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Phantom Harry Hole #7

Former police inspector Harry Hole returns to Oslo after three years abroad. He seeks out his old boss at Police Headquarters to request permission to investigate a homicide. But the case is closed: the young junkie was in all likelihood shot dead by a fellow addict. Yet Harry is granted permission to visit the boy's alleged killer in jail. There he meets himself and his own history. What follows is the solitary investigation of what appears to be the first impossible case in Harry's career.

[*American, Police Proc.*] 464pp Tp \$32.95



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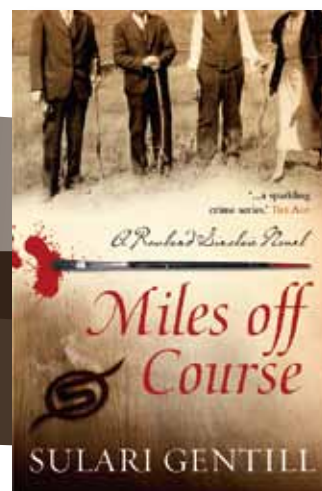
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Silent Fear

Paramedic Holly Garland rushes to an emergency to find a man collapsed with a bullet wound in the back of his head, CPR being performed by two bystanders, and her long-estranged brother Seth watching it all unfold. Seth claims to be the dying man's best friend, but Holly knows better than to believe anything he says. Instead, she fears that his reappearance will reveal the bleak secrets of her past - secrets that could cost her everything if they are exposed...

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**Miles Off Course
Rowland Sinclair #3**

Australia, 1933. Rowland Sinclair and his companions are ensconced in the luxury of The Hydro Majestic in Medlow Bath, where trouble seems distant. And then Harry Simpson vanishes. Croquet and pre-dinner cocktails are abandoned for the High Country where Rowland hunts for Simpson with a determination as mysterious as the disappearance itself. Stockmen, gangsters and a belligerent writer gather to the fray, as the investigation is connected with a darker conspiracy. [*Australian, Suspense*] Tp \$29.99

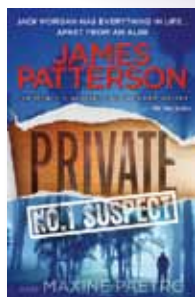
INVESTIGATE THREE MYSTERIES

James Patterson

**Private: No. 1 Suspect
Jack Morgan #2**

Since former US Marine Jack Morgan started Private, it has become the world's most effective private investigation firm, attracting a worldwide clientele. When his former lover is found murdered in his bed, Jack Morgan is instantly the number one suspect. Soon Jack is under police investigation and he must fight to clear his name. Meanwhile, his team is stretched to breaking point - and with one member threatening to leave, Jack is facing his biggest challenge yet.

[*American, Private Eye*] 432pp Tp \$32.95



George Pelecanos

What it Was

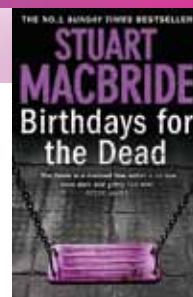
Washington DC, 1972. Derek Strange has left the police department and set up shop as a private investigator. His former partner, Frank Vaughn, is still on the force. When a young woman comes to Strange asking for help in recovering a cheap ring that has sentimental value, the case leads him onto Vaughn's turf, where a local drug addict has been murdered. Soon both men are on the trail of a ruthless killer, and Strange and Vaughn know the only way to catch him is to do it their way. [*American, Private Eye*] 224pp Pb \$19.99



Stuart MacBride

Birthdays for the Dead

Five years ago, Detective Constable Ash Henderson's 13-year-old daughter, Rebecca, went missing. A year later the first card arrived: homemade, with a Polaroid picture stuck to the front - Rebecca, strapped to a chair, gagged and terrified. Every year another card appears, worse than the last. Ash hasn't told anyone about Rebecca, because he'll be taken off the investigation. And he's sacrificed too much not to be there when they catch the psycho who took his little girl... [*Scottish, Police Proc.*] 496pp Tp \$29.99

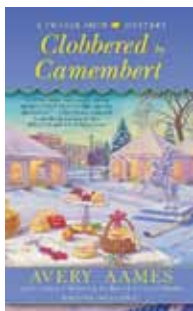


MODERN CRIME

Avery Aames Clobbered by Camembert Cheese Shop #3

Cheese store owner Charlotte Bessette is setting up for the town's Winter Wonderland fair. But when an old friend is found dead in the cottage of Charlotte's assistant Rebecca, suspicion falls on Rebecca's boyfriend, a honeybee farmer. While the town buzzes with gossip, can Charlotte catch the culprit without getting stung herself?

