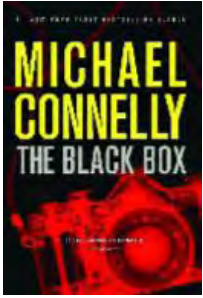
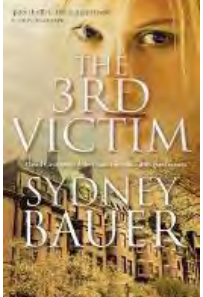

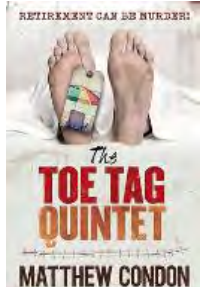
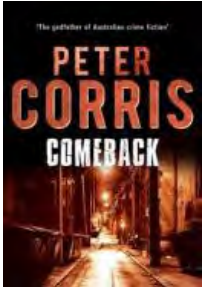

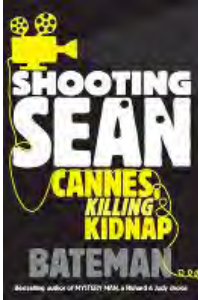
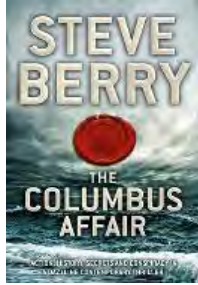
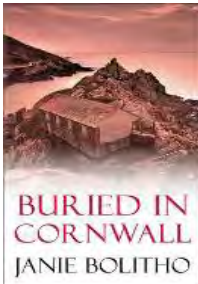
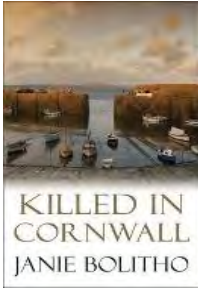


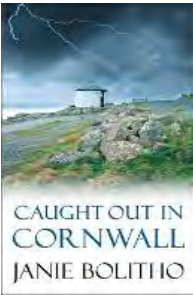

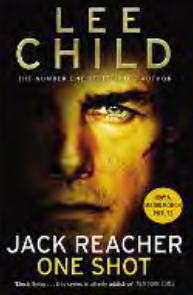

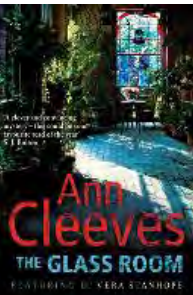
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Title	Author	Bind	RRP	Price	Description
ABBEY'S CHOICE					
Michael Connelly	The Black Box: Harry Bosch #18	Tp	\$32.99	\$27.99	In a case that spans 20 years, Harry Bosch links the bullet from a recent crime to a file from 1992, the killing of a young female photographer during the L.A. riots. Harry originally investigated the murder, but it was then handed off to the Riot Crimes Task Force and never solved. Now Bosch's ballistics match indicates that her death was not random violence, but something more personal, and connected to a deeper intrigue. Like an investigator combing through the wreckage after a plane crash, Bosch searches for the 'black box,' the one piece of evidence that will pull the case together.
					
AUSTRALIAN CRIME					
Sydney Bauer	The 3rd Victim: David Cavanaugh #6	Pb	\$18.99	\$17.10	A blood-soaked nursery. A missing baby. A traumatised mother. When David Cavanaugh hears of this heinous crime, he knows he doesn't want to touch it. The mother's guilt appears obvious, and David expects to be a bystander only to the disturbing investigation. So when David is appointed Sienna Walker's attorney against his will, he faces the prospect of taking on a challenge he has always refused defending someone who is guilty. But David soon realises that she may not just be innocent but also the victim of a conspiracy so vast that securing a just verdict will be close to impossible. So he fights on, slowly getting nearer to the killer and the reason baby Eliza was murdered. But danger is creeping to his own front door and that in the end there will not be two victims but three.
					
Greig Beck	Black Mountain: Alex Hunter #4	Tp	\$29.99	\$27.00	Alex Hunter, code named Arcadian, wakes up with no knowledge of who he is, in the care of a woman he doesn't recognise, in a country not his own. But there is a calling deep within him, to return home to Black Mountain. The Appalachian's Black Mountain hosts a terrible legend. Only one elder remains to guard its long-forgotten secret. Some hikers are missing, and the rescue team sent to search for them has not returned. In nearby Ashville, Professor Matt Kearns is drawn into the mystery of an artefact recovered from the mountainside. A survivor is then found half-alive, covered in blood blood revealed to be not quite human. Alex must confront the horror that stalks the frozen mountain, and also the one haunting his very soul.
					
Matthew Condon	The Toe Tag Quintet	Pb	\$27.95	\$25.15	Retirement can be murder! The adventures of a former Sydney detective from 21 Division who, in his prime, collared some of the most murderous criminals in Australian history yet, on retiring to the Gold Coast in Queensland, along with half of the criminal milieu he once pursued, is shot, king-hit, tortured, and thrown from buildings in his relentless pursuit of justice. With his trademark wit, warmth and humour, Matthew Condon takes us on a crazy ride - in boats, kombis, peugeot and window-washing platforms - through art galleries, libraries, swampy islands and caravan parks to illustrate that we are never too old for adventures.
					
Peter Corris	Comeback: Cliff Hardy #36	Pb	\$17.99	\$16.20	Cliff Hardy has his PI licence back - but does he still have what it takes to cut it on the mean streets of Sydney? Cliff reckons the skills are still there, if a little rusty, and actor Bobby Forrest's case looks promising. Bobby's a nice enough guy, but why is he being stalked by a red-hot brunette? And why did he have to go online to find a date? When Bobby is murdered, it comes as a shock. Cliff's only solid lead is a white Commodore, the most ubiquitous car around. When a surprising connection with his own past surfaces, Cliff is forced to put some of his skills to the test. But is he heading in the wrong direction? Somehow he has to put it all together without losing his licence again, but in true Hardy fashion he's managing to find his way into trouble, not out of it.
					

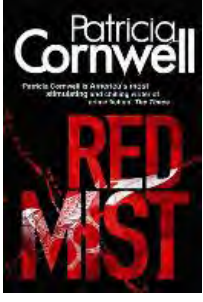
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<p>Kerry Greenwood</p>	<p>The Honorable Phryne Fisher Returns [omnibus]</p>	<p>Pb \$29.99 \$27.00</p> 	<p>Phryne Fisher now comfortably ensconced in Melbourne society - but among the parties, the dancing, the flirtations and the assignations, somehow murder always finds a way in. In 'Blood and Circuses', there have been strange things happening at Farrell's Circus and Wild Beast Show - someone wants it to fail, and resorts to poison, assault and murder. Phryne goes undercover as a trick horse-rider, but she'll need all her tricks, intelligence and courage to see her through this mystery. 'Death at Victoria Dock' sees Phryne tangling with bank robbers and anarchists on her way through tatau parlours, pubs and spiritualist halls to find out who murdered a young man who died in Phryne's arms. But when her beloved maid, Dot, is kidnapped, there's nothing that will stand in Phryne's way. In 'The Green Mill Murder', Phryne finds there are hidden perils in dancing the night away - like murder, blackmail and young men who vanish. But there are compensations to this case, including a dashing handsome band leader, some fancy flying across the Australian Alps and a most unexpected tryst with a gentle stranger...</p>
<p>MODERN CRIME</p>			
<p>Bateman</p>	<p>Shooting Sean: Dan Starkey #4</p>	<p>Pb \$22.99 \$20.70</p> 	<p>When maverick movie star Sean O'Toole is forced to leave the glamour of Hollywood to make a film about an Irish gangster, he's not best pleased - and even less so when he finds out he'll be joined by hapless local journalist Dan Starkey, who is writing his biography. It's a job that plunges Dan into the murky underbelly of the movie business, and from the backstreets of Belfast to the fleshpots of Amsterdam and the glitz of the Cannes Film Festival. Along the way a smouldering romance threatens the frequently rocky balance of his marriage to Patricia while he battles his way through kidnap, extortion and murder, and all of it liberally sprinkled with Hollywood gold dust.</p>
<p>Steve Berry</p>	<p>The Columbus Affair</p>	<p>Pb \$19.99 \$18.00</p> 	<p>Tom Sagan is staring down the barrel of a gun. He has lost everything he ever loved: his job, his wife, his daughter, his reputation. What hurts most is that he knows his Pulitzer Prize-winning career as a journalist was sabotaged. He was set up, but he can't prove it. They - whoever they are - have beaten him. So he decides to end his life. But before he can pull the trigger, an enigmatic stranger appears. Zachariah Simon has Tom's estranged daughter at his mercy. What he wants is something only Tom can supply. It's the key to a five hundred-year-old mystery, one with explosive consequences in the modern world. On a perilous quest that takes them from Vienna, to Prague and finally to the Blue Mountains of Jamaica, the two men square off in a dangerous game. Along the way, both of their lives will forever be altered - and everything we know about Christopher Columbus will change.</p>
<p>Janie Bolitho</p>	<p>Buried in Cornwall: Rose Trevelyan #3</p>	<p>Pb \$17.99 \$16.20</p> 	<p>After the death of her husband, Rose Trevelyan lives peacefully in Cornwall, working as an artist and photographer. But when she hears terrified screams as she paints the rugged Cornish countryside, and a local woman is reported missing, Rose finds herself suddenly caught at the centre of a police investigation. With so many people who trust her, Rose is - reluctantly, at times - privy to the secrets of many. When the things she is told in confidence appear connected to the investigation, Rose must decide how far the bonds of friendship reach.</p>
<p>Janie Bolitho</p>	<p>Killed in Cornwall: Rose Trevelyan #6</p>	<p>Pb \$17.99 \$16.20</p> 	<p>DI Jack Pearce is investigating a series of burglaries and brutal attacks on young women which has broken out in Cornwall. Once again his on-off girlfriend Rose Trevelyan finds herself at the heart of the investigation. With her intimate knowledge of the private lives of those connected to the case, Rose must work hard not to jump to conclusions about the innocence of those she knows. As the crimes become more serious, both newcomers to the area and familiar faces become suspects. But who should Rose - and Jack - believe?</p>


