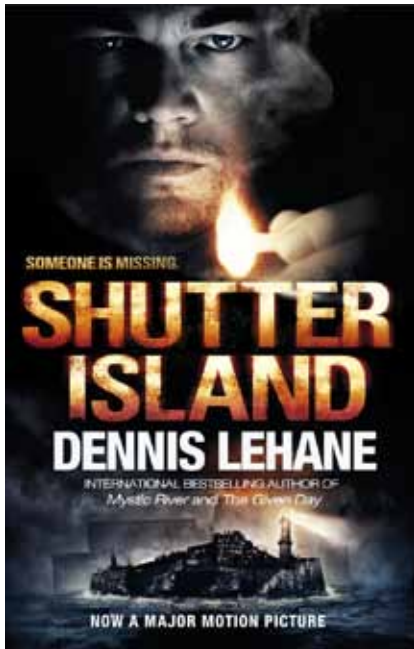


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## DENNIS LEHANE

### Shutter Island

US Marshal Teddy Daniels has come to Shutter Island, home of Ashecliffe Hospital for the Criminally Insane, to find an escaped murderess as a hurricane bears down. But nothing at Ashecliffe Hospital is what it seems, and neither is Teddy Daniels. Is he there to find a missing patient? Or has he been sent to look into rumours of Ashecliffe's radical approach to psychiatry? ~~\$24.95~~ \$19.95

Directed by Martin Scorsese, the film adaptation of Dennis Lehane's novel has an amazing cast of stars including Leonardo DiCaprio, Mark Ruffalo, Ben Kingsley, Michelle Williams, Patricia Clarkson, Emily Mortimer and Max Von Sydow.

Only at the movies from February 18

[www.shutterislandmovie.com.au](http://www.shutterislandmovie.com.au)

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To celebrate Martin Scorsese's new film adaptation of Dennis Lehane's novel *SHUTTER ISLAND*, starring Leonardo DiCaprio, Abbey's has taken \$5 off 6 of Dennis Lehane's most popular novels during February (while stocks last).

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### The Given Day

Danny Coughlin is Boston Police Department royalty and the son of one of the city's most beloved and powerful police captains. On the hunt for hard-line radicals as a favour to his father, Danny is drawn into the ideological fray and finds his loyalties compromised as the police department itself becomes swept up in potentially violent labour strife. ~~\$24.95~~ \$19.95

### Gone Baby Gone

Kenzie and Gennaro have been hired to find a four-year-old abducted from her home. Despite news coverage and investigation, the police inquiry has so far uncovered nothing. The case is rife with oddities and when a second child disappears, they face a local media more interested in sensationalising the abductions than helping to solve them, a police force seething with lethal secrets, and a faceless power determined to obstruct their efforts. ~~\$21.95~~ \$16.95

### Darkness, Take My Hand

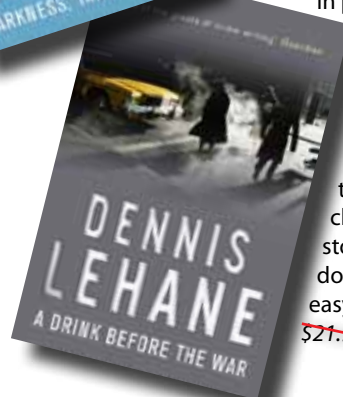
When wisecracking detectives Kenzie and Gennaro agree to protect the son of a prominent psychiatrist who believes she may have angered the Boston Irish Mafia, they soon find bodies are piling up around them – seemingly unconnected with their case. And what's more, all the clues point to an unlikely suspect – a serial killer who has been in prison for 20 years. ~~\$21.95~~ \$16.95

### A Drink Before the War

Kenzie and Gennaro take on a seemingly simple assignment on behalf of a politician: to uncover the whereabouts of Jenna, a cleaning woman who has allegedly stolen confidential Statehouse documents. But finding her proves easy compared to staying alive. ~~\$21.95~~ \$16.95

### Mystic River

When they were children, Sean Devine, Jimmy Marcus and Dave Boyle were friends. But then a strange car pulled up their street. One boy got in the car, two did not, and something terrible happened. 25 years later, Sean is a homicide detective, Jimmy is an ex-con who owns a corner store, and Dave is trying to hold his marriage together and keep his demons at bay... ~~\$24.95~~ \$19.95



## MODERN CRIME

 **Jeff ABBOTT**  
**Trust Me**

**448pp Pb \$19.99**

Luke Dantry tragically lost his parents when he was a teenager. Brought up by his stepfather, Luke now works with him on his research, monitoring extremist groups on the internet. Yet within the seemingly harmless world of the internet, Luke suddenly feels the full force of it when he is kidnapped at gunpoint. He has no idea why he has been targeted; he only knows that he has to escape. But first he must overcome an enemy more powerful than he realises. An enemy who knows about the fate of his parents... (American) *Due Feb*

 **Will ADAMS**  
**The Lost Labyrinth**

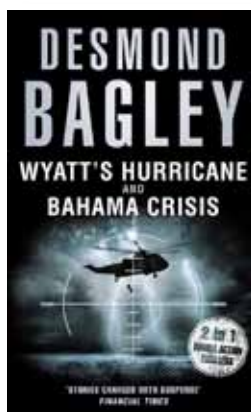
**Tp \$32.99**

Having vanished for 20 years, French archaeologist Roland Petitier makes a dramatic reappearance at a major Athens conference, promising an astonishing find: the legendary Golden Fleece. But when he is found dead, an out-of-control policeman accuses Petitier's onetime protégé Augustin Pascal of Petitier's murder. Only Augustin's two closest friends, Daniel Knox and Gaille Bonnard can prove his innocence. However, rumours of the fleece's rediscovery have spread, and ambitious Georgian oligarch Nergadze is determined to get it first, sending his psychopathic grandson Mikhail to Athens to move in for the kill... (English) *Due Feb*

 **Desmond BAGLEY**  
**Wyatt's Hurricane/Bahama Crisis**  
(1966/1980)

**600pp Pb \$19.99**

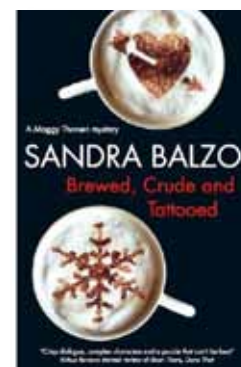
*Wyatt's Hurricane:* Ferocious Hurricane Mabel is predicted to pass harmlessly amongst the islands of the Caribbean. But David Wyatt has developed a sixth sense about hurricanes. He is convinced that Mabel will change course to strike the island of San Fernandez and its capital, St Pierre. But nobody believes him, and the hurricane is only one of the problems that threaten San Fernandez... *Bahama Crisis:* Tom Mangan was a successful entrepreneur who lured the super-rich to his luxury hotels in the sun-soaked Bahamas. Then violent tragedy struck: his family disappeared, and a series of misfortunes began to drive the tourists away, and destroying Mangan's livelihood. He becomes determined to confront his enemy – and the hunt is on... (English) *Due Feb*



 **Sandra BALZO**  
**Brewed, Crude and Tattooed**

**192pp Pb \$27.95**

*Maggie Thorsen Mystery #2.* Maggie Thorsen, co-owner of coffee-house 'Uncommon Grounds', is trapped in a shopping mall during a snow storm which cuts the electricity and phone lines. She finds the body of Way Benson, the owner of the mall. Maggy's discovery unearths other refugees of the storm and more than one of these people has a motive for killing the arrogant Way. And then there is another murder... (American) *Due Feb*



