo ship cruising the eastern Atlantic near the Azores has burst into flames. When a gang of pirates speeds to take advantage of the disaster, their boat explodes. As Kurt Austin, Joe Zavala and the rest of NUMA's Special Assignments Team rush to investigate, they find themselves drawn into the extraordinary ambitions of an African dictator, the creation of a weapon of near-mythical power and an audacious plan to extort the world's wealthiest nations...
[American, Esp.] 480pp Hb \$39.95



Zoran Drvenkar
Sorry

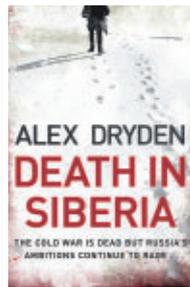
Kris, Tamara, Wolf and Frauke are four friends with one big idea: an agency called Sorry. Unfair dismissals, the wrongly accused: everyone has a price and Sorry will find out what it is. But they didn't count on their next client

being a killer. Standing face to face with a murdered woman, the philosophy that has brought them success sounds hollow. But who is the killer and why has he killed her? Someone is mocking them for playing God and hell is only just beginning...
[Yugoslavian, Suspense] 400pp Tp \$29.99

Alex Dryden
Death in Siberia
Anna Finn #4

Russia has been granted sole access to the undersea Lomonosov Ridge in the Arctic Ocean - home to oil reserves even greater than Saudi Arabia's - and the US is determined to claim a share of the riches. The CIA send ex-KGB agent Anna on a mission to Norilsk - the base of Russia's Arctic development and a new floating nuclear station. But with the KGB hot on their tail, it's up to Anna and the CIA to prevent an attack that could destroy the entire Arctic region!

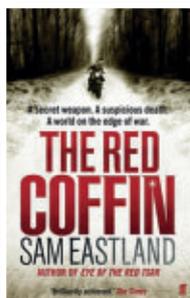
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Sam Eastland
The Red Coffin
Inspector Pekkala #2

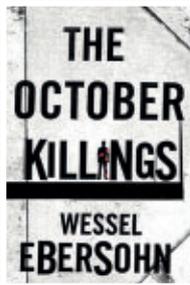
USSR, 1939. For the coming battles against Nazi Germany, Stalin has placed his hopes on a 30-ton steel tank known as the 'Red Coffin'. But the design is not yet complete. When the Red Coffin's inventor is murdered, Stalin sends for Pekkala, his most trusted investigator. Stalin is convinced that a group calling itself the White Guild, made up of former soldiers of the Tsar, intend to bring about a German invasion before the Red Coffin is ready. And it's up to Pekkala to expose them.

[English, Espionage] 368pp Pb \$19.99



Wessel Ebersohn
The October Killings
Yudel Gordon & Abigail Bukula #1

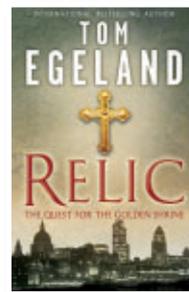
When Abigail Bukula was 15, her parents were killed in a massacre of anti-apartheid activists by white security forces. Because a soldier spoke in her defence, she was spared. Now she's a lawyer with the new government. So when Leon Lourens walks into her office almost 20 years later with a story of how someone is killing off members of the team who murdered her parents, she must untangle the web of politics before the anniversary of the raid, only days away...
[American, Legal] 320pp Pb \$23.95



Tom Egeland
Relic
The Quest for the Golden Shrine

A golden relic, containing an ancient manuscript that could change the course of history, has been hidden in a monastery. But nobody knows where. One determined man sets out to find this sensational artefact and to trace its origins. His quest takes him via a scientific intelligence organisation in London, a Middle Eastern outpost and a Crusaders' castle, as layer by layer he reveals the religious mysteries inside the Shrine of Sacred Secrets.

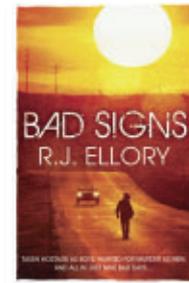
[Norwegian, Archaeo.] 432pp Pb \$19.99



R J Ellory
Bad Signs

Orphaned by an act of senseless violence, half-brothers Clarence Luckman and Elliott Danziger have been raised in state institutions, unaware of the world outside. But their lives take a sudden turn when they are seized as hostages by a convicted killer en route to death row. Earl Sheridan is a psychopath with the potential to change the boys' lives. As the trio set off on a frenetic escape from the law, the two brothers must make some very difficult choices.

[English, Suspense] 448pp Tp \$29.99



Gordon Ferris
Truth Dare Kill
Danny McRae #1

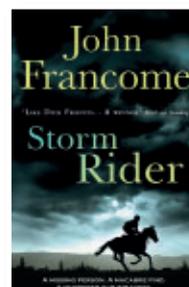
It's 1945. The war's over. But there are no medals for Danny McRae. Just amnesia and blackouts - twin handicaps for a private investigator. So when news of a brutal killer stalking London's red light district start to stir grisly memories, He is terrified about what he might discover if he delves deeper into his fractured mind. Danny soon finds himself running for his life across the bomb-ravaged city. The only escape is through the gap in his memory. Will his past catch up with him before his enemies?

[Scottish, Private Eye] 272pp Tp \$29.99



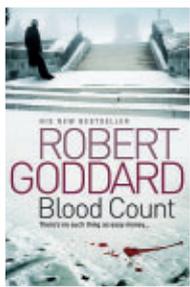
John Francome
Storm Rider

In life, horse-fancier and antiques dealer Glyn Cole caused a heap of trouble - for his girlfriends, their jealous partners and his creditors. His two-year absence from the close-knit Berkshire horse community has been something of a relief. His disappearance has especially been a miracle for the person who killed him. But when a record-breaking storm rips his corpse from its ingenious hiding place, it seems that, even in death, bad boy Glyn is as much trouble as he ever was...
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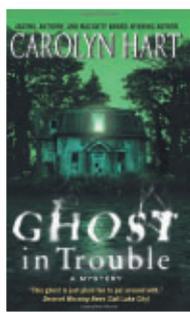
**Robert Goddard
Blood Count**

13 years ago, surgeon Edward Hammond performed a life-saving operation on Serbian gangster Gazi. Now Gazi is standing trial for war crimes at the international court in The Hague. After Hammond saved his life, Gazi's men slaughtered thousands in the Balkan civil wars. Now, in exchange for keeping Hammond's dirty little secret, Gazi's family want a small favour: to find the man who knows what happened to Gazi's money. Hammond has no choice but to set off across Europe in pursuit...
[English, Suspense] 464pp Pb \$19.95



**Carolyn Hart
Ghost in Trouble
Bailey Ruth #3**

When Bailey Ruth Raeburn passed over into the great beyond, she was delighted that her sleuthing days would last an eternity. Joining Heaven's Department of Good Intentions, she uses her unique advantages as a ghost to help those in need and ensure the wicked get their just deserts. In her toughest case yet, Bailey Ruth has her angelic qualities tested when she must save a woman who just happened to be one of her worst enemies when she was among the living!
[American, Cosy] 304pp Pb \$13.50



