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## MOTHER'S DAY RECOMMENDATIONS FROM PETER MILNE

### Alys Clare

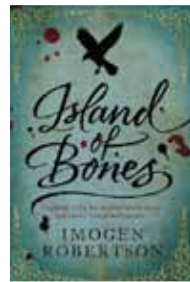
**The Rose of the World**  
*Hawkenlye #13.* Autumn, 1210. Abbess Caliste, Helewise's successor, worries about feeding the nuns under her care at Hawkenlye Abbey. Meanwhile, Helewise has moved into Hawkenlye Manor with Josse and their lives are filled with family and warmth. But after a visit to St Edmund's Chapel, Helewise's 11-year-old granddaughter Rosamund goes missing, and all they hold dear is soon threatened... (English)



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### Imogen Robertson Island of Bones

Cumbria, 1783. The tomb of the first Earl of Greta has lain undisturbed for 300 years. When idle curiosity opens the stone lid, the mystery draws the secluded Gabriel Crowther – whose family long ago bought the Greta's land – back home at last. Travelling with the forthright Mrs Harriet Westerman, Crowther finds a little town caught between horrors old and new, where ancient ways challenge modern justice. (English)



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### Rosemary Rowe The Vestal Vanishes

*Roman Britain Mystery #12.* The marriage of a former vestal virgin is an important event, hence the excuse for a more lavish banquet than usual at the Emperor's birthday feast. But when Audelia's carriage arrives, the virgin has vanished! When Libertus discovers that Druid rebels are involved, and then another lady disappears, Libertus finds himself in a race against time to ensure the safety of the vanishing vestals. (English)



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### Lynn Shepherd

#### Murder at Mansfield Park

A clever re-imagining of Jane Austen's much-loved novel. Formerly Austen's meekest heroine, Fanny Price has become an heiress to an extensive fortune, a scheming minx, and betrothed to Edmund, but do the couple really love each other? Meanwhile, tragedy strikes the grand house as it becomes the scene of violence. Every member of the family falls under suspicion and the race begins to halt a ruthless murderer! (English)

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### Marilyn Todd Still Waters

*High Priestess Iliona Mystery #3.* Iliona wants to be in Sparta, but Lysander, head of the secret police, needs her help to track down stolen gold. The trail leads to a new lakeside posting station which proves to be a hotbed of adultery and lies. Iliona's arrival coincides with the seemingly accidental death of an Olympic wrestler, but she soon discovers that betrayal comes from the unlikeliest source... (English)

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### Peter Tremayne

#### The Chalice of Blood

*Sister Fidelma #21.* Ireland, AD 670. When a scholar is murdered in the abbey of Lios Mor, fear spreads among his brethren. What was the content of the manuscripts stolen from the scholar's room? Abbot Iarnla sends Sister Fidelma and her companion Brother Eadulf to investigate the killing. The mystery deepens with an attempt on their lives, and Fidelma and Eadulf must wrestle with their own problems... (English)

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## ... AND OTHER NEW TITLES (FOR THE REST OF THE FAMILY!)

### The Detection Club

#### The Floating Admiral 336pp Hb \$29.99

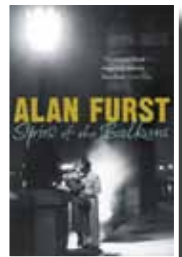
First published 80 years ago, this fiendishly clever novel is the result of a collaboration between Agatha Christie, Dorothy L Sayers, G K Chesterton and nine other writers from the legendary Detection Club. An old sailor lands a boat containing a fresh corpse into Whymmouth, and Inspector Rudge's investigation runs into obstacles. Even the identity of the victim is called into doubt. (English, Suspense)



### Alan Furst

#### Spies of the Balkans 304pp Pb \$22.99

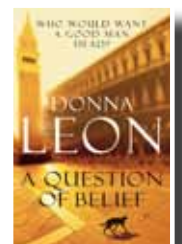
Salonika, 1940. Having helped defeat Italy in Macedonia, Detective Costa Zannis returns to a tense city. Mussolini's forces have retreated, but German sights are fixed on the region. Zannis gets involved in an audacious plot to smuggle Jews to Istanbul and is soon embroiled in the resistance... and a reckless love affair that could jeopardise everything. (American, Spy)



### Donna Leon

#### A Question of Belief 320pp Pb \$24.95

*Guido Brunetti #19.* Commissario Brunetti is visited by a friend who works at the Commune. Discrepancies have been occurring at the Courthouse involving a judge and an usher with a flawless track record. When the usher is found murdered, Brunetti returns to investigate. But what does the death have to do with the discrepancies? (American, Police Procedural)



### Val McDermid

#### Trick of the Dark 544pp Pb \$22.99

When Charlie Flint is sent a mysterious package of cuttings about a brutal murder, she realises the murder occurred in the grounds of her old Oxford college. Charlie doesn't know who sent the package, or why, yet she can't get the crime out of her head. As she delves deeper and steps back into the mysterious world of Oxford colleges, she realises there is much more to this crime than meets the eye... (Scottish, Suspense)

Organised crime in America takes in over \$40 billion a year and spends very little on office supplies.

