

CRIME Chronicle

"Where a good crime can be had by all"

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NEW BLOOD

Jo Nesbo Headhunters

Roger Brown has it all. He's the country's most successful headhunter. He has a beautiful wife and a magnificent house. And to maintain this lifestyle, he's also a highly accomplished art thief. At a gallery opening, his wife introduces him to Clas Greve, who is in possession of 'The Calydonian Boar Hunt' by Rubens - one of the most sought-after paintings in the world. Roger starts planning his boldest heist yet. But he will soon run into trouble... and this time money is the least of his worries!

[Norwegian, Suspense] 272pp Tp \$29.95



Kerry Greenwood Medea Delphic Women #1

Sorceress, Princess of Colchis, Securer of the Golden Fleece. Her very name is a byword for infamy. Legend has it that she murdered her own children for revenge. But love in Ancient Greece was often a dangerous game; and legends are not always what they seem. Medea, devoted wife of Jason, was also a loving mother, a loyal friend of Herakles and a brave adventurer with the Argonauts. A woman both betrayer and betrayed, the real story of Medea is strange, sensual and heroic.

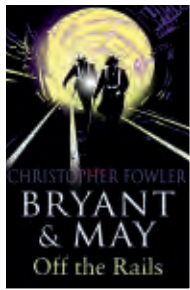
[Australian, Historical] 432pp Pb \$29.99



Christopher Fowler Bryant and May Off the Rails Bryant and May #8

Arthur Bryant, John May and the Peculiar Crimes Unit are on the trail of a young man called Mr Fox. All they know is that somehow he escaped from a locked room and murdered one of their best. Now the detectives are being lured into the darkest recesses of the London Underground where their quarry has struck again. Their search takes them into the vast labyrinth of tunnels, a subterranean world full of legends and ghost stations which link the city.

[English, Police Proc.] 384pp Pb \$24.95



Louise Penny A Trick of the Light

In the green depths of spring, morning breaks on a woman splayed in a bed of flowers? her eyes wide, her neck broken. Her death is a mystery; so is the woman herself. But as Chief Inspector Armand Gamache and his team peer into the dark corners of the victim's past, they expose a secret that rots at the very heart of their community? a secret that will implicate someone they've trusted for years. And as Gamache knows too well, in the flickering shadows of death, the truth may be just a trick of the light.

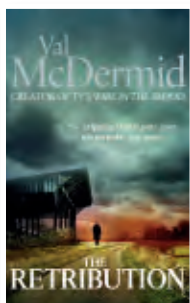
[Canadian, Police Proc.] 252pp Tp \$29.99



Val McDermid The Retribution Tony Hill & Carol Jordan #7

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

[Scottish, Police Proc.] 416pp Tp \$32.99



Anna Dean A Woman of Consequence Dido Kent #3

Madderstone Abbey, 1806. When Penelope Lambe suffers a bad fall, some are sure she saw the Grey Nun, the ghost reputed to walk the ruins. Unconvinced, Miss Dido Kent determines to uncover the real cause of the accident. Then events take a sinister turn when a human skeleton is found nearby. The remains are identified as those of a Miss Elinor Fenn, and letters come to light which suggest the reason for her death. But how is Miss Lambe's accident connected to this discovery?

[English, Historical] 384pp Pb \$17.99



TRUE CRIME

Fiona Harari A Tragedy in Two Acts Marcus Einfeld and Teresa Brennan

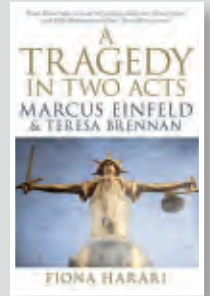
This was not the ending either of them expected. Marcus Einfeld, former Federal Court judge and human rights champion and his old friend Teresa Brennan, an exuberant, sometimes controversial US-based academic, had each spent years establishing demanding careers and international reputations, to create two lives that, on paper at least, exuded success.

Then Einfeld was caught speeding. But rather than pay a small fine, the former judge told a court that Brennan had been driving his car. In reality she had been dead for three years.

Through a chain of events that at times seemed exceedingly unlikely, Einfeld's lie was exposed, with unimaginable consequences. His world and virtually every honour he had earned rapidly disappeared. And his old friend Brennan, who had died in suspicious circumstances, was suddenly, posthumously, attracting attention for all the wrong reasons.

This is the remarkable story of two outstanding Australians whose lives have been lived large and who, ultimately, have been bound by tragedy.

[Australian, True Crime] 272pp Tp \$34.99



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Kathy Reichs Flash and Bones Temperance Brennan #14

Just as 200,000 fans are pouring into town for Race Week, a body is found in a barrel of asphalt next to the Charlotte Motor Speedway. The next day, a NASCAR crew member comes to Temperance Brennan's office to share a devastating story. 12 years earlier, Wayne Gamble's sister Cindi disappeared with her boyfriend Cale Lovette. Could the body be Cindi or Cale? As Tempe juggles multiple theories, the discovery of a strange, deadly substance in the barrel alongside the body throws everything into question...

