

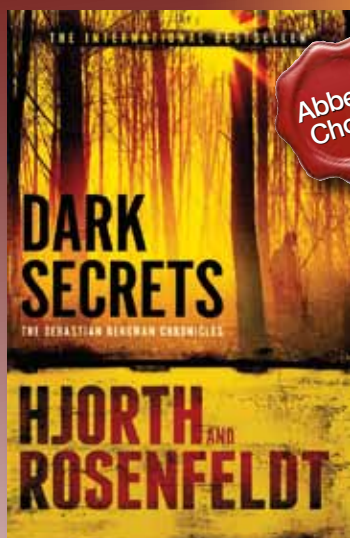
# CRIME Chronicle

"Where a good crime can be had by all"

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## ABBEY'S CHOICE



**HJORTH and  
ROSENFELDT**

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**\$24.95**

### Dark Secrets

Scandinavia has been the revelation of the past few years for crime fiction and this new book from two Swedish writers joins a long list of gripping titles.

A teenager is reported missing in a provincial town, though police incompetence means nothing is done for more than two days. Then the body is found – missing most of the heart. To avoid complete scandal, the local police call in the Riksmord, a crack team of investigators from Stockholm. Nothing is straightforward, of course, either with the case or with the team – particularly when its leader, Torkel, brings in an outsider to assist, much to the disgust of the female investigators. Sebastian Bergman is a renowned psychologist notorious for his lack of patience and social skills, and for his sexual misbehaviour, which has worsened since the death of his wife and daughter in the Boxing Day tsunami. A cynical, damaged man, Bergman is reluctantly back in the town of his childhood where he discovers he may have a child somewhere, and he wants to make contact. The case itself is proving very frustrating, as every lead is discounted and no motive is discernible. Then another murder is committed.

This is a strong, police procedural novel with plenty of twists to hold the reader's attention. I would have liked a bit more fleshing out of the members of the Riksmord team, and a little less extraneous detail about procedure, but this didn't get in the way of turning the pages as quickly as possible to discover the motivations and identity of the murderer. The first in a series, I'll certainly look for the second when it comes!

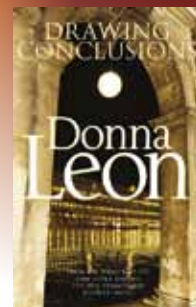
Lindy

[Scandi, Suspense] 448pp Tp

### Donna Leon Drawing Conclusions Guido Brunetti #20

Venice: the city of light but underneath beats a dark heart. A young woman returns from holiday to find her elderly neighbour dead on the floor. A heart attack seems the likely cause, but Commissario Brunetti is not so sure and decides to take a closer look. Soon he discovers she was part of an organisation that cares for abused women and her apartment was a safe-house. Convinced this is the lead he has been looking for, Brunetti begins his search for answers. But as he sets out to discover the truth behind her death, he is drawn into a decades-old story of lies and deceit that has blighted love and ruined lives - and claimed this innocent woman as its newest victim.

[American, Police Proc.] 320pp Pb \$19.95



### Xavier-Marie Bonnot The Voice of the Spirits Michel de Palma #3

When Commandant Michel de Palma follows an anonymous tip-off to a gated mansion by the coast, he finds a body whose face is obscured by a fearsome tribal mask, beneath it a mysterious wound that could not have been caused by a bullet. Surrounded by scores of masks and painted skulls, de Palma hears the haunting strains of a primal flute from the floors above. With few leads to go on, de Palma delves into an account of the murdered doctor's voyage to Papua New Guinea 70 years earlier, accompanied by a fellow amasser of Oceanic art, Robert Ballancourt. As the doctor's attractive but distant granddaughter offers de Palma further insights into her grandfather's second life as an intrepid collector, he and his team stumble upon an art-smuggling ring working out of Marseilles' dilapidated docks. But when his chief suspect is found dead, killed by the same method as Dr Delorme, even de Palma begins to wonder whether the bodies on his hands are the victims of spirits intent on revenge!

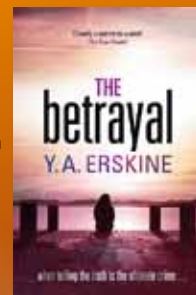
[French, Suspense] 304pp Tp \$29.99



### Y A Erskine The Betrayal

Tasmania is in the grip of one of the longest, bleakest winters on record and it's particularly icy at the Hobart Police Station. Of the many golden rules in policing, one is especially sacred: what happens at work stays at work. So when a naive young constable, Lucy Howard, makes an allegation of sexual assault against a respected colleague, the rule is well and truly broken. Soon the station is divided. From Lucy's fellow rookies right up to the commissioner himself - everyone must take a side. With grudges, prejudices and hidden agendas coming into play, support arrives from the unlikelyst of corners. But so too does betrayal ...

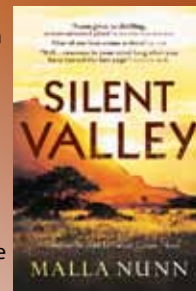
[Australian, Police Proc.] 432pp Tp \$32.95



### Malla Nunn Silent Valley Emmanuel Cooper #3

A remote town. A girl of rare and exquisite beauty. A murder that silences a whole community. The body of a 17-year-old girl has been found covered in wildflowers on a hillside in the Drakensberg Mountains, near Durban. She is the daughter of a Zulu chief, destined to fetch a high bride price. Was Amahle as innocent as her family claims, or is her murder a sign that she lived a secret life? Detective Sergeant Emmanuel Cooper is sent to investigate. He must enter the guarded worlds of a traditional Zulu clan and a white farming community to gather up the clues Amahle left behind and bring her murderer to justice. But the silence in the valley is deafening and it seems that everyone - from the uncooperative local police officer to the white farm boy who seems obsessed with the dead girl - has something to hide. With no cause of death and no motive, Cooper's investigation is blocked at each turn. Can he tough it out, or will the small-town politics that stir up his feelings about the past be more than he can bear?

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



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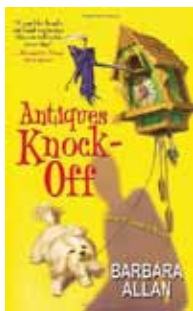


# MODERN CRIME

**Barbara Allan**

## **Antiques Knock-off** *Trash 'n' Treasure #5*

Brandy Borne is sure her eccentric mother, Vivian, didn't kill that viperous busybody Connie Grimes. But there's the small matter of her guilty plea. While Mother blithely adapts to life behind bars by organising a jailhouse theatre troupe, seven-months-pregnant Brandy and her intrepid shih tzu, Sushi, trundle into a morass of fake antiques and faux collectibles. In the dog days of summer, they'd better not bark up the wrong tree - or a scheming killer just may put the bite on them!