[American, Cosy] 336pp Pb \$13.50



Lorraine Bartlett The Walled Flower Victoria Square #2

If Katie Bonner's late husband hadn't invested all their savings in the crafts fair Artisans Alley, the Webster mansion could have been hers to remodel into a bed-and-breakfast. And when a skeleton is discovered within the walls of the mansion, it's discovered that the bones belong to Helen Winston, missing for 22 years. Heather's aunt, a jewellery vendor at Artisans Alley, asks Kate for help finding her niece's murderer. The case may be cold, but the killer will go to any lengths to keep past hidden...

[American, Cosy] 304pp Pb \$13.50



Melissa Bourbon A Fitting End Magical Dressmaking #2

Business is booming at Harlow Jane Cassidy's custom dressmaking boutique... even with her great-grandmother's ghost hanging around the shop. But when a local golf pro is found stabbed with dressmaking shears, the new town deputy suspects Harlow is the murderer. Now Harlow has to clear her name before the next outfit she designs is a prison jumpsuit!

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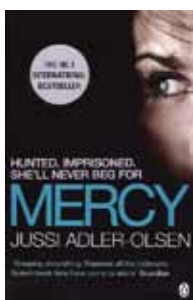


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Jussi Adler-Olsen Mercy

Copenhagen detective Carl Morck has been taken off homicide to run a newly created department for unsolved crimes. His first case concerns Merete Lynggaard, who vanished five years ago. Everyone says she's dead. Everyone says it's a waste of time. He thinks they're right. But the voice in the dark is distorted, harsh and without mercy. It says the prisoner's torture will only end when she answers one simple question. It is one she has asked herself a million times...

[Danish, Suspense] 512pp Pb \$19.95



Jefferson Bass The Bone Yard Body Farm #6

When a law enforcement agent seeks Dr Bill Brockton's help in identifying a skull found in rural Florida, it seems that the victim was a young male who died from lethal blows to the head. Soon, Brockton and his graduate assistant Miranda Lovelady discover a series of shallow graves on the grounds of a shuttered reform school for boys - a de facto cemetery, according to local lore. And as the search continues, Brockton uncovers more skeletons in some very prominent closets...

[American, Forensic] 352pp Pb \$19.99



Jacklyn Brady Cake on a Hot Tin Roof Piece of Cake #2

When local car salesman and minor celebrity Big Daddy Boudreaux is found dead at her Mardi Gras party after a public altercation with her uncle, the situation turns funereal for pastry chef Rita Lucero. Despite her busy schedule, Rita has no choice but to find the real killer - if she is to save her Uncle Nestor from a sticky situation and clear his name!

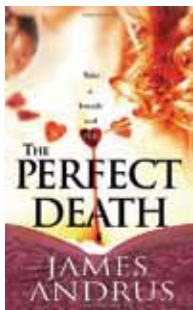
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James Andrus The Perfect Death Detective Stallings #3

Detective John Stallings can't avoid getting drawn into his latest investigation. The parallels between the Jacksonville girl who just disappeared and his long-vanished daughter make every discovery a potential clue in his own painful mystery. Then one by one, bodies are discovered - all young women, strangled to fulfill a madman's obsession. What began as a missing persons case has become a race to stop Stallings' most ruthless adversary yet...

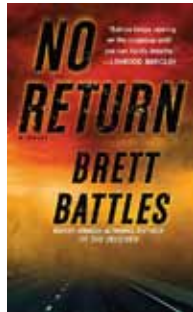
[American, Police Proc.] 384pp Pb \$13.50



Brett Battles No Return

An F-18 Navy fighter careens out of the blue sky above the Mojave desert. A TV cameraman who grew up in a small town just miles away can see what is going to happen next. Frantically, Wes Stewart races to the downed jet and tries to save the pilot's life. When the plane explodes, Wes escapes without harm... and plunges into a murderous conspiracy, where he is up against the US military, the local police, and someone who is tracking his every move.

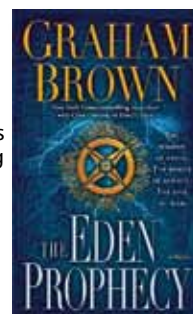
[American, Suspense] 384pp Pb \$13.50



Graham Brown The Eden Prophecy

In the UN building in New York City, a US Ambassador contracts an unknown virus after opening a threatening letter. In a slum near Paris, a rogue geneticist is found dead. His last message, a desperate plea for help, was sent to an old friend and fellow outcast, the ex-CIA agent and former mercenary named Hawker. Consumed with vengeance, Hawker teams up with NRI operative Danielle Laidlaw on a quest to find the killers and find the truth.

