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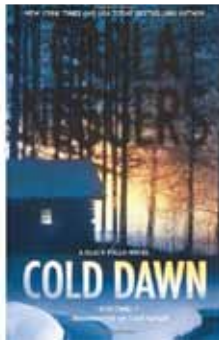
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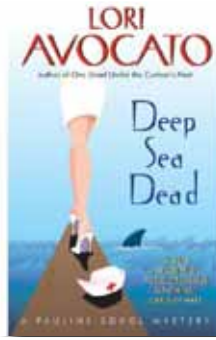


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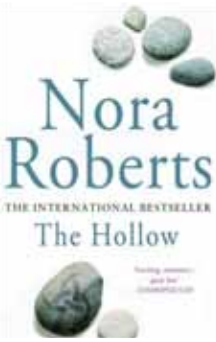
*Mystery.* There's something fishy going on aboard the super-deluxe liner that's setting sail for Bermuda, and it's PI Pauline Sokol's job to be the ship's designated secret snoop... That's if she doesn't get too distracted by her sexy supervising fellow investigator, Jagger!



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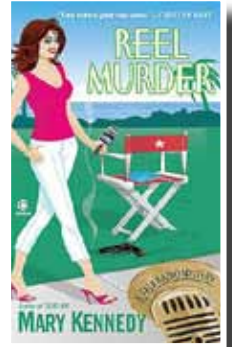


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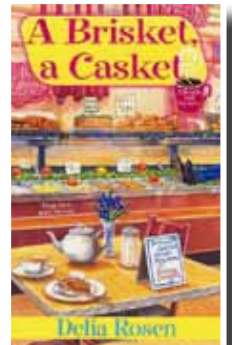
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*Lord Edward Corinth & Verity Browne Mystery #6.*

When a woman is stabbed to death, Edward and Verity join forces to find her killer. But Verity's growing attraction to the young German aristocrat, Adam von Trott, drives a wedge between them - endangering the outcome of the investigation.



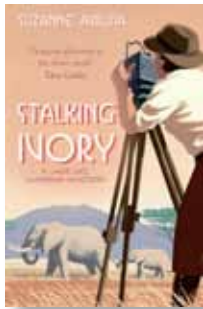
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## MODERN CRIME

### Suzanne ARRUDA Stalking Ivory

*Jade del Cameron #2.* On a photography assignment in Mount Marsabit, Jade discovers the mutilated remains of four elephants and a man. Although the authorities suspect Abyssinian poachers in search of ivory and slaves, Jade suspects it could be Harry

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Hascombe - her nemesis and unrelenting suitor. When the Kikuyu boy accompanying her is captured by slave traders, she must join forces with the handsome Sam Featherstone to rescue her guide, protect the animals, and expose one shocking conspiracy! (American, Cosy)

### Sandra BALZO

#### From the Grounds Up 192pp Tp \$27.95

*Maggy Thorson #5.* When Maggy Thorsen's coffee house, Uncommon Grounds, is virtually obliterated by a snowstorm, she and her friend Sarah resolve to re-open... and Maggy's found the perfect spot right near the train station, just in time for the opening of the new commuter route. But when Sarah's uncle dies suddenly, in the first of a series of 'accidents', it's clear that someone doesn't want Uncommon Grounds to re-open. Maggy, however, has no intention of yielding! (American, Cosy)

### Lorraine BARTLETT

#### A Crafty Killing 304pp Pb \$13.95

*Victoria Square Mystery #1.* The last thing Katie Bonner wanted was to become the manager of Artisans Alley. But when her business partner, Ezra Hilton, is found bludgeoned to death, she has no other choice. Business under Ezra has been faltering - but was it enough to provoke someone to murder her? Only Kate can find the answer! (American, Cosy)

### Jefferson BASS

#### The Bone Thief 384pp Pb \$22.99

*Body Farm Thriller.* Bill Brockton is exhuming a body to obtain a bone sample for a paternity test, when he discovers that the body's limbs have all been removed. Soon in league with the FBI, he finds himself embroiled in the illegal market for human body parts. Meanwhile, a massive dose of radiation has left his friend Eddie Garcia missing a hand. He's on the waiting list for a transplant, but with so many parts around, Brockton is sorely tempted to jeopardise the investigation to help his friend... (American, Suspense)

### Noah BOYD

#### The Bricklayer

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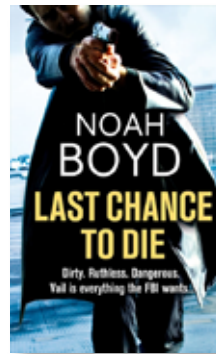
Steve Vail is a trained killer and former agent who despises authority. These days he's working as a bricklayer. But Deputy Kate Bannon of the FBI desperately wants his help. Someone is killing their operatives, and the body count is rising. Someone holds a grudge against the agency; someone who knows how it works, and wants a bloody revenge. And it might be an inside job. To stem the tide of murders, Vail must re-enter a world he hoped he left behind long ago... (American, FBI)

### Noah BOYD

#### Last Chance to Die

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Steve Vail finds himself in a very complicated case. A man known as Calculus, an intelligence officer at the Russian embassy, approaches the FBI claiming to know the identity of American informants to the Russian secret service. In exchange, he requests \$250,000 per informant. When Calculus is suddenly recalled to Moscow, the Bureau suspects the Russians have captured him - which means they'll access his list and track down the informants... Unless the FBI finds them first! (American, FBI)

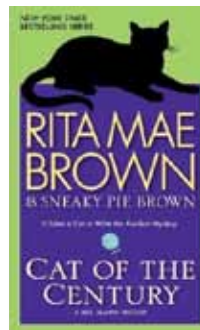


### Rita Mae BROWN

#### Cat of the Century

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*Mrs Murphy Mystery #18.* Gathering at William Woods University to celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> birthday of spunky Aunt Tally, Harry Haristeen and her sleuthing cats investigate the disappearance of a close friend who has gone missing from the college library after giving Aunt Tally an unusual gift. (American, Feline)



### Ellen BYERRUM

#### Shot Through Velvet

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*Crime of Fashion Mystery #7.* Fashion reporter Lacey Smithsonian is touring a failing velvet factory in Virginia on its final day of operations - and finds one of the factory owners dead, lashed to a spool of velvet and soaked in blue dye. The workers are delighted, since they blamed the 'Blue Devil' for killing their jobs. But when another nickname - the 'Velvet Avenger' - makes the rounds, it could be more than Lacey's job at stake. It could be her life... (American, Cosy)

### Chelsea CAIN

#### The Night Season

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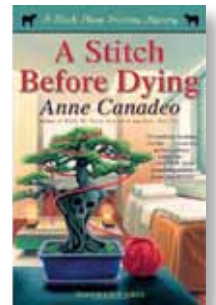
*Archie Sheridan #4.* River levels are high in Portland, when a woman comes across the skeleton of a young black man, murdered over 50 years ago. Journalist, Susan Ward investigates. Meanwhile, Detective Archie Sheridan focuses on a child-killer trained by the notorious Gretchen Lowell. The task force pursue a series of clues from Gretchen, one of which leads to a Vanport flood survivor, who is the grandfather of a murdered child. But is it the 50-year-old Vanport flood conspiracy that could get Archie and Susan killed? (American, Police Procedural)

### Anne CANADEO

#### A Stitch Before Dying

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When Maggie Messina, owner of the Black Sheep Knitting shop, is invited to give knitting workshops at a Berkshires spa resort, she and her friends in the knitting circle must investigate, after stumbling upon a murder mystery involving a charismatic new age guru. But when the killer murders a second time, the Black Sheep wonder if they've dropped a stitch and put themselves in mortal danger! (American, Cosy)