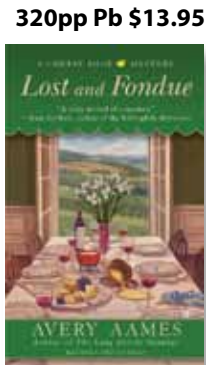
Woody Allen



**Avery Aames**

**Lost and Fondue**

*Cheese Shop Mystery #2.* While catering a fund-raiser for her best friend, Charlotte Bessette - the owner of Providence, Ohio's Cheese Shop - soon discovers that murder is on the menu. When a dead body is found in a long-abandoned wine cellar, her niece Quinn becomes the prime suspect. It's not long before Charlotte trades in her fondue fork for a flashlight. But as Charlotte starts turning up the truth, the killer starts turning up the heat! (American, Cosy)



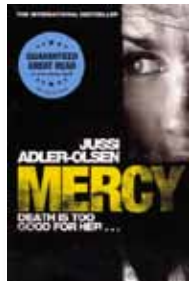
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**Jussi Adler-Olsen**

**Mercy**

Copenhagen detective Carl Morck's been taken off homicide to run a newly created department for unsolved crimes. His first case concerns Merete Lynggaard, who vanished five years ago. Everyone says she's dead. Everyone says it's a waste of time. He thinks they're right. But he doesn't know that Merete is a prisoner, and her torture will only end when she answers one simple question... (Danish, Thriller)

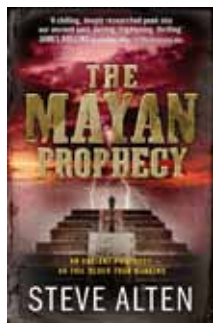
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**Steve Alten**

**The Mayan Prophecy**

For 32 years, archaeologist Julius Gabriel investigated the Mayan calendar prophecy. But now Julius is dead, and his theories have perished. With the help of Dominique, a part-Mayan psychiatric intern, Julius' son Michael breaks out of a mental asylum in Miami and flees to the Yucatan Peninsula, where Michael believes he can find evidence to prove his father's theory... and to convince the world of the fast-approaching global catastrophe! (American, Archaeological)



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**David Baldacci**

**The Sixth Man**

After alleged serial killer Edgar Roy is locked away in a psychiatric unit, private investigators Sean King and Michelle Maxwell are called in by Roy's lawyer - an old friend of Sean King - to look into the case. But their investigation is derailed when they discover the lawyer's dead body. Terrifying events unfold, and the more King and Maxwell dig into Roy's past, the more they are bombarded with half-truths and dead ends... (American, Private Eye)

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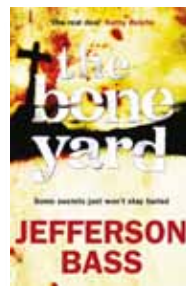


**Jefferson Bass**

**The Bone Yard**

*Body Farm #6.* A former student seeks Dr Bill Brockton's help in identifying a skull found in the woods in rural Florida. While leading a search for the remaining bones, Brockton finds a series of shallow graves on the overgrown grounds of a shuttered reform school for boys. According to local lore, the school's poor, troubled students understood that one wrong move could land them in their own plot in the de facto cemetery... (American, Forensic)

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**Jessica Beck**

**Evil Eclairs**

*Donut Shop #4.* Donut shop owner Suzanne Hart knows her sweet treats aren't health food, but does she deserve to be labelled a 'killer' by local radio jockey Lester Moorefield? Lester is urging citizens to boycott Suzanne's 'deadly dough' factory, so when he is found dead, stuffed with one of Suzanne's eclairs, she obviously becomes the prime suspect. If she can't figure out who killed the radio star, she'll be filling a prison cell instead of a pastry... (American, Cosy)

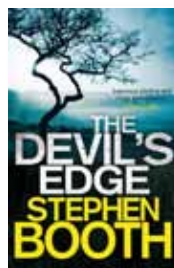
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**Stephen Booth**

**The Devil's Edge**

The newspapers call them 'the Savages': a band of home invaders as merciless as they are stealthy. Their first victim is found sprawled on her kitchen floor. As the toll rises, DC Ben Cooper and DS Diane Fry try to track down the killers. But the enemy isn't who they think. Beneath the shadow of the mountain ridge called the Devil's Edge, a twisted game is in play, more ruthless than the detectives can imagine... (English, Police Procedural)

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**Emily Brightwell**

**Mrs Jeffries Forges Ahead**

*Victorian Mystery #28.* Arlette Montrose Banfield, an artist's model and free-spirited modern woman, angered many marriageable women when she snagged the handsome Lewis Banfield. But were they angry enough to poison her? Mrs Jeffries doesn't mind getting her hands dirty to uncover the greed behind the murder, and employs her keen skills of detection to help Inspector Witherspoon solve the crime! (American, Cosy)

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**Kate Carlisle**

**Murder Under Cover**

*Bibliophile #4.* When she receives an exquisite copy of the Kama Sutra from her best friend Robin, book restorer Brooklyn Wainwright anticipates both recreating a beautiful book and spicing up her love life. But then Robin's apartment is ransacked, and the guy she recently met is murdered in her bed. Now Robin is the prime suspect. Exploring the Kama Sutra's bliss will have to wait until after Brooklyn finds the killer... (American, Cosy)

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**Chris Carter**

**The Executioner**

Inside a LA church, the body of a priest, whose decapitated head is replaced by that of a dog, is discovered. Initially, Detective Robert Hunter believes this is a ritualistic killing. But as more bodies surface, he is forced to reassess. Each victim died in the way they feared the most. But how could the killer have known? Hunter finds himself on the trail of an elusive and sadistic killer, someone who can read their victims' minds... (Brazilian, Police Procedural)

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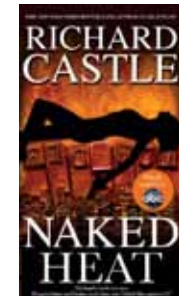


**Richard Castle**

**Naked Heat**

*Nikki Heat #2.* Sexy and professional detective Nikki Heat must investigate the murder of New York's most vicious gossip columnist Cassidy Towne, meanwhile uncovering a gallery of high-profile suspects. But Heat's investigation is complicated by a reunion with superstar magazine journalist Jameson Rook. Their unresolved romantic conflict and sexual tension will fill the air as they embark on the search for the killer... (American, Police Procedural)

