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"Where a good crime can be had by all"

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The Top 10 of 2010

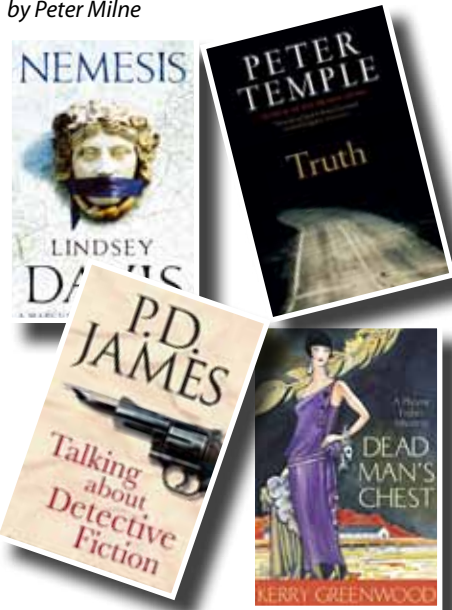
As with last year, Stieg Larsson again topped the Modern Crime list with all three titles in his *Millennium* series. What a shame he didn't live to see the success and the rewards! Donna Leon was next best with the 19th in her *Commissario Brunetti* series.

In Historical Crime, Lindsey Davis again topped the list with **Nemesis**, the 20th in her *Falco* series, while Laurie R King was not far behind.

Australian Crime saw Peter Temple's **Truth** ahead of Kerry Greenwood's **Dead Man's Chest**, no doubt partly due to him winning the *Miles Franklin Award*.

In Crime Non-Fiction, **Talking About Detective Fiction** by P D James was a clear winner over Chloe Hooper's **Tall Man**.

by Peter Milne



MODERN CRIME

1. **The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo** (*Millennium #1*) by Stieg Larsson (Pb \$24.95)
2. **The Girl Who Played with Fire** (*Millennium #2*) by Stieg Larsson (Pb \$24.95)
3. **The Girl Who Kicked the Hornets' Nest** (*Millennium #3*) by Stieg Larsson (Pb \$24.95)
4. **A Question of Belief** (*Commissario Brunetti #19*) by Donna Leon (Tp \$32.95)

5. **Wings of the Sphinx** (*Montalbano #14*) by Andrea Camilleri (Pb \$23.95)
6. **Our Kind of Traitor** by John Le Carre (Tp \$32.95)
7. **Started Early, Took My Dog** (*Jackson Brodie #4*) by Kate Atkinson (Tp \$32.95)
8. **The Track of Sand** (*Montalbano #12*) by Andrea Camilleri (Pb \$23.95)
9. **This Body of Death** (*Inspector Lynley #16*) by Elizabeth George (Tp \$32.99)
10. **The Attenbury Emeralds** (*Lord Peter Wimsey*) Jill Paton Walsh & Dorothy L Sayers (Tp \$32.99)

HISTORICAL CRIME

1. **Nemesis** (*Falco #20*) by Lindsey Davis (Tp \$32.95)
2. **The Language of Bees** (*Mary Russell Holmes #9*) by Laurie R King (Tp \$27)
3. **The Dove of Death** (*Sister Fidelma #20*) by Peter Tremayne (Pb \$19.99)
4. **Execution Dock** (*William Monk #16*) by Anne Perry (Pb \$19.99)
5. **Alexandria** (*Falco #19*) by Lindsey Davis (Pb \$24.95)
6. **A Vein of Deceit** (*Matthew Bartholomew #15*) by Susanna Gregory (Pb \$24.99)
7. **Mrs Jeffries Speaks Her Mind** (#27) by Emily Brightwell (Pb \$14.95)
8. **A Gentleman of Fortune** (*Dido Kent #2*) by Anna Dean (Pb \$19.99)
9. **The Silver Locomotive Mystery** (*Robert Colbeck #6*) by Edward Marston (Pb \$19.99)
10. **The Westminster Poisoner** (*Chaloner #4*) by Susanna Gregory (Pb \$22.99)

AUSTRALIAN CRIME

1. **Truth** by Peter Temple (Pb \$23.95)
2. **Dead Man's Chest** (*Phrynne Fisher #18*) by Kerry Greenwood (Pb \$22.99)
3. **The Broken Shore** by Peter Temple (Pb \$23.95)
4. **A Few Right Thinking Men** by Sulari Gentill (Tp \$29.99)
5. **Torn Apart** (*Cliff Hardy #34*) by Peter Corris (Pb \$17.99)
6. **King of the Cross** by Mark Dapin (Pb \$22.99)
7. **Out of the Black Land** by Kerry Greenwood (Pb \$29.95)
8. **Wyatt** by Garry Disher (Pb \$23.95)
9. **Let the Dead Lie** by Malla Nunn (Tp \$32.99)
10. **The Old School** by P M Newton (Tp \$32.95)

CRIME NON-FICTION

1. **Talking About Detective Fiction** by P D James (Pb \$19.99)
2. **Tall Man** by Chloe Hooper (Pb \$24.95)
3. **Underbelly: The Golden Mile** by John Silvester & Andrew Rule (Pb \$24.99)
4. **Dirty Work** by Glen McNamara (Tp \$29.95)
5. **Blood Money: Bikies, Terrorists and Middle Eastern Gangs** by Clive Small & Tom Gilling (Tp \$35)
6. **The Deadly Dinner Party** by Jonathan Edlow (Tp \$34.95)
7. **The Fast Life and Sudden Death of Michael McGurk** by Richard Vereker & Mark Abernethy (Pb \$24.99)
8. **Evil in the Suburbs** by Cindy Wockner & Michael Porta (Tp \$34.95)
9. **Snitch: Crooked Cops and Kings Cross Crims** by Jimmy Thomson (Pb \$24.99)
10. **Snouts in the Trough** by Andrew Fraser (Tp \$29.99)