### Alan CARTER

#### Prime Cut

**320pp Tp \$32.95**

The world is in economic meltdown, but a remote mining town in Western Australia is booming... Banished to the stock squad after the fallout from a police frame-up, Detective Senior Sergeant Cato Kwong is brought in to solve the case of a torso washed up on the wild shores of the Great Southern Ocean. But Kwong faces powerful opposition when his investigation exposes the exploitation of migrant workers, and disturbs an even darker criminal mind... (English, Police Procedural)



### Tania CARVER

#### The Creeper

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Suzanne Perry has a vivid nightmare, where someone is in her bed, touching her. She awakes, relieved... But then she sees a photo stuck to the window: an image of her sleeping self. Her nightmare is just beginning... Detective Inspector Phil Brennan of the Major Incident Squad is hunting a killer who stalks, tortures and murders young women. The more Phil investigates, the more he delves into the twisted psychology of his quarry. Soon, Phil realises the killer is much closer to home than he thought... (English, Police Procedural)

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**Tania CARVER**

**The Surrogate**

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A shocking double-murder scene greets Detective Inspector Philip Brennan when he is called to a flat in Colchester. Two women are viciously murdered, and one of the women has had her unborn child cut out of her belly. This is the third time Phil and his team have seen such an atrocity. When psychologist Marina Esposito is brought in, Phil has to put aside his feelings about their shared past and get on with the job. But can they find the killer before another woman is targeted? (English, Police Procedural)

**Linda CASTILLO**

**Pray for Silence**

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When the police arrive at an Amish farmstead in Painters Mill, they face an entire family slaughtered. But every family has its secrets... As Kate Burkholder and Agent John Tomasetti dig deeper into the victims' lives, they discover a young woman who was living a lie. With her own past resonating, Kate must try to maintain some distance from the case, and from Tomasetti. But when she puts herself in the line of fire, she realises that there may be no going back... (American, Psychological)

**Jessica CONANT-PARK**

**Cook the Books**

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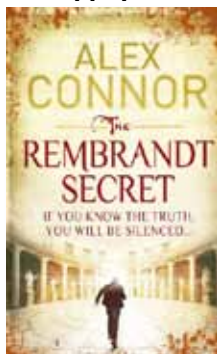
*Gourmet Girl Mystery #5.* Still smarting over the break-up with her boyfriend Josh, Chloe Carter takes a job as a cookbook writer's assistant - a position that puts her in contact with Josh's chef friend, Digger. But when Digger dies in a supposed grease fire, Chloe starts mixing ingredients to find out how he really died - and who killed him. (American, Cosy)

**Alex CONNOR**

**The Rembrandt Secret**

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Marshall Ziegler's father runs a gallery in London. But when his father is violently murdered, Marshall investigates every last detail of his life. He discovers his father knew a dark secret at the heart of Rembrandt's life - one with the potential to bring down one of the world's most lucrative industries. But a sadistic murderer is on the case. Can Marshall beat the killer to the truth? And can he stay alive long enough to reveal the greatest secret never told? (English, Suspense)



**Colin COTTERILL**

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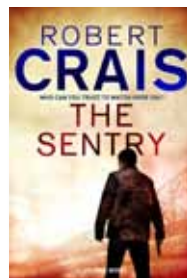
*Dr Siri Paiboun #7.* In downtown Vientiane, Dr Siri and his team are investigating the case of three women skewered by a sword through their hearts. A culprit has been tried and sentenced to death in a week's time. But Siri isn't sure they have the right man. As his 74th birthday dawns, Siri finds himself incarcerated by the Khymer Rouge, facing torture and starvation. As usual, his curiosity is to blame for his predicament, but this time it looks as though his inquisitiveness could be the end of him! (English, Forensic)

**Robert CRAIS**

**The Sentry**

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*Cole & Pike #12.* Dru Rayne and her uncle are refugees who relocated to LA after Hurricane Katrina. When Joe Pike witnesses Dru's uncle beaten by a neighbourhood gang intent on extorting protection money for their restaurant, he offers help. The gang soon targets Pike, who, with Elvis Cole's help, learns that Dru and her uncle are not what they seem. A vengeful force from their past will pit Pike and Cole against South American crime lords, rogue federal agents, and assassins on the hunt for 12 million dollars in stolen cash. (American, Suspense)

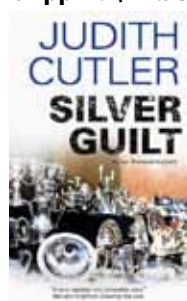


**Judith CUTLER**

**Silver Guilt**

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*Lina Townend #2.* Lina Townend is making a name for herself as an antiques dealer, in partnership with her old friend, Griff Tripp. When she is accused of stealing an item that she is selling for her father - the disreputable Lord Elham - her plight attracts the attention of Piers, a handsome fellow dealer. But is Piers all he seems? And what about the kindly policeman investigating the case? There's only one person she can really trust - Griff. But when violence threatens him, Lina has a difficult decision to make... (English, Cosy)



**Lila DARE**

**Polished Off**

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*Southern Beauty Shop Mystery #2.* Audrey Faye sashays into Violetta's Salon looking for stylists for the Miss Magnolia Blossom pageant. Hairdresser Grace Terhune's opportunity quickly turns into a nightmare with anti-pageant protestors, angry mothers, frantic contestants - and then, a dead Audrey. The murder weapon was a nail file, making Violetta's manicurist, Stella, the prime suspect. Now Grace must find the real murderer before she is polished off permanently! (American, Cosy)

**Jeffery DEAVER**

**The Burning Wire**

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*Lincoln Rhyme #9.* Manhattan's electricity grid is the victim of a horrific attack, and more are planned. While the FBI and Homeland Security determine who's behind the carnage, Lincoln Rhyme and Amelia Sachs race to decode the forensics in order to prevent the next assault. In the meantime, one of the few criminals to have ever slipped Rhyme's net is under surveillance in Mexico. The deadly assassin known as 'the Watchmaker' has set his sight on innocent victims. And Lincoln must race against the clock! (American, Suspense)

**Michael DUFFY**

**The Simple Death**

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Elizabeth Scott is dying of cancer, and asks her daughter Leila to help Elizabeth kill herself. Suicide is not illegal in Australia, but assisted suicide is. So Leila seeks help from a voluntary euthanasia group. But when Detective Nicholas Troy stumbles across the group as part of an investigation into excessive deaths in a major Sydney hospital, he wonders if voluntary euthanasia is an excuse for something more sinister. He and Leila soon lock horns in a conflict where morality and the law might not be the same thing... (Australian, Psychological)

**Martin EDWARDS**

**The Serpent Pool**

**352pp Pb \$19.99**

*Lake District Mystery #4.* The Lake District's cold case specialist, DCI Hannah Scarlett, is determined to uncover the truth behind the apparent suicide of Bethany Friend six years ago. Hannah suspects her partner, bookseller Marc Amos, keeps dark secrets - especially since his best customer burnt to death in an Ullswater boathouse. And Hannah still carries a torch for Daniel Kind, who is researching Thomas De Quincey and the history of murder. When Daniel and Hannah suspect connections between Bethany's drowning and a current sequence of killings, death comes dangerously close to home... (English, Suspense)

**Christy EVANS**

**Drip Dead**

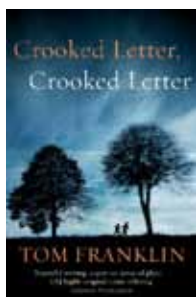
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*Georgiana Neverall #3.* When plumber's apprentice Georgiana Neverall crawls under her mother's house to check the pipes, she's horrified to find her mother's flashy fiancé - real estate mogul Gregory Whitlock - dead in the dirt. Instead of a wedding ring, Georgiana's mother is soon wearing handcuffs - accused of killing the man she loved. To clear her mother's name, Georgiana's going to have to crawl into a few more dark spaces to uncover the secrets Whitlock was hiding. (American, Cosy)



