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NEW IN JULY

James Lee BURKE

The Glass Rainbow

448pp Tp \$32.99

Robicheaux #18. The highly anticipated new mystery! When Dave Robicheaux gets the call saying his ex-partner Clete Purcel is in jail for felony assault and resisting arrest, bailing him out is instinctive. After all, Clete saved Dave's life. The man Clete assaulted – a big-time pimp and meth-dealer named Herman Stanga – is suspected in the murder of a series of young women, but his criminal activities are hidden behind his involvement in the St Jude Project, a charity aimed at getting young women off the streets. Set against the backdrop of an Edenic paradise threatened by pernicious forces, this is already being hailed as perhaps the best in the series. (American)



James Lee BURKE

Rain Gods

560pp Pb \$22.99

Now in paperback. Hackberry Holland, a former POW from the Korean War, has left everything behind to become sheriff of a broken-down border town in south Texas. But after nine sex workers are found dead, the search for justice pits him against hired guns, drug dealers operating on both sides of the border and a psychotic killer known as 'The Preacher'. As he tries to end the cycle of killings, he discovers just how dark the deepest corners of the human heart can get. The first in a new series starring Hackberry Holland. (American)

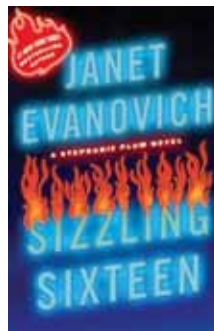


Janet EVANOVICH

Sizzling Sixteen

320pp Tp \$32.99

The hottest Stephanie Plum yet! Bounty hunter Stephanie Plum is up to her old antics, joined by her gang of memorable characters: Grandma, Lulu, Connie, Vinnie and Mooner. Someone wants to kill Vinnie, Lula is involved in a shabby investment scheme, while Stephanie is chasing a dangerous crim. Adding even more heat to her life are two sizzling-hot heroes... it's Ranger days and Morelli nights! Get ready for some grand-scale fun – with hilarious capers and action galore, this laugh-a-minute Stephanie Plum novel is not to be missed! (American)

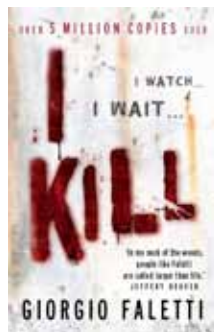


Giorgio FALETTI

I Kill

544pp Tp \$32.95

Over 5 million copies sold worldwide. In Monte Carlo, a killer announces his heinous acts in advance with desperate phone calls; he ties his crimes together with songs that point to his victims; he then mutilates them, removing their faces. Featuring an intriguing cast of characters, the hunt for the deranged perpetrator remains gripping and unsettling, even after the killer's identity is revealed and the detectives close in on their target. (Italian)



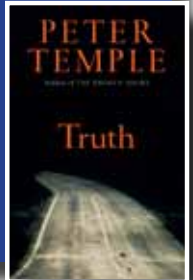
COMING IN AUGUST

To celebrate author P D James' 90th birthday,
join us in-store for champagne and cake
any time on Tuesday 3 August.

MILES FRANKLIN AWARD

Won by Peter Temple's **Truth** (Tp \$32.95), the follow-up to his bestselling **The Broken Shore** (Pb \$23.95).

"Fuses the exhilaration and tension of a complex crime narrative with lives broken, patched and tested against the background of Victoria's apocalyptic bushfires." - Morag Fraser



NED KELLY AWARDS

Nominations for Australia's *Ned Kelly Awards* for crime writing have been announced, including:

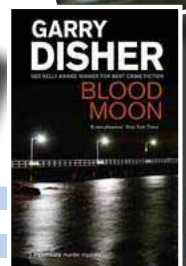
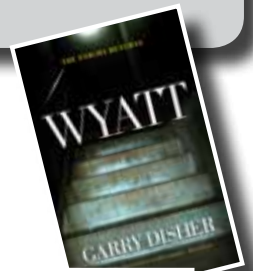
Lenny Bartulin for **The Black Russian** (Pb \$27.95), the 2nd book featuring second-hand bookseller-turned-detective Jack Susko;

Gary Disher for two Wyatt mysteries, **Wyatt** (Tp \$32.95) and **Blood Moon** (Pb \$23.95);

Kerry Greenwood for **Forbidden Fruit** (Pb \$22.99), the 5th adventure of Corinna Chapman, baker and reluctant investigator.

Peter Temple did not enter this year, saying: "I've won five *Neds* and that should be enough for anyone. I owe a lot to the awards. They have been wonderful endorsements for my books and, although I have no confidence that I could win again, I think not entering will clear some small space for the many talented crime writers who haven't won a *Ned* or been shortlisted." Ironically, however, his latest novel **Truth** won the *Miles Franklin Award*, the first time a crime novel has won – or even been shortlisted for – Australia's most prestigious literary prize.