 **Beverly BARTON**  
**Dead By Midnight**

**384pp Pb \$15.95**

In the ten years since her Hollywood career imploded, Lorie Hammonds has built a good life in her Alabama hometown. When the first death threat arrives, she assumes it's a joke. Then she gets a second note. Sheriff Mike Birkett, her high-school sweetheart, has avoided Lorie since she returned to Dunmore, but when investigators uncover her connection to a string of recent murders, he's drawn into a case that's terrifyingly personal. With every murder, the killer edges closer. Lorie's only hope is to unearth a deadly secret – before the clock runs out for good... (American) *Due Feb*

 **Lenny BARTULIN**  
**The Black Russian**

**240pp Tp \$27.95**

After yet another slow week at the cash register, that fine purveyor of second-hand literature, Susko Books, is facing financial ruin. Jack Susko sets off to a gallery in Woollahra to scrape up some coin with the sale of an old art catalogue. With his usual panache and exquisite timing, he arrives just as De Groot Galleries is being done over by masked thieves. Along with a mysterious object from the safe, the robbers seize a valuable first edition from Jack's bag, too... (Australian) *Due Feb*

 **Greig BECK**  
**Beneath the Dark Ice** **Pb \$19.99**

A plane crashes into the Antarctic ice, exposing a massive cave beneath, and a rescue and research team is dispatched. 24 hours later, all contact is lost. Captain Alex Hunter and his highly-trained squad of commandos are fast-tracked to the hot zone to find out what went wrong – and to follow up the detection of a vast underground reservoir. Once inserted into the cave system, they don't find any survivors. To bring his team out alive, Alex will need every one of his mysterious abilities beneath the dark ice. (Australian) *Due Feb*

## KEY to crime genres

 Suspense Thriller	 Romantic Suspense
 Feline Detectives	 Police Procedural
 Forensic	 FBI
 Political/Legal	 Cosy/Malice Domestic
 Military	 Journalists
 Spy	 Private Eye
 Banking	 Psychological
 Canine	 Clerical
 Culinary/Food	 Medical
 Sport	 Horse Racing

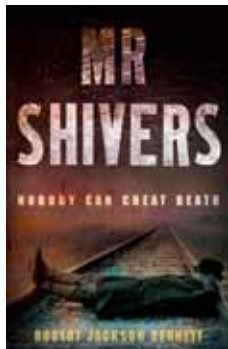
**Pb = Paperback**

**Hb = Hardback**

**Tp = Trade Paperback** (slightly larger)

**Robert Jackson BENNETT**  
**Mr Shivers** 336pp Pb \$29.99

It is the time of the Great Depression. Thousands leave their homes seeking a better life. But Marcus Connelly seeks death for the mysterious scarred man who murdered his daughter. Soon he learns that he is not alone; countless others have lost someone to the scarred man. They band together to track him, but as they get closer, Connelly suspects the man they are hunting is more than human. As the pursuit grows desperate, Connelly must decide how much he is willing to sacrifice to get his revenge... (American) *Due Feb*



**Suzanne BROCKMANN**  
**Nowhere to Run: Not Without a Risk/A Man to Die For** 576pp Pb \$15.95

*Not Without Risk:* A pleasure cruise turns deadly when Emily Marshall stumbles upon a drug smuggling ring – and the only person who can save her is a man from her past...  
*A Man to Die For:* Carrie Brooks is forced to trust the enemy, when she is kidnapped by a murder suspect who is determined to prove his innocence. (American) *Due Feb*

**Graham BROWN**  
**Black Rain** 528pp Pb \$15.95

Covert government operative Danielle Laidlaw leads an expedition into the deepest reaches of the Amazon in search of a legendary Mayan city. Assisted by a renowned university professor and protected by a mercenary named Hawker, her team journeys into the tangled rain forest – unaware that they are replacements for a group that vanished weeks before, and that the treasure they are seeking is no mere artefact, but a breakthrough discovery that could transform the world. Stalked by an unseen enemy, the group desperately seeks the connection between the deadly reality of the Mayan legend, and the chilling secret buried beneath the ancient ruins... (American) *Due Feb*



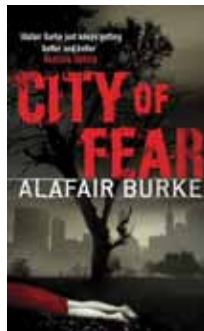
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**Alafair BURKE**  
**City of Fear** Pb \$19.99

When fresh-faced college student Chelsea Hart is found dead in East River Park with her hair hacked off, NYPD Detective Ellie Hatcher quickly homes in on a group of privileged men who were last seen partying with her. When a tight case is built against a young hedge fund manager, Ellie has her doubts. Chelsea's murder is eerily similar to three other deaths that occurred a decade ago. Ellie's search for the truth places her under the watchful eye of a psychopath eager to add the young detective to his list... (American) *Due Feb*



**Anne CANADEO**  
**Knit, Purl, Die** 288pp Pb \$24.99

Gloria Sterling had it all. So when she's found floating face down in her own swimming pool, shock waves ripple through tiny Plum Harbor. At the Black Sheep Knitting Shop, Maggie Messina and her circle are devastated to lose their dear friend. The police are quick to call it an accident, but sorting out Gloria's final hours leaves too many loose ends to satisfy her friends. The Black Sheep need to know the truth and set out to unravel – stitch by stitch – the weighty secrets that pulled Gloria under. (American) *Due Feb*

**Kate CARLISLE**  
**If Books Could Kill** 304pp Pb \$13.95

*Bibliophile Mystery #2.* Book restoration expert Brooklyn Wainwright is attending the world-renowned Book Fair when her ex-boyfriend, Kyle, shows up with a bombshell. He has an original copy of a scandalous text that could change history-and humiliate the beloved British monarchy. When Kyle turns up dead, the police are convinced Brooklyn's the culprit. But with an entire convention of suspects, Brooklyn's conducting her own investigation to find out if the motive for murder was a 200-year-old secret – or something much more personal. (American)

**Jane CASEY**  
**The Missing** 496pp Pb \$19.95

12-year-old Jenny Shepherd is missing... Her teacher, Sarah Finch, knows that the chances of finding Jenny alive are slim. As a little girl, Sarah's older brother had gone out to play one day and never returned. Horrifically, it is Sarah who finds Jenny's body, beaten and abandoned in the woods near her home. As she's drawn into the police investigation and the heart of a media storm, Sarah's presence arouses suspicion. But it not just the police who are watching her... (Irish) *Due Feb*



**Linda CASTILLO**  
**Sworn to Silence** 368pp Pb \$22.99

Painter's Creek may be a sleepy, rural town with both Amish and 'English' residents, but it's also the place where a series of brutal murders shattered the lives of an entire community. 15 years later, Katie Burkholder has been asked to return to the town as Chief of Police. Her Amish background, combined with her big-city law enforcement expertise, makes her the perfect candidate. Katie is certain she has come to terms with the past. Until the first body of a slaughtered young woman is found in a pristine, snowy field... (American) *Due Feb*



**James CHURCH**  
**Bamboo and Blood** 304pp Pb \$27.95

*Inspector O #3.* Inspector O is ordered to play host to an Israeli agent who appears in Pyongyang. When the wife of a North Korean diplomat dies under suspicious circumstances, O is told to investigate, with a curious proviso: don't look too closely at the details, and stay away from the question of missiles. But O can't avoid finding out what he is supposed to ignore... Stalked by the past and wary of the future, O is convinced there is no one he can trust. Swiss intelligence wants him out of the country; someone else wants him dead. (American) *Due Feb*