**Tom FRANKLIN****Crooked Letter, Crooked Letter****320pp Tp \$32.99**

Amos, Mississippi, is a quiet town. Silas Jones is its sole law enforcement officer. Nearly 20 years ago, a teenage girl disappeared on a date with Larry Ott - Silas' one-time boyhood friend. The law couldn't prove Larry's guilt, but he has been shunned ever since. Then the town's peace is shattered when someone tries to kill the reclusive Ott; another young woman goes missing, and the town's drug dealer is murdered. But there is also a secret which hangs over the lives of two men... (American, Suspense)

**Elizabeth GEORGE****This Body of Death****544pp Pb \$22.99**

#16. DI Thomas Lynley is on compassionate leave after his wife's murder. The discovery of a dead body offers Isabelle Ardery, his temporary replacement at the Met, the chance to make her mark. Persuading Lynley back to work seems like the best way to guarantee a result: Lynley's team is loyal to him, and Isabelle needs Barbara Havers on her side. The murder trail leads Lynley and Havers to the New Forest, where the case's roots are in a long-ago act of violence that has poisoned subsequent generations ever since... (American, Police Procedural)

**Jordan GRAY****Submerged****256pp Pb \$13.95**

Blackpool Mystery #3. When a massive restoration project is brought to the marina - resulting in political turmoil, kidnapping and murder - Molly and Michael Graham, newcomers to the English seacoast town of Blackpool, dive into the case and become submerged in a mystery involving smugglers and long-buried truths. (American, Suspense)

**Thomas GREANIAS****The Promised War****368pp Pb \$19.99**

When Israeli counter-terrorism agent Sam Deker thwarts an attempt to blow up Jerusalem's Dome of the Rock, little does he realise that he is the real target. Taken to Jordan to be tortured, when Deker finally comes round, he appears to awake in the middle of the ancient Israelite army on the eve of its historic siege of Jericho. Deker's only chance of escape is to embark on a dangerous mission to spy out the Promised Land. But all is not as it seems and Israel's fate in the 21st century lies in his hands... (American, Spy)

**Martha GRIMES****The Black Cat****432pp Pb \$16.95**

Richard Jury #22. Richard Jury is still dealing with the guilt of the accident that sent Lu Aquilar into a coma. But then he gets assigned the case of a beautiful woman who was murdered on the grounds of a pub called the Black Cat. And the only witness is a black cat. The woman is unidentifiable - but Jury is going to see that the person responsible is known to all... (American, Cosy)

**Sophie HANNAH****Lasting Damage****416pp Tp \$32.99**

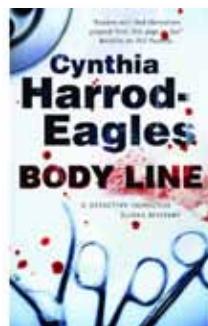
It's after midnight, and Connie Bowskill logs on to a property website in search of a particular house that's for sale: 11 Bentley Grove, Cambridge. Clicking on the 'Virtual Tour' button, Connie finds herself looking at a scene from a nightmare: in the living room, in the middle of the carpet, there's a woman lying face down in a pool of blood. In shock, Connie wakes her husband Kit. But when Kit sits at the computer to take a look, he sees only pristine beige carpet in a perfectly ordinary room... (English, Psychological)

**Sophie HANNAH****A Room Swept White****480pp Pb \$22.99**

TV producer Fliss Benson receives an anonymous card at work. The card has 16 numbers on it, arranged in four rows of four - numbers that mean nothing to her. On the same day, Fliss discovers she's going to be working on a documentary involving cot-death mothers wrongly accused of murder. The documentary will focus on three women. For personal reasons, this is the last project Fliss wants to be working on. When one of the women is found dead, in her pocket is a card with 16 numbers on it, arranged in rows of four... (English, Psychological)

**Cynthia HARROD-EAGLES****Body Line****256pp Hb \$49.95**

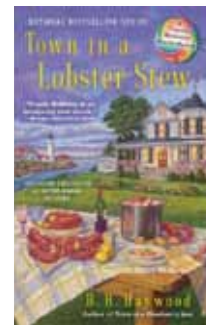
Bill Slider #13. David Rogers was a doctor, handsome, charming and rich. He lived the lifestyle of a consultant - expensive clothes, top restaurants, and exclusive clubs - until someone killed him in the hallway of his lovely and expensive home. But when Bill Slider and his firm are thrown into the mystery, they soon discover that nothing is as it seems, for though David's girlfriends are plenty, and none of them can tell Slider anything about where he worked... or what exactly he did. (English, Police Procedural)

**Mo HAYDER****Gone****560pp Pb \$24.95**

Night is falling as murder detective Jack Caffrey arrives to interview the distraught victim of a car-jacking. What he hears horrifies him. The car was taken by force, and the back seat passenger was an 11-year-old girl, who is still missing. Before long the jacker starts to communicate with the police. And Caffrey becomes certain that he is planning to take another car. And another child. Who is the car-jacker? How is he choosing his targets? And - most urgent of all - can Caffrey find the child, before it's too late...? (English, Police Procedural)

**B B HAYWOOD****Town in a Lobster Stew****284pp Pb \$13.95**

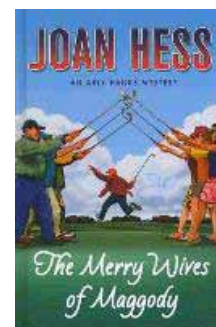
Candy Holliday Mystery #2. Things start to boil over at the 29th annual Lobster Stew cook-off when an award-winning recipe is stolen and a seven-time contest champion mysteriously disappears - leaving Candy Holliday no choice but to find out who in Cape Willington, Maine, would get steamed enough to break the law. (American, Cosy)

**Veronica HELEY****False Pretences****224pp Tp \$27.95**

Abbot Agency Mystery. Bea Abbot runs a domestic agency that doesn't 'do' murder. There's nothing sinister about charity-worker Zander's request for her to join him on a visit to his former boss Denzil's widow. But Zander had exposed the financial scam that Denzil was running - after which Denzil had, unexpectedly, died. Now the dead man's widow is out for Zander's blood, and the paperwork that proves Denzil's guilt is missing. Denzil's computer could provide the answers, but then another death occurs... (English, Private Eye)

**Joan HESS****The Merry Wives of Maggody****304pp Pb \$13.95**

Arly Hanks Mystery. After Mrs Jim Bob Buchanan sets the small town of Maggody, Arkansas, on the path to chaos by holding a golf tournament where the first hole-in-one wins a premier bass-fishing boat, local golf instructor Tommy Ridner wins the prize on the first day - only to be found dead later. It's a case that Sheriff Arly Hanks must take on board - just as the cut-throat golf tournament begins anew. (American, Cosy)


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**Anne HOLT****1222**

1222 metres above sea level, the worst snowstorm in Norwegian history gathers force, during train 601's journey from Oslo to Bergen. Its 269 passengers, forced to abandon the train, camp inside a centuries-old mountain hotel. But there is a murder. Retired police inspector Hanne Wilhelmsen is asked to investigate, but she has reservations; her pursuit for the truth left her paralysed. Meanwhile, rumours swirl about a secret cargo carried by train 601. Why was the last carriage sealed? Why is the top floor of the hotel locked down? And what if the killer strikes again? (Norwegian, Suspense)

**320pp Tp \$29.99****Linda HOWARD****Ice****288pp Pb \$19.99**

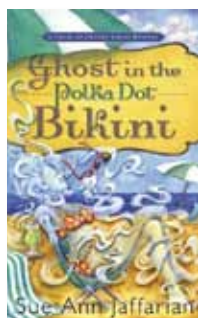
Gabriel McQueen's county-sheriff father enlists Gabriel to trek to the middle of nowhere to ensure their neighbour Lolly Helton is safe. It's a trip the younger McQueen would rather not make given the winter weather - and the icy conditions between him and Lolly. When Gabriel arrives at Lolly's home, Gabriel's stealth training is all he needs to extract Lolly from the house - and her armed captors. But soon the hunt is on. And the winter woods are not a place to be once the ice storm touches down... (American, Suspense)

