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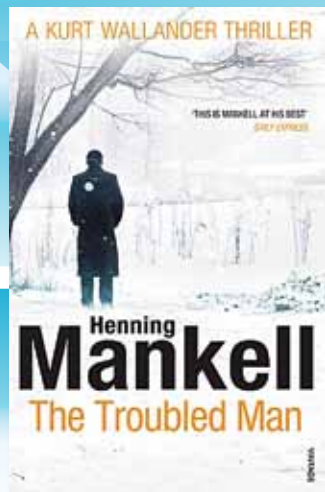
"Where a good crime can be had by all"

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ABBEY'S CHOICE

PARTNERS IN CRIME (Sydney) QUEEN OF CRIME SHORT STORY COMPETITION 2011



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The Troubled Man Kurt Wallander #10

Every morning retired naval officer Hakan von Enke takes a walk in the forest near his apartment in Stockholm. Then one day he fails to come home. Detective Kurt Wallander is not officially involved, but Hakan's son is engaged to his daughter Linda. A few months earlier, at Hakan's 75th birthday party, he was eager to talk to Kurt about a controversial incident from his past. Could this be connected to his disappearance? When Hakan's wife Louise also goes missing, Wallander is determined to uncover the truth, but the investigation will force him to look back over his own past as he comes to the unsettling realisation that even those we love the most can remain strangers to us. And then an even darker cloud appears on the horizon... The return of Kurt Wallander, for his final case, has already caused a sensation around the globe.

[Swedish, Police Proc.] 512pp Pb

Michele Giuttari The Black Rose of Florence Michele Ferrara #5

A beautiful young woman, a member of the Florentine jet set, is found choked to death in her apartment. She has been left naked on her bed, a black rose between her legs. Chief Superintendent Michele Ferrara is all too familiar with the dark side of Florence. But he is up against a mysterious enemy who would do anything to hide their identity. As more violent deaths occur, he will face the most insidious investigation in his career...

[Italian, Police Proc.] 464pp Tp \$29.99



Another Life by Carmel Reilly (VIC) emerged as the winner owing to a cast of well developed characters and a captivating story told within a clever and unique structure. Carmel, who takes home \$750 in prize money courtesy of Abbey's, lives in Melbourne with her family and is a children's educational writer with, at last count, close to 200 titles of fiction and non-fiction to her credit.

In second place was **Moir's Farewell** by Joanne Ruppin (NSW) and in third place was **How to Write the Perfect Murder Story** by David Campbell (VIC).

Deciding the runners up was no easy matter and Beverley mentioned four other entries as highly commended: **Time Bomb Girls** by Tenille Murphy; **Hearts Incarcerated** by Tamara Pratt; **Going for a Walk** by Fiona Skepper and **The Colour of Nightmares** by Ronda Bird.



Left: Carmel Reilly, Joanne Ruppin, David Campbell

Below (LtoR): Tamara Pratt; Tenille Murphy; Fiona Skepper



Congratulations to the winners and thank you to all who entered.

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From top: Reginald Hill; **Dalziel & Pascoe** TV series starring Warren Clarke (right) as Detective Superintendent Andrew Dalziel and Colin Buchanan as Detective Sergeant Peter Pascoe.

REGINALD HILL [1936-2012]

Reginald Charles Hill was born on 3 April 1936 in Hartlepool, Durham, the son of a professional footballer. By the time he was three, the family had moved to Cumbria, which remained his home. The foundations of his fictional Mid-Yorkshire Constabulary were laid when he was appointed as a lecturer at a teacher training college in Doncaster.

The 1970s proved to be an intensely productive decade for Hill who, while working as a full-time teacher, managed to produce 18 novels, a dozen short stories and a television play. He wrote close to 50 Dalziel and Pascoe novels, plus a number of novels featuring black private detective Joe Sixsmith. It took nearly 20 years before Hill was recognised with a *Gold Dagger* by the Crime Writers' Association for **Bones and Silence**, an amazing gap considering the quality of his work. Five years later, in 1995, he received a *Cartier Diamond Dagger* for lifetime achievement.

It was probably due to the TV series (which started in 1996) which gave a fillip in sales. He was offered the chance to write scripts for the series but declined. The Dalziel and Pascoe novels remained his favourite and, at a rare appearance at the Harrogate Crime Writing Festival, he said "When I get up in the morning, I ask my wife whether I should write a *Booker Prize*-winning novel or another bestselling crime book. We always come down on the side of the crime book."

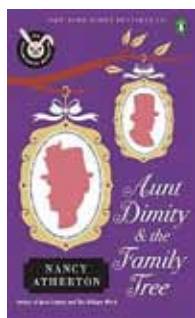
Reginald died in early January of a brain tumour.

Peter Milne
[In retirement]

MODERN CRIME

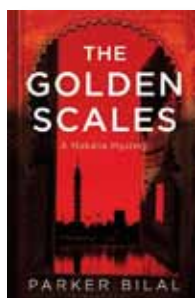
Nancy Atherton Aunt Dimity and the Family Tree Aunt Dimity #16

After a dizzying time Down Under, Lori Shepherd returns to Finch and finds that her wealthy father-in-law, William Willis, Sr., has just purchased a splendid ten-acre estate nearby. While William fends off local ladies intent on romance, Lori oversees the painstaking restoration of a peculiar painting found during renovations. Strange sounds and the theft of the painting prompt her to call on Aunt Dimity for help uncovering the estate's shadowy past....
[English, Cosy] 288pp Pb \$12.95



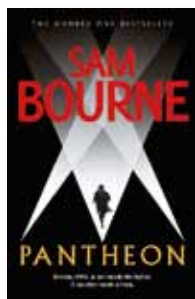
Parker Bilal The Golden Scales Makana #1