AUSTRALIA DAY HOLIDAY

Wednesday 26 January 10am - 5pm

MODERN CRIME

Mark ABERNETHY

Counter Attack 472pp Pb \$19.99

Alan McQueen #4. Australia's super-spy, Alan McQueen, has been dispatched to Singapore to oversee a covert mission. And when things go disastrously wrong, he not only has to defend his reputation in Australia but also stay out of jail in Vietnam. From the leafy suburbs of Singapore to the mean streets of Saigon; from the political infighting of Canberra to the old killing fields of Northern Cambodia; Mac must use his cunning to uncover a conspiracy that could throw the world into a thermo-nuclear showdown! (Australian, Spy)

Mark ABERNETHY

Double Back 444pp Pb \$19.99

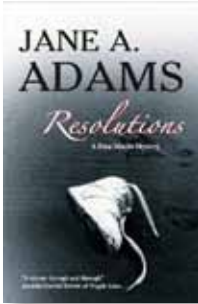
Alan McQueen #3. Alan McQueen must fight dangerous forces that will stop at nothing to sabotage East Timorese independence. Fighting the good fight, Mac discovers a plot to use a deadly ethno-bomb which kills only native East Timorese - who don't share the ethnicity of most Indonesians. Can Mac find and destroy the ethno-bomb before it's too late? (New Zealander, Spy)

Jane ADAMS

Resolutions

208pp Pb \$27.95

Rina Martin #4. When DI 'Mac' McGregor came to Frantham, he was a broken man - guilt ridden at the death of a child he had tried to save, and whose killer had escaped. But he found friendship, in the shape of Rina Martin's strange little household, and romance with CSI Miriam Hasting. But now his past is catching up with him. There are new leads in the child-killer case, and Mac rejoins the hunt - only to become the hunted. Can Rina save him from his darkest trouble yet? (English, Police Procedural)



Will ADAMS

The Eden Legacy 470pp Tp \$24.99

After she finds out her father and sister are missing from their coastal nature reserve in Madagascar, TV zoologist Rebecca Kirkpatrick flies home. Underwater archaeologist Daniel Knox is searching for a sunken Chinese treasure ship when he hears of the disappearances and ventures to the Eden Reserve to investigate. Still with a vendetta to settle, Georgian gangster dynasty, the Nergadzes, send a hit man to hunt down Knox, who will discover that the coral reef of Eden hides an ugly truth - a secret that will rewrite history! (English, Suspense)

Madelyn ALT

A Witch in Time

304pp Pb \$13.95

Bewitching Mystery #6. Convinced that something sinister is haunting the hospital where her twin sister has just given birth - and where two murders just took place - new witch Maggie O'Neill scours Stony Mill, Indiana, until the crime is solved. (American, Cosy)



James ANDRUS

The Perfect Prey

384pp Pb \$11.95

Detective John Stallings #2. While a serial killer preys on blond, blue-eyed young women during the spring break in Jacksonville, Florida, Detective John Stallings - still recovering from his last case and his failed marriage - must choose between the law he's trained to enforce and his own need for revenge. (American, Police Procedural)

Lori ARMSTRONG

Mercy Kill: A Mystery 320pp Pb \$24.95

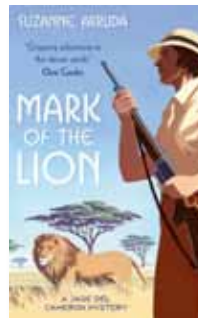
Mercy Gunderson #2. Former Army sniper, Mercy Gunderson, is struggling to adjust to civilian life at the height of a development project that has violently polarised her neighbours and resulted in a military friend's murder. But Mercy discovers her former military pal had secrets. Her search for the truth attracts unwanted exposure to the county's dark side and risks deadly repercussions for the entire community... (American, Military)

Suzanne ARRUDA

Mark of the Lion

368pp Pb \$22.99

Jade Del Cameron #1. 1919. After driving an ambulance along the front lines of WW1, Jade del Cameron can fire a rifle with deadly precision. She may look like a pin-up blonde, but she's tough and she doesn't shy away from a challenge. So when she agrees to fulfil a fighter pilot's dying wish - to investigate the death of his father and track down his half brother - she sets off for the wilds of colonial Africa, never expecting to become involved in murder... (American, Cosy)



Erratum: In last month's *Crime Chronicle*, the nationality of Peter Klein - author of the *John Punter* series - was shown as English, when of course he is actually Australian.