**Linda HOWARD****Veil of Night****352pp Tp \$32.99**

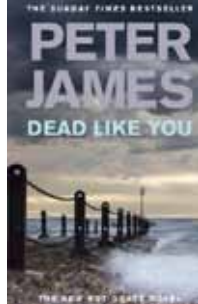
When the town's mythical bridezilla, Carrie Edwards, is brutally killed, everyone - from the cake-maker to the florist to the wedding-gown seller - is practically dancing in the streets. Eric Wilder is the detective assigned to the case. There's too much evidence implicating everyone, and compounding his problems is the interference of wedding planner Jaclyn Wilde. When Jaclyn becomes the focus of the killer, Eric soon finds himself with a completely different problem! (American, Suspense)

**Sue Ann JAFFARIAN****Ghost in the Polka Dot Bikini****312pp Pb \$24.95**

*Ghost of Granny Apples Mystery #2.* Tessa, a young starlet who died on Catalina Island in the 1960s wearing nothing but a polka dot bikini, won't cross over until her beloved Curtis comes for her. To help the winsome bikini-clad spirit, Emma and Granny must find out who Curtis is and how Tessa died. Their investigation takes them from the grit and glamour of Hollywood to Kennedy-era political intrigue... before hitting dangerously close to home. (American, Cosy)

**Peter JAMES****Dead Like You****500pp Pb \$19.99**

*Roy Grace #6.* When two women are sexually assaulted, and their shoes taken by the offender, Detective Superintendent Roy Grace realises these new cases bear remarkable similarities to an unsolved series of crimes in the city back in 1997. The perpetrator had been dubbed 'Shoe Man'. Could this be a copycat, or has Shoe Man resurfaced? When more women are assaulted, Grace grows certain they are dealing with the same man. And by delving into his own past, he may find the key to unlocking the current mystery... (English, Police Procedural)



And by delving into his own past, he may find the key to unlocking the current mystery... (English, Police Procedural)

**Sofie KELLY****Curiosity Thrilled the Cat****336pp Pb \$11.95**

*Magical Cats Mystery #1.* When librarian Kathleen Paulson moved to Mayville Heights, Minnesota, she had no idea that two strays - Owen and Hercules - would nuzzle their way into her life. But beyond all the fur and purrs, there's something more to these felines... When murder interrupts Mayville's Music Festival, Kathleen finds herself the prime suspect. More stunning is her realisation that Owen and Hercules are magical - and she's relying on their skills to solve a 'purrfect' murder! (American, Feline)

**Toni KELNER****Blast from the Past****304pp Pb \$11.95**

*Where Are They Now? Mystery #3.* While visiting a movie set, Boston freelance entertainment reporter Tilda Harper gets more than she bargained for when John Laryea, the former star of 'The Blastoffs', garners some unwanted attention from a scene-stealing killer. (American, Journalistic)

**Simon KERNICK****The Payback****368pp Tp \$32.95**

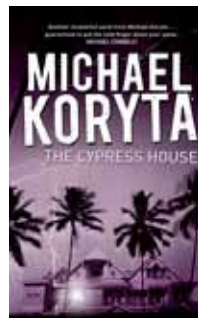
Dennis Milne is a former cop, who earns his living killing bad guys. For the past two days, he's been in Manila, waiting for his next target: a young woman who's made herself some poor life-choices. DI Tina Boyd is a woman on a mission. Tough, spiky and determined, she's looking for the man she holds responsible for the death of her lover. He's in Manila, and she's determined to find and kill him - before he kills her. Two cops with haunted pasts are about to meet. And when they do, it's payback time! (English, Suspense)

**Bernard KNIGHT****Where Death Delights****256pp Tp \$27.95**

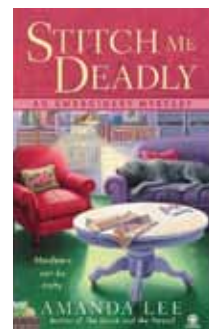
*Richard Pryor & Angela Blay #1.* Forensic pathologist Richard Pryor uses his 'golden handshake' to set up in private practice with scientist Angela Bray. A friendly coroner gives them a start, and when two women both claim that human remains found near a reservoir are their relatives, the dilemma is given to them to investigate! (Welsh, Private Eye)

**Michael KORYTA****The Cypress House****432pp Tp \$32.99**

Arlen Wagner has seen it before - a trace of smoke in their eyes promising imminent death. When Arlen awakens on a train and spot's death's sign in the eyes of his fellow passengers, only 19-year-old Paul Brickhill believes his warning, and the two abandon the train. They continue south, but are soon stranded at the Cypress House - an isolated boarding house run by the beautiful Rebecca Cady. When a hurricane approaches, Arlen wants out. But Paul refuses to abandon Rebecca, even though Arlen's eerie gift warns that if they stay too long they may never leave... (American, Suspense)

**Amanda LEE****Stitch Me Deadly****336pp Pb \$11.95**

*Embroidery Mystery #2.* Maggie Singer owns 'The Seven Year Stitch' - an embroidery specialty shop in the small town of Tallulah Falls, Oregon. Trouble strikes when an elderly woman brings an antique piece of embroidery into the shop - and promptly proceeds to die of unnatural causes. Maggie is convinced that the embroidery sample holds a clue to an even older crime. Now she must stitch together the clues to catch a crafty killer! (American, Cosy)

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Rome. McCabe and Chip, two American exchange students, are about to become embroiled with a violent street gang, a beautiful Italian girl and a flawed kidnapping plan. Detroit. Sharon Vanelli's affair with Joey Palermo, a Mafia enforcer, is about to be discovered by her husband, Ray, a secret service agent. Both narratives will converge in the backstreets of Italy's oldest city, exploring the wrong turns which life can take. (American, Suspense)

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Pinned for a crime he didn't commit, brash lawyer Jimmy Payne goes on the most terrifying run of his life - from bloody Mexicali to the bullet-riddled San Joaquin Valley. When he meets a foul-mouthed Mexican teenager in search of his missing mother, the unlikely duo attempt to find the woman, against startlingly violent odds. (American, Suspense)

**Stuart MACBRIDE**

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*Logan McRae.* Richard Knox has served time as a violent sex offender, but now claims he wants to make a new start. Detective Sergeant Logan McRae is part of the team helping Knox settle into his new Aberdeen home, and he isn't thrilled to be stuck with DSI Danby - the man who put Knox behind bars for ten years - supposedly here to 'keep an eye on things'. Things are about to go wrong. Three heavies from Newcastle want a 'quiet word' with Danby about a missing mob accountant. And Knox's dark past isn't done with him yet. (Scottish, Police Procedural)

**Stuart MACBRIDE**

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*Logan McRae.* Alison and Jenny McGregor - Aberdeen's own mother-daughter singing sensation - have made the semi-finals of British TV's *Next Big Star*. But their reality-TV dream has turned into a nightmare. The ransom demand appears has saturated the media, instructing the nation to dig deep if they want to keep Alison and Jenny alive. Time is running out, but DS Logan McRae and his colleagues have nothing to go on: the kidnappers haven't left a single piece of forensic evidence. It looks as if the price of fame just got a lot higher! (Scottish, Police Procedural)

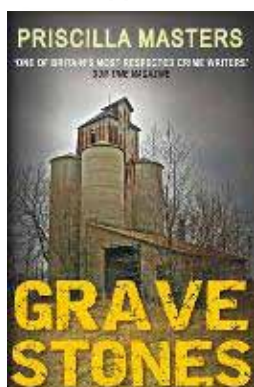
**Priscilla MASTERS**

**Grave Stones**

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*Joanna Piercy*  
#9. Staffordshire moorland farmer, Jakob Grimshaw, has eked out a living by selling off some of his land to local businessman Gabriel Frank, who then built a housing development: the Prospect Farm Estate.