[American, Cosy] 288pp Pb \$13.50

**David Baldacci**  
**The Innocent**

Back in DC, assassin Will Robie's latest assignment - to eliminate a US government employee - goes badly wrong. Now Robie is a wanted man, but he's not the only one on the run. Teenager Julie Getty is devastated by the murder of her parents and thinks the killer will come after her. So when Robie and Julie meet after he saves her from an attempt on her life, he attracts the interest of Special Agent Nicole Vance, who believes the two cases are connected...



[American, Suspense] 400pp Tp \$29.99

**M C Beaton**

## **Death of a Sweep** *Hamish Macbeth #27*

In the isolated villages of north Scotland, the villagers rely on the services of chimney sweep, Pete Ray and his old-fashioned brushes. When Police Constable Hamish Macbeth discovers a dead body stuffed inside a chimney, the entire town of Lochdubh is certain Pete is the culprit. But Hamish doesn't believe the sweep is capable of murder. Then Pete's body is found on the Scottish moors. The mystery deepens and the culprit is closer than Hamish realises...



[Scottish, Police Proc.] 224pp Pb \$16.99

**Jessica Beck**

## **Drop Dead Chocolate** *Donut Shop #7*

The whole town of April Springs is stirring over the upcoming mayoral election. Suzanne Hart's mother is dead-set on replacing the current mayor... and what better way for Momma to drum up support than by luring voters with Suzanne's drop-dead-delicious donuts? But when Momma's opponent is brutally murdered, the odds of winning are suspiciously in their favour. If Suzanne hopes to reveal the killer's recipe for revenge, she'll have to uncover a plot that's darker than chocolate!



[American, Cosy] 304pp Pb \$13.50

**Mark Billingham**

## **Good as Dead** *Tom Thorne #10*

Police officer Helen Weeks walks into her local newsagent's on her way to work, where she comes face to face with a gunman. The hostage-taker is desperate to know what happened to his beloved son, who died a year before in youth custody. By holding Helen at gunpoint, he will force a re-investigation into his son's death. And no one knows the case better than DI Tom Thorne. As the body count rises, Thorne must bring a killer to justice to save Helen's life.



[English, Police Proc.] 528pp Pb \$19.99

**Tony Black**

## **Murder Mile** *DI Rob Brennan #2*

On the outskirts of Edinburgh, DI Rob Brennan looks at a woman's mutilated corpse. Like Fiona Gow five years earlier, this girl has been strangled with her own stockings, sexually mutilated and her eyes have been gouged out. Is this the work of an Edinburgh Ripper? The press certainly think so. Rob Brennan is determined to uncover the truth - however painful that might be. But truth is hard to come by in a world of police rivalries, media hysteria and copycat crime...

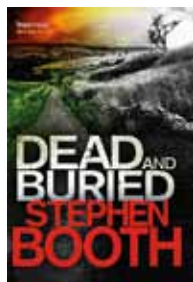


[Scottish, Police Proc.] 336pp Tp \$32.95

**Stephen Booth**

## **Dead and Buried** *Cooper & Fry #12*

As moorland fires sweep across the Peak District national park, hundreds of firefighters and park rangers battle to prevent flames reaching a remote inn - once a famous landmark but now



abandoned and boarded up. The blaze is just one of a series of random acts of arson which have destroyed miles of heather moorland. But once the flames have died, a grim surprise awaits DS Ben Cooper and DI Diane Fry: a body that has been dead for years...

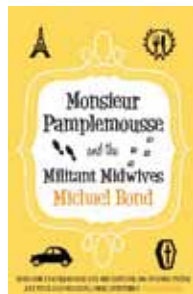
[English, Police Proc.] 384pp Tp \$32.99

**Michael Bond**

## **Monsieur Pamplemousse and the Militant Midwives** [2006]

*Pamplemousse #15*

It isn't every day that a coffin explodes during a funeral ceremony. Barely escaping with his life, thanks to a warning howl from his



faithful bloodhound Pommes Frites, Monsieur Pamplemousse wonders who was behind the explosion and if they were also responsible for the demise of the coffin's inhabitant. But then another urgent matter comes to his attention: a terrorist group plans to poison the food chain and Monsieur Pamplemousse must lead an investigation stop the catastrophe.

[English, Suspense] 288pp Pb \$17.99

**C J Box**

## **Force of Nature** *Joe Pickett #12*

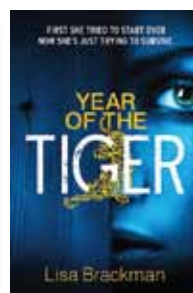
In 1995, Nate Romanowski was in a Special Forces unit, when his colleague did something terrible. Now high up in the government, the man is determined to eliminate anyone who knows about it and Nate knows exactly how he'll do it - by striking at Nate's friends to draw him out. Joe Pickett's family will be a target and the only way to fight back is outside the law. Nate knows he can do it, but he isn't sure whether Joe can. And all their lives could depend on it...



[American, Suspense] 400pp Tp \$29.99

**Lisa Brackman**  
**Year of the Tiger**

Ellie Cooper's tour of duty in Iraq left her with a damaged leg, a faithless husband and a desperate need to get away. In Beijing, she falls for Chinese artist Lao Zhang. But after the arrival of a mysterious guest, he disappears. When Chinese



and American agents start hounding Ellie for Lao Zhang's whereabouts, she turns fugitive, convinced there's a hidden agenda that could get her killed. Now she's alone, in a country she barely knows, embroiled in a conspiracy she can't escape...

[American, Espionage] 400pp Pb \$19.99

**Alan Bradley**

## **A Red Herring Without Mustard** *Flavia de Luce #3*

When a fortune teller claims to see a vision of 11-year-old Flavia de Luce's mother Harriet - who died on a mountainside in Tibet when Flavia was less than a year old - the old gypsy's words open up old wounds and new possibilities, not all of them nice. Is she a faker, or is there some truth to her powers and the message she brings back from the other side? And when a village is rocked by another ghastly murder, how will a growing fascination with gypsy lore help Flavia to solve it?