~ Annabel



MODERN CRIME



Avery AAMES
The Long Quiche Goodbye

336pp Pb \$15.95

Cheese Shop Mystery #1. Proprietor of Fromagerie Bessette, Charlotte Bessette, has prepared a delightful sampling of bold Cabot Clothbound Cheddar, delicious tortes of Stilton and Mascarpone, and a taste of Sauvignon Blanc, but someone else has decided to make a little crime of passion the 'piece de resistance'. Right outside the shop Charlotte finds a body, the victim stabbed to death with one of her prized olive-wood handled knives... (American)



Riley ADAMS
Delicious and Suspicious

288pp Pb \$13.95

Memphis BBQ Mystery #1. Rebecca Adrian came to Memphis to suss out the best local BBQ for a prominent Cooking Channel Show. Trouble is, a mystery ingredient has killed her – and now all fingers are pointing to Aunt Pat's barbecue restaurant. Horrified that her family is being accused of murder, Lulu Taylor fires up her investigative skills to solve the crime... before someone else gets skewered! (American)



Frank AQUINO
The Fremantle Doctor

272pp Pb \$29.95

Is it suicide or euthanasia gone wrong? Detective Inspector Ray Duckworth is assigned to the case to uncover the mysterious deaths in hospital. Why are there so many? When a healthy woman dies, Duckworth has his breakthrough. But when the killer tries to make a deal, he finds his own life is threatened. (Australian)



Michael BADEN & Linda Kenney BADEN
Skeleton Justice

336pp Pb \$29.95

In NYC, a thief stalks his victims for the purpose of extracting a vial of blood, earning him the tabloid nickname 'The Vampire'. As the attacks become increasingly vicious, Jake and Manny suspect there are connections between the killer's seemingly random victims. Jake's forensic examinations, Manny's courtroom tenaciousness, and an unusual clue suggesting that a high-ranking politician has risen from the grave throw the pair into the world of international intrigue. (American)



David BALDACCI
True Blue

400pp Pb \$19.99

Mace Perry was a maverick cop on the DC police force until she was kidnapped and framed for a crime, spending two years in prison. Now Mace is tracking the people who set her up. But there's a vindictive US attorney on her tail, who is looking for a reason to send Mace back behind bars... Roy Kingman is a young lawyer, getting used to his high-paid job in Washington. When Roy discovers the dead body of a female partner at the firm, his fate becomes entangled with Mace's, and they team up to investigate. (American)



Alex BARCLAY
Time of Death

496pp Pb \$24.99

FBI agent Ren Bryce's work – chasing some of the most-wanted killers in the country – becomes a nightmare when family tragedy rears its head. One of her closest friends disappears in suspicious circumstances, and suddenly Ren's biggest secrets are laid bare. Doubting even her own judgement, Ren must unpick the past. Could the abduction of her friend and the vendetta against her family be connected? Or are even darker forces at work, manipulating everything around her? (Irish)



BATEMAN
The Day of the Jack Russell

448pp Pb \$22.99

The 'Small Shop Keeper with No Name' is back. Hired to find the vandals responsible for spraying graffiti on an aspiring insurance magnate's advertising hoarding, he soon finds himself immersed in intrigue, battling to solve murders which echo in the corridors of power. With MI5 getting involved and everyone on the hunt for a missing Jack Russell, can Our Man Behind the Counter stay alive – and keep his world-renowned but criminally-ignored No Alibis mystery bookshop afloat? (Irish)



Mark BILLINGHAM
Blood Line

480pp Pb \$19.99

When a dead body is found in a North London flat, it seems like a straightforward domestic murder until a bloodstained sliver of x-ray is found clutched in the dead woman's fist. DI Thorne discovers that the victim's mother had been murdered 15 years earlier, by infamous serial killer Raymond Garvey. When more bodies and fragments of x-ray are discovered, Thorne must piece together a macabre jigsaw puzzle. A killer is targeting the children of Raymond Garvey's victims... (English)

KEY to crime genres



Suspense/Thriller



Feline Detectives



Forensic



Political/Legal



Military



Spy



Banking



Canine



Culinary/Food



Sport



Romantic Suspense



Police Procedural



FBI



Cosy/Malice Domestic



Journalists



Private Eye



Psychological



Clerical



Medical



Horse Racing

Pb = Paperback

Hb = Hardback

Tp = Trade Paperback (slightly larger)

**Claudia BISHOP****Death in Two Courses: A Pinch of Poison / Murder Well-Done****448pp Pb \$29.95**

Hemlock Falls Mystery #3 & 4. A Pinch of Poison: Journalist Hedrick Conway's current exposé is an in-depth look at plans for the local mini-mall, in which several prominent figures have invested a lot of money. Something strange is going on – and then two of Hedrick's relatives turn up murdered... *Murder Well-Done:* The Inn at Hemlock Falls has the misfortune of hosting the wedding rehearsal dinner of Alphonse Santini. The ex-senator, looking to be re-elected, has brought big-time politics to the little town. And while politics make strange bedfellows, the dead fellows being made are even stranger... (American)

**Annette BLAIR****Death by Diamonds****288pp Pb \$15.95**

Vintage Magic Mystery #3. Madeira Cutler loves her Vintage Magic boutique, but the 'visions' she gets from the garments can be hard to handle, especially when she knows the owner. At first she is thrilled to receive a package containing the beautifully bejewelled dress she designed for actress and old friend Dominique Delong while in fashion school. But the dress comes with a disturbing message from Dominique, who seems to have taken her last bow under very mysterious circumstances. (American)

**Alix BOSCO****Cut and Run****Pb \$24.95**

When a rugby star – who began life on the toughest city streets – is murdered in the arms of a beautiful celebrity, it seems to be an open-and-shut case of a drug deal gone wrong. But Anna Markunas, legal researcher for the prime suspect's defence team, begins to uncover a far more sinister truth. A truth that could destroy everything and everyone she cares about, and ultimately destroy her... (New Zealander)

**Bryan BOSWELL****Tattoo****416pp Pb \$22.99**

Two years ago, SAS hard man Simon Tabor got away with murder: retribution for the brutal rape and murder of his younger sister in a brothel. Now he's been unofficially drafted in by the Met police to help in a new murder enquiry. A young girl has washed up on an English beach with an intricate orchid tattooed on her groin – a similar design to one discovered on his dead sister. And the tattoo marks the death of mankind as we know it... (Australian)