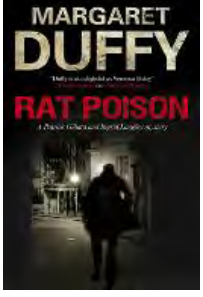
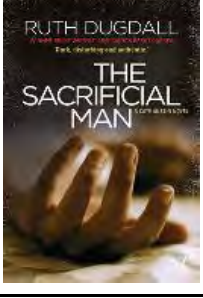
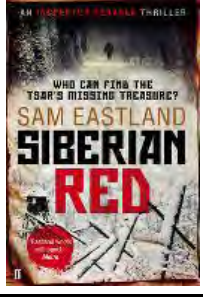

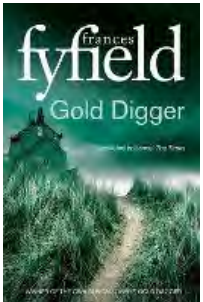
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<p>Janie Bolitho</p>	<p>Caught Out In Cornwall: Rose Trevelyan #7</p>	<p>Pb \$17.99 \$16.20</p> 	<p>When Rose Trevelyan sees a young girl being carried away by someone who appears to be her father, she thinks nothing of it. Until, that is, the appearance of a frantic mother who cannot find her child. Beth Jones is only four years old, and her mother is adamant that the man Rose saw taking her away must be a stranger. Wracked with guilt for not intervening, Rose once again finds herself entangled in a criminal investigation. As time passes, it becomes clear that the chances of getting Beth back unharmed are very bleak indeed ...</p>
<p>Tom Cain</p>	<p>Revenger: Samuel Carver #6</p>	<p>Tp \$32.95 \$29.65</p> 	<p>Ex-marine Samuel Carver makes bad things happen to worse people. He is used to being in complete control. So when he finds himself caught in the middle of a riot in South London, he must fall back on his instincts and years' of training as the riot turns into a battleground. Someone planned this riot for political gain and now Carver - in the wrong place at the wrong time - looks like the perfect scapegoat. Wanted by the police for murder, if he is to clear his name he is going to have to find out who is really behind these events. The truth will shock even Carver - and find him pitted against a deadly enemy who knows all of Carver's secrets and in a fight that will bring him face to face with a killer without conscience.</p>
<p>Lee Child</p>	<p>One Shot: Jack Reacher [film tie-in]</p>	<p>Pb \$19.95 \$17.95</p> 	<p>Six shots. Five dead. One heartland city thrown into a state of terror. But within hours the cops have it solved: a slam-dunk case. Except for one thing. The accused man says: You got the wrong guy. Then he says: Get Reacher for me. And sure enough, from the world he lives in - no phone, no address, no commitments - ex-military investigator Jack Reacher is coming. In Lee Child's astonishing new thriller, Reacher's arrival will change everything - about a case that isn't what it seems, about lives tangled in baffling ways, about a killer who missed one shot - and by doing so gives Jack Reacher one shot at the truth....</p>
<p>Tom Clancy</p>	<p>Threat Vector: Jack Ryan, Jr #4</p>	<p>Hb \$45.00 \$40.50</p> 	<p>Jack Ryan has only just moved back into the Oval Office when he is faced with a new international threat. An aborted coup in the People's Republic of China has left President Wei Zhen Lin with no choice but to agree with the expansionist policies of General Su Ke Quiang. They have declared the South China Sea a protectorate and are planning an invasion of Taiwan. The Ryan administration is determined to thwart these Chinese ambitions, but the stakes are dangerously high as hundreds of Chinese anti-ship missiles thwart the US Navy's plans to protect the island. Meanwhile, Chinese cyber warfare experts have launched a devastating attack on American infrastructure. It's a new combat arena, but it's every bit as deadly as any that has gone before. Jack Ryan, Jr. and his colleagues at the Campus may be just the wild card that his father needs to stack the deck. There's just one problem: someone knows about the off-the-books intelligence agency and may be ready to blow their cover sky high.</p>
<p>Ann Cleeves</p>	<p>The Glass Room: Vera Stanhope #5</p>	<p>Pb \$19.99 \$18.00</p> 	<p>DI Vera Stanhope is not one to make friends easily, but she has more tolerance for her hippy neighbours than most. When one of them goes missing she feels duty-bound to find out what happened. It's an easy job to track the young woman down to a country retreat where aspiring authors gather to work through their novels. It gets complicated when a body is discovered and Vera's neighbour is found with a knife in her hand. Calling in the team, Vera knows that she should hand the case over to someone else but the investigation is too tempting. Then another body is found, and Vera suspects that someone is playing games with her.</p>

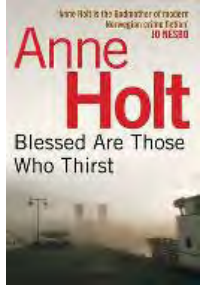

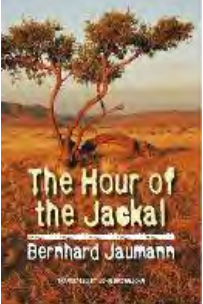

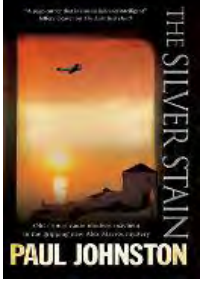
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<p>Michael Connelly</p>	<p>The Harry Bosch Novels: Volume 5 [omnibus]</p>	<p>Tp \$32.99 \$29.70</p> 	<p>The Overlook' sees Harry Bosch plunged into the dangerous world of international terrorism. When a physicist is murdered in LA it seems the killer has no fear of publicity, leaving the body on the Mulholland overlook, a site with a stunning view over the city. And when it's discovered that the victim turned over a quantity of a lethal chemical to his killer before he died, Harry knows he has more than just a single death to worry about. In 'Nine Dragons', the shooting of a Chinese liquor store owner in LA brings Harry Bosch back to the Rodney King riots and the moment a stranger gave a young cop sanctuary. Now, the debt must be repaid, and Harry soon discovers the old man's death was no ordinary holdup. And in 'The Drop', a cold case gets a DNA hit for a rape and murder which points the finger at a 29-year-old convicted rapist. Then a city councilman's son is found dead. The cases are unrelated, but one leads to the discovery of a killer operating in the city for as long as three decades; the other to a political conspiracy reaching into the dark history of the police department.</p>
<p>Thomas H Cook</p>	<p>The Crime of Julian Wells</p>	<p>Tp \$29.99 \$27.00</p> 	<p>Julian Wells was a writer of dark non-fiction works that detailed some of the worst crimes of the 20th Century. Was it this exploration of man's inhumanity to man that caused him to take his own life? When his body is found in a boat drifting in a pond in Montauk, New York, his best friend, the literary critic Philip Anders, begins to reread his work in order to prepare a eulogy. This rereading, along with other clues, convinces the critic that his friend has committed a terrible crime, and that it was as punishment for this crime that Wells took his own life. Anders' investigation sparks an obsession with unravelling the mystery of the man he thought he knew. His journey towards understanding leads him from Paris to Budapest, spans four decades, and takes him deeper and deeper in to the heart of darkness that was Julian Wells...</p>
<p>Patricia Cornwell</p>	<p>Red Mist: Kay Scarpetta #19</p>	<p>Pb \$19.99 \$18.00</p> 	<p>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 vicious and diabolically brilliant killer. Against advice, Scarpetta is determined to hear this woman out - she believes she may hold some answers to the murder of her former deputy. But soon she finds connections to a string of grisly killings, including the slaughter of a Savannah family years earlier. She can see a pattern to these killings, but who is behind them and why? As she learns more, Scarpetta is compelled to conclude that this is only the beginning of something far more destructive: a terrifying terrain of conspiracy and potential terrorism on an international scale. And she is the only one who can stop it...</p>
<p>Ethan Cross</p>	<p>The Prophet</p>	<p>Pb \$19.95 \$17.95</p> 	<p>Francis Ackerman Jr. is America's most terrifying serial killer. Having kept a low profile for the past year, he is ready to return to work - and he's more brutal, cunning, and dangerous than ever. Scarred from their past battles, Special Agent Marcus Williams cannot shake Ackerman from his mind. But now fully integrated into The Shepherd Organisation, an underground law enforcement agency, Marcus has to focus on catching the Anarchist, a new killer who drugs and kidnaps women before savagely disposing of them. Marcus knows the Anarchist will strike again soon. And Ackerman is still free. But worse than this is a mysterious figure, unknown to the authorities, who controls the actions of the Anarchist and many like him. He is the Prophet - and his plans are more terrible than even his disciples imagine. Struggling to contain his own violent anger, Marcus faces a race against time to save the lives of more innocent victims. Can one man stop the evil that attacks from every side?</p>
<p>Clive Cussler & Dirk Cussler</p>	<p>Poseidon's Arrow: Dirk Pitt #22</p>	<p>Hb \$39.99 \$36.00</p> 	<p>It's called Rapiet. It is the biggest advance in naval technology in decades - an attack submarine capable of incredible underwater speeds. There is only one problem: A key element of the prototype has vanished, and the man who developed it is dead. Now Dirk Pitt and his NUMA team must go on a desperate international chase to retrieve it. But as they close in they discover that they're facing a much, much greater threat than they ever imagined. If they fail in their mission, the world might end up a very different place - and not a pleasant one.</p>