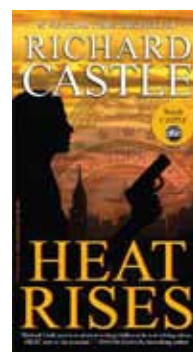


[Canadian, Suspense] 416pp Pb \$22.99

**Richard Castle**

## **Heat Rises** *Nikki Heat #3*

The bizarre murder of a parish priest at a New York bondage club opens Nikki Heat's most thrilling and dangerous case so far, pitting her against New York's most vicious drug lord, an arrogant CIA contractor and a shadowy death squad out to gun her down. And that's



just the tip of an iceberg that leads to a dark conspiracy reaching all the way to the highest level of the NYPD. But when she gets too close to the truth, Nikki finds herself disgraced, stripped of her badge and on her own!

[American, Police Proc.] 432pp Pb \$15.95

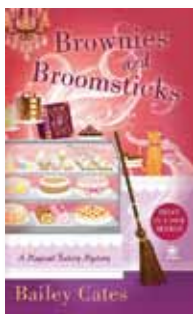


**Bailey Cates**  
**Brownies and Broomsticks**  
*Magical Bakery #1*

When Aunt Lucy and Uncle Ben open a bakery, Katie Lightfoot enthusiastically agrees to join them. While at work, Katie notices her aunt is adding mysterious herbs to her recipes. Turns out Lucy is a witch and her recipes are spells!

And when a customer is murdered outside the bakery, Ben becomes the prime suspect. With the help of journalist Steve Dawes, charming firefighter Declan McCarthy and a few spells, Katie and Lucy stir up some toil and trouble to clear Ben's name.

[American, Cosy] 336pp Pb \$13.50



**Chris Cavender**  
**A Pizza to Die For**  
*Pizza Lovers #3*

Though it's a chilly October in North Carolina, Eleanor Swift is warm and cozy in A Slice of Delight, her scrumptious pizzeria. But she feels a shiver when snooty Judson Sizemore blows into town to open some competition. And even worse, he gets murdered right after he's seen causing a ruckus in Eleanor's restaurant. Now she and her sister Maddie are prime suspects. As Eleanor digs for clues to prove their innocence, her own suspect list grows longer and longer.

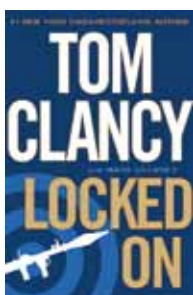
[American, Cosy] 320pp Pb \$13.50



**Tom Clancy**  
**Locked On**  
*Jack Ryan Jr #3*

Coming out of retirement to run for president, Jack Ryan finds himself in the middle of a high-stakes attack from his opponent as his close comrade, John Clark, is the subject of treacherous charges. Meanwhile, his son Jack Ryan Jr - along with Ding Chavez, Dominic Caruso and the rest of the Campus team - must prevent a corrupt Pakistani general who has entered into a deadly pact with a terrorist, to procure nuclear warheads that could be used to blackmail world powers into submission...

[American, Espionage] 720pp Tp \$32.95

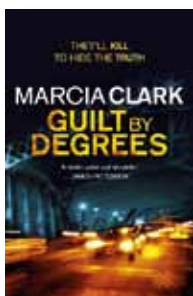


**Marcia Clark**  
**Guilt by Degrees**  
*Rachel Knight #2*

When a deputy district attorney mishandles the murder case of a homeless man and shrugs it off, Rachel Knight takes on the case herself. With the help of Detective Bailey Keller, Rachel finds a missing piece of the puzzle and realises that the case is connected to the vicious murder of a LAPD cop a year earlier. The primary suspect in that case had been acquitted, but now Rachel and Bailey are hot on the trail of new leads.

[American, Police Proc.] 448pp Tp \$29.99

Also available: **Guilt by Association** Rachel Knight #1 (Pb \$19.99).



**Patricia Cornwell**  
**Red Mist**  
*Kay Scarpetta #19*

Kay Scarpetta has arranged to meet an inmate at the high-security Georgia Prison for Women. The prisoner is a convicted sex offender and the mother of a brilliant killer and Scarpetta believes she

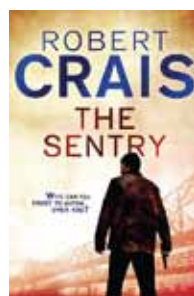
holds answers to the murder of her former deputy. But soon she finds connections to a string of grisly killings. As she learns more, Scarpetta concludes that this is only the start of a terrifying train of conspiracy and potential terrorism on an international scale...

[American, Police Proc.] Tp \$32.99

**Robert Crais**  
**The Sentry**  
*Elvis Cole #12*

After Hurricane Katrina, Dru Rayne and her uncle relocated to LA. Five years later, their struggling restaurant faces a different danger. When Joe Pike witnesses Dru's uncle beaten by a neighbourhood gang, he offers his own brand of protection, but neither Dru nor her uncle want his help. And neither do the federal agents mysteriously watching their store. As the violence escalates, Joe discovers Dru and her uncle are not who they seem - and now their past is catching up with them...

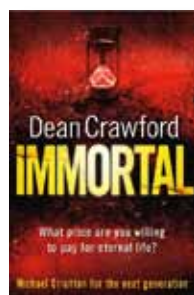
[American, Suspense] 400pp Pb \$19.99



**Dean Crawford**  
**Immortal**

While carrying out an autopsy on a body recently brought into a morgue in Santa Fe, county coroner Alexis Cruz makes a surprising discovery. Lodged in the dead man's femur is a musket ball which fired some 200 years earlier in the American Civil War. But before Alexis can notify the authorities, she disappears. The DIA call in Ethan Warner and his partner Nicola Lopez to find her. But the closer they get to the truth, the closer they push a warped individual to their catastrophic goal...

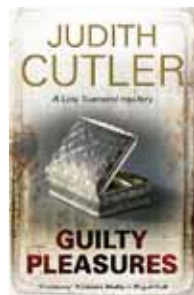
[English, Suspense] 560pp Tp \$29.99



**Judith Cutler**  
**Guilty Pleasures**  
*Lina Townend #4*

The last thing that antiques dealer Lina Townend wants to do is spend a summer's afternoon helping at a church fete. However, Robin the vicar is an old friend, so Lina ends up selling bric-a-brac. But a harmless event turns into a crisis when someone tries to steal a tatty old snuff box. Tatty it might be - but it's valuable enough for the would-be thief to attack her mentor Griff, to frame Lina for the crime and to kill an old friend. And maybe other people too...