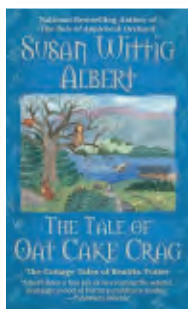
[American, Forensic] 304pp Tp \$32.95





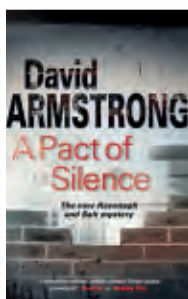
Susan Wittig Albert The Tale of Oat Cake Crag Cottage Tale of Beatrix Potter #7

Miss Beatrix Potter has returned to Near Sawrey, seeking refuge from the bluster of London. But it is 1912 and Winston Churchill is said to be preparing for war. At the same time, Beatrix's friend Grace Lythecoe has been receiving anonymous letters, threatening her good name and her plans to marry. Beatrix must investigate quietly so as not to arouse village gossip. There is also the matter of Beatrix's own romantic future when she's offered a second chance at love. *[American, Cosy]* 304pp Pb \$13.50



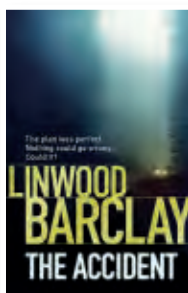
David Armstrong A Pact of Silence DI Frank Kavanagh #6

In the long, hot summer of 1969, two young men are involved in the accidental killing of their boss in a Shropshire market town. Traumatized, they conceal his body but leave behind a vital clue. Four decades later, DI Frank Kavanagh and DC Jane Salt's relationship is in trouble. Jane is desperate to escape the bad atmosphere between them and runs to a friend's home in that same Shropshire town... only to find herself in peril! *[English, Police Proc.]* 224pp Pb \$24.95



Linwood Barclay The Accident

The recession has been bad for Glen Barber's construction business in the small town of Milford, especially after a fire destroys his buildings. But his troubles escalate when his wife Sheila is the cause of a drink-driving accident that takes three lives, including her own. As he looks deeper into the circumstances of the accident, he realises just how many secrets lurk behind Milford's idyllic façade. *[Canadian, Suspense]* 400pp Tp \$29.99



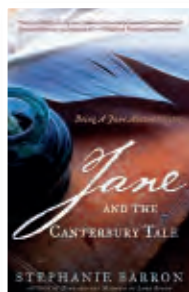
Robert Barnard A Stranger in the Family

At age three, Kit Philipson was abducted during a family holiday in Italy. He grew up adored by his adopted parents, but as his mother lay dying she confessed her secret and gave him the details of his real mother. Isla Novello is ecstatic to be reunited with her long lost son, but there are members of the family who are reluctant for him to investigate his abduction. Kit is determined to find out the truth, but he has no idea how harrowing his investigation will be... *[English, Suspense]* 320pp Pb \$17.99



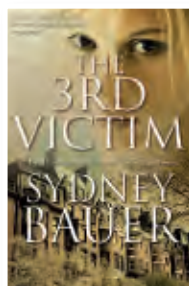
Stephanie Barron Jane and the Canterbury Tale Jane Austen Mystery #11

Three years after news of her scandalous husband's death, Adelaide Fiske is at the altar again. The prospects seem bright for one of the most notorious women in Kent - until Jane Austen discovers a corpse on her brother's estate. Jane reluctantly assists her brother in the investigation and soon discovers deep mysteries. It seems that Adelaide's previous husband has returned for the new couple's nuptials - only this time, genuinely, profoundly dead. But when a second corpse appears on the estate, Jane has no choice but to confront a murderer, lest the next corpse be her own! *[American, Cosy]* 320pp Pb \$23.95



Sydney Bauer The 3rd Victim David Cavanaugh #6

A widowed mother. A blood-soaked nursery. A missing baby. When David Cavanaugh hears of this heinous crime, he knows immediately he doesn't want to touch it. The mother's guilt is obvious to all, however Cavanaugh is unwittingly drawn into the case and appointed to the defence to prove the mother's innocence, but time is running out. A vicious attack on David's family proves they're on the right track but it also seems that this time David has taken on the one case that will be impossible to win. *[Australian, Legal]* 488pp Tp \$32.99



Mark Billingham Good as Dead DI Tom Thorne #10

Police officer Helen Weeks walks into her local newsagent's on her way to work. Little does she know that this simple daily ritual will change her life forever when she is taken hostage. The crazed gunman is desperate to know what really happened to his beloved son who died a year before while in youth custody. Holding a police officer at gunpoint will force the one man who knows the most about the case to re-investigate his son's death. That man is DI Tom Thorne. While Weeks fights to stay alive the body-count rises and Thorne races time to bring a killer to justice and save a mother's life. *[English, Police Proc.]* 400pp Tp \$32.99



Benjamin Black A Death in Summer Quirke Dublin #4

Newspaper magnate Richard Jewell is found dead at his country estate, clutching a shotgun in his lifeless hands and few see his demise as cause for sorrow. But Doctor Quirke and Inspector Hackett realise that 'Diamond Dick' has in fact been murdered. Suspicion falls on one of his biggest rivals but as Quirke and his assistant Sinclair get to know Jewell's enigmatic wife and his fragile sister, it becomes clear that all is not as it seems. *[Irish, Suspense]* Pb \$24.99