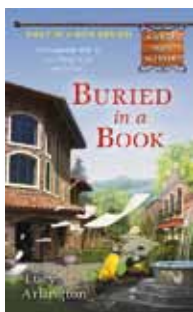
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Lucy Arlington Buried in a Book Novel Idea #1

After losing her job as a journalist at the age of 45, Lila Wilkins accepts an internship at A Novel Idea, a thriving literary agency in North Carolina. Being paid to read seems perfect to Lila, although it's difficult with the cast of quirky co-workers and piles of query letters. But when a penniless aspiring author drops dead in the agency's waiting room - and Lila discovers a series of threatening letters - she's determined to find out who wrote him off!

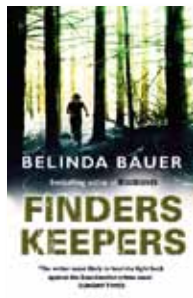
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Belinda Bauer Finders Keepers

In Exmoor, children are being stolen from cars. Each disappearance is marked only by a terse note - a brutal accusation. There are no explanations or ransom demands. Policeman Jonas Holly faces a precarious journey into the warped mind of the kidnapper if he's to stand any chance of catching him. But after suffering personal tragedy, is Jonas really up to the task? Because there's at least one person on Exmoor who thinks Holly may be the last man to trust.

[English, Police Proc.] 320pp Tp \$32.95



Mollie Cox Bryan Scrapbook of Secrets Cumberland Creek #1

Annie, a stay-at-home mum and former investigative journalist, finds company in a circle of scrapbookers united by chore-shy husbands, demanding children, and fantasies of their former single lives. When the quiet idyll of their small town is shattered by a young mother's suicide, they band together to find out what happened. Suspecting Maggie Rae's suicide was murder, it becomes apparent that something sinister is lurking beneath the town's calm facade... like a killer with unfinished business.

[American, Cosy] 304pp Pb \$13.50



Ellen Byerrum
Death on Heels
Crime of Fashion #8

Digging her cowboy boots from out of her closet, Washington DC fashion reporter Lacey Smithsonian returns home to Colorado to prove the innocence of her former boyfriend, cattle rancher Cole Tucker, who has been arrested for the murders of three women. But her certainty is shaken when Cole abducts her during a daring courthouse escape!
[American, Suspense] 336pp Pb \$13.50



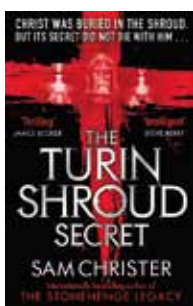
Kate Carlisle
One Book in the Grave
Bibliophile #5

10 years ago, Max Adams fell in love with Emily and gave her a rare, first edition copy of 'Beauty and the Beast' as a symbol of their love. Soon afterward, he died in a mysterious car crash, and the book went missing - until now, when it is given to Brooklyn to restore. Determined to find out what happened to the book and to return it to its rightful owner, Brooklyn must first unravel a murder plot - before she ends up in a plot herself!
[American, Cosy] 304pp Pb \$13.50



Sam Christer
The Turin Shroud Secret

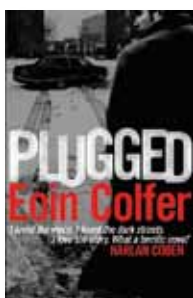
The most spectacular murder in the city's history has shaken LA - an elaborate crucifixion that the police swiftly link to the Turin Shroud. Journeying to Italy, two intrepid investigators - one a federal agent, one an expert in religious iconography - expose a demented killer and an intricate conspiracy involving the most controversial religious icon dating back to the death of Christ.
[English, Archaeo.] 352pp Tp \$29.99



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Eoin Colfer
Plugged

Dan, an Irishman who's ended up in New Jersey, finds himself embroiled in a world of murder, kidnapping and corrupt cops. Dan works as a bouncer in a seedy club, half in love with hostess Connie. When Connie is murdered on the premises, a vengeful Dan is embroiled in a deadly sequence of events whereby his friend Doctor Zeb goes missing, a female cop becomes his only ally, and ruthless drug-dealer Mike Madden becomes his enemy.
[Irish, Suspense] 320pp Pb \$19.99



Michael Connelly
The Fifth Witness
Mickey Haller #4

In tough times, even criminals have to make cutbacks. So for defence lawyer Mickey Haller, most of his new business is not about keeping people out of jail; it's about keeping a roof over their heads as the foreclosure business booms. Lisa Trammel has been a client of Mickey's for eight months, and so far he's stopped the bank from taking her house. But now the bank's CEO has been found beaten to death - and Lisa is about to be indicted for murder...
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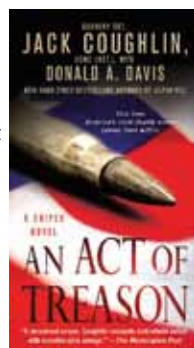
E J Copperman
Old Haunts
Haunted Guest House #3

