

# CRIME Chronicle

"Where a good crime can be had by all"

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## MODERN CRIME

1. **The Girl Who Kicked the Hornet's Nest (#3)** by Stieg Larsson (Tp \$32.95)
2. **The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo (#2)** by Stieg Larsson (Pb \$24.95)
3. **Lost Symbol** by Dan Brown (Hb \$39.95)
4. **The Girl Who Played with Fire** by Stieg Larsson (Pb \$24.95)
5. **About Face** by Donna Leon (Tp \$32.95)
6. **August Heat** by Andrea Camilleri (Tp \$32)
7. **Agatha Raisin and a Spoonful of Poison** by M C Beaton (Pb \$17.99)
8. **The Death of a Gentle Lady** by M C Beaton (Pb \$16.95)
9. **Death Walked In** by Carolyn Hart (Pb \$18.95)
10. **Messenger of Athens** by Anne Zouroudi (Pb \$23.95)

## TOP 10 FOR 2009

Our overall bestselling crime novel of the year was the final volume in Stieg Larsson's *Millennium Trilogy*, **The Girl Who Kicked the Hornet's Nest**, just ahead of the first in the series, **The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo**.

### MODERN CRIME

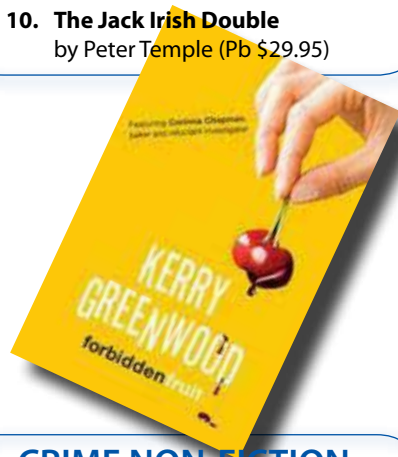
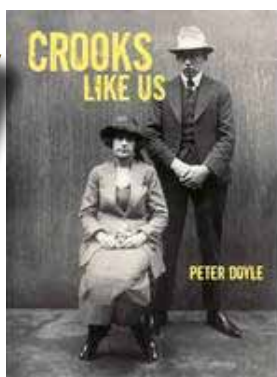
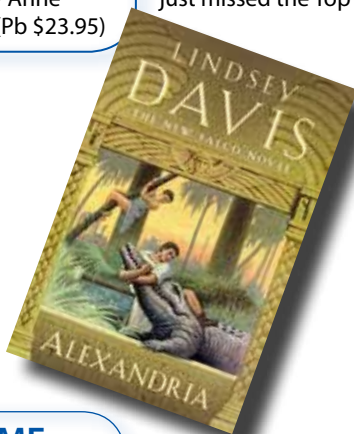
Honourable mentions to Ian Rankin's **Complaints**, Fred Vargas' **Chalk Circle Man** and Nicola Upson's **Expert in Murder**, which all just missed out on the Top 10.

### AUSTRALIAN CRIME

Kerry Greenwood and Peter Temple are having a ding dong battle, closely followed by Peter Corris and Robin Adair. Honourable mentions to Matthew Reilly's **Five Greatest Warriors**, Kel Robertson's **Smoke & Mirrors** and Mark Dapin's **King of the Cross**, which just missed the Top 10.

## AUSTRALIAN CRIME

1. **Forbidden Fruit** by Kerry Greenwood (Pb \$22.95)
2. **Truth** by Peter Temple (Tp \$32.95)
3. **Deep Water** by Peter Corris (Pb \$22.99)
4. **Death and the Running Patterer** by Robin Adair (Tp \$29.95)
5. **Dark Mirror** by Barry Maitland (Tp \$32.99)
6. **Murder on a Midsummer Night** by Kerry Greenwood (Pb \$22.95)
7. **The Iron Heart** by Marshall Browne (Tp \$29.95)
8. **The Eye of the Abyss** by Marshall Browne (Pb \$16.95)
9. **Blood Moon** by Garry Disher (Tp \$32.95)
10. **The Jack Irish Double** by Peter Temple (Pb \$29.95)



## HISTORICAL CRIME

1. **Alexandria** by Lindsey Davis (Tp \$32.95)
2. **The Triumph of Caesar** by Steven Saylor (Pb \$21.99)
3. **The Council of the Cursed** by Peter Tremayne (Pb \$19.99)
4. **Buckingham Palace Gardens** by Anne Perry (Pb \$19.95)
5. **Illegally Dead** by David Wishart (Pb \$19.95)
6. **The Apostate's Tale** by Margaret Frazer (Pb \$16.95)
7. **The Prophecy of Death** by Michael Jecks (Pb \$19.95)
8. **The Coronation** by Boris Akunin (Tp \$29.99)
9. **A Plague of Poison** by Maureen Ash (Pb \$17.95)
10. **Crowner Royal** by Bernard Knight (Pb \$19.95)

### HISTORICAL CRIME

Lindsey Davis was a clear-cut winner, ahead of Steven Saylor and Peter Tremayne. **Alexandria** could be the last Falco novel. Honourable mentions to Edward Marston's **Murder on the Brighton Express**, Michael Jecks' **King of Thieves** and Paul Doherty's **Nightshade**, all just outside the Top 10.

### CRIME NON-FICTION

6 of the Top 10 were Australian titles, with Peter Doyle's **Crooks Like Us** taking top spot. Honourable mentions to Chloe Hooper's **Tall Man**, Candace Sutton & Ellen Connolly's **Ladykiller** and Keith Moor's **Crims in Grass Castles**.

*Peter*

New Year's Eve (Thu 31 Dec) 8.30am - 5pm  
New Year's Day (Fri 1 Jan) CLOSED  
Australia Day (Tue 26 Jan) 10am - 5pm

## CRIME NON-FICTION

1. **Crooks Like Us** by Peter Doyle (Hb \$49.95)
2. **Gomorrhah: Italy's Other Mafia** by Roberto Saviano (Pb \$24.95)
3. **Smack Express** by Clive Small (Tp \$35)
4. **Underbelly: Tale of Two Cities** by John Silvester & Andrew Rule (Pb \$25)
5. **The Suspicions of Mr Whicher** by Kate Summerscale (Pb \$24.99)
6. **Brunetti's Venice** by Toni Sepeda (Tp \$34.95)
7. **Blood Brother: Justice at Last** by Robin Bowles (Tp \$29.95)
8. **The Corner: A Year in the Life etc** by David Simon & Ed Burns (Tp \$34.95)
9. **Enemies of the State** by Tim Priest (Tp \$29.95)
10. **Born or Bred: Martin Bryant** by Robert Wainwright (Tp \$34.99)

## MODERN CRIME

 **Nancy ATHERTON**  
**Aunt Dimity Slays the Dragon**

**288pp Pb \$15.95**

*Aunt Dimity #14.* After living in the small English village of Finch for eight years, Lori Shepherd longs for excitement. So when a Renaissance festival sets up in town for the summer, Lori gets her wish – and more. She soon discovers a sinister stalker, a jealous saboteur, and an evil assassin behind the festival's scenes – and it's up to Lori, with Aunt Dimity's otherworldly guidance, to prevent the medieval revelry from ending in modern-day tragedy. (American) *Due Jan*



 **Desmond BAGLEY**  
**High Citadel/Landslide**

**(1965/1967) 656pp Pb \$19.99**

*High Citadel:* When Tim O'Hara's plane is hijacked and forced to crash land in the middle of the Andes, his troubles are worsened by an armed group of communist soldiers, intent on killing one of his passengers – an influential political figure... *Landslide:* Bob Boyd is a geologist, as resilient as the timber country where he works for a powerful corporation. But his real name and his past are mysteries – wiped out by the accident that nearly killed him. Then Boyd reads a name that opens a door in his memory... (English) *Due Jan*