However, the residents of Prospect Farm realise they don't like Grimshaw's eyesore of a farm building. And so a war begins. But the residents don't realise that Grimshaw is neither simple nor honest. When Grimshaw is found dead, it's up to DI Joanna Piercy to investigate. (English, Police Procedural)

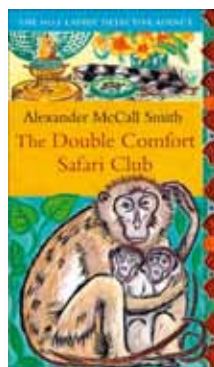


**Alexander McCall SMITH**

**The Double Comfort Safari Club**

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#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 - while reminding her of rival safari operators, fearsome crocodiles and disgruntled hippopotamuses. What's more, Mma Makutsi still does not have a date for her wedding to Phuti Radiphuti and is feeling rather tetchy. But Precious knows that with a little patience, everything works out for the best in the end... (Scottish, Cosy)

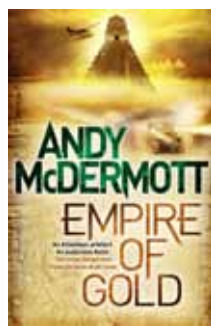


**Andy McDERMOTT**

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When Johnny Angel is found murdered with a dead sex worker in his bed and a heroin needle in his arm, it's all the more shocking because he's a priest. But when Dr Bennett Marc Crane, a prestigious plastic surgeon, is the next victim of a similarly vicious attack, it's obvious there is a serial killer on the loose. For journalist Nicky Stella, this is the kind of story that could land him a cover article. But when he digs too deep, the killer's attention turns towards Nicky. He must find the killer before he becomes the next victim... (American, Journalistic)



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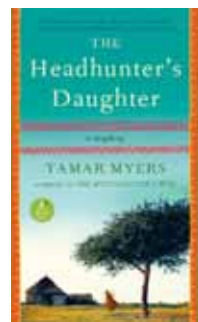
*Den of Antiquity Mystery.* When her best friend Rob's eccentric Aunt Jerry is murdered - and her priceless emerald ring is stolen - Abigail Timberlake Washburn becomes the prime suspect in the case, forcing her to launch her own investigation and put the real killer behind bars! (American, Cosy)

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**Jo NESBO****The Leopard**

*Harry Hole #6.* The crime scene of two murdered women offers no clues, and the police are running out of options. Inspector Harry Hole is the only man who can help them – but he's lost himself in the squalor of Hong Kong's opium dens. When Harry reluctantly returns to Oslo, his instinct takes over when an MP is found murdered in a city park. The victims appear unconnected, but it's not long before Harry discovers the women all spent the night in an isolated mountain hostel. And someone is picking off the guests one by one... (Norwegian, Police Procedural)

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At a tender and vulnerable young age, FBI Special Agent Dana Whitestone witnessed the brutal murders of her parents. Tough and driven, she lives for her work... but now she is stumped by her latest case - a sadistic serial killer who mocks her every step. What at first appears to be the work of a copycat evolves into an explosive game of cat and mouse, a shockingly personal battle between an agent and a brilliantly demented killer. Dana must force the hand of the crazed perfectionist she trails, whose capture rests solely on a chance mistake... (American, FBI)

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*Jesse Stone.* Overwhelmed by a double homicide involving a mob hit, a high-ranking crime figure and twin mafia wives, Jesse Stone increasingly succumbs to alcoholism before agreeing to assist fellow investigator Sunny Randall on a seemingly unrelated case. While on the case, Stone and Randall realise just how much they really have in common with their victims, their suspects - and each other. (American, Police Procedural)

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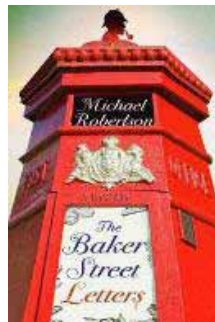
*Armand Gamache #6.* As Quebec City shivers in the grip of winter, Chief Inspector Armand Gamache plunges into the most unusual case of his celebrated career. A man has been brutally murdered in one of the city's oldest buildings - a library where the English citizens of Quebec safeguard their history. And the death opens a door into the past, exposing a mystery that has lain dormant for centuries - a mystery Gamache must solve if he's to apprehend a present-day killer. (Canadian, Police Procedural)

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*Psych #5.* When Shawn's partner Gus decides he doesn't want to be a detective anymore and gets a real job, Shawn wonders: Is this the end of Psych? Or is it the end of Gus? After a fellow executive at Benson Pharmaceuticals turns up dead, Gus realises he needs Shawn more than ever to solve the murder, before he's forced to take an early - and permanent - retirement! (American, Private Eye)

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Reggie Heath is a successful attorney with charisma to spare. When he leases space in an office building on London's Baker Street, his firm begins receiving letters sent to Sherlock Holmes. Reggie's brother, Nigel, becomes intrigued by one of the 'Dear Sherlock' notes and then disappears quite suddenly, leaving a dead body in his wake. Reggie must hop on the next flight to Los Angeles to uncover the truth. Hot on his heels is his sometime lover, Laura - a quick-witted stage actress who's captured the hearts of both brothers. (American, Suspense)

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*#19.* Banks isn't back, and that's the problem. If DCI Alan Banks had been in his office when his old neighbour called on him, then perhaps it would have turned out differently. Perhaps an innocent man would still be alive. And perhaps Banks' daughter wouldn't be on the run with a wanted man. But Banks is on holiday, blissfully unaware of the terrible chain of events set in motion by the discovery of a loaded gun in a young woman's bedroom, and his daughter's involvement with the ultimate bad boy... (English, Suspense)

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David Pepin has loved his wife since the moment they met, and he can't imagine living without her. Soon she's dead, and he's both deeply distraught and the prime suspect. The detectives investigating her death have their own conjugal difficulties. Ward Hastroll's wife is inexplicably bedridden. And Sam Sheppard has for decades been sensitive to the intricacies of marital guilt, for the most personal of reasons. When Pepin is linked to a hit man, the case begins to resemble the Escher drawings that inspire the computer games Pepin designs for a living... (American, Psychological)

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Inspector Andy Horton's peaceful holiday is shattered when, walking out across an abandoned golf course on the Isle of Wight on a cold January morning, he stumbles upon a distraught young woman with a gun in her hand, leaning over a corpse. When she professes to be the dead man's psychic, Horton's old adversary, DCI Birch, is convinced she is a mentally disturbed killer. But Horton is not so sure... (English, Police Procedural)

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Struggling as a freelance translator in southern France, the former lawyer and heartbroken Georg Polger hopes for an improvement in his circumstances when he inherits a potentially dangerous project translating military construction plans. The job is made more complicated by the suspicious actions of the beautiful woman who Georg has fallen in love with, and the discovery that he is being followed by both the CIA and the KGB. (German, Spy)

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*Andreas Kaldis #2.* When the body of a boy from one of Greece's most prominent families turns up in a dumpster in Athens' worst neighbourhood, Chief Inspector Andreas Kaldis - now head of the Special Crimes Division - is certain there's a message in the murders. But who sent it? Andreas' investigation takes him deep into the sordid, criminal side of Athens nightlife and on to the glittering society world, where age-old frictions between old and new money breed jealousy, murder, revenge, revolutionaries and deadly truths... (American, Police Procedural)

**Clea SIMON**

**Grey Matters**

*Dulcie Schwartz Mystery #2.* Caught between a distracted supervisor and university politics, Dulcie's doctoral thesis looks doomed. When she stumbles across the bloodied body of a fellow student, things couldn't get any worse. Unless her mother's dreams turn out to be premonitions and Dulcie's work has all been in vain. With the ghost of Mr Grey - her wise and loyal late, great cat - strangely silent, and her new kitten refusing to speak, this time Dulcie might just be on her own... (American, Feline)