The ghosts that haunt Alison Kerby's Jersey Shore guesthouse are sad, and they need her help. Maxie wants to know who murdered her ex-husband, and Paul pines for his still-living almost-fiancee. The only one who isn't missing her ex is Alison, whose former husband has just arrived on her doorstep, and is determined to win back their 10-year-old daughter.
[American, Cosy] 304pp Pb \$13.50



Jack Coughlin
An Act of Treason
Kyle Swanson #4

During an assault in Pakistan, Gunnery Sergeant Kyle Swanson is captured while his girlfriend, CIA agent Lauren, is accused of being a double agent. Legendary CIA agent Jim Hall - the one man they thought they could trust - has gone rogue, agreeing to sell America's innermost secrets to a Pakistani warlord aiming to secure a nuclear arsenal. The only way to stop this plot depends on whether Kyle can stop Hall - the man who taught him everything he knows...
[American, Espionage] 416pp pb \$15.95



Ethan Cross
The Shepherd

Meet Francis Ackerman, America's most terrifying serial killer. What excites him most is the game of chance. He likes to play with ordinary people. Someone just like you. If you take part in Ackerman's game, he'll stalk you, then take you prisoner. Will he let you live? Or will you die? There are so many different ways to die, and Ackerman knows them all. It's part of his game. Do you wanna play? Francis Ackerman does. And he's found you...
[American, Suspense] 352pp Pb \$19.95



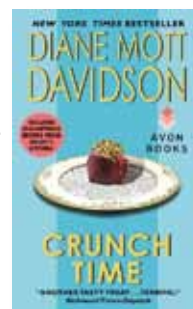
Julia Crouch
Cuckoo

Rose has it all: the gorgeous children, the husband, the beautiful home. But then her best friend Polly comes to stay. Very soon, Rose's cosy world starts to fall apart at the seams - her baby falls dangerously ill and her husband is distracted. Is Polly behind it all? It appears that once you invite Polly into your home, it's very difficult to get her out again...
[English, Suspense] 448pp Pb \$19.99



Diane Mott Davidson
Crunch Time

When the rental house shared by chef Yolanda Garcia and her irrepressible aunt Ferdinand is destroyed by arson, the pair moves in with cop-turned-PI Ernest McLeod. But then Ernest is shot dead and his house is set on fire, nearly killing Yolanda, Ferdinand, and their good friend, caterer Goldy Schulz. Concerned for her friends, Goldy invites them to stay with her. But even her house isn't safe, and the intrepid Goldy swaps her chef's hat for a sleuthing cap.
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Jeffery Deaver
Carte Blanche

Thousands will die. It is not known where, or how, or who is behind the threat. 007 is given carte blanche to do anything necessary to protect his country, but there is no blank slate when innocent lives are at stake. The only suspects are career killers with no care for civilian victims. James Bond must find out who is paying them, what their plans are, and how to stop them. And he has five days to do it...
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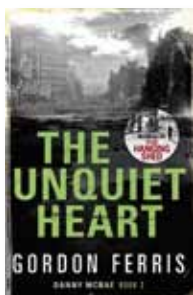
Janet Evanovich
One for the Money
[Film Tie-in]
Stephanie Plum #1

Stephanie Plum is down on her luck. Enter Cousin Vinnie, a low-life who runs a bail-bond company. If Stephanie can bring in vice cop turned outlaw Joe Morelli, she'll earn \$10,000. But tracking down a cop wanted for murder isn't easy. And now Benito Ramirez, a prize-fighter with more menace than mentality, wants Stephanie to be his friend - and he won't take no for an answer. Soon Stephanie learns what it's like to be pursued - and the best person to protect her is on the run!
[American, Private Eye] 320pp Pb \$19.95



Gordon Ferris
The Unquiet Heart

It's 1946 and Danny McRae is a private detective scraping a living in ration-card London. Eve Copeland, crime reporter, is looking for new angles to save her career. It's a match made in heaven. Until Eve disappears, a contact dies and an old adversary presents Danny with unpalatable truths. His search for his lover draws him into a web of black marketeers, double agents and assassins, hurling him into the shattered remains of Berlin and the onset of the Cold War. *[Scottish, Private Eye] 288pp Tp \$29.99*



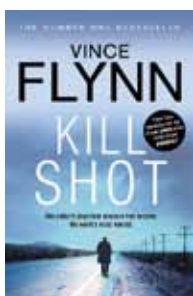
Joanne Fluke
Devil's Food Cake Murder
Hannah Swensen #15