**Peter James
Dead Man's Grip
Roy Grace #7**

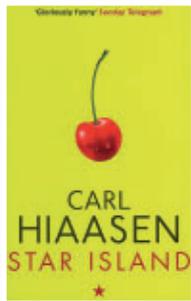
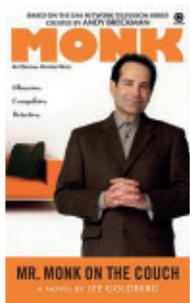
Carly Chase is traumatised after being involved in a fatal traffic accident that killed a teenage student from Brighton University. But now the drivers of the other two vehicles involved have been murdered. Detective Superintendent Roy Grace of the Sussex Police force warns Carly that she could be next and advise her to go into hiding and change her identity. But Carly knows these people have ways of hunting you down and if the police won't stop them, then she will...
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Mr Monk #12**

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22-year-old pop star Cherry Pye is attempting a comeback from her latest drug and alcohol disaster. Ann DeLusia is Cherry's 'undercover stunt double', standing in for Cherry whenever the singer is too wasted to go out in public. But one night, Ann-as-Cherry is mistakenly kidnapped from a Miami hotel by an obsessed paparazzo. Now the challenge for Cherry's handlers is to rescue Ann while keeping her existence secret.
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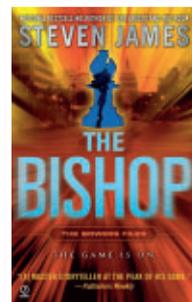
When southern England is hit with freak weather and flash flooding, Lafferton falls underwater and there is a landslip on the Moor. As the rain slowly drains away, a shallow grave is exposed containing the remains of Joanne Lowther, a teenager who went missing 15 years earlier. The case is re-opened and Simon Serrailer is called in as senior investigating officer. Cold cases are always tough... but this time, Serrailer is forced to confront a distressing and complex situation.
[English, Police Proc.] 368pp Tp \$32.95



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**Steven James
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Patrick Bowers #4**

FBI Special Agent Patrick Bowers's cutting-edge investigative techniques and impeccable logic are about to be pushed to the limit. Killers are on a bloody murder spree throughout the Northeast and each crime is a model of deadly perfection. With nothing to link the crimes to each other, Agent Bowers faces his most difficult case yet, even as the killers hone their craft with every death...
[American, FBI] 512pp Pb \$13.50



**Lucretia Grindle
The Lost Daughter
Alessandro Palliotti #2**

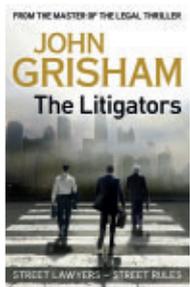
In Florence, a young American student goes missing. At first neither Alessandro Palliotti, one of the city's most senior policemen, nor Enzo Saenz, his deputy, are too concerned. But soon the men are horrified to discover that the older man Kristen has been spending time with is Antonio Tomaselli, a member of the notorious Red Brigades. Before long Enzo finds himself enmeshed in a web of false identities, betrayed loyalties and revenge...
[American, Police Proc.] 288pp Tp \$32.99



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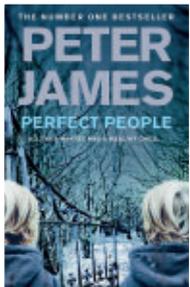
**John Grisham
The Litigators**

Oscar Finley: street cop turned street lawyer. Wally Figg: expert hustler and ambulance-chaser. David Zinc: Harvard Law School graduate. This unlikely trio make up Finley & Figg, specialists in injury claims, quick divorces and DUIs. None of them has ever faced a jury in federal court. But they are about to take on one of the biggest pharmaceutical companies in America. David gave up his lucrative career at Chicago's leading law firm for this. But he may live to regret his new choice of firm...
[American, Legal] 400pp Hb \$39.99



**Peter James
Perfect People**

John and Naomi Klaesson are devastated after the death of their child from a rare genetic disorder. They want another, but the chances of their next child having the same defect are high. Then they hear about Doctor Leo Dettore. He has methods that can spare them from losing another child to disease. They should have realised something wasn't right when they saw they could 'design' their child. Now Naomi is pregnant and already something is wrong...
[English, Suspense] 400pp Tp \$27.99



**Mons Kallentoft
Midwinter Sacrifice
Detective Inspector Malin #1**

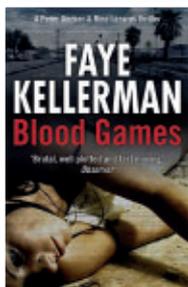
Detective Malin Fors is first on the scene of a man hanging from a lonely tree on a frozen plain. A 31-year-old single mother, Malin must lead the investigation while keeping her fractured life on the rails. As she follows in the frigid wake of the killer, Malin begins to discover just how far the people in this small town are willing to go to keep their secrets buried.
[Swedish, Police Proc.] 448pp Tp \$29.99



Faye Kellerman
Blood Games
Decker & Lazarus #20

When 15-year-old Gregory Hesse is found dead, a single gunshot to his head, it appears to be suicide. Then six weeks later, a 16-year-old girl also commits suicide. She was a student at the same high school as Gregory, an exclusive academy well known as a playground for the rich. As Detective Peter Decker of the LAPD probes into the lives of these privileged teenagers, he must follow a dark trail of twisted allegiances and unholy alliances.

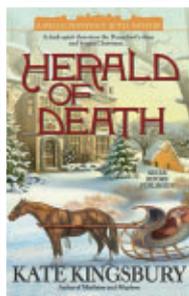
[*American, Police Proc.*] 400pp Tp \$29.99



Kate Kingsbury
Herald of Death
Special Pennyfoot Hotel #7

The Christmas Angel is a welcome sight during the winter season, but this year a killer is afoot in Badger's End, cutting a lock of hair from his victims and sticking a gold angel on their foreheads. Cecily Sinclair Baxter already promised her husband that she'd take a hiatus from sleuthing. But three killings have created a blizzard of bad publicity and guests are cancelling their hotel reservations. She will have to find the angel of death before he strikes again!

[*English, Cosy*] 304pp Pb \$23.95



Stieg Larsson
The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo
[Film Tie-In] Millennium #1

40 years ago, Harriet Vanger disappeared from a family gathering on the island owned by the powerful Vanger clan. Her body was never found, yet her uncle is convinced she was murdered by a member of his own family. He employs disgraced financial journalist Mikael Blomkvist and the tattooed computer hacker Lisbeth Salander to investigate. When the pair link Harriet's disappearance to a number of grotesque murders from 40 years ago, they unravel the Vanger clan's dark history.

[*Swedish, Suspense*] 542pp Pb \$19.99

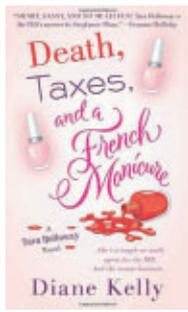
The new film starring Rooney Mara and Daniel Craig opens next month.



Diane Kelly
Death, Taxes and a French Manicure
Tara Holloway #1

Tara is an agent for the Treasury Department's Criminal Investigations Division and her latest mission finds her in hot pursuit of ice-cream vendor Joseph 'Joe Cool' Cullen. Along with frozen treats, he's selling narcotics - and failing to report his ill-gotten gains on his tax returns. Then there's Michael Gryder, who appears to be operating a Ponzi scheme with banker Stan Shelton, whose lake house is being landscaped by Brett Ellington, who happens to be dating Tara. New love comes at a cost... but justice?

