

CRIME Chronicle

"Where a good crime can be had by all"

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An interview with **JOHN GREEN**
author of the new crime thriller

NOWHERE MAN

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Why did you give up work as an investment banker to write a thriller about money, murder and markets?

They say you should write about what you know! But truthfully, when it dawned on me that what got me up in the morning was writing and not my day job, I quit the job. I've always loved stories and hankered to write them, and that's what I'm now doing.

What can you tell us about your childhood?

I grew up in Kings Cross. Back then, it was a village... a weird village: blue-collar Aussies, migrants, prostitutes, bohemians, eccentrics, communists, bikies, strippers and drag queens. Everybody knew everybody.

Where else could a 7-year-old boy have a prostitute pay him? I was on my way to the Saturday matinee movie when, feeling my pockets, I discovered I'd lost my money. Crying, I retraced my steps along Darlinghurst Road until Shirley called me over from her regular doorway. When I explained my catastrophe between sobs, she handed me enough money for a ticket, a drink and a snack, patted me on the bottom and sent me back to the movies.

In writing this book, you predicted the future twice. That's a bit strange, isn't it?

Scary actually! Mostly art imitates life, but for me it was the other way around. I first thought I'd finished *Nowhere Man* in August 2001. I sent it off to an agent just weeks before the September 11 terrorist attacks. The problem was that, in my original story, I had fictionally destroyed the World Trade Centre. I'd visited there only a few months earlier and a number of people I knew were killed when the terrorists struck. Obviously, I had to do a major rewrite. But that wasn't the only one.

I left the book for a while, then dreamt up what I thought was a wild stock market bust. I did that for two reasons... for an exciting, white-knuckled ride for my main character – a woman who is left alone and in huge debt by her suddenly missing husband... and frankly because

I was worried that world markets were going nuts and that we might be in a hyped-up bubble.

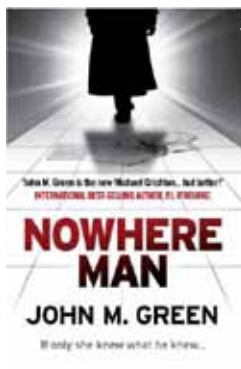
A publisher knocked back my book because, she said, my fictional crash was too unbelievable. She was wrong. The financial crisis that ripped global markets apart from mid-September 2008 hit the world just before the book could be published. So again, a real-world crisis forced a major rewrite!

I then re-set my story smack inside the actual global financial crisis, weaving my fiction with the excruciating facts that we all know only too well.

Why the title *Nowhere Man*?

It reflects how I see the title character, Michael Hunt. His shadow casts darkly throughout the story. He is everywhere, yet nowhere. His deserted wife, Sonya, a university professor, is the real hero of the book. An intelligent woman who thinks she has a fulfilling life... that is, until it falls apart and she faces the ugly truth.

It's got money, murder and passion... and some very unusual science. Wealthy, but lone, stock-trader Michael Hunt is a secretive man with a past that he has not even shared with his wife. But Sonya is forced to start piecing it together when Michael suddenly goes missing, leaving her millions in debt, a bank foreclosing on their Sydney beach house, a love-triangle murder and many unanswered questions. When the global financial crisis erupts, Sonya's world gets even bleaker, until she stumbles on some strange files that will change her life forever. They are the key to repaying her debts and finding Michael, or at least why he left and why he lied. Using these files, Sonya risks everything. Her journey takes her from Sydney to Princeton University to ask a famous physicist for help in unlocking the mystery. But Sonya's hunt for Michael becomes a search for herself.



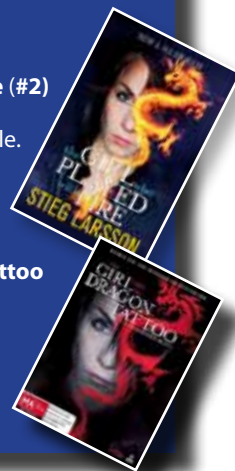
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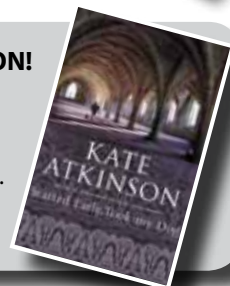
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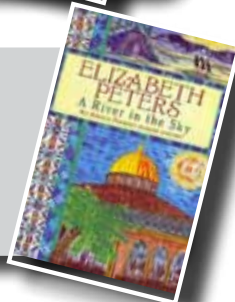
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MODERN CRIME

Christine BARBER

The Replacement Child 288pp Pb \$27.00

Editor Lucy Newroe answers the phone in the *Capital Tribune* newsroom. The caller is the notorious Scanner Lady – an anonymous tipster whose hobby is to phone the newspaper with tips from her police scanner. But then the Scanner Lady is killed and Lucy enlists the help of Detective Gil Montoya, who is focused on the case of a teacher whose body was thrown off the Rio Grande Gorge Bridge. As Lucy and Gil hunt down two killers, they discover their cases are intertwined. (American)

Beverly BARTON

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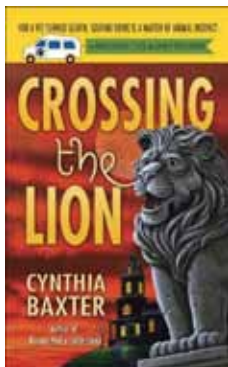
When a recent spate of horrific murders is linked to a long-ago series of brutal crimes she hoped would never resurface, Chattanooga grief counsellor Audrey Sherrod – who moonlights for the local police – soon discovers that the worst is yet to come. (American)

Cynthia BAXTER

Crossing the Lion

368pp Pb \$14.95

Reigning Cats and Dogs #9. Veterinarian and small-town pet detective Jessica Popper and husband Nick, while investigating the mysterious death of business magnate Linus Merrywood, find themselves trapped on a stormy Solitude Island with a killer who is determined to protect the biggest family secret of all. (American)



James BECKER

The Messiah Secret

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A piece of ancient parchment has been found in a crumbling English countryside mansion. Written in arcane code is the answer to a mystery that has explosive implications. Determined to solve the mystery that has puzzled scholars and thinkers for two millennia, Chris Bronson embarks on a journey to one of the most remote and hostile parts of the world. But he is followed by someone desperate to protect the centuries-old secret. Someone who is dangerous. (English)

James BENN

Evil for Evil

336pp Tp \$24.95

Billy Boyle World War II Mysteries #4. At the instruction of his uncle, the young and brash Billy Boyle goes to Northern Ireland to recover stolen US weapons and to keep the Irish Republic neutral. (American)

Cara BLACK

Murder in the Latin Quarter

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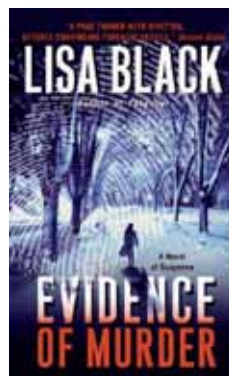
Aimee Luduc #9. A Haitian woman arrives at the office of Leduc Detective and announces that she is Aimee's sister, her father's illegitimate daughter. Aimee is thrilled. A virtual orphan since her mother's disappearance and her father's death, she has always wanted a sister. Her partner, Rene, is wary of this stranger, but Aimee embraces her and soon finds herself involved in murky Haitian politics, which leads to murder in Paris' bohemian Latin Quarter. (American)

Lisa BLACK

Evidence of Murder

368pp Pb \$14.95

Coping with her fiancé's death, Cleveland forensic investigator Theresa MacLean probes the death of Jillian Perry in what police think may be a suicide, leaving behind a husband and infant daughter. Theresa thinks it was murder, as does Jillian's ex-boyfriend, who fears the baby girl may be the next victim. (American)