**Paul CLEAVE**  
**Blood Men** Tp \$29.95

Edward Hunter is a family man with a great job, a bright future – and a very dark past. Edward's father has been in jail for 20 years and he's never coming out. Edward has struggled his entire life to put that behind him, but it's hard when you're the son of a serial killer. Then, a week out from Christmas, Eddie's world is about to be turned upside-down. Suddenly he's going to need the help of his father, a man he hasn't seen since he was a boy. Is Edward destined to be just like his father – a man of blood? (New Zealander) *Due Feb*





**Harlan COBEN**

**Long Lost**

**384pp Pb \$22.99**

Myron is summoned to Paris at the behest of his old lover, Terese. When he arrives, he discovers that Terese's husband has been murdered and she is the main suspect. Yet more than one blood-type has been discovered at the scene – and the other blood can only be attributed to his daughter. But she died ten years earlier... As Myron and Terese try to find out exactly what's going on, more questions arise. Did the daughter really die? Did Terese's husband have a further child with someone else? And the truth is something no-one expected... (American) *Due Feb*



**Julie CORBIN**

**Tell Me No Secrets**

**384pp Pb \$19.99**

Grace lives in a quiet, Scottish fishing village, with her twin girls and her loving husband Paul. Life is good. Until a phone call from her old best-friend Orla – a woman who Grace hasn't seen since her teens – and for good reason, threatens to destroy everything. Caught up in a manipulative and spiteful game that turns into an obsession, Grace is about to realise that some secrets can't stay buried forever. For if Orla reveals what happened on that camping trip 24 years ago, she will take away all that Grace holds dear... (English) *Due Feb*

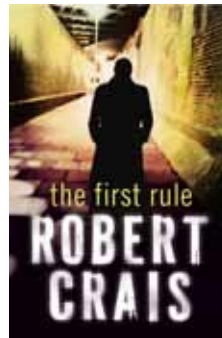


**Robert CRAIS**

**The First Rule**

**320pp Tp \$32.99**

Everyone thought that Frank Meyer had got out of the 'life' safely. Encouraged by his boss and friend, Joe Pike, Frank had put an end to his mercenary days and settled down with his wife and children. But ten years later, a group of armed men break into his Los Angeles home and brutally gun Frank and his family down, leaving no trace except for the bodies. And now Joe Pike is determined to hunt down and eliminate everyone involved. It doesn't matter that this group of criminals are bigger and better-organised than he ever could have imagined. They are going down... (American) *Due Feb*

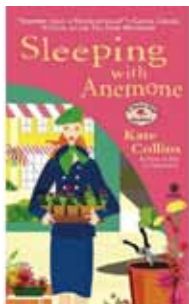


**Kate COLLINS**

**Sleeping With Anemone**

**336pp Pb \$13.95**

*Flower Shop Mystery #9.* Maybe Abby Knight shouldn't have chosen a home and garden show – sponsored by Uniworld Food – as the venue for her protest against the corporation's harmful farming practices. But being bodily removed from the event won't stop her campaign. Nor will a burning brick thrown through her flower shop's window. After she narrowly escapes being kidnapped three times, Abby calls in the big guns – her ex-Ranger boyfriend Marco, and her friends and family. But then the stakes are raised by murder... (American) *Due Feb*

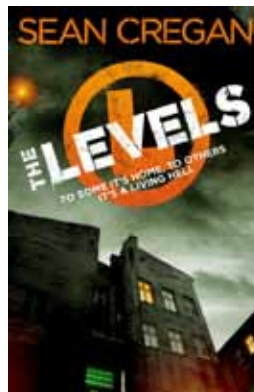


**Sean CREGAN**

**The Levels**

**320pp Tp \$32.99**

On the outskirts of Newport lies an abandoned, feral housing project called the 'Levels'. Inhabited by Newport's forgotten homeless population, the Levels are run as a personal fiefdom by the all-powerful Sorrow. Ex-CIA agent Nate Turner is in the Levels to find out who has just tried to kill him, when he meets 14-year-old Ghost. Ghost is one of Sorrow's trained, drug-addicted assassins looking for a way back to her normal life. Then there is Kate, a suspended cop, who has been told that she has only days to live after being attacked and infected by the Beast, a serial killer working the streets. Ghost is trying to escape Sorrow, Kate is looking for the Beast, and Turner is looking for answers. One thing's for sure, some people aren't going to survive the fallout! (English) *Due Feb*

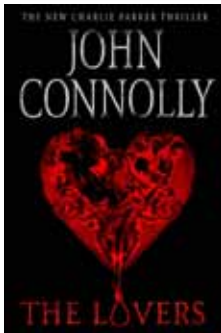


**John CONNOLLY**

**The Lovers**

**480pp Pb \$22.99**

When Charlie Parker was a boy, his father – NYPD cop, Will Parker – killed a young couple, and then took his own life with no explanation. Stripped of his private investigator's license, and watched by the police, Charlie is holding down a bar job and staying out of trouble. But he is also investigating his own origins and the death of his father. The investigation will reveal a life haunted by lies and secrets... and two figures in the shadows, a man and a woman, with only one purpose: to bring an end to Charlie Parker's existence. (Irish) *Due Feb*



**Shirley DAMSGAARD**

**The Seventh Witch**

**288pp Pb \$15.95**

Small-town librarian and psychic Ophelia Jensen hails from a long line of wise and wonderfully gifted women. There's her grandmother, Abby, a talented witch, and her great-aunt Mary, who's about to celebrate her 100th birthday. But as Ophelia learns, when she and Abby travel to North Carolina for the centennial celebration, their family secrets aren't just magical—they're murderous! Someone in the sweet Southern town wants Abby dead. Ophelia must use all her talents to save her loved ones – before the witching hour comes upon them, and bad blood turns deadly... (American) *Due Feb*



**Krista DAVIS**

**The Diva Paints the Town**

**304pp Pb \$13.95**

*Domestic Diva Mystery #3.* When Sophie's neighbour – a reclusive professor – dies, his final wish is for the Domestic Diva to throw a dinner party in his honour, and he's planned everything down to the letter. But no one is prepared for the corpse of a student, which Sophie discovers in the professor's house! (American) *Due Feb*



**Jeffrey DEAVER**

**Roadside Crosses**

**514pp Pb \$22.99**

A highway-patrol trooper notices something strange on the side of the road: a homemade cross, fashioned as a memorial. But the date being 'remembered' is the following day – the same day the police find a kidnapped teenage girl in the trunk of a car, left for dead. Special Agent Kathryn Dance, kinesics expert with the California Bureau of Investigation, is on the case. The teenager points her to an online cyber community. When further crosses appear, Dance must race to find the attacker before he carries out his deadly plans for revenge... in the cyber world and the real! (American) *Due Feb*

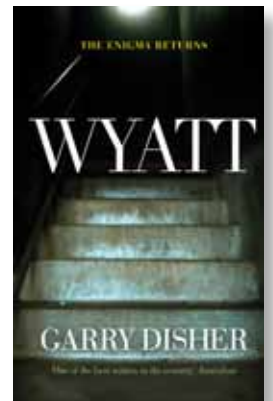


**Garry DISHER**

**Wyatt**

**288pp Tp \$32.95**

Wyatt's been away. Now he's back. That's as much as anyone really knows about him. The rest is rumour – the kind that makes people wary. And that's fine with Wyatt. Eddie Oberin thinks he knows enough about Wyatt to make him an offer. A jewel heist – inside information courtesy of Eddie's much smarter ex-wife, Lydia Stark. The target is an intentional courier of stolen items – Alain Le Page. Wyatt doesn't know the name Le Page and he doesn't know Lydia. But he will... (Australian) *Due Feb*