Sean Black Grid Lock

Adult movie actress, Raven Lane, is one of the most lusted after women in California, with millions of fans to prove it. But none seem to be more dedicated in their pursuit of her than the murderous stalker who is carving a demonic swathe across the streets of Los Angeles in an apparent bid to get her attention. With the LAPD seemingly unable to protect her, Raven turns to elite bodyguard, Ryan Lock for help. Lock is drawn into a web of deceit and seduction and events spiral swiftly out of control as those closest to Lock begin to pay a bloody price for his involvement and Lock seeks revenge. *[Scottish, Suspense]* 400pp Tp \$32.95



Rhys Bowen Royal Blood Royal Spyness #4

Penniless and 34th in line to the throne, Georgiana Rannoch finds herself in a truly draining state of affairs. To escape her hateful brother, Georgie accepts an invitation from the Queen to represent the royals at a wedding in Transylvania. But at the macabre-looking castle, Georgie finds the bride with blood running down her chin and a wedding guest poisoned. Now it's up to Georgie to save the festivities before the couple's vows become 'to love and to cherish, till undeath do we part'. *[English, Suspense]* 336pp Pb \$13.50



James Lee Burke The Glass Rainbow Detective Dave Robicheaux #18

When Dave Robicheaux gets the call saying his ex-partner Clete Purcel is in jail for felony assault and resisting arrest, bailing him out is instinctive. After all, Clete is the man who saved Dave's life by carrying him down a fire escape with two bullets in his back. But Clete's latest escapade is the assault of a big-time pimp, meth dealer and murder suspect who is hiding his criminal activities behind a charity front. As Dave probes the charity, he finds that its sponsor is the smooth-talking scion of a wealthy family. He also happens to be Dave's daughter's boyfriend. *[American, Police Proc.]* 544pp Pb \$22.99



Barbara Cleverly Strange Images of Death Det. Joe Sandilands #8

Provence, 1926. Scotland Yard Detective Joe Sandilands is on leave when a crime committed at the chateau has everyone in a panic. Then a child goes missing and an artist's beautiful young model is murdered in circumstances eerily recreating a 600-year-old crime of passion. Joe delves into a horror story from the castle's past to unmask the diseased soul responsible for these contemporary crimes. *[English, Police Proc.]* Pb \$21.95



Harlan Coben Shelter

Myron Bolitar discovers that his mysterious tearaway younger brother, Brad, has a teenage son. When Brad dies in a mysterious accident in South America, Myron is his closest, albeit estranged, relative left and is assigned to be Brad's son's legal guardian.

Will uncle and nephew be able to live with one another? And will Brad's son be able to resist getting involved in solving a mystery disappearance at his new high school?
[*American, Suspense*] 320pp Pb \$22.99



John Connolly The Burning Soul Charlie Parker #10

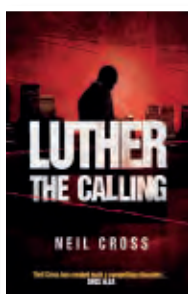
Randall Haight has a secret: when he was a teenager, he and his friend killed a 14-year-old girl. Randall did his time and built a new life in the small Maine town of Pastor's Bay, but somebody has discovered the truth about Randall. He is being tormented by anonymous messages, haunting reminders of his past crime and he wants private detective Charlie Parker to make it stop. But another 14-year-old girl has gone missing, this time from Pastor's Bay and the missing girl's family has its own secrets to protect...

[*Irish, Private Eye*] 544pp Tp \$29.99



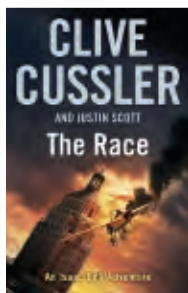
Neil Cross The Calling John Luther #1

Meet Detective Chief Inspector John Luther, murder detective - a near-genius who has an extraordinary clearance rate. He commands outstanding loyalty from friends and colleagues. But Luther seethes with a hidden fury that at times he can barely control. Sometimes it sends him to the brink of madness, making him do things way beyond the limits of the law. [English, Police Proc.] 400pp Tp \$29.99



Clive Cussler The Race Isaac Bell #4

Intrepid detective Isaac Bell engages in his most dangerous case yet. It is the early years of the 20th century, air travel is in its infancy and newspaper publisher Preston Whiteway is offering \$50,000 for the first flier to cross America in less than 50 days. He is even sponsoring one of the candidates - a barnstorming woman flier named Josephine Frost - and that's where Isaac Bell comes in. Frost's violent-tempered business magnate husband, Harry, has just killed her lover and tried to kill her and now he's on the run - but Whiteway is sure he'll try again. Bell knows that if he takes the case, Frost will be after him, too. Things are not quite what they seem to him, leading to a very fatal mistake indeed.
[*American, Police Proc.*] 400pp Tp \$29.95