**Karin SLAUGHTER**

**Broken**

When the body of a young woman is discovered in the icy waters of Lake Grant, former Grant County medical examiner Sara Linton is drawn into the case. But when the chief suspect is found dead in his cell - the words 'Not me' scrawled across the walls - Special Agent Will Trent is brought in to investigate. But he is confronted with a wall of silence. Grant County is a close-knit community with loyalties and ties that run deep. And the only person who can tell the truth about what really happened is dead... (American, Forensic)



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**Sally SPENCER**

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**Mickey SPILLANE & Max Allan COLLINS**

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*Mike Hammer #16.*

Hammer, recuperating from a near fatal mix-up with the Mob, disturbs some drug dealers assaulting a young motorbike messenger who was transporting medicine for a hospital. He saves the kid but the muggers are not so lucky. The Mob and a new young breed of drug trafficker assume he will target them, and they target him right back, with a street-corner knife attack. And so Hammer and his beautiful and deadly partner Velda find themselves taking on the drug racket in New York! (American, Private Eye)



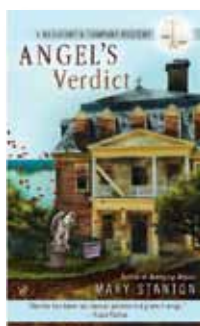
**Mary STANTON**

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*#4.* Celestial advocate Brianna Winston-Beaufort and her company of angels are drawn into the golden age of Hollywood when the set of a made-for-TV movie - based on the murder of a beautiful B-movie actress - is sabotaged by frightening acts. (American, Cosy)



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Hollywood Nate still dreams of movie stardom, but worries he's too good-looking to be a character actor. Aaron Sloane is forever lusting after his beautiful partner Sheila Montez, and Dana Vaughn - a no-nonsense cop - can't stand the fact that chauvinist pig, Lee Murillo, won't stop following her around after she saved his life. But when the enigmatic crook, Dewey Gleason, hatches an audacious kidnap plan - without knowing that one of the hired help lives a double life as a serial sex attacker - affairs become dangerous indeed. (American, Police Procedural)

**Lois WINSTON**

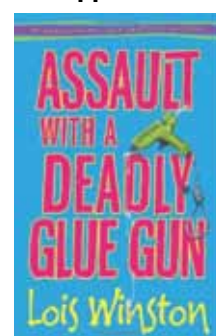
**Assault with a Deadly Glue Gun**

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*Anastasia Pollack*

*Crafting Mystery #1.*

When an associate at Anastasia Pollack's craft magazine is found dead after evidence surfaces of an affair between her and Anastasia's late husband, Anastasia finds herself to be the main suspect. Meanwhile, she must try to cope with her husband's gambling debts, a vengeful loan shark, and two sons. (American, Cosy)



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**Death of a Wine Merchant**

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*#9.* When Randolph Colville - a successful wine merchant - is murdered at his son's society wedding, Lord Francis Powerscourt is summoned by his barrister friend, Charles Augustus Pugh, to investigate. The murderer appears to be Randolph's brother, Cosmo, found in the same room with a gun in his hand. But Cosmo isn't speaking and time is running out. Francis must act fast. His investigations take him to the vineyards and towns of Burgundy, where he uncovers evidence of serious malpractice in the Colville wine trade, and the motive for the wine merchant's untimely death.... (Irish)



**C W GORTNER**

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*#1.* 1553. Brendan Prescott, an orphan, is reared in the household of the powerful Dudley family. Brought to court, Brendan finds himself sent on a mission to the King's enigmatic sister, Princess Elizabeth. But Brendan is soon compelled to work as a double agent by Elizabeth's protector, William Cecil - who promises to help him unravel the secret of his own past. A dark plot swirls around Elizabeth's quest to find the truth about the ominous disappearance of her ill brother, King Edward VI. Soon, Brendan plunges into a ruthless gambit of half-truths, lies... and murder. (American)



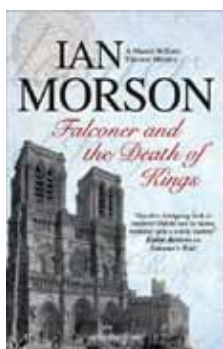
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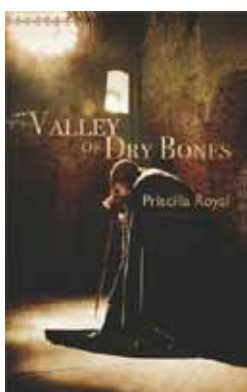
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Master William Falconer Mystery #8. Oxford, 1273. When Regent Master William Falconer receives a cryptic message from Friar Roger - an old friend whose experimental scientific ideas the church consider heretical - he travels to Paris to find him.

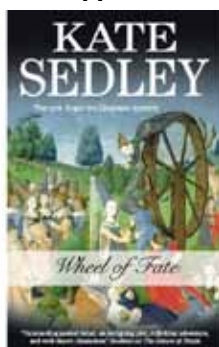
On arrival, he discovers his friend has been incarcerated in a friary, and he must work to ensure that his scientific theories are not lost forever. But, unbeknownst to Falconer, King Edward has a task for him - one that will test even the Regent Master's legendary powers of deduction! (English)

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Roger the Chapman. The intrepid peddler, Roger the Chapman, returns home after months on the road, to discover that his wife has left him after hearing he fathered an illegitimate child. Panicked, Roger follows his wife to London, where she is staying with distant cousins, the Godsloves. After he pleads his case and his wife agrees to reconcile, Roger learns that the Godsloves believe they're under a curse. Reluctantly, he investigates their claim. In the chaos of London in the wake of the death of King Edward IV, Roger will discover a terrible secret from the Godslove's past... (English)

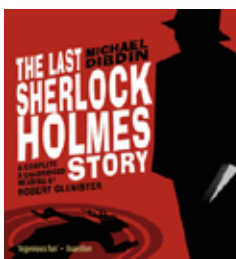
**CRIME AUDIO****Lindsey DAVIS****Saturnalia**

Marcus Didius Falco Mystery. It is the Roman holiday of Saturnalia.

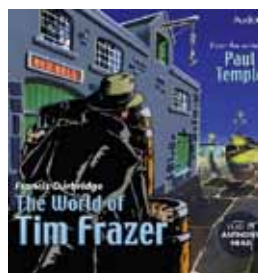
A general has captured a famous enemy of Rome and brings her home as a ritual sacrifice. But when she escapes from house arrest, Marcus Didius Falco is pitted against his old rival, the Chief Spy Anacrites, in a race to find the fugitive before her presence embarrasses the government. Falco has other priorities, for Helena's brother Justinus has also vanished. Against the riotous backdrop of the season, the search seems impossible - and only Falco appears to notice that some dark agency is bringing death to the streets. (English, Historical)

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London, 1888. Three women have been savagely murdered by Jack the Ripper. To calm the public outcry, Scotland Yard approaches London's most eminent detective, Sherlock Holmes, and asks him to investigate the mystery. This is a complete and unabridged reading by Robert Glenister. The adventures of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's famous detective and his faithful companion Dr Watson are given a new and thrilling treatment by Michael Dibdin. (English, Historical)

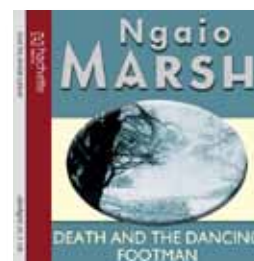
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When Tim Frazer visits the fishing village of Henton to meet his friend and ex-business-partner Harry Denston, he is embroiled in a series of mysterious events. A Russian sailor dies in a local inn after uttering the word 'Anyā'. Among his belongings is a receipt from a Marble Arch garage - but Anstrov was never in London. And then Frazer receives a call from Mr Ross, who has a startling proposition. Ross is in charge of a secret government department, and wants Frazer's help. His mission: to find Harry Denston, who has mysteriously disappeared... (English, Spy)

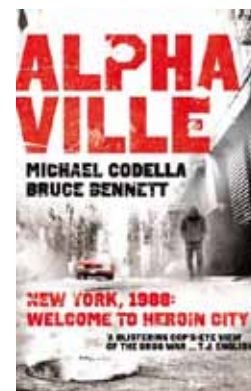
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A winter weekend ends in snowbound disaster. It began as an entertainment: eight people, many of them enemies, gathered for a winter weekend by a host with a love for theatre. They would be the characters in a drama that he would devise. But it ends in a tragic death. Yet everyone had an alibi - and most had a motive as well. But Chief Detective Inspector Roderick Alleyn - when he finally arrived - knew it all hung on Thomas, the dancing footman...