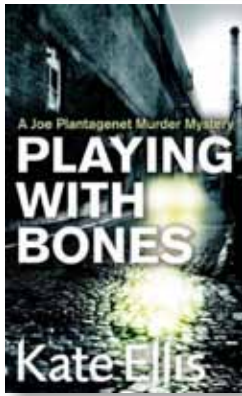




**Kate ELLIS**  
**Playing With Bones**

**320pp Pb \$19.99**

Singmass Close has a sinister past. Reputedly haunted by the ghosts of children, in the 50s, it was the hunting ground of the Doll Strangler, a ruthless killer who was never brought to justice. Now DI Joe Plantagenet wonders whether a copycat killer is at work, after the strangled body of teenager Natalie Parkes is found in the same close. With an escaped convict at large, this new murder stretches Joe's team to their limit. But as bodies start mounting up and Joe's questioning brings him closer to the real strangler, he comes to suspect a creepy connection... (English) *Due Feb*



**Earl EMERSON**  
**Cape Disappointment**

**368pp Pb \$15.95**

*Thomas Black Mystery #12*. When Black is released from the hospital, he must face the fact that his wife, Kathy, who died in a plane crash weeks before the bombing, is really gone. Or is she? Her cell phone, which should be at the bottom of the sea, calls his in the middle of the night. And the explanations for the crash just don't make sense. Black is interested in what an ex-CIA hit-man has been trying to tell him about the plane crash. Suddenly, Black is on the run, caught in a dangerous web of personal and political lies... (American) *Due Feb*



**Joanne FLUKE**  
**Cream Puff Murder**

**304pp Pb \$15.95**

*Hannah Swensen Mystery #11*. When bakery-owner Hannah Swensen drags herself out of bed on a chilly morning for exercise, she discovers the body of man-eating bombshell Ronni Ward floating in the gym's Jacuzzi. It doesn't help that there's a plate of The Cookie Jar's very own cream puffs garnishing the murder scene. Trying to narrow the list of Ronni's enemies down to fewer than half the town's female population, Hannah has her plate full. But just like cookies, when it comes to murder, there's always room for one more! (American) *Due Feb*



**Anthea FRASER**  
**Thicker Than Water**

**224pp Pb \$27.95**

*Rona Parish Mystery #7*. James Markham jilts his fiancée for a woman he appears to know very little about. Callum Firbank has always been evasive about his childhood, and his wife realises she doesn't know much about his family. Jill Irving has everything she could wish for, but she too has secrets in her past. What links these three very different people, and who is the stranger whose sudden appearance causes such terror? (English) *Due Feb*



**Ann GRANGER**  
**Mud, Muck and Dead Things**

**352pp Pb \$19.99**

*Campbell and Carter Mystery #1*. When Lucas Burton turns up at a deserted farm in the middle of nowhere hoping to conduct a business deal, he stumbles across the body of a girl. And that's just the start of his bad luck. Penny Gower from the local stables has spotted his Mercedes leaving the scene of the crime, and things are looking very bleak... Inspector Jess Campbell is on the case, but with few leads and her new superintendent, Ian Carter, breathing down her neck, she's feeling the pressure. Then another dead body is found... (English) *Due Feb*



**James GRIPPANDO**  
**Born to Run**

**384pp Pb \$14.99**

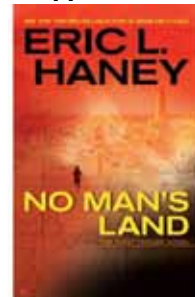
Former governor of Florida, Harry Swytek, finds himself needing the help of his son Jack, a Miami criminal-defence lawyer. When Harry's friend, the vice-President of the US, dies during a hunting adventure, the President positions Harry to be his new VP – and Harry asks Jack to be his lawyer. The prestige that comes from the job turns lethal, when Jack finds himself at the heart of a complicated cover-up spanning 50 years... and the globe! Before hostages can be released, an old secret must be revealed, one that could threaten the President's life... (American) *Due Feb*



**Eric L HANEY**  
**No Man's Land**

**304pp Pb \$15.95**

Soldier of fortune Kennesaw Tanner is approached by government operatives with an offer: rescue the kidnapped heir of a powerful Persian Gulf sheik whose alliance with the US has made him a target for terrorists. But what Tanner doesn't know is that there are elements within the government who want him to fail. The sands of politics are shifting against him... and that the job he's being paid to do may cost him more than he bargained for! (American) *Due Feb*



**Betty HECHTMAN**  
**A Stitch in Crime** 304pp Pb \$15.95

*Crochet Mystery #4*. Molly's been handed the reins for this year's creative retreat – an exhilarating weekend out on the Monterey Peninsula, complete with crochet classes. Unfortunately for one teacher, the breathtaking scenery is where she'll take her last breath. Now Molly will have to find a new instructor, and, if she can squeeze it in, solve this murder – with the help of her pals from the Tarzana Hookers! (American) *Due Feb*



**Jilliane HOFFMAN**  
**Pretty Little Things** Tp \$32.99

Special Agent Bobby Dees understands the pain of losing a child, and he'll do anything to prevent it from happening again. The phone call that comes on a Sunday morning propels him from his insular world of grief, into a far darker place... Young Elaine Emerson has gone missing, and only Dees can find her. It seems that Elaine had gone to meet her mysterious internet boyfriend, who goes by the name of 'Boogeyman' – and whose reality is as cruel and chilling as Dees' worst nightmare... (American) *Due Feb*



**Anne HOLT**  
**Death in Oslo** 416pp Pb \$22.99

When Helen Barclay becomes the first female US president, the whole world takes notice – including one man who knows her dark secret, buried for over 20 years. He has the power to destroy everything she's worked for... and he wants vengeance. Unfortunately for the FBI and the Norwegian police, nobody knows about this when Helen Barclay chooses to visit Norway for her first state visit. So when she goes missing from a locked, heavily secured bedroom, they are forced to work together to find her. Can the US president really just disappear into thin air...? (Norwegian) *Due Feb*



**Steven HORNE**  
**The Devil's Tears** Tp \$32.99

Whilst fleeing his beloved but war-torn Portuguese Timor, Cesar da Silva becomes separated from his wife and children. Believing they are dead, Cesar finds passage to the Portugal of his heritage and later Australia. Back in Timor, Cesar's wife is in fact alive, but her troubles are far from over... Years later, a young Australian journalist and photographer are compelled to expose the horrors of the civil war to the world once and for all. In their quest for justice, they inadvertently become entangled in the da Silva family's tragedy, placing them all in grave danger... (Australian) *Due Feb*

**Katherine HOWELL**  
**Cold Justice 336pp Pb \$25.00**

Teenage Georgie Riley stumbles across the body of her classmate, Tim Pieters, hidden amongst the bushes. The killer is never found. 18 years later, political pressure sees the murder investigation reopened. Detective Ella Marconi tracks down Georgie. Georgie seems to be telling the truth, so why does Ella receive an anonymous phone call insisting Georgie knows more? Ella's confusion increases when Tim's mother suddenly turns her back on the investigation. The more Ella digs into the past, the more secrets are brought to light... (Australian) *Due Feb*