### KEY to crime genres

 **Suspense Thriller**

 **Feline Detectives**

 **Forensic**

 **Political/Legal**

 **Military**

 **Spy**

 **Banking**

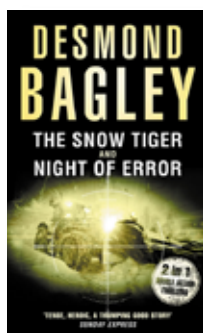
 **Canine**


 **Culinary/Food**

 **Sport**

 **Desmond BAGLEY**  
**The Snow Tiger / Night of Error**  
**(1975/1984) 704pp Pb \$19.99**

*The Snow Tiger:* 54 people died in the avalanche that ripped apart a small New Zealand mining town. But the enquiry which follows unleashes more destructive power than the snowfall. As the survivors tell their stories, they reveal a community hopelessly divided... *Night of Error:* When Mark Trevelyan dies on a journey to a remote Pacific atoll, the verdict that it was natural causes doesn't convince his brother, Mike. The series of violent attacks that follows only adds to his suspicions... (English) *Due Jan*



 **Desmond BAGLEY**  
**The Spoilers/Juggernaut**  
**(1969/1985) 688pp Pb \$19.99**

*The Spoilers:* When film tycoon Robert Hellier loses his daughter to heroin, he declares war on the overlords who supplies the world with its deadly pleasures. But with 100 million dollars worth of heroin at stake, Warren knows he'll have to use methods as deadly as his prey. *Juggernaut:* Trouble-shooter: Neil Mannix must move a giant transformer across an oil-rich African state. But when Nyala erupts in civil war, Mannix's juggernaut is at the centre of the conflict. (English) *Due Jan*

 **Romantic Suspense**

 **Police Procedural**

 **FBI**

 **Cosy/Malice Domestic**

 **Journalists**

 **Private Eye**

 **Psychological**

 **Clerical**

 **Medical**

 **Horse Racing**

 **Jefferson BASS**  
**Bones of Betrayal 384pp Tp \$32.95**

*A Body Farm Thriller.* Things have taken a dangerous turn at the Body Farm. Dr Bill Brockton and his graduate assistant, Miranda, have been called to a death scene. A body has been found in a frozen swimming pool. The dead man is found to have been a renowned engineer, responsible for the Manhattan Project, which produced the atomic bombs of 1945. And now he's been poisoned by a radiation source... (American) *Due Jan*



 **M C BEATON**  
**Death of a Valentine**  
**240pp Hb \$46.95**

*Hamish Macbeth #25.* Scottish police sergeant Hamish Macbeth plans to marry at last! But Hamish has a severe case of pre-nuptial jitters... after all, it was a mysterious Valentine's Day card – delivered to the victim from the neighbouring village before her death – which initially drew Hamish and his bride-to-be, Josie, together in the investigation. As they work side by side, they soon discover that the victim's list of admirers was endless, and that love can be deaf, blind... and deadly! (Scottish) *Due Jan*

 **M C BEATON**  
**Death of a Witch**

**256pp Pb \$14.95**

*Hamish Macbeth #24.* Hamish Macbeth learns that a newcomer to Lochdubh, Catriona Beldame, is regarded as a witch and various men have been seen visiting her. Hamish himself is charmed by her until he finds out she has been supplying dangerous potions. He threatens to kill her – but when she is found murdered, he must clear his name and then work to solve yet another murder to bring peace and quiet back to his beloved village. (Scottish) *Due Jan*

 **Robin BURCELL**  
**The Bone Chamber**  
**400pp Pb \$15.95**

Summoned to help re-create the face of a murdered, mutilated woman, FBI forensic artist Sydney Fitzpatrick knows this is no ordinary crime. Sydney's abrupt dismissal from the case by covert government investigators only strengthens her need for answers. Her hunt for the killer carries her from Washington to Rome, where the hidden chamber of a legendary tomb and the trail of a fabled treasure – or curse – of the Knights' Templar awaits... (American) *Due Jan*

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

**Hb = Hardback**





**Andrea CAMILLERI**  
**The Wings of the Sphinx**

**240pp Pb \$29.95**

*Inspector Montalbano #14.* Acutely aware of his age, Inspector Salvo Montalbano grows weary of the endless violence he encounters. When a young woman is found dead, only a tattoo of a sphinx moth gives any hint of her identity, linking her to three other similarly marked girls. The plot thickens when Montalbano discovers that the girls are victims of the underworld sex trade – and have been rescued from the Mafia night-club circuit by a prominent Catholic charity... (Italian) *Due Jan*



**Paul CHRISTOPHER**  
**The Templar Cross**

**400pp Pb \$19.95**

Retired Army Ranger John Holliday has reluctantly settled into his teaching position at West Point when young Israeli archaeologist Rafi Wanounou comes to him with desperate news. Holliday's niece, and Rafi's fiancé Peggy, has been kidnapped. Their search for Peggy will lead them into the heart of a conspiracy involving an ancient Egyptian legend and the darkest secrets of the Order of Templar Knights... (Canadian) *Due Jan*



**Stephen COONTS**  
**The Disciple**

**384pp Tp \$32.95**

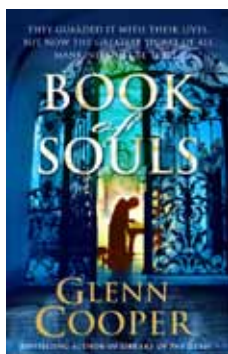
Iran is on the move, instigating provocative military manoeuvres on land, air and sea. The CIA is urging caution, but Tommy Carmellini and Jake Grafton have information that Iran's covert nuclear programme is nearing completion. The religious fanatic who has seized control of the country is planning to hit US and Israeli targets within days... and turn Iran into a nation of martyrs! (American) *Due Jan*



**Glenn COOPER**  
**Book of Souls**

**480pp Tp \$32.95**

A shocking truth lies within the pages of an ancient library, locked inside a high-security complex deep beneath the Nevada desert – and the US government will stop at nothing to keep it classified. When a single missing volume from the original collection mysteriously resurfaces at a London auction house, former FBI agent Will Piper is persuaded to help obtain it and unlock the ultimate secret of the library – even if it means placing himself, and his loved ones, at risk... (American) *Due Jan*



**Glenn COOPER**  
**Library of the Dead**

**416pp Pb \$21.95**

A murderer nicknamed the 'Doomsday Killer' runs rampant in NYC, claiming six victims in two weeks. All that connects the victims is a postcard that each received in the mail, announcing their date of death. In desperation, the FBI assigns the case to maverick agent Will Piper. Will's search takes him in a direction he could never have predicted – uncovering a shocking secret, closely guarded for centuries in an underground library beneath an 8th century monastery... (American) *Due Jan*



**Susan Rogers COOPER**  
**Shotgun Wedding**

**224pp Tp \$27.95**

*A Milt Kovak Mystery.* Longbranch, Oklahoma. During the wedding between Chief Deputy Emmett Hopkins and Deputy Jasmine Bodine, all hell breaks loose! The town bank is robbed, a sheriff's deputy is murdered, and a city police officer is left for dead. Sheriff Milt Kovak sends the happy couple off on their honeymoon to escape the carnage, little suspecting that it will be complicated by a hurricane, psychotic pirates, and semi-naked hotel employees... (American) *Due Jan*