[English, Cosy] 224pp Pb \$24.95



**Jason Dean**  
**The Wrong Man**  
*James Bishop #1*

Three years ago, James Bishop was the leader of an elite close protection team hired to protect a millionaire and his daughter. After an attack, Bishop regained consciousness to find bodies strewn

throughout the millionaire's Long Island mansion - including those of his two charges - and evidence guaranteed to convict him for murder. But to find out who set him up and why, Bishop needs to be free. And he will have just one opportunity to make his prison break...

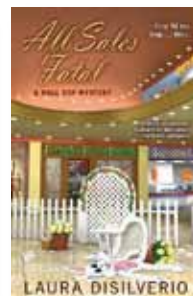
[English, Suspense] 352pp Pb \$24.99

**Laura DiSilverio**  
**All Sales Fatal**  
*Mall Cop #2*

For mall cop EJ Ferris, catching shoplifters is quite the change of pace from her former life in the military. But when a real crisis arises, her old instincts come back quickly. Arriving for her morning shift, EJ spots a homeless person

sleeping outside the entrance. But the sleeping teenage boy is actually dead. With half the security cameras sabotaged, no one can be sure what happened. EJ is determined to help solve the case, whether Homicide Detective Helland likes it or not!

[American, Cosy] 288pp Pb \$13.50



**Claire Donally**  
**The Big Kitty**  
*Sunny & Shadow #1*

Sunny Coolidge left her NYC newspaper job to take care of her ailing father in Maine. But there's not much excitement in Kittery Harbor. When the elderly Ada Spruance asks for Sunny's help in finding her winning lottery ticket,

Sunny agrees. But when she arrives at Ada's, she finds the woman dead at the bottom of her stairs. Was it an accident, or did Ada's death have to do with the missing lottery ticket, which turns out to be worth six million dollars?

[American, Cosy] 304pp Pb \$13.50



**Ed Falco**  
**The Family Corleone**

New York, 1933. The crime families of New York have prospered in this time, but with the coming end of Prohibition, a battle is looming. For Vito Corleone, nothing is more important than his family's future and he worries the most about Sonny, his eldest child. Vito pushes Sonny to be a businessman, but Sonny - 17 years old, impatient and reckless - wants something else: to follow in his father's footsteps and become a part of the real family business.

[American, Suspense] 384pp Tp \$32.95

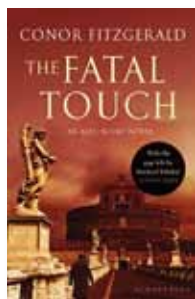




**Conor Fitzgerald**  
**The Fatal Touch**  
**Alec Blume #2**

A body is discovered in Piazza de' Renzi, killed by a simple fall. So why is a senior Carabinieri officer so interested? Commissioner Alec Blume is suspicious and the discovery of the dead man's notebooks reveal that there is a great deal more at stake than the unfortunate death of a down-and-out. What secrets did he know that made him a target? What is the significance of the Galleria Orpiment? And why are the authorities intent on blocking Blume's investigations?

[English, Police Proc.] 384pp Pb \$19.99



**Sally Goldenbaum**  
**The Wedding Shawl**  
**Seaside Knitters #5**

Izzy Chambers is about to get married, but much remains to be done. Then the wedding plans become complicated when the wedding party's hair stylist begins missing her appointments. When she's found dead, rumours circulate about town regarding the stylist's past connection to an unsolved murder years ago. The Seaside Knitters rally together, determined to find answers, so Izzy can don the wedding shawl they're surprising her with!

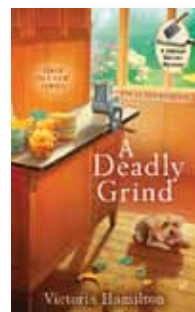
[American, Cosy] 336pp Pb \$23.95



**Victoria Hamilton**  
**A Deadly Grind**  
**Vintage Kitchen #1**

When vintage cookware collector Jaymie Leighton spies an original 1920s Hoosier brand kitchen cabinet at an estate auction, she successfully outbids the other buyers and takes home the prize. But that night, a man is murdered on her porch, struck on the head with the steel meat grinder that is part of the cabinet. Who is this stranger? Does his death have anything to do with the Hoosier? As the police struggle to determine the man's identity, Jaymie does a little digging of her own.

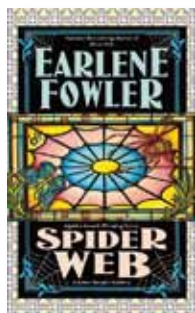
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**Earlene Fowler**  
**Spider Web**  
**Benni Harper #15**

The Memory Festival is a celebration of recollections and loved ones through crafts. But when a local cop is wounded by a mysterious sharpshooter who seems to have a vendetta against the police, Benni Harper fears for her loved ones, especially her police chief husband. Benni is determined to make her hometown safe - before their peaceful street fair becomes a day to remember, in the worst way possible!

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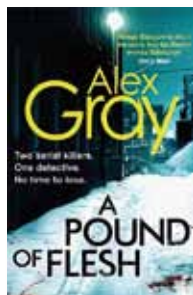


**Alex Gray**  
**A Pound of Flesh**  
**Lorimer & Brightman #9**

Two serial killers operating at once in Glasgow is a nightmare for Detective Inspector Lorimer. Is there any link between the brutal slaying of sex workers in the backstreets of the city and the methodical killing of unconnected businessmen? When a prominent politician is murdered, Lorimer finds the media's scrutiny turned on his investigation. Psychologist Solly Brightman is helping with both cases, but someone within Lorimer's team is leaking police information...

[Scottish, Police Proc.] 400pp Tp \$32.99

Also available: **Sleep Like the Dead** Lorimer & Brightman #8 (Pb \$19.99).

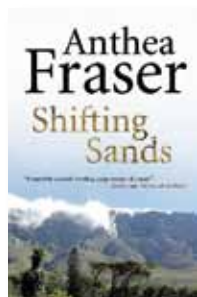


**Annie Hauxwell**  
**In Her Blood**

Investigator Catherine Berlin is in a world of trouble. Her informant has turned up dead, she's been suspended from her job and her doctor - crucial in her life - has been murdered. Worse, Berlin suspects her own methods are to blame.