**Graham ISON**  
**Hardcastle's Mandarin 208pp Tp \$27.95**

*Hardcastle Mystery #7.* Ernest Hardcastle, head of the Whitehall CID, is called to investigate the murder of Sir Nigel Strang, permanent secretary at the Ministry of Munitions. Given his work, Hardcastle wonders whether the Germans might be responsible. Then another murder leads Hardcastle to a worker at Woolwich Arsenal, who is suspected of passing information to the enemy. But is there a connection? Hardcastle must find out... (English) *Due Feb*

**Graham ISON**  
**Hardcastle's Soldiers 192pp Hb \$49.95**

*Hardcastle Mystery #8.* DI Ernest Hardcastle and his assistant, DS Charles Marriott, investigate the murder of a cashier operating in London's Victoria Station. An army officer claims to have seen the murderer running away, and an army cap left behind appears to identify the criminal. Hardcastle believes that it will be a simple matter to go to Aldershot and arrest him, but things are never as easy as they seem. Soon Hardcastle and Marriott find themselves investigating a frustrating and seemingly unsolvable case. Has Hardcastle finally met his match? (English) *Due Feb*



**Peter JAMES**  
**Dead Tomorrow 500pp Pb \$19.99**

The body of a teenager is found, its vital organs missing. Meanwhile, teenage Caitlin Beckett will die if she does not receive an urgent liver transplant. When the health system threatens to let her down, Caitlin's mother turns in panic to a broker who can provide her with a black-market organ. As Superintendent Roy Grace investigates a series of recovered bodies, he unearths the trail of a gang of child traffickers. Soon Grace and his team will find themselves in a race to save the life of a young street kid, while a desperate mother will stop at nothing to save her daughter's life... (English) *Due Feb*

**Wendy JAMES**  
**Where Have You Been? 252pp Tp \$32.95**

A seemingly perfect family household is rocked by the reappearance of a sister they thought was long gone. Suspicions soon arise and no one is sure if she is who she claims to be. Wendy James combines her wry observation of the domestic, with quality writing and strong character development to guarantee a plot-driven, page-turning, suspense novel! (Australian) *Due Feb*

**Quintin JARDINE**  
**Blood Red 352pp Tp \$32.99**

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

**J A KERLEY**  
**The Hundredth Man 528pp Pb \$24.99**

A body is found in the Alabama night; headless, words inked on the skin. Detective Carson Ryder is good at this sort of thing – crazies and freaks. To his eyes it is no crime of passion, and when another mutilated victim turns up his suspicions are confirmed. Carson Ryder has experience with psychopaths – but he had 'strange' help in previous cases, which he'd rather forget. But now he needs that help again. When the truth finally emerges, it shines on an evil so twisted that it could destroy everything that he cares about... (American) *Due Feb*

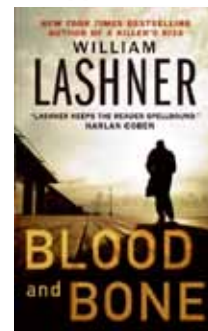
**Simon KERNICK**  
**The Last 10 Seconds 368pp Tp \$32.95**

Ex-police officer John Cone is hired by a mysterious client to snatch a suspected serial killer, Andrew Kent from custody while he's being transferred between prisons. But then everything goes wrong. People start dying, Kent goes missing, and Cone begins to realise that the case against Kent is not what he was led to believe. Sharing that suspicion is newly promoted DI Tina Boyd. Now that Kent's disappeared, Tina has to find him. And find him fast, because it's clear some very powerful people want to silence him. (English) *Due Feb*



**William LASHNER**  
**Blood and Bone 400pp Pb \$16.99**

When Kyle Byrne's dead father's former law partner is murdered, at first it looks like a simple robbery gone wrong... until a couple of cops approach Kyle with questions that make it clear he's a suspect. To avoid being slammed into prison or into an early grave, Kyle has to find a missing file, and his search takes him into his father's past and on a trail that leads to the highest pinnacles of power. Even as he desperately seeks answers, he must lay bare the deceptions and losses of his own life... (American) *Due Feb*



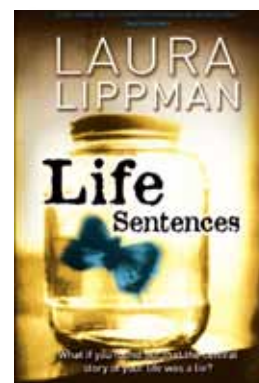
**Stephen LEATHER**  
**Nightfall 500pp Tp \$32.99**

Jack's a struggling private detective whose life is turned upside down, the day that he inherits a mansion with a priceless library. The inheritance comes from a man who claims to be his father, and it comes with a warning: Jack's soul was sold at birth and a devil will come to claim it on his 33rd birthday, just three weeks away. Jack doesn't believe in Hell, and he doesn't believe in Heaven either. But when people close to him start to die horribly, he is led to the inescapable conclusion that real evil may be at work... (English) *Due Feb*



**Laura LIPPMAN**  
**Life Sentences 400pp Pb \$19.99**

A successful writer returns to her hometown of Baltimore on the hunt for new material, and stumbles into the middle of a mystery which takes her back to her schooldays. Former classmate Callie Jenkins hit the headlines when she was jailed for seven years for refusing to give up the whereabouts of her missing child. But why did she remain silent? And whatever happened to the little boy? Cassandra thinks she can find out. But in the course of her investigation she finds out that her own history might be far from the truth... (American) *Due Feb*





**Henning MANKELL**  
**The Man From Beijing**

368pp Tp \$34.95

One cold January day the police are called to a sleepy little hamlet in the north of Sweden where they discover a savagely murdered man lying in the snow. In their search for witnesses, they uncover a crime unprecedented in Swedish history: massacre. When Judge Birgitta Roslin reads about the event, she herself decides to investigate. What she uncovers leads her to an international web of corruption and vengeance stretching over 100 years, linking China and the USA of the 1860s with modern-day Beijing, Zimbabwe and Mozambique, and coming to a shocking climax in London's Chinatown. (Swedish) *Due Feb*



 **Dominique MANOTTI**  
**Affairs of State** 204pp Pb \$24.99

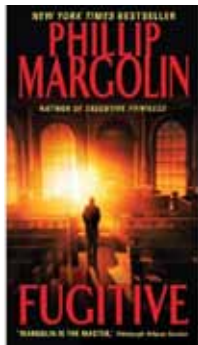
*Euro Crime Series.* A call-girl, whose black book lists her elite international clients, is found murdered; a plane bound for Iran laden with illegal arms disappears from the skies over Turkey; and the head of a controversial national security unit and the president's closest advisor is manipulating the system. Rookie investigator Noria Ghozali determines to untangle the threads that bind together these seemingly unrelated events. As she reveals the sinister connections, she confronts the confluence of money and corruption in the Elysée Palace and combats the deeply embedded racism that repeatedly stalls her. (French) *Due Feb*



**Phillip MARGOLIN**  
**Fugitive**

432pp Pb \$19.95

Petty thief and con-man Charlie Marsh is suspected of killing a US congressman. After 12 years of living in the African nation of Batanga at the mercy of the sadistic dictator Jean-Claude Baptiste, Charlie flees for home to face his murder charge, after Baptiste learns about Charlie's affair with the tyrant's favorite wife. Criminal lawyer Amanda Jaffe must keep Charlie off death row, protect him from the head of Baptiste's deadly secret police, and prevent him from being caught by a shadowy killer who will stop at nothing to keep the truth about a decade-old crime buried forever. (American) *Due Feb*