Miranda Darling The Siren's Sting

Going deep undercover and posing as just another jet-setting party girl on the lookout for a wealthy husband, Stevie Duveen cruises aboard Vaughan Krok's mega-yacht, surrounded by arms dealers, aristocrats and billionaires. The action swings from the sun-kissed marinas of the Mediterranean to diva season in Venice, through the oilfields of Azerbaijan and on to the billionaires' playgrounds of Spain, but Stevie soon uncovers more questions than answers: What secret deal is Krok brokering? How is he connected to the Somali pirate scourge? And why is someone trying to kill her?
[*Australian, Espionage*] 360pp Tp \$29.99



Krista Davis The Diva Haunts the House Domestic Diva #5

Domestic diva Sophie Winston is getting into the Halloween spirit - her decorations for a community haunted house are so good, it's scary. Not to be outdone, rival domestic diva Natasha is throwing a spooktacular Halloween party at her house. But when Sophie arrives, she discovers one of Natasha's guests dead in a Halloween display and a pale, fanged partygoer fleeing the scene. Could the killer be a "real" vampire - the same one rumoured to have lived in Sophie's haunted house back when it was a boarding house? Good thing a domestic diva never runs out of garlic. [American, Cosy] 304pp Pb \$13.50



Janet Evanovich Wicked Appetite

Meet brand new heroine Elizabeth Tucker: bakery worker, unlucky in love... and descendant of witches. Life is pleasantly predictable for Lizzy, until a tall, black-haired, dark eyed man shows up. His name is Gerwulf Grimoire and he wants what Lizzy has: knowledge. Another man, Diesel, also wants things Lizzy has. Unbeknownst to Lizzy, she has the ability to find 'empowered objects'. A collection of stones that represent the seven deadly sins have made their way to Marblehead. If the stones are grouped together, they have the power to unleash hell on earth...
[*American, Romantic Susp.*] 384pp Pb \$14.99



Karin Fossum The Caller Inspector Sejer #8

One summer evening Lily and her husband are enjoying a meal while their baby daughter sleeps. But Lily is paralysed with terror when she finds her child bathed in blood. Mercifully, the baby is unharmed, but Inspector Sejer wonders why anyone would carry out such a sinister prank... Also available: *Inspector Sejer #7, Bad Intentions* (Pb \$24.95).
[*Norwegian, Police Proc.*] 304pp Tp \$32.95



Felix Francis Gamble

As one of the youngest ever winners of the Grand National, Nick 'Foxy' Foxton's career as a world class jockey is on perfect track until a near fatal accident cuts his dream brutally short. But when he returns to Aintree as a spectator years later, nothing can prepare him for what unfolds. Minutes before the biggest event on the racing calendar, Nick's affable American colleague Herb Kovak is shot at point blank range. On discovering Herb had named him as the benefactor of his will, Nick questions why he has been entrusted with the legacy. Is this a generous gift or is it a poisoned chalice?
[*English, Suspense*] 432pp Hb \$45.00



Tom Franklin Crooked Letter, Crooked Letter

Amos, Mississippi, is a quiet town. Silas Jones is its sole law enforcement officer. The last excitement here was nearly 20 years ago, when a teenage girl disappeared on a date with Larry Ott, Silas' one-time boyhood friend. The law couldn't prove Larry guilty, but the whole town has shunned him ever since. Then the town's peace is shattered when someone tries to kill the reclusive Ott, another young woman goes missing and the town's drug dealer is murdered. Woven through the tautly written murder story is the unspoken secret that hangs over the lives of two men - one black, one white.
[*American, Police Proc.*] 320pp Pb \$19.99



Sergios Gakas Ashes

When Sonia Verika, a former actress who takes solace in alcohol and isolation, is pulled from the fire, her body is burned almost beyond recognition. The house she shared with a retired director and a small family of African refugees is entirely destroyed and she is the only survivor. A classic noir thriller - unflinching in its examination of the violence and extortion bred by corruption, but at the same time tender in its treatment of human weaknesses, of guilt, addiction and regret.
[*Greek, Police Procedural*] 320pp Tp \$29.99



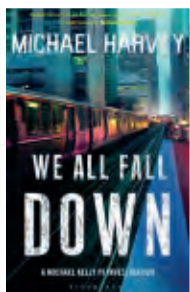
David Gibbins The Gods of Atlantis

A lost Nazi bunker in a forest in Germany contains a dreadful secret. Marine archaeologist Jack Howard returns to the lost island of Atlantis in the Black Sea to answer questions about the Atlantis priests that have plagued him. Then by tracking down the 1930s expeditions of Himmler's Ahnenerbe - the Nazi's Department of Cultural Heritage - and its link with Atlantis, Jack wonders - could there possibly be a terrifying new version of Atlantis, a priesthood of evil?
[*English, Archaeological*] 448pp Tp \$29.99



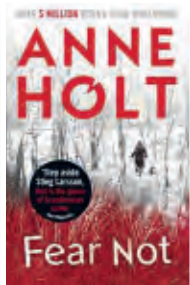
Michael Harvey
We All Fall Down
Michael Kelly #4