**Patricia CORNWELL**  
**Scarpetta**

**512pp Pb \$19.99**

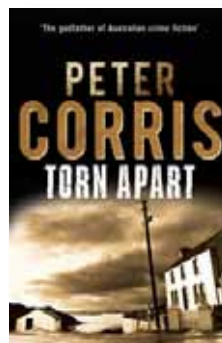
The NYPD have assigned Kay Scarpetta in NYC to examine an injured psychiatric ward patient named Oscar in – at his request! Oscar says his injuries were sustained in the course of a murder which he did not commit. Is he a criminally insane stalker who has fixated on Scarpetta? The only thing Scarpetta knows for certain is that a woman has been tortured and murdered – and that more violent deaths will follow... (American) *Due Jan*



**Peter CORRIS**  
**Torn Apart**

**240pp Tp \$29.99**

*Cliff Hardy #34.* Hardy has never been much of a family man, so when he meets his cousin Patrick, it's like meeting his double! They become friends and travel to attend a gathering of the Irish Travell – their gypsy-like forebears. On their return, Patrick is brutally murdered – but was the shotgun blast intended for him or for Hardy? Hardy is de-licensed and semi-retired... but this time it's personal! (Australia) *Due Jan*



**Colin COTTERILL**  
**Curse of the Pogo Stick (2008)**

**224pp Pb \$24.95**

*Dr Siri Paiboun #5.* After a display of insolence, Dr Siri Paiboun – Laos' reluctant national coroner – is forced to go on a road trip with Judge Haeng and the Justice Department. While newly pregnant Nurse Dtui and Dr Siri's fiancé Madame Daeng are left at the morgue to defend the staff against geriatric gunslingers, Siri is kidnapped. His only route to freedom is to exorcise the local village of its demon... by lifting the curse of the pogo stick! (English) *Due Jan*



**Colin COTTERILL**  
**The Merry Misogynist**

**384pp Tp \$29.95**

*Dr Siri Paiboun #6.* Somebody in Laos is wooing and wedding country girls and then killing them on their honeymoon and binding their bodies to trees. The horror of what this monster does to his victims leaves a bad taste in the mouths of Dr Siri and his morgue team, and they vow revenge. But they're distracted by the disappearance of itinerant 'crazy' Rajid. And worse, Siri has been getting premonitions that he's in danger... (English) *Due Jan*



**John DEAN**  
**The Railway Man**

**224pp Hb \$49.95**

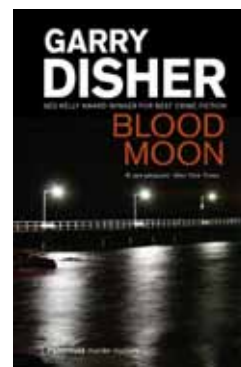
*A DCI Blizzard Mystery.* When the opening of a railway museum is marred by a murder, Detective Chief Inspector John Blizzard finds himself considering the unpalatable possibility that his friends could be concealing vital information from him. He soon discovers that the dead man's legacy is a dark shadow that spreads across the northern city of Hafton. In the end, though, John Blizzard has to confront a betrayal that he never thought possible... (English) *Due Jan*



**Garry DISHER**  
**Blood Moon**

**320pp Pb \$23.95**

*Inspector Challis #5.* When hordes of 18-year-old schoolies descend on the Mornington Peninsula to celebrate the last of their exams, the overstretched police of Waterloo are already expecting reports of party drugs and underage drinkers. Maybe even drink-spiking and sexual assault... (Australian) *Due Jan*



**Carola DUNN****Sheer Folly****352pp Pb \$21.99**

*Daisy Dalrymple #18.* 1926. Working on a book of architectural follies, Daisy Dalrymple Fletcher heads off to Appsworth Hall, reputed to have one of the best grottos in the country. She finds herself faced with a curious assortment of people – including the tactless Lord Rydal, rumoured to be having an affair with one of the guests while at the same time in ardent and artless pursuit of the hand of another. When the grotto explodes with Lord Rydal in it, it's not a question of who would do it – but who actually did do it. (English) *Due Jan*

**Janet EVANOVICH****Plum Spooky****384pp Pb \$22.99**

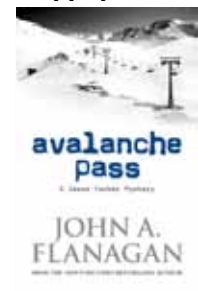
Stephanie Plum is back in town, along with her sidekick Lula, her Grandma Mazur, and an ever-widening cast of freaks, criminals, deranged felons, and lunatics looking for love. And just when Stephanie thinks her life can't get any more complicated, in walks the mysterious Diesel – man who seems to show up at the most inconvenient moments. This time, he's the instigator for Stephanie's new adventure, which involves camping in the Pine Barrens with Lula, and perhaps even a sighting of the Jersey Devil... (American) *Due Jan*

**Linda FAIRSTEIN****Lethal Legacy****448pp Pb \$19.99**

When Assistant District Attorney Alexandra Cooper is summoned to Tina Barr's apartment in Manhattan, she finds a neighbour convinced that Tina has been assaulted. But Tina – a conservator of rare books and maps – refuses to co-operate with Alex and the police. Then she disappears, and another woman is found murdered in the same apartment, with an invaluable book at her side. Pursuing the murderer, Alex is drawn into the strange world of book collectors, where avarice and greed is as strong an inheritance as wealth. (American) *Due Jan*

**John FLANAGAN****Avalanche Pass 300pp Tp \$32.95**

*Jesse Parker #2.* When guests at a ski lodge in Utah are taken hostage by a group of mercenaries, Jesse Parker, discovers he's in the right place at the right time. But the head of the hostage-takers is playing a dangerous game. As his demands become more erratic, and half the hostages are killed, Colby suspects that money may not be the only thing they're after. Jesse has remained undetected by the captors and, with the help of a female ex-Marine, is able to formulate a plan that might just stop these murderous terrorists in their tracks... (Australian) *Due Jan*

**John FLANAGAN****Storm Peak****300pp Pb \$21.95**

*Jesse Parker #1.* Jesse Parker, ex-Denver police detective, has returned to his hometown in Colorado, to spend the winter working the ski patrol and taking it easy. But he is dragged back into a world of violence and murder when a serial killer begins a killing spree in the sleepy ski town. The town's sheriff asks Jesse to help her out with the investigation as the killer continues to stalk the town, leaving little clue as to his motive. Are the murders just random acts of a psychopath, or a cold, calculated escalation of terror? (Australian) *Due Jan*

**Steven FORMAN****Boca Knights****336pp Pb \$15.95**

Eddie Perlmutter's career as a much-honoured Boston cop has come to an end. At 60, he's still energetic and virile, but with arthritic knees, he decides to retire... to sunny Florida, of course! Country-club politics and early-bird specials are a far cry from the street toughs, scuffles, and arrests of his former life. But instead of enjoying a relaxed retirement, Eddie quickly discovers the darker side of Boca Raton's endless sun and palm trees – where hate crimes, counterfeiting, and worse lurk beneath the calm surface of cushy retirement communities. (American) *Due Jan*

**Scott FROST****Don't Look Back****448pp Pb \$19.99**

For Lieutenant Alex Delillo, the dead body of a 16-year-old girl is the start of a nightmare. When the victim is recognised as the daughter of a prominent lawyer, further search reveals the only other clue – a copy of an etching by the 19th century artist Francisco Goya. It's a picture of a dead woman in the exact same pose as the frozen young girl. The manner of the girl's death is swiftly followed by others. The killer is treading in the footsteps of a great artist who despised the 'Establishment'... and now it seems no-one in power is safe! (American) *Due Jan*