Bakery owner Hannah Swensen's best friend Claire and her new husband Bob have had no time to take her honeymoon. When Bob's childhood friend Matthew comes to town, he is happy to fill in for Bob while he and Claire go away. It sounds like the perfect plan - until Hannah finds Matthew face-down in a plateful of Devil's Food Cake, a single bullet in his head. It will take some sleuthing, but Hannah is sure of one thing: even the most half-baked murder plot can be deadly! *[American, Cosy] 320pp Pb \$13.50*



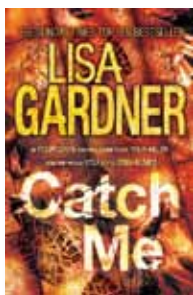
Vince Flynn
Kill Shot

For months, Mitch Rapp has been working his way through a list of men responsible for the slaughter of 270 civilians, including his own girlfriend, in the Pan Am Lockerbie bombing. His next target - a Libyan diplomat - should be easy. When news breaks that Libya's Oil Minister has been killed, the French authorities are certain the gunman is still on the loose in Paris. On the run from the authorities and his own employers, Mitch must prepare to fight for his life. *[American, Espionage] 400pp Tp \$29.99*



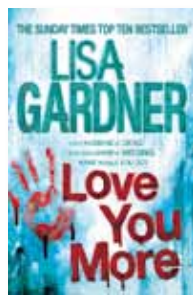
Lisa Gardner
Catch Me
D D Warren #6

28-year-old Charlie Grant believes she is going to be murdered and wants Boston's top homicide detective, D D Warren, to handle her death investigation. Confronting D D at her latest crime scene, Charlie lays her cards on the table. But as D D delves into Charlie's case, she questions the young woman's story. Charlie can now outfight and outrun anyone she meets, and D D's instinct says she's hiding a secret, and that Charlie is the biggest danger of all... *[American, Police Proc.] 384pp Tp \$32.99*



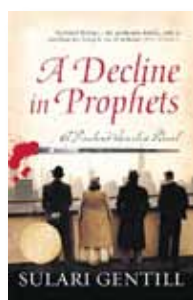
Lisa Gardner
Love You More
D D Warren #5

A split-second decision and Brian Darby lies dead. His wife, state police trooper Tessa Leoni, claims to have shot him in self-defence and for Boston detective D D Warren it should be a simple case. But where is their six-year-old daughter? As D D's investigation ratchets into a frantic state-wide search for a missing child, she must move quickly in order to learn Tessa's secrets and understand what has happened to the little girl. *[American, Police Proc.] 416pp Pb \$19.99*



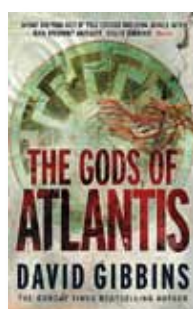
Sulari Gentill
A Decline in Prophets
Rowland Sinclair #2

In 1932, the RMS Aquitania embodies all that is gracious and refined, in a world gripped by crisis and doubt. Returning home on the luxury liner after months abroad, Rowland Sinclair and his companions dine with a suffragette, a Bishop and a retired World Prophet. The elegant atmosphere on board is charged with tension, but civility prevails... until people start dying. Then things get a bit awkward. And Rowland finds himself unwittingly in the centre of it all... *[Australian, Suspense] Pb \$22.99*



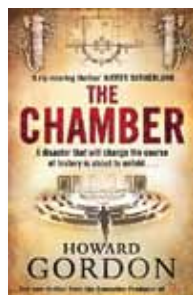
David Gibbins
The Gods of Atlantis
Jack Howard #6

Marine archaeologist Jack Howard returns to the lost island of Atlantis in the Black Sea to seek answers regarding the Atlantis priests. Then by tracking down the 1930s expeditions of Himmler's Ahnenerbe - the Nazi's Department of Cultural Heritage - and its link with Atlantis, Jack realises he is not just on the trail of the greatest lost relics from the past. Could there possibly be a terrifying new version of 'Atlantis', a priesthood of evil? Jack must uncover the truth before it is too late. *[Canadian, Archaeo.] 576pp Pb \$19.99*



Howard Gordon
The Chamber

Angered when the Joint Terrorism Task Force ignores evidence of an impending terrorist attack on US soil, Gideon Davis launches his own investigation. Enlisting the help of his brother, Tillman, to infiltrate Colonel Jim Verhoven's white supremacist group, Gideon is embroiled in a plot designed to end democracy. But then things get messy and the brothers are forced to play along with Verhoven's plan. They'll need the help of Gideon's old FBI colleague, Nancy Clement, to avoid detection! *[American, Espionage] 352pp Tp \$29.99*