Belinda BAUER

Blacklands

352pp Pb \$21.95

12-year-old Steven Lamb digs holes on Exmoor, hoping to find the body of the uncle he never knew, presumed to be a victim of serial killer Arnold Avery. Only Steven's Nan is unconvinced her son is dead. Steven is determined to heal the cracks between them, even if it means presenting her with the bones of her murdered son. So he crafts a letter to Arnold in prison, sparking a cat-and-mouse game between a desperate child and a bored killer... (English, Suspense)



M C BEATON

Death of a Valentine

272pp Pb \$11.95

Hamish Macbeth

#26. Announcing his engagement to associate Josie McSween, police sergeant and once-confirmed bachelor Hamish Macbeth struggles with prenuptial jitters while investigating the murder of a woman whose complicated case introduced him to his fiancée. (Scottish, Cosy)



Greig BECK

Dark Rising

Pb \$19.99

Alex Hunter #2. When gamma radiation is detected beneath the Iranian desert, Alex Hunter and his highly trained incursion team are dropped into the ruins of Persepolis. The President of Iran is making speeches about the end of the world; Israel threatens nuclear war; and the details of America's Arcadian program have been stolen. Alex must follow the traces of radiation to the ancient caves of Arak. Inside those tunnels he will come face to face with a creature from his darkest nightmares. (Australian, Suspense)

Simon BECKETT

Calling of the Grave

320pp Tp \$32.95

Dr David Hunter #4.

A body is found on Dartmoor and forensic anthropologist David Hunter is called to help search for further remains. When the killer is released from jail to assist, all hell breaks loose... See author commentary back page. (English, Forensic)



Jennie BENTLEY

Mortar and Murder

320pp Pb \$13.95

Do It Yourself Mystery #4. Former NY textile designer Avery Baker becomes submerged in a mystery involving smuggling and long-buried secrets when she discovers the secret room in her new house is linked to the recent murder of two women. (American, Cosy)

Pb = Paperback

Tp = Trade Paperback (slightly larger than Pb)

Hb = Hardback

In parentheses at end:

- Nationality of author

- Crime genre

Allison BRENNAN

Love Me to Death: A Novel of Suspense
496pp Pb \$13.95

Lucy Kincaid #1. When the sex offenders she hunts online start turning up dead, Lucy Kincaid, a volunteer with a victim's rights group, is the prime suspect in the murder investigation and must team up with a security expert to find the truth - and stop a vengeful stalker from punishing her in the flesh. (American, Suspense)

Alafair BURKE

City of Lies 437pp Pb \$19.99

When New York University student Megan Gunther is murdered after receiving threats via a campus website, NYPD Detective Ellie Hatcher - with straight-talking partner J J Rogan at her side - wonders if the girl's murder was more than cyber obsession. Then phone records reveal a link between Megan and a murdered real-estate agent who shared a secret connection to a celebrity mogul, whose bodyguard was mysteriously killed a few months earlier. And when Megan's roommate suddenly disappears, they know they have to find her before it's too late! (American, Police Procedural)

Teresa BURRELL

The Advocate's Betrayal
284pp Pb \$22.95

The killer left nothing behind but a rosary, a kitchen knife, and a dead man. But the dead man is a friend of Sabre Orin Brown. When the victim's unsuspecting wife is accused of the murder, Sabre will stop at nothing to uncover the truth, even if it means unearthing chilling secrets. From a San Diego jail to the shady Chicago nightlife, Sabre's search for the true killer forces her to face the question: what do you do when the people you trust the most are the people with the most to hide? (American, Suspense)

Mary BURTON

Senseless 416pp Pb \$11.95

Tormented by a tragic event in her past, Eva Rayburn attempts to start over in her Virginia hometown - but a new nightmare begins, and every victim is linked to her and the tragedy which occurred ten years earlier at a sorority party. (American, Psychological)

Pamela CALLOW

Indefensible 512pp Pb \$13.95

Kate Lange #2. When her boss, high-profile lawyer Randall Barrett, is accused of murdering his wife, attorney Kate Lange, who has limited criminal law experience, must defend this man who everyone - including his family - believes is guilty. (Canadian, Legal)

Jane CASEY

The Burning 496pp Pb \$21.95

Maeve Kerrigan is an ambitious detective constable, keen to make her mark on the murder task force. Her male colleagues believe Maeve's empathy makes her weak, but the more she learns about the latest victim, Rebecca Haworth, the more determined Maeve becomes to bring her murderer to justice. But how do you catch a killer no one has seen - especially when the evidence they leave behind goes up in smoke? (Irish, Police Procedural)



Lee CHILD [Ed]

Best American Mystery Stories: 2010
368pp Hb \$39.99

Featuring 20 of the year's crime short stories, handpicked by one of the world's best thriller writers. Literary legends rub shoulders with the hottest new talent. Contributors in the past have included James Lee Burke, Jeffrey Deaver, Michael Connelly, Alice Munro and Joyce Carol Oates. (American, Suspense)

Paul CHRISTOPHER

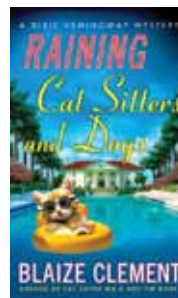
The Templar Conspiracy 400pp Pb \$16.95

John Holliday #4. When the Pope is assassinated on Christmas Day, retired Army Ranger John Holliday is called in to investigate the true motive behind the Pontiff's murder, pitting him against the Templar cabal that silently wields power in the 21st century. (Canadian, Suspense)

Blaize CLEMENT

Raining Cat Sitters and Dogs
320pp Pb \$13.95

Dixie Hemingway #5. Despite the efforts of Lieutenant Guidry - Dixie Hemingway's on-again, off-again boyfriend - to find a missing young girl who may be a material witness to a murder, Dixie finds that she must go it alone to confront criminals who will stop at nothing to get what they want. (American, Cosy)