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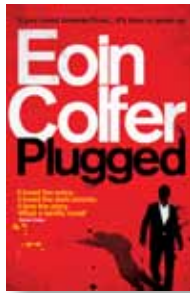
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**Eoin Colfer  
Plugged**

Dan, an Irishman, earns a living in New Jersey working as a bouncer in a seedy nightclub, and is half in love with hostess Connie. When Connie is murdered on the premises, a vengeful Dan finds himself embroiled in a deadly sequence of events, in which his doctor friend Zeb goes missing, a cop-killing female cop becomes his only ally, and he makes an enemy of ruthless drug-dealer Mike Madden. (Irish, Suspense)

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**Patricia Cornwell  
Port Mortuary**

Kay Scarpetta is training to master the art of 'virtual autopsy' - and it's not long before her new skills are put into practice. A young man drops dead, apparently from a heart condition, close to Scarpetta's home. But when his body is examined the next morning, it seems he was alive when he was zipped inside the body bag. Scarpetta realises this is a case of murder - and that she is fighting a cunning and uniquely cruel enemy. (American, Forensic)

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**Neil Cross  
Captured**

Even though he is young, Kenny has just weeks to live. Before he dies, he wants to find his childhood best friend Callie Barton and thank her for the kindness she showed him when they were at school together. But when Kenny begins his search, he discovers that Callie Barton has gone missing. And it seems her husband Jonathan is hiding something... With nothing to lose, Kenny decides to take matters into his own hands. (English, Suspense)

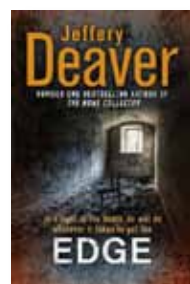
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**Jeffery Deaver  
Edge**

When a police detective is targeted by Henry Loving, he and his family are put under government protection. Loving is a 'lifter' - hired to extract information from his victims - and he will use whatever means necessary. Assigned to protect the Kesslers is Corte: uncompromising, devoted, and a brilliant game strategist. The situation will escalate into a deadly contest, as Loving and Corte try to outwit each other. (American, Suspense)

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**Elizabeth Duncan**

**A Brush with Death**  
*Penny Brannigan #2.* While cleaning out the Welsh cottage she inherited from her good friend Emma, Penny Brannigan finds letters that allude to an affair Emma had with artist Alys Jones in 1967. When Penny learns that Alys died in an unsolved hit-and-run, she decides to solve the case. Complicating matters are real estate dramas, and the realisation that Penny's relationship with Detective Inspector Gareth Davies is cooling. (English, Cosy)

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**Carola Dunn**

**Mistletoe and Murder**  
*Daisy Dalrymple #11.* In December 1923, Daisy Dalrymple Fletcher yields to the demands of her mother and the needs of her writing career and brings her family to an old Cornish estate for Christmas. The estate, occupied by the poor relations of the ancestral lord, has a rich history of lore, ghost stories, festering resentments... and murder! (English, Cosy)

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Also available: *Daisy Dalrymple #10, The Case of the Murdered Muckraker* (Pb \$19.99). The newly married Daisy Dalrymple and Detective Chief Inspector Alec Fletcher find their honeymoon interrupted by serious business!

**R J Ellory**

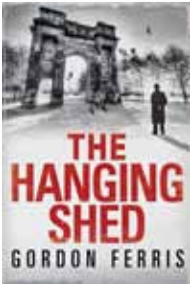
**Saints of New York**  
Frank Parrish had a famous father - an NYPD detective who helped rid the city of mafia control in the 1980s. John Parrish is a tough act to follow and Frank already has an insubordination rap to beat. Summoned for daily police interviews, he is also trying to resolve personal demons and work out how the death of a young heroin dealer is connected to his teenage sister, who has just been found dead... (English, Police Procedural)

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**Gordon Ferris**

**The Hanging Shed**  
Glasgow, 1946. When a local boy is raped and murdered, the evidence points to Hugh Donovan, a horribly wounded ex-soldier who claims he is innocent. Ex-policeman Douglas Brodie is compelled to help his one-time friend. Trawling the mean streets of the Gorbals and the hills of western Scotland, he uncovers an unholy alliance of troublesome priests, corrupt cops and Glasgow's deadliest razor gang. (Scottish, Suspense)

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**Sebastian Fitzek  
Splinter**

Marc Lucas is still recovering after the car crash that killed his pregnant wife. But things go strangely wrong for him. His credit cards stop working. His key no longer fits his door. Someone else is working in his office. When he encounters his dead wife, who doesn't recognise him, he wonders if this is to do with the clinic. He met them once, but declined their experimental technology. Have they begun their tests illicitly? (German, Psychological)

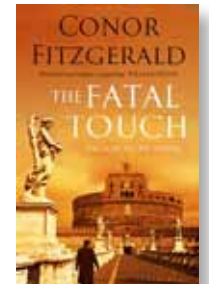
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**Conor Fitzgerald**

**The Fatal Touch**  
*Alec Blume #2.* When the body of a man who 'accidentally' fell to his death is found, the dead man's notebooks reveals that there is more at stake than the unfortunate death of a down-and-out... What secrets did he know that might have made him a target? What is the significance of the Galleria Orpiment? And why are the authorities so intent on blocking Commissioner Alec Blume investigations? (English, Police Procedural)

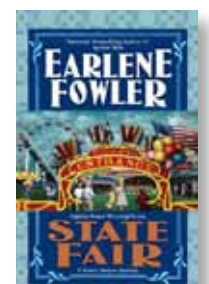
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**Earlene Fowler**