Makana is a former police inspector who fled to Cairo from his native Sudan seven years ago. When the shady Saad Hanafi hires him to track down a missing person, Makana is in no position to refuse. But why should the city's most powerful man hire its lowliest private detective? Thrust into a dangerous world, Makana's investigation leads him into the underbelly of Egypt, where he encounters Muslim extremists, Russian gangsters and a desperate mother searching for her missing daughter.
[English, Private Eye] 416pp Tp \$29.99



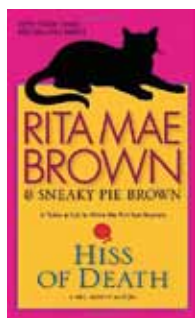
Sam Bourne Pantheon

It is WWII and young Oxford don James Zennor is horrified. He returns one morning from rowing to discover his wife has disappeared with their young son, leaving only a note declaring her continuing love. A frantic search through wartime England leads James across the Atlantic and to one of America's greatest universities - and the heart of the American establishment. And while hunting for his family, James unearths one of the darkest and deadliest secrets of a world at war.
[English, Espionage] 416pp Tp \$29.99



Rita Mae Brown Hiss of Death Mrs Murphy #19

When a health crisis sends Mary Minor 'Harry' Haristeen into the world of hospitals and doctors, she knows the journey will be tough. But Harry has her animal friends and her husband Fair to support her. Others are considerably less fortunate: a promising nurse's lifeless body is discovered without a mark on her. Then another seemingly healthy hospital employee is found dead. There's a mystery afoot... and that's one thing Harry can't keep her nose out of!
[American, Cosy] 336pp Pb \$13.50



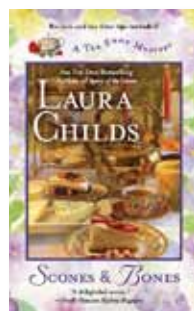
Linda Castillo Breaking Silence Kate Burkholder #3

Chief of Police, Kate Burkholder, is called to a farm in the Amish community of Painter's Creek to investigate the deaths of Solly and Rachel Slabaugh, who drowned in the hog pit, leaving the four children as orphans. As the case deepens, Kate develops a bond with the children, particularly the 15-year-old daughter, Solome. The deaths puzzle her and as more information comes to light, a tragic incident turns into something much more shocking...
[American, Police Proc.] 368pp Pb \$19.99



Laura Childs Scones and Bones Tea Shop #12

Indigo Tea Shop owner Theodosia Browning is attending the Heritage Society's Pirates and Plunder show when a history intern is murdered. Even with that on her plate, she must still attend Charleston's Food and Wine Festival, where she's hosting a tea and cheese tasting. But as her thoughts keep drifting to the victim, Theodosia knows she'll have to whet her investigative skills to find the killer among a schooner of suspects...
[American, Cosy] 320pp Pb \$13.50



Max Allan Collins Quarry's Ex [2010] Quarry #9

Even the enigmatic hit man called Quarry had to start somewhere. And for him that was the day he returned from Vietnam to find his young wife cheating. He'd killed plenty overseas, so killing her lover was no big deal. When he was recruited to use his skills as a contract killer, that transition was easy, too. He survived by expecting trouble. What he didn't expect was running into his ex wife again...
[American, Suspense] 208pp Pb \$15.99



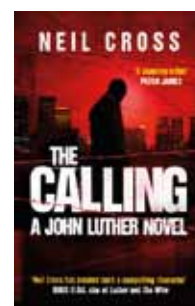
Sheila Connolly Fire Engine Dead Museum #3

Nell Pratt, president of the Pennsylvania Antiquarian Society in Philadelphia, gets involved in an explosive mystery after an arsonist sets a series of warehouse fires that results in the death of a guard - and involves the entire collection of the Fireman's Museum going up in flames. He soon discovers that one of the charred pictures isn't the one that was originally exhibited...
[American, Cosy] 304pp Pb \$13.50



Neil Cross The Calling DCI John Luther #1

DCI John Luther has an extraordinary clearance rate. He commands outstanding loyalty from friends and colleagues. Nobody who ever stood at his side has a bad word to say about him. But Luther seethes with a hidden fury that at times he can barely control. Sometimes it sends him to the brink of madness, making him do things he shouldn't. Things that are way beyond the limits of the law...
[English, Police Proc.] 368pp Pb \$19.99



Clive Cussler The Thief Isaac Bell #5

On the ocean liner Mauretania, two European scientists with a dramatic new invention are barely rescued from abduction by the Van Dorn Detective Agency's intrepid chief investigator, Isaac Bell. Unfortunately, they are not so lucky the second time. The thugs attack again - and this time one of the scientists dies. What are they holding that is so precious? A ruthless secret agent has spotted a priceless opportunity to give the Germans an edge. And it's up to Isaac Bell to stop him!
[American, Espionage] 500pp Tp \$29.95



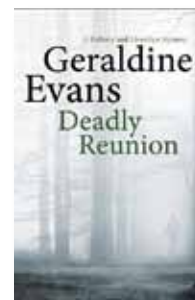
Sam Eastland Siberian Red Inspector Pekkala #3

Stalin's obsession with the missing treasure of Tsar Nicholas II has been rekindled. So when an informant claiming to have information about the treasure is knifed to death, Stalin summons Pekkala to the Kremlin and orders him to solve the murder. To accomplish his mission, he must return to Borodok, the notorious Gulag where he spent many years as a prisoner. There, he must pose as an inmate in order to unravel the mystery, meanwhile facing the nightmares of his past...
[English, Espionage] 336pp Tp \$29.99



Geraldine Evans Deadly Reunion Rafferty & Llewellyn #14

After a reunion at the prestigious Griffin School culminates in the death of a high-profile former student, DI Joseph Rafferty and his partner, Sergeant Dafyd Llewellyn, are called in to unearth the truth behind the school's picturesque facade.
[English, Police Proc.] 192pp Pb \$24.95



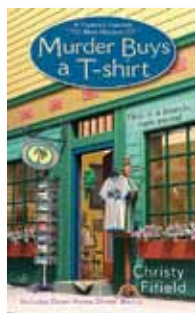
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Christy Fifeild

Murder Buys a T-Shirt *Haunted Souvenir Shop #1*

Glory Martine has inherited her uncle's Florida souvenir shop, one stuffed with collectibles, mementos... and ghosts who, like her customers, refuse to let go of the past. But things take an even more unexpected turn when a local football hero dies far too suddenly and suspiciously. Now, Glory has to uncover the truth before someone makes her history...