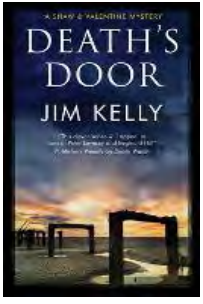
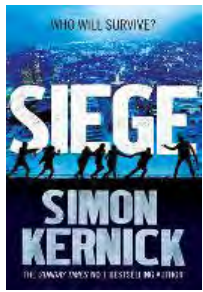

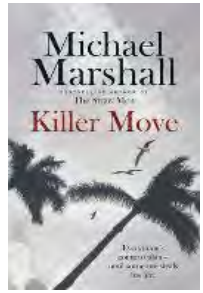
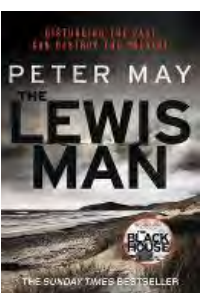
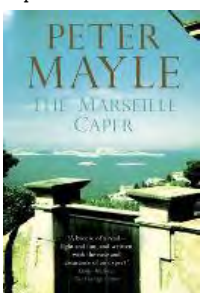
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<p>Jason Dean</p>	<p>The Wrong Man: James Bishop #1</p>	<p>Pb \$19.99 \$18.00</p> 	<p>Nine Hundred and Seventy Three Days. Thinking. Planning. Waiting for the perfect moment. Former Marine James Bishop will only have one chance to prove that he isn't responsible for the murders that put him inside. Three years ago Bishop was the leader of an elite close protection team hired to protect a millionaire and his daughter. After being attacked, Bishop regained consciousness to find seven bodies strewn throughout the millionaire's Long Island mansion - including those of his two charges - and a mountain of evidence guaranteed to send him down for murder. But to find out who set him up and why, Bishop has to be free. And now the time has come to make his move.</p>
<p>Margaret Duffy</p>	<p>Rat Poison: Ingrid Langley #15</p>	<p>Pb \$24.95 \$22.45</p> 	<p>When vicious gang warfare breaks out in the city of Bath, it soon becomes apparent that a London crime lord is trying to move in to the area. DCI James Carrick has to enlist help from the Serious Organized Crime Agency. Patrick Gillard, late of MI5, and his colleague Ingrid Langley are brought in, and their first task is to try to identify those taking part in the shootings. But the gang seems able to stay one step ahead of them all the way...</p>
<p>Ruth Dugdall</p>	<p>The Sacrificial Man</p>	<p>Tp \$29.99 \$27.00</p> 	<p>When Probation Officer Cate Austin is given her new assignment, she faces the highest-profile case of her career. Alice Mariani helped her lover to die, and Cate has to recommend a sentence. But first she needs to understand. Why did Alice agree to everything he asked of her? Ruth Dugdall's novels are pulse-quickening and compulsive, in the vein of Anita Shreve and Jodi Picoult. They are concerned with the lives of women and the moments in childhood that turn us, irrevocably, into the adults we will become; the harrowing paths that we take, the paths that we are unable to resist.</p>
<p>Sam Eastland</p>	<p>Siberian Red: Inspector Pekkala #3</p>	<p>Pb \$19.99 \$18.00</p> 	<p>September 1939. The Second World War Has Begun. Even as the fighting rages in Poland, Stalin's long time obsession with the missing treasure of Tsar Nicholas II is rekindled. An informant claims to have information about the whereabouts of the man entrusted by the Tsar with hiding his gold. As the news of the informant reaches Stalin, however, the man is knifed to death. Stalin summons Pekkala to the Kremlin and orders him to solve the murder. To accomplish his mission, he must return to Borodok, the notorious Gulag where he himself spent many years as a prisoner. There, he must pose as an inmate in order to unravel the mystery...As he returns to the nightmares of his past, is this a mission too far for the great Pekkala?</p>
<p>Gordon Ferris</p>	<p>Truth Dare Kill</p>	<p>Pb \$19.99 \$18.00</p> 	<p>1945: The war's over. But there are no medals for Danny McRae. Just amnesia and blackouts; twin handicaps for a private investigator with a filthy rich client on the hook for murder. Danny's blackouts mean that hours, sometimes days, are a complete blank. So when news of a brutal killer stalking London's red light district start to stir grisly memories, Danny is terrified about what he might discover if he delves deeper into his fractured mind. As the two bloody sagas collide and interweave, Danny finds himself running for his life across the bomb-ravaged city. The only escape is through that gap in his memory...Will his past catch up with him before his enemies? And which would be worse?</p>
<p>Frances Fyfield</p>	<p>Gold Digger</p>	<p>Tp \$29.99 \$27.00</p> 	<p>The warmth of him, the glorious warmth, was fading by the minute. In a huge old school house by the sea, full of precious paintings, Thomas Porteous is dying. His much younger wife Di holds him and mourns. She knows that soon, despite her being his sole inheritor, Thomas's relatives will descend on the collection that was the passion of both of their lives. And descend they do. The two needy daughters, who were poisoned against their father by their defecting mother, are now poison themselves. The family regard Thomas's wealth as theirs by right, with the exception of young Patrick, who adored his grandfather and is torn between his parents and Di, the interloper. The family know Di's weaknesses, and she has to learn theirs. After all, she met Thomas when she came to his house to rob him. With the help of an unlikely collection of loners and eccentrics, she sets a trap to hoist the family members on their own greed. And on the night they are lured to the house, Di will be ready. Or will she?</p>




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<p>Anne Holt</p>	<p>Blessed Are Those Who Thirst</p>	<p>Tp \$29.99 \$27.00</p> 	<p>The Oslo police are baffled. Crime scenes are being found covered with blood, but there is no victim. Only an odd series of numbers is left behind. When a girl is brutally raped in her apartment. Detective Hanne Wilhelmsen is charged with solving the case. Hanne quickly notices strange similarities with the blood-stained crime scenes. But the victim's father has started an independent hunt for the rapist... and Hanne will have to race against time to prevent a victim becoming a vigilante.</p>
<p>Graham Hurley</p>	<p>Happy Days</p>	<p>Pb \$19.99 \$18.00</p> 	<p>DI Faraday is gone and the police are left reeling. As his boss attempts to limit any possible PR damage his one time shadow on the force, ex DC Winter is ever more concerned that he may have made the biggest mistake of his life throwing in his lot with the city's drug baron, Bazza McKenzie. Especially as Bazza is becoming increasingly desperate and violent as his empire begins to crumble under the weight of austere times. And, in the person of DS Jimmy Suttle there's a new will at the heart of Portsmouth's embattled police force to nail Bazza once and for all, the one man Faraday was always desperate to bring to justice.</p>
<p>Bernhard Jaumann</p>	<p>The Hour of the Jackal</p>	<p>Pb \$24.99 \$22.50</p> 	<p>Namibia in January. In the heat of a summer's evening in the affluent Ludwigsdorf suburb of Windhoek, a gardener is cold-bloodedly murdered while children splash and play in the swimming pool. Nineteen years after the murder of SWAPO attorney Anton Lubowski, a new series of assassinations has begun. The victims are all members of the South African secret police. Young detective Clemencia Garises is brutally confronted by the bitter battles of the last days of apartheid, something which she previously only knew about from stories. Her job is both to find the killer and to protect the racist perpetrators of past crimes. But her adversary is playing a game of cat and mouse. He carries out his killings in a neighbourhood full of luxury villas, gains access to a South African prison, smuggles an AK47 across the border, and waits patiently beneath an acacia tree in the middle of the Kalahari for his next victim. He's terminally ill, alone, and keeps on killing. Clemencia quickly realises that this is an avenging angel exacting a toll for past crimes. But who is the killer? And why has he waited for two decades to take his revenge?</p>
<p>Paul Johnston</p>	<p>The Green Lady: Alex Mavros #5</p>	<p>Hb \$39.95 \$35.95</p> 	<p>Set against a glorious Greek backdrop, the intriguing new mystery featuring half Greek, half Scots PI, Alex Mavros. Hired by the wife of one of Greece's richest men to find her missing fourteen-year-old daughter, Mavros faces an uphill battle. But he's not the only one looking for Lia. When a man's charred corpse is discovered in a remote farmhouse, and the headless body of another is found in the ancient stadium at Delphi, Mavros confronts the possibility that one of his deadliest foes has returned to Greece, and that there may be a connection with the Lia Poulou case.</p>
<p>Paul Johnston</p>	<p>The Silver Stain: Alex Mavros #4</p>	<p>Pb \$24.95 \$22.45</p> 	<p>Hired by a Hollywood film company to trace a missing employee in Crete, private investigator Alex Mavros is plunged into a vortex of hatred. The company is shooting a movie about the invasion of Crete by the Germans in 1941 - and their activities are stirring up old resentments among the islanders. The bitterness of the past bursts into the present when one of the film's consultants is found dead, hanged by the neck. Suicide - or murder? Mavros investigates and is drawn into an ever-widening conspiracy.</p>