**Ngaio MARSH**  
**The Ngaio Marsh Collection 1:**

**A Man Lay Dead/Enter a Murderer/The Nursing Home Murder (1934/1935/1935)**  
672pp Pb \$29.99

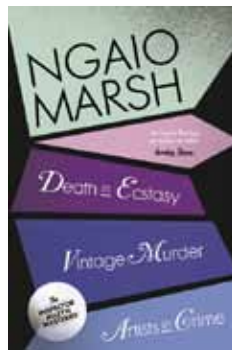
*A Man Lay Dead:* Sir Hubert Handesley's extravagant weekend house-parties are famous for his exciting 'Murder Game'. But when the lights go up, there is a real corpse with a real dagger in the back. All seven suspects have skilful alibis – so Chief Detective Inspector Roderick Alleyn has to figure out whodunit... *Enter a Murderer:* At the Unicorn Theatre, a prop gun fires a very real bullet; the victim is an actor clawing his way to stardom using bribery instead of talent; and the suspects include two unwilling girlfriends and several relieved blackmail victims. The stage is set for one of Roderick Alleyn's most baffling cases... *The Nursing Home Murder:* A Harley Street surgeon and his attractive nurse are almost too nervous to operate. Their patient is the Home Secretary – and they both have very good personal reasons to want him dead. The operation is a complete success, yet he dies within hours. Inspector Alleyn must find out why... (New Zealander) *Due Feb*



**Ngaio MARSH**  
**The Ngaio Marsh Collection 2:**

**Death in Ecstasy/Vintage Murder/Artists in Crime (1936/1937/1938)**  
752pp Pb \$29.99

*Death in Ecstasy:* Who slipped cyanide into the ceremonial 'wine of ecstasy' at the House of the Sacred Flame? The other initiates and the High Priest claim to be above earthly passions. But Roderick Alleyn discovers that the victim had provoked lust and jealousy, and he suspects that evil still lurks... *Vintage Murder:* New Zealand theatrical manager, Alfred Meyer, is planning a surprise for his wife's birthday – a jeroboam of champagne descending gently onto the stage after the performance. But, as Roderick Alleyn witnesses, something goes horribly wrong. Is the death the product of Maori superstitions, or something more down to earth? *Artists in Crime:* It starts as an art exercise – the knife under the drape, the pose outlined in chalk. But when Agatha Troy returns to her class, the scene has been re-enacted: the model is dead, fixed in the most dramatic pose Troy has ever seen. It's a difficult case for Chief Detective Inspector Alleyn. Is the woman he loves really a murderess...? (New Zealander) *Due Feb*



**Ngaio MARSH**  
**The Ngaio Marsh Collection 3:**

**Death in a White Tie/Overture to Death/Death at the Bar (1938/1939/1940)**  
848pp Pb \$29.99

*Death in a White Tie:* Debutantes and chaperones are planning their gala dinners, and a blackmailer is planning strategies to stalk his next victim. But Chief Detective Inspector Roderick Alleyn knows that something is up and has already planted his friend Lord Gospell at the dinner. But someone else has got there first... *Overture to Death:* It was planned as an act of charity: a new piano for the parish hall, and an amusing evening's entertainment to finance the gift. But all is doomed when Miss Campanula sits down to play. A chord is struck, a gunshot rings out, and Miss Campanula is dead. It seems to be a case of sinister infatuation for Roderick Alleyn... *Death at the Bar:* It's a midsummer's evening, and darts night at The Plume of Feathers! A distinguished painter, a celebrated actor, a woman graduate, a plump lady from County Clare and a local farmer all play their parts in a fatal experiment, which calls for the investigative expertise of Inspector Alleyn... (New Zealander) *Due Feb*



**Alexander McCALL SMITH**  
**The Double Comfort Safari Club**

256pp Tp \$34.99

#11. Mma Ramotswa and Mma Makutsi are called to a safari lodge in Botswana's Okavango Delta to carry out a delicate mission on behalf of a former guest. The Okavango makes Precious appreciate once again the beauty of her homeland: it is a paradise of teeming wildlife, majestic grasslands and sparkling water. However, it is also home to rival safari operators, fearsome crocodiles and disgruntled hippopotamuses. But Precious knows that with a little patience, just as the wide river will gently make its way round any obstacle, so will everything work out for the best in the end... (Scottish) *Due Feb*



**Deon MEYER**  
**Blood Safari** 384pp Pb \$19.99

Lemmer is a professional bodyguard. Silent, invisible, he never gets involved. Emma le Roux is convinced she's seen her brother on the news as a suspect in the recent killing of four poachers. But her brother is supposed to have died 20 years ago. When le Roux hires Lemmer to watch her back while she goes looking for answers, it becomes clear someone wants to keep them in the dark. And when that someone tries to murder them both, Lemmer steps out of the shadows... (South African) *Due Feb*



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**Richard MONTANARI**  
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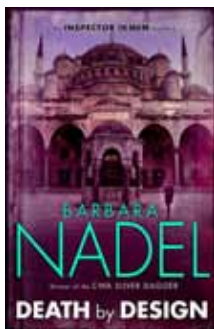
In Cleveland, a vicious killer tortures his seemingly unrelated victims, leaving them with a strange symbol carved into their flesh. When Detective Paris discovers that these murders are the grim handiwork of one maniac obsessed with the dark side of the ancient religion 'Santeria', he's pulled into a dangerous web of sexual deviance. But on Christmas Eve, Jack finds himself right where the homicidal maniac wants him: questioning his loyalties, facing an impossible choice, with the barrel of a gun pointing at his temple and the whole world watching... (American) *Due Feb*

**Tamar MYERS**  
**Butter Safe Than Sorry 272pp Pb \$27.95**

*Pennsylvania Dutch Mystery #17.* Mennonite innkeeper Magdalena Yoder is at the bank with her four-year-old son when three armed Amish men burst in and start shooting and – even more surprisingly – cursing! Magdalena protects Little Jacob, and the robbers flee at the sound of police sirens. When Jacob wonders why the bandits had moustaches – unlike all the other Amish men he knows – Magdalena springs into action to catch the thieves. They may be armed, but they are definitely not Amish! (American) *Due Feb*

**Barbara NADEL**  
**Death by Design 320pp Tp \$32.99**

*Ikmen #13.* When the Istanbul police raid a counterfeit goods factory in the run-down district of Tarlabasi, a suicide bomber makes his mark in front of them. In the process, Istanbul's Inspector etin Ikmen is injured. Documents found in the factory lead the authorities in both Istanbul and London to believe that a terrorist attack is about to be enacted in the British capital. Ikmen goes undercover amongst the Turkish community of North London, although what he uncovers there is certainly not what his British colleagues were expecting... (English) *Due Feb*



**Barbara NADEL**  
**Sure and Certain Death 320pp Pb \$19.99**

*Francis Hancock #4.* East London, 1940. Francis Hancock finds the brutally eviscerated body of a woman in a derelict house. Francis' sister, Nancy, knew the victim. Then, shockingly, two more murders follow. Rumours start to spread through the East End about another Jack the Ripper. When a fourth woman is murdered, Nancy admits that she knew all of the victims, and Francis sets out to find the killer, discovering a trail of murderous resentment going back decades... (English) *Due Feb*

**Carla NEGGERS**  
**On Fire 368pp Pb \$15.95**

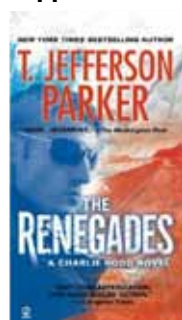
When Emile Labresque's research ship goes down, Emile, his granddaughter Riley and the captain Sam Cassain barely survive the accident. But a year later, Sam's body washes up on a beach. It looks like murder... and all evidence points to Emile! When Emile disappears, Riley turns to FBI special agent John Straker – a friend of her grandfather's. Riley and Straker are total opposites from different worlds, but they have something in common: a determination to expose a murderer and save Emile's life... and a passion they're finding hard to ignore. (American) *Due Feb*