**State Fair**  
*Benni Harper #14.* For sometimes-sleuth Benni Harper, the annual State Fair is a much anticipated break in her routine of overseeing museum exhibits, temperamental artists, and stubborn cattle. This year they are showcasing traditional African-American quilts. But when one is stolen and cold-blooded murder ensues, Benni realises she must put her sleuthing skills to use and track down a wolf in sheep's clothing! (American, Cosy)

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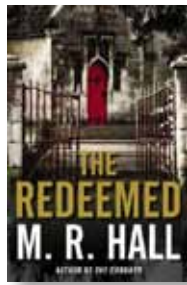
**Dolores Gordon-Smith**

**A Hundred Thousand Dragons**  
*Jack Haldean Mystery #4.* Set in the roaring 1920s, how do a few lines of poetry, a chance encounter in a London hotel, and a death in Sussex lead to a lost city of Arabia, and the tombs of the Whispering Dead? Jack Haldean has evaded the truth for years. But now - enmeshed in a web of murder, theft and deception - Jack must find the answer and face up to the truth - a truth as deadly as any dragon... (English, Suspense)

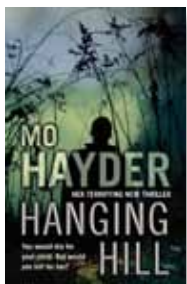
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**M R Hall****The Redeemed**

*Jenny Cooper #3.* When a dead man's body is discovered in a Bristol cemetery, coroner Jenny Cooper thinks it's suicide. Then a young priest, Father Lucas Starr, entreats Jenny to hold an inquest into the death of Eva Donaldson. Paul Craven has been convicted of Eva's murder, but Lucas is convinced his is innocent. Jenny's quest for justice will take her into the dark heart of an establishment that wishes to silence her... (English, Forensic)

**450pp Tp \$32.99****Mo Hayder****Hanging Hill**

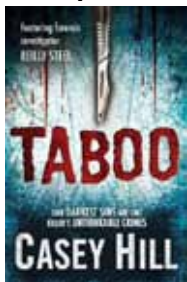
Cal has always been a dreamer. Her sister Zoe is her polar opposite. A detective working out of Bath Central, she loves her job and presents confidence, though she's hidden a crippling secret for 20 years. When Cal's daughter gets into difficulties, Cal needs fast cash. With no one to help her, she is forced into a criminal world of pornography and illegal drugs. Two sisters, intent on survival... and there's no way back. (English, Suspense)

**432pp Tp \$32.95****Keigo Higashino****The Devotion of Suspect X**

When Yasuko Hanaoka kills her ex-husband after attempting to extort money from her, Yasuko's neighbour Ishigami offers to dispose of the body. When the body is found and identified, Yasuko comes under suspicion. Dr Manabu Yukawa is convinced that Ishigami was involved with the murder. What ensues is a battle of wits, as Ishigami protects Yasuko by outmanoeuvring Yukawa, who faces his most clever opponent yet... (Japanese, Psychological)

**288pp Hb \$39.95****Casey Hill****Taboo**

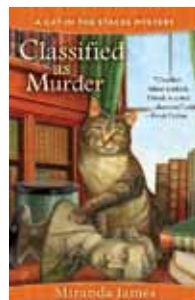
*Reilly Steel #1.* California-born and Quantico-trained forensic investigator, Reilly Steel, has arrived in Dublin to modernise the Irish crime lab, plus keep tabs on her alcohol dependent Irish-born father. When a young man and woman are found dead in an apartment, it looks like a suicide pact. But Reilly's instincts warn her that something's amiss. As more bodies are discovered, her team realises that a twisted murderer is on the loose. (Irish, Forensic)

**Tp \$29.99****Gregg Hurwitz****They're Watching**

When film-maker Patrick Davis finally gets his big break and sells his first screenplay, every facet of his life collapses. When things couldn't get worse, Patrick discovers he and his wife are being stalked and recorded by hidden cameras inside their home. Finally, someone confronts Patrick with an offer to fix up his life, pushing him further into a web of intrigue. And the only way out of is to outwit his unseen opponents at their own game... (American, Suspense)

**528pp Pb \$16.95****Miranda James****Classified as Murder**

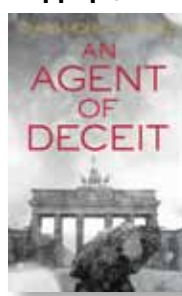
*Cat in the Stacks #2.* Aging and eccentric James Delacorte employs the librarian Charlie Harris to complete an inventory of his rare book collection. But when Charlie finds his employer dead at his desk, the job goes from tedious to terrifying! Relying on his rescued Maine coon cat Diesel to paw around for clues, Charlie must catch the killer before another victim checks out! (American, Feline)

**304pp Pb \$13.95****Iris Johansen****Chasing the Night**

*Eve Duncan #9.* CIA agent Catherine Ling's two-year-old child was abducted as a brutal act of vengeance. Eve Duncan has walked the same path as Catherine, enduring the disappearance of her daughter Bonnie. Eve must raise her game as a forensic sculptor to another level, using the science of age progression to unite mother and son. But as she is drawn into Catherine's horror, she must face looming demons of her own... (American, Forensic)

**384pp Pb \$13.95****Chris Morgan Jones****An Agent of Deceit**

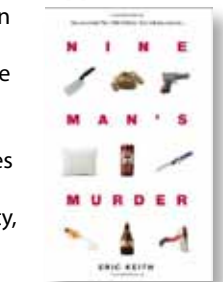
Employed by a private London intelligence agency, Ben Webster is asked to expose the dealings of Russian oligarch Konstantin Malin. He soon finds himself fixated by Malin and his front-man Richard Boot. Meanwhile, Boot is under pressure to explain how he came to be one of Russia's largest investors. Boot knows he is at risk. Desperate for a safe haven, Boot's options are fast running out... (English, Private Eye)