**Sam BOURNE****The Chosen One****576pp Tp \$32.99**

Newly elected US President Stephen Baker is flying high after signing a popular bill giving new rights to victims of domestic violence. But Vic Forbes is a ruthless enemy who has a public profile and a crucial piece of knowledge that could destroy his career. When Forbes is found murdered, the conspiracy theorists go into overdrive. Did the President order his killing? Ex-Presidential advisor Maggie Costello is called in to investigate, discovering evidence of a conspiracy that goes right to the heart of the US establishment... (English)

**Charles BROKAW****The Lucifer Code****516pp Tp \$32.95**

A secret scroll remains hidden deep in an ancient sanctuary. It is guarded by a sacred order that waits to unleash its true powers and bring doomsday upon mankind. Only one man – Dr Thomas Lourds, the world's foremost scholar of ancient languages – can safely bring this secret scroll to its rightful place in history. Lourds soon becomes the focus of a deadly manhunt, taking him from Istanbul through Eastern Europe, right to the heart of the Vatican, where the forces of good and evil will collide... (American)

**John BUCHAN****The Thirty-Nine Steps (1915)****148pp Pb \$9.95**

Popular Penguins series. Richard Hannay has returned to England after years in South Africa, and is bored with his life in London. But then a murder is committed in his flat, just days after an encounter with an American who had told him about an assassination plot which could have dire international consequences. An obvious suspect for the police and an easy target for the killers, Hannay escapes to his native Scotland, where he will need all his ingenuity to stay one step ahead of his pursuers. (Scottish)

**Michael BYRNES****The Genesis Plague****448pp Tp \$32.99**

A mercenary unit in northern Iraq – led by Sergeant Jason Yaeger – has trapped radical Islam's most wanted target in a mysterious cave which sits at the heart of the Genesis story. When a Marine platoon seeks to control the extraction mission, a threat far more ominous is found lurking beneath the mountains. Meanwhile in Boston, Agent Thomas Flaherty helps archaeologist Brooke Thompson escape assassination by a Las Vegas televangelist, intent on using the cave's deepest secret to bring the Middle East to its knees. (American)

**Kenneth CAMERON****The Second Woman****336pp Tp \$32.99**

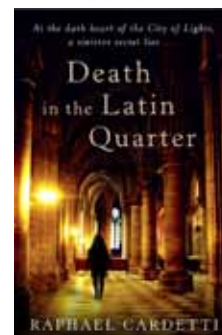
Denton is drawn into a complex web of murder and revenge when a mysterious Polish woman is found dead in the house occupied by his lover, Janet Stryker. While the police remain baffled, Denton suspects she is the victim of a political conspiracy. But involving himself in the life and death of Lydia Alken will prove more dangerous than he could have imagined, as Denton himself falls victim to the fledgling British intelligence service – and discovers exactly what the price of freedom really is... (American)

**Karen CAMPBELL****Shadowplay****480pp Tp \$32.99**

As soon as Anna Cameron is promoted to Chief Inspector and moved to a new division, her mother falls into a coma in a foreign country, and an old woman disappears from a Glasgow care home under suspicious circumstances. Anna's career and personal life threaten to implode. The gang-related murder of a young Asian boy and an assault on one of her officers only serve to turn the screws tighter; can Anna be a good cop and a good person? (Scottish)

**Raphael CARDETTI****Death in the Latin Quarter****320pp Tp \$32.99**

Valentine Savi, a talented restorer, receives a visit from an enigmatic elderly gentleman with a commission to restore a priceless medieval manuscript whose timeworn pages will unveil a mystery that has fascinated scholars for centuries. Valentine learns that the shadowy figures who seek to possess the book's secrets are more ruthless than she could ever have imagined. Valentine finds herself on a terrifying and thrilling adventure through the narrow streets and gloomily palatial mansions of the Latin Quarter. (Italian)

**Linda CASTILLO****Pray for Silence****368pp Tp \$32.99**

The police arrive at the Amish farmstead in Painters Mill to find an entire family slaughtered seemingly randomly. But every family has its secrets, and Kate knows that better than anyone. And as she and Agent John Tomasetti dig deeper into the victims' lives, they discover a young woman who was living a lie. The case resonates with Kate's past, and Kate knows she has to maintain some distance. But when she puts herself in the line of fire, she realises there is no going back... (American)

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Chris CAVENDER
A Slice of Murder

336pp Pb \$12.95

Pizza Lover's Mystery #1. Not too much happens in the sleepy little town of Timber Ridge, North Carolina - which is fine with pizza-purveyor extraordinaire, Eleanor Swift. The spunky owner of 'A Slice of Delight' is trying to mend her broken heart, and could use a little quiet time. But when a late night delivery customer turns up dead, she's in for just the opposite! (American)



Glenn COOPER

Book of Souls 448pp Pb \$21.95

Former FBI Special Agent Will Piper searches for a mysterious book of secret knowledge that has been lost for six centuries - a mission that becomes a death sentence handed down from the highest levels of power. (American)



Glenn COOPER

The Tenth Chamber

352pp Tp \$32.95

A medieval script is discovered hidden behind an antique bookcase. Sent to Paris for restoration, historian Hugo Pineau reads the startling 14th-century text; a fanciful tale of a painted cave and its secrets, and a rudimentary map revealing its position. Intrigued, Hugo enlists the help of archaeologist Luc Simard and they go exploring. But as they begin to unlock the ancient secrets of the cavern, they find themselves at the centre of a dangerous game. Someone will stop at nothing to protect the enigma of the tenth chamber... (American)