**Gregg OLSEN**  
**Victim Six 320pp Pb \$15.95**

Bodies are found in towns and cities around Puget Sound. The young women who are the victims had nothing in common except the agony of their final moments. Yet somebody – a depraved killer whose cunning is matched only by the depth of their bloodlust – carefully chose these women to be stalked, captured, and tortured. And next victim will be the most shocking of all... (American) *Due Feb*

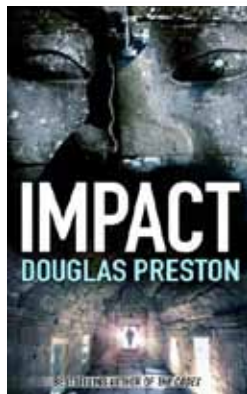
**T Jefferson PARKER**  
**The Renegades 416pp Pb \$19.95**

*A Charlie Hood Novel.* Deputy Sheriff Charlie Hood cruises the dusty back-roads of the new American West. But when his partner is shot dead and Hood is drafted to find the killer, the investigation takes him to places he never wanted to go – where there's no clear line between good and evil. (American) *Due Feb*



**Douglas PRESTON**  
**Impact 400pp Tp \$32.99**

Wyman Ford is tapped for a secret expedition to Cambodia to locate the source of strangely beautiful gemstones that appear otherworldly. A brilliant meteor lights up the Maine coast, and two women set out on a boat to find the impact crater. A scientist at the National Propulsion Facility discovers an inexplicable source of gamma rays in the outer Solar System, and he is later found decapitated and the data missing. High resolution NASA images reveal an unnatural feature hidden in the depths of a crater on Mars, and it appears to have been activated. 60 hours and counting. (American) *Due Feb*



**Spencer QUINN**  
**Thereby Hangs a Tail 240pp Pb \$23.99**

#2. Bernie and Chet are hired to investigate threats made against an unlikely target – a pretty, pampered show dog named Princess. What seems like a joke turns serious when Princess and her owner are abducted. And to make matters worse, Bernie's on-again/off-again girlfriend, reporter Susie Sanchez, disappears too. When Chet gets separated from Bernie, he tries to put the pieces together, find his way home, and save the day! (American) *Due Feb*

**R T RAICHEV**  
**Assassins at Ospreys 224pp Pb \$24.99**

*Country House Murder Myster #3.* But when mystery writer Antonia Darcy and her husband Major Hugh Payne are persuaded to visit an over-friendly fan named Bee at Millbrook House, they begin to suspect it's something more sinister. Is the lovely newlywed Bee really an invalid? Where does her female live-in companion go on her frequent outings? Why would the mortally ill master of nearby Ospreys estate decide to change his will and leave his vast fortune to Bee? Hugh and Antonia become embroiled in a gruesome death in their perilous pursuit of the truth. (Bulgarian) *Due Feb*



**Christopher RICE**  
**Blind Fall 400pp Pb \$15.95**

Home from Iraq, US Marine John Houck pays a visit to his former captain, only to discover the captain has been gruesomely murdered. John pursues a strange man he sees running from the scene, but he discovers that Alex Martin is not the murderer, but the former captain's secret male lover and the killer's intended next victim. When it becomes clear that local law enforcement has direct connections to the murder itself, John realises that he must teach Alex Martin how to protect himself – even if it means to kill. (American) *Due Feb*

**J D ROBB**  
**Fantasy in Death 352pp Tp \$32.99**

#30. Cill, Var, Benny and Bart were best friends, driven by the vision to rule the world of virtual reality games. Their newest invention, developed to transport the player into a fantastical virtual world, is just about to be launched. Then, suddenly, Bart is found brutally killed, defeated by his own game. Their close-knit group is torn apart. Who could have engineered a virtual death with such devastating consequences? Even Eve Dallas, New York City's most cunning investigator, is hard-pressed for an answer. But she knows the game is far from over... (American) *Due Feb*





**Hank Phillippi RYAN**  
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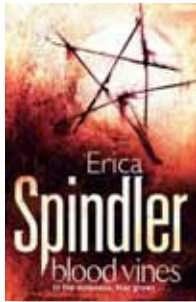
*Charlotte McNally Mystery #4.* Investigative reporter Charlotte McNally is an expert at keeping things confidential, but suddenly everyone has a secret – and it turns out it is possible to know too much... (American) *Due Feb*



**Erica SPINDLER**  
**Blood Vines**

**352pp Tp \$32.99**

30-something Alex Owens knows very little about her childhood or who she really is. But when an infant's remains are unearthed in her hometown of back-country California, Alex realises that she has a connection to the case. Long-lost memories start flooding in, haunting her. When she arrives in Sonoma, she is greeted with silence and suspicion, but Alex is determined to uncover the deadly secret. As more violent deaths shock the small town, Alex is finally forced to confront the terrible truth about a single night that changed her life forever... (American) *Due Feb*



**Erica SPINDLER**  
**Breakneck**

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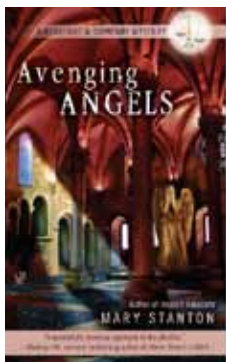
Detective partners MC Riggio and Kitt Lundgren have been through a lot together, but things are finally looking up: MC is about to get married and Kitt is slowly coming to terms with the loss of her daughter. Suddenly, their fragile peace is shattered by a systematic killer who is working his way down a seemingly unconnected list of victims. With the body count rising, MC must use her grief to fuel the hunt. But as the madman draws ever closer, Kitt and MC begin to struggle with protecting the law – and taking it into their own hands... (American) *Due Feb*



**Mary STANTON**  
**Avenging Angels**

**304pp Pb \$15.95**

*Beaufort and Company #3.* Law school hasn't prepared Bree to appeal cases for the dead. After inheriting her great-uncle's haunted law firm, she must now represent ex-banker O'Rourke, who supposedly killed himself after losing a fortune. But with a merry widow and evidence mounting, it's beginning to look like murder. So Bree and her team of angels begin to investigate. But Bree soon discovers that someone would rather see her deceased than debriefed... (American) *Due Feb*



**Aimee & David THURLO**  
**Coyote's Wife 352pp Pb \$29.95**

*Ella Clah Mystery #13.* Ella Clah has seen her clan at their worst – and at their best – as they balance the modern era with the traditional Navajo way of life. Ervin Benally, son-in-law of the powerful Navajo businesswoman and politician Abigail Yellowhair, plans to bring satellite telephone service to the Rez. When Benally is attacked and another man is killed, Yellowhair orders Navajo Police Special Investigator Ella Clah assigned to the case. Ella is determined to find out who is behind the attacks, which include elements of Navajo witchcraft. (American) *Due Feb*



**Charles TODD**  
**A Matter of Justice**

**352pp Pb \$24.99**

*Inspector Rutledge.* When Scotland Yard Inspector Ian Rutledge is called in to investigate a murder, he finds an entire village full of suspects, including the victim's wife and even the head of the police. Rutledge doggedly follows a sparse trail that ultimately leads him to the one person who knows the whole truth. But by then, a secret from the past has unleashed more evil. Rutledge begins to understand the larger picture but isn't sure he can prove much of what he suspects. Will this be the only case where Rutledge doesn't get his man? (American) *Due Feb*