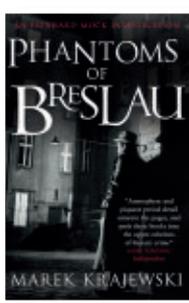
[*American, Suspense*] 384pp Pb \$13.50



Marek Krajewski
Phantoms of Breslau
An Eberhard Mock Investigation #3

Breslau, 1919. The hideously battered bodies of four young sailors are discovered on an island in the River Oder. When Criminal Assistant Mock arrives at the scene to investigate, he discovers a note addressed to him, asking him to confess his sins and become a believer. As he pieces together this brutal crime, Mock soon realises that anyone he questions during the course of the investigation is destined to become the murderer's next victim...

[*Polish, Police Proc.*] 288pp Pb \$19.99



Joyce Lavene & Jim Lavene
A Spirited Gift
Missing Pieces #3

As the mayor of Duck, North Carolina, Dae is playing host to 20 North Carolina elected officials attending her first Mayors' Conference Weekend at the Blue Whale Inn. When the body of Mayor Sandi Fox is discovered the morning after a severe storm, Dae receives a vision through the mayor's ring; that there's a killer among the guests who's as deadly as any hurricane!

[*American, Cosy*] 304pp Pb \$13.50



Philip Kerr
Prague Fatale
Bernard Gunther #8

With impeccable research, Philip Kerr has created an epic series of thrillers that deserve praise. This is the character Bernie Gunther's eighth outing. Set in Prague in 1942, it delivers all the fast-paced and quick-witted action that we have come to expect from Philip Kerr. It is an outstanding thriller by a writer at the top of his game, narrated in Gunther's wry, sardonic voice.

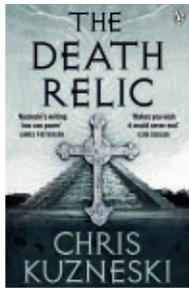
[*English, Private Eye*] 416pp Pb \$24.99



Chris Kuzneski
The Death Relic
Payne & Jones #7

When Maria Pelati's research team disappears in Mexico, Jonathon Payne and David Jones embark on a perilous mission to find the missing archaeologists. The duo quickly discover a link between the group's work and its recent disappearance. Following the clues left behind, the duo tries to solve one of the darkest mysteries of the new world, but their quest for a mysterious and powerful relic might cost them their lives...

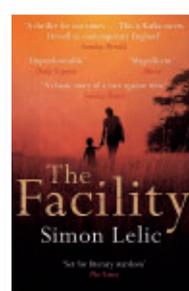
[*American, Archaeo.*] 508pp Tp \$29.95



Simon Lelic
The Facility

Precocious but naive journalist Tom Clarke's life is turned upside down by the arrival of Julia Priestley, who seeks his help in finding her estranged husband Arthur, an innocent dentist arrested under severe new anti-terrorism legislation. The authorities admit they have taken him, but will not say where he is being held or why. Discovering a trail that implicates those at the very top of government, Tom and Julia set out to find Arthur and the truth of his incarceration.

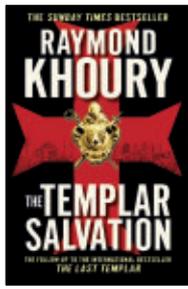
[*English, Suspense*] 272pp Pb \$21.99



Raymond Khoury
The Templar Salvation
Reilly & Chaykin #2

In the hidden archives of the Inquisition within the Vatican City, FBI agent Sean Reilly must violate the trust he has earned. A terrorist has kidnapped Tess Chaykin and the key to her freedom lies in an underground crypt, where a secret could explain the real reasons for the Templars' extermination and bring devastation to our world. A manhunt takes Reilly and Tess across the world as they follow the blood-soaked trail of their enemy, a foe unlike any they have battled before...

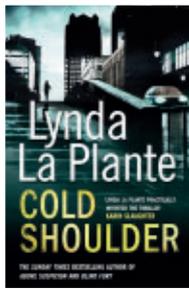
[*Lebanese, Archaeo.*] 496pp Pb \$19.99



Lynda La Plante
Cold Shoulder
Lorraine Page #1

Lieutenant Lorraine Page had everything - a devoted husband, two beautiful daughters and an impressive career with the Homicide Squad. But then she was thrown out of the police force. Lorraine's ex-colleagues soon forget her, as the hunt for a serial killer spirals into an all-out search for a missing witness: a victim who escaped. Lorraine Page is that witness. Against her will she is drawn into the investigation and forced to confront her overwhelming guilt.

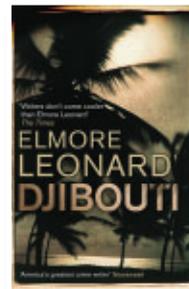
[*English, Suspense*] 496pp Pb \$19.99



Elmore Leonard
Djibouti

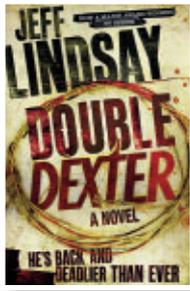
Documentary filmmaker, Dara Barr and her right-hand-man, Xavier, head to Djibouti on the Horn of Africa to tackle modern-day pirates. But once they start filming, they get more than they bargained for. A mob of colourful characters patrol the seas - including James Russell, an American al Qaeda convert who wants to blow up something big. As hijacked tankers line up like floating bombs, Dara and Xavier know it's time for a showdown...

[*American, Suspense*] 288pp Pb \$22.99



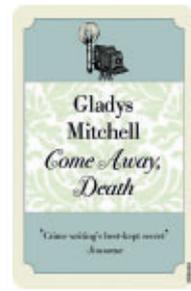
Jeff Lindsay
Double Dexter
Dexter #6

For perfectly disguised serial killer Dexter Morgan, the possibility of a witness is terrifying. As an upstanding blood-spatter analyst for the Miami Police, Dexter has always managed to keep the darker side of his life out of the spotlight. But now someone has seen him in the act. Dexter is being followed, manipulated and mimicked, leading him to realise that no one likes to have a double - especially when his double's goal is to kill him!
[American, Suspense] 352pp Tp \$32.99



Peter May
The Blackhouse
Lewis Trilogy #1

A brutal killing has taken place on Scotland's most remote island and Detective Fin MacLeod is sent from Edinburgh to investigate. For Lewis-born MacLeod, the case represents a journey both home and into his past. Something lurks beneath the close-knit, God-fearing facade of the Lewis community. Something primal. As Fin investigates, old secrets are unearthed and soon the hunter will become the hunted...
[Scottish, Suspense] 432pp Pb \$19.99



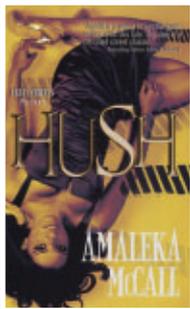
Gladys Mitchell
Come Away, Death [1937]
Beatrice Lestrangle Bradley

Sir Rudri Hopkinson, an eccentric amateur archaeologist, is determined to recreate ancient rituals at the temple of Eleusis in Greece in the hope of summoning the goddess Demeter. He gathers together a motley collection of people to assist in the experiment, including a rival scholar, a cruel photographer and a trio of mischievous children. But when one of the group disappears and a severed head turns up in a box of snakes, Mrs Bradley is called upon to investigate.
[English, Suspense] 320pp Pb \$21.95



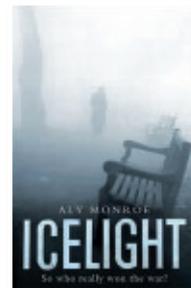
Virginia Lowell
A Cookie Before Dying
Cookie Cutter Shop #2