Donn CORTEZ

Dark Sundays 336pp Pb \$14.99

CSI: Crime Scene Investigation. A lavish penthouse party on top of a Vegas casino plays host to a bizarre set-up to murder. When the dead body vanishes, investigators Nick Stokes and Greg Sanders are led into a circus troupe with deadly connections to the Russian mafia. Meanwhile, Ray Langston and Catherine Willows are called to a psychiatric facility where two patients have escaped. Ray and Catherine must race against time to find two very dangerous individuals now roaming freely on the streets of Las Vegas. (American)



Colin COTTERILL

Love Songs from a Shallow Grave 272pp Pb \$29.95

#7. As usual, all is abnormal in Dr Siri Paiboun's morgue in downtown Vientiane. Siri and his team are investigating the case of three women skewered by a sword through their hearts. A culprit has been tried and sentenced to death in a week's time. But Siri isn't sure they have the right man. But Siri is helpless; as his 74th birthday draws near, Siri finds himself incarcerated in prison by the Khymer Rouge. This time, it looks as though his inquisitiveness could be the end of him... (English)



Adam CREED

Willing Flesh 320pp Pb \$19.99

When two sex workers are murdered, DI Staffe is drawn into London's brothels and gentleman's clubs; banks and tenement estates. The evidence begins to point to a coy sociopath and voyeuristic predator, Graham Blears, but Staffe is not convinced and is increasingly drawn away from the city and into the higher echelons of the British establishment, whose barricades begin to stonewall the investigation. When his Chief cuts him loose, Staffe becomes the hunted instead of the hunter... (English)



Casey DANIELS

Tomb With a View 304pp Pb \$15.95

Pepper Martin #6. Cleveland's Garden View Cemetery is hosting a James A Garfield commemoration. For tour guide and reluctant medium Pepper Martin, this means that's he'll surely be hearing from the dead president himself. And when she's assigned to help plan the event with know-it-all volunteer and Garfield fanatic Marjorie Klinker, she'll wish Marjorie were dead... Too bad someone beats Pepper to it! (American)



Miranda DARLING

The Troika Dolls 416pp Pb \$29.99

A specialist in discreet and dangerous missions, Stevie Duveen - diminutive, brilliant and fearless - is up against people traffickers, sex slaves and the Russian mob on a mission to rescue the kidnapped daughter of the Russian Central Bank. Risk is her business, but this time she's in over her head... (Australian)



Eileen DAVIDSON

Diva Las Vegas 304pp Pb \$13.95

Soap Opera Mystery #3. Alexis Peterson is delighted when her friend, ex-Playboy Playmate Shana Stern, invites her to Hugh Hefner's infamous Halloween party. But the fun ends when, after a few drinks, Shana is found dead. Alex's investigation leads her to a soap opera convention in Las Vegas, and bodies continue to pile up on the strip. She must catch this killer who is more vicious than any television critic... (American)



Ted DEKKER

The Bride Collector

384pp Tp \$32.99

FBI agent Brad Raines must gain the trust of Paradise - a schizophrenic with a gift for seeing the last moments of a person's life when she touches a corpse - if he is going to save his friend and colleague from becoming the next victim of a killer who murders women and leaves a bridal veil at each scene. (American)



Sir Arthur Conan DOYLE

The Hound of the Baskervilles

(1902) 214pp Pb \$9.99

Popular Penguins series. When the services of famed detective Sherlock Holmes are engaged to ensure the safety of Baskerville heir Sir Henry - recently arrived from America - Dr Watson is surprised to find his friend dismissive of the matter. In fact, Watson is dispatched alone to accompany Sir Henry to Baskerville Hall in Devon while Holmes deals with another case. (Scottish)



Elizabeth J DUNCAN

The Cold Light of Mourning

304pp Pb \$15.95

The town of Llanelen is shocked when Meg Wynne Thompson, a self-made beauty and unpopular bride-to-be, turns up dead on her wedding day. The last person to have seen Meg alive is local manicurist Penny Brannigan, who vows to find the killer. It seems that several people - including those on the guest list - had reasons to want Meg dead. But when the trail leads Penny to the groom, a red-hot secret threatens to shake the small town to its very core... (English)



Jeremy DUNS

Free Agent 352pp Pb \$22.99

Paul Dark Trilogy #1. 1945. Paul Dark, a young MI6 recruit, joined his legendary agent father on a mission to hunt down and execute Nazi war criminals. 25 years later, a defecting KGB officer turns up in Nigeria, leading Dark to the sudden realisation that everything he thought he knew about the 1945 operation was a lie. Now Dark is suspected of being a double agent and must flee to Nigeria to confront and, if necessary, kill the only woman he has ever loved... (English)



Jeremy DUNS

Free Country 400pp Tp \$32.99

Paul Dark Trilogy #2. 1969. Blackmailed into serving Moscow, double agent Paul Dark now finds himself a target for both exposure and assassination. Desperate to escape his predicament, Dark gambles everything on one last throw of the dice, exposing his Soviet handler to the British. But before long, he finds he has no choice but to go on the run again, and the race is on to stop a deadly conspiracy that dates back to the early years of the Cold War... (English)



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Tom EGELAND
The Guardians of the Covenant
528pp Pb \$22.99