[*American, Cosy*] 288pp Pb \$13.50



John Grisham

The Litigators

David Zinc has it all: high-paying job at a top law firm, fancy car, beautiful home. Until the day he snaps and throws it all away. Leaving the world of corporate law behind, he talks himself into a new job with Finley & Figg - a self-styled 'boutique' firm with only two partners. For all his Harvard Law Degree and five years with Chicago's top firm, Zinc has never entered a courtroom, never helped a client who really needed a lawyer, never handled a gun. All that is about to change!

[*American, Legal*] Pb \$19.99

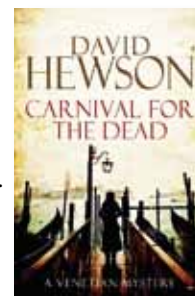


David Hewson

Carnival for the Dead

Forensic pathologist Teresa Lupo has arrived in the Rome Questura to find her beloved bohemian aunt Sofia who has disappeared. There are no clues to her whereabouts, but a visit to Sofia's apartment in the Dorsoduro confirms Teresa's suspicions that all is not well. The mystery deepens when a letter reveals a piece of fiction in which both Sofia and Teresa appear. But who sent the letter? The answer is as shocking as Sofia's fate, which is wrapped deep inside the art and culture of Venice itself...

[*English, Forensic*] 300pp Tp \$29.99



Jaye Ford

Beyond Fear

35-year-old Jodie sets out for a weekend in the country with three friends. But unknown to the four women, their secluded cabin was once the focus of a police investigation and it nurtures a dark secret. Just like Jodie. Even as her friends relax, the isolation reawakens Jodie's terrifying memories. When she finds evidence of trespassers, she is convinced they are being watched. But no one will believe her. Until two men knock at their door...

[*Australian, Suspense*] 416pp Pb \$14.95

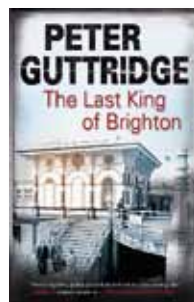


Peter Guttridge

The Last King of Brighton

A man impaled on the South Downs. Another skinned alive. A skeleton found beneath the West Pier, its feet encased in concrete. Brighton has been invaded. But this is no mere power struggle between rival mobsters; the motives for the killings stretch back through the decades, to an explosive 40-year-old secret which Brighton's crime king John Hathaway would rather forget. But someone else remembers. And that someone has decided that vengeance is a dish best served cold...

[*English, Suspense*] 272pp Pb \$24.95



Paulus Hochgatterer

The Mattress House *Kovacs & Horn #2*

When the first battered children of several is brought to the Furth police, Horn and Kovacs must find the perpetrator. But more horrifying crimes await. A local businessman heading a paedophile ring has been filming the abuse of young girls from India and one of them is showing the films to the town's schoolchildren, beating them and threatening the same abuse if they speak out. But when the evidence is passed on to a teacher, Kovacs and Horn home in on the network.

[*Austrian, Police Proc.*] 256pp Tp \$27.99



Jaye Ford

Scared Yet?

When Livia Prescott fights off a terrifying assault, the media hail her bravery. And after a difficult year, it feels good to strike back for once. But as the police widen their search for her attacker, menacing notes arrive. But is it a stranger or someone much closer to home? In fact, is there anyone she can now trust? When her family and friends are drawn into the stalker's focus, Livia must fight back or lose the people she loves the most.

[*Australian, Suspense*] 464pp Tp \$32.95



Rebecca M Hale

Adrift on St John *Mystery in the Islands #1*

When a young woman named Hannah disappears off the island of St John, resort manager Pen Hofstra is not surprised that all is not what it seems to be. Pointing out Hannah's resemblance to the Amina Slave Princess from the 1733 slave revolt on St John - whose ghost is rumoured to haunt the island - the local community quickly latches on to the belief that her spirit is behind the sinking and the disappearance.

[*American, Suspense*] 320pp Pb \$13.50

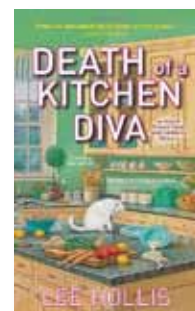


Lee Hollis

Death of Kitchen Diva *Hayley Powell #1*

Hayley Powell's boss at the 'Island Times' has given her a new assignment: taking over the paper's food column. Hayley's an office manager, not a writer. But the extra income is tempting and Hayley's chatty first column is suddenly on everyone's menu - with one exception. When rival food writer Karen Appelbaum is found face-down dead in a bowl of Hayley's creamy clam chowder, all signs point to Hayley. To clear her name and find the killer, she'll have to enlist some help!

[*American, Cosy*] 304pp Pb \$13.50

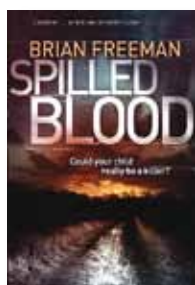


Brian Freeman

Spilled Blood

Outside the river town of Barron, Minnesota, three teenage girls play a game of Russian roulette. By morning, one girl will be dead and another in jail. Olivia Hawk claims she didn't pull the trigger on Ashlynn Steele, but no one believes her. Olivia's best hope is her estranged father, an attorney from the city. If he's to prove Olivia's innocence, he'll have to learn everything about her private life - however much she'd like to keep it hidden...