**288pp Tp \$32.99****Joseph Kanon****Stardust**

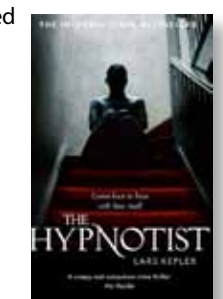
Hollywood, 1945. Ben Collier returns from war to the news that his filmmaker brother, Daniel, died in mysterious circumstances. Some say it was suicide. Yet Daniel was a heroic figure who helped many German intellectuals escape Europe before the war, then settled in LA with his beautiful wife. Why would a man with such a bright future kill himself? Ben soon finds that beneath the shiny surface of the movie industry is a darker world... (American, Suspense)

**512pp Pb \$19.99****Eric Keith****Nine Man's Murder**

Nine graduates of Damien Anderson's Detective Training Agency assemble at an isolated vacation home for a class reunion. One by one, the graduates are murdered. As a snowstorm traps the party, it becomes apparent the murderer is one of them! What is the killer's motivation? Is the explanation related to a series of mysterious accidents on the film set of *Nine Man Morris*, which the classmates investigated 15 years earlier? (American, Suspense)

**231pp Pb \$22.95****Lars Kepler****The Hypnotist**

When a family is murdered in Stockholm, Detective Inspector Joona Linna calls in retired hypnotist Erik Maria Bark to work with Josef Ek, a 15-year-old boy who witnessed the murder of his family. Delving into the boy's mind, Erik discovers that Josef murdered his own family. When Josef escapes from custody and Erik's son disappears from the family home, Erik is thrust into a world of violence and gang warfare... (Swedish, Psychological)

**512pp Tp \$29.99****Deryn Lake****The Mills of God**

*Nick Lawrence #1.* The sleepy, eccentric Sussex village of Lakehurst has transformed into a place of terror and night shadows. After dark, it is hardly safe to go out - to the consternation of the newly arrived, trendy young Vicar Nick Lawrence, and Inspector Dominic Tennant of the Sussex Police Force. For a serial killer is on the loose: one who leaves notes at the scene of his crimes signed: "The Acting Light of the World"... (English, Police Procedural)

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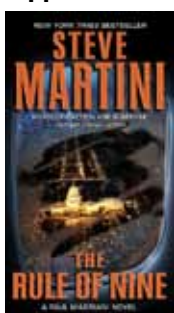


**Michael Marshall****Killer Move**

Bill Moore has got a lucrative job selling condos in the Florida keys, a great marriage, a beautiful house, and a five year plan for world domination. This means getting in tight with the people in power. One day, Bill gets to work to find a card left on his desk, with one word printed on it: 'MODIFIED'. Bill soon finds out, in the most terrifying fashion, that he has become the subject of a dark and deadly game. (English, Suspense)

**368pp Tp \$32.99****Steve Martini****The Rule of Nine**

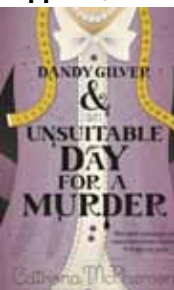
Paul Madriani #11. San Diego defence attorney Paul Madriani has been linked to the murder of a Washington DC political staffer. Authorities believe the assassin Liquida Muerte is responsible, and that Madriani is the ultimate target of the killer's vengeance. But evidence is mounting that Muerte will strike at the very seat of the US government, pulling the nation into a vortex of terror, unless Madriani can unravel the enigma... (American, Political)

**512pp Pb \$16.95****Paul McEuen****Spiral**

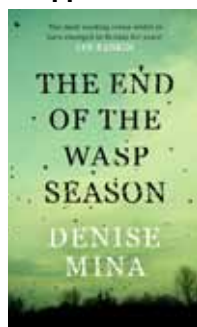
Pacific Ocean, 1946. Liam Connor, an expert on germ warfare, is sent to help the US Navy foil an attempt by the Japanese to unleash the world's first biological super-weapon called 'Spiral'. New York, present day: Spiral is back and the stakes are higher. Connor, now a Nobel Prize-winning nano-scientist, holds the key to its cure. Those who seek Spiral will stop at nothing to obtain Connor's knowledge, even if it means his death. (American, Suspense)

**320pp Tp \$29.99****Catriona McPherson****Dandy Gilver and an Unsuitable Day for a Murder**

Dandy Gilver #6. 1927. When Dandy is summoned to Dunfermline to locate a missing heiress whom Dandy suspects has eloped with her forbidden love, she is loath to take the job of scouring guesthouses to find the little madam and her paramour. Then a murder gets thrown in the mix. And then another! Suddenly, Dandy finds herself sacked, and matters careen downwards - just like a runaway train! (Scottish, Cosy)

**304pp Pb \$19.99****Denise Mina****The End of the Wasp Season**

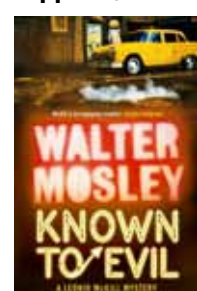
Alex Morrow #2. When millionaire banker Lars Anderson commits suicide, he leaves behind two damaged children and a broken wife. Meanwhile, in a wealthy suburb of Glasgow, a young woman is found murdered in her home. The genteel community is stunned by the supposedly random attack. When the heavily pregnant DS Alex Morrow is called to investigate, she discovers that behind the murder lurks a web of lies... (Scottish, Police Procedural)