Ann Granger
Rack, Ruin and Murder
Campbell and Carter #2

When old Monty Bickerstaffe finds a dead body in his drawing room it comes as a nasty surprise - the first of many. Monty lives alone in a crumbling Cotswold manor house and the last thing he wants is the police snooping around his property. The identity of the corpse remains a mystery. But Inspector Jess Campbell thinks someone is lying, and with the help of Superintendent Ian Carter, she must dig deep into Monty's family history to reveal the shocking truth... *[English, Police Proc.] 352pp Pb \$22.99*



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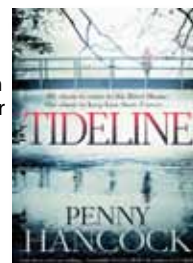
M R Hall
The Redeemed
Jenny Cooper #3

Enigmatic young priest, Father Lucas Starr, has entreated coroner Jenny Cooper to hold an inquest into the death of Eva Donaldson, a high profile political campaigner. A young man, Paul Craven, has recently been sentenced for Eva's brutal murder. But despite the evidence against him, Father Lucas is convinced of the man's innocence. Jenny's lone quest for justice will take her into the dark heart of an establishment that wish to silence her... *[English, Forensic] 416pp Pb \$19.99*



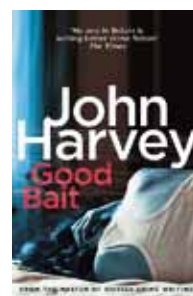
Penny Hancock
Tideline

One afternoon, voice coach Sonia opens the door of her riverside home to 15-year-old Jez, the nephew of a family friend. He's come to borrow some music. But Sonia won't let him leave. As her desire to keep Jez hidden and protected from the outside world becomes overpowering, she is haunted by memories of an intense teenage relationship that reveals a terrifying truth. Sonia's home holds secrets within its walls. And outside, on the shores of the Thames, new secrets enter with the tide... *[English, Psychological] 352pp Tp \$29.99*



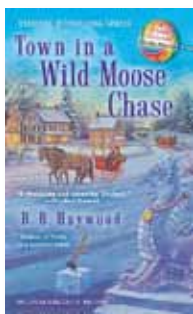
John Harvey
Good Bait

When a Moldovan boy is found dead on Hampstead Heath, the case falls to DCI Karen Shields and her overstretched team. But the case is tied to a much larger web of gang warfare and organised crime, infiltrating almost every aspect of London society. Far away in Cornwall, DI Trevor Cordon is stirred by another tragic London fatality. Travelling to the capital, he becomes entangled in a lethally complex situation much closer to Karen's case than either of them realise... *[English, Police Proc.] 352pp Tp \$32.95*



B B Haywood
Town in a Wild
Moose Chase
Candy Holliday #3

During Cape Willington's annual Winter Moose Fest, Candy Holliday - who is covering the events for the local newspaper - discovers a link between a body found in the woods, sightings of a mysterious white moose and several weekend visitors that puts her life on thin ice. Soon, she must scramble to separate fact from fiction - even as she finds herself in the bullseye of a ruthless killer!
[American, Cosy] 336pp Pb \$13.50



Cara Hoffman
So Much Pretty

When 19-year-old waitress Wendy White disappears, the small town of Haeden, New York, is shaken to its core. Six months later, Wendy's tortured body is found in the nearby woods. And she has only been dead a matter of days. Local reporter, Stacy Flynn, knows that Wendy's case could be her big break. But with little help from the local police, she's forced to investigate alone - though no one in the town is willing to talk about it...
[American, Journalistic] 336pp Tp \$32.95



John le Carré
Smiley Versus Karla
Tinker Tailor Soldier Spy
The Honourable Schoolboy
Smiley's People

In these three masterly novels, le Carré brings to life the shadowy battlegrounds of the Cold War - a war of ambiguous victories and hidden defeats orchestrated from the corridors of the Circus and Moscow Centre, and staffed by an army of moles and lamplighters, scalphunters and pavement artists. Stalking each other through this twilight landscape are George Smiley and his ruthless opposite, codenamed 'Karla' - the Soviet case officer slowly masterminding the Circus's ruin...
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Keigo Higashino
The Devotion
of Suspect X

When Yasuko's ex-husband appears at her door without warning, her comfortable and quiet world is forever shattered. Detective Kusanagi of the Tokyo Police tries to piece together the events of that day, where he finds himself confronted by a puzzling investigation. Nothing quite makes sense, and it will take a genius to understand the genius behind this particular crime...
[Japanese, Police Proc.] 384pp Pb \$19.99



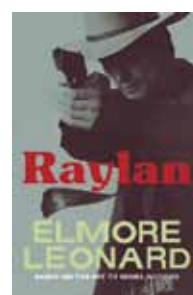
Miranda James
File M for Murder
Cat in the Stacks #3