[*American, Suspense*] 400pp Tp \$24.99



M R Hall

The Flight

When Flight 189 plunges into the Severn Estuary, Coroner Jenny Cooper must handle the case of a lone sailor whose boat was sunk by the stricken plane and the mysterious fate of a 10-year-old girl, Amy Patterson, whose largely unmarked body is washed up alongside his. But Jenny wonders how a high tech plane such as Flight 189 failed as it did? How did Amy survive the crash, only to perish hours later? She must seek the truth behind this terrible disaster, before it happens again.

[*English, Police Proc.*] 320pp Pb \$24.99



Quintin Jardine

As Easy as Murder *Primavera Blackstone #3*

A tranquil Spanish village is the perfect place for Primavera Blackstone to raise her 10-year-old Tom. But when her best friend Shirley introduces her new man, Patterson Cowling, he seems to be a trouble magnet. A casual thief tries to pick his pocket and is found dead a few days later. A bloody coincidence, or does Patterson Cowling have a past to protect? As the body count rises, it seems hazards lie in wait for everyone. Can Primavera save the day?

[*Scottish, Suspense*] 320pp Tp \$32.99



QUEEN OF CRIME SHORT STORY COMPETITION 2011

Mari Jungstedt
The Dead of Summer
Inspector Anders Knutas #5

The murder of a jogger on the beach at Faro is an opportunity for Inspector Anders Knutas' newly-appointed deputy, Karin Jacobsson, to prove her worth while her boss is on holiday. But when a second body is discovered, murdered in the same style, Jacobsson's investigations point to a horrifying conclusion.

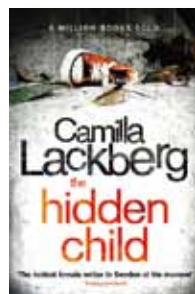
[Swedish, Police Proc.] 384pp Pb \$19.95



Camilla Lackberg
The Hidden Child
Patrik Hedstrom #5

Crime writer Erica Falck is shocked to discover a Nazi medal among her late mother's possessions. Her enquiries lead her to the home of a retired history teacher who was among her mother's circle of friends during WWII. Two days later he meets a violent death. Erica's husband Detective Patrik Hedstrom is soon embroiled in the murder investigation. Reluctantly Erica must read her mother's wartime diaries. But within the pages is a painful revelation about Erica's past...

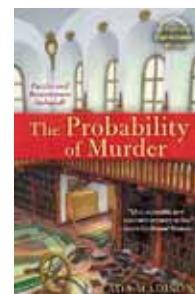
[Swedish, Police Proc.] 400pp Pb \$19.99



Ada Madison
The Probability of Murder
Sophie Knowles #2

Dr Sophie Knowles is a professor who has a way of making even the most complex math problems fun for her students. But when the school's beloved librarian is found shot to death in the stacks, Sophie learns that her friend was more complex than she ever knew. Now, Sophie must take on some rigorous deduction homework before the chances for another murder on campus increase exponentially...

[American, Suspense] 304pp Pb \$13.50

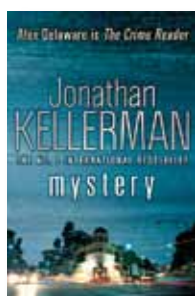


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Jonathan Kellerman
Mystery
Alex Delaware #26

In a glamorous area of LA, the Beverley Fauborg hotel is about to close for good. Psychologist Alex Delaware and his girlfriend Robin are making a farewell visit to the hotel bar when one patron in particular grabs their attention - a beautiful young woman dressed all in white, who ends up dead two days later. Discovering her true identity is not going to be easy and Milo's investigation into the girl nicknamed 'Mystery' leads him to dark secrets in high places...

[American, Police Proc.] 384pp Tp \$32.99



William Landay
Defending Jacob

When a teenage boy is murdered in the woods adjoining the local high school, shock ripples through the suburban community of Newton, Boston. Assistant district attorney Andy Barber's son Jacob is also a student at the school and is anxious for a swift conviction. But evidence emerges that ties Jacob to the crime - and suddenly Andy faces a very different challenge: preventing his son from being convicted of murder. But Andy must face a tough question: how far will he go to save his own child?

[American, Legal] 432pp Tp \$29.99



Liza Marklund
Vanished
[aka Paradise]
Annika Bengtson #1

At a port in Stockholm, two murdered men are found by a security guard. In the same area a young woman named Aida is on the run from a gunman. Meanwhile, journalist Annika Bengtson is approached by a woman wanting her story published in the *Evening Post*, who claims to have founded an organisation that erases people's pasts. Annika helps Aida to get in touch with the organisation. But as she investigates this woman's story, she finds herself getting close to a dangerous truth...

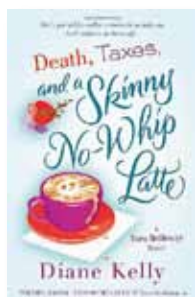
[Swedish, Journalism] 528pp Tp \$32.95



Diane Kelly
Death, Taxes and a Skinny No-Whip Latte
Tara Holloway #2

When she joined the Criminal Investigations Division, Tara knew she'd be investigating some very real crooks. Marcos Mendoza is a suspected loan shark with connections across the Mexican border. He's never been accused of any crimes, yet his business associates have a history of disappearing... and resurfacing in body bags. Will Tara risk her life and the pursuit of filing a joint tax return with her maybe-serious boyfriend Brett?

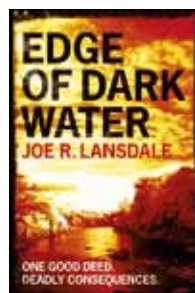
[American, Police Proc.] 352pp Pb \$13.50



Joe R Lansdale
Edge of Dark Water

May Lynn was a pretty girl from a mean family who dreamed of becoming a film star. Now she's dead. Her best friend, Sue Ellen, has a family meaner than May's and a yearning for something greater than she's been given. The least she can do for her friend is take her ashes to Hollywood, the place she'd always longed to be. But May Lynn's diary holds a secret: the location of a large sum of money. Sue Ellen's escape is about to get more complicated than she imagined...