On a stormy night, Olivia Greyson and her Yorkie discover the body of a man stabbed to death - which looks suspiciously like the intruder seen fleeing the local health food store, The Vegetable Plate. Charlene Critch, owner of The Vegetable Plate, has a grudge against Olivia's cookie cutter shop. But could Charlene be hiding a secret serious enough to kill for?
[American, Cosy] 304pp Pb \$13.50



Amaleka McCall
Hush

Deidre Aponte is a beautiful, young and sexy FBI Special Agent assigned to the Washington DC office. Between a complicated affair and problems with her alcoholic mother, she thinks life can't get any more difficult - until the daughter of a New York Senator is kidnapped and Deidre is assigned to the case. Undercover and alone, she finds her allegiance to the FBI and the US government fading fast, as she uncovers facts that thrust her into a race to save her own life.
[American, FBI] 304pp Pb \$11.50



Aly Monroe
Icelight
Peter Cotton #3

London, 1947. Threadbare London endures the bleakest, coldest winter for decades. Against a background of black ice, blackouts and the black market, agent Peter Cotton is seconded to Operation Sea-snake. MI5 is in the grip of civil war; MI6 is riddled with traitors. Unsure who to trust, Cotton must protect an atomic scientist caught up in a vicious homophobic witch-hunt, limit the damage caused by a bully MP, rely on a rent-boy informer and embark on a ruthless hunt of his own.
[English, Espionage] 448pp Tp \$32.99

Liza Marklund
The Bomber [2001]
Annika Bengtson #2

An explosion has ripped apart the Olympic Stadium and a victim has been blown to pieces. As crime reporter Annika Bengtson delves into the details of the bombing and the background of the victim, there is a second explosion. When her police source reveals they are hot on the heels of the bomber, she is guaranteed an exclusive with her name on it. But it soon becomes clear that she has uncovered too much, when she finds herself the target of a deranged serial killer...
[Swedish, Journalism] 528pp Tp \$32.95



Colleen McCullough
The Prodigal Son

Carmine and his team of detectives must navigate the competitive world of academic publishing, fraught with politics and prestige. The stakes are high: an amazing art collection, a large inheritance, old and upstanding local families, a gold-digging wife, jealous relatives and a young couple's future!
[Australian, Suspense] 416pp Tp \$32.99

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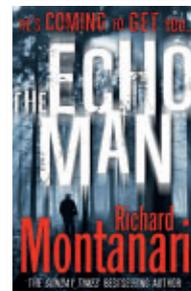
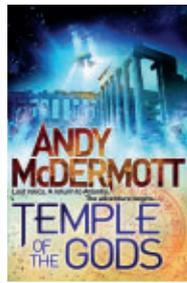
Liza Marklund
Red Wolf [2003]
Annika Bengtson #5

Reporter Annika Bengtson is working on the story of a devastating crime when she hears that a journalist investigating the same incident has been killed. It appears to be a hit-and-run accident. Several brutal killings follow - all linked by handwritten letters sent to the victims' relatives. When Annika unravels a connection with the story she's writing, she is thrown on to the trail of a deadly psychopath. Will her refusal to stop pursuing the truth eventually destroy her?
[Swedish, Journalism] 512pp Pb \$19.95



Andy McDermott
Temple of the Gods
Wilde & Chase #8

Archaeologist Nina Wilde has been investigating the origin of three strange statues that were stolen from her. When Nina discovers they may be relics from the lost civilisation of Atlantis and that a Japanese industrialist has obtained the statues on the black market, she immediately heads to Tokyo meet him - unaware that her fugitive husband Eddie is already on his way. Their arrival unleashes a chain of events that set Nina and Eddie on their most dangerous quest ever!
[English, Archaeo.] 512pp Tp \$32.99



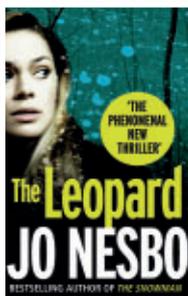
Richard Montanari
The Echo Man
Balzano & Byrne #5

The body of a man is found in one of the poorest neighbourhoods of Philadelphia. The victim has been tortured to death. When homicide detectives Kevin Byrne and Jessica Balzano investigate, they realise that eight years ago, another body was found in the same place, in the same position, killed in the same manner. That case was never closed. As more brutalised bodies appear, it's clear that someone is recreating unsolved murders from Philadelphia's past...
[American, Police Proc.] 528pp Pb \$19.95



J J Murphy
You Might As Well Die
Algonquin Round Table #2

When second-rate illustrator Ernie MacGuffin's artistic works triple in value following his apparent suicide off the Brooklyn Bridge, Dorothy Parker smells something fishy. Enlisting the help of magician and skeptic Harry Houdini, she goes to a seance held by MacGuffin's mistress, where Ernie's ghostly voice seems hauntingly real...
[American, Cosy] 336pp Pb \$13.50



Jo Nesbo
The Leopard
Harry Hole #6

Two young women are found dead, both drowned in their own blood. Inspector Harry Hole, traumatised by an investigation that threatened the lives of those he holds dear, initially wants nothing

to do with the case. But his instincts take over when a prominent MP is murdered. The victims appear completely unconnected to one another, but it's not long before Harry discovers the women both spent the night in the same isolated mountain hostel.
[Norwegian, Police Proc.] 752pp Pb \$19.95

Ann Purser
Threats at Three
Lois Meade #10

When a dead body is discovered in a canal, Detective Cowgill believes the murderer is connected to a suspicious fire and a heated dispute over saving the local village hall. Time to turn to the ever reliable Lois Meade to sort out the culprits and pick up the loose ends - before their village hall turns into a funeral hall!

[American, Cosy] 368pp Pb \$13.50



James Sallis
Drive [Film Tie-In]

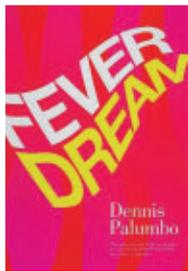
Set mostly in Arizona and LA, according to James Sallis this story is about "[...] a guy who does stunt driving for movies by day and drives for criminals at night. In classic noir fashion, he is double-crossed and, though before he has never participated in the violence ('I drive. That's all!'), he goes after the ones who doublecrossed and tried to kill him."

[American, Suspense] 192pp Pb \$17.95

The new film starring Ryan Gosling and Carey Mulligan opened on 27 November.



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Dennis Palumbo
Fever Dream
Daniel Rinaldi #2

When a daring bank robbery goes horribly wrong, resulting in the deaths of all the hostages except one, psychologist and trauma expert Daniel Rinaldi is called in to question lone survivor

Treva Williams. However, what seemed a simple robbery soon explodes into a series of events that plunge the investigating officers, Harry Polk and Eleanor Lowrey - as well as Rinaldi himself - into a vortex of mistaken identity and kidnapping.
[American, Police Proc.] 250pp Pb \$23.95

Andrea Penrose
The Cocoa Conspiracy
Lady Arianna Regency #2

Lady Arianna's gift of a rare volume of botanical engravings to her husband, the Earl of Saybrook, has something even more rare hidden inside - sensitive government documents which would mark one they hold dear as a traitor of King and country. To unmask the villain, they must root out a cunning conspiracy, armed only with their wits and expertise in chocolate!