**416pp Pb \$24.99****Donna Moore****Old Dogs**

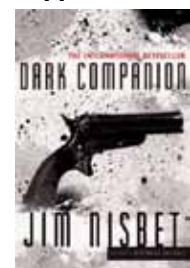
In their 70s, La Contessa Letizia di Ponzo and her sister Signora Teodora Grisiola are actually Letty and Dora, a pair of ex-hookers turned con-artists, who have decided to steal a pair of gold, jewel-encrusted Tibetan Shih Tzu dog statuettes from a Glasgow museum. Unfortunately, everyone wants to get their hands on the expensive pooches. Yet the elderly ladies might just execute their plan... if they can avoid the Australian hit man! (English, Cosy)

**250pp Pb \$24.95****Walter Mosley****Known to Evil**

Leonid McGill. When Rinaldo Alphonse - the most feared man in New York - sends Leonid McGill to an uptown address to check that a girl named Angelique is 'okay', he stumbles across a dead girl and her assassin. But the girl isn't Angelique, and Alphonse wants McGill to track her down before another assassin does. McGill must put his know-how to the test, meanwhile haunted by his past and his wife's infidelities. (American, Private Eye)

**336pp Pb \$22.99****Jim Nisbet****Dark Companion [2006] 151pp Pb \$19.99**

Banerjee Rolf - a bright, level-headed Indian-American scientist - is content to spend his days with his wife, tending his garden and studying his beloved astronomy. When Rolf's relationship with his seedy, drug-dealing neighbour Toby Pride - not to mention Pride's stoner girlfriend - takes a weird turn, Rolf's placid world is shattered. Soon Rolf finds himself becoming a fugitive from justice... (American, Suspense)

**Katherine Hall Page****The Body in the Sleigh 340pp Pb \$13.95**

Faith Fairchild #18. Faith's Christmas spirit is dampened when she discovers the body of a drug-addicted teenage girl in an antique sleigh. Meanwhile, local spinster Mary Bethany finds a newborn baby boy in her barn on Christmas Eve, along with a note left in the basket and an alarming amount of cash. As Faith tries to locate the child's mother, she realises his abandonment may be connected to the dead teen's final days... (American, Cosy)

**Douglas Preston & Lincoln Child****Gideon's Sword**

Gideon Crew #1. The first in a new series! When Gideon Crew was 12 years old, he witnessed the murder of his father - a scientist framed by the US government. More than 20 years later, he finally gets vengeance and brings down the man who destroyed his father. When a witness to the crime steps forward, he is offered the chance of a lifetime... (American, Suspense)

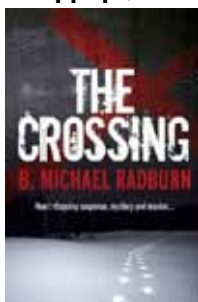
**352pp Tp \$29.99****Ann Purser****The Measby Murder Enquiry**

Ivy Beasley #2. Cantankerous spinster Ivy Beasley has learned that spending her golden years in the quaint village of Barrington won't be as quiet as she thought. Ivy hasn't been in Barrington for long, but she's found new friends, formed a detective agency, and solved a murder. As autumn falls, Ivy and her team are asked to investigate a mysterious death in the village of Measby - in between card games, of course! (English, Cosy)

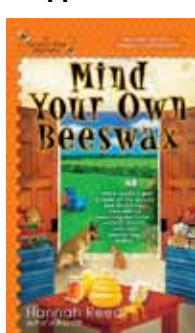
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**B Michael Radburn****The Crossing**

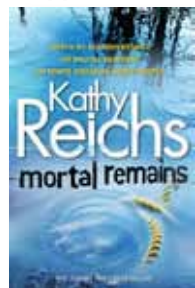
Traumatized by the disappearance of his daughter Claire, Taylor Bridges marriage breaks down, and he exiles himself to Glory's Crossing - a small country town in Tasmania. Taylor is the only ranger in an isolated town adjoining a national park, a town dying a slow death as the rising waters of the new dam project slowly floods it. (Australian, Suspense)

**323pp Tp \$29.99****Hannah Reed****Mind Your Own Beeswax**

Queen Bee #2. Things are going well for beekeeper Story Fischer, whose hands are full with a successful local market, her Queen Bee Honey business, and a new boyfriend. But after a hive of her bees leads her straight to the dead body of local woman, she finds herself in a sticky situation indeed! Story decides to stick her nose where it doesn't belong when she resolves to catch the killer herself. (American, Cosy)

**304pp Pb \$13.95****Kathy Reichs****Mortal Remains****Temperance Brennan**

#13. When Tempe is called to the scene of an autoerotic death, the man whose body she examines supposedly died in a helicopter crash in Vietnam 40 years before. So who is buried in the soldier's grave? Tempe's investigations take her to Honolulu, and as she unravels the tangled threads of the mystery, it becomes clear that there are some who would rather the past stays dead and buried, no matter what. (American, Forensic)

**384pp Pb \$14.95****Michael Robotham****The Wreckage**

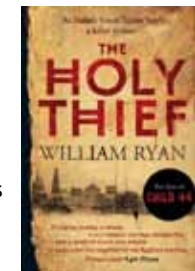
When ex-cop Vincent Ruiz is set up and robbed in London, he soon discovers he isn't alone in his search for the thief. Meanwhile in Baghdad, billions of dollars in reconstruction funds has gone missing and Pulitzer prize-winning Journalist Luca Terracini is trying to 'follow the money'. The dangerous trail will lead him to London, where he teams up with Vincent Ruiz in his search for a missing international banker. (English, Suspense)