**Eugenio FUENTES****At Close Quarters****360pp Pb \$24.99**

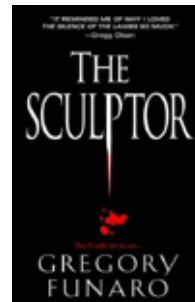
Ricardo Cupido. Captain Olmedo, a high-ranking officer in charge of dismantling the city's military headquarters, is found dead in his house – shot through the chest by a bullet from his own gun. His daughter Marina does not believe the official verdict of suicide and hires Cupido, a peaceful private detective, to investigate. (Spanish) *Due Jan*



Any item happily exchanged  
– no receipt required

**Gregory FUNARO****The Sculptor****352pp Pb \$13.95**

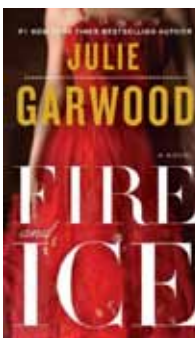
In life, they were flawed. In death, they are perfect works of art – killed, preserved, and carefully moulded into replicas of Michelangelo's most celebrated creations. This artful adversary – 'The Sculptor' – is more ruthless than any that FBI Special Agent Sam Markham has ever encountered. The only clue is a note dedicating the latest 'statue' to art historian Cathy Hildebrant. Cathy is in danger, and the only way for Sam to save her is to unlock a psychopath's twisted mind before his final, terrifying masterpiece is revealed... (American) *Due Jan*

**Frances FYFIELD****Cold to the Touch****256pp Tp \$32.99**

Spurned by her mother, Jess Hurly is an emotional wreck when Sarah Fortune finds her one cold London morning. Sarah – lawyer, professional mistress and stalwart friend – recognises her despair and vulnerability, and offers to visit the small town where Jess is from, to unravel the real reason why Jess was forced to leave. Sarah quickly discerns that the dominance of the Hurly family commands silence from those reliant on them. When Jess goes missing, Sarah's desperate search takes her into places that are colder than the grave. (English) *Due Jan*

**Julie GARWOOD****Fire and Ice****400pp Pb \$15.95**

After Sophie Rose quits her job at a major Chicago newspaper, she finds work at a small newspaper covering local personalities such as William Harrington, the 5K runner whose trademark is red socks. When Harrington is found dead – with Sophie's business card tucked inside one sock – an attempt is made on her life, and she is assigned the sexy Jack MacAlister as a bodyguard. But Sophie and Jack will soon be fighting more than their growing passion for one another, as a dangerous conspiracy follows Sophie's every step... (American) *Due Jan ROM*







**Mark GATISS**

**Black Butterfly 224pp Pb \$19.99**

*Lucifer Box #3.* With Queen Elizabeth newly established on her throne, the secret agent Lucifer Box is reaching the end of his scandalous career. Despite his fast-approaching retirement, curious events leave Box unable to resist investigating one last case... From the seedy streets of Soho to the souks of Istanbul and the sun-drenched shores of Jamaica, Box must use his artistic licence to kill and eventually confront an enemy with its roots in his own notorious past. Can Lucifer Box save the day before the dying of the light? (English) *Due Jan*



**Elizabeth GEORGE (Ed)**

**Two of the Deadliest:**

**New Tales of Lust, Greed and Murder From Outstanding Women of Mystery**

**496pp Pb \$24.99**

Anger, jealousy, gluttony, sloth, lust, greed and pride. The Seven Deadly sins. Doesn't every major crime have one of these deadly sins at its root? This volume selects two of them, lust and greed, as the inspiration for a selection of brand new stories.

You'll find good guys, bad guys and in-between guys. You'll find mystery, mistakes, misunderstandings, and murder – generated from the minds of a group of terrific women writers. (American) *Due Jan*



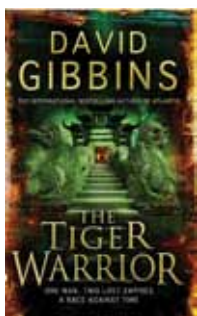
**David GIBBINS**

**The Tiger Warrior**

**512pp Pb \$19.99**

*India, 1879:* Lieutenant John Howard witnesses something so unspeakable it changes him for ever. His subsequent disappearance is never solved. *Egypt, Present day:* Marine archaeologist Jack Howard makes an astonishing discovery

on a deep-sea dive. This isn't just a treasure hunt – it's a desperate search for the truth that will unlock the mystery of Jack's great-great grandfather's disappearance. But a formidable enemy from Jack's past has appeared in his present, stopping at nothing to protect its earth-shattering secret... (Canadian) *Due Jan*



**Alan GLYNN**

**Winterland**

**480pp Tp \$32.99**

The worlds of business, politics and crime collide in contemporary Dublin when two men with the same name, from the same family, die on the same night; one death is a gangland murder, the other a road accident. Was it a coincidence? But when a family member, Gina Rafferty, starts asking questions, the 'official story' unravels. Told repeatedly that she should stop asking questions, Gina becomes ever more determined to find the truth, to establish a connection between the two deaths – pushing certain powerful people to their limits... (Irish) *Due Jan*



**Robert GODDARD**

**Found Wanting 480pp Pb \$24.95**

After being urgently sought after by his ex-wife Gemma with pressing news, Richard is catapulted into a breathless race against time that takes him from London, across northern Europe and into the heart of a mystery that reaches back into history – the fate of Anastasia, the youngest daughter of Tsar Nicholas II, and the last of the Romanovs. From that moment, Richard's life will be changed forever in ways he could never have imagined... (English) *Due Jan*



**Robert GODDARD**

**Long Time Coming**

**352pp Tp \$32.95**

In Antwerp in 1939, a Jewish diamond trader flees Nazi Europe, leaving his priceless collection of Picasso paintings and diamonds with a friend who takes them to London. The boat he flees on sinks, leaving no survivors. Fast forward to 1976 when his penniless family tries to track down the missing paintings. A classic thriller with Goddard's trademark plot twists! (English) *Due Jan*



**Lee GOLDBERG**

**Mr Monk and the Dirty Cop**

**288pp Pb \$15.95**

*Mr Monk # 5.* Captain Leland Stottlemeyer relies on Adrian Monk to solve his most baffling cases, but when the captain is faced with budget cuts, Monk's fees are one of the expenses he trims. Monk is too compulsive to stop investigating; he resorts to calling in tips under assumed names, infuriating the captain. But when Stottlemeyer is arrested for murder, he turns to the only detective who can prove his innocence. That is, if Monk can overcome some potentially crippling obstacles along the way... (American) *Due Jan*



**Joe GORES**

**Spade and Archer**

**352pp Tp \$32.99**

A prequel to Dashiell Hammett's **Maltese Falcon** (Pb \$22.99). In 1921, Sam Spade sets up an agency in San Francisco, and a variety of dodgy clients quickly start coming through the door. As a partner, Spades takes on board Miles Archer – although it was Archer who stole his girl while he was fighting in World War I. He'll tangle with a villain who never loses his desire to make Spade pay big for ruining what should've been the perfect crime. And he'll fall in love – though it won't turn out for the best. It never does with dames... (American) *Due Jan*



**Alex GRAY**

**Glasgow Kiss 432pp Pb \$22.99**

Eric Chalmers is one of the most popular teachers at Muirpark Secondary School in Glasgow. So when precocious teenager Julie Donaldson accuses Chalmers of rape, the school goes into shock. And then Julie Donaldson goes missing, and the police are called in. For DCI William Lorimer, this is the second 'missing persons' case in a week, adding a further burden to Lorimer's already overstretched workload. With hope fading, it becomes a breakneck race against time to find both missing persons... (Scottish) *Due Jan*