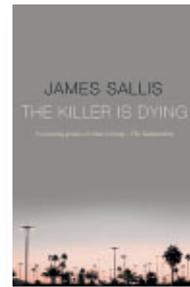
[American, Cosy] 336pp Pb \$13.50



James Sallis
The Killer is Dying

A hired killer on his final job; a burned-out detective whose wife is dying slowly; a young boy abandoned by his parents and living alone by his wits. Three people, disconnected from society. The detective is looking for the killer, Christian, though he doesn't know that. Christian is trying to find the man who stepped in and took down his target before he had the chance. And the boy, Jimmie, is having the killer's dreams. While they never meet, they are inextricably linked...

[American, Suspense] 234pp Pb \$17.95

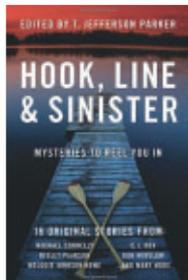


T Jefferson Parker [ed]
Hook, Line and Sinister

Mysteries to Reel You In

16 of America's favourite author-anglers spin tales of mystery and fishing. From the tragic to the comic with many stops in between, these stories reflect the authors' passions for both making stories and catching fish. Michael Connelly, Ridley Pearson, John Lescroart, Don Winslow, Melodie Johnson Howe, Victoria Houston and others all share a mysterious affection for things piscatorial, when they aren't busy writing best-selling books!

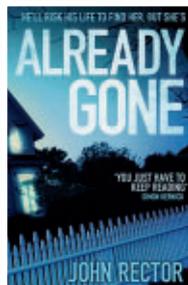
[American, Anthology] 320pp Pb \$22.95



John Rector
Already Gone

Jake Reese is an ordinary guy with an ordinary job, trying to block out the memory of his violent past by planning a future with his new wife, Diane. But the past won't stay buried. When two men attack Jake in a carpark and cut off his ring finger, he dismisses it as an unlucky case of being in the wrong place at the wrong time. But when events take a more sinister turn and Diane goes missing, Jake is dragged back into the life he thought he'd walked away from forever...

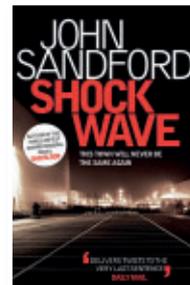
[American, Suspense] 368pp Pb \$19.99



John Sandford
Shock Wave
Virgil Flowers #5

PyeMart, a superstore chain, is building a new store in a Minnesota river town, but two groups want to stop it: local business owners and environmentalists. The first bomb destroys the top floor of PyeMart's headquarters. The second one explodes at the construction site. The blasts were meant to inflict maximum damage. Who's behind the bombs and how far will they go? It's Virgil's job to find out!

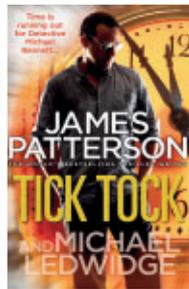
[American, Police Proc.] Tp \$29.99



James Patterson
and Michael Ledwidge
Tick Tock
Michael Bennett #4

A bomb set in one of New York's busiest places is discovered before it explodes. The city calls on Detective Michael Bennett, pulling him away from a seaside vacation with his ten adopted children and their beloved nanny, Mary Catherine. Bennett enlists the help of a former colleague, FBI Agent Emily Parker. Another horrifying crime leads Bennett to a shocking discovery that exposes the killer's pattern and the earth-shattering enormity of his plan...

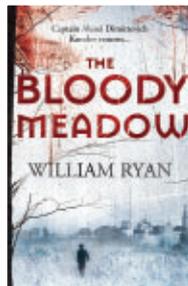
[American, Police Proc.] 496pp Pb \$14.95



William Ryan
The Bloody Meadow
Captain Alexei Dimitrevich Korolev #2

After implicating those at the very top in Soviet Russia, Captain Alexei Korolev is hailed as an example to all Soviet workers. But Korolev's newfound knowledge is dangerous and if discovered, he faces deportation to Siberia. But when the knock on the door comes, Colonel Rodinov of the NKVD security service asks the detective to look into the suicide of a young woman: Maria Alexandovna Lenskaya, a model citizen, where he discovers there is more to her death than meets the eye...

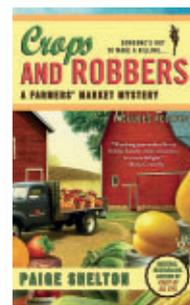
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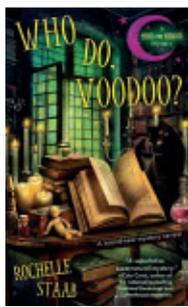


Paige Shelton
Crops and Robbers
Farmer's Market #3

Bailey's Farmer's Market is all abuzz with the impending visit of the Central South Carolina Restaurant Association. Becca is excited, but when the president of the Association vetoes Becca's strawberry preserves, she finds herself reeling from the snub. After pulling herself together, Becca discovers the president's body in her kitchen and her mother with bloody hands. Now, Becca has to use her sleuthing skills to get her mother out of this terrible jam!

[American, Cosy] 304pp Pb \$13.50





Rochelle Staab
Who Do, Voodoo?
Mind for Murder #1

Clinical psychologist Liz Cooper doesn't believe in ghosts. But when her best friend discovers a tarot card tacked to her front door - and is accused of murder shortly afterwards - Liz will have to find a way to embrace the

occult if she wants to outwit the real killer!
[American, Suspense] 304pp Pb \$13.50

Mary Stanton
Angel Condemned
Beaufort and Company #5

Celestial advocate and attorney Brianna Winston-Beaufort is tasked with representing her Aunt Cissy's fiance - museum curator Prosper White - in a case of fraud. Brianna hopes to settle the matter out of court, but when Prosper is murdered and Cissy is arrested for the crime, Bree will have to solve the mystery of the Cross of Justinian - an artefact of interest in both Prosper's lawsuit and Bree's celestial case - to clear her aunt's name...

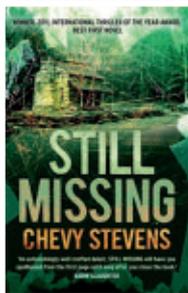
[American, Legal] 304pp Pb \$13.50



Chevy Stevens
Still Missing

The open house is slow, but when her last visitor pulls up in a van as she's about to leave, 32-year-old real-estate agent Annie O'Sullivan thinks it might just be her lucky day... Interwoven with the story of the year Annie spent as the captive of a psychopath in a remote mountain cabin, which unfolds through sessions with her psychiatrist, is a second narrative recounting events following her escape - her struggle to piece together her shattered life and the ongoing investigation into the identity of her captor.

[Canadian, Suspense] 372pp Pb \$23.99



Valerio Varesi
River of Shadows
Commissario Soneri #1

In the Po valley in northern Italy, a huge barge leaves its moorings. When it finally runs aground hours later, the bargeman is nowhere to be found. That same evening, Commissario Soneri is summoned to investigate the apparent suicide of a man in Parma. He and the bargeman were brothers, both serving together in the fascist militia 50 years earlier. As the flood waters ebb, the river yields up its secrets of the past: civil strife between Facists and Partisans, bitter rivalry and revenge...