Athena College's new writer in residence is the sharp-witted playwright Connor Lawton. After an unpleasant encounter, librarian Charlie Harris heads home to a nice surprise: his daughter Laura is subbing for an Athena professor, and it was her old flame Connor Lawton who got her the job. But when Connor is murdered, Laura is the prime suspect. Charlie and his faithful cat Diesel must follow Connor's trail to find the real killer... before his daughter is catalogued under 'M' for 'murderer'!
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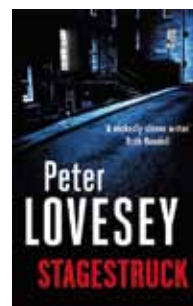
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Eve, Quinn & Bonnie #3

When Eve Duncan's seven-year-old daughter Bonnie vanished, Eve found herself in the throes of a nightmare from which there was no escape. But a new Eve emerged: a woman who would use her remarkable talent as a forensic sculptor to help others find closure in the face of tragedy. Now, with the help of her beloved Joe Quinn and CIA Agent Catherine Ling, Eve is coming close to the truth. And it seems that Bonnie's father is a key player in solving this monstrous puzzle...
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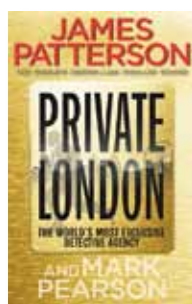
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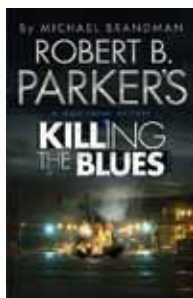
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The Inquisitor

Surviving by instinct, with an innate ability to detect truth amongst lies, Geiger has established himself as an expert in torture. His clients are referred to him from all over the world. Geiger only has one rule: he will never work on a child. So when a client presents Geiger with a 12-year-old boy, his instinct is to walk away. But the alternative is too awful to contemplate. He accepts the assignment in an attempt to save the boy, but he will also uncover his own torturous history. *[American, Psych.]* 400pp Tp \$29.99



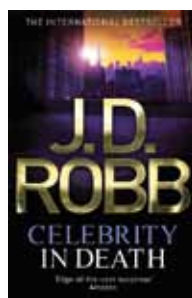
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Killing the Blues
Jesse Stone #10

Paradise, Massachusetts, is gearing up for the busy summer season when a spate of car thefts places its quiet, tourist-friendly reputation in jeopardy. Jesse Stone fears an automobile theft gang has set up shop in town, and the silver-tongued, heavy-handed police chief vows to put a stop to their activity. Almost as soon as he starts tackling this threat, another materialises: one of a more personal nature. An old enemy, hell-bent on revenge, is fresh out of prison... *[American, Suspense]* 288pp Tp \$28.99



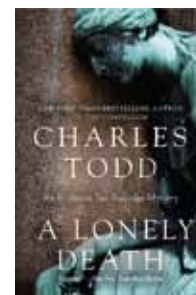
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Celebrity in Death
In Death #33

Lieutenant Eve Dallas is having a good time at a celebrity-packed party celebrating 'The I Love Agenda' - a film based on one of her famous cases. But when the actress who plays Peabody is discovered drowned in the pool on the roof of the director's luxury building, it seems that the talented but rude - and widely disliked - starlet is at the centre of a crime scene. And Eve is more than ready to strap on her holster and play the role she was born into: a cop. *[American, Police Proc.]* 400pp Tp \$32.99



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A Lonely Death
Ian Rutledge #13

Three men have been murdered in a Sussex village, and Scotland Yard has been called in. It's a baffling case. The victims are soldiers who survived the horrors of WWI only to meet a ghastly end in the quiet English countryside two years later. But Scotland Yard's presence won't deter this vicious killer. Shortly after Inspector Ian Rutledge arrives, a fourth soldier is found dead. With few clues to go on, Rutledge must gamble everything - even his life - to find answers. *[American, Police Proc.]* 352pp Pb \$19.99



Marco Vichi**Death and the Olive Grove****Inspector Bordelli #2**

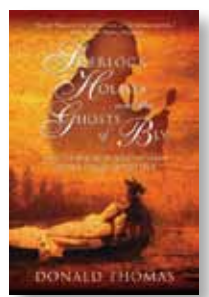
Florence, 1964. Bordelli's friend Casimiro insists he's discovered the body of a man in a field above Fiesole. Bordelli races to the scene, but doesn't find a corpse. Only a couple of days later, a little girl is found at Villa Ventaglio. She has been strangled, and there is a bite mark on her belly. Then another little girl is found murdered, with the same macabre signature. Meanwhile Casimiro has disappeared without a trace. For Bordelli, this investigation will be the start of an endless nightmare...