Chicago. A biological weapon is set off in the subway and quickly spreads through the city's west side. Kelly goes into the subway with a team trained in microbial forensics (essentially the next generation of CSI) and gets a hard lesson in "black biology" and the dimensions of the "coming biological war". The pathogen spreads and the government is forced to quarantine sections of the city. Soldiers in bio-hazard suits take to the streets and gangs take over day-to-day law and order in the sectioned off hot zones as society unravels.
[American, Forensic] 320pp Tp \$29.99



Anne Holt
Fear Not
Vik & Stubo #3

During a snowy Christmas season in Norway, criminal psychologist and profiler Inger Johanne Vik finds not only her husband and herself but also her autistic daughter drawn into the investigation of a number of disturbing deaths. Her husband, detective Yngvar Stubo, has been dispatched to Bergen to investigate the shocking Christmas Eve murder of a local female bishop. Meanwhile, dead bodies keep turning up, though the causes of death vary. Before long she will discover something incredible that will link them all.
[Norwegian, Police Proc.] 400pp Tp \$24.99



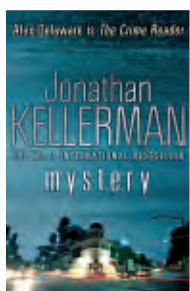
Linda Howard
Prey

Following the death of her father, Angie Powell takes over his business as a wilderness guide in the Montana mountains. Business is booming until ex-soldier Dare Callahan sets up as a rival guide. Dare's sights, however, are set on something other than business - it's Angie he's looking to steal away, rather than her clients. Angie wants nothing to do with him but she has to put her feelings to one side when they are suddenly thrust together. A man-eater is on the loose and together they must stop it before it kills again... Also available: *Veil of Night* (Pb \$19.99).
[American, Suspense] 336pp Tp \$32.99



Jonathan Kellerman
Mystery
Alex Delaware #26

In a glamorous area of Los Angeles, the Beverly Fauborg hotel is about to close for good. Psychologist Alex Delaware and his girlfriend Robin are making a farewell visit to the hotel bar when one patron in particular grabs their attention - a beautiful but aloof young woman dressed all in white. Two days later, Alex is called in on a murder case and is shocked when he recognises the victim as the woman in white...
[American, Psychological] 384pp Pb \$19.99



Sofie Kelly
Sleight of Paw
Magical Cats #2

Small-town librarian Kathleen Paulson never wanted to be the crazy cat lady. But after Owen and Hercules followed her home, she realised her mind wasn't playing tricks on her - her cats have magical abilities. When the body of elderly doggo Agatha Shepherd is found near Kath's favourite local cafe, she knows Owen's talent for turning invisible and Hercules's ability to walk through walls will give the felines access to clues Kath couldn't get without arousing suspicion. It will take a bit of FURtive investigating to catch the cold-hearted killer.
[American, Cosy] 336pp Pb \$13.50



Bernard Knight
According to the Evidence
Dr Richard Pryor #2

After starting their risky venture of a private forensic consultancy, Doctor Richard Pryor - now a Home Office pathologist - and forensic biologist Angela Bray have now become firmly established. An apparent bizarre suicide in a remote Welsh farm starts them on a new investigation, which is followed by an unusual request from the War Office. And when a Cotswold veterinary surgeon is charged with poisoning his ailing wife, can Pryor's expert evidence save him from the gallows?
[Welsh, Forensic] 224pp Pb \$24.95



Adriana Koulias
The Sixth Key

In late 2011 a cryptic invitation leads a crime novelist to Venice's Island of the Dead. Once there he is captivated by his host's tale, which spans the centuries but seemingly begins and ends in the dark days of the 1930s... In 1936, a similarly cryptic invitation brings Grail historian Otto Rahn to an apartment in Berlin. Waiting for him inside is Hitler's right-hand man, Heinrich Himmler, and Rahn's life is turned upside down...
[Australian, Archaeological] Tp \$32.95



Camilla Lackberg
The Hidden Child

Crime writer Erica Falck is shocked to discover a Nazi medal among her late mother's possessions. Haunted by a childhood of neglect, she resolves to dig deep into her family's past and finally uncover the reasons why. Her enquiries lead her to the home of a retired history teacher. He was among her mother's circle of friends during the Second World War but her questions are met with bizarre and evasive answers. Two days later he meets a violent death. Detective Patrik Hedstrom, Erica's husband, is on paternity leave but soon becomes embroiled in the murder investigation.
[Swedish, Police Procedural] 400pp Pb \$24.99



Amanda Lee
Thread Reckoning
Embroidery Mystery #3

Cupid's arrow is making its way to Tallulah Falls, Oregon, bringing lots of business to Marcy Singer's embroidery specialty shop-like the bride who wants her mother's dress embellished with jewels. But someone wants to squash all the romance - and in this case they'll go as far as murder...
[American, Cosy] 336pp Pb \$13.50



Gerard O'Donovan
The Priest

He is called The Priest. His weapon is a crucifix. His victims don't have a prayer. A killer is stalking the dark streets of Dublin. Before each attack, he makes the sign of the cross; then he sends his victims to God. After a foreign politician's daughter is brutally assaulted and left for dead, her body branded with burns from a blazing cross, the case falls to Detective Inspector Mike Mulcahy, one tough cop, but is this crime beyond his comprehension? As a media frenzy erupts and the city reels in terror, Mulcahy teams up with ambitious journalist Siobhan Fallon to stop this divine mission of murder.
[Irish, Police Procedural] 512pp Pb \$19.99