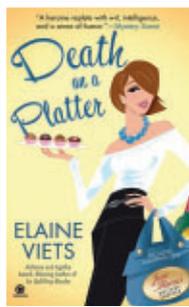
[Italian, Police Proc.] 272pp Pb \$19.99



Elaine Viets
Death on a Platter
Josie Marcus Mystery Shopper #7

Josie Marcus plans to savor sampling the local St Louis cuisine for a City Eats food tour. But her appetite is ruined at Tillie's Off the Hill Italian Restaurant when another customer is poisoned. Was the victim the real target - or is someone trying to ruin Tillie's reputation? It's up to Josie to find a killer who has no reservations about preparing a dish to die for!

[American, Cosy] 304pp Pb \$13.50



Livia J Washburn
The Pumpkin Muffin Murder
Fresh Baked #5

It's Thanksgiving in Weatherford, Texas and Phyllis is taking her grandson Bobby to the first annual Harvest Festival with hopes of winning the baking contest - especially now that her friendly

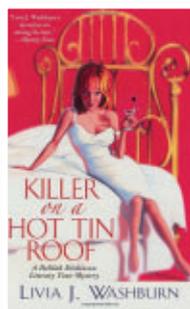
competitor, Carolyn, is judging and not competing. But when a decorative scarecrow turns out to be a dead body in disguise, Phyllis must dish out some justice!

[American, Cosy] 272pp Tp \$13.50

Livia J Washburn
Killer on a Hot Tin Roof
Delilah Dickinson #3

Delilah Dickinson is looking forward to a relaxing getaway leading her literary travel agency's latest tour at the annual Tennessee Williams Literary Festival in New Orleans. But a group of low-key English professors waste little time flexing their claws, especially when one of them claims he can prove Williams didn't even write 'Cat on a Hot Tin Roof'. But when the supposed real author turns up dead, Delilah knows she's got to get to the bottom of things...even if the truth is as dirty as all them lies!

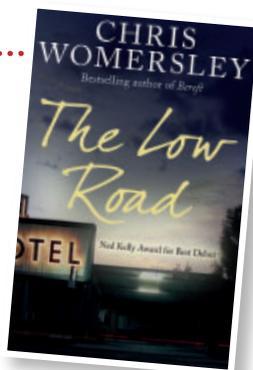
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Chris Womersley
The Low Road

A young petty criminal, Lee, wakes in a seedy motel with a bullet in his side and a suitcase of stolen money. Soon he meets Wild, a doctor escaping his own disastrous life and the two men set out for the safety of the countryside. Lee is haunted by a brief stint in jail, while Wild is on the run from the legacy of medical malpractice. But Lee and Wild are not alone: they are pursued by the ageing gangster Josef, who must retrieve the stolen money and deal with Lee to ensure his own survival.

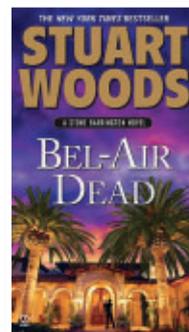
[Australian, Suspense] 288pp Pb \$24.95



Stuart Woods
Bel-Air Dead
Stone Barrington #20

Stone is no stranger to Bel-Air, nor to the beautiful and wealthy widow who needs his help to become even wealthier. At stake is the sale of her investment in - and the resulting dissolution of - Hollywood's world-famous Centurion Studios. But when Stone arrives in Bel-Air to finalise the sale, he discovers that one of LA's most rapacious power brokers has Centurion in his sights...

[American, Suspense] 400pp Pb \$15.95

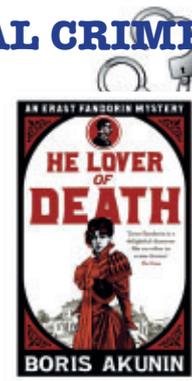


HISTORICAL CRIME

Boris Akunin
He Lover of Death
Erast Fandorin #9

Senka Skorikov, orphan and urchin, has climbed the criminal ranks of Moscow's underworld. But as the bandit community balks at his success, threats on his life pour in. A dandy and his 'Chinese' sidekick seem to be taking an inordinate interest in Senka's welfare and it becomes clear that those threatening Senka are linked to a spate of murders. Fandorin must unweave a tangled web of narcotics, false identities and organised crime!

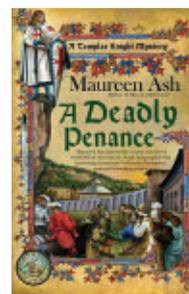
[Russian] 336pp Pb \$22.99



Maureen Ash
A Deadly Penance
Templar Knight #6

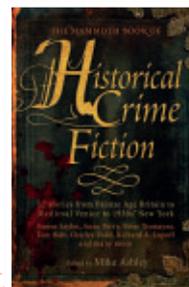
Templar Bascot de Marins is summoned to Lincoln Castle to learn who murdered a servant engaged in an illicit affair with a married woman. Even though the jealous husband had a motive, Bascot's investigation uncovers a more shocking revelation about the victim - a revelation that would give him any number of potential enemies...

[English] 288pp Pb \$21.95



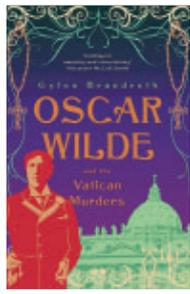
Mike Ashley [ed]
The Mammoth Book of Historical Crime Fiction

This superb anthology of 12 novellas encompasses over 4,000 years of our criminal past - from Bronze Age Britain to the eve of WWII, with stories set in ancient Greece, Rome, the Byzantine Empire, medieval Venice, 7th century Ireland and 1930s New York. Contributors include Deirdre Counihan, Tom Holt, Dorothy Lumley, Richard A Lupoff, Maan Meyers, Ian Morson, Anne Perry, Tony Pollard, Mary Reed and Eric Mayer, Steven Saylor, Charles Todd and Peter Tremayne.



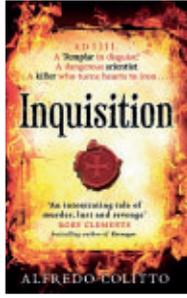
Gyles Brandreth
Oscar Wilde and the Vatican Murders

In 1892 Arthur Conan Doyle, exhausted by his creation Sherlock Holmes, retires to the spa at Bad Homburg. But his rest cure does not go as planned. The first person he encounters is Oscar Wilde and when the two friends make a series of macabre discoveries - a severed finger, a lock of hair and finally an entire severed hand - the game is once more afoot. The trail leads to Rome and the very heart of the Vatican, where Pope Pius IX has just died and the times are uncertain...
[English] 352pp Tp \$29.99



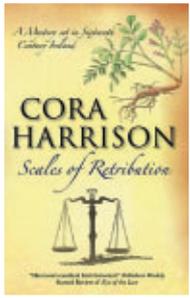
Alfredo Colitto
Inquisition

In 14th-century Italy, Mondino is a university anatomist - a man of science in a land governed by the brutal Inquisition. But the corpse brought to Mondino's laboratory defies natural law: the victim is a Templar knight and his heart has been transformed into a block of iron. Is it alchemy, or the diabolical work of an ingenious killer? Aided by his student Gerardo, Mondino must outwit both ruthless Inquisitors and vengeful Templars if he's to stop a murderer who threatens Christendom.
[Italian] 496pp Pb \$19.99



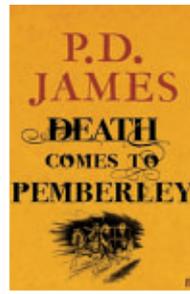
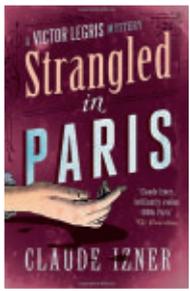
Cora Harrison
Scales of Retribution
Burren #6