She is forced to swim with the loan sharks of London to find her informant's killer, while keeping on the right side of a renegade cop and a vengeful colleague. And the more she learns, the harder it is to find an answer - especially when it involves her own past.

[English, Police Proc.] 320pp Tp \$29.95



**Anthea Fraser**  
**Shifting Sands**

Anna's family hope that a South African safari holiday will help her to move on from her beloved husband's death. No one is more surprised than Anna when she finds herself strongly attracted to a fellow traveller, Lewis Masters. Despite her

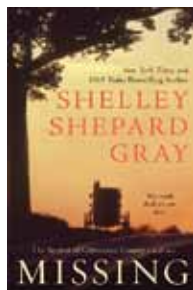
initial resistance, she is soon drawn into a new relationship. But back home, Anna's journalist son Jonathan is being repeatedly contacted by a young woman asking for his help, even though she's too frightened to say what is worrying her...

[English, Suspense] 224pp Pb \$24.95

**Shelley Shepard Gray**  
**Missing**  
**Secrets of Crittenden County #1**

Perry Borntrager had been missing for months from his Amish community when his body is found at the bottom of a well. A police detective arrives to help the local sheriff with the investigation. His questioning begins with Lydia Plank, Perry's former girlfriend and Perry's best friend, Walker Anderson. Lydia and Walker don't have anything to do with Perry's death, but they both hold secrets about his final days. Do they dare open up about the kind of man Perry had become?

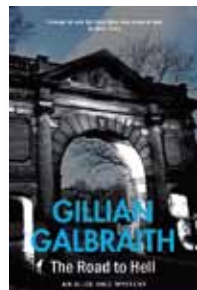
[American, Suspense] 245pp Pb \$20.95



**Sean Hemingway**  
**The Tomb of Alexander**

Alexander was one of the greatest leaders of all time. After he died, his tomb was the most respected shrine in the Roman Empire, the object of veneration by great emperors and leaders the world over. It stood at the heart of the grandest city on earth. And then it disappeared. Centuries later, on a dig in Crete, curator and archaeologist Tom Carr thinks he's discovered a vital clue. At his side is a young artist, Victoria Price. Together, they are prepared to risk everything to find the tomb...

[American, Archaeological] 336pp Tp \$32.95



**Gillian Galbraith**  
**The Road to Hell**  
**Alice Rice #5**

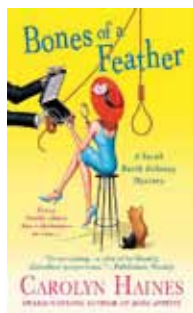
When the body of a half-clothed woman is discovered in a park in Edinburgh, a murder investigation is launched. The victim has not been reported missing and there are few clues to her identity. Soon after, the naked corpse of a prominent clergyman is found, also in a park. DS Alice Rice wonders if the same killer is at work and if so, what is the connection between the apparently motiveless attacks?

[Scottish, Police Proc.] 224pp Hb \$29.99

**Carolyn Haines**  
**Bones of a Feather**  
**Sarah Booth Delaney #11**

A ruby necklace worth four million dollars has been stolen and its owners - twin sisters Monica and Eleanor Levert - seem anxious to get their hands on the insurance money. It sounds suspicious to Sarah Booth, who's been asked to file a report, but she can't be sure someone's committing fraud until one of the sisters is kidnapped. When Sarah Booth and her partner Tinkie scratch the surface of the family's sordid past, they uncover more skeletons than any closet can hold!

[American, Suspense] 358pp Pb \$13.50



**David Hewson**  
**The Killing**

When the corpse of 19-year-old Nanna Birk Larsen is found near Copenhagen, Detective Sarah Lund must investigate. While Nanna's family struggles to cope with their loss, local politician Troels Hartmann is campaigning

to become the new mayor of Copenhagen. Then links between City Hall and the murder emerge and the case takes a different turn. Over the course of 20 days, suspect upon suspect emerges as political intrigue casts its shadow over the investigation.

[English, Police Proc.] 400pp Pb \$26.99

**Facebook Abbey's Bookshop**

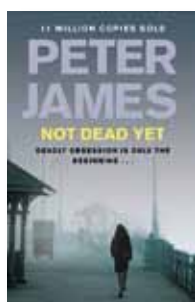


**Peter James**  
**Not Dead Yet**  
*Roy Grace #8*

For rock superstar, Gaia - desperate to be taken seriously as an actor - this is the role that could get her an Oscar nomination. For the City of Brighton and Hove, the publicity value of a major Hollywood movie being filmed on location is incalculable. For Detective Superintendent Roy Grace, it is a nightmare. A stalker is after Gaia. One attempt on her life is made days before she leaves her Bel Air home for Brighton. And now the stalker is at large in his city...

[English, Police Proc.] 544pp Pb \$27.99

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**Sofie Kelly**  
**Copycat Killing**  
*Magical Cats #3*

It's been raining cats and dogs in Mayville Heights. The small town has been deluged and now the local artist's co-op is on the verge of flooding. Kathleen has been helping her friends save their creations. The artwork survives but when a mask maker is found drowned in the basement, Kathleen questions whether the death was accidental. With the help of handsome detective Marcus Gordon and her cats' extraordinary powers of detection, it's up to Kathleen to unmask a killer.

[American, Cosy] 336pp Pb \$13.50



**Guillermo Orsi**  
**Holy City**

Buenos Aires. A passenger liner runs aground on the muddy banks of the nearby Rio de la Plata. The passengers are reduced to sleeping in the corridors of hotels and fall easy prey to the city's criminal class, who are always willing to take a wealthy tourist hostage. Into the confusion steps honest cop Walter Carroza. With his sidekick and confidante Veronica Berutti, he embarks on an investigation that will lead him from the shanty markets of the Bolivian quarter to a grisly killer.

[Argentinian, Police Proc.] 320pp Tp \$27.99



**J A Jance**  
**Betrayal of Trust**  
*J P Beaumont #19*

When a snuff film is discovered on a phone belonging to the governor of Washington State's grandson, the governor turns to J P Beaumont for help. Of the many horrors the PI has witnessed, this one ranks near the top - especially since the

crime's perpetrators could be minors. But this case of a juvenile prank gone hideously wrong has startling implications, leading him down a twisted path of corruption that must be exposed before other young lives are snuffed...