Robert B Parker
Painted Ladies
Spenser #39

Spenser had a simple job - protect an art scholar during a ransom exchange for a stolen painting. No one was supposed to die. But the scholar had secrets and uncovering them will endanger Spenser as well. Hired by a museum to provide protection during a ransom exchange for a stolen painting, Spenser is outraged when the ransom fails and the painting is not recovered, a case that makes him question the innocence of the art scholar who retained him.
[American, Private Eye] 304pp Pb \$15.95



James Patterson
Kill Alex Cross
Alex Cross #18

The President's son and daughter are abducted and Detective Alex Cross is one of the first on the scene. But someone very high up is using the FBI, Secret Service and CIA to keep him off the case and in the dark. A deadly contagion in the water supply cripples half of the capital and Cross discovers that someone may be about to unleash the most devastating attack the United States has ever experienced. As his window for solving both crimes narrows, Alex makes a desperate decision that goes against everything he believes - one that may alter the fate of the entire country.
[American, Police Proc.] 384pp Tp \$32.95



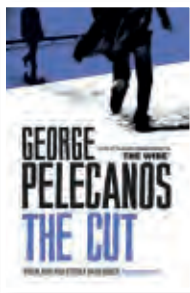
**James Patterson
& Marshall Karp
Kill Me If You Can**

Matthew Bannon, a poor art student living in New York City, finds a duffel bag filled with diamonds during a chaotic attack at Grand Central Station. Plans for a worry-free life with his girlfriend Katherine fill his thoughts - until he realises that he is being hunted. Trailing him is The Ghost, the world's greatest assassin, who has just pulled off his most high-profile hit: killing Walter Zelvas, a top member of the international Diamond Syndicate. There's only one small problem: the diamonds he was supposed to retrieve from Zelvas are missing. *[American, Suspense]* 368pp Tp \$32.95



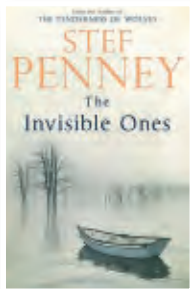
**George Pelecanos
The Cut
Spero Lucas #1**

Spero Lucas has a new line of work. Since he returned home after serving in Iraq, he has been doing special investigations for a defence attorney. He's good at it and he has carved out a niche: recovering stolen property, no questions asked. A high-profile crime boss who has heard of Lucas's speciality hires him to find out who has been stealing from his operation. It's the biggest job Lucas has ever been offered and he quickly gets a sense of what's going on. But before he can close in on what's been taken, he tangles with men whose amorality and violence leave him reeling. *[American, Private Eye]* 304pp Tp \$32.99



**Stef Penney
The Invisible Ones**

Small-time PI Ray Lovell veers between paralysis and delirium in a hospital bed. But before the accident that landed him there, he had promised to find Rose Janko who was married to the charismatic son of a travelling gypsy family, Ivo Janko. When Ray starts to investigate her disappearance he's surprised that her family are so hostile towards him. The Jankos have not had an easy past. They are a clan touched by tragedy - either they are cursed, or they are hiding a terrible secret. Could it be that Rose's discovery of that secret led to her disappearance all those years ago? Soon he wishes that he'd never asked the question. *[Scottish, Private Eye]* 350pp Tp \$32.99



**Douglas Preston & Lincoln Child
Cold Vengeance
Pendergast #11**

Devastated by the murder of his wife, Special Agent Pendergast must have retribution. But revenge is not simple. As he stalks his wife's betrayers he is forced to dig further into her past. And he is stunned to learn that she may have been a collaborator in her own murder. Peeling back the layers of deception, he realises that the conspiracy is deep and that everything he has believed and trusted may be a horrific lie. *[American, Police Proc.]* 368pp Tp \$32.99



**J D Robb
New York to Dallas
Eve Dallas**

12 years ago, Eve Dallas was just a rookie NY cop when her instincts led her to the apartment of Isaac McQueen, a man she discovered to be a sick murderer and paedophile who was keeping young girls in cages. Now a homicide Lieutenant, Eve is one of the most distinguished officers in the city - and then she learns that McQueen has escaped from jail. Bent on revenge against Eve and with a need to punish more 'bad girls' McQueen heads to Dallas, Texas - the place where Eve was found as a child, the place where she killed her own abusive monster when she was only eight years old. *[American, Police Proc.]* 416pp Tp \$32.99



**Kel Robertson
Rip Off
Inspector Brad Chen #3**

November 2007. There's sewage in the big lake at the heart of the soulless city of Canberra, the TABs have been emptied by a deadly horse virus and the longest Federal election campaign of all time still has a fortnight to run. One-time star detective Brad Chen seems destined for a desk job until someone starts shooting dodgy property developers in Perth and Adelaide. The body count soon extends to shonky financial advisers, crooked lawyers and assorted fraudsters. Chen is determined to track down the hitman the public is calling a hero. *[Australian, Police Proc.]* 368pp Tp \$32.99