Ireland, 1510. Upon going into early labour, Mara is alerted to the disappearance of Malachy, the local physician. Shortly after the birth of her son, the body of Malachy is discovered. But who stands to profit from this death and who are Mara's lead suspects? For starters there is Malachy's new wife and her two sons, not to mention the very daughter who helped to deliver Mara's child. But it's soon discovered that the list of people bearing a grudge against Malachy is longer than Mara anticipated!
[Irish] 224pp Pb \$24.95



Claude Izner
Strangled in Paris
Victor Legris #6

Why would anyone strangle a humble seamstress with no known enemies? When newly-married bookseller Victor Legris is asked to solve the murder of Louise Fontaine in the abattoir district of La Villette, he is initially baffled by the case. But as the investigation progresses, Victor, along with his assistant and brother-in-law Joseph, discovers that in belle-epoque Paris young girls with no money or background are as ruthlessly preyed on as they ever were...
[French] Pb \$19.95



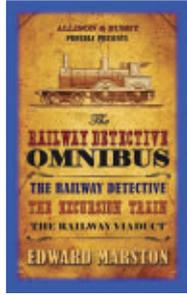
P D James
Death Comes to Pemberley

The year is 1803 and Darcy and Elizabeth have been happily married for six years. But their peace is threatened and old sins and misunderstandings are rekindled on the eve of the annual autumn ball. The Darcys and their guests are preparing to retire for the night when a chaise appears, rocking down the path from Pemberley's wild woodland. As it pulls up, Lydia Wickham, an uninvited guest, tumbles out, screaming that her husband has been murdered...
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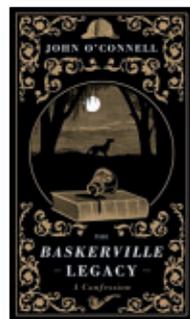
Edward Marston
The Railway Detective Omnibus
The Railway Detective
The Excursion Train
The Railway Viaduct

The railways are the icon of modern technological achievement, but they also offer new opportunities for hidden crime and quick escape, vast destruction and dark double-dealings. Detective Inspector Robert Colbeck is the Railway Detective. When a train is robbed or a passenger killed, Colbeck and his trusty sergeant Victor Leeming use their expert knowledge of crime and railways to untangle webs of murder, blackmail and destruction! This omnibus includes the first three novels in this popular series.
[English] 612pp Pb \$29.95



Graham Moore
The Sherlockian

When literary researcher Harold White is inducted into the pre-eminent Sherlock Holmes enthusiast society, The Baker Street Irregulars, he is thrust into the hunt for the holy grail of Holmesophiles: the missing diary of Arthur Conan Doyle. But when the world's leading Doylean scholar is found murdered in his hotel room, it is Harold - using wisdom and methods gleaned from countless detective stories - who takes up the search, both for the diary and the killer!
[American] 368pp Pb \$23.95

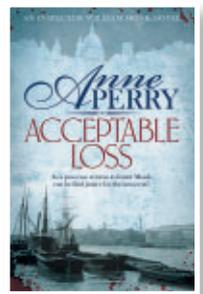


John O'Connell
The Baskerville Legacy

When a young journalist, Bertram Fletcher Robinson, meets his writer hero Arthur Conan Doyle on a troop ship coming back from South Africa, he is delighted, especially when the creator of Sherlock Holmes suggests they collaborate on a 'real creeper' of a story.
[English] 172pp Tp \$24.99

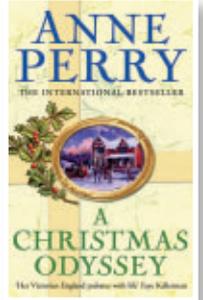
Anne Perry
Acceptable Loss
William Monk #17

1864. William Monk and his wife Hester are caring for Scuff - a homeless boy recovering from a terrifying ordeal at the hands of Jericho Phillips, the runner of a child prostitution ring. But Scuff is certain more children are suffering an even worse fate. Monk is determined to find the remaining children and uncover the men funding the operation. As Monk's investigation continues, the reputations of respected gentlemen are called into question and his task becomes fraught with unexpected danger.
[English] 448pp Pb \$19.99



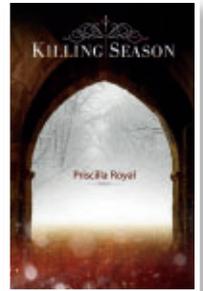
Anne Perry
A Christmas Odyssey
Christmas Novellas #8

London, 1864. In desperation, James Wentworth turns to his old friend Sir Henry Rathbone to help locate his wayward son, Lucien. Rathbone's investigations take them into a squalid world of illicit pleasures. But as they get nearer to their quarry, tales emerge of Lucien's violent tendencies, his obsession with a dangerous young woman and the disturbing Shadow Man. Can they bring Lucien home alive? And if so, will it be a grave mistake for all concerned?
[English] 176pp Pb \$19.99



Priscilla Royal
Killing Season
Medieval Mystery #8

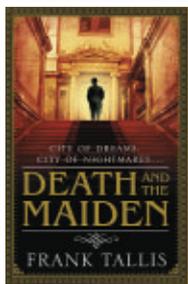
Prioress Eleanor and Brother Thomas travel with a group of healers to a castle that may be cursed and investigate the mysteries of the owner Baron Herbert's withdrawal since he returned from the Crusades, as well as the mysterious deaths of three of his sons. It's not long before tensions begin to spark among family members and soon between those who came to help.
[American] 228pp Pb \$23.95



C J Sansom
Heartstone
Shardlake #5

England, 1545. A massive French armada is threatening the country and Henry VIII has plunged the country into economic crisis to finance the war. Meanwhile, an old servant of Queen Catherine Parr has asked Matthew Shardlake to investigate claims of monstrous wrongs committed against a young ward of the court. As the French fleet approaches, Shardlake's inquiries reunite him with an old friend - and an old enemy close to the throne..
[English] 592pp Pb \$22.99





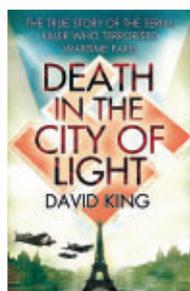
Frank Tallis

Death and the Maiden

Dr Max Liebermann #6

Vienna, 1903. An operatic diva, Ida Rosenkrantz, is found dead in her villa. It appears that she has taken an overdose of morphine, but her autopsy suggests more sinister possibilities. Detective Inspector Oskar

Rheinhardt seeks the assistance of his young friend, the psychoanalyst Dr Max Liebermann and they begin their inquiries at Vienna's majestic opera house. As the investigation progresses, Rheinhardt and Liebermann face danger as they expose corruption at the highest levels. [English] 384pp Pb \$19.95



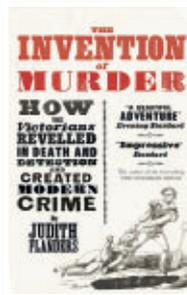
David King

Death in the City of Light

The True Story of the Serial Killer Who Terrorised Wartime Paris

Paris, 1944. The swastika raised from the top of the Eiffel Tower and the once-vibrant city is shrouded in suspicion and fear. At a chic Right Bank

address, a ghastly pile of dismembered bodies is discovered. In this fascinating true account of a case that gripped wartime Paris, David King draws extensively on new sources, including previously classified French files, to paint a chilling portrait of a murderer whose crimes devastated a city already in the grip of evil. [American] 432pp Tp \$32.99