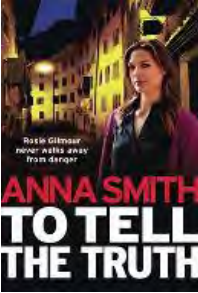
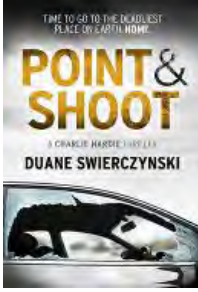
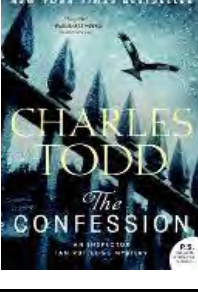
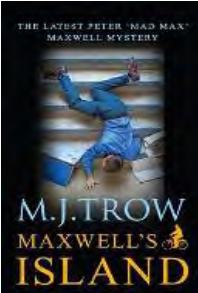


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<p>Jim Kelly</p>	<p>Death's Door: DI Shaw & DS Valentine #4</p>	<p>Pb \$24.95 \$22.45</p> 	<p>On a hot August day in 1994, 76 holidaymakers travel to an island off the North Norfolk coast. Only 75 return alive - a young man is murdered, the case left unsolved. Twenty years later, using state-of-the-art forensics, the DNA results of a bloodsoaked towel prompts DI Peter Shaw to summon all 75 original suspects to a mass screening. But one of them, the beautiful Marianne Osbourne, is found dead in her bed. Is there a link to the 1994 murder? DI Shaw and DS Valentine become immersed in the dark secrets of an isolated community.</p>
<p>Simon Kernick</p>	<p>Siege</p>	<p>Pb \$19.95 \$17.95</p> 	<p>London. The Stanhope Hotel, Park Lane. 16.00. A normal afternoon. The Manager: newly engaged Elena Serenko has just made the life-changing decision to quit her job and start a new life in Australia. The Guests: upstairs, a young woman waits for her lover; a visiting family prepares for an evening out; and a sick man contemplates his own mortality. The Assassin: High up amongst the penthouse suites, a skilled and dangerous killer is hunting a quarry who's eluded him for far too long. The Siege : what none of them know is that a group of ruthless gunmen are about to burst into the Stanhope, shooting indiscriminately, and seizing hostages. As darkness falls and the gunmen become increasingly violent, only one thing matters. Who will survive?</p>
<p>Stuart MacBride</p>	<p>Birthdays for the Dead</p>	<p>Pb \$19.99 \$18.00</p> 	<p>Detective Constable Ash Henderson has a dark secret. Five years ago his daughter, Rebecca, went missing on the eve of her thirteenth birthday. A year later the first card arrived: home-made, with a Polaroid picture stuck to the front - Rebecca, strapped to a chair, gagged and terrified. Every year another card: each one worse than the last. The tabloids call him 'The Birthday Boy'. He's been snatching girls for twelve years, always in the run-up to their thirteenth birthday, sending the families his home-made cards showing their daughters being slowly tortured to death. But Ash hasn't told anyone about Rebecca's birthday cards - they all think she's just run away from home - because if anyone finds out, he'll be taken off the investigation. And he's sacrificed too much to give up before his daughter's killer gets what he deserves.</p>
<p>Michael Marshall</p>	<p>Killer Move</p>	<p>Pb \$19.99 \$18.00</p> 	<p>Bill Moore is a man with a plan. He's got a lucrative job, a great marriage and a beautiful house. He had a five year plan for world domination, too, but it's already creeping into year six...so now he's decided to mix it up a little. This means getting in tight with the people in power. It's all going to plan until the day Bill gets to work to find a card left on his desk. It's black, just one word printed in white: MODIFIED. From that moment, Bill's life begins to change. He soon finds out, in the most terrifying fashion, that he has become the subject of a deadly game...and that he has no choice but to fight back.</p>
<p>Peter May</p>	<p>The Lewis Man</p>	<p>Pb \$19.99 \$18.00</p> 	<p>An unidentified corpse is recovered from a Lewis peat bog; the only clue to its identity being a DNA sibling match to a local farmer. But this islander, Tormod Macdonald - now an elderly man suffering from dementia - has always claimed to be an only child. When Tormod's family approach Fin Macleod for help, Fin feels duty-bound to solve the mystery.</p>
<p>Peter Mayle</p>	<p>Marseille Caper</p>	<p>Tp \$29.99 \$27.00</p> 	<p>Sam's last adventure sent him to France in search of a missing wine collection, but he thought it'd be a while before he was back, especially with the charms of the fiery Elena Morales to keep him settled in Los Angeles. But when the immensely wealthy Francis Reboul, the recent victim of Sam's own counter-heist, asks him to take a job in Marseille, it's impossible for Sam and Elena to resist. The lure of further excitement and the pleasures of the region beckon them back to France. Quelle joie! Yet as competition over Marseille's valuable waterfront grows more hotly disputed, Sam, representing Reboul, finds himself right in the middle, with intrigue and danger following closely behind.</p>

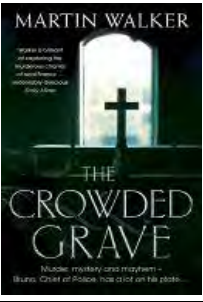
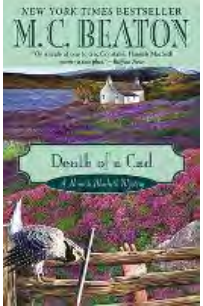



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<p>Boyd Morrison</p>	<p>Tsunami Countdown</p>	<p>Pb \$24.99 \$22.50</p> 	<p>Over the remote central Pacific, an airliner is rocked by a massive explosion and plummets into the ocean, leaving no survivors. Twelve hundred miles away in Hawaii, Kai Tanaka, the acting director of the Pacific Tsunami Warning Centre in Honolulu, notes a minor seismic disturbance but doesn't make the connection with the lost airplane. He has no reason to worry about his wife, manager of a luxury hotel, or his daughter, who is enjoying the sunshine at Waikiki beach. But when all contact with neighbouring Christmas Island is lost, Kai is the first to realize that Hawaii faces an epic catastrophe: in one hour, a series of massive waves will wipe out Honolulu. He has just sixty minutes to save the lives of a million people, including his wife and daughter.</p>
<p>Jo Nesbo</p>	<p>Phantom: Harry Hole #9</p>	<p>Pb \$19.95 \$17.95</p> 	<p>After the horrors of his last case, Harry Hole left Oslo and the police force far behind him. Now he's back, but the case he's come to investigate is already closed, and the suspect already behind bars. Denied permission to reopen the investigation, Harry strikes out on his own, quickly discovering a trail of violence and mysterious disappearances apparently unnoticed by the police. At every turn, Harry is faced with a wall of silence. But Harry is not the only one interested in the case. From the moment he steps off the plane, someone is watching his every move...</p>
<p>James Patterson</p>	<p>I, Michael Bennett: Bennett #5</p>	<p>Pb \$19.95 \$17.95</p> 	<p>Detective Michael Bennett arrests infamous South American crime lord Manuel Perrine in a deadly chase that leaves Bennett's lifelong friend Hughie McDonough dead. From jail, the prisoner vows to rain terror down upon New York City - and to get revenge on Michael Bennett. Perrine's men create chaos: police officers are shot, judges murdered. As Bennett is engulfed in the struggle against this widening organised violence, he realises that not only is he being targetted, the lives of everyone he loves are under threat.</p>
<p>James Patterson</p>	<p>Merry Christmas, Alex Cross</p>	<p>Tp \$32.95 \$29.65</p> 	<p>It's Christmas Eve and Detective Alex Cross has been called out to catch someone who's robbing his church's poor box. That mission behind him, Alex returns home to celebrate with Bree, Nana, and his children. The tree decorating is barely underway before his phone rings again - a horrific hostage situation is quickly spiraling out of control. Away from his own family on the most precious of days, Alex calls upon every ounce of his training, creativity, and daring to save another family. Alex risks everything - and he may not make it back alive on this most sacred of family days. Alex Cross is a hero for our time, and never more so than in this story of family, action, and the deepest moral choices.</p>
<p>Otto Penzler [ed]</p>	<p>Mark Twain's Medieval Romance, and Other Classic Mystery Stories</p>	<p>Pb \$17.95 \$16.15</p> 	<p>Tantalizing, as ingenious as they are devious, the classic stories in this continually arresting collection come with an irresistible challenge: At their end they leave it to you, the reader, to determine how they end. For ultimately it's the reader who authors the fate of the brave youth as he contemplates which of the two doors in the king's arena he will choose in Frank Stockton's famous and unforgettable The Lady, or the Tiger. And which of the two brothers in three-time Edgar-winner Stanley Ellin's Unreasonable Doubt shoots a bullet square in the middle of their rich uncle's forehead? And just what not-so-sweet secret is the prim Miss Spence hiding behind her smile in Aldous Huxley's deliciously enigmatic tale? You decide.</p>
<p>Craig Robertson</p>	<p>Cold Grave</p>	<p>Pb \$19.99 \$18.00</p> 	<p>November, 1993. Scotland is in the grip of the coldest winter in living memory and the Lake of Menteith is frozen over. A young man and woman walk across the ice to the historic island of Inchmahome which lies in the middle of the lake. Only the man comes back. In the spring, as staff prepare the abbey ruins for summer visitors, they discover the unidentifiable remains of the body of a girl, her skull violently crushed. Twenty years later, present day. Retired detective Alan Narey is still haunted by the unsolved crime. Desperate to relieve her father's conscience DS Rachel Narey returns to the Lake of Menteith and unofficially reopens the cold case. With the help of police photographer Tony Winter, Rachel discovers that the one man her father had always suspected was the killer has recently died. Risking her job and reputation, Narey prepares a dangerous gambit to uncover the killer's identity - little knowing who that truly is.</p>