[American, Suspense] 320pp Tp \$29.99

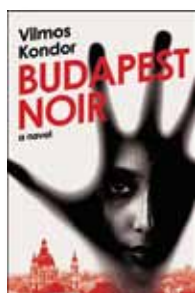


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Vilmos Kondor
Budapest Noir
A Novel

Budapest, 1936. From the wealthy residential neighborhoods of Buda to the slums of Pest, crime reporter Zsigmond Gordon must investigate the strange death of a beautiful woman. As Gordon's search for the truth leads him to shocking revelations about a seedy underground crime syndicate and its corrupt political patrons, this story will transport you to a dark time and place and hold you there spellbound until the final page is turned.

[Hungarian, Suspense] 320pp Pb \$24.99



Simon Lelic
The Child Who

A quiet English town is left reeling when 12-year-old Daniel Blake is discovered to have brutally murdered his schoolmate Felicity Forbes. For solicitor Leo Curtice, the case promises to be the most high profile and morally challenging of his career. But as he begins his defence, Leo is unprepared for the impact the public fury surrounding Felicity's death will have on his family. And as the case nears its climax, events will take their darkest turn...

[English, Legal] 272pp Tp \$29.99



ALEXANDER McCALL SMITH



The Saturday Big Tent Wedding Party
Ladies' Detective Agency #12

As the countdown to Mma Makutsi's wedding begins, Mma Ramotswe has reason to reflect on Rule No 3 of 'The Principles of Private Detection': never lie to the client. Apprentice mechanic

Charlie seems to be avoiding certain important responsibilities. And as Mma Makutsi's big day approaches, her nemesis Violet Sepotho is standing for election... which could spell trouble for the entire nation!

[Scottish, Private Eye] 256pp Pb \$19.99



The Limpopo Academy of Private Detection
Ladies' Detective Agency #13

Mma Ramotswe and Mma Makutsi have always relied on the advice of the classic guide to their trade, *The Principles of Private Detection*. But who is the eminent author,

Mr Clovis Andersen and what if he were to come to Botswana? So when Mr Andersen visits Botswana on holiday, he is delighted to stumble across a roadside sign that reveals the existence of the No 1 Ladies' Detective Agency. Professional courtesy suggests that he call and announce himself...

[Scottish, Private Eye] 272pp Hb \$34.99

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Judi McCoy
Fashion Faux Paw
Dog Walker #6

It's Fashion Week in New York and Ellie's in charge of the dogs' modelling outfits that match their mommy-models outfits, for a fashion competition. But before the first round closes, one of the designers drops dead of anaphylactic shock. As it turns out, her Epipen is useless... because someone's emptied it!

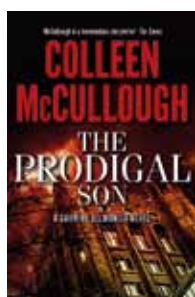
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Colleen McCullough
The Prodigal Son
Carmine Delmonico #4

Connecticut, 1969. A very rare and lethal toxin, extracted from the blowfish, is stolen from a laboratory at Chubb University. A sudden death at a dinner party followed by another at a gala black-tie event seem at first to be linked only by the poison and Dr Jim Hunter, a scientist on the brink of greatness. A black man married to a white woman, Dr Jim has faced scandal and prejudice for most of his life, so what would cause him to risk it all now? Is he being framed for murder? And if so, by who?

[Australian, Suspense] 416pp Tp \$32.99



Val McDermid
The Retribution
Hill & Jordan #7

There is one serial killer who has shaped and defined police profiler Tony Hill's life: Jacko Vance. And now Jacko is back. Even more twisted and cunning than ever before, he is focused on wreaking revenge on Tony and DCI Carol Jordan for the years he spent in prison. Tony doesn't know when Jacko will strike, or where. All he knows is that Jacko will cause him to feel fear like he has never known before... and devastate his life in ways he cannot imagine.

[Scottish, Police Proc.] 512pp Pb \$19.99



Jenn McKinlay
Due or Die
Library Lovers #2

Answering tricky reference questions is excitement enough for library director Lindsey Norris. Until a murder is committed in her cozy hometown of Briar Creek, Connecticut. But the question of who committed the crime must be answered... before someone else is checked out for good!

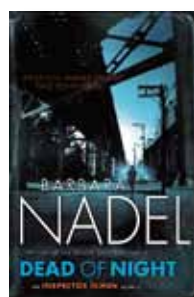
[American, Cosy] 304pp Pb \$13.50



Barbara Nadel
Dead of Night
Ikmen #14

Inspectors Cetin Ikmen and Mehmet Suleyman from Istanbul are sent to a policing conference in Detroit, but little can prepare them for the corruption that lies at its heart. When Ezekial Goins, an elderly man of Turkish descent approaches them to crack the long-unresolved murder of his son, a quiet trip takes a sinister turn. As they delve into the case, the pair find themselves immersed in a terrifying world of inter-gang drug war and racial prejudice that puts them in mortal danger...

[English, Police Proc.] 320pp Tp \$32.99



Alec Nevala-Lee
The Icon Thief

Maddy Blume, an ambitious young art buyer for a Manhattan hedge fund, is desperate to find a priceless painting by Marcel Duchamp, one of the most influential artists of the 20th century. A gruesome cold case thrusts the FBI into a search for the same painting, with its enigmatic image of a headless nude. And an insidious secret society is intent on reclaiming the painting for reasons of its own... and by any means necessary.

[American, Suspense] 416pp Pb \$15.95



Sharon Pape
Sketch a Falling Star
Portrait of Crime #3

When Preston Wright, a fellow member of the Way Off Broadway Players troupe, gets swept up in a flash flood, Rory McCain discovers that Preston was a womanising scam artist and ex-conman operating under numerous aliases. And that his death was not an act of nature. Soon Rory is embroiled in the investigation of a cold case - the murder of her ghost partner, Zeke.