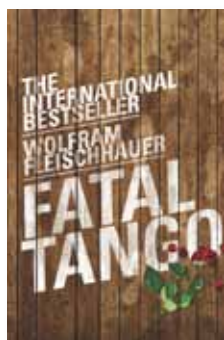
In the year 1013, Viking warriors raided an Egyptian tomb and unknowingly stole the greatest secret of the Old Testament. When a quirky archaeologist finds ancient Viking parchments containing runes and riddles, his mundane life is changed for good. These codes lead him on a quest for clues in mysterious places, from Egyptian tombs to antiquarian bookshops. Powerful forces are against him, but he manages to unveil a religious cover-up with potentially fatal consequences. (Norwegian)

Duncan FALCONER
Traitor
320pp Tp \$32.99

After a surveillance mission in Sevastopol goes wrong, Stratton finds himself doing penance at MI16, the government's clandestine organisation that creates weapons equipment for special forces and the secret service. In the North Sea, hijackers have taken over the giant Morpheus oil platform, demanding two billion dollars within 24 hours. With the SBS overstretched and its surveillance team locked down, there is only one option: Stratton and a team of unproven operatives from MI16. But one of Stratton's team is a traitor. With a deadly agenda... (English)

Wolfram FLEISCHHAUER
Fatal Tango
352pp Tp \$32.99

When Giulietta Battin, ballerina at the conservative Berlin Opera, falls in love with the Argentinean tango champion, Damian Alsina, she unwittingly embarks on a dangerous journey. Having fled his country's political horrors, Damian has found sanctuary in northern Europe. He is connected to Giulietta's powerful politician father, but neither man will tell her the truth of their association. When Damian bizarrely starts sabotaging his own tango routines, then suddenly flees to Argentina, Giulietta follows him, determined to unravel the mystery once and for all. (German)



Ian FLEMING
From Russia with Love (1957)
318pp Pb \$9.95

Popular Penguins series. Every major foreign government has a file on James Bond, British secret agent. Now, Russia's deadly SMERSH organisation has targeted him for elimination – they have the perfect bait in the irresistible Tatiana Romanova. Her mission is to lure Bond to Istanbul and seduce him while her superiors handle the rest. But when Bond walks willingly into the trap, a game of cross and double-cross ensues... (English)

Shamini FLINT
Inspector Singh Investigates: The Singapore School of Villainy
306pp Pb \$22.99

Inspector Singh is home, but there is no rest for the wicked when he is called out to the murder of a senior partner at an international law firm, clubbed to death at his desk. There are no shortage of suspects – from the victim's fellow partners to his wife and ex-wife. Singh finds himself heading up an investigation that rips apart the fabric of Singapore society, exposing the rotten core beneath... (Malaysian)

Dick FRANCIS
Hot Money
352pp Pb \$15.95

Fabulously wealthy gold trader, Malcolm Pembroke, has in his possession something the whole world wants – and anyone could kill for. In fact, even Malcolm's closest kin are moving in a little too close... (Welsh)

Nicci FRENCH
What to Do When Someone Dies
344pp Pb \$24.95

Ellie Faulkner's world has been destroyed. Her husband Greg died in a car crash – and he wasn't alone. In the passenger seat was the body of Milena Livingstone – a woman Ellie's never heard of. Ellie must find out who this woman was – and prove to herself that Greg wasn't having an affair. Soon she is certain their deaths were no accident. Are Ellie's accusations of murder her way of avoiding the truth about her marriage? (English)

Stephen FREY
Hell's Gate
400pp Pb \$14.95

Giving up his high-stakes career to relocate to Montana, divorced litigator Hunter Lee joins an elite team of parachute fire-fighters and learns a sordid local secret regarding arson fires for which lives are forfeited in exchange for insurance payoffs. (American)

Lisa GARDNER
The Neighbour
448pp Pb \$22.99

A young mother disappears without trace from her South Boston home, leaving behind her four-year-old daughter as the only witness and her handsome husband as the prime suspect. When Detective Sergeant Warren arrives at their bungalow, she senses something not quite right about the wholesome normality the couple worked hard to create. And Jason Jones seems more intent on destroying evidence and isolating his daughter than searching for his 'beloved' wife. Is the perfect husband hiding his guilt? (American)



John GILSTRAP
Hostage Zero
400pp Pb \$13.95

An innocent man has been shot and two young people are missing. But tracking them down is just the beginning for hostage rescue expert, Jonathan Grave. To keep them and his covert team alive, Jonathan must plunge into the heart of an ugly secret that reaches into the highest corridors of power... (American)

Nancy GRACE
The Eleventh Victim
368pp Pb \$15.95

Successful attorney, Hailey Dean, embarks on a new home and career after the murder of her fiancé, and becomes increasing terror-stricken when her clients are attacked by a killer whose methods mimic those of Hailey's last case. (American)

Alex GRAY
Five Ways to Kill a Man
352pp Tp \$32.99

An unpredictable killer is loose on the streets of Glasgow. Faced with a string of seemingly unconnected victims, and taking on the case of a horrific fire that killed a wealthy couple, DCI Lorimer turns to psychologist and friend Solly Brightman for his insights. As the killer moves in closer to him and his family, can Lorimer unmask the serial murderer before the next victim is found? (Scottish)

Carolyn HAINES
Greedy Bones
336pp Pb \$15.95

Her latest attempt at stardom interrupted by the sudden and life-threatening illness of a friend's husband, private investigator Sarah Booth Delaney looks into the perplexing illness, which has been causing the several rapid deaths, in a case that is further complicated by an insect infestation. (American)