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<p>Anna Smith</p>	<p>To Tell the Truth: Rosie Gilmour #2</p>	<p>Pb \$19.99 \$18.00</p> 	<p>A three-year-old girl is snatched from a beach. Nobody heard a sound. Nobody saw a thing. Rosie Gilmour's much-needed holiday is cut short when the abduction story breaks and she's sent to cover it. Her instincts tell her something's wrong: such a crime must surely have witnesses, and the girl's mother's story doesn't add up. With a child's life at stake, Rosie must dig deeper into the seedy depths of the area, making dangerous enemies. As she closes in on the truth, she realises the penalty for missing this particular deadline could be her own demise.</p>
<p>Duane Swierczynski</p>	<p>Point and Shoot: Charlie Hardie #3</p>	<p>Pb \$19.99 \$18.00</p> 	<p>On a day like any other day, Kendra Hardie picks up the phone. A voice says, 'leave the house and you're dead'. Then the line is cut. Kendra hasn't seen her husband Charlie for nearly a decade. He hasn't forgotten about her - but neither have his enemies. And he has a lot of enemies. Charlie thought he could protect her by staying away. But now he has access to secrets his enemies will kill to keep hidden, and they're planning to start with his family. After years in exile, Charlie's arming up...and heading home.</p>
<p>Charles Todd</p>	<p>The Confession: Ian Rutledge #14</p>	<p>Pb \$16.99 \$15.30</p> 	<p>Claiming he needs to clear his conscience, a dying man walks into Scotland Yard and confesses that he killed his cousin years ago during the war. When Inspector Ian Rutledge presses for details, the man dodges the questions, revealing only that he hails from the north of London in Essex. With little information and no body to open an official inquiry, Rutledge begins to look into the case on his own. But less than two weeks later, the would-be killer's body is found floating in the Thames, a bullet hole in the back of his head. Searching for answers, Rutledge discovers that the dead man was not who he claimed to be. So what was his real name -and who put a bullet in his head? The inspector's only clue is a gold locket - found around the dead man's neck - that leads back to Essex, an insular village that will do anything to protect itself from notoriety...</p>
<p>M J Trow</p>	<p>Maxwell's Island: Peter Maxwell #16</p>	<p>Pb \$17.99 \$16.20</p> 	<p>Having had his retirement snatched from him by malfunctioning technology, Peter Maxwell finds himself facing yet another new year at Leighford High School. After having her hopes of a dedicated house-husband dashed, his wife, Jacquie, is further annoyed when a family holiday quickly becomes an impromptu Year Seven trip to the Isle of Wight, families welcome. Less than a week into their trip the situation takes another turn for the worse when the wife of Tom Medlicott, the new Head of Art, goes missing, forcing Jacquie to play the role of woman policeman. Back in Hampshire, when Medlicott himself is found dead at the bottom of the stairs Henry Hall is also drawn into the investigation, but with the man's entire family lying at the bottom of the morgue, his suspect list is non-existent. Then Maxwell stumbles by accident on the linchpin to the whole case. He knows the reason; all he has to find is the murderer...</p>
<p>Nicola Upson</p>	<p>Fear in the Sunlight: Josephine Tey #4</p>	<p>Pb \$19.99 \$18.00</p> 	<p>Summer, 1936. Writer, Josephine Tey, joins her friends in the holiday village of Portmeirion to celebrate her fortieth birthday. Alfred Hitchcock and his wife, Alma Reville, are there to sign a deal to film Josephine's novel, A Shilling for Candles, and Hitchcock has one or two tricks up his sleeve to keep the holiday party entertained - and expose their deepest fears. But things get out of hand when one of Hollywood's leading actresses is brutally slashed to death in a cemetery near the village. The following day, as fear and suspicion take over in a setting where nothing - and no one - is quite what it seems, Chief Inspector Archie Penrose becomes increasingly unsatisfied with the way the investigation is ultimately resolved. Several years later, another horrific murder, again linked to a Hitchcock movie, drives Penrose back to the scene of the original crime to uncover the shocking truth.</p>
<p>Andrew Vachss</p>	<p>A Bomb Built in Hell: Wesley's Story</p>	<p>Pb \$25.95 \$17.65</p> 	<p>While doing time for manslaughter, Wesley meets prison boss Carmine Trentoni, an Old School gangster who no longer believes in the blood-oath he took years ago. Carmine's triple life sentence hasn't cut him off from all his outside sources - he has waited with the patience of stone for someone capable of absorbing his knowledge... and carrying out his sworn vengeance. Wesley emerges from prison as the perfect hit man: calculating, deadly, and ice-cold. He follows Carmine's instructions: locate the last of us, one Mr Petraglia, then assassinate a Chinatown gang boss and a Mafia chief. But then Wesley finds his own mission. As he begins to see the root of all he has learned to hate, he and a youth just out of reform school, known only as The Kid, begin to take out political targets. In a final burst of understanding, Wesley decides to leave The Kid behind. But not before he writes his own suicide note... in dynamite.</p>

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<p>Martin Walker</p>	<p>The Crowded Grave: Bruno #4</p>	<p>Pb \$19.99 \$18.00</p> 	<p>Life in the South of France isn't full of the charming peace that you might imagine. In St Denis a summit in a local chateau is threatened by Basque separatists, animal rights campaigners are causing havoc and it's about to get worse. A local archaeological team unearths a well-preserved skeleton. Yet it's a lot more recent than they'd hoped - boasting a Swatch and a bullet-hole. Meanwhile, an influx of visitors makes Saint Denis unusually crowded, and the key to the body appears to lie with one of these outsiders. Bruno must think fast and keep his wits about him in order to work out how these events are connected. Especially if the answer lies a little closer to home.</p>
<p>COSY CRIME</p>			
<p>M C Beaton</p>	<p>Death of A Cad: Hamish Macbeth #2</p>	<p>Pb \$13.50 \$12.15</p> 	<p>When Priscilla Halburton-Smythe brings her London playwright fianc home to Lochdubh, everybody in town is delighted... except for love-smitten Constable Hamish Macbeth. Yet his affairs of the heart will have to wait. Vile, boorish Captain Bartlett, one of the guests at Priscilla's engagement party, has just been found murdered-shot while on a grouse hunt. Now with many titled party guests as the prime suspects, each with a reason for snuffing out the despicable captain, Hamish must smooth ruffled feathers as he investigates the case. When the hidden culprit strikes again, Hamish will find himself trying to save Priscilla from a miserable marriage-and catch a killer before he flies the coop.</p>
<p>Juliet Blackwell</p>	<p>Murder on the House: Haunted Home Renovation #3</p>	<p>Pb \$13.50 \$12.15</p> 	<p>Bed and breakfast - with a side of ghosts. Since word has spread that contractor Mel Turner can communicate with the spirits of the dead, it's been difficult to maintain a low profile. She embraces her reputation, however, for the chance to restore an historic house that calls to her. The new owners, who hope to run a haunted B&B, want Mel to encourage the ghosts that supposedly roam the halls to enhance its paranormal charm. The catch: Mel has to spend one night in the house to win the project. But during the spine-chilling sleepover, the estate gains another supernatural occupant - when someone doesn't survive the night. And as Mel tries to coax the resident spirits into revealing the identity of the killer, she risks becoming the next casualty of this dangerous renovation.</p>
<p>Rhys Bowen</p>	<p>Naughty In Nice: Royal Spyness #5</p>	<p>Pb \$11.95 \$8.70</p> 	<p>Lady Georgiana Rannoch has once again been called into service by Her Majesty the Queen. This time she's sent to Nice on a secret assignment that's nothing to sneeze at; recovering the Queen's stolen snuff box. As much of an honour as it is to be trusted by Her Majesty, an even greater honour awaits Georgie in Nice - as Coco Chanel herself asks Georgie to model her latest fashions. But when a necklace belonging to the Queen is stolen on the catwalk, Georgie has to find two priceless items and solve a murder. How's a girl to find any time to go to the casino?</p>
<p>Erika Chase</p>	<p>Read and Buried: Ashton Corners #2</p>	<p>Pb \$13.50 \$12.15</p> 	<p>Hosting an award-winning novelist is quite a Christmas coup for the Ashton Corners Mystery Readers and Cheese Straw Society. But when he's murdered in Lizzie Turner's house, she's got a holiday homicide on her hands... For their very first guest author event, most of the book club members can't wait to pull out all the stops in Southern hospitality. But for Lizzie, Derek Alton is nothing but trouble - from his massive ego to his smarmy moves. When he's found murdered in her living room, it seems someone decided that this womanizing writer would be better off dead than read. After suspicion falls on Lizzie's friend, she and her fellow book club members discover that Derek wasn't who he pretended to be. Cracking this case means going up against Lizzie's boyfriend, police chief Mark Dreyfus, and unearthing a novel's worth of nasty secrets. And as they get closer to uncovering Derek's scandalous final manuscript, someone hiding in plain sight is out to write finis to Lizzie's sleuthing for good...</p>