Michael CONNELLY

Three Great Novels:
Poet / Blood Work / Void Moon Tp \$35

The Poet: Jack McEvoy's brother, a homicide detective, has committed suicide. But when Jack, a reporter, investigates the phenomenon of police suicides, it becomes clear that a serial killer is at work... *Blood Work:* When former FBI agent Terry McCaleb learns the previous owner of his transplanted heart was murdered, he embarks on a private investigation - leading to a killer as audacious as himself... *Void Moon:* Cassie Black is robbing casino gamblers in a set-up that is too good to ignore. But she soon finds herself running from a killer who is closing in on her most closely guarded secret... (American, Suspense)

John CONNOLLY

The Whisperers 544pp Pb \$22.99

Charlie Parker #9. A group of former soldiers have begun a smuggling operation along the border of Maine and Canada... moving something more terrifying than anyone can imagine. But the soldiers' actions have attracted the attention of the reclusive Herod, a man with a taste for the strange. To defeat him, private detective Charlie Parker must form an alliance with a man he fears more than any other: the killer known as 'the Collector'. (Irish, Private Eye)

Thomas COOK

The Last Talk with Lola Faye
304pp Tp \$32.99

Luke Paige, historian and writer, is signing his latest work in a bookstore, when in the queue he spots Lola Faye: once his father's secret lover, and the destroyer of his childhood. Lola Faye wants to talk over a drink, which becomes dinner, and then another drink. Slowly, Luke and Lola revisit the events that shaped their lives: the timeless struggle between fathers and sons; of longed-for passion; of hopes and dreams thwarted by fate and circumstances. (American, Psychological)

Stephen COONTS

The Disciple 384pp Pb \$22.99

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 near completion. Mahmoud Ahmadinejad plans to hit US and Israeli targets within days. Carmellini has a secret weapon in a group of Iranian dissidents, who will do anything to stop the attack. But will the US government believe them in time to act? And what if the Israelis decide to take matters into their own hands? (American, Political)

Glenn COOPER

The Tenth Chamber 432pp Pb \$21.95

A medieval script is discovered behind a bookcase in a rural French abbey. Badly damaged, it is sent to Paris for restoration, where literary historian Hugo Pineau is intrigued by the contents of the 14th century text. Hugo enlists the help of archaeologist Luc Simard, discovering a network of prehistoric caves as described by the manuscript. Determined to unlock the secrets of the cavern, one 'accidental' death leads to another. It seems that someone will stop at nothing to protect the enigma of the tenth chamber... (American, Suspense)



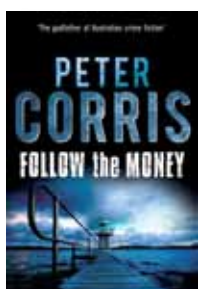
Patricia CORNWELL
The Scarpetta Factor 544pp Pb \$19.99

It is the week before Christmas. The effects of the credit crunch have prompted Dr Kay Scarpetta to offer her services pro bono to New York City's Office of the Chief Medical Examiner. But her increased visibility precipitates a string of dramatic and unsettling events – including a threat on her life. Scarpetta finds herself embroiled in a deadly plot that includes a famous actor accused of an unthinkable sex crime, and the disappearance of a beautiful millionairess with whom Scarpetta's niece Lucy seems to share a secret past... (American, Forensic)



Peter CORRIS
Follow the Money 272pp Pb \$29.99

Cliff Hardy #35. Cliff is in trouble. The economy is tanking and he's been conned by an unscrupulous financial advisor and lost everything he's got. He only knows one way - forward - so he's following the money trail. It's a twisted road that leads him deep into Sydney's underbelly - big money, bent deals, big yachts and bad people. He's in greater danger than ever before... (Australia, Private Eye)



Laurence COSSE
A Novel Bookstore 416pp Pb \$24.95

A mysterious death, an unusual car accident and anonymous threats have one thing in common: the victims are all members of the Good Novel bookstore's secret selection committee. Set in Paris, this tale combines mystery, romance, French theology and literature. The victims are not members of a criminal underworld, but mild, meek and seemingly ordinary people. In the eyes of their aggressors, they are guilty of only one crime: expressing their taste in literature! (French, Cosy)

Robert CRAIS
Three Great Novels:
The Last Detective / The Forgotten Man / The Two Minute Rule 784pp Pb \$39.99

The Last Detective: Elvis Cole's girlfriend, Lucy, has left her young son in Elvis' care, when the child vanishes. Then Elvis receives a phone call, and realises that his past has come back to haunt him... *The Forgotten Man*: A man who claimed he was Elvis' father has been found dead in a seedy Los Angeles alley, and Joe Pike is the only person who can help Elvis navigate his past. *The Two Minute Rule*: When an ageing ex-con finally gets out of jail, his son is gunned down in a drive-by shooting. It seems like a random crime, but when the victim is a cop, the motives are never simple... (American, Private Eye)

Hannah DENNISON
Thieves! 320pp Pb \$13.95

Vicky Hill Exclusive #4. The body of an unnamed woman is found in a shallow stream, but the police refuse to investigate. Aspiring investigative journalist Vicky Hill takes on the case herself, believing the murder is linked to recent silver thefts and the arrival of a gypsy caravan. (American, Cosy)