Sean BLACK

Lockdown

464pp Pb \$21.95

Ex-soldier turned elite bodyguard Ryan Lock must protect one of America's most ruthless businessmen. Lock's mission takes him to a heavily fortified warehouse on the Hudson where he confronts one of the world's most dangerous women. As the clock ticks towards midnight on New Year's Eve, all routes in and out of Manhattan are sealed. Not only is Lock's life in danger, but so are the lives of millions of others... (Scottish)

Tony BLACK

Long Time Dead

256pp Pb \$32.95

Gus Dury #4. Gus Dury is back on the drink, when his best friend asks him to investigate the ritual, on-campus hanging of an Edinburgh University student. The murder victim's mother is a high-profile actress, who has promised a big-money reward. Gus, desperate for money, goes undercover at the university, taking a janitor's job, and soon uncovers a similar ritualistic hanging which took place in the 70s. Then another murder takes place, and Gus finds himself the next target for the executioner. (Scottish)



Tony BLACK

Loss

288pp Pb \$24.95

Gus Dury #3. Gus Dury is a changed man. He is off the Edinburgh streets and back with his estranged wife. He has promised her that he won't get involved in any more dodgy cases which the police can't or won't solve. And he's off the drink. But when his brother Michael is found dead with a bullet in his heart, Gus' life begins to unravel all over again. How can he keep the promises he has made and still avenge his brother's murder? (Scottish)

Michael BOND

Monsieur Pamplemousse

Hits the Headlines

213pp Pb \$19.99

Seated in the front row of an invited studio audience of France's premier TV cooking show, Monsieur Pamplemousse watched in silent horror as the host, having downed an oyster in close-up, uttered a strangled cry and sank from view behind a kitchen worktop. Pommes Frites, sniffer dog extraordinaire, has his own views on the matter: Claude Chavignol was a bad egg if ever he'd seen one. Subsequent events prove him right, and soon he and his master find themselves caught up in a bizarre world of unrequited lust, murder and blackmail in high places. (English)



Rhys BOWEN

Royal Flush

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Royal Spyness #3. London, 1930s. Poor Lady Georgiana – 34th in line to the throne – has been sent home due to a little scandal. Now she must keep the entirely unsuitable Mrs Simpson from seducing the Prince of Wales... and assist Scotland Yard in preventing someone from shooting the Prince of Wales instead of quails! (English)



Mary Jane CLARK

Dying for Mercy

400pp Pb \$14.95

TV host Eliza Blake and her colleagues are touring a historic New York estate when a body is discovered along with a clue in a stone fountain, causing Eliza and the home's owners to uncover even more clues and riddles. But someone has determined to keep one last secret, threatening the lives of Eliza and her crew. (American)

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Michael CONNELLY

Nine Dragons 416pp Pb \$22.99

Bosch #14. The shooting of a Chinese liquor store owner in LA brings Harry Bosch back to the Rodney King riots and the moment a stranger gave a young cop sanctuary. Now the debt must be repaid, and Harry discovers the old man's death conceals a picture of corruption and intimidation, with the local Triads at the heart of it. But as he tries to build a case, he finds he is taking a dragon by the tail – a dragon whose talons reach well beyond LA. (American)

Robin COOK

Cure 400pp Tp \$32.99

NYC medical examiner Laurie Montgomery must face the case of her career. The investigation into the death of CIA agent Kevin Markham is a professional challenge. While her co-workers doubt her assassination theory, Laurie and her husband Jack Stapleton – a fellow medical examiner – discover associations to a large pharmaceutical company and biomedical start-ups dealing with stem-cell research. Laurie and Jack must race to connect the dots before they are consumed in a dangerous game of biotech espionage. (American)

Sarah CORTEZ & Liz MARTINEZ (eds)

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Step into Indian Country and enter the dark welter of troubled history throughout the Americas, where the heritage of violence meets the ferocity of intent. Featuring brand-new stories by Mistina Bates, Jean Rae Baxter, Lawrence Block, Joseph Bruchac, David Cole, Reed Farrel Coleman, O'Neil De Noux, A A Hedge Coke, Gerard Houarner, Liz Martinez, R Narvaez, Kimberly Roppolo, Leonard Schonberg, and Melissa Yi. (American)

Jack COUGHLIN

Clean Kill

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Sniper #3. Just as Gunnery Sergeant Kyle Swanson is about to deal with foreign operatives bent on assassinating Prince Abdullah of Saudi Arabia in order to sabotage a peace agreement, his old nemesis, Juba, resurfaces to exact revenge on the man that nearly took his life. (American)



Jordan DANE

The Echo of Violence 384pp Pb \$14.95

Sweet Justice #3. After terrorists attack a missionary school, killing their hostages and posting videos of the murders online, Sentinels' agent Alexa Marlowe must team up with a relentless mercenary whom she fears may sabotage her mission to take the terrorist leader alive. (American)

Carola DUNN

Dead in the Water 272pp Pb \$21.99

Daisy Dalrymple #6. 1923. Daisy has been invited by an American magazine to cover the Henley Regatta, and steps right into a class war between two members of the Oxford rowing team. Cox Horace Bott – a shopkeeper's son and scholar student; and rower Basil DeLancy – the son of an earl and bully. After a particularly brutal public humiliation by DeLancy, Bott swears revenge. When DeLancy keels over and dies mid-race, it seems he's made good on his promise. But Daisy isn't convinced, and investigates. (English)

Jason ELLIOT

The Network 352pp Tp \$29.99

In the months leading up to 9/11, the intelligence community is on high alert for terrorist threats. Former army officer Anthony Taverner is recruited by the Secret Intelligence Service to destroy a cache of the CIA's precious Stinger missiles in Taliban-held Afghanistan. But in the kaleidoscopic world of spying, nothing is what it seems. And as the struggle to avert a catastrophe begins, Taverner's allegiance is to an authority he must keep secret from even his closest allies... (English)

R J ELLORY

Saints of New York

464pp Tp \$32.99

The death of a young heroin dealer occasions no great concern for NYPD Detective Frank Parrish, but when the dealer's teenage sister winds up dead, questions are raised. Parrish, already under investigation by Internal Affairs for repeatedly challenging his superiors, is committed to daily interviews with a Police Department counsellor. As the homicides continue and a disturbing pattern emerges, Frank tries desperately to make sense of the deaths, while battling with his own demons. (English)



Loren D ESTLEMAN

Frames

272pp Pb \$27.00

Valentino #1. Discovering a skeleton in a decrepit movie palace he hopes to restore, UCLA film archivist Valentino also finds a priceless original director's cut of a long-lost classic film. Soon, he must solve the mystery of the skeleton before the police claim the film as evidence and doom it to destruction. (American)

Janet EVANOVICH

Wicked Appetite

320pp Tp \$32.99

Life in Marblehead has had a pleasant predictability, until Diesel arrives. Rumour has it that a collection of priceless ancient relics representing the Seven Deadly Sins have made their way to Boston's North Shore. Partnered with pastry chef Lizzie Tucker, Diesel bullies and charms his way through historic Salem to track them down – and his criminal mastermind cousin Gerewulf Grimorie, who is on the hunt for the relic representing gluttony. (American)



Bill EVANS

Frozen Fire

496pp Pb \$18.95

In the aftermath of a billionaire's attempt to tap resources under the Atlantic ocean and a retaliatory act of eco-terrorism on the planet, the billionaire's security chief, who is under suspicion for the terror attack, and scientist Sam Briscoe team up to seal an ocean-floor break that is releasing toxic gas and threatening all life on the planet. (American)

Karin FOSSUM

Bad Intentions

192pp Tp \$32.95

Inspector Sejer #7. Early one September, three friends spend the weekend at a remote cabin by Dead Water Lake. In the middle of the night, they row across the water. But only two of them return. Inspector Sejer leads the investigation when the body is discovered. He is troubled by the apparent suicide and thinks the surviving pair has something to hide. Weeks pass without further clues, and then in a nearby lake the body of a teenage boy floats to the surface... (Norwegian)

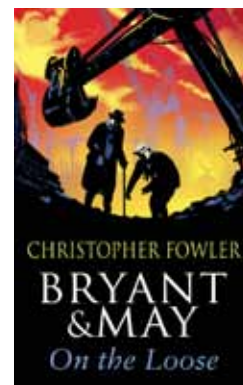
Christopher FOWLER

Bryant and May On the Loose

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Bryant & May #7.