Rebecca M HALE
Nine Lives Last Forever
304pp Pb \$15.95

Cats and Curios Mystery
 #2. After stumbling upon a note from her late uncle instructing her to "follow the frogs", frogs indeed show up in Rebecca's antique shop and at city hall. Rebecca, with rumours of treasure and murder in the air, becomes caught up in the chase – along with her two cats, her late uncle's crazy friends and his oldest enemy, a master of disguise. (American)



EW HORNING
Raffles (1899)
240pp Pb \$9.95

Popular Penguins series. Raffles is debonair, devilishly handsome and a first-rate cricketer. In these stories, the master burglar mixes his aptitude for cricket with his passion for crime: stealing jewels from a country house, outwitting the law, stealing from the nouveau riche and bowling like a demon, assisted by his plucky sidekick Bunny. (English)

Dorothy B HUGHES
In a Lonely Place 192pp Pb \$24.95

After the war, cynical veteran Dix Steele has moved to LA, a city terrified by a strangler preying on young women. Bumping into an old friend, now a detective working on the case, Dix is thrilled by closely following the progress of the police. And meeting his new neighbour, the sultry and beautiful actress Laurel Gray, brings even more excitement into his life. But the strangler is still prowling the streets – and Laurel may be in more danger than she realises... (American)

Adrian HYLAND
Diamond Dove 336pp Pb \$23.95

Emily Tempest has been away from Central Australia for a long time – uni, travel, dead-end jobs, and trouble all over the world. Now she's back at Moonlight Downs, the community where she grew up, half in the Aboriginal world, half in the white. And true to form, there's trouble. An old friend brutally murdered and mutilated, and an old enemy the only suspect. Until Emily starts asking questions... (Australian)

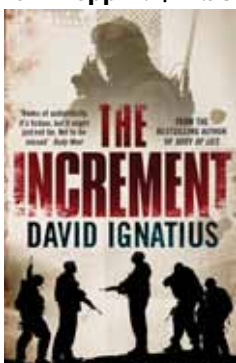
M J HYLAND
This is How 400pp Pb \$23.95

When his fiancée breaks off their engagement, Patrick Oxtoby leaves home and moves to a boarding house in a seaside town. But in spite of his hopes and determination to build a better life, nothing goes to plan and Patrick is soon driven to take a desperate and chilling course of action... (English)



David IGNATIUS
The Increment 416pp Pb \$24.95

When a hidden Tehran scientist sends encrypted messages to the CIA that reveal Iran's bomb-development program, agent Harry Pappas enlists the aid of a secret British spy team to safeguard the scientist – an agenda that forces Pappas to betray the American government in order to protect its interests. (American)



Greg ILES
The Devil's Punchbowl 560pp Pb \$24.99

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When the family of wealthy businessman Guy Kaffey are gunned to death on their estate, Lieutenant Peter Decker of the LAPD suspects the answer lies with Kaffey's fortune. There is no shortage of suspects: from his bodyguard, to business partners, rival tycoons, and even family members. But as LA's street gangs hire themselves out to unknown paymasters, Decker's own family is threatened. And if a billionaire like Kaffey can't protect his own, what hope does Decker have? (American)

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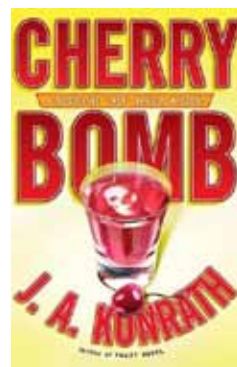
Having worked undercover the last ten years, Sean Egan is used to life on the edge. He's recently infiltrated one of London's most dangerous criminal gangs, and they need him to abduct a serial killer known as the 'Night Creeper' from police custody... DI Tina Boyd has an instinct for trouble, and a past that continues to haunt her. She was the policewoman who charged the Night Creeper. Now he's been kidnapped, and it's Tina's task to find him. (English)

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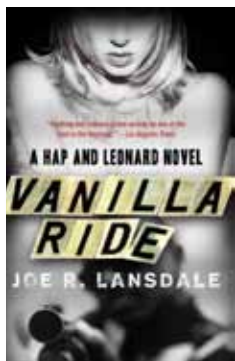
Anna Travis #5. When young British film star Amanda Delany is found brutally murdered, DCI James Langton's enquiry discovers the sad truth behind her successful facade. Addicted to drugs and starvation diets, she'd almost died from a botched abortion. Meanwhile, DI Anna Travis is up for promotion, but Langton is blocking her, accusing her of professional misconduct. This latest case could make or break Anna's career... (English)

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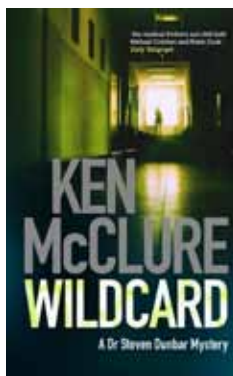
Charlotte Adams #4. Charlotte's friend Lorelei Beauchamp – a famous model – hires Charlotte to organise her closets and to prove that her daughter's recent death was murder. And now Charlotte has to get a house – and her suspects – in order and clean up one heck of a mess! (Canadian)

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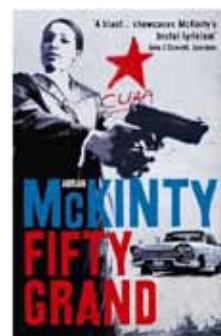
A woman that has been missing for eight years has been found thrown from an unmarked car in front of a beachside wedding, alive but unbearably traumatised. All she can do is scream. Tracking a kidnapper who appears to have no motive, FBI Special Agent Smoky Barrett and her team are plunged into the most disturbing case of their careers... (American)