Sam EASTLAND
Eye of the Red Tsar 464pp Pb \$22.99

It is the time of the Great Terror. Inspector Pekkala was once the Tsar's favourite detective. Now he is the prisoner of the men he once hunted. Like millions of others, he has been sent to the gulags in Siberia. But a reprieve comes when he is summoned by Stalin himself to investigate a crime. His mission: to uncover the men who really killed the Tsar and his family, and to locate the Tsar's treasure. The reward for success is freedom; the price of failure is death. (American, Spy)

Joy FIELDING
The Wild Zone 384pp Pb \$19.99

Two brothers, Will and Jeff, and their friend, Tom, are out drinking one night, when they decide to bet on who can be the first to seduce a mysterious young woman drinking by herself. Little do they know the daily horror that Suzy experiences under the watchful eye of her abusive husband. Little do they know she wants her husband dead. Another bet is on: who is man enough to slay the villain and rescue the damsel in distress? (American, Psychological)

John FLANAGAN
Avalanche Pass Pb \$21.95

Jesse Parker #2. When guests at a ski lodge in Utah are taken hostage, homicide investigator Jesse Parker finds himself in the wrong place. One of the hostages is a high-profile senator, and Special Agent Denton Colby is sent to Utah to negotiate the ransom. But the head of the hostage-takers is playing a dangerous game, and Colby suspects that money is not the only thing they want. Meanwhile, Jesse remains undetected by the captors and, with the help of a female ex-Marine, formulates a plan that might stop the terrorists in their tracks... (Australian, Police Procedural)

P L GAUS
Cast a Blue Shadow 240pp Pb \$21.95

Amish Country Mystery. When the widow of a revered Millersburg College alumnus and one of the school's biggest donors is brutally murdered, authorities fear that Martha Lehman, a young Mennonite college girl, holds the key. But Martha - who was found covered in blood the morning after the murder - isn't talking. (American, Cosy)

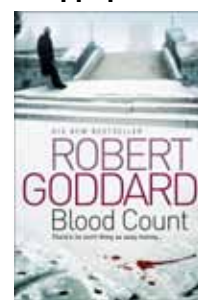
Tess GERRITSEN
The Killing Place 448pp Pb \$14.95

In the snowbound village of Kingdom Come, Wyoming, 12 houses stand abandoned, the residents missing. Maura Isles is driving with a group of friends, when they stumble into the abandoned village to take shelter from a snow storm. Days later, Jane Rizzoli flies to Wyoming to search for her missing friend. A crashed vehicle has been found with four burned bodies inside. Is one of the corpses Maura's? Jane's hunt for the truth leads her to Kingdom Come... where the person who watched Maura now watches her. (American, Suspense)



Robert GODDARD
Blood Count 416pp Tp \$32.95

13 years ago, surgeon Edward Hammond performed a life saving operation on Serbian gangster, Dragan Gazi - now standing trial for war crimes in The Hague. But now Gazi's family want Hammond to find the man who holds the key to Gazi's fortune before he was locked up. But Italian financier, Marco Piravani, doesn't want to be found by anyone. Hammond's pursuit will take him from The Hague to the scene of his crime in Belgrade - where he must confront the decisions of his past. (English, Psychological)



Robert GODDARD
Long Time Coming 544pp Pb \$24.95

One day Eldritch Swan walks back into his nephew Stephen's life after 36 years spent in an Irish prison. Refusing to reveal details, Eldritch only insists he is innocent of any crime. But the visit of a solicitor with a mysterious request takes Eldritch and Stephen to London, where an exhibition of Picasso paintings from the prestigious Brownlow collection is the starting point of a journey that will transport them back to WW2 and the truth behind Eldritch's imprisonment. (English, Psychological)

Joe GORES
Spade and Archer 352pp Pb \$22.99

San Francisco, 1921. When Spade sets up his own agency, the next seven years sees him dealing with booze runners, waterfront thugs, stowaways, banking swindlers, gold smugglers, bumbling cops, and the illegitimate daughter of Sun Yat-sen. He'll bring in Archer as a partner, though it was Archer who stole his girl while he was fighting in WW1. He'll tangle with a villain who never loses his desire to make Spade pay for ruining the perfect crime. And he'll fall in love - though it won't turn out for the best! (American, Private Eye)



www.abbeyes.com.au

Philippa GREGORY

The Little House 368pp Pb \$24.99

It was easy for Elizabeth. She married the man she loved, bore him two children and made a home for him which was the envy of their friends. It was harder for Ruth. She married Elizabeth's son and found that she could never measure up. Isolation, deceit and betrayal fill the gaps between the two individual women and their different worlds, and Ruth finds she must confront the shifting borders of her own sanity... (English, Psychological)

J M GREGSON

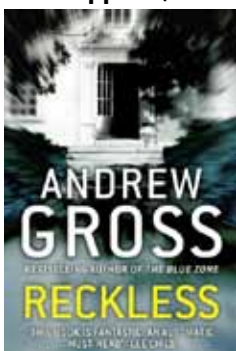
Only a Game 224pp Pb \$27.95

Peach & Blake Mystery. Bruton Rovers FC has been promoted to the Premiership, but Jim Capstick's days as Chairman have made him some enemies in the Lancashire mill town. With the team fighting relegation, the debts are piling high. But when the club is rocked by a murder after Jim makes a surprise announcement, the question's not who had the motive, but who had the balls to actually do it. 'Percy' Peach and DS Lucy Blake will have their work cut out for them! (English, Police Procedural)