**Charles TODD**  
**The Red Door 352pp Tp \$32.99**

*Inspector Rutledge.* Lancashire, England-June, 1920. Who was the woman who lived and died behind the red door? What did she see before she died? And who was the man who never came home from the Great War, for the simple reason that he had never gone to war? How is the woman's death linked to his disappearance? And why is Scotland Yard blind to the connection, even when Inspector Ian Rutledge points it out? (American) *Due Feb*



**Rebecca TOPE**  
**Slaughter in the Cotswolds**  
**320pp Pb \$19.95**

Thea Osborne has just lost her beloved father and retreats to house-sitting in Lower Slaughter, hoping to find peace. As Thea settles down to two weeks of solitude, her biggest challenges are jigsaw puzzles and fighting off bats in the bedroom... Until reality catches up with her. When Thea's bossy elder sister turns up on her doorstep after witnessing a horrific killing, the rural serenity in Lower Slaughter descends into a web of mutual suspicions, accusations and confrontations. (English) *Due Feb*



**Melinda WELLS**  
**The Proof Is In the Pudding**  
**320pp Pb \$15.95**

*Della Cooks Mystery #3.* Owner of a Santa Monica cooking school and cooking show-star, Della Carmichael, is one of three judges for an A-list cook-off... But this time, it's the celebrities who are getting knocked off! (American) *Due Feb*



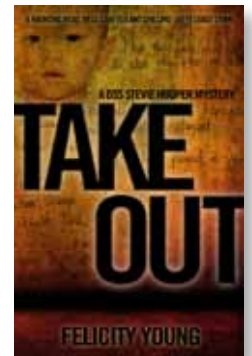
**Inger Ash WOLFE**  
**The Taken 496pp Pb \$21.95**

Detective Inspector Hazel Micallef is recovering from a traumatic back operation that has left her in the care of her ex-husband and his new wife. But Hazel is lured back to work when a body is pulled from a nearby lake – a discovery that eerily mirrors a disturbing story printed in the local newspaper. The author of the tale can't be found, and when gruesome, taunting clues begin to arrive, Hazel realises she's dealing with a master manipulator – a crazed soul who knows her every move... (Canadian) *Due Feb*



**Felicity YOUNG**  
**Take Out 320pp Pb \$22.95**

*A DSS Stevie Hooper Mystery.* DSS Stevie Hooper is fighting to balance the seamier side of being a cop with her role as a mother. Her latest case is no help. It starts with a deserted house, an abandoned baby and an elderly neighbour who has the answers, but cannot speak. Then the dead body of a woman turns up in the river. Soon DSS Hooper is on the trail of a human trafficking ring: a ruthless group with international connections, and at its rotten heart, a disregard for all human life... (Australian) *Due Feb*

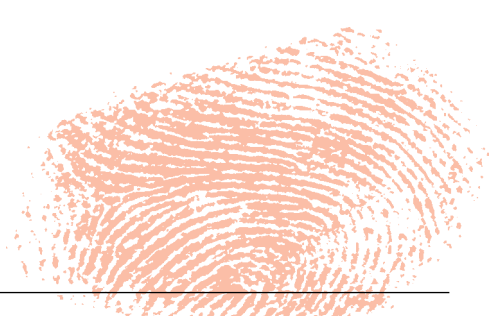


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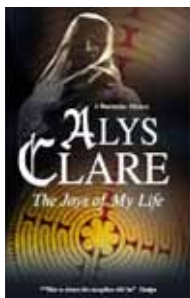
## CRIME HISTORICAL

**Alys CLARE**

**The Joys of My Life**

*Hawkenlye #12.* Abbess Helewise has been summoned by Queen Eleanor to discuss the building of a chapel at Hawkenlye Abbey. Meanwhile, Sir Josse d'Acquin is on the trail of a group of mysterious knights rumoured to be devil worshippers. As Helewise heads for home, Josse follows his quarry to Chartres, where he meets the last person he expects: Joanna. And she has grave problems of her own... (English) *Due Feb*

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**Cassandra CLARK**

**The Red Velvet Turnshoe**

*#2.* Black February in the year 1383.

Against a background of plague and the political turmoil of the Hundred Years War, the nun Hildegard is sent across Europe in search of a precious relic, the Cross of Constantine. Strong-willed and independent, she will need remarkable skills to survive such a dangerous quest. For with the English Crown at stake there are many who want her mission to fail – and there is one who, above all, plans a deadly revenge... (English) *Due Feb*

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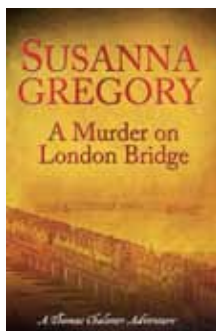


**Susanna GREGORY**

**A Murder on London Bridge**

*Chaloner #5.* The murder of a man in broad daylight is an indication that the Earl of Clarendon's fear of a rebellion is well-founded. His spy, Thomas Chaloner, suspects the murderer is a member of a Puritanical group. Chaloner also learns of another faction, determined to bring back the old ways of Roman Catholicism. It soon becomes clear that the groups he is investigating are planning an extraordinary climax to achieve their separate aims on Shrove Tuesday, which gives him very little time to thwart their plans... (English) *Due Feb*

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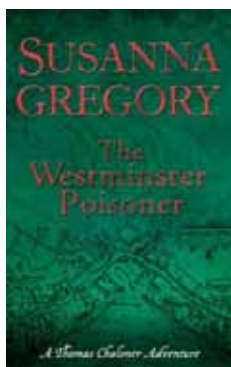


**Susanna GREGORY**

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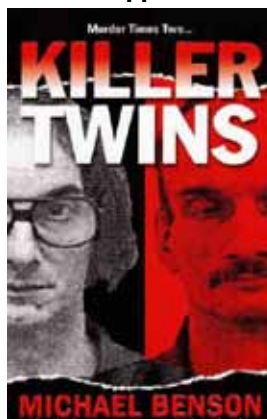
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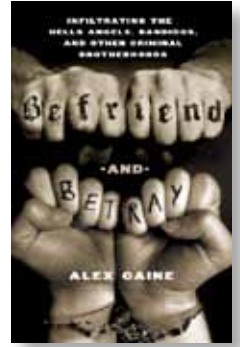
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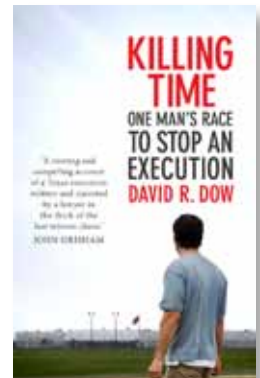
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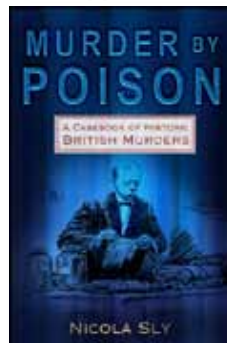
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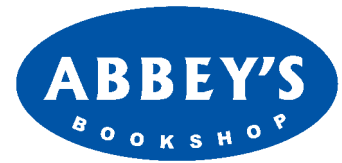
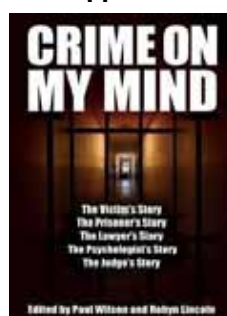
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