**Sebastian Rotella
Triple Crossing**

Valentine Pescatore is a rookie Border Patrol agent, just trying to survive the Line. Until he pursues a suspect across the border into Mexico. Isabel Puente is a beautiful US agent investigating a powerful Mexican crime family. Her offer - if he works undercover with her she'll make his problems go away. But soon their relationship is no longer strictly professional. Over the border in Tijuana, anti-corruption chief Leo Mendez is working to bring criminals to justice. In a city where anyone can be bought, he's made enemies on both sides of the law. All three have the same aim: to bring down the cartels. *[American, Espionage]* 416pp Tp \$29.99



**Betty Rowlands
Miss Minchin Dies
Sukey Reynolds #11**

Adelaide Minchin is found dead in her bathroom. The verdict is accidental death, which her GP has challenged. Sukey agrees to make some enquiries, but the case has to take a back seat when the body of a teenage girl is found. As the two inquiries proceed, Sukey begins to suspect a link between the deaths. With help from local investigative journalist Harry Matthews she starts to rattle a few cages, with near fatal results. *[English, Suspense]* 240pp Pb \$24.95



**Mark Sanderson
The Whispering
Gallery
Snow Hill Station
Trilogy #2**

On a sweltering day in July 1937, reporter John Steadman is in London's St Paul's Cathedral waiting for his girlfriend. But romance is pushed aside when he witnesses a man falling to his death from the Whispering Gallery, killing a priest in the process. Did he jump or was he pushed? Two days later Johnny receives the first of a series of grim packages at the offices of his newspaper, *The Daily News*. Each contains the body part of a woman, plus an enigmatic note, one of which says that he will be the murderer's final victim... *[English, Journalistic]* 320pp Tp \$29.99



**Lisa Scottoline
Think Twice
Rosato & Associates #13**

Unbeknownst to her identical twin Bennie Rosato, Alice Connelly is on the run from her drug-dealing confederates who are trying to kill her. Alice sees only one way out - to become Bennie. She slips a drug into her drink, and usurps her life. Not only does she sleep with her boyfriend, impersonate her at work - and steal her money, but she also warns the police that her evil twin is out to get her. Her plan works perfectly, because when Bennie emerges to fight back, everyone thinks she's Alice - including the police... *[American, Legal]* Pb \$19.99



**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 is hired to investigate. Is there any connection with the disappearance of a woman from the site months earlier? And why are the locals so hostile? *[Icelandic, Private Eye]* 432pp Tp \$32.99



**Anna Smith
The Dead Won't Sleep
Rosie Gilmour #1**

The body of a young teenage hooker is found washed up on the beach near Glasgow. This stark event barely captures a headline in the cynical world of tabloid newspapers. This is Glasgow in the 1990s and she's just another dead heroin addict. But Tracey Eadie was only 14 years old and came from a children's home in Glasgow. How did she get from there to where she is now? One of Tracey's friends on the street contacts Rosie Gilmour, a tabloid journalist. She gives Rosie a tip off that's dynamite, too hot to print but impossible to ignore. *[Scottish, Journ.]* 304pp Tp \$27.99



Martin Cruz Smith Three Stations

As a train pulls into Yaroslav Station, Moscow, a teenage girl Maya wakes to an unimaginable horror. Her baby has been taken. Disillusioned with the workings of Moscow's Prosecution Service, Arkady Renko is teetering on the brink of resignation when he becomes drawn into a strange new case. A prostitute has been found dead in a trailer in Three Stations, a dark, notorious part of the city without a mark on her. Meanwhile, Maya also wanders Three Stations, searching for her baby. But Renko doesn't realise that Maya is being hunted and those seeking her will stop at nothing to silence her...

[American, Suspense] 416pp Pb \$22.99



Simon Spurrier A Serpent Uncoiled

A missing mobster. a bizarre spiritualist society, and three deaths linked by a chilling forensic detail. Working as an enforcer in London's criminal underworld brought Dan Shaper to the edge of a breakdown. Now he's turned private investigator but alas kept perilously afloat by a growing cocktail of drugs. He needs to straighten-up and rebuild his life but instead gets the attention of his old gangland masters. Shaper's capsizing mind is pushed to its limits as he is stalked not only by a unique and terrifying killer, but by the ghosts of his own brutal past.

[English, Private Eye] 416pp Tp \$32.99



Kelli Stanley City of Dragons Miranda Corbie #1

February, 1940. In San Francisco's Chinatown, Miranda Corbie is a 33-year-old private investigator who stumbles upon the fatally shot body of Eddie Takahashi. The Chamber of Commerce wants it covered up. The cops acquiesce. All Miranda wants is justice - whatever it costs...

[American, Private Eye] Pb \$23.95

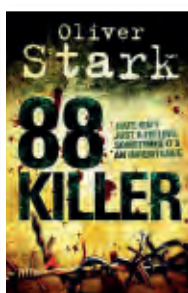


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Oliver Stark 88 Killer Harper and Levene #2

Three apparently unconnected crimes are about to be linked in the most chilling way imaginable. The abduction of a teenage girl. A woman shot point-blank during a brutal robbery. A young man tortured. NYPD detective Tom Harper and psychologist Denise Levene must look beyond the surface to find a killer's true motivation. And they believe they have found a murderer conditioned to hate and willing to go to any lengths to make his victims suffer.