Andrew GROSS

Reckless

Ty Hauck has left law enforcement for a job with a big-time private security firm. When a successful trader at a large Wall Street firm is murdered in his suburban home along with his family, it seems at first to be a case of burglary gone wrong. Then another financial executive is found dead in a suspicious 'suicide'. As Hauck digs deeper he uncovers a horrifying financial conspiracy that stretches from New York to London. And the masterminds behind it will kill anyone who gets in their way. (American, Private Eye)



528pp Pb \$24.99

When one loose thread unravels the shroud of lies, a terrible truth will put Anne and Haley directly in the sights of the killer. (American, Suspense)

Eric L HANEY

Low Country 304pp Pb \$13.95

Tanner #2. Kennesaw Tanner must enter the fetid coastal swamps of Georgia's Low Country to find the truth surrounding the death of a young girl. With the help of a relentless detective and a fundamentalist preacher, Kennesaw must confront the most inhuman degradation to accomplish this mission. (American, Suspense)

Charlaine HARRIS

The Aurora Teagarden Mysteries:

Omnibus 1 688pp Pb \$35

Librarian Aurora Teagarden loves reading about famous murderers - until she finds herself investigating a real-life killing spree! This volume includes the first four novels in the Aurora Teagarden mysteries series: *Real Murders*; *A Bone to Pick*; *Three Bedrooms, One Corpse*; and *The Julius House*. (American, Cosy)

Charlaine HARRIS

Grave Secret 320pp Pb \$22.99

Harper Connolly #4. When she was 15, Harper Connolly was struck by a bolt of lightning, which left her with the ability to find dead people. Harper's pretty happy with her life: she's making a living, using her unique talent to help people. Then the police get a tip-off that after all these years, Harper's missing sister Cameron has been spotted in a mall. Then her lover Tolliver gets shot, and a cop dies taking a bullet for her. Harper can find dead people, but now someone wants her dead. (American, Suspense)

Charlaine HARRIS

The Lily Bard Mysteries Omnibus

944pp Pb \$35

Lily Bard is starting over again. She's disguised herself with short hair, baggy clothes, and she's moved to Shakespeare, Arkansas, where she can sweep away the secrets of her dark past as a cleaning lady. But Shakespeare is not the peaceful little community Lily had hoped for, and her idea of fading into the background is doomed from the beginning, after she discovers the dead body of her landlord. Before long, everyone is going to know Lily Bard's name. (American, Suspense)

Tami HOAG

Secrets to the Grave 464pp Tp \$32.99

Marissa Fordham is found murdered, and her four-year-old daughter Haley is found barely alive herself at the crime scene. To protect their fragile and silent witness, the police call child advocate Anne Leone. As the cops peel back the layers of Marissa's life, they discover that she never officially existed. When one loose thread unravels the shroud of lies, a terrible truth will put Anne and Haley directly in the sights of the killer. (American, Suspense)

Stephen HUNTER

I, Sniper

368pp Pb \$19.99

When four 1960s radicals are gunned down, the evidence suggests retired Marine sniper Carl Hitchcock - and his subsequent suicide seems to confirm his guilt. But FBI assistant director Nick Memphis has doubts, and calls on former Marine Corps sniper Bob Lee Swagger to investigate. The shots were not executed with a 1972 rifle - Hitchcock's weapon of choice - but by a high-tech scope used by active Marines. As Swagger unravels the tangled web, he finds his own days may be numbered... (American, Suspense)

Stephen HUNTER

Night of Thunder

Tp \$32.99

Forced off the road and into a crash that leaves her in a coma, journalist Nikki Swagger had been investigating reports of a crystal meth superlab in sleepy Tennessee, when she found herself inadvertently peeling back the layers on a huge conspiracy. Former Marine Corps sniper Bob Lee Swagger senses that something isn't right. Unconvinced that Nikki's crash was caused by a local kid high on Meth, Bob picks up the investigation where his daughter left off... (American, Suspense)

Graham HURLEY

Borrowed Light

352pp Tp \$32.99

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Arnaldur INDRIDASON

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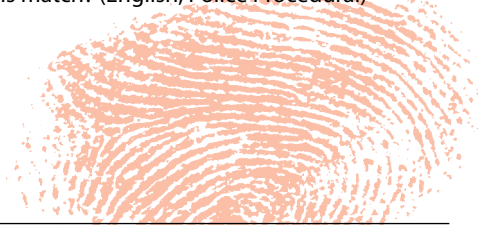
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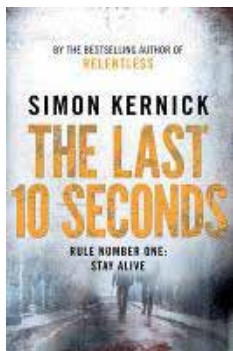
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When Alabaman detective Carson Ryder takes a rare break in the mountains, his vacation is interrupted by an anonymous phone call summoning him to the scene of a grisly murder. With more savage killings, and the heavy-handed FBI inflaming the situation, Ryder and local detective Donna Cherry sift through the bizarre clues. Is there more than one killer on the loose? And how does Carson's clinically insane brother Jeremy fit into the picture? (American, Police Procedural)