[American, Private Eye] 400pp Pb \$15.95



**Lars Kepler**  
**The Nightmare**  
*Joona Linna #2*

In Stockholm, a young woman's body is discovered aboard a boat. The likely cause of death is drowning. Then a man is found hung in his apartment. His death looks like suicide. The deaths seem

unconnected, but when Detective Inspector Joona Linna discovers that the woman is linked to a peace organisation and the hanged man is the General Director of a Swedish Arms committee, it's evident that a killer is at large - with more targets suspected.

[Swedish, Police Proc.] 512pp Tp \$29.99

Also available:  
**The Hypnotist** Joona Linna #1 (Pb \$19.99).

**Katherine Hall Page**  
**The Body in the Gazebo**  
*Faith Fairchild #19*

While trying to find out who is pilfering money from the church, Faith Fairchild must also keep an eye on her out-of-town friend's ill and elderly mother, Ursula. As Ursula slowly recovers, she spins a bizarre account of an unsolved crime dating back to the Great Depression. When Ursula receives a letter linked to her brother's murder during that time, Faith is drawn into a decades-old mystery and is determined to solve the crime.

[American, Suspense] 368pp Pb \$13.50



**Mons Kallentoft**  
**Summertime Death**  
*Malin Fors #2*

As the temperature in Sweden soars, forest fires break out. And when a teenage girl is found dead in the local park, it seems the raging heat is not the only plague affecting the town. Then a second girl is found dead. Alarmed

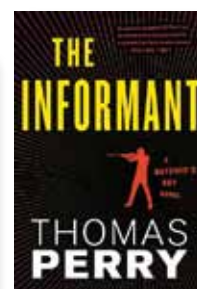
by the fact that the victims are the same age as her daughter, detective Malin Fors works relentlessly to find the perpetrator. But as every lead comes to nothing, it seems as though the oppressive heat is clogging up the wheels of her investigation...

[Swedish, Police Proc.] 496pp Pb \$24.99

**M J McGrath**  
**White Heat**  
*Edie Kiglatuk #1*

Two adventurers arrive north of the Arctic Circle, in search of the remains of legendary Victorian explorer Sir James Fairfax. The men hire expert Inuit guide Edie Kiglatuk and two parties set off in different directions. Four days later, Joe returns to Autisaq frostbitten, hypothermic and disoriented, to report his guide missing. When things take an even darker turn, Edie finds herself heartbroken and facing the greatest challenge of her life...

[English, Suspense] 320pp Pb \$19.99



**Thomas Perry**  
**The Informant**  
*Butcher's Boy #3*

The Butcher's Boy knows that Justice Department official, Elizabeth Waring, can help him hunt down the Mafia boss who tried to kill him. In return he offers her key information that will help her crack an unsolved murder. So

begins an uneasy alliance between opposite sides of the law. As the Butcher's Boy gets closer to his enemy, Waring is conflicted about forcing her unlikely ally to become a protected informant... or to take him out of commission for good.

[American, Suspense] 336pp Pb \$23.95



**A J Kazinski**  
**The Last Good Man**

34 deaths have been reported in cities around the world - the victims all humanitarians, all with the same death mark. In Copenhagen, it falls to veteran detective Niels Bentzon to investigate. It's only when Niels meets brilliant astrophysicist

Hannah that the pair piece together the puzzle and a pattern emerges. According to the pattern, Bentzon and Hannah can predict the time and place of the final two. The murders will occur in Venice and Copenhagen. And the time is now...

[Danish, Suspense] 480pp Tp \$29.99

**Amy Patricia Meade**  
**Don't Die Under the Apple Tree**  
*Rosie the Riveter #1*

32-year-old Rosie O'Doyle Keefe works in New York City's WWII shipyards. When her foreman ends up dead, Rosie discovers that everyone who knew the foreman had good reasons to kill him. She also finds she has a surprise ally in police lieutenant Jack Riordan. But Jack also has to produce a viable suspect for his captain in five days - even if it has to be Rosie. With the clock ticking and her freedom on the line, Rosie and Riordan must join forces to catch the killer.

[American, Suspense] 288pp Pb \$13.50



**Mark Peterson**  
**Flesh and Blood**

When an undercover police officer is killed and a shipment of pure heroin hits land, it seems the operation to bring down Brighton's biggest drug dealer is compromised. But the investigation is in more trouble than either Detective Sergeant Minter could imagine. Embarking on a bloody journey that will set him on a collision course with his team, Minter is pulled back into his own troubled past - to a childhood spent in care and the murder of his closest friend.

[English, Police Proc.] 352pp Tp \$29.99



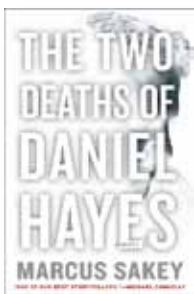
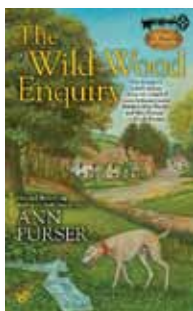


**Ann Purser**

**The Wild Wood Enquiry**  
*Ivy Beasley #3*

Things are quiet at the Springfield's Home for the Elderly... until Gus's ex-wife shows up looking for a place to hide. With jewels missing and foul play all around, it looks like another job for Ivy and her team of amateur sleuths. As their small village is plunged into turmoil, with intrigue and suspicion lurking around every corner, can the senior sleuth find the answers before someone is seriously hurt?

[English, Cosy] 304pp Pb \$13.50



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**The Two Deaths of Daniel Hayes**

A man wakes up half-drowned on an abandoned beach. The only sign of life for miles is an empty BMW, where he finds perfectly fitting clothes, a bank envelope stuffed with cash and an auto registration in the name of Daniel Hayes. Is he Daniel and if so, why doesn't he remember? While he searches for answers, the police search for him. On the run, the only thing he remembers is a woman's face - so he sets off to find her. But what will he discover about himself?

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**Peter Turnbull**

**Deep Cover**  
*Harry Vicary #2*

When the snow thaws on London's Hampstead Heath after a harsh winter, a ghoulish discovery is made, marking the start of a very dangerous case for Detective Inspector Harry Vicary and his team. A man's corpse is found on top of a shallow grave that contains the battered remains of a young woman. He appears to have frozen to death - but what is his connection to the remains below? Vicary's investigation will lead him deep into London's criminal underworld.