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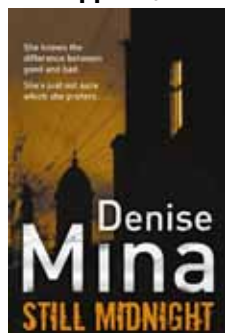
Mark Burrows is a British secret agent. Summoned for one final mission, he must make contact with Charlie Ashe; ten years ago the two men worked together undercover in Iraq, sowing bloody mayhem with bombings and assassinations. Burrows will be forced to question his loyalties, and to understand that the greatest threat lies not with his target but with the forces that seek to control them both. (English)



Denise MINA

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Senior policewoman Alex Morrow has been summoned to investigate a case involving a family held at gunpoint by armed men demanding millions of pounds. Who were the men? And why did they think a normal household would conceal untold riches? The family is certainly not talking. But as she starts to delve deeper, she realises that there are dark secrets all around... (Scottish)



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Beatrice Lestrangle Bradley. When Edris Tidson hears of a sighting of a water-naid, he insists that his wife and her aunt Prissie travel with him to Winchester in search of the nymph. Prissie also invites part-time Freudian, Mrs Bradley, to join them and unofficially observe Edris and his growing obsession. When two young boys are found drowned, speculation mounts that the naid is luring them to their deaths. Can Mrs Bradley unravel the mysteries hidden within the river? (English)



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A Vincent Calvino Mystery. Bangkok, Year of the Monkey. Vincent Calvino is spending the New Year on a call-out to Lumpini Park Lake, where the Thai cops have fished out the body of a farang cameraman. Calvino traces the American's murder to an elite unit of old Asia hands – a set of foreigners with bad reputations and powerful friends. (American)



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Sarah Pepper is dead: killed by her boyfriend in a drunken rage. He's confessed, but can't remember where he dumped her body. Shocked by the news, Alex Connor travels halfway round the world, determined to say goodbye to his friend. Confusion awaits him; someone else has got to Sarah's body first. On the other side of the country, a girl named Rebecca Wingate vanishes, and Detective Paul Kearney knows they only have a week to find her, before her body turns up, drained completely of blood... (English)

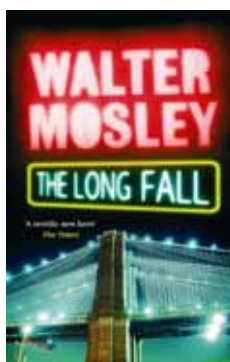


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Leonid McGill is buffeted between the overlords of NY's underbelly, desperate to turn straight, but unable to say no to a nicely paid job. He's calling in old favours and greasing NYPD palms to uncover seemingly harmless information for a high-paying client. But when former schoolmates on his list are bludgeoned to death one by one, the awkward questions that follow are welcome compared to a visit from Willie Sanderson – a trained killer, determined that McGill breathes his last... (American)



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When Fegan's vendetta threatens to derail Northern Ireland's peace process and destabilise its fledgling government, old comrades and enemies alike want him gone. David Campbell, a double agent lost between the forces of law and terror, takes the job. But he has his own reasons for eliminating Fegan; the secrets of a dirty war should stay buried, even if its ghosts do not. (Irish)



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Sydney, 1992. Ndu 'Ned' Kelly is a young detective making her way in what was the best police force money could buy. Now ICAC has the infamous Roger Rogerson in the spotlight, and the old ways are out. Ned's gender and background still make her an outsider in the force, but Sydney is changing, expanding, modernising. When two bodies are found in Sydney's west, Ned is drawn into the city's past: old rivalries, old secrets and old wrongs... (Australian)



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Over a decade after the end of Apartheid, Mace Bishop and Pylon Buso are still running a security agency, insulating the wealthy from the violence endemic on Cape Town's streets. When they are hired to provide close-protection to a family of Boer farmers living in the Transvaal, they become the unknowing targets of a new and dangerous set of enemies. (South African)



Guillermo ORSI

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December 2001. Argentina is in economic meltdown. Gotan, an ex-cop from the Federal Police, cannot forget the beguiling woman who briefly set alight his life, and who disappeared when he revealed he had worked for the 'National Shame'. Late one night, Gotan is called to a friend's coastal retreat, finding his friend dead and his girlfriend vanished. Using all his resources to find the girl, Gotan finds himself embroiled in a plot that goes to the heart of Argentina itself... (Argentinean)

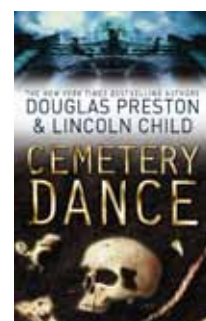


Douglas PRESTON

& Lincoln CHILD

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FBI Special Agent Aloysius Pendergast and Lieutenant Vincent D'Agosta find themselves investigating the brutal attack of reporter William Smithback and his wife Nora in their apartment. The assailant is identified by eyewitnesses as their strange, sinister neighbour – a man who apparently died ten days earlier. Shunning the official inquiry, Pendergast and D'Agosta undertake their own private and unorthodox quest for the truth... (American)