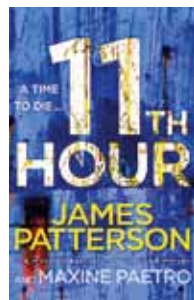
[American, Suspense] 304pp Pb \$13.50



James Patterson
11th Hour
Women's Murder Club #11

When millionaire Chaz Smith is gunned down, Detective Lindsay Boxer discovers the murder weapon is linked to the deaths of San Francisco's most untouchable criminals. And it was taken from her own department's evidence locker. Lindsay is called to the most bizarre crime scene she's ever witnessed: two bodiless heads elaborately displayed in the garden of a world-famous actor. And when a reporter launches a series of malicious articles about the cases, Lindsay will have no one to turn to...

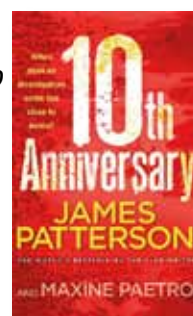
[American, Police Proc.] 416pp Tp \$32.95



James Patterson
10th Anniversary
Women's Murder Club #10

Detective Lindsay Boxer must investigate a horrendous crime: a badly injured teenage girl left for dead and her newborn baby nowhere to be found. But the victim herself is keeping secrets. Meanwhile, Assistant District Attorney Yuki Castellano is prosecuting the biggest case of her life: a woman accused of murdering her husband in front of her two children. Yuki's career rests on a guilty verdict, so when Lindsay finds evidence that could save the defendant, she is forced to choose.

[American, Police Proc.] 512pp Pb \$19.95



Richard North Patterson
Fall from Grace

Martha's Vineyard, New England. Adam Blaine returns to his childhood home to bury the father he despised. Here, reunited with his equally relieved and long-suffering family, he becomes aware of the suspicious circumstances surrounding his father's death. A death that, Adam will soon discover, is born of a long-hidden truth and a chequered family history that may not be as black and white as he thought.

[American, Suspense] 388pp Pb \$27.99



Chris Pavone
The Expats

When her husband accepts a job in Luxembourg, Kate Moore intends to leave behind her top-secret life in the CIA. It's the perfect opportunity for her family to start again. But when Kate and her husband are befriended by another American couple, Kate suspects they aren't who they claim to be. She monitors them, mirroring their clandestine investigation even as they become close friends. For Kate, it's essential she find out why the past has come to haunt her.

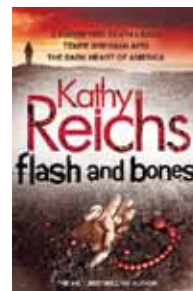
[American, Espionage] 400pp Tp \$29.99



Kathy Reichs
Flash and Bones
Temperance Brennan #14

A body is found beside the Charlotte racetrack. Forensic anthropologist Dr Tempe Brennan must find answers before thousands arrive for the year's big race. But before she can carry out a proper examination, the FBI confiscate and destroy the body. It's a dead end. Until Wayne Gamble alerts Tempe to the disappearance of his sister and her boyfriend from Charlotte, 12 years earlier. But when Gamble's body is crushed under the wheels of a race car, Tempe knows the situation is truly sinister...

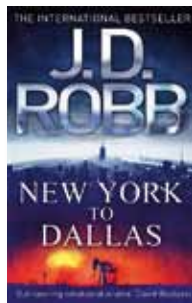
[American, Forensic] 320pp Pb \$14.95



J D Robb**New York to Dallas
In Death #33**

Eve Dallas was just a rookie cop when her instincts led her to the apartment of Isaac McQueen, a murderer and paedophile who was keeping young girls in cages. Now a homicide Lieutenant, Eve learns that McQueen has escaped from jail. Bent on vengeance against Eve, McQueen heads to Dallas, Texas - the place where Eve killed her own abusive monster when she was only eight years old. Now, secrets from the past are about to be explosively revealed...

[*American, Police Proc.*] 496pp Pb \$19.99

**Olen Steinhauer****An American Spy
Milo Weaver #3**

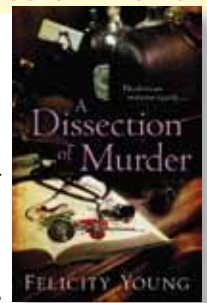
After the dissolution of the Department of Tourism, Milo's old boss, Alan Drummond, grows obsessed with vengeance against the man who's destroyed his life: the Chinese spymaster Xin Zhu. When Alan disappears in London, having travelled around the globe to reach the UK, clues are few and questions numerous. In the centre of it all is Milo Weaver, trying to stay alive and protect his family in Brooklyn. Things always become worse before they become better. That's one of Tourism's first rules.

[*American, Espionage*] 384pp Tp \$29.99

**Felicity Young****A Dissection of Murder**

Dody McClelland is England's first female autopsy surgeon, and in the time just after WWI is fighting her own battles for acceptance in the medical and police world. Her sister, though, is the ardent suffragette, becoming increasingly involved in the struggles for equality that are becoming more and more violent. When a prominent suffragette is murdered at a demonstration, Dody, who does the autopsy, realises that the victim is a friend of her sister's. She isn't sure she can trust the police, but realises she does need the help of Inspector Matthew Pike, a man with his own problems to solve... A good read, steeped in the history of the time, which I thought lifted it above the usual sort of crime story! *Lindy*

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**Bernhard Schlink
The Gordian Knot**

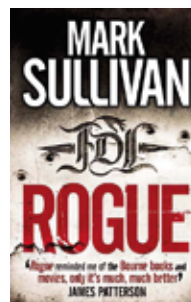
Young lawyer Georg Polger gives up a comfortable existence in Germany to work as a freelance translator in the South of France. One day he is approached by Mr Bulnakov, who wants him to take over a local translation agency. But when Georg begins project translating plans for military helicopters, everything changes and he finds himself embroiled in a web of deceit that sends him to New York and places him between the CIA and the KGB. But which side is Georg working for?