**448pp Tp \$32.99****Jed Rubinfeld****The Death Instinct**

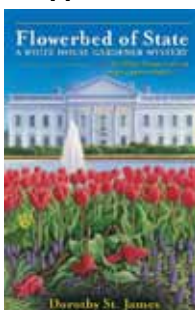
New York, 1920. A quarter ton of explosives are detonated on Wall Street. Witnessing the blast are war veteran Stratham Younger, NYPD officer James Littlemore, and beautiful French radio-chemist Colette Rousseau. A series of inexplicable attacks on Colette, a secret buried in her past, and a mysterious trail of evidence lead Younger, Littlemore, and Rousseau to a thrilling international and psychological journey... (American, Suspense)

**544pp Pb \$19.99****William Ryan****The Holy Thief**

Captain Korolev. Moscow, 1936. Captain Alexei Dimitrevich Korolev of the Criminal Investigation Division of the Moscow Militia, must investigate a murder. When he discovers the victim is an American citizen, the NKVD - the most feared organisation in Russia - becomes involved. As more bodies are found and pressure mounts, Korolev questions who he can trust. Soon, Korolev will find not only his ideals threatened, but also his life... (Irish, Spy)

**320pp Pb \$19.99****Dorothy St James****Flowerbed of State****White House Gardener #1.**

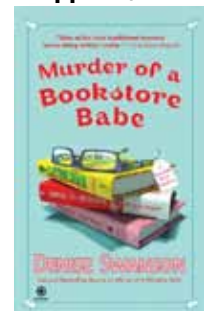
Casey Calhoun's passion for gardening has carried her to President's Park on which sits the White House. While preparing the final touches on an innovative cultivation program for the First Lady to inspect, Casey is attacked by an unknown assailant. Then she discovers a dead body in a trash can and, putting a damper on her plans, she must root out a killer before she ends up six feet under! (American, Cosy)

**320pp Pb \$13.95****Taylor Stevens****The Informationist**

Vanessa Munroe deals in covert information, offering her services to anyone - government or individual - who'll pay her. When Texas oil billionaire Richard Burbank hires her to find his missing daughter, Munroe dredges a cold trail across three continents, deep into the lawless lands of Central Africa. Pulled deep into the mystery of the missing girl, her only hope of getting out of Africa alive is to face up to her violent past... (American, Spy)

**Tp \$32.95****Denise Swanson****Murder of a Bookstore Babe**

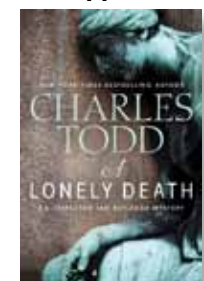
Scumble River #13. When school psychologist Skye Denison discovers a body crushed by a toppled bookcase at Scumble River's new bookstore Tales and Treats - which many residents want to shut down - she decides to launch her own investigation. After reading the clues, Skye uncovers a deadly secret that could get her killed. She must act quickly, before she finds herself in line to be the killer's next work-in-progress! (American, Cosy)

**254pp Pb \$11.95****Aline Templeton****Cradle to Grave**

Accused of murdering the baby in her care, the seemingly cold and measured nanny Lisa Stewart maintains her innocence. But when she changes her name and tries to run away, the terrifying threats always seem to track her down. Is she an innocent victim of public anger? Or is she a calculating murderer on the run? (Scottish, Suspense)

**416pp Pb \$22.99****Charles Todd****A Lonely Death****Inspector Ian Rutledge**

#13. Three WW1 soldiers have been garrotted in a Sussex village, with small ID discs left in their mouths. But Scotland Yard's presence won't deter the vicious and clever killer. Shortly after Inspector Ian Rutledge arrives, a fourth soldier is found dead. With few clues to go on and the pressure building, Rutledge must gamble everything - his job, his reputation, and even his life - to find answers. (American, Police Procedural)

**352pp Hb \$35****Nicola Upson****Two for Sorrow**

Inspector Archie Penrose must investigate the sadistic murder of a young seamstress, found dead in the Motley sisters' studio, amid preparations for a star-studded charity gala. The girl's death seems to be the result of a long-standing domestic feud. But when a second woman is involved in an horrific accident soon afterwards, the search begins for a vicious killer who will stop at nothing to keep the past where it belongs! (English, Police Procedural)

**496pp Pb \$22.99**

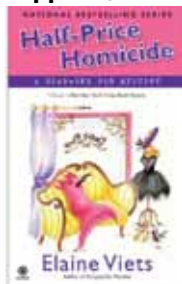


**Elaine Viets**

**Half-Price Homicide**

**288pp Pb \$13.95**

*Dead-End Job Mystery #9.* At the high-end designer consignment shop Snapdragon, Helen Hawthorne must cater to the whims of snobby yet frugal customers like Chrissy, who comes in to sell a purse and ends up causing a scene. But when Chrissy is found dead in a dressing room with a hand-painted scarf around her neck, Helen goes from being low on society's totem pole to high on the police's suspect list! (American, Cosy)



**James Forrester**

**Sacred Treason**

**480pp Pb \$22.99**

London, 1563. The nation is rife with Catholic plots against the young Queen Elizabeth. The herald known as Clarenceux receives a mysterious book from his friend and fellow Catholic, Henry Machyn, who fears for his life. So when Clarenceux is visited by Francis Walsingham and his ruthless enforcers, Clarenceux must solve the clues contained in the book and unlock its dangerous secrets before it's too late – for him and his family. (English)



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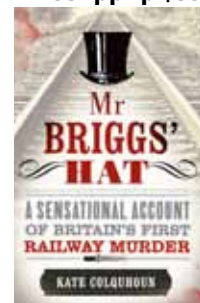