Long regarded as a thorn in the side of its superiors, the Peculiar Crimes Unit is to be disbanded. For detectives Arthur Bryant and John May, it seems retirement is now the only option. But then a headless body is found in a freezer, and on the perimeter of a massive construction site near King's Cross, a gigantic figure has been spotted – dressed in deerskin and sporting antlers made of knives. With limited resources and very little time, the PCU are back in business... (English)



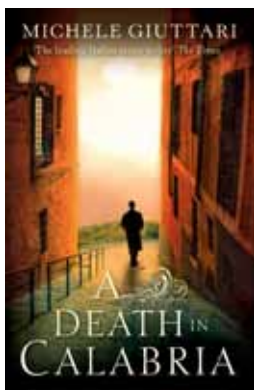
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Dick FRANCIS & Felix FRANCIS**Crossfire 336pp Hb \$49.95**

Captain Thomas Forsyth's tour of Afghanistan is cut short when he's badly wounded by a roadside bomb. Tom returns to his childhood home in Lambourn, where his mother is a racehorse trainer and the First Lady of racing. When his mother's prize horse finishes a disappointing last place in a race he should have won, Tom discovers that the training business is facing a dangerous threat, and finds himself on a very different battlefield... (Welsh)

Michele GIUTTARI**A Death in Calabria 336pp Tp \$32.99***Michele Ferrara*

#4. One of the wildest and most beautiful regions in Italy, Calabria is also home to the deadly 'Ndrangheta – an organised Mafia operation more feared in Italy than the Cosa Nostra or the Camorra. Chief Superintendent Michele Ferrara of Italy's elite Anti-Mafia Investigation Department must investigate the deaths of several Calabria citizens – both in New York, and in the Calabrian countryside. He infiltrates the Calabrian village of San Piero d'Aspromonte, where he must risk his life to learn more about a family at the centre of an ancient, bloody feud. (Italian)

**Joel GOLDMAN****No Way Out 384pp Pb \$12.95**

Jack Davis #3. Meeting ex-FBI agent Jack Davis in the middle of a shootout is the best thing that could have happened to Vivien Chase. But Jack has no idea how deep his involvement with the young bookkeeper will get. The pretty accountant may be able to pull a trigger as well as she manipulates a spreadsheet, but her talents may add up to zero if a killer gets their way. As Jack follows Vivien into a lethal web of deceit, time is running out. (American)

J M GREGSON**In Vino Veritas 240pp Hb \$49.95**

Lambert & Hook #23. Martin Beaumont is the uncompromising owner of a successful Gloucestershire vineyard. He has built the company steadily over the years, with a small but dedicated team by his side. However, he sees Abbey Vineyards as his company, to do with as he pleases, much to the chagrin of his senior staff members. So when he is found dead in his car, Chief Superintendent Lambert and DS Hook don't have to look very far to find people with strong motives for the murder... (English)

James GRIPPANDO**Intent to Kill 400pp Pb \$19.99**

The promising baseball career of Ryan James was derailed before it even started after a hit-and-run driver killed his wife, leaving him alone to care for his young daughter. Three years later, he is a popular sports radio host in Boston, still haunted by the unsolved crime. Then on the anniversary of Chelsea's death, Ryan receives a chilling message from an anonymous tipster. The revelation that it may have come from Chelsea's autistic younger brother sets Ryan on a twisted path toward a truth that threatens himself and his daughter. (American)

Denise HAMILTON**Los Angeles Noir: Volume 2 300pp Pb \$24.99**

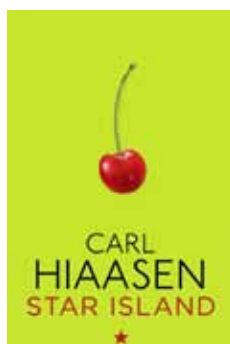
From Hollywood starlets to downtown taxi dancers, from Central Avenue speakeasies to clapboard Venice Beach shacks – this volume brings you the masters of the genre, penning tales of love, lust, and loss in the City of Angels. Includes stories by Raymond Chandler, Paul Cain, James Ellroy, Leigh Brackett, James M Cain, Chester Himes, Ross MacDonald, Walter Mosley, Naomi Hirahara, Margaret Millar, Joseph Hansen, William Campbell Gault, Jervy Tervalon, Kate Braverman, and Yxta Maya Murray. (American)

Steve HAMILTON**Lock Artist 320pp Pb \$29.99**

After miraculously surviving a terrible accident that killed his parents, Michael is unable to speak. Taunted as a freak, school is a nightmare, until Michael discovers he has a special talent: he can open locks. But a teenage prank burglarising the house of a rival school's quarterback lands him in hot water with a mob. Unless he agrees to put his newfound skills to use, the mob will kill the father of the girl he loves. So begins an extraordinary life of crime. (American)

Carl HIAASEN**Star Island 416pp Tp \$32.99**

22-year-old pop star Cherry Pye is attempting a comeback from her latest drug and alcohol disaster. Ann DeLusia is Cherry's 'undercover stunt double', standing in for Cherry whenever the singer is too wasted to go out in public. But one night, Ann-as-Cherry is mistakenly kidnapped from a Miami hotel by an obsessed paparazzo. The challenge for Cherry's handlers is to rescue Ann while keeping her existence a secret from the public. Will Cherry sober up in time to lip-synch her concert tour and promote her new album? And will Ann escape from Cherry's shadow? (American)

**Jack HIGGINS****The Judas Gate 368pp Tp \$32.99**

A disturbing tape has made its way to the new President of the US: battlefield chatter from an ambush in Afghanistan in which 12 US Army Rangers and a British medical team died. Most of the Taliban voices are Afghan, but the voice of the commander bears an Irish accent. The idea that one of their own could be responsible for the massacre is appalling and Sean Dillon is tasked with hunting the traitor. (English)

Jilliane HOFFMAN**Pretty Little Things 400pp Pb \$24.99**

Special Agent Bobby Dees understands the pain of losing a child. The phone call that comes on a Sunday morning takes him from his insular world of grief, into a darker place. A young girl, Elaine Emerson, has gone missing and only Dees can find her. It seems that Elaine was last seen waiting to meet her boyfriend – a mysterious figure she secretly met online who goes by the name of El Capitan, and whose reality is as cruel and chilling as the worst that Dees can imagine... (American)

Hugh HOLTON**Revenge 352pp Pb \$14.95**

When international criminal Carlos Perfido is gunned down on a Chicago stage while posing as an American actor, Chicago cop Larry Cole investigates, revealing a beautiful young woman with ties to his son as the primary suspect. (American)

**Graham ISON****All Quiet on Arrival 192pp Hb \$49.95**

Brock & Poole #10. When police are called to a house in Chelsea to investigate complaints of a noisy party, all is quiet – but flames are seen coming from the house a short while later. The fire brigade discover the body of Mrs Diana Barton, who has been stabbed to death in a frenzied attack. DCI Brock and DS Poole investigate, and they soon discover that the party was less than respectable, and that Diana Barton's death is just the first... (English)

Ryan David JAHN**Acts of Violence 304pp Pb \$22.99**

This is Katrina's story and the story of her killer. It's also the story of Katrina's neighbours, those who witnessed her murder and did nothing, and others whose lives are touched by the crime, including the corrupt cop who believes he is God's 'red right hand'. (American)

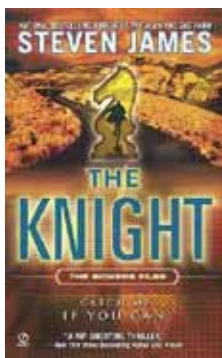
Steven JAMES

The Knight

Bowers Files #3.