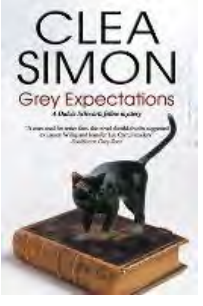
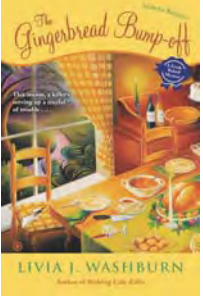
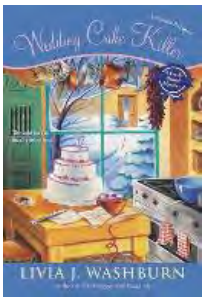
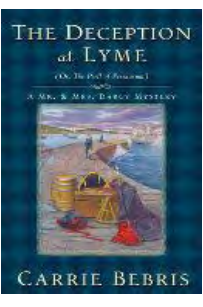

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<p>Laura Childs</p>	<p>Stake and Eggs: Cackleberry Club #4</p>	<p>Pb \$13.50 \$12.15</p> 	<p>Suzanne, Toni, and Petra found a second life after losing their husbands, by opening their own successful business, the Cackleberry Club cafe. But the three women never expected sleuthing to be the special of the day. When a snowmobile crashes into the woods behind the Cackleberry Club cafe, Suzanne finds her town's most-hated banker beheaded by a wire staked in the snow. Now some of her best customers are prime suspects with a bushel of motives, and the murder investigation is snowballing. An elusive young runaway may be the Cackleberry Club's only way to crack the case... provided Suzanne can keep her head long enough to track down the cold-blooded killer.</p>
<p>Blaize Clement</p>	<p>The Cat Sitter's Pajamas: Dixie Hemingway #7</p>	<p>Pb \$13.50 \$12.15</p> 	<p>Dixie Hemingway, no relation to you-know-who, accepts a job taking care of celebrity linebacker Cupcake Trillin's cats while he's away. What seems like a simple cat-sitting job turns scary when Dixie finds a high-profile fashion model in Cupcake's house. The woman refuses to leave and she also claims to be Cupcake's wife. Only problem? Dixie has met Cupcake's wife - and she's not this woman. Before long Dixie is spun into the world of counterfeit high fashion... and a whole lot of cat fur. When a valuable list of fake-merchandise sellers goes missing, the criminals go after Dixie. Just when she thought she could have her (cup)cake and eat it too, Dixie finds herself with her tail between her legs. Can she claw her way out of this one?</p>
<p>Mary Lou Kirwin</p>	<p>Killer Librarian</p>	<p>Pb \$13.50 \$12.15</p> 	<p>Minnesota librarian Karen Nash decides to go on her London vacation anyway even though her boyfriend has jilted her the day they are about to leave. Then she sees him at the airport boarding the same plane as she, only with another woman. Karen's thoughts turn murderous and later spill over in what she assumes is an idle pub conversation with a sympathetic stranger. Only later does she realize this man might have taken her at her word when she said she wanted her ex dead. Meanwhile as Karen gets better acquainted with Caldwell Perkins, the owner of the charming B&B where she is staying, she discovers they have a lot in common - he might well love books as much as she does. Things are starting to look up when all of a sudden a dead body turns up in Caldwell's B&B sitting room - and several of the guests have reason to seem suspicious. Karen can't help but play detective, and clues begin to fall into place as she visits museums, used bookstores and the Chelsea garden show...</p>
<p>Deryn Lake</p>	<p>Dead on Cue: Reverend Nick Lawrence #2</p>	<p>Hb \$39.95 \$35.95</p> 	<p>A new arrival to Lakehurst village can only mean trouble for Reverend Nick Lawrence. The residents of the sleepy Sussex village of Lakehurst are abuzz with the news of the arrival of Gerry Harlington, a flamboyant American actor and the new owner of Abbot's Manor, with his glamorous wife. The local dramatic society recruits him as their director for their new show, but his ideas are met with violent protest from the amateur actors. So when a corpse is discovered after the grand opening night, Reverend Nick Lawrence doesn't have to look far to find potential suspects...</p>
<p>Joyce & Jim Lavene</p>	<p>A Haunting Dream: Missing Pieces #4</p>	<p>Pb \$13.50 \$12.15</p> 	<p>The mayor of Duck, North Carolina, Dae O'Donnell, is a woman with a gift for finding lost things. Sometimes it leads her to lost keys or earrings - and sometimes it leads her to murder. When her boyfriend Kevin's ex-fiancee Ann arrives in Duck looking for a second chance, Dae suddenly finds herself facing certain heartache. And while her romantic life is in shambles, she's even more concerned by the sudden change in her gift. After touching a medallion owned by a local named Chuck Sparks, Dae is shocked when her vision reveals his murder - and a cry for help. Dae doesn't know what to make of the dead man's plea to help her, until she has another vision about a kidnapped girl - Chuck's daughter, Betsy. With a child missing, the FBI steps in to take over the case. But Dae can't ignore her visions of Betsy, or the fact that Kevin's psychic ex-fiancee might be the only person who can help find her...</p>

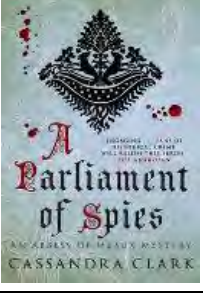
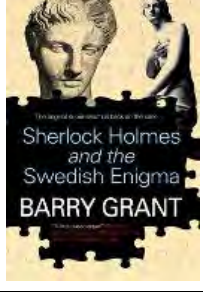
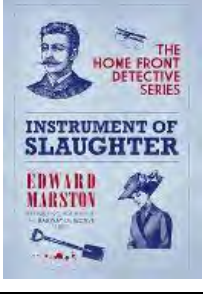
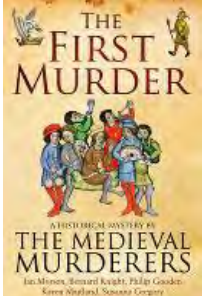

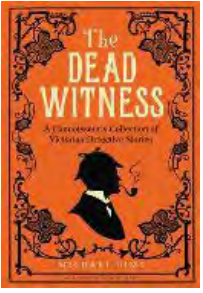
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<p>Amanda Lee</p>	<p>Thread on Arrival: Embroidery #5</p>	<p>Pb \$13.50 \$12.15</p> 	<p>Embroidery shop owner Marcy Singer gets hung up on a tapestry that may lead to sunken treasure and be the motive for murder. When Marcy's friend Reggie, Tallulah Falls' local librarian, asks her to teach an embroidery class as therapy for domestic abuse victims, she gladly agrees. One of the women wants to flee from her abusive husband but is afraid to leave her elderly father-in-law behind. And she thinks Marcy can help. The elderly gentleman shows Marcy a tapestry his grandmother made, which he believes reveals the location of pirate treasure off the Oregon coast. He'll move to a shelter - provided Marcy takes the tapestry to keep it safe. But when the police arrive the next day to escort him out, they find the old man murdered and the house ransacked. Does someone want that treasured tapestry desperately enough to kill for it?</p>
<p>Jenn McKinlay</p>	<p>Book, Line, and Sinkers: Library Lovers #3</p>	<p>Pb \$13.50 \$12.15</p> 	<p>Lindsey is enjoying her second year in Briar Creek as the library director, meeting with the crafternoon club, and happily dating tour boat captain Mike Sullivan. But when a salvage company arrives in town to dig up treasure buried on Pirate Island over three hundred years ago, the locals are torn between protecting the island and welcoming the publicity. In spite of the squabbling, Charlie Peyton, Lindsey's downstairs neighbor, takes a job with the salvage company. But when Trudi Hargrave, the local tourism director who hired the company, is found murdered at the excavation site, Charlie becomes the chief suspect. To help him, Lindsey must do some digging of her own before the real killer buries the truth for good...</p>
<p>Andrea Penrose</p>	<p>Recipe for Treason: Lady Arianna #3</p>	<p>Pb \$13.50 \$12.15</p> 	<p>England, 1814. Lady Arianna Hadley and her husband, the Earl of Saybrook, want nothing more than to savor a quiet life embellished by the occasional cup of the finest chocolate. However, when they receive orders to travel to Scotland and capture an elusive traitor, they feel their duty to the Crown must come first. In a laboratory in Scotland, they discover the corpse of a chemistry professor - and cryptic papers hinting at a dangerous new discovery now in enemy hands. Racing against time, Arianna and Saybrook pursue their most cunning and dangerous adversary yet through a complex network of intrigue involving exotic chocolates, daredevil aviators, a missing inventor, and a secret recipe that must be recovered at any cost...</p>
<p>Hannah Reed</p>	<p>Beeline to Trouble: Queen Bee #4</p>	<p>Pb \$13.50 \$12.15</p> 	<p>Folks in Moraine, Wisconsin, are buzzing about the latest swarm of trouble humming around Story Fischer... It's a real buzz-kill when beekeeper Story Fischer gets a visit from her frantic sister. Now she has to help host a combative trio of professional food flavorists. Good thing the well-stocked shelves of Story's grocery store, the Wild Clover, can provide the morning meal. During a pre-lunch tour of Story's hives, however, one of the guests is found dead. Just what Story needs only days after hunky boyfriend, Hunter Wallace, finally decided to move in. As if a dead body isn't enough to put a damper on romance, Story becomes a prime suspect when the carrot juice she brought with the breakfast fixings is found to contain poison. Now it's up to Story to comb through the evidence and find the real perpetrator before she ends up getting stung herself...</p>
<p>Delia Rosen</p>	<p>A Killer in the Rye: Deadly Deli #3</p>	<p>Pb \$13.50 \$12.15</p> 	<p>When the McCoy's Bakery delivery guy is found dead in front of her deli, Gwen "Nashville" Katz, the owner of Murray's Pastrami Swami, must prove her innocence while juggling two romances and making salami sandwiches.</p>
<p>Paige Shelton</p>	<p>A Killer Maize: Farmers Market #4</p>	<p>Pb \$13.50 \$12.15</p> 	<p>Becca Robbins is selling her farm-made jams and preserves at a county fair where business is not the only thing that's dead. The last person Becca expects to run into at the Swayton County Fall Festival is her ex-husband, Scott Triplett, who's operating a shooting gallery. Honesty was not always Scott's policy, and their unexpected reunion is further complicated when the festival becomes a crime scene. On Becca's second day there, Ferris wheel operator Virgil Morrison is found hanging from his rickety ride, dead from a gunshot. As Becca starts to notice Scott suspiciously sneaking around the fairgrounds, she begins to worry her ex may be involved in the murder. Then there's the shadow she sees in the creepy corn maze and rumors of a gypsy curse - not to mention Virgil's mysterious spider tattoo. Now Becca must search through a labyrinth of lies, secrets, and superstition to find a kernel of truth...before the killer starts stalking her.</p>