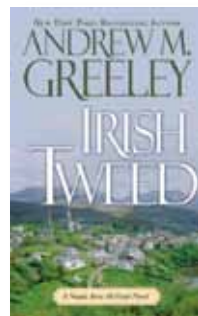
**Andrew GREELEY**

**Irish Tweed**

**272pp Pb \$13.95**

*Nuala Anne McGrail #12.*

Nuala Anne and her daughter have taken up karate to fight off schoolyard bullies who are harassing the family, while their incredibly shy nanny, Julie, is courted by a new fellow. Dermot pores over a memoir of a famine refugee, whose family died of a mysterious fever, as they search for clues into the illness' real cause... (Irish) *Due Jan*



**J M GREGSON**

**Wild Justice**

**208pp Pb \$27.95**

*A Peach & Blake Mystery.* When Tamsin Hayes decides to kill her husband, she creates a series of events that she could never have predicted. Unbeknownst to her, there is a seedy side to Tim Hayes, which the police are already investigating when he is violently murdered. Was he dispatched by the wife who had vowed to rid herself of him? Or was the culprit one of the other suspects who emerges after DCI Percy Peach and DS Lucy Blake begin their investigation? (English) *Due Jan*



**Derek HAAS**

**Hunt For the Bear**

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*Columbus is a hired hit-man.* An assassin at the top of his game and immune to the pressures of his chosen life, his services are available to anyone who can afford his considerable fee – and can find him. But somehow his performance is starting to slip. Distracted, perhaps tiring of the game, he makes one mistake too many... and suddenly Columbus himself is a target. Taut, intense, and disturbing this is an action-packed, cinematic thriller! (American) *Due Jan*

**David HAGBERG**  
**The Expediter 384pp Pb \$19.95**

In Pyongyang, an important Chinese intelligence general on his way to a secret meeting with Kim Jon-Il is assassinated by men wearing North Korean police uniforms – in plain sight of a surveillance camera. Meanwhile, Kirk McGarvey has just returned from an assignment in Mexico, back to his visiting professorship in South Florida. When a colonel from North Korea's intelligence service shows up asking McGarvey to prove that North Korea did not authorise the hit, McGarvey enters a dangerous international shadow world, where nothing is what it seems... (American) *Due Jan*

**Gerald HAMMOND**  
**Well and Good 192pp Pb \$27.95**

Since the death of their mother in a hit-and-run accident, Violet and Jane have been living with their great-grandfather Luke Grant and his partner Helena. One evening Violet's boyfriend goes missing, and is finally found badly injured and unconscious. The police investigation follows the suspects to the island of Madeira and uncovers a bizarre and unscrupulous scam... (Scottish) *Due Jan*

**Mo HAYDER**  
**Skin 464pp Pb \$24.95**

When the body of a young woman is found near railway tracks just outside Bristol, all signs point to suicide. But DI Jack Caffery is not so sure. He is on the trail of someone predatory, who hides in the shadows and slips into houses unseen. His partner, Police Diver Flea Marley is working alongside Caffery. With the traumas of her past safely behind her, she's beginning to wonder whether their relationship could go beyond the professional. But then she finds something that changes everything. And this time, no one – not even Caffery – can help her. (English) *Due Jan*

**Jack HIGGINS**  
**The Wolf at the Door 336pp Tp \$32.99**

Putin and the Russians have suffered too many killings of their own people in the past. Now they want the whole of the Prime Ministers private army wiped out, including Blake Johnson and Charles Ferguson. After surviving a car bomb, Ferguson heads a search to uncover the perpetrator. But the Russians need the right kind of assassin to stop him. When an ingenious and deadly man is discovered in a Lubiana prison, he is willing to take on the job as a price for his freedom... and Ferguson must face the wolf at the door. (English) *Due Jan*



**Jane Stanton HITCHCOCK**  
**Mortal Friends 352pp Tp \$32.99**

When the latest victim of the 'Beltway Basher' is found in the bushes of Montrose Park, Reven Lynch's favourite jogging spot, she is introduced to the smooth, enigmatic Detective Gunner, who is convinced that the murderer is a society big-shot hiding in plain sight. He makes use of Reven's social positioning to feed him inside information. During the course of the investigation, the social world will unravel, and Reven will discover that nothing old or new, in high culture or low life, is what it appears. (American) *Due Jan*

**Lesley HORTON**  
**Twisted Tracks 288pp Pb \$19.99**

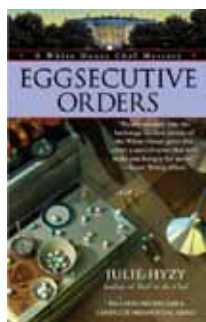
DCI John Handford and DI Khalid Ali are two of the most experienced investigators on the force. But promotion has split the team and put them on separate cases. Handford is tracking a young woman who vanished without trace, while Ali investigates the murder of a pensioner. But both investigations look set to converge in gruesome fashion. As Handford and Ali's paths cross once more, they must unpick the motivations behind the rising body count... before it's too late! (English) *Due Jan*

**Linda HOWARD**  
**Ice 208pp Tp \$32.99**

Gabriel McQueen has just arrived home on leave from the service, when his county-sheriff father orders him to make sure their distant neighbour, Lolly Helton, is safe and sound after falling out of contact. It's a trip Gabriel would rather not make, given the winter weather and the icy relationship between him and Lolly. But when Gabriel discovers strangers in Lolly's home, his stealth training is all he needs to extract her from the house without alerting her captors. And when the escape is discovered, the heat is on! (American) *Due Jan*

**Julie HYZY**  
**Eggsecutive Orders 352pp Pb \$15.95**

*A White House Chef Mystery #3.* When NSA big shot Carl Minkus dies right after eating the dinner that Olivia Paras's staff had prepared, all forks point to them. Now the Secret Service is picking apart the kitchen – and scrutinising the staff's every move. The timing couldn't be worse with the White House Lawn Easter Egg Roll to prep for without access to a kitchen. Olivia must find the real culprit – before she cracks under pressure. (American) *Due Jan*



**Steven JAMES**  
**The Rook 448pp Pb \$15.95**

*Bowers Files #2.* A baffling fire rips through a top-secret naval research facility, and Special Agent Patrick Bowers is called to investigate. His unique ability to pinpoint the time, place, and spatial factors of any crime tells him that the arsonists were going after something very specific – and they have succeeded. Now, with a device of unimaginable lethal power in the wrong hands, Bowers must stop a criminal mastermind from enveloping him and those he loves in a trap from which there is no escape... (American) *Due Jan*

**J A JANCE**  
**Damage Control 464pp Pb \$19.99**

Sheriff Joanna Brady may be a working mother with a newborn child... but nothing stops her when there are crimes to solve! The discovery of bags, containing the gruesome remains of two people, leads back to a care facility with a dubious past. Meanwhile, an old Buick has plunged off the side of a mountain with its two passengers in tow. A note from the wreck states that the pair took their own lives – but when two young women show up to feud over the inheritance, Joanna knows this is no ordinary suicide pact. (American) *Due Jan*

**Jim KELLY**  
**Death Wore White 400pp Pb \$24.95**

At 5.15 pm, Harvey Ellis is trapped – stranded in a line of eight cars by a blizzard on a Norfolk coast road. At 8.15 pm, Harvey Ellis was dead – viciously stabbed at the wheel of his truck. His killer achieved the impossible: striking without being seen, and without leaving a single footprint in the snow... For DI Peter Shaw and DS George Valentine, it's only the start of an infuriating investigation. The crime scene is melting, the murderer has vanished, witnesses are dropping like flies... and the body count is on the rise! (English) *Due Jan*