Realising that a serial killer has been using clues from an ancient manuscript as a blueprint for murderous acts, FBI criminologist Patrick Bowers races against time to prevent a next attack... before discovering that he may be the intended victim. (American)

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J A KERLEY

Buried Alive

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After witnessing the escape of psychopath Bobby Crayline from prison, Alabama detective Carson Ryder takes a break in the mountains. But his vacation is interrupted when an anonymous phone call summons him to the scene of a grisly murder. With more savage killings, and the heavy-handed FBI only inflaming the situation, Ryder and local detective Donna Cherry sift through the increasingly bizarre clues. Is there more than one killer on the loose? And how does Carson's clinically insane brother, Jeremy, fit into the picture? (American)

Tim KRING

Shift

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America in 1963 is at a crossroads: Vietnam, civil rights, the Cuban missile crisis, the sexual revolution, FBI, CIA and a promise of change offered by JFK. Chandler Forrester is a man whose life is changed when he is dragged into a CIA mind-control experiment. After being given a massive dose of LSD, he develops strange mental powers and with his heightened perception uncovers a plot to assassinate JFK. But will he be able to rewrite history? (American)

Chris KUZNESKI

The Prophecy

560pp Pb \$19.95

When the prophetic writings of 16th century visionary Nostradamus begin to ring alarmingly true, Jonathon Payne and David Jones find themselves in a life-or-death race across the world to stop those who would use the French seer's predictions for their own dark purposes. (American)

Joyce LAVENE

Deadly Daggers

Renaissance Faire Mysteries #3. During the Renaissance Faire, Jessie Morton, an assistant professor at a local college, must help her friend Daisy find out who killed her ex-boyfriend, professional dueller Alastair the Great, while trying to keep her own boyfriend safe from his meddling brother. (American)

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Jeff LINDSAY

Dexter is Delicious

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Dexter #5. As if getting married wasn't enough to complete his nice-guy persona, Dex is now the proud father of a baby girl. And he actually seems to care. But now two young girls are missing – and it's not long before one of the bodies turns up, partially eaten. But as Dexter and Miami PD's finest investigate, Dex can't shake the feeling that somebody's watching him. He'll have to find the missing girl, find out who's tailing him and survive a journey into an underground community that has a taste for death. (American)

Peter LOVESEY

Skeleton Hill

Inspector Peter Diamond #10. Diamond investigates the murder of a historical re-enactor who discovers a headless skeleton while recreating a 350-year-old battle between the Roundheads and Cavaliers at Lansdown Hill near Bath, England. (English)

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Evan MARSHALL

City in Shadow

192pp Hb \$49.95

Hidden Manhattan Mystery #4. A frightened woman leaves a note reading 'HELP ME' outside Sanitation supervisor Anna Winthrop's apartment. A career-making story leads a journalist to a human-trafficking ring. A woman acts as bait in an effort to track down her missing sister. And Anna's visiting cousin Patti prowls New York's dark streets, but won't say why. All roads lead to the Kirkmore – a sinister apartment tower harbouring a secret more horrifying than anyone could ever have imagined... (American)

Robert MASELLO

Blood and Ice

512pp Pb \$24.95

Journalist Michael Wilde is commissioned to write about a remote research station in Antarctica. On a diving expedition in the polar sea he discovers two bodies encased in ice. The pair – a man and a woman from the 19th century – are brought to the surface. As the ice around them thaws, the mystery of these lovers unravels. Michael is drawn into a horrific story, beginning in the London barracks of the 1850s, leading to the bloody battlefields of the Crimea and the tragic Charge of the Light Brigade... (American)

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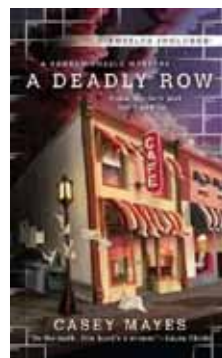
Casey MAYES

A Deadly Row

Math Puzzle Mystery #1.

Math whiz Savannah Stone makes a living creating math puzzles in rural North Carolina. But when the mayor starts receiving death threats, Savannah needs to solve this puzzle – before the next box to be filled is the mayor's coffin. (American)

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Kathleen McGOWAN

The Book of Love

528pp Tp \$32.99

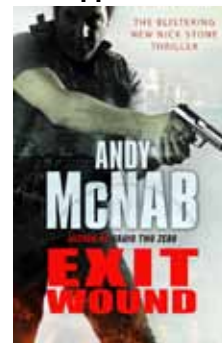
Journalist Maureen Pascal is on the trail of the legendary lost gospel known as the *Book of Love*. But just as there were those who would stop at nothing to seize and suppress the gospel seven centuries ago, so there are those today who are equally determined that its radical message should never be revealed. In a race across Italy and France, dangers await Maureen as she uncovers secrets and shines new light on the hidden corners of Christianity. (American)

Andy McNAB

Exit Wound

480pp Pb \$21.95

Nick Stone. Three tons of Saddam Hussein's gold in an unguarded warehouse in Dubai. For two of Nick Stone's closest ex-SAS comrades, it was to have been the perfect crime. But when they're double-crossed and the robbery goes devastatingly wrong, only Stone can identify his friends' killer and track him down. As the pieces come together, Stone journeys to the heart of a chilling conspiracy – a conspiracy in which he unwittingly holds the key. (American)

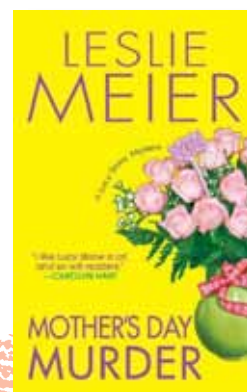


Leslie MEIER

Mother's Day Murder

252pp Pb \$12.95

Lucy Stone #15. Local reporter Lucy Stone finds her swanky Mother's Day brunch with her family marred by two mothers who use their teenage daughters in elaborate games of one-upmanship – games that go too far when one of the women is shot to death! (American)



Peter MILLAR

The Black Madonna 300pp Pb \$29.99

In ruins on the outskirts of Gaza, a young archaeologist has made a remarkable find: possibly the earliest known image of the Virgin Mary. But before she can reveal it to the world, it is stolen from her in a brutal assault amidst the chaos of an Israeli air strike. But who has stolen it and why? With her former lover, an Oxford professor, she embarks on a quest to some of the holiest sites in Christendom, where she uncovers a web of conspiracy dating back to the last pagan Roman emperor. (English)

Tara MOSS

Siren 432pp Pb \$24.99

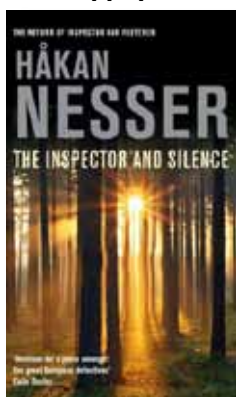
Mak Vanderwall – street-wise daughter of a cop, and now a PI – is hired by a widowed mother to track down her missing 19-year-old son. Has he run off with a bizarre troupe of French cabaret artists sweeping through Australia? And what of the rumours of violence and tragedy that have plagued the troupe for the past decade? Meanwhile, Mak is obsessed with the powerful Cavanagh family, one of Australia's richest and most ruthless families, whom she believes has got away with murder. (Australian)

Hakan NESSER

The Inspector and Silence

288pp Tp \$32.99

Inspector Van Veeteren #5. In the town of Sorbinowo, a girl has gone missing from the summer camp of 'The Pure Life', a religious sect in the woods. Chief Inspector Van Veeteren is tasked to help solve the mystery. But Oscar Yellineck – the leader of the sect – refuses to admit anyone is missing. Then the girl's body is found in the woods, and Yellineck himself disappears. Van Veeteren – faced with silence from members of the sect – must rely on his intuition to solve the case. (Swedish)