[Italian, Police Proc.] 256pp Tp \$32.99**Michael Jecks****King's Gold**
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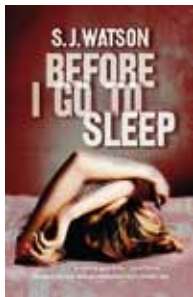
London, 1326. The city is in flames. King Edward II is a prisoner, and the forces of his vengeful queen Isabella, and her lover Sir Roger Mortimer, are rising. The Bardi family, bankers who have funded the King, must look to their future with the Queen, steering a careful course between rival factions. Guarding the deposed King on behalf of Mortimer, Sir Baldwin de Furnhill and bailiff Simon Puttock are entangled in a tightening net of conspiracy, greed, betrayal... and murder!

[English] 560pp Pb \$19.99**Donald Thomas****Sherlock Holmes and the Ghosts of Bly**

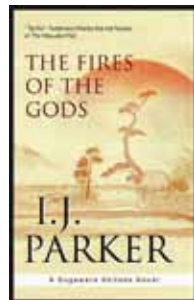
In 1898, Sherlock Holmes faces a challenge that plunges the great detective into the realm of the supernatural. Miss Temple has been found guilty but also insane at her trial for murdering a child under her care. She is locked away in the Broadmoor lunatic asylum. But could it be that a criminal conspiracy is to blame for the psychic phenomena? In the company of Dr Watson, Holmes will track down the perpetrators through the occult underworld of Victorian London.

[English] 352pp Pb \$23.95**S J Watson****Before I Go to Sleep**

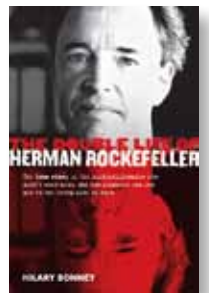
Christine wakes in a strange bed beside a man she does not recognise. In the bathroom she finds a photograph of him taped to the mirror, and beneath it the words 'Your husband'. Each day, Christine wakes knowing nothing of her life. Each night, her mind erases the day. But before she goes to sleep, she will recover fragments from her past, flashbacks to the accident that damaged her, and then - mercifully - she will forget...

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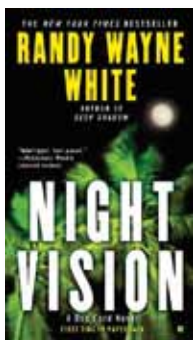
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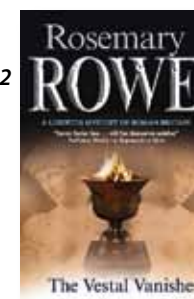
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Doc Ford #18

The Red Citrus Trailer Park is mostly inhabited by illegal labourers. But the park manager and his girlfriend want to sell the park for some easy money - and they'll do whatever it takes to drive the residents out. Their problem is a young girl who talks to God, so the labourers believe.

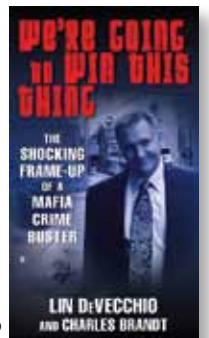
When the girl witnesses the manager dumping a corpse into a lake, he knows she must be silenced. The girl's only hope is marine biologist Doc Ford, who must defeat an assortment of bad guys to reach her in time.

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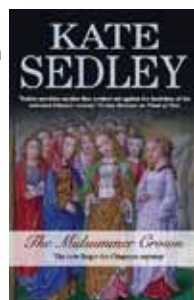
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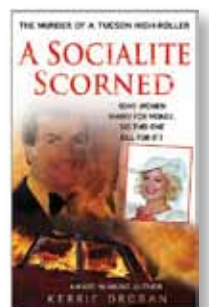
When the former crusader knight Geoffrey Mappestone is ordered by King Henry to deliver a series of mysterious letters to the western reaches of Wales, he reluctantly agrees. His conviction that the simple mission hides something more sinister is strengthened when the letters' scribe is murdered before the journey begins. Then one of Geoffrey's travelling companions is killed, and he knows he must uncover the secret behind the letters before more victims are claimed.

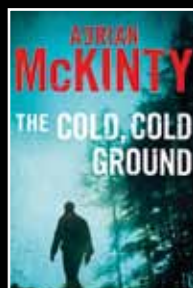
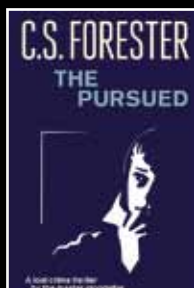
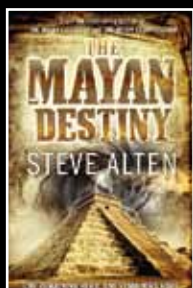
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