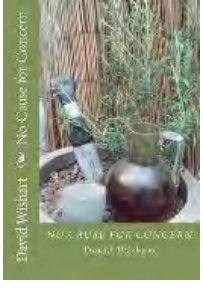
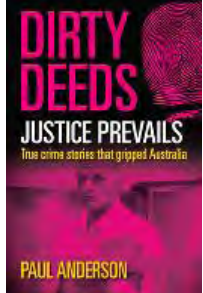

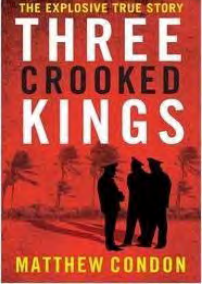
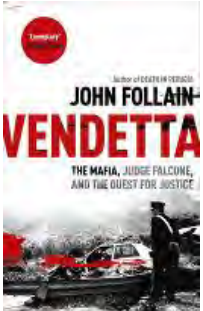
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<p>Clea Simon</p>	<p>Grey Expectations: Dulcie Schwartz #4</p>	<p>Pb \$24.95 \$22.45</p> 	<p>Could a missing book be haunted? Dulcie Schwartz doesn't want to think so, but ever since it disappeared from the university, things have gone from bad to worse - one of her colleagues accused of homicide, and another revealed as an impostor. To top it all off, both the ghost cat Mr Grey and the kitten Esmae seem to have switched their allegiance to her boyfriend. Deprived of feline assistance, Dulcie must uncover the truth by herself, or else find herself on the hook for the theft - and murder.</p>
<p>Livia J Washburn</p>	<p>The Gingerbread Bump-Off: Fresh Baked #6</p>	<p>Pb \$13.50 \$12.15</p> 	<p>As Christmas approaches in Weatherford, Texas, Phyllis Newsom is decorating her house in preparation for the Jingle Bell Tour. The last thing she expects is that one of her ceramic gingerbread men will be used to commit murder. When her friend Georgia Hallerbee asks Phyllis to have her house featured in the annual Christmas Jingle Bell Tour of Homes, Phyllis is equally flattered and flustered. She already has a bridal shower on Christmas Eve and a wedding on New Year's Eve to prepare for, and she's been baking gingerbread cookies like they're going out of style. But like her tasty treats, she rises to the occasion. Before the tour can even get under way, Phyllis hears a crash on her front porch and makes a gruesome discovery. Someone has broken a decorative gingerbread man over Georgia's head. Santa's naughty list just got longer - and with the police baffled, it's up to Phyllis to catch a half-baked killer...</p>
<p>Livia J Washburn</p>	<p>Wedding Cake Killer: Fresh Baked #7</p>	<p>Pb \$23.95 \$21.55</p> 	<p>Wedding bells will be ringing in Weatherford, Texas, this Christmas when Phyllis Newsom opens up her home for her best friend's wedding. And although the bride is wearing white, no one suspects that she'll soon be wearing black. After all the planning - and the cake tasting - the big day has arrived. Eve Turner, one of Phyllis's boarders - and her best friend - is moving out and getting married to the affable Roy Porter. While she's sad to see Eve go, Phyllis is more than happy to host the event in her house and to bake the bride and groom a delicious three-tiered coconut wedding cake. Even though a snowstorm in the forecast seems like a recipe for disaster, the day runs as smoothly as butter cream. But the marriage doesn't last long past the honeymoon. When Roy's found dead at a Weatherford bed-and-breakfast, Eve's the top suspect. Now Phyllis must find out who iced Roy before her friend finds herself behind bars...</p>
<p>HISTORICAL CRIME</p>			
<p>Carrie Bebris</p>	<p>The Deception at Lyme (Or, The Peril of Persuasion): Mr & Mrs Darcy #6</p>	<p>Pb \$23.95 \$21.55</p> 	<p>Following their recent intrigue at Highbury, Fitzwilliam and Elizabeth Darcy visit the seaside village of Lyme on holiday. Family business also draws them there, to receive the personal effects of Mr. Darcy's late cousin, a naval lieutenant who died in action. Their retreat turns tragic when they come upon a body lying at the base of the Cobb. The victim is Mrs. Clay, a woman with a scandalous past that left her with child - a child whose existence threatened the inheritance of one of her paramours and the reputation of another. Did she lose her balance and fall from the slippery breakwater, or was she pushed? Mrs. Clay's death is not the only one that commands the Darcys' attention. When Mr. Darcy discovers, among his cousin's possessions, evidence that the young lieutenant's death might have been murder, he allies with Captain Frederick Wentworth (hero of Jane Austen's Persuasion) to probe details of a battle that took place across the sea... but was influenced by a conspiracy much closer to home.</p>
<p>Alys Clare</p>	<p>The Way Between The Worlds: Aelf Fen #4</p>	<p>Pb \$24.95 \$22.45</p> 	<p>"Come to me! I need you!" These words bring apprentice healer Lassair awake one morning in the spring of 1092, trembling with terror. Soon Lassair is certain that one of her loved ones is in terrible danger... and when the news comes that a nun at Chatteris Abbey - where her beloved sister Elfritha lives - has been murdered, Lassair fears the worst. She sets off immediately, but the danger she will have to face may be greater than she is ready for...</p>