Stuart NEVILLE

The Twelve 480pp Pb \$24.95

Gerry Fegan, a former paramilitary contract killer, is haunted by the ghosts of the 12 people he has killed. Then one of the ghosts offers Fegan a solution: kill those who engineered their deaths. From the greedy politicians to the corrupt security forces, all must pay the price. But when Fegan's vendetta threatens to derail Northern Ireland's peace process and destabilise its fledgling government, old comrades and enemies want him gone. The secrets of a dirty war should stay buried: even if its ghosts do not. (Irish)

Brenda NOVAK

Body Heat

448pp Pb \$14.95

Department 6 Mysteries #2. While investigating the murder of illegal aliens in Bordertown, a small town along the US side of the Arizona/Mexico border, ex-Army Ranger Jose Falconer regrets his new assignment when he runs into the one woman he has never been able to forget. (American)

Karen E OLSON

Driven to Ink

320pp Pb \$12.95

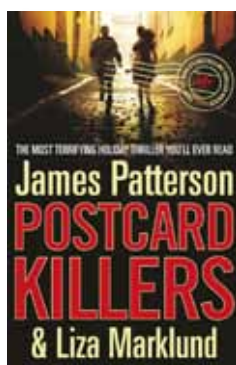
Tattoo Shop Mystery #3. When her car, which was borrowed by newlyweds Sylvia Coleman and Bernie Applebaum, is returned with a dead body in the trunk and then Sylvia and Bernie go missing, tattoo artist Brett Kavanaugh and Sylvia's son Jeff go undercover as bride and groom to catch a killer who preys on impersonators. (American)

James PATTERSON

Postcard Killers

400pp Tp \$32.95

The daughter of NYPD detective Jacob Kanon, Kimmy, and her fiancé were murdered while on holiday in Rome. Since then, young couples in Madrid, Salzburg, Athens and Paris have been found dead. Little connects the murders, other than a postcard to the local newspaper that precedes each new victim. Now Kanon teams up with the Swedish reporter, Dessie Larsson, who has just received a postcard in Stockholm – and they think they know where the next victims will be. (American)



Otto PENZLER (Editor)

Agents of Treachery: Spy Stories

448pp Tp \$32.95

From a secretive soldier on the eve of the Normandy landings to a golf-playing gun fanatic in a suburb of modern Britain, everybody has something to hide in this brilliant collection of original spy fiction that brings together the distinctive voices of the genre for the very first time. (American)

Gary PHILLIPS (Editor)

Orange County Noir

300pp Pb \$29.99

Orange County, California, brings to mind the endless summer of sand and surf, McMansion housing tracts, a conservative stronghold, and shopping centres. This volume pulls back the veil to reveal what lurks behind the curtain. Featuring brand-new stories by Susan Straight, Robert S Levinson, Rob Roberge, Nathan Walpaw, Barbara DeMarco-Barrett, Dan Duling, Mary Castillo, Lawrence Maddox, Dick Lochte, Robert Ward, Gary Phillips, Gordon McAlpine, Martin Smith and Patricia McFall. (American)

Kevin POWER

Bad Day in Blackrock

240pp Pb \$22.99

On a late August night, a young man is kicked to death outside a Dublin nightclub and celebration turns to devastation. The victim, Conor Harris, his three killers – charged with manslaughter – and the trial judge share common childhoods and schooling in the privileged echelons of south Dublin suburbia. The intertwining of these lives leaves their afflicted families in moral free-fall as public exposure merges with private anguish and imploded futures. (Irish)

Caro RAMSAY

Dark Water

468pp Tp \$32.95

When a man is found dead and disfigured in Glasgow, investigating officers DI Anderson and DS Costello believe him to be a suspect in a decade-old case: the rape and attempted murder of a young student by two men. But what has happened to the dead man's accomplice, 'Mr Click'? With the discovery of another young woman who has been brutally attacked, detectives Anderson and Costello realise this terrifying psychopath has started working once more. They must use every trick in the book to stop him. (Scottish)



Christopher REICH

Rules of Betrayal

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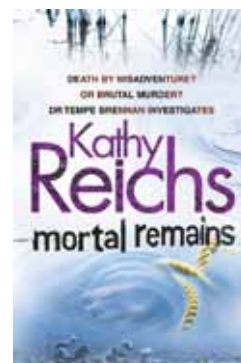
In 1980, a secret American B-52 crashes high in a remote mountain range on the Pakistan-Afghanistan border. Nearly 30 years later, a terrible truth will be revealed. Jonathan Ransom returns as the resourceful doctor thrown into a shadowy world of double and triple agents where absolutely no one can be trusted. To stay alive, Ransom must unravel the mystery surrounding his wife – an enigmatic and lethal spy who plays by her own rules – to discover where her loyalties truly lie. (American)

Kathy REICHS

Mortal Remains

320pp Tp \$32.95

Temperance Brennan #13. Tempe is called to the scene of an autoerotic death – but the man whose body she examines apparently died in a helicopter crash in Vietnam 40 years before. So who is buried in the soldier's grave? As Tempe unravels the mystery, she realises there are some who would rather the past stayed dead and buried. AKA *Spider Bones* in the US. (American)



Patrick ROBINSON**Diamondhead 432pp Pb \$18.99**

When Navy SEAL Mack Bedford's fellow officers are killed by Iraqi insurgents using a Diamondhead missile, he avenges their murders, but gets himself court-martialled and kicked out of the Navy. To make matters worse, he learns the missiles were sold illegally by French politician Henri Foche. Mack has a gravely ill son whose life can only be saved with an unaffordable medical procedure, so when he is offered an award to assassinate Henri Foche, he agrees. (English)

AI ROKER**The Morning Show Murders****432pp Pb \$14.95**

As famous for his popular cooking segment on *Wake Up America!* as for his swank Manhattan bistro, Billy Blessing can add prime murder suspect to his list of accomplishments. When one of the network's top honchos ends up dead, it's a poisoned serving of Blessing's coq au vin that's to blame. Billy knows he's being framed, but proving it won't be easy – not with his perky co-host involved in a brass-knuckles contract negotiation, a Mossad agent about to tell all on the air, and a ruthless international assassin arriving in the Big Apple! (American)

Craig RUSSELL**The Long Glasgow Kiss 320pp Tp \$29.99**

Lennox #2. PI Lennox is madly in lust with the daughter of notorious Glasgow bookie and greyhound breeder 'Small Change MacFarlane'. After making a killing on what looks like a crooked race, Small Change MacFarlane is found bludgeoned to death with a bronze statue of 'Danny Boy'; his previous best racer. Lennox gets drawn into the seriously shady business of dog racing as he hunts MacFarlane's killer. (Scottish)

Fred SABERHAGEN**Séance for a Vampire 192pp Pb \$18.95**

Further Adventures of Sherlock Holmes. When two psychics offer Ambrose Altamont the opportunity to contact their recently deceased daughter, the British aristocrat hires Sherlock Holmes to expose their hoax. Confident in Holmes' rationalism, what starts as cruel mockery becomes deadly reality when young Louisa Altamont appears to her parents as a vampire. The resulting chaos leaves one of the fraudulent spiritualists dead, Holmes missing and Dr Watson alone. With time running out, Watson summons the only one who might be able to help – Holmes' vampire cousin, Prince Dracula. (American)

Stephen Jay SCHWARTZ**Beat 336pp Pb \$27.00**

After LAPD Detective Hayden Glass' sex-addiction-propelled urge to seek out a woman from the Internet leads him to discover a massive sex-slave trade – run by the Russian mafia and protected by corrupt San Francisco cops – the FBI wants him on the case; but will his presence do more harm than good? (American)