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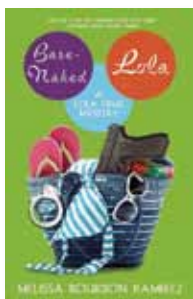


**Melissa Bourbon Ramirez**

**Bare-Naked Lola**  
*Lola Cruz #1*

Going undercover is second nature for PI Lola Cruz, but she's out of her league when the case of a murdered Royals Courtside Dancer leads her to a local nudist resort. Parading around the sidelines of Sacramento's professional basketball scene in a cheerleading outfit is one thing. But parading around in nothing but a smile? If she has any chance of hiding this from her traditional family - and her boyfriend Jack - she'll have a lot more than her duct tape bra to keep under wraps!

[American, Private Eye] 300pp Pb \$23.95



**Nick Santora**  
**Slip and Fall**

When he graduated from law school, Robert Principe believed his future was set. But with a struggling firm, a pregnant wife and a sister in trouble he needs money - fast. Desperate, he approaches his mobster cousin Jackie with an insurance scam, a chance for Robert to use his law degree to make a few quick bucks. The scheme works - too well. The money flows, the violence escalates and Rob soon learns that getting out of a deal with the Mafia isn't easy...

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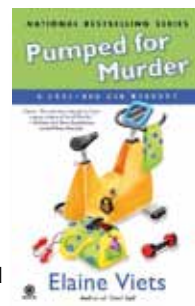


**Elaine Viets**

**Pumped for Murder**  
*Dead End Job #10*

Helen Hawthorne and her husband Phil have opened their own PI agency. Their first client is Shelby, who thinks her husband is developing a killer body for another woman. To keep track of the suspected cheater, Helen gets a job at Fantastic Fitness, where she pumps iron to stay employed. When the budding agency takes on a murder case, Helen has to move her workouts to the early morning just to keep up. Will Helen catch a killer... or drop dead from exhaustion?

[American, Private Eye] 304pp Pb \$13.50

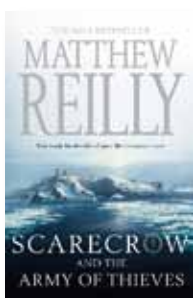


**Matthew Reilly**

**Scarecrow and the Army of Thieves**  
*Scarecrow #5*

At a top-secret Soviet base, a weapon of terrible force has been re-activated. The base has been seized by a terrorist force calling itself the 'Army of Thieves' and the fate of the world hangs in the balance. There are no crack units close enough to get there in time to stop the Army setting off the weapon... except for a small equipment-testing team up in the Arctic, led by Marine Captain Schofield. It's not equipped to attack a fortified island. But someone will have to lead the team in...

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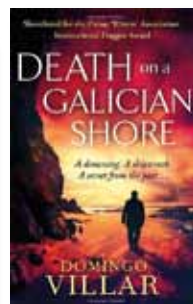


**Yrsa Sigurdardottir**

**The Day is Dark**  
*Thóra Gudmundsdóttir #4*

When all contact is lost with two Icelanders working in a harsh and sparsely populated area on the northeast coast of Greenland, Thóra Gudmundsdóttir is hired to investigate. Is there any connection with the woman who vanished from the site some months earlier? Why are the locals so hostile? And could one of the team staying at the site with Thóra be responsible for the disappearances?

[Icelandic, Suspense] 432pp Pb \$22.99



**Domingo Villar**

**Death on a Galician Shore**  
*Leo Caldas #2*

In a quiet fishing port in Spain, the body of a sailor washes up in the harbour. Detective Inspector Leo Caldas is called from police headquarters to sign off on what seems to be a suicide. But this routine matter soon turns

into a complex murder investigation. Finding out the truth is not easy when the villagers are suspicious of outsiders. As Caldas delves into the maritime life of the village, he uncovers a disturbing decade-old case of a shipwreck and two mysterious disappearances.

[Spanish, Police Proc.] 384pp Pb \$22.99

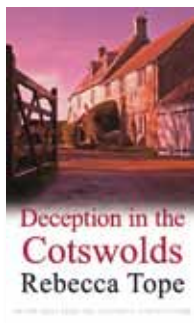


**Ruth Rendell**  
**The Vault**  
*Chief Inspector Wexford #23*

In the peaceful garden of a London house, a manhole cover has just been raised. Inside the cellar lie three bodies. Two men and a woman. None carry identification. The men have been

there for 12 years; the woman for only two. For Inspector Wexford, this is a case worth coming out of retirement for. But a shocking development in his private life means that his search for the truth is about to become a lot more complicated...

[English, Police Proc.] 368pp Pb \$19.95



**Rebecca Tope**  
**Deception in the Cotswolds**  
*Thea Osborne #9*

Thea Osborne is optimistic about the English summertime and the possibilities of her latest house-sitting assignment. But the region's bucolic charms prove to be deceptive, as Thea is thrust into the

heart of a Cotswold mystery. In the secluded village of Cranham, she soon finds a dark side to the characters she encounters. From the elderly Donny Davis to the enigmatic figure of Edwina, it seems that intrigue, murder and suicide will combine into a summertime challenge.

[English, Cosy] 416pp Pb \$17.99

## HISTORICAL CRIME

**Kenneth Cameron**

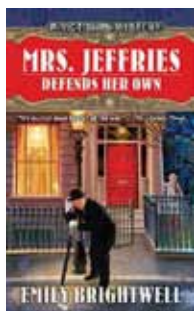
**Winter at Death's Hotel**

New York, 1896. Arthur Conan Doyle arrives at the Britannic Hotel with his wife Louisa, ready to begin his American tour. While he prepares his lectures, Louisa is intrigued by the recent discovery of a woman's corpse - a woman who Louisa is certain she'd seen at the hotel. When Louisa sprains her ankle and is forced to remain behind, she pieces together a story of murder and depravity leading back to the hotel itself... and a madman watching her every move.