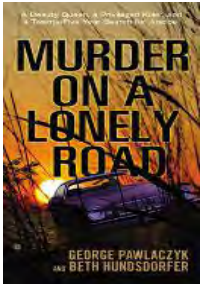
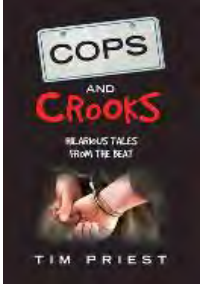
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<p>Cassandra Clark</p>	<p>A Parliament of Spies: Abbess of Meaux #4</p>	<p>Pb \$17.99 \$16.20</p> 	<p>Autumn, 1386. Hildegard of Meaux - a Cistercian abbess with a keen instinct for crime solving - is accompanying the Archbishop of York to London. When the Archbishop's saucier is found brutally murdered in an ale vat amidst preparations to leave, it emerges that the culprit must be one of the Archbishop's party. The journey from York to London is fraught with more deadly surprises, and it becomes clear to Hildegard that this sinister plot may also involve King Richard, and those looking to depose him at all costs. Traitors, murderers, noblemen and madmen come together to create a puzzling scheme that only Hildegard can solve.</p>
<p>Barry Grant</p>	<p>Sherlock Holmes and the Swedish Enigma</p>	<p>Pb \$24.95 \$22.45</p> 	<p>A corpse in a sarcophagus, a headless macaw, and a stolen slice of Black Forest gâteau alert Sherlock Holmes to a macabre international crime in progress, and lead him through London's backstreets to the gloomy moors of Cornwall. People vanish, Greek statues vanish. Even Holmes vanishes - to the distress of his companion, James Wilson, whose emails and text messages go unanswered. But Holmes is in top form, fully recovered from his journey through ice to the twenty-first century and ready to reveal a multitude of secrets...</p>
<p>Edward Marston</p>	<p>Instrument of Slaughter: Inspector Marmion & Sergeant Keedy #2</p>	<p>Hb \$39.95 \$35.95</p> 	<p>1916. Inspector Marmion and Sergeant Keedy are assigned to the case when the body of a young conscientious objector is found bludgeoned to death. Public sympathy is lukewarm for conscientious objectors with some people even claim that a conchie deserves to die if he won't fight for his King and Country. As the detectives identify one suspect, others pop up in the most unexpected places. Everyone speaks well of Ablatt but is he really the saint they describe? Marmion and Keedy have to dig deep in order to unearth the instrument of slaughter and the person who wielded it. Marston has legions of fans for his Railway Detective series, among others, and they are sure to find the rich historical period of WW1 London very much to their taste.</p>
<p>Medieval Murderers</p>	<p>The First Murder: Medieval Murderers #8</p>	<p>Tp \$34.95 \$31.45</p> 	<p>Carmarthen, 1199. A sudden snowstorm in late December means that two parties of travellers are forced to abandon their journeys and take refuge in the bustling market town of Carmarthen. Unfortunately, the two groups - one representing the Archbishop of Canterbury and one comprising canons from St David's Cathedral - are bitter opponents in a dispute that has been raging for several months. When an enigmatic stranger appears, and requests permission to stage a play, which he claims will alleviate tensions and engender an atmosphere of seasonal harmony, the castle's constable, Sir Symon Cole, refuses on the grounds that encouraging large gatherings of angry people is likely to end in trouble, but his wife Gwenllian urges him to reconsider. At first, it appears she is right, until one of the Archbishop's envoys dies inexplicably on the eve of the performance. Throughout the ages, the play is performed in many guises, but each time bad luck seems to follow after all those involved in its production...</p>
<p>Lynn Shepherd</p>	<p>Tom-All-Alone's: Charles Maddox #2</p>	<p>Pb \$19.99 \$18.00</p> 	<p>Charles Maddox, dismissed from the police force, is working as a private detective and can only hope to follow in his uncle's formidable footsteps as an eminent thief-taker. On a cold and bright Autumn morning, a policeman calls on Charles at his lodgings with information that may be related to a case he is working on. He goes to a ruined cemetery to find a shallow grave containing the remains of four babies that has been discovered. After examining, he concludes they are not related to his investigation, which is to find a young girl abandoned in a workhouse 16 years before, when her mother died. But all is not as it first appears. As he's drawn into another case at the behest of feared lawyer, Edward Tulkinghorn, London's sinister underbelly begins to emerge. From the first gruesome murder, Charles must race against time to establish the root of all evil...</p>
<p>Michael Sims</p>	<p>The Dead Witness: A Connoisseur's Collection of Victorian Detective Stories</p>	<p>Pb \$22.99 \$20.70</p> 	<p>This anthology gathers the finest police and private detective adventure stories from the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. 'The Dead Witness', the 1866 title story by Australian writer Mary Fortune, is the first known detective story by a woman, a suspenseful clue-strewn manhunt in the Outback. This forgotten treasure sets the tone for the whole anthology as surprises appear from every direction, including more female detectives and authors than you'll find in any other anthology of its kind. Authors range from luminaries such as Charles Dickens to the forgotten author who helped inspire Edgar Allan Poe's 'The Murders in the Rue Morgue', the first real detective story. Michael Sims's new collection reveals the fascinating and entertaining youth of what would mature into the most popular genre of the twentieth century.</p>

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<p>David Wishart</p>	<p>No Cause for Concern: Marcus Corvinus #14</p>	<p>Pb \$18.95 \$17.05</p> 	<p>"I need a favour from you, Corvinus. Do what Occusia asks, and I'll be very grateful. Very grateful indeed. Turn her down, or fudge things, and - watch my lips here, please - you'll wish that you'd never been born. Your choice, absolutely no pressure. You understand?" Four years down the line, and Sempronius Eutacticus is still the charming, good-natured organized-crime boss that he was when they last met. Now his stepson has gone missing, and he wants Corvinus to trace him. Not that it should be difficult: young Titus has simply run off to join his uncle's acting troupe, and there really is no cause for concern. Until, of course, his body turns up...</p>
<p>TRUE CRIME</p>			
<p>Paul Anderson</p>	<p>Dirty Deeds: Justice Prevails - True Crime Stories That Gripped Australia</p>	<p>Pb \$24.95 \$22.45</p> 	<p>An inside account of some of Australia's most gruesome and recent crime cases. Go inside a maximum security jail unit to learn why feared prisoner Matthew Charles Johnson murdered drug boss Carl Williams in the most brutal way possible. Question how a two-time killer was allowed the freedom to murder his third innocent victim, dismembering her in a bathtub and throwing the body out to sea. Read these and many more true stories but beware, Dirty Deeds: Justice Prevails is not for the faint hearted.</p>
<p>Peter Butt</p>	<p>Who Killed Dr Bogle and Mrs Chandler?</p>	<p>Hb \$26.95 \$24.25</p> 	<p>The bizarre deaths of Dr Gilbert Bogle and Mrs Margaret Chandler have become one of the most mysterious cases in Australian criminal history. With no clues as to how they died, the half-naked bodies of the brilliant physicist and his lover were found beside the Lane Cove River on New Years Day, 1963. Adding to the mystery was the strange manner in which their bodies were covered. Thus began the enormous surge of conspiracy theories and public mistrust. Growing up several minutes from the crime scene and obsessed with the case, author Peter Butt gives the most up-to-date, detailed investigation so far. His groundbreaking revelations into the mystery are exclusive to this book and include details such as: why both the original investigation and the Coronial Inquest failed the victims; the suppression of evidence concerning the private worlds of Dr Bogle and Mrs Chandler; new revelations regarding the identity of the person who covered the bodies; the mysterious contents of an FBI file on the case and why one of the key players in the story was an ASIO agent.</p>
<p>Matthew Condon</p>	<p>Three Crooked Kings</p>	<p>Tp \$35.00 \$31.50</p> 	<p>Terence Murray Lewis lifted himself out of poverty and emotional neglect to reach the pinnacle of power as the knighted Commissioner of Police in Queensland. Then, with the advent of the Fitzgerald Inquiry into Police Corruption in 1987, his life and that of his family fell apart overnight. He served ten years in prison for official corruption. At 84, he now lives a spartan life in a north Brisbane suburb. Here, Lewis speaks for the first time and offers his version of the narrative. Also, with unprecedented access to Lewis' personal papers that cover everything from his induction as a constable in 1949, his complete official police diaries and previously confidential police documents to his private prison diaries, this is the definitive account of an era that changed Queensland society.</p>
<p>John Follain</p>	<p>Vendetta: The Mafia, Judge Falcone and the Quest for Justice</p>	<p>Pb \$22.99 \$20.70</p> 	<p>On 23 May 1992 the Mafia assassinated its 'Number One Enemy', the legendary prosecutor Judge Falcone, with a motorway bomb that also killed his wife Francesca and three bodyguards. Fifty-seven days later, the Mafia killed Falcone's friend and colleague, Judge Paolo Borsellino, with a car bomb outside his mother's home that also killed five bodyguards. These two murders changed forever how Italy viewed the Mafia. This tells the inside story of the assassination plots and the investigation that followed. Follain reveals Borsellino's desperate race against time to find out who killed his friend while knowing he was next on the list and reveals the daring undercover police mission which unmasked the killers. Based on new and exclusive interviews and the testimony of investigators, Mafia supergrasses, survivors, relatives and friends, Follain recounts the events hour-by-hour, minute-by-minute as the Mafiosi plan and carry out the murders, and as the police hunt them down.</p>

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<p>Kerry Greenwood</p>	<p>Tamam Shud: The Somerton Man Mystery</p>	<p>Pb \$27.99 \$25.20</p> 	<p>In 1948, a man was found dead on an Adelaide beach. Well-dressed and unmarked, he had a half-smoked cigarette by his side, but no identity documents. Six decades on, we don't know who he was, how he got there or how he died. The Somerton Man remains one of Australia's most mysterious cold cases, yet the bizarre details of this case make it the stuff of a spy novel. The missing labels from all his clothing. The tiny piece of paper with the words "Tamam Shud" found sewn into the lining of his coat. A mysterious code found etched inside the very book of Persian poetry from which this note was torn. Brimming with facts that are stranger than fiction, the case has intrigued novelist Kerry Greenwood for almost her whole life. She goes on a journey into her own past to try to solve this crime, uncovering a new way of writing about true crime - and herself - as she goes.</p>
<p>Beth Hundsdorfer & George Pawlaczyk</p>	<p>Murder on a Lonely Road</p>	<p>Pb \$12.99 \$11.70</p> 	<p>In June 1985, 20 year old former beauty pageant winner, Jackie Johns was found murdered. Two years later on the same spot the decomposed body of Debbie Sue Lewis was discovered. Sheriff Dwight McNeil's prime suspect was local rich boy Gerald Carnahan. But despite the Sheriff's suspicions, the case remained unsolved until 2007 when Jackie John's DNA was sent for testing and came with a billion to one match to Carnahan. This is the true account of a murderer who thought he was beyond the law and the policemen who would not relent until justice was finally done.</p>
<p>Tim Priest</p>	<p>Cops and Crooks: Hilarious Tales on the Beat</p>	<p>Hb \$24.95 \$22.45</p> 	<p>Street cops inhabit a secretive world that few outsiders get to see. Beyond the high-speed pursuits, the shoot-outs and bloody crime scenes, there exists another world. A world of bored and mischievous cops who spend an entire shift dreaming up pranks to play on each other or unsuspecting citizens; lazy and incompetent cops whose efforts to avoid work are legendary; and accident-prone cops whom other police avoid because of their talent for causing chaos and pandemonium wherever they go. And then there are the hapless crooks - a collection of losers, misfits and walking disasters whose pathetic attempts at crime makes you almost feel sorry for them. Just one shift with these crazy cops and the incredibly dumb crooks they arrest, and you will go on a hilarious journey that never seems to end!</p>