Angela SAVAGE**The Half-Child****304pp Tp \$32.95**

Jayne Keeney is a feisty 30-something Aussie who has been living in Bangkok for many years. She has been hired to investigate the alleged suicide of an Australian woman in a Thai coastal town. Maryanne Delbeck was happy and harmless; her father refuses to believe she took her own life. Jayne immerses herself in the case, navigating the backstreet world of Thai lady-boys, monks, strippers, ex-pats and corrupt officials. (Australian)

Lisa SCOTTLIN**Look Again****384pp Pb \$22.99**

When reporter Ellen Gleeson receives a Missing Persons flyer in the mail, she realises the child in the photo looks exactly like her adopted son Will. His adoption was lawful, but as a journalist she feels compelled to discover the truth. She cannot shake off the question: if Will rightfully belongs to someone else, should she give him up? As she investigates, uncovering clues no one was meant to discover, she digs too deep, endangering her own life – and that of the son she loves. (American)

Gerald SEYMOUR**The Dealer and the Dead****464pp Tp \$32.99**

18 years after the barbarous war with the Serbs that tore their communities apart, a group of Croatian villagers discover the identity of the Englishman who they believe betrayed them by welching on a deal to supply arms. With revenge in sight at last, they hire a professional killer from London to track him down. But is the story as simple as they think? (English)

Maggie SHAYNE**Kiss Me, Kill Me****400pp Pb \$14.95**

Secrets of Shadow Falls #3. Keeping her and her son Sam's secret safe for 16 years, Dr Carrie Overton wonders if it's time to reveal the truth when the deaths of several teenagers are linked to a long-ago murder, and newcomer Gabriel Cain arrives, asking too many questions and getting too close to Sam. (American)

Bob SHEPHERD**The Infidel****384pp Tp \$32.99**

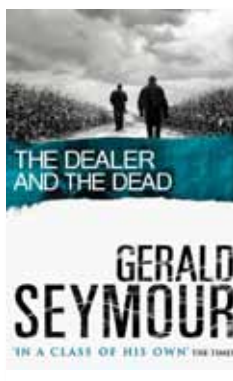
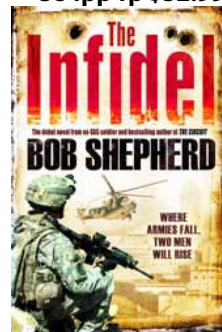
When Islamic militants infiltrate an elite British counter-narcotics programme, disaster is averted thanks to ex-SAS soldiers John Patterson and Dusty Miller. But when fallout from the affair threatens to topple the West's fragile Afghan alliance and expose failings inside the UK's new crime fighting agency, John and Dusty suddenly find themselves on the wrong side of the law – and on the run. But their journey to freedom will thrust them deeper into the Afghan conflict than they ever imagined. (English)

Martin Cruz SMITH**Three Stations****352pp Tp \$32.99**

As a train pulls into Yaroslav Station, Moscow, a teenage girl wakes to discover her baby has been taken. When the police are suspicious of the girl's elusive story, Maya must search for her baby in Three Stations – the most dangerous part of the city – without their help. Meanwhile, disillusioned with Moscow's Prosecution Service, Arkady Renko is on the brink of resignation when a sex worker is found dead in a trailer in Three Stations. With the local police keen to dismiss the death as an overdose, Renko's curiosity is piqued. Soon, as he is drawn into the world of Moscow's super-rich, where nothing is as it seems... (American)

Roger SMITH**Wake Up Dead****276pp Pb \$23.99**

On a hot night in Cape Town, ex-model Roxy Palmer and her gunrunner husband, Joe, are carjacked, leaving Joe lying in a pool of blood. The carjackers make their getaway, but Disco and Godwynn will stop at nothing to track her down. Meanwhile, Billy Afrika, a mixed-race ex-cop turned mercenary, won't let Roxy out of his sight because Joe owed him a chunk of money. And hunting them all is Piper, a love-crazed psychopath determined to renew his vows with Disco, his prison 'wise'. (South African)


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Jennifer STANLEY
The Way of the Guilty 320pp Pb \$14.95

Hope Street Church Mysteries #3. Cooper Lee has a new outlook on life, thanks to her friends at Hope Street Church. But when her sister, Ashley, is implicated in a gruesome murder, Cooper snaps into action. Along with her beau Nathan and her friends from Hope Street, Cooper vows to solve this unholy mess – with a wing, a prayer, and a small dose of snooping! (American)



Terence STRONG
Some Unholy War 416pp Tp \$32.99

Having been wounded in action in Afghanistan, Mark Aston returns to his rural home town. But behind the town's genteel facade lies a dark undercurrent of crime and gang culture. When a fellow Falklands War veteran named Jock Mohoney is murdered by jobs high on drugs supplied by a local Muslim gang, Aston decides it's time to act. Teaming up with former SAS colleague Ravi Azoor, he succeeds in infiltrating the gang only to discover that it's part of a far larger network, whose tentacles reach all the way to Taliban warlord and drug baron, Dr Zam-Zama. (English)

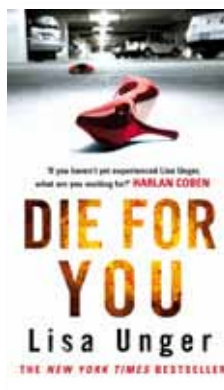
Rebecca TOPE
A Grave in the Cotswolds 384pp Hb \$49.95

Thea Osborne #8. Thea Osborne and her spaniel Hepzie are staying in the late Greta Simmonds' house. Thea is torn between moving back home or waiting for the execution of the will. When the discovery of a body in a nearby field takes the decision out of Thea's hands, she finds herself embroiled in a murder investigation once again. Thea believes the police's only suspect, Drew Slocombe, is innocent. As they work together to clear his name, they realise that in this village, a means and motive could be laid at anybody's door. (English)



Lisa UNGER
Die for You 368pp Pb \$21.95

Isabel and Marcus Raines are the perfect couple. One morning, Marcus leaves for work, and disappears. Isabel goes to Marcus's office, trying to find answers. Instead she finds herself in the middle of an FBI raid, and is knocked unconscious. When she awakes in a hospital, she learns that everyone Marcus worked with is dead. Then the police discover Marcus Raines has been dead for years, and Isabel was married to a stranger. Isabel can't rest until she finds the truth about the man she loved, and why he deceived her so completely. (American)



Lisa UNGER
Fragile Tp \$32.95

Maggie is anguished when her son's girlfriend, Charlene, vanishes. Eerie parallels soon emerge between this disappearance and an abduction that shook their community years ago. Maggie can hardly believe that her husband, a police officer, suspects her son of causing Charlene's disappearance. Ricky is his father's son in all the most important ways and she suddenly realises that might be exactly what Jones fears. In a town where the past is always present, nobody is above suspicion... (American)



Antoinette VAN HEUGTEN
Saving Max 384pp Pb \$27.00

While being assessed at an Iowa psychiatric hospital, mentally troubled Max Parkman is found covered with blood at the scene of a horrific murder and is accused of being the killer. His mother, Danielle, is desperate to prove her son innocent. (American)

Daniel D VICTOR
The Seventh Bullet 224pp Pb \$18.95

Further Adventures of Sherlock Holmes. Sherlock Holmes just wants a peaceful life in the Sussex countryside but his hopes are dashed when true-life muckraker and author David Graham Phillips is assassinated, leaving behind little clues as to why he was murdered. The pleas of his sister draw Holmes and Watson to the far side of the Atlantic, where a web of deceit, violence and intrigue unravels as they embark on one of their most challenging cases. (American)

David WALKER
Too Many Clients 224pp Hb \$49.95

Wild Onion Ltd #4. PI Kirsten and her lawyer husband Dugan have a problem. A tarnished Chicago cop has been murdered, and Dugan's foolish flouting of certain rules has ensured his place on the list of suspects. Kirsten knows it's unwise to have her own husband as a client, but doesn't trust his freedom with anyone else. But soon she has two more clients, who both want her to find the real killer, or so they say. (American)