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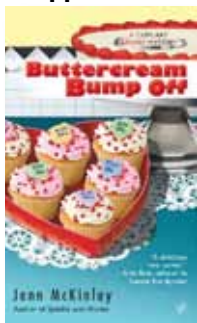
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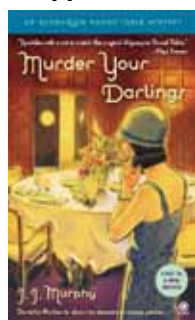
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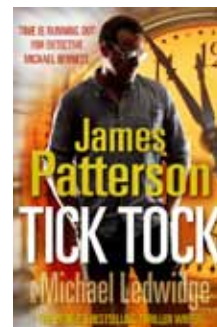
Arriving in a small 19th century western town - only to discover that its sheriff has been killed and its residents placed at the mercy of renegade rancher Randall Bregg - itinerant lawmen Virgil Cole and Everett Hitch find themselves facing an unusually challenging adversary who works by playing psychological games. (American, Police Procedural)

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A bomb set in one of New York's busiest places is discovered before it explodes. But relief turns to terror when the police realise it is just a warning of greater devastation to come. The city calls on Detective Michael Bennett, pulling him away from a seaside vacation with his ten adopted children - leaving his entire family open to attack. Another horrifying crime leads Bennett to a shocking discovery that exposes the killer's pattern - and the earth-shattering enormity of his plan. (American, Police Procedural)

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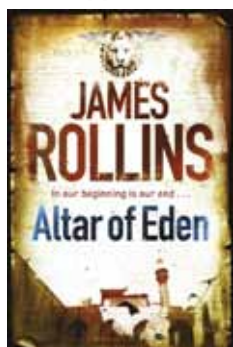
Botswana #2. After World Cup fever grasps South America, a game ranger finds a corpse in Chobe National Park, and she and Kgabo Modise soon realise that their findings in the case could lead to an international incident. (American, Police Procedural)

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When Omar Yussef travels to New York for a UN conference, he is eager to see his youngest son, Ala. But the discovery of a decapitated corpse in his son's empty apartment lands him in the midst of a police enquiry riddled with contradictions. Desperate to clear Ala's name, Omar's investigation to uncover the murderer leads him towards a deadly international conspiracy... (English, Suspense)

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uncover the truth of the origin of this strange cargo, Lorna teams up with Jack Menard, a man who has a dark and bloody past. Together, they must hunt for a beast that escaped the shipwreck, while uncovering a mystery that traces back to mankind's earliest roots... (American, Suspense)

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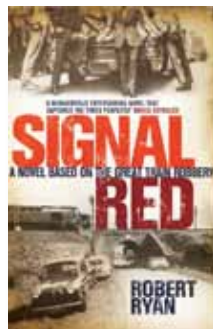
When forensic pathologist Lucy Trask stumbles across an unrecognisably mutilated body in the local park, she fears it might be her old school teacher. When the corpse is identified, the victim is actually another man from her past, and it seems that someone is demanding Lucy's attention. The discovery of a second body raises worrying questions: how many more lives may be at risk before the killer's final message is revealed? And can Lucy solve the killer's gruesome puzzle before their thirst for revenge is complete? (American, Forensic)

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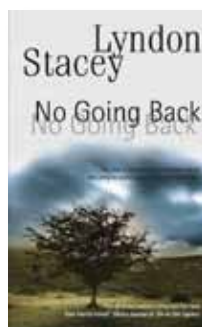


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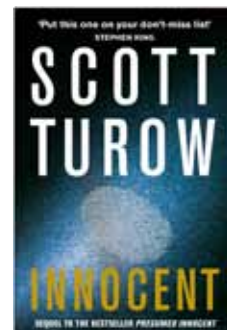
Ex-Royal Marine Billy Robson is determined to go straight. Rejecting dubious offers by friends in the East End underworld, he jumps at the one legitimate job going - unaware that he is being ensnared in a web of corruption that may cost him his newfound freedom, and his family. Billy will find himself - and those he loves - fighting for survival as he dares to stand up for what he believes in. (English, Suspense)

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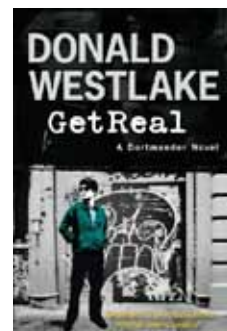


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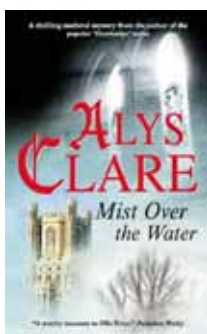
Shelving her PhD, Shannon Fairchild rebels against her academic family. But when her parents are murdered, Shannon, consumed with guilt, vows to find the killer. Delving into her parents' past, she discovers a history of radical political activism linking them to a fatal bombing in the 1960s. And still at large are the two masterminds behind the attack, who have been evading the FBI ever since. Shannon's fate is linked with theirs. And so begins a race to find her parents' killers - before the killers find her... (American, Suspense)

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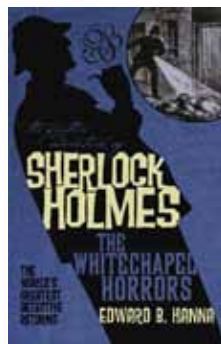
Benjamin January Mystery #9. New Orleans, 1836. When free black musician and surgeon Benjamin January attends a friend's funeral, an accident tips the dead man out of his coffin - only to reveal an unexpected inhabitant. Just one person recognises the corpse of the white man: Hannibal Sefton, fiddle-player and one of January's closest friends. But he seems unwilling to talk about his connection to the dead man... (American)