[American] 400pp Tp \$32.99







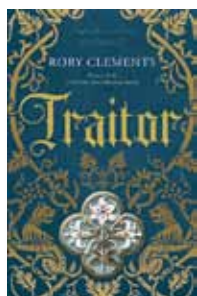
**Emily Brightwell**  
**Mrs Jeffries Defends Her Own**  
*Mrs Jeffries #30*

When the general office manager of Sutcliffe Manufacturing is murdered, no one is surprised. Ronald Dearman was a tyrannical bully with enough enemies. But who hated him enough to put a

bullet between his eyes? For once, Inspector Gerald Witherspoon doesn't get the case; it's given to another inspector. Then an unwelcome visitor from Mrs Jeffries' past shows up, begging for help and compelling Mrs Jeffries to step into the fray and stop a terrible miscarriage of justice.  
**[American] 304pp Pb \$13.50**

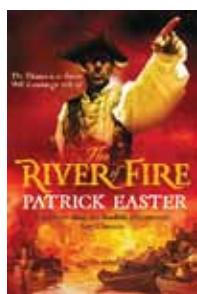
**Rory Clements**  
**Traitor**  
*John Shakespeare #34*

The Elizabethan navy has a secret weapon: an optical instrument so powerful it gives England unassailable superiority at sea. Spain will stop at nothing to steal the weapon and its inventor, Dr Dee. With a second Armada threatened, intelligence officer John Shakespeare must escort the inventor to safety. But his mission is far from straightforward. While Shakespeare attempts to untangle a government conspiracy, he also faces serious accusations far closer to home.  
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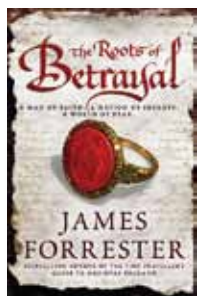
**Patrick Easter**  
**The River of Fire**  
*Pascoe #2*

London, 1799. A sunken lugger in the Pool of London reveals the bodies of two men entombed in the crew's cabin. Suspicion falls on a third member of the crew seen fleeing the scene, with a known motive for murder. Against the background of a nation at war with Napoleon, River Surveyor Tom Pascoe of the Marine Police finds his own life under threat when he uncovers the French agents whose task is to undermine England's ability to continue the war...  
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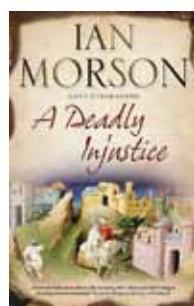
**James Forrester**  
**The Roots of Betrayal**

England, 1564. Catholic herald William Harley, Clarenceux King of Arms, is the custodian of a dangerous document. When it is stolen, Clarenceux suspects a group of Catholic sympathisers. Soon Clarenceux enters a nightmare of suspicion, deception and conspiracy. Who really took the document and why? The roots of betrayal are deep and shocking and Clarenceux's journey towards the truth entails not just the discovery of clues, but also the discovery of himself.  
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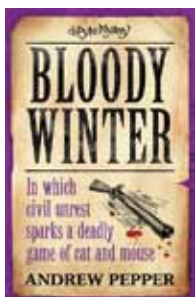
**Ian Morson**  
**A Deadly Injustice**

Cathay, 1268. Nick Zuliani, Venetian adventurer and newly appointed Investigator to the Mongol Emperor, is sent to investigate a murder in a remote town. But Nick soon realises that he has been sent on an impossible mission by a deadly rival - for a girl has confessed to the crime and is due to be beheaded. If Nick uncovers the truth and saves her life, he risks undermining the local Mongol governor - with terrible diplomatic consequences...  
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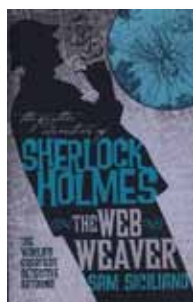
**Andrew Pepper**  
**Bloody Winter**  
*Pyke #5*

The body of a vagrant is discovered in a ditch in County Tipperary. Knox, a young Irish policeman with divided loyalties, examines the corpse and soon realises the vagrant was wearing a Savile Row suit. Three months earlier, Detective Inspector Pyke was investigating a kidnapping in Wales. The crime seems to be linked to a group of rebels, but Pyke soon suspects a connection between the Welsh rebellion and the unrest in Ireland.  
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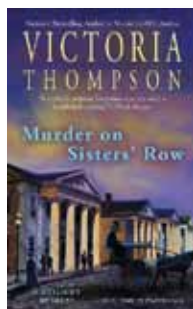
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When a mysterious gypsy places a curse on the guests at a ball - and a series of misfortunes affect those who attended that night - Mr Donald Wheelwright engages Sherlock Holmes to find out what really happened. With the help of his cousin Dr Henry Vernier and his wife Michelle, Holmes endeavours to save Wheelwright and his beautiful wife Violet from the devastating curse - and finds himself entangled in a web of perversion, theft and blackmail.  
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**[American] 304pp Pb \$13.50**



**Imogen Robertson**  
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Shrove Tuesday, 1784. While the nobility dance at a masked ball, beautiful Lady Martesen is murdered. Daniel Clode is found by her body, his wrists slit and his memories nightmarish. What has he done? Harriet Westerman and Gabriel Crowther race to the Duchy of Moulberg to save Daniel from the executioner's axe. There they find a capricious Duke on the point of marriage, a court consumed by luxury and intrigue... and a bitter enemy from the past.  
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**TRUE CRIME**



**Paul French**  
**Midnight in Peking**

Peking, 1937. Even as the Japanese tighten its noose, the city is a heady mix of privilege and scandal, cocktail bars and opium dens, warlords and corruption. When the body of Pamela Werner - daughter of a former British consul to China - is discovered, the city is transfixed by the brutality of her death. 75 years after these events, French finally gives this case the resolution it was denied at the time. The true story of murder and an evocative account of a bygone era.  
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**KEVIN MORGAN**

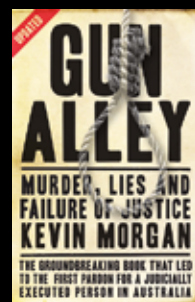


**Detective Piggott's Casebook**  
*True Tales of Murder, Madness and the Rise of Forensic Science*

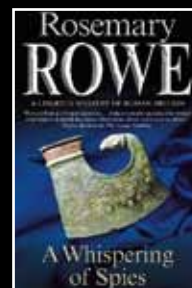
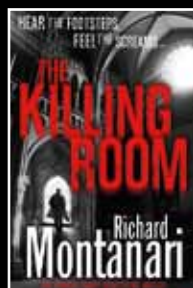
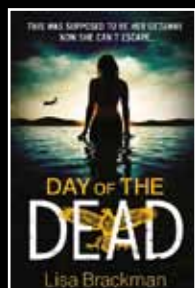
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