[*German, Espionage*] 304pp Pb \$19.99

**Mark Sullivan
Rogue**

Robin Monarch is the CIA's top field asset. During a field operation in Istanbul, Monarch uncovers evidence of corruption stemming back to the very top of the CIA and Congress. This discovery is enough to make him go rogue. An international crisis is sparked, with Monarch at its centre. Washington politicians, European criminals and Middle Eastern arms dealers are all hunting him to force him to share his information... or to silence him for good.

[*American, Espionage*] 384pp Pb \$24.99

**HISTORICAL CRIME****Guy Adams****The Breath of God
The Further Adventures
of Sherlock Holmes**

A body is found crushed to death in the London snow. There are no footprints anywhere near. It is almost as if the man was killed by the air itself. This is the first in a series of attacks that sees a handful of London's most prominent occultists murdered. While pursuing the case, Holmes and Watson must travel to Scotland to meet with the one person they have been told can help: Aleister Crowley.

[*English*] 320pp Pb \$19.99

**Tom Rob Smith****Agent 6
Leo Demidov #3**

Moscow, 1965. Former Secret Service agent Leo Demidov is forbidden to travel with his wife and daughters to New York as part of a 'Peace Tour', meant to foster better relations between the two Cold War enemies. But why has his family been selected? What is being planned? When tragedy destroys everything he loves, he demands only one thing: that he is allowed to find the killer. Crippled by grief, his request denied, Leo has no option but to take matters into his own hands...

[*English, Espionage*] 560pp Pb \$19.99

**Denise Swanson****Little Shop of Homicide
Devereaux Dime Store #1**

Devereaux Sinclair is the happy new owner of the old-fashioned shop in her small Missouri town. But when the fiancé of her ex-boyfriend is found murdered and Dev becomes the prime suspect, she will need to enlist the help of her two oldest friends, as well as a sexy deputy US marshal, to help her clear her good name. Otherwise, she might just find herself serving 25 years to life!

[*American, Cosy*] 272pp Pb \$13.50

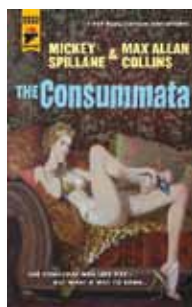
**Gyles Brandreth****Oscar Wilde and
the Vatican Murders
Oscar Wilde #5**

In 1892 Arthur Conan Doyle, exhausted by his creation Sherlock Holmes, retires to the spa at Bad Homburg. But his rest cure does not go as planned. The first person he encounters is Oscar Wilde and when the two friends make a series of macabre discoveries amongst the portmanteau of fan mail Conan Doyle has brought to answer - a severed finger, a lock of hair and finally an entire severed hand - the game is once more afoot! *[English]* 352pp Pb \$22.99

**Mickey Spillane
& Max Allan Collins
The Consummata**

Compared to the \$40 million the cops think he stole, \$75,000 may not sound like much. But it's all the money in the world to the struggling Cuban exiles of Miami who rescued Morgan the Raider. So when it's snatched by a man the Cubans trusted, Morgan sets out to get it back. A simple favour but as the bodies pile up, the Raider wonders what kind of Latin hell he's gotten himself into and just who or what is the mysterious Consummata?

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**Jacqueline Winspear****A Lesson in Secrets
Maisie Dobbs #8**

Psychologist and investigator Maisie Dobbs accepts an undercover assignment from the British Secret Service, posing as a junior lecturer at Cambridge. When the college's founder Greville Liddicote is murdered, Maisie is instructed to stand back as her colleagues in Scotland Yard investigate. But she soon discovers the circumstances of Liddicote's death are linked to faculty members and students under her surveillance, even as the storm clouds of WWII gather on the horizon...

[*English, Espionage*] 352pp Pb \$23.95

**Alys Clare****The Rose of the World
Hawkenlye #13**

Autumn, 1210. A year ago, King John was excommunicated and now his men have come to Hawkenlye Abbey to take it over. Abbess Caliste worries how she is to feed the nuns under her care, let alone conduct her usual good works. Meanwhile, Helewise has moved into Hawkenlye Manor with Josse and their lives are full of warmth. But after a visit to St Edmund's Chapel, Helewise's 11-year-old granddaughter Rosamund goes missing, threatening all they hold dear.

[*English*] 240pp Pb \$24.95



Lyndsay Faye
The Gods of Gotham

New York, 1845. Timothy Wilde never wanted to be a star copper. One night on his way home from the Tombs, defeated and disgusted, he is plotting his resignation when a young girl crashes covered from head to toe in blood. Searching for the truth in the child's stories, Timothy finds himself on the trail of a brutal killer who is intent on fanning the flames of anti-Irish immigrant sentiments and threatening chaos in a city already in the midst of social upheaval.

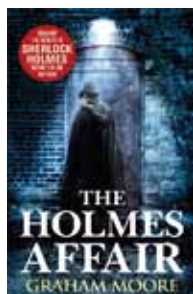
[American] 400pp Tp \$29.99



Graham Moore
The Holmes Affair

New York, present day. Literary researcher Harold White's lifelong obsession with Sherlock Holmes turns into something sinister. The world's leading Doylean scholar is found murdered in his hotel room and only Harold is familiar enough with the arcane mysteries of the Holmes novels to recognise the clues. Harold finds himself embroiled in the mystery of Doyle's missing diary - and a secret that Doyle, 100 years earlier, risked everything to hide...