Michael WALSH
Early Warning 360pp Pb \$12.95

The NSA's most lethal weapon is back. Code-named Devlin, he operates in the darkest recesses of the US government. When international cyber-terrorists allow a deadly and cunning band of radical insurgents to breach the highest levels of national security, Devlin must take down an enemy bent on destroying America... An enemy more violent and ruthless than the world has ever known. (American)

Wendy Lyn WATSON
Scoop to Kill 288pp Pb \$12.95

Mystery a La Mode #2. When a graduate student and the teacher he accused of sexual harassment are found dead after the annual Honour's Day festivities, Tally Jones, the proprietor of an old-fashioned ice cream parlour, must get the scoop on a cold-blooded murderer. (American)



David WHISH-WILSON
Line of Sight 272pp Pb \$29.95

When a brothel madam is shot on a Perth golf course in 1975, it should be a routine murder enquiry. But there's barely an investigation, and Superintendent Swann thinks it's because some very respectable people are profiting off heroin – the new drug in town. Swann is pointing the finger at those in strongholds of power: big business, organised crime, the government. He might have won the first round by forcing a royal commission, but now Swann's teenage daughter has disappeared. And word on the street is Swann's a dead man walking. (Australian)

Michael WHITE
The Art of Murder 416pp Tp \$32.95

In a London art gallery, the meticulous arrangement of an apple in the hole where the corpse's face used to be has DCI Pendragon and his team reeling. The reference to surrealist painter Magritte is clear. 24 hours later, the police have a second grotesque killing on their hands, this time emulating a famous Dali painting. Someone is turning murder into an art form, and Pendragon must solve the crime. (Australian)

Edward WILSON
The Darkling Spy

300pp Pb \$29.99

London, 1956. A generation of British spies are haunted by the ghosts of friends turned traitor. Henry Bone, a Mandarin spymaster, is convinced that a man codenamed Butterfly is the Holy Grail of Cold War Intelligence. In reality, however, Butterfly is an aristocratic pervert whose political tastes are as ugly as his sexual preferences. Worst of all, Butterfly has the ability to identify each traitor – and every serving British spy who helped them. (English)

Don WINSLOW
The Gentlemen's Hour

336pp Pb \$24.95

Boone Daniels, a laid-back PI, gathers with his surfing buddies on Pacific Beach. Having no work to do and no real reason to go to the office, Boone stays for the second shift on the daily surfing clock – the Gentleman's Hour. But when The Sundowner, a symbolic icon of the San Diego surf scene, sees a murderous dispute between a young surfer and a member of the territorial Rockpile Crew, the painful truth that violence is seeping into the surf community can no longer be ignored... (American)

Susan WITTIG ALBERT

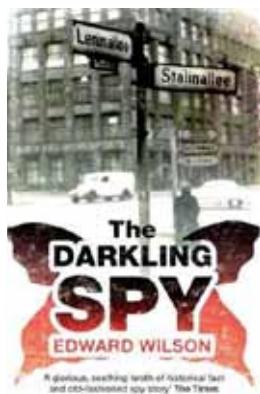
Wormwood 304pp Pb \$14.95

China Bayles #17. China Bayles needs rest, and a historic Shaker village in Kentucky seems the ideal place for it. There she can learn about the intriguing Shaker culture and its medicinal herbs. But the village is plagued with misfortune. China wonders if, with the help of some age-old journals full of scandal, she can get to the bottom of it. But after a shocking death occurs during her stay, China will plunge into the archives of another time to connect the sins of the past with a modern-day murder. (American)

Stuart WOODS

Kisser 400pp Pb \$18.95

Stone Barrington #17. Hoping to resume a quieter legal career after returning to New York from Key West, Stone Barrington crosses paths with a beautiful Broadway actress whose shady past places Stone and downtown police officer Dino Bacchetti in danger. (American)



CRIME HISTORICAL

Simon BEAUFORT
The Bloodstained Throne

256pp Hb \$49.95

Sir Geoffrey Mapestone #7. When the former crusader knight Geoffrey Mapestone and his friend Roger of Durham try to slip out of England to the Holy Land, a ferocious storm destroys their ship and casts them ashore. The two knights are thrust into the company of other shipwrecked passengers, and while attempting to evade the unwelcome attention of the more dangerous members of the group, they become unwillingly drawn into a plot to overthrow the king and return England to Saxon rule. (English)

Ariana FRANKLIN

The Assassin's Prayer

320pp Tp \$32.95

The King of England has ordered his Mistress of the Art of Death – anatomist and doctor Adelia Aguilar – to accompany ten-year-old Princess Joanna on her thousand-mile journey to marry the King of Sicily. Adelia sets sail with the princess and her lavish procession of nobles, servants, luggage and treasure. But when members of the procession begin to die, there are dangerous accusations of witchcraft against Adelia. Meanwhile one traveller, armed with a brilliant disguise and a personal vendetta, has been watching Adelia all too closely. He wants her dead... but he wants her to suffer first. (English)



Michael JECKS

The Bishop Must Die 480pp Pb \$19.99

Knights Templar #28. 1326. In France, King Edward II's estranged wife Queen Isabella shames him by refusing to return to England and flaunting her adulterous relationship with the king's sworn enemy, Sir Roger Mortimer. When the king hears she has betrothed their son to the daughter of the Count of Hainault, England fears an invasion of Hainault mercenaries. Meanwhile the Treasurer of England's life is threatened. He has made many enemies, and Sir Baldwin and Simon must do all they can to find the would-be assassin before he can strike. (English)

Michael JECKS

The Oath

528pp Pb \$35.95

Knights Templar #29. 1326. In an England riven with conflict, knight and peasant alike find their lives turned upside down by the warring factions of Edward II, with his hated favourite, Hugh le Despenser, and Edward's estranged queen Isabella and her lover, Sir Roger Mortimer. Yet even in such times the brutal slaughter of an entire family still has the power to shock. Three further murders follow, and Bailiff Simon Puttock is drawn into a web of intrigue, as Roger Mortimer charges him to investigate the killings. (English)

Edward MARSTON

The King's Evil (1999) 384pp Pb \$19.99

Christopher Redmayne Mystery
#1. London, 1666.

Christopher Redmayne and Jonathan Bale are hardly kindred spirits. Redmayne dedicates himself to rebuilding the city that Bale believes was destroyed by its own inner corruption. The two men are thrown together when they catch thieves who are stealing from the house that Redmayne has designed for Sir Ambrose Northcott. The foul murder of Sir Ambrose joins them, in a dangerous investigation that takes them through the brothels and gaming houses of Restoration London, to the heart of the King's court. (English)



I J PARKER

The Masuda Affair

240pp Hb \$49.95

Sugawara Akitada Mystery #7. 11th century Japan. Government official Sugawara Akitada finds a mute boy on a deserted road. Akitada, still grieving for his own small son, determines to find the boy's parents. Meanwhile, Akitada's faithful servant Tora has lost his new bride to a powerful man who pursues beautiful women and will stop at nothing to possess them. The trails of these two seemingly unrelated cases lead Akitada and Tora to the entertainers of the amusement quarter, where murder follows in their footsteps... (American)

C J SANSOM

Heartstone

450pp Tp \$32.99

Shardlake #5. 1545. Henry VIII's invasion of France has gone wrong, and a French fleet is preparing to sail across the Channel. Meanwhile, Matthew Shardlake is asked to investigate claims of 'monstrous wrongs' committed against a young ward of the court.