**Kate Colquhoun**

**Mr Briggs' Hat: A Sensational Account of Britain's First Railway Murder**

**352pp Tp \$35**

July 1864. Thomas Briggs enters a First Class carriage on the 9.45pm Hackney service of the North London railway. At Hackney, two bank clerks enter the carriage and discover a bloodstained hat on the seat, along with a broken link from a watch chain. This book documents the thrilling race to catch the killer as he flees on a boat to America, pursued on both sides of the Atlantic. (English)



**CRIME HISTORICAL**

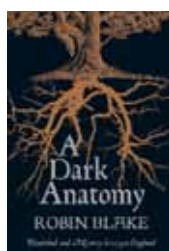


**Robin Blake**

**A Dark Anatomy**

**304pp Tp \$32.99**

England, 1740. In Lancashire, a Squire's wife, Dolores Brockletower of Garlick Hall, has been murdered. Called to the scene, Coroner Titus Cragg finds the Brockletower household awash with rumour and suspicion. He enlists the help of young doctor Luke Fidelis. But forensic science is in its infancy, and policing hardly exists. Cragg and Fidelis must overcome superstition and denunciations from the Squire himself. (English)



**Chris Nickson**

**The Broken Token**

**288pp Pb \$21.95**

*Richard Nottingham #1.* When Richard Nottingham, Constable of Leeds, discovers his former housemaid murdered, his professional and personal lives almost collide. More murders follow, and the city fathers cast doubt on his capability, forcing him to seek help from an unsavoury source. On top of that, Richard must track down a thief who has been a thorn in his side for months. When answers emerge, Nottingham gets more than he bargains for! (English)

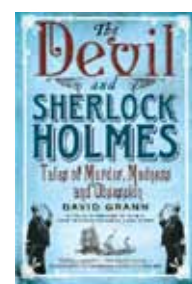


**David Grann**

**The Devil and Sherlock Holmes:**

**352pp Pb \$22.99**

Holmes is the subject of only one of these true stories, but many of the protagonists are sleuths, even though the pieces of the puzzle often elude them. Some of the characters are driven to deception and murder. Others go mad. Ultimately the stories shed light on the human condition and why some people on this earth devote themselves to good and others to evil... (American)

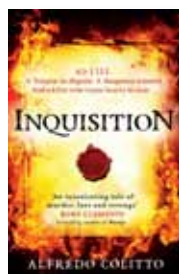


**Alfredo Colitto**

**Inquisition**

**384pp Tp \$32.99**

Italy, 14th century. Mondino is a university anatomist - a man of science in a land governed by the brutal Inquisition. But the corpse brought to Mondino's laboratory defies natural law: the victim is a Templar knight, his heart transformed into a block of iron. Is it alchemy, or the diabolical work of an ingenious killer? Aided by his headstrong student Gerardo, Mondino must outwit ruthless Inquisitors and vengeful Templars. (Italian)

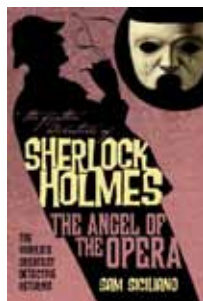


**Sam Siciliano**

**The Angel of the Opera**

**208pp Pb \$16.99**

*The Further Adventures of Sherlock Holmes.* Paris, 1890. An elusive phantom threatens the management of the Opera House with unnamed disasters - unless he is paid a handsome sum of money and the young and beautiful Christine is cast to fill the lead role in their productions. Sherlock Holmes is lured across the Channel by the beleaguered managers, as he strives to unlock the true secrets motivating the infamous Phantom... (Canadian)



**Janet Malcolm**

**Iphigenia in Forest Hills: Anatomy of a Murder Trial**

**168pp Hb \$32.95**

This book recounts a murder trial in the insular Bukharan-Jewish community of Forest Hills, Queens, in which the defendant Mozoltuv Barukhova is accused of hiring an assassin to kill her husband, Daniel Malakov. The prosecutor calls it an act of vengeance; just weeks before Malakov's death, he was granted custody of their four-year-old child. The author analyses the riveting trial from every conceivable angle. (American)



**R S Downie**

**Ruso and the River of Darkness**

**464pp Pb \$24.95**

*Ruso #4.* Gaius Petreius Ruso and his wife Tilla have moved back to Britannia, where Ruso is to locate a missing tax man and the tax money he carries. Compelled to delve deeper, Ruso discovers that the townsfolk are not as loyal to Rome as they appear. It isn't long before Ruso and Tilla find themselves trapped at the heart of an increasingly treacherous conspiracy... (English)

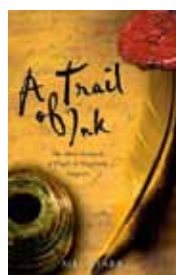


**Melvin Starr**

**A Trail of Ink**

**224pp Pb \$19.99**

*Surgeon Hugh de Singleton #3.* Some valuable books have been stolen from the scholar Master John Wyclif, who calls upon his former pupil, Hugh de Singleton, to investigate. Hugh's investigation leads him to Oxford where he encounters the temptress Kate - but Kate has another suitor. As Hugh's pursuit of Kate becomes successful, mysterious accidents occur. Are these accidents tied to the missing books, or his pursuit of Kate? (American)



**Debi Marshall**

**Killing for Pleasure**

**416pp Pb \$24.95**

This is a tensely woven examination of four men who tortured and killed for amusement. Details of what the killers did to their victims were deemed so depraved that suppression orders were in place throughout the trial. Yet the killers were not insane. The author explores their psychopathic makeup with great precision, examining the social structure that spawned the men in this story. (Australian)



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