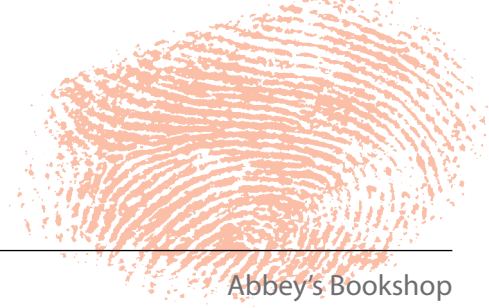
(New Zealander, Police Procedural)

**CRIME NON-FICTION****Michael CODELLA & Bruce BENNETT****Alphaville****304pp Tp \$34.99**

In 1988, Alphabet City burned with heroin, radicalism and anti-police sentiment. Working as a plainclothes narcotics cop in Manhattan, Detective Sergeant Mike Codella earned the nickname 'Rambo' from the local dealers, as well as a \$50K bounty on his head. The son of a cop who grew up in a mob neighbourhood in Brooklyn, Codella understood the unwritten laws of the underground. And he knew that the further east you got from the relative safety of 5th Avenue, the deeper you entered the sea of human misery, greed, addiction, violence... (American)

**Joseph CUMMINS****Heists: Gripping Exposes of the World's Most Notorious Robberies****240pp Tp \$29.99**

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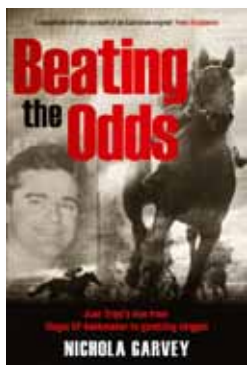


**Nichola GARVEY**  
**Beating the Odds**

With the rise of the TAB in Australia, police were ordered to stamp out off-course bookmaking in order to protect the state governments' monopoly. Alan Tripp, the biggest starting-price bookie in Australia, was their number-one target. His punting clientele ranged from the high society of Sydney to the underbelly of Melbourne, and included PM Bob Hawke, media baron Kerry Packer, gangsters Lewis Moran and Alphonse Gangitano, and underworld figure Mick Gatto. Tripp's life quickly became a rollercoaster of high-stakes gambling, with the dual threats of bankruptcy and prison never far behind. (Australian)

**Richard Lloyd PARRY**  
**People Who Eat Darkness:**  
**The Fate of Lucie Blackman**

In 2000, 21-year-old Lucie Blackman arrived in Tokyo; the following winter, her remains were found in a seaside cave. The months between had seen a massive search for the missing girl, involving Japanese policemen, British private detectives, Australian dowsers and Lucie's parents. The author, a foreign correspondent, has followed the case since her disappearance, talking exhaustively to Lucie's friends and family, and gaining access to the Japanese detectives who investigated the case. And he has delved into the mind of the man accused of the crime - Joji Obara - described by the judge as 'unprecedented and extremely evil'. (English)



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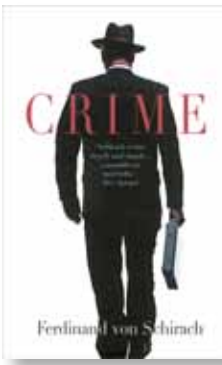


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**Ferdinand VON SCHIRACH**

**Crime** 200pp Tp \$29.95

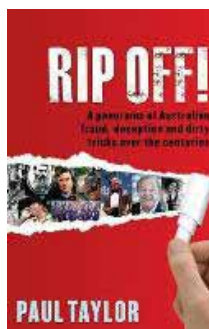
This is a collection of true crime stories told by one of Germany's most prominent defence lawyers. What would make a polite, well-liked doctor cut up his wife with an axe? Why would a boy slaughter the sheep in his village? Who is the silent man who murdered two neo-Nazis on a train platform? What connection does a German bank robber have with an Ethiopian village? Why would a museum drop all charges against someone who deliberately smashed one of their statues? However heinous the crime, the author reminds readers of the human behind the criminal. (German)



**Paul TAYLOR**  
**Rip Off!**

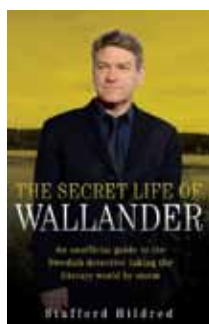
Marcus Einfeld, Shane Warne, Ned Kelly, Fine Cotton, Azaria Chamberlain, Frank Hardy, Men at Work, Jim Cairns and Junie Morosi, Len Lawson, T E Lawrence, Francis De Groot, Daisy Bates, Ern Malley, Wilfred Burchett, Colin Ross, Alan Bond, and more... All these names share a common thread of deception! (Australian)

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**Stafford HILDRED**  
**The Secret Life of Wallander:**  
**An Unofficial Guide to the Swedish**  
**Detective Taking the Literary World by**  
**Storm**

Almost 20 years since he first appeared in Henning Mankel's novel Faceless Killers (Pb \$24.95), the sad Swedish detective Kurt Wallander has become a worldwide success. Mankel's books about the idealistic police inspector have sold more than 30 million copies worldwide. In Europe, readers took instantly to the troubled, lonely cop with his horrendous health problems and catastrophic home life, and with the award-winning BBC series, British and American fans have taken Wallander to their hearts. Yet Wallander is much more than another crime series. Mankel invented the policeman as a vehicle to write about the disturbing increase in violence and racism that was undermining the comfortable social democracy of Sweden. Those problems are as international as Wallander's appeal. (British)



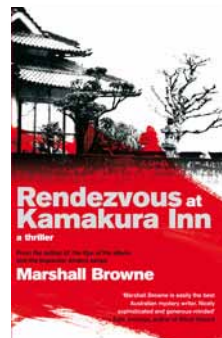
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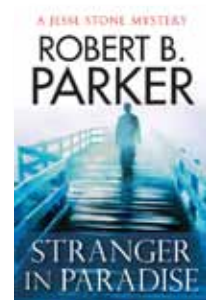
**Marshall BROWNE**  
**Rendezvous at Kamakura Inn**  
287pp Tp ~~\$24.95~~ \$12.95

Tokyo Detective Aoki is devastated when influence and power undermine a major investigation. Unwilling to let go, he is sent to a remote Japanese retreat in the mountains for a vacation. His stay quickly becomes a hotbed of suspense as Aoki realises that all the guests are harbouring secrets. A sudden snowstorm traps everyone just as Aoki begins to piece together each guest's connection to an unsolved disappearance years prior. Trapped by the snow, the retreat becomes a maze of stone walls, a geisha's seduction, and bloody murders in the night...



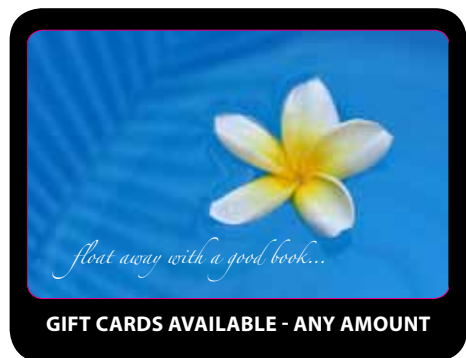
**Robert B PARKER**  
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Jesse Stone is an alcohol-dependent ex LA cop who has taken the job of police chief in Paradise, Massachusetts. When Crow, an Apache hit man, turns up in Jesse Stone's office, he is intrigued. Ten years before, Crow was part of a gang that had taken a woman in the town hostage when a bank raid went wrong. The hostages were released, but he got away with enough money not to have to work again. So why is Crow back in town? And why has he come to see Jesse?