Shardlake and his assistant Barak journey to Portsmouth, where Shardlake takes the opportunity to investigate the mysterious past of Ellen Fettipace, a young woman incarcerated in the Bedlam. The mysteries surrounding the young ward, and the events that destroyed Ellen's family 19 years before, reunite Shardlake with an old friend and an old enemy close to the throne. (English)

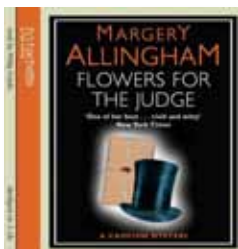


CRIME AUDIO

Margery ALLINGHAM Flowers for the Judge

3 CDs \$35.00

The secrets of the respected publishing house of Barnabus Ltd stretch back many years, but when one of the directors is found dead, locked in the company's strongroom, it's time for Albert Campion to set to work puzzling out the mysteries. (English)



Lisa UNGER Fragile

10 CDs \$39.95

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CRIME NON-FICTION

Robin BOWLES

Justice Denied: An Investigation into the Death of Jaidyn Leskie

414pp Pb \$19.95

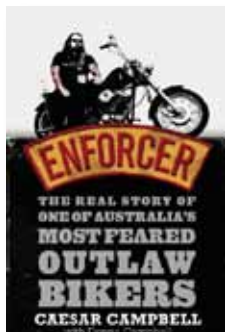
The book which the Victorian police did not want written... In country Victoria on the night of 14 June 1997, sleeping toddler Jaidyn Leskie is left alone in the front room of his babysitter's house. He vanishes. Within four weeks, his babysitter is arrested, charged and finally acquitted. Case closed? Not quite! (Australian)

Caesar CAMPBELL

Enforcer: The Real Story of One of Australia's Most Feared Outlaw Bikers

Tp \$34.99

Caesar Campbell is the former sergeant-at-arms and chief enforcer for the Comancheros, and the founding member and sergeant-at-arms of the Australian Bandidos. This volume follows his recruitment into the Comancheros, to the split within the club that led to the foundation of the Bandidos and the bloody massacre at Milperra that resulted from it – a massacre that saw the death of two of Caesar's brothers, and bullet wounds and a lengthy jail term for him. Never before has someone so respected in the bikie gangs opened a window onto their world. (Australian)

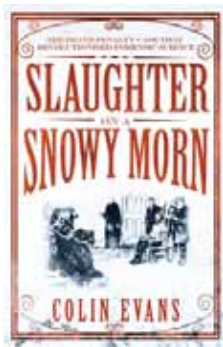


Colin EVANS

Slaughter on a Snowy Morn

320pp Pb \$29.99

New York, 1916. Charles Stielow was convicted on a phoney confession and the crooked 'expert' testimony of a jumped-up druggist, Albert Hamilton. Without the efforts of Grace Humiston – America's most celebrated female lawyer – Stielow would have gone to the electric chair. Grace saved him, but it was forensic science that released Stielow from prison after Charles Waite was able to tear Hamilton's testimony to shreds. A true story of wrongful conviction and redemption in an age of bare-knuckle politics and cynical courtroom manoeuvring. (American)

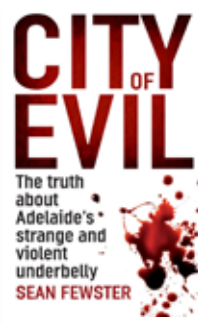


Sean FEWSTER

City of Evil: The Truth About Adelaide's Strange and Violent Underbelly

352pp Tp \$35.00

Adelaide – an elegantly designed, civilised city – is the setting for some of Australia's most bizarre crimes. From the murder of a transvestite, pro-wrestling truck driver by his two lesbian lodgers during an argument over a camera; to the prosecution of an elderly couple by the RSPCA for keeping 120 stray dogs and six pigs in horrific conditions. More than just a collection of attention-grabbing cases from the past 10 years, this book examines what lies beneath this conservative, unassuming state capital. (Australian)

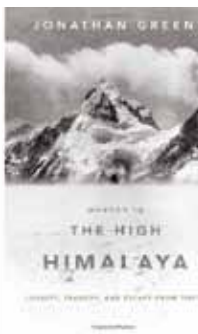


Jonathan GREEN

Murder in the High Himalaya: Loyalty, Tragedy and Escape from Tibet

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Steve HODEL

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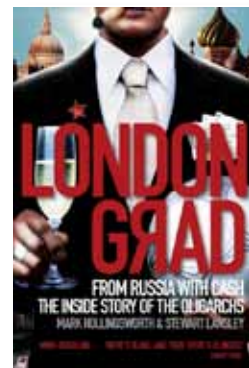
A veteran LAPD homicide detective who discovered that his own father was the Black Dahlia killer shares his subsequent investigations into his father's other criminal activities, which the author believes include unsolved murders spanning more than six decades. (American)

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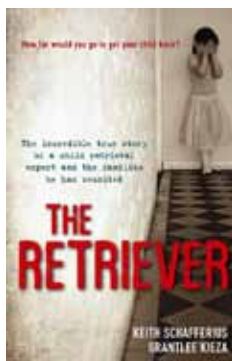
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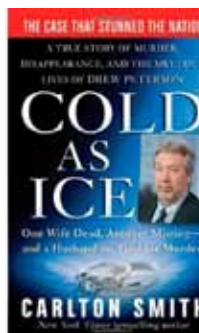
On the Great Barrier Reef, a diver took one of many underwater photos. But in the lower right-hand corner of one shot, Tina Watson's lifeless body lay on the ocean floor. How could this young woman have died, just seven minutes into her dive, when Gabe Watson - her dive buddy and husband of only 11 days - was a certified rescue diver? As the tragedy unfolded, disturbing evidence mounted that something more sinister may have occurred. (Australian)

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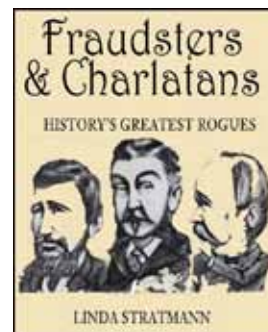
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Kathleen Savio was married to Drew Peterson for 11 years before filing for divorce in 2003. The next year, she was found dead in her bathtub. Her drowning appeared to be an accident and no one questioned it. But when Peterson's next wife Stacy went missing, the former Illinois cop became a suspect. With Stacy presumed dead, authorities exhumed Savio's body. A new autopsy pointed to homicide and Peterson was arrested for her murder, yet he continues to protest his innocence. (American)

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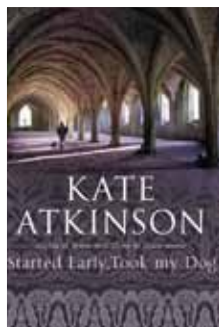
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Kate ATKINSON

Started Early, Took My Dog

352pp Tp \$32.95



A brand new novel featuring Jackson Brodie – another deliciously complex, intelligent and witty addition to this wonderful series. As always, the action revolves around our unlikely hero Jackson as we meet a cast of characters who initially seem to have nothing in common, but who gradually become entwined in a delightful, almost Dickensian, manner.

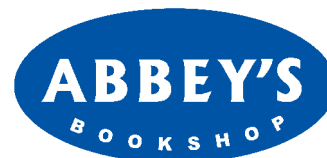
It's a day like any other for Tracey Waterhouse, former cop and now security chief at a tatty Leeds shopping centre. Until she, well, accidentally buys a child! A small, neglected and possibly abused child, but someone else's child nonetheless. And whoever her parents are, someone seems to be very keen to get her back.

Witness to Tracey's moment of madness is Tilly, an elderly actress whose memory is not what it could be. In fact, Tilly is currently starring in a TV series and sometimes it's hard for her to tell what's real and what's happening on set. And finally, there's Brodie – former cop, former army investigator, former gumshoe, now 'semi-retired'. He's back in his home county looking for the birth family of a young woman in New Zealand. Could there possibly be a connection between these three?

What I love about Kate Atkinson's books is the way she is always fresh and surprising. This book - packed with unlikely heroes and villains, plus one very lovable dog - is definitely an intelligent page-turner. If you haven't read any of the earlier books, this is an excellent place to start. – *Annabel*

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