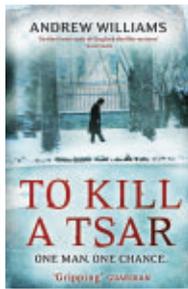
Judith Flanders

The Invention of Murder

How the Victorians Revelled in Death and Detection and Created Modern Crime

Murder in the 19th century was rare. But murder as sensation and entertainment became ubiquitous - transformed

into novels, broadsides and ballads, theatre and melodrama and opera, and even puppet shows and performing dog-acts. In this meticulously researched book, Judith Flanders retells the gruesome stories of murder, both famous and obscure. From Sweeney Todd and Jack the Ripper, to Burke and Hare and Greenacre, this is history at its most readable! [English] 256pp Pb \$24.99



Andrew Williams

To Kill a Tsar

St Petersburg, 1879. Russia is alive with revolutionaries and would-be assassins of the unpopular Tsar Alexander II. For Dr Frederick Hadfield, part of the Anglo-Russian establishment with a medical practice

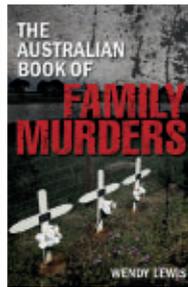
dependent on the patronage of the nobility, politics is a distraction. But when he meets the passionate idealist Anna Petrovna, he finds himself drawn into a dangerous double life... [English] 448pp Pb \$19.99

Wendy Lewis

The Australian Book of Family Murders

You're unlikely to be gunned down on the street by someone you've never met. But you may well be stabbed to death in the comfort of your own home! More than 50 per cent of all murders in Australia each year

are classified as 'domestic', that is, they involve a death caused by another family member. This book contains over 20 of the most remarkable and bizarre cases of death by a family member - from fire, poison, gunshots, knife wounds and brute strength - over the past 100 years. [Australian] 240pp Tp \$29.99



Ray Mooney & John Kerr

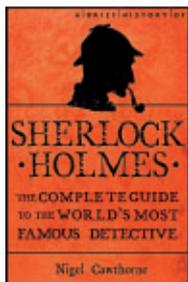
Pack of Bloody Animals

The Walsh Street Murders Revisited

The Melbourne 'Walsh Street Killings' arose when police and armed robbers went to war. Both sides, convinced the others

started the war, were righteous in the letting of blood. The packs held sway and the deeds left many casualties - and a bitter legacy. This book tells the story of that war, and re-examines first hand evidence and previously unpublished interviews. This event raised the toughest questions of the decade, spilling into the corridors of power, media and the law. [Australian] 320pp Tp \$29.95

TRUE CRIME



Nigel Cawthorne

A Brief History of Sherlock Holmes

The Complete Guide to the World's Most Famous Detective

Created by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle in 1887, Sherlock Holmes appears in four novels and 56 short stories. Although Holmes was not the first literary detective, he is widely known as the ultimate sleuth. As Holmes is being re-introduced to a new audience through TV and film, Cawthorne introduces the general reader to Holmes and his creator. He gives a full biography of both the author and his creation, including Holmes' resurrection following his unlikely death at the hands of arch enemy, Moriarty.

[American] 280pp Pb \$14.99

James Morton

Maximum Security

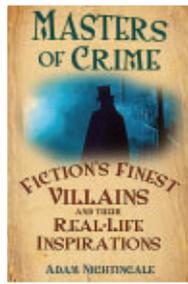
Housing Australia's worst criminals, maximum security prisons are settings of violence and despair. Just how rough are these gaols within gaols and what's it like to be incarcerated in them? From the brutal regime of colonial Norfolk Island to the sterile cruelty of Jika Jika and Katingal, James Morton takes us through the history of these sinister places of punishment, which have been home to notorious figures like Mark 'Chopper' Read, Brenden Abbott and Russell 'Mad Dog' Cox. [English] 384pp Tp \$34.99



Adam Nightingale

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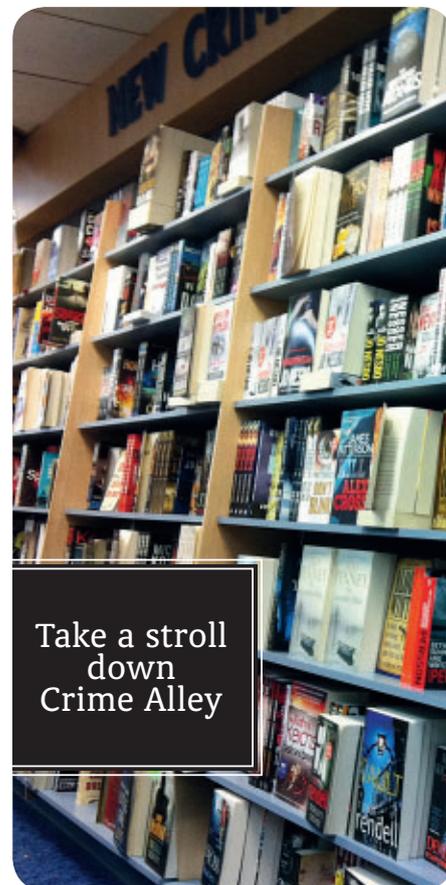
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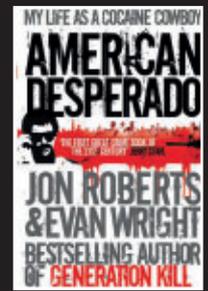
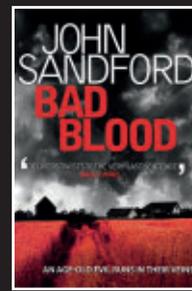
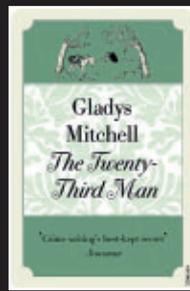
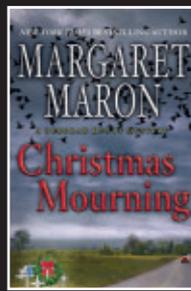
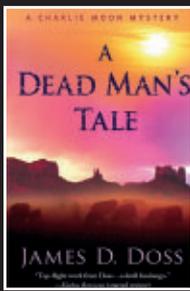
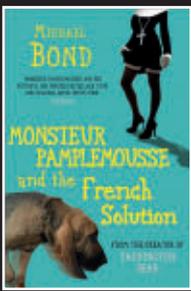
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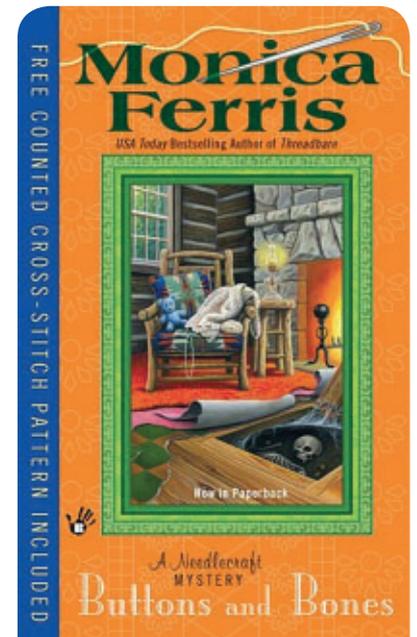
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