**Robert B PARKER**  
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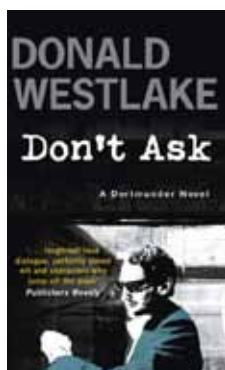
Private investigator Spenser has been invited to Tashtego Island to the wedding of the daughter of a very rich woman, where Spenser must play a companion to the rich woman - a role he finds somewhat baffling. When the clergyman and the bridegroom are shot dead and the daughter kidnapped in front of the wedding guests, Spenser is as shocked as anyone. Hell bent on finding the daughter and figuring out exactly what is going on, he calls upon his sidekick Hawk to aid him as things heat up!



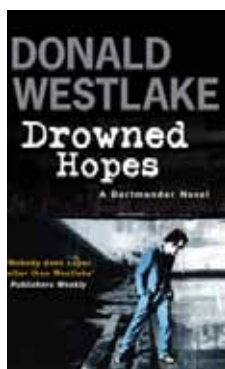


**Donald WESTLAKE****Don't Ask****368pp Pb ~~\$22.95~~ \$9.95**

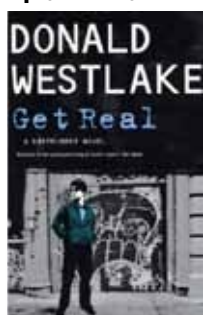
Dortmunder has a job offer. It is the 800 year old femur of a 16-year-old girl who - having been killed and eaten by her own family - was made a saint by the Church. Now two European countries and the Catholic Church are fighting over it. This bone is a holy relic claimed by two newly-created European nations, Tsergovia and Votskojek. The relic will be awarded to one of the countries, which will then be admitted to the UN. Dortmunder is working for the Tsergovians. And as usual, nothing goes according to plan...

**Donald WESTLAKE****Drowned Hopes****304pp Pb ~~\$22.95~~ \$9.95**

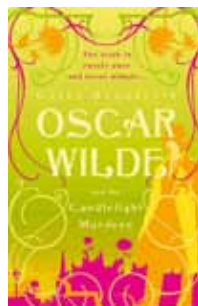
Dortmunder's past comes back to haunt him when an old cellmate asks for Dortmunder's help in retrieving \$700k that he'd buried in a small town 30 years before. The problem is that the State of New York flooded the area to build a reservoir, and the loot is underneath it all. Being a man of few ethics, the thief plans to blow up the dam to get his stash. Dortmunder pleads with him to be allowed to retrieve the money another way. But after several failed attempts, the thief loses patience...

**Donald WESTLAKE****Get Real****288pp Tp ~~\$22.99~~ \$12.95**

When a TV producer convinces Dortmunder and his thieving gang to star in a reality TV show that captures their next score, the producer guarantees a way to keep the show from being used as evidence against them. They're dubious, but the pay is good, so they take him up on his offer. It will take an ingenious plan to outwit viewers glued to their TV sets, but Dortmunder is determined to end this shoot with a good deal of money in his pockets!

**Gyles BRANDRETH****Oscar Wilde and the Candlelight Murders****338pp Tp ~~\$22.99~~ \$12.95**

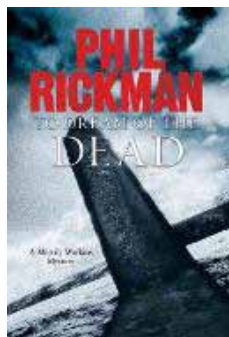
London, 1889. Oscar Wilde, celebrated poet, wit, playwright and raconteur is the literary sensation of his age. Yet when he chances across the naked corpse of 16-year-old Billy Wood, posed by candlelight in a dark stifling attic room, he cannot ignore the brutal murder. With the help of fellow author Arthur Conan Doyle he sets out to solve the crime - but it is Wilde's unparalleled access to all degrees of late Victorian life, from society drawing rooms and the bohemian demi-monde to the underclass, that will prove the decisive factor in their investigation.

**Phil RICKMAN****The Fabric of Sin****539pp Pb ~~\$19.95~~ \$9.95**

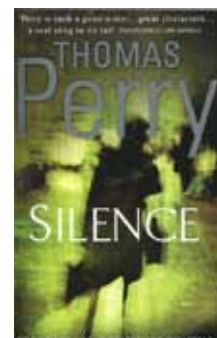
The Master House, close to the Welsh border, is medieval and slowly falling into ruins. Now the house and its surrounding land have been sold to the Duchy of Cornwall. But the Duchy's plans to renovate the house and its outbuildings are frustrated when the specialist builder refuses to work there. Directed by the Bishop of Hereford to investigate, deliverance consultant Merrily Watkins discovers ancient connections between the house and the nearby church, built by the Knights Templar whose shadow still envelopes isolated Garway Hill and its scattered communities...

**Phil RICKMAN****To Dream of the Dead****528pp Tp ~~\$29.95~~ \$12.95**

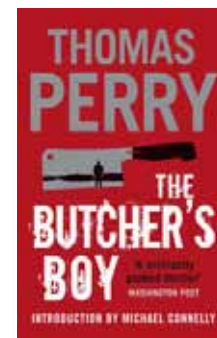
December, and the river is rising. Within days the village of Ledwardine flooded. Meanwhile, an aggressively-atheist author who has offended people of faith has been relocated into a secluded house just outside the village, for his own safety. And archaeologists, assisted by Merrily Watkin's teenage daughter Jane, are unearthing an ancient row of stones in Coleman's Meadow - stones which some people would rather stay buried. The atheist's temporary home is close to the site, and his young wife is becoming agitated. With the flood water rising, it looks like a complex Christmas for Merrily Watkins...

**Thomas PERRY****Silence****512pp Pb ~~\$19.95~~ \$9.95**

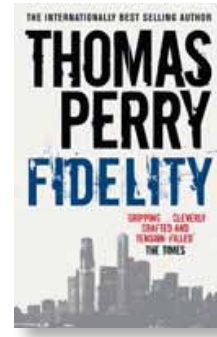
Six years ago Wendy Harper was running for her life. Jack Till, an ex-cop turned private eye, helped her disappear. He did a very good job of it and even Jack has no idea where she might be. But now her ex-boyfriend and former business partner are being framed for her presumed murder in an effort to smoke her out. Jack must find her before a pair of hired assassins do. The assassins - a husband and wife team - are as sinister as they come, and when their shadowy employer looks like he is going to double-cross them, finishing the job is no longer enough!

**Thomas PERRY****The Butcher's Boy****368pp Pb ~~\$22.95~~ \$9.95**

Murder has always been easy for the Butcher's Boy - it's what he was raised to do. But when he kills the senior senator from Colorado and arrives in Las Vegas to pick up his fee, he learns that he has become a liability to his shadowy employers. His actions attract the attention of police specialists who watch the world of organised crime - but though everyone knows that something big is going on, only Elizabeth Waring, a bright young analyst in the Justice Department, works her way closer to the truth... and to the frightening man behind it.

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Despite his 25 years experience as a private detective, when Phil Kramer is shot dead on a quiet suburban Californian street, his wife and partners think it had to have been a professional hit. As his wife leads the investigation into his death, she realises that Phil's life was riddled with secrets he kept from her and his colleagues. Secrets that cost him Phil his life and which now threatens hers...



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