**Toni L P KELNER**  
**Who Killed the Pinup Queen? 288pp Pb \$13.95**

*Where Are They Now Mystery #2.* Freelance reporter Tilda Harper is working on two articles simultaneously; one is about a former pinup model, and the other is about an old Western show. But when she discovers the pinup queen brutally murdered, she finds that the two stories may have some disturbing connections... (American) *Due Jan*

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**Dead Air**

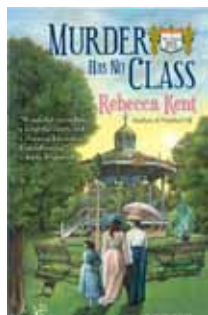
Maggie left her clinical practice in Manhattan and moved to Florida, to host of her own radio show, attracting an audience of co-dependent wives, to fetish fiends, to local crazies. Then threats start pouring in against one of the station's special guests-self-styled Guru Sanjay Gingii. When one of the threats becomes a reality, Maggie's new room-mate is surprisingly the prime suspect. Now, Maggie has to prove her room-mate innocent while dealing with a killer who needs more than just therapy... (American) *Due Jan*



320pp Pb \$13.95

**Rebecca KENT**  
**Murder Has No Class**

*Bellehaven House Mystery #3.* Lord Stalham always claimed innocence in the murder of his father – even after they've hanged him! Now Stalham's ghost is haunting Meredith Llewellyn. The headmistress needs her sleep, so she sets out for the truth... and discovers a high-society scandal! (English) *Due Jan*



240pp Pb \$13.95

**Peter KLEIN**  
**Punter's Turf** 304pp Pb \$19.99

John Punter, professional gambler and amateur private investigator, has seen his fair share of crime and shady dealings, both on the race track and off it. So when the daughter of a bookmaker friend is abducted Punter's offer of help is gladly accepted. But when everything seems to be going right, a local trainer hits a run of unusual bad luck and a young jockey dies under suspicious circumstances – entangling Punter into a web of underworld crimes that are much more sinister than he had anticipated... (Australian) *Due Jan*

**Bill KNOX**  
**Pilot Error** 224pp Hb \$46.95

Chief Inspector Colin Thane of Glasgow CID embarks on a new investigation – a private plane crash claiming the lives of two employees from a local travel agency. When a third employee of Eurobreak Vacations dies, it seems likely to Thane that someone at Eurobreak is organising something rather more sinister than holidays. So Thane and his trusted colleague Phil Moss retrace the final steps of the recently departed and take off for the Highlands on a little holiday of their own... (Scottish) *Due Jan*

**Dennis LEHANE (Ed)**  
**Boston Noir** 270pp Tp \$32.99

*Akashic Noir.* Brand-new stories by Dennis Lehane, Stewart O'Nan, Patricia Powell, John Dufresne, Lynne Heitman, Don Lee, Russ Aborn, Itabari Njeri, Jim Fusilli, Brendan DuBois, and Dana Cameron. Each story in this volume is set in a different neighbourhood of the city – from Roxbury to Cambridge, Southie to the Boston Harbor, and all stops in between! (American) *Due Jan*

**John MACKEN**  
**Breaking Point** 512pp Pb \$21.95

*Reuben Maitland #3.* Fired from his job with the CID, forensic scientist Reuben Maitland takes work where he finds it. But when he discovers that his long-abandoned work on 'Behavioural Profiling' – to predict latent homicidal behaviour from people's DNA – is being put back on track at his old unit, GeneCrime, he knows he must act. Rogue elements within GeneCrime believe that prevention is better than cure, and are using Reuben's research to hunt down and incite innocent people beyond their breaking point... (English) *Due Jan*



**P D MARTIN**  
**The Killing Hands** 400pp Pb \$19.99

*Sophie Anderson #4.* When a body is identified as Jun Saito, son of the first Korean Yakuza godfather, FBI profiler Sophie Anderson suspects she's stumbled upon a gangland hit. But Saito has been missing for 15 years, presumed dead, so what made him resurface? When Sophie's research uncovers a number of murders with similarities to Saito's death and links to organised crime, she realises she has a serial killer on her hands – a killer who will strike at the heart of the investigating team itself... (Australian) *Due Jan*

**P D MARTIN**  
**Kiss of Death** Tp \$32.99

*Sophie Anderson #5.* A woman is found dead in a park with two puncture wounds on her neck. There is no blood on the scene, but she looks to have been drained. Is it a straightforward murder investigation, or the result of a ritual performed by LA's secretive population of 'vampires'? Meanwhile, Sophie's new squeeze is in town, and as usual she's hard at work. Will she be able to balance her obsession with the case with her fragile new relationship? (Australia) *Due Jan*

**Ed McBAIN**  
**Killer's Payoff (1958)** 311pp Pb \$19.99

Sy Kramer was a blackmailer who'd pushed one of his victims too far. Kramer had earned his last payoff: a bullet in the head. Which of Kramer's pigeons had so much at stake that murder seemed like the best bet? The boys of the 87th have a tough case to crack. They must catch the desperate killer before he or she strikes again, and Kramer's blackmail victims are decidedly unwilling to cooperate. (American)

**Alexander McCALL SMITH**  
**Tea Time for the Traditionally Built** 272pp Pb \$22.99

*#10.* Mma Ramotswe's newest client is the big-shot owner of the ailing Kalahari Swoopers, and the one thing that lady detectives know very little about is football. In her attempt to find the traitor on Mr Football's team, Mma Ramotswe ventures into new territory, drinks tea in unfamiliar kitchens and learns to trust in the observational powers of small boys. (Scottish) *Due Jan*



**Nigel McCRERY**  
**Tooth and Claw** 400pp Tp \$32.95

DCI Mark Lapslie suffers from a rare neurological condition which confuses his senses. The sickening clamour of sounds he can taste has smothered his marriage and stifled his career – and it's getting worse. His colleagues have written him off as a drunk or worse, a lunatic – and Lapslie has quarantined himself in an isolated Essex cottage, only venturing out at night when peace reigns. But the troubled detective might just discover that his gravest weakness is also his greatest strength... (English) *Due Jan*

**Andy McDERMOTT**  
**The Covenant of Genesis** 640pp Tp \$19.99

Off the coast of Indonesia, archaeologist Nina Wilde discovers evidence of a settlement that existed over a 100,000 years before any previously known civilisation. But when her ship is attacked, it becomes clear that the clandestine religious group calling itself the 'Covenant of Genesis' will stop at nothing to prevent her from revealing this knowledge. Nina embarks upon a dangerous worldwide search to expose the Covenant of Genesis and the incredible secret they will kill to protect... (English) *Due Jan*

**Patrick MILLIKIN (Ed)**  
**Phoenix Noir** 304pp Tp \$32.99

*Akashic Noir.* Brand-new stories by Diana Gabaldon, Lee Child, James Sallis, Luis Alberto Urrea, Jon Talton, Megan Abbott, Charles Kelly, Robert Anglen, Patrick Millikin, Laura Tohe, Kurt Reichenbaugh, Gary Phillips, David Corbett, Don Winslow, Dogo Barry Graham, and Stella Pope Duarte. (American) *Due Jan*

**Kaye MORGAN****Ghost Sudoku****224pp Pb \$13.95**

*Sudoku Mystery #5.* After spending her vacation hiding from the media, Liza returns to find that the town has put her in the running for mayor. She has a feeling that the neighbouring county and its dirty political machine are involved. When she turns to an old classmate for help, she discovers he's been murdered. A closeted Sudoku fan, he's left behind puzzles that may have hidden clues to what finished him off and who is trying to run Liza into the ground... (American) *Due Jan*