[American] 368pp Pb \$19.95



Kate Williams
The Pleasures of Men

Spitalfields, 1840. Catherine Sorgeuil lives with her uncle in London's East End. She has little to occupy the days beyond her own imagination. But then a murderer strikes, ripping open the chests of young girls and stuffing hair into their mouths to resemble a beak, leading the press to christen him 'The Man of Crows'. As Catherine devours the news, she finds she can channel the voices of the dead. But the murders continue and Catherine realises she is snared in a deadly trap...

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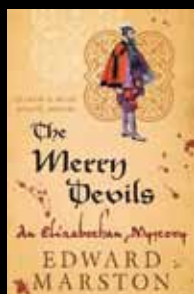
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The Queen's Head
Nicholas Bracewell #1

1587. Mary Queen of Scots dies by the executioner's axe. Will her death end the ceaseless plotting against her cousin Elizabeth? 1588. the year of the Spanish Armada is a time of terror and triumph for the whole of England. The turmoil is reflected in its

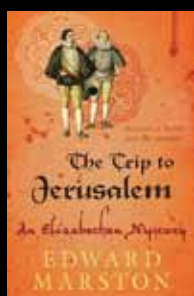
theatres such as The Queen's Head in London, where stage manager and company bookholder Nicholas Bracewell must investigate the brutal murder of a hot-headed actor, while uncovering a conspiracy leading to the court of Elizabeth I.



The Merry Devils
Nicholas Bracewell #2

Stage manager and bookholder Nicholas Bracewell is set to make The Queen's Head ring with laughter with a new comedy, 'The Merry Devils'. The landlord is sure mischief will result, but Nicholas sees only a harmless comedy that will not summon up real

devils, but two actors adept at tumbling. How then, during the crucial scene, do three devils appear on stage, one looking disturbingly real? And what of the devilry that follows...?



The Trip to Jerusalem
Nicholas Bracewell #3

London is under siege by the Black Plague, closing its theatres and losing its frightened citizens to the countryside. Lord Westfield's Men decide upon the relative safety of the road and a tour of the North. Before they can pack up and depart, one player in the troupe

is murdered. As they travel, the company of players, managed by its bookholder Nicholas Bracewell, discover that their arch-rivals, Banbury's Men, have been pirating their best works.

[English] 320pp Pb \$17.99 each

Kim Newman
Moriarty
The Hound of the D'Urbervilles

Imagine the twisted evil twins of Holmes and Watson and you have a dangerous duo! Professor James Moriarty: wily, snake-like, fiercely intelligent, unpredictable. Colonel Sebastian 'Basher' Moran: violent, politically incorrect, debauched. Together they run London crime, owning police and criminals alike as they unravelling mysteries - all for their own gain!

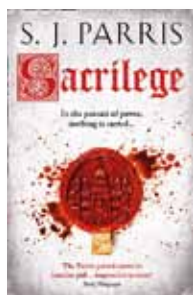
[English] 224pp Pb \$19.99



S J Parris
Sacrilege
Giordano Bruno #3

London, 1584. Sir Francis Walsingham, spymaster to Queen Elizabeth, has long suspected an undercurrent of Catholic resistance in the city. He calls Giordano Bruno, his maverick secret agent, away from his post at the French Embassy to investigate. But when Bruno arrives in Canterbury, he has no idea of the dark secrets he's about to uncover. Bruno must pit himself against a powerful conspiracy, while also wrestling with a newly awakened conflict in his own heart!

[English] 416pp Tp \$29.99



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Lloyd Shepherd
The English Monster

London, 1811. The twisting streets of riverside Wapping hold many untold sins. Bounded by the ancient Ratcliffe Highway and the modern wonder of the London Dock, shameful secrets are largely hidden by the noise and glory of Trade. But now two families have fallen victim to foul murder and John Harriott, magistrate of the Thames River Police Office, must deliver revenge up to a terrified populace. His only hope is his senior officer, Charles Horton, a detective...

[English] Tp \$29.99



TRUE CRIME

Nick McKenzie
The Sting
Australia's Plot to Crack a Global Drug Empire

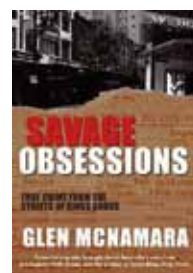
McKenzie traces the small team of investigators from Australia's most secretive and powerful law enforcement agency as they fought the new face of organised crime. A David versus Goliath battle, this globalised, tech-savvy, multi-national, billion-dollar business empire had tentacles in law and government agencies across the world, from Australia and Vietnam to Cambodia and Canada; from the high-rise developments of Hong Kong to the gambling dens of Macau.

[Australian] 368pp Tp \$29.99

Glen McNamara
Savage Obsessions
True Crime From the Streets of Kings Cross

From police violence, police informants, women who kills their mothers, pedophiles, gang rapists and suicides, this book is a true crime thriller. Whistleblower Glen McNamara takes the reader into the back streets and back seat of a detective observing the criminals we live amongst. Several of the criminals in the book are due for release from 2011. Includes Schapelle Corby's case and an informant's information about baggage handler's involvement in drug trafficking.

[Australian] 224pp Pb \$24.95

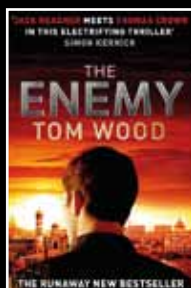
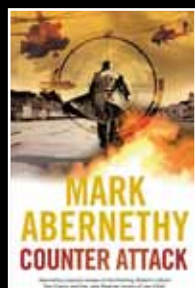


Kay Schubach
Perfect Stranger
A True Story of Desire and Obsession

Simon Lowe was handsome and charismatic, smart and urbane... and he sought out vulnerable women who had money and craved the exhilaration of romantic love. This is a psychological thriller, a cautionary tale and Kay Schubach's story of what happened when she took the plunge with Simon - a violent narcissist with a criminal history, who had done time for previous crimes against women. This is an insight into domestic violence in a place we don't expect to see it - Sydney with harbour views

[Australian] 288pp Pb \$29.95





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