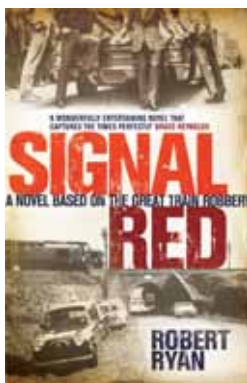
James ROLLINS
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 In an Indian cave in the Rocky Mountains, a massacre ensues. Bodies are found burned and purposefully positioned to form two shapes: a five-pointed star and a sickle-shaped moon. Painter Crowe, director of Sigma, has seen these two symbols before and knows the deaths are a personal threat; one of the dead is his beloved cousin. Can he discover the truth – one that could topple governments – before it destroys all he holds dear? (American)

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 A killer is targeting the participants of an online role-playing game called Shadowland. Each of the victims is befriended by the killer online. He then stalks them in real life, murdering them in the way that they worst fear. Eve Wilson is researching the game as part of her thesis on how self-esteem is affected by violence. Now she must work with Detective Noah Webster to find the murderer before the killings escalate and Eve herself becomes a target. (American)

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 Immacolata Borelli came to Britain to look after her gangster brother, while wanted for multiple murders back home in Naples. The Borelli clan are major players in the Camorra, a crime network more ruthless than the Sicilian Mafia. When Mario Castrolami – senior Carabinieri investigator of the Camorra – receives a phone call from Immacolata saying she is prepared to collaborate with justice, he knows she is setting in motion a terrifying series of events... (English)

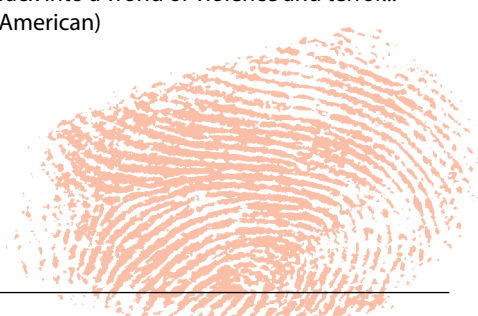
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 When Nikos, a detective in the final years of his career, is persuaded back to his home town he is faced with the gory murder of a young boy near the old monastery. As Nikos begins his investigation, two British crime writers arrive on the island: the bestselling Kitty Carson and the aspiring writer Jason. As the two writers are thrown together, another murder is committed and Jason and Kitty are drawn into an investigation of their own. (English)

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 Grant County medical examiner Sara Linton is put onto the case of a young woman found dead beneath the icy waters of Lake Grant. But the main suspect lies dead in his cell, the words 'Not Me' scrawled across the walls. Sara calls the Georgia Bureau of Investigation and Special Agent Will Trent is brought in. But Grant County is a close-knit community with deep loyalties. And the only person who can tell the truth about what really happened is dead. (American)

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He is a sergeant-major in the SAS; his task is to snatch a defecting Russian 'Star Wars' scientist from Stockholm. She is the leader of a crack Spetsnaz pack; her task is to retrieve the scientist. Their paths have crossed before, and the score must be settled. Between them is the scientist – ruthlessly manipulated by both sides, and torn between loyalty to his country and the love of a woman... (English)



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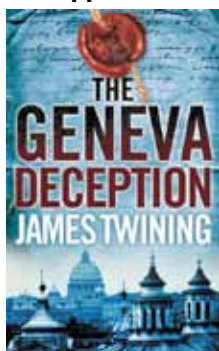
Capital Crimes Mystery #24. As detectives Walt Hatcher, Mary Hall and Matthew Jackson investigate the killing of a Washington call-girl, they discover the victim may have used a digital video camera to tape her clients – and that her death may be tied to a hotly contested political campaign, and the kidnapping of the daughter of a political advisor. (American)



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Tom Kirk, a reformed art thief on assignment for the FBI in a Las Vegas casino, finds his mission to purchase a Caravaggio masterpiece interrupted by a shocking assassination that hurls Tom, along with an unorthodox Italian detective, into an international conspiracy. (English)



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War-weary DI Ted Stratton is called on to investigate the case of a doctor who is found dead in suspicious circumstances near Fitzrovia's Middlesex Hospital. Stratton soon realises that someone involved is not who they appear to be. Someone who has discarded their own identity, and kills freely... (English)



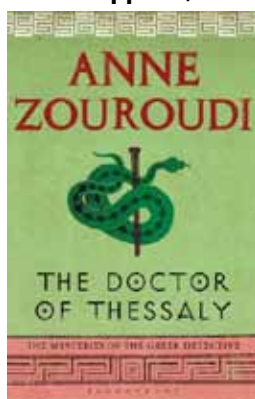
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The Forbidden Temple **384pp Pb \$21.95**

To Luca Matthews, the dangers of the high mountain peaks are the air upon which he thrives. When he sights a virgin peak in the Himalayas that exists on no map, he becomes obsessed with being the first to scale it. In the mountains, Luca stumbles upon a great secret... and finds himself on the run from the Chinese secret police! (English)



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Hermes Diaktoros #3. A jilted bride weeps on an empty beach, a local doctor is attacked in a churchyard – just as the backwater village of Morfi is making headlines with a visit from a government minister. Fortunately, where there's trouble there's Hermes Diaktoros. But how can Hermes solve a mystery that not even the victim wants to be solved? (English)



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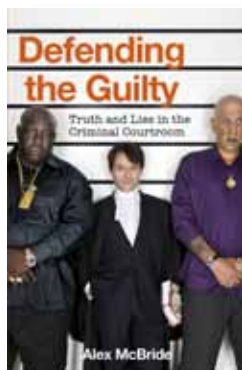
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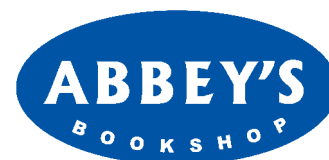
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