**Bob MORRIS****A Deadly Silver Sea****432pp Pb \$15.95**

*Zack Chasteen #4.* An hour into the maiden voyage of the cruise-ship, Royal Star, gunmen take over and kill most of the officers and sequestering passengers throughout the ship. Not only is Zack separated from his wife, he has another worry: she is eight months pregnant, and could go into labour at any moment... As Zack and his fellow captives struggle to get an upper hand, the hijackers offer few clues to their motives, and Zack must figure out a way to stop them, while keeping himself and his family alive. (American) *Due Jan*

**Perri O'SHAUGHNESSY****Show No Fear 448pp Pb \$16.99**

A Nina Reilly novel. As a single mother working as a paralegal and attending law school at night, Nina has her hands full fighting for custody of her young son Bob and overseeing a medical mal-practice lawsuit on behalf of her mother. But when a woman falls to her death off a bridge and witnesses disappear, Nina suspects there is more to the 'accident' than the authorities are saying... (American) *Due Jan*

**Michael PALMER****The Second Opinion****432pp Pb \$19.95**

Struck down by a hit-and-run driver, one of the world's most respected doctors lies comatose. No one thinks he will survive, but his daughter Thea refuses to give up hope – and suspects a cover-up. When a late-night hospital intruder is identified as a professional killer, Thea is convinced her father's accident was no accident – and someone plans to finish the job... (American) *Due Jan*

**C M PALOV****Stones of Fire (US Title: Ark of Fire)****560pp Tp \$32.95**

800 years ago a Crusader in the Holy Land discovered a gold box. Under a veil of secrecy it was transported to England and hidden. For centuries it has been rumoured the treasure was none other than the Ark of the Covenant... And now, after a brutal murder in Washington and the theft of an ancient relic known as the Stones of Fire, there's a desperate need to find out if the rumours are true. The safety of the world depends upon it. (American) *Due Jan SUS*

**Richard Jay PARKER****Stop Me****336pp Pb \$19.99**

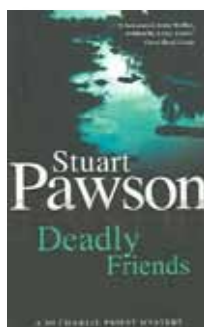
When Leo Sharpe's wife Laura disappears, he becomes convinced that she's the latest victim of 'The Vacation Killer' who has claimed 11 lives already. It's the same every time; a woman disappears and within hours threatening emails are sent, and then evidence of the victim's death is found. But in Laura's case – nothing. Has the killer spared her life? The clock is ticking and Leo must do everything in his power to stop the killer before it's too late... (English) *Due Jan*

**James PATTERSON****Worst Case****384pp Tp \$32.95**

A kidnapper is on the loose, abducting the children of New York's wealthiest. Detective Michael Bennett leads the investigation. With 10 kids of his own, he can't understand what leads someone to target anyone's children. As the kidnappings continue, one powerful family after another exerts their influence on the mayor, the press, anyone, to stop this killer. Their reach extends all the way to the FBI. Before Bennett has a chance to protest the FBI's intrusion on his case, the mastermind changes his routine... (American) *Due Jan*

**Stuart PAWSON****Deadly Friends (1998)****288pp Pb \$19.99**

*DI Charlie Priest #5.* When a doctor's dazzling career is brought to an abrupt end, his colleagues are devastated, especially the female ones. Had the doctor not been so discreet, Charlie Priest would suspect a jealous husband. But it's not going to be that simple, and Charlie has another case on his hands. Janet Saunders' description of her attacker makes him easy to find, but his story doesn't gel with hers. Only one thing is certain: there's a killer on the loose... and a rapist too. (English) *Due Jan*

**Cathy PICKENS****Can't Never Tell****304pp Pb \$13.95**

*Southern Fried Mystery #4.* It's 4th of July in Dacus, South Carolina, and a human bone is discovered inside a mannequin posed inside a fright-house. The following day, the festivities are interrupted during a picnic when a woman disappears off a waterfall. Between the owners of the fright-house needing help in re-opening for the high season and the new widower's lady-friend seeking legal protection of his financial interests, Avery has her work cut out for her... (American) *Due Jan*

**David POYER****The Weapon****464pp Pb \$15.95**

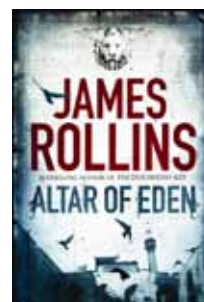
US Navy Commander Dan Lenson must defuse naval threats around the globe. When the Skhval-K, an unstoppable rocket torpedo, is demonstrated at a Moscow arms show, Dan tries to buy one so that the US Navy can build countermeasures. But when the Russians sell the new weapon to Iran and China instead, Dan decides that if he can't buy it, he'll steal it... When a daring night-time penetration of Iran's largest naval base goes wrong, Dan will be lucky to escape with his life! (American) *Due Jan*

**William RABKIN****Psych #3: Call of the Mild****288pp Pb \$13.95**

Shawn Spencer has always hated the wilderness – meaning anything outside the delivery radius of his favourite pizza place. But Psych has been hired to solve a baffling case of industrial espionage, and the only way to catch the spy is to join their client's bonding retreat – a gruelling seven-day mountain trek. When one of the campers turns up with a bullet in the head, Shawn and Gus soon realise that sheer cliffs, rampaging bears, and freeze-dried pineapple aren't the greatest threats they face. (American) *Due Jan*

**James ROLLINS****Altar of Eden****416pp Tp \$32.99**

Dr Lorna Polk, a state veterinarian in Louisiana, uncovers a ring of black market smugglers in the storm-swept ruins of an old trawler, discovering caged animals bearing strange aberrations: a double-headed snake, a lion cub with sabre teeth, a feather-less Amazon parrot. But all the creatures bear one disturbing trait: an uncanny intelligence that defies explanation. Working with US Marshall Jack Menard, along with a pair of neurobiologists, Lorna must expose a horrifying secret that traces back to Biblical times... (American) *Due Jan*

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**Karen ROSE**  
**Don't Tell (2003) 416pp Tp \$32.99**

The only way Mary Grace could save herself and her child from an abusive husband was to stage their deaths. Posing as Caroline Stewart, Mary Grace has almost forgotten the nightmare she left behind nine years ago. Then her husband uncovers her hidden trail. Step by step he's closing in on her – and everyone she loves. Now Caroline must decide whether to flee again or whether the time has come to stay and fight... (American) *Due Jan*

**Mark SANDERSON**  
**Snow Hill 352pp Tp \$32.99**

When John Steadman gets a tip-off about a murdered policeman, he thinks he's found his scoop. Trouble is, no-one else seems to know anything about it... or they're not telling. Then John finds someone willing to talk. At least, someone who was. Now they're dead and John's on the verge of a front-page scandal that will make or break his career. But to get to the heart of this dark story, he must first go undercover. Six feet undercover... (English) *Due Jan*



**Dana STABENOW**  
**Whisper to the Blood 352pp Pb \$15.95**

A Kate Shugak Mystery. Inside Alaska's biggest national park, a gold-mining company has started buying up land. When Talia Macleod – hired by the company to improve relations with the locals – is murdered along with a long-standing mine opponent, the investigation falls to Trooper Jim Chopin and, as usual, he could use some help from newly elected Niniltna Native Association chairman and part-time PI Kate Shugak. (American) *Due Jan*



**Jennifer STANLEY**  
**Stirring Up Strife 352pp Pb \$15.95**

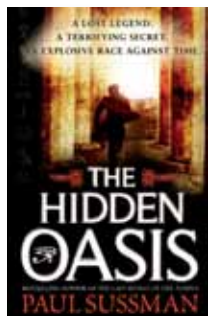
*Hope Street Church Mysteries #1.* Cooper Lee hasn't attended church in ages, but after getting dumped by her long-time boyfriend she could use some new friends, and a new outlook on life. Happily, the members of the Bible group are anything but cookie-cutter, which suits Cooper just fine. But the member of Hope Street Church who invited Cooper to join this motley crew – is now dead... and her husband is suspected of murder! (American) *Due Jan*