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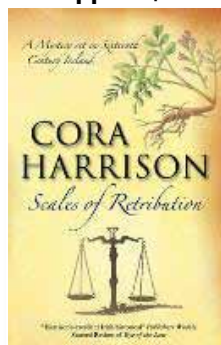
Grotesque murders are being committed on the streets of Whitechapel. Sherlock Holmes comes to believe they are the skilful work of one man - a man who earns the gruesome epithet of Jack the Ripper. As the investigation proceeds, Holmes realises that the true identity of the Ripper puts much more at stake than just catching a killer... (American)



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Giulio LEONI

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Italy, 1300. On the banks of the river Arno, a war galley is found with the crew dead inside. Dante Alighieri, Prior to the City, suspects poison but the only clue is a mysterious mechanical device that is likely the work of al-Jazari, the Persian inventor.

When Dante returns to Florence, he discovers that the renegade monk, Brinando, is stirring up trouble and recruiting Florentines for a new crusade to liberate the Holy Land. Is this disturbing new development somehow linked to the deaths of the galley crew? (Italian)



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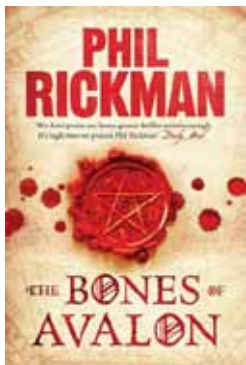
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1560. Dr John Dee is the astrologer of Queen Elizabeth Tudor - a controversial appointment in these days of religious strife. Dee has been sent to Glastonbury to find the missing bones of King Arthur, whose legacy is important to the Tudor line. With him is his friend and former student Robert Dudley - and possibly the Queen's secret lover. Glastonbury is still mourning the execution of its Abbot, Richard Whiting. But why was the Abbot really killed? The mission takes Dee to the tangled roots of English magic, into unexpected violence... and a complex plot against Elizabeth. (English)



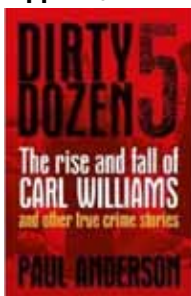
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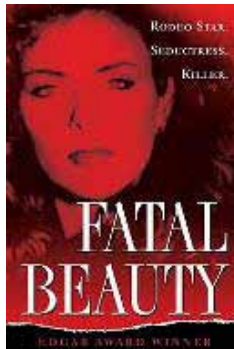
Many people are familiar with the story of Al Capone, the untouchable Chicago gangster known as 'Scarface'. Despite the efforts of many biographers, Capone's early years have been shrouded in mystery, until now. With access via familial connections, the authors have collected information through interviews and previously unpublished documents, bringing to light new revelations including the murder of rival gangster Wild Bill Lovett, the planned hatchet-slaying of White Hand boss Richard 'Peg Leg' Lonergan, and insight into the dramatic incident that forced Capone to leave New York. (American)



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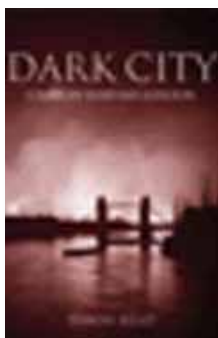
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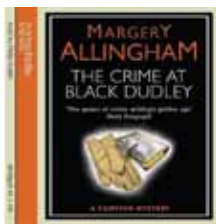
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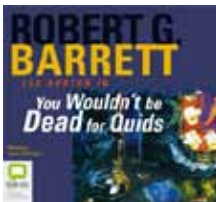
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The Calling of the Grave by Simon Beckett (Tp \$32.95)

A lot of readers have asked about David Hunter's past. In **The Calling of the Grave**, I felt it was time to reveal a little more about his background, especially the events that shaped the man we've seen in the previous novels (**The Chemistry of Death #1, Written in Bone #2 and Whispers of the Dead #3**).

Eight years ago, Hunter was part of a forensic team tasked with finding the graves of missing teenage girls - victims of a brutal rapist and murderer called Jerome Monk. Back then, Hunter's life was very different - happily married with a young daughter, he was confident in his abilities and optimistic about the future.

Now that's all changed. Haunted by personal tragedy, he is forced to return to Dartmoor when Monk escapes from prison and appears to be targeting people involved in the search. As Hunter confronts a past he hoped was buried, he begins to realise that the events of eight years ago are far from over and that his only chance of ending the violence unfolding now is by questioning everything - and everyone - he thought he knew.

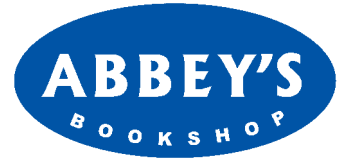
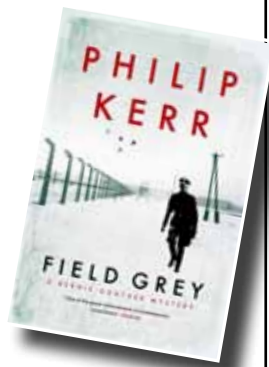
The Calling of the Grave is probably the most ambitious book I've written. My aim was to create an unpredictable, compelling story in which neither Hunter nor the reader can take anything for granted. I wanted to spring some real surprises, both about Hunter's past, as well as the present, which I hope I've done. As well as provide a few scares and sleepless nights on the way...

~ Simon Beckett, November 2010



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