**Terence STRONG**  
**Stalking Horse 592pp Pb \$19.99**

After six years in deep cover to penetrate the IRA, Max Avery was a man on the edge. But London and Washington had other ideas. Iraq had invaded Kuwait and Saddam Hussein threatened a terror strike to win him the Gulf War before it began. They needed a stalking horse to get close to the enemy – and Avery was their man. Plunged into a nightmare mission with the SAS and the American Delta Force, Avery finds his wife, his future and his very life on the line... (English) *Due Jan*

**Paul SUSSMAN**  
**The Hidden Oasis 566pp Pb \$24.95**

When Freya Hannen arrives in Egypt for the funeral of her sister – a desert explorer who has inexplicably taken her own life – it is the start of a terrifying, life-or-death adventure that will lead her and Egyptologist Flin Brodie deep into the forbidding wastes of the Sahara. Their goal: to solve one of archaeology's greatest mysteries and the astonishing secret at its heart. (English) *Due Jan*



**Brad THOR**  
**The Last Patriot 512pp Pb \$19.99**

When a car bomb explodes outside a Parisian cafe, Scot Harvath becomes party to an amazing and perilous race to uncover a secret so powerful, that militant Islam could be defeated once and for all without firing another shot or dropping another bomb. But, as desperate as the US government is to have the information brought to light, there are powerful forces just as determined that the prophet Mohammed's mysterious final revelation stay hidden. (American) *Due Jan*

**Qiu XIAOLONG**  
**The Mao Case 304pp Pb \$24.99**

Inspector Chen is asked to discreetly investigate the truth behind the elegant façade of an old painter who lives a strangely indulgent lifestyle in a wealthy Shanghai neighbourhood. But, before Chen can get close to anyone, one of the girls is found murdered in the garden and another is terrified she will be next. Chen's quest for answers will take him to a strange businessman, triads, Chairman Mao himself and a terrible secret the Party will go to any length to conceal. (Chinese) *Due Jan*



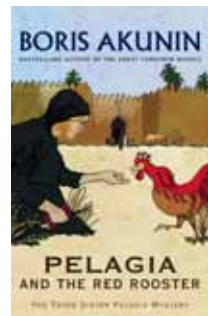
**Anne ZOUROUDI**  
**The Taint of Midas 416pp Pb \$23.99**

*Hermes Diaktoros #2.* For over half a century the beautiful Temple of Apollo has been in the care of the old beekeeper Gabrilis. But when the value of the land soars he is forced to sign away his interests, and hours later he meets a violent, lonely death. When Hermes Diaktoros finds his friend's battered body by a dusty roadside, the police quickly make him the prime suspect. Yet Hermes resolves to avenge his old friend and find the true culprit – but his methods are, as ever, unorthodox. (English) *Due Jan*

## CRIME HISTORICAL

**Boris AKUNIN**  
**Pelagia and the Red Rooster 416pp Pb \$22.99**

#3. Returning from St Petersburg, Sister Pelagia finds herself aboard a steamer dodging pickpockets, zealots and a sinister man with a detachable eye. But a brutal murder in the next cabin spells the end of her sleuthing retirement and the start of an investigation that will take her to the Holy Land and far beyond. Yet, as the Sister sets down her knitting needles, an assassin is closing in... (Russian) *Due Jan*

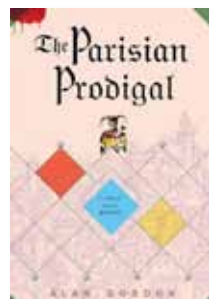


**Steven DOYLE & David A CROWDER**  
**Sherlock Holmes for Dummies 384pp Tp \$32.95**

This friendly beginners' guide offers a clear introduction to Sherlock Holmes and his creator, Sir Arthur Conan Doyle. Contains information on characters, recurring themes, locations, and social context of the Sherlock Holmes stories, as well as the relationship between these stories to literature, film, TV, and the stage. (English) *Due Jan*

**Alan GORDON**  
**The Parisian Prodigal 304pp Hb \$49.95**

*Fools Gold Mysteries #8.* After a man who claims to be a full brother of the ruling count is found dead – by his own sword – beside a prostitute one morning in a local bordello, Theophilos – a fool by trade and spy in secret – his family, and other members of the Fool's Guild must uncover the truth... (American) *Due Jan*



**Michael JECKS****No Law in the Land***Knights Templar #26.*

King Edward II is furious when he learns that his wife Queen Isabella has defied him and remains in France with their son. As the unfortunate messengers of this unhappy news, Sir Baldwin de Furnhill, Keeper of the King's Peace, and his friend, bailiff Simon Puttock, are instantly dismissed from court. Returning to their homes in Devon, the pair is shocked to find that outlaws now hold sway in the land... (English) *Due Jan*

**Alanna KNIGHT****Quest for a Killer**

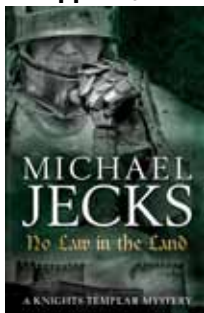
*Rose McQuin #6.* Edinburgh, 1899. Amidst the arrival of the circus, the death of a clerk during a bank robbery and the suicide of two girls within mere hours of one another occur. Could the two be related? As Rose McQuin investigates, new evidence comes to light that makes Rose's new friend Elma Rice a suspect... but all it not what it seems! (Scottish) *Due Jan*

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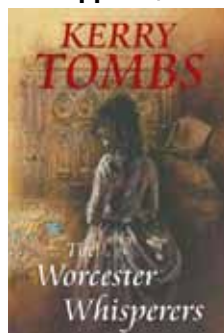
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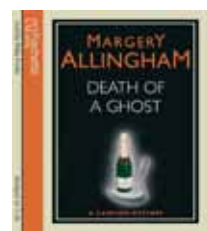
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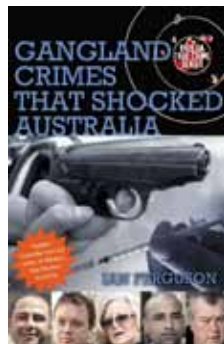
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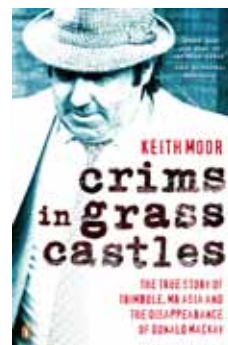
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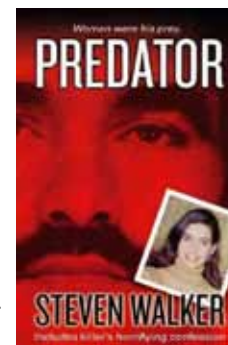
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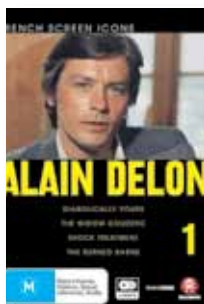
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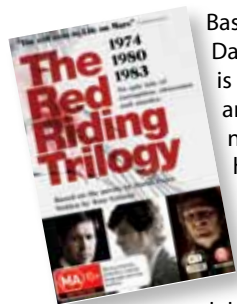


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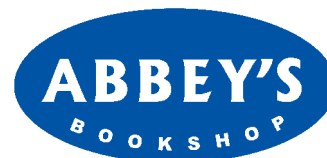
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