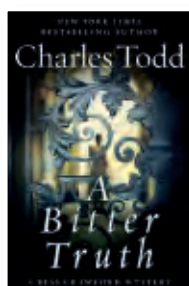
[English, Police Proc.] Tp \$32.99



Charles Todd A Bitter Truth Bess Crawford #3

World War I nurse and accidental sleuth Bess Crawford learns that no good deed goes unpunished when she finds a bruised and shivering woman huddled in the doorway of her London residence and Bess takes her in. The woman reveals a quarrel with her husband that erupted into violence, yet she wants to return home - if Bess will go with her to Sussex. She soon discovers that this good deed has unforeseeable consequences. When a troubled houseguest is found dead, Bess herself becomes a prime suspect in the case!

[American, Suspense] 352pp Hb \$37.95



Lisa Unger Darkness, My Old Friend

Willow acts tough, but when she cuts school and sees a man digging up a body while she's in the woods, she takes off running and drops her cell phone. The man brings the phone back and introduces himself as Michael. His mother disappeared decades ago and he has hired a retired detective and a psychic to help him. But the psychic is baffled by premonitions of Jones, a troubled man who admitted his role in the death of a young woman and resigned as Chief of Police.

[American, Suspense] Tp \$32.95



John Verdon Shut Your Eyes Tight Dave Gurney #2

When a young bride is gruesomely murdered at her wedding reception on her new husband's country estate, retired NYPD Detective Dave Gurney finds an invitation to join the investigation irresistible. He soon discovers that what seemed at first the senseless act of a deranged illegal-alien gardener is part of a far more complicated puzzle. His is soon up against an appalling criminal enterprise orchestrated by the cleverest mind he has ever encountered.

[American, Police Proc.] 352pp Pb \$24.95



Amanda Kyle Williams The Stranger You Seek

In Atlanta, Georgia, a vicious serial killer is at loose, luring victims with ease, killing them with a combination of precision and twisted brutality. Key Street is not happy. Formally a rising FBI star with two university degrees and a brilliant track record in criminal profiling, she's now working for herself as a bail recovery agent. Her friend and mentor wants her on his case and when he shows her a letter he's received from the killer, Key feels a familiar excitement. They're being played with, the snare is set and Key just can't resist picking up the bait...

[American, Private Eye] 336pp Tp \$29.99



HISTORICAL CRIME



Emily Arsenault The Broken Teaglass

At Samuelson Company, editorial assistant Billy Webb senses that something suspicious is going on beneath the company's academic facade. What's more, his flirtatious co-worker Mona Minot has just made a startling discovery: a trove of puzzling citations, all taken from the same book, *The Broken Teaglass*. But no such book exists and as Billy and Mona unearth the truth, the puzzle compels them to redefine their notions of themselves and each other.

[American] 384pp Pb \$23.95



Partha Basu The Curious Case of 221B

The Secret Notebooks of John H Watson, MD
5,000 miles away from 221B Baker Street, a man stumbles upon letters and notebooks hidden by his murdered father for half a century. Penned in secret by Dr John H Watson, they concern his friend Sherlock Holmes, and they reveal much that was unknown about him. What made Dr Watson keep secrets that expose his famous friend's failures? How did the contentious notebooks reach India and why were they hidden away for so long?

[Indian] 224pp Pb \$24.99



Armand Cabasson Memory of Flames (2009) The Napoleonic Murders

March 1814. With the allied armies of Russia, Austria and Prussia advancing, Paris is in real danger of falling to occupying forces for the first time in 400 years. But at a moment when all efforts should be directed towards the defence of the city, Joseph Bonaparte is concerned with the murder of a retired colonel and orders Major Quentin Margont to conduct a secret investigation into his death.

[French] Pb \$19.95



Jason Goodwin An Evil Eye Yashim the Eunuch #4

When Yashim first entered the sultan's service, Fevzi Ahmet was his mentor. Ruthless and cruel, he is the only man who can instil fear in Yashim. Now Yashim must confront the secret that Fevzi Pasha has been keeping all these years... a secret whose roots lie deep in the tortured atmosphere of the sultan's harem. Once again, Yashim and his friends encounter treachery and politics, played out against the backdrop of 1840s Istanbul.

[English] 300pp Tp \$29.99



Laurie R King

Pirate King Mary Russell Holmes #10

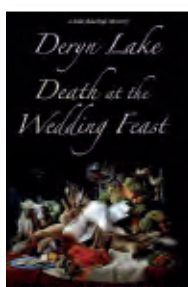
The latest adventure for the intrepid Mary Russell and her husband, Sherlock Holmes takes readers into the frenetic world of silent films, where the pirates are real and the shooting isn't all done with cameras. In England's young silent-film industry, the megalomaniacal Randolph Flytte is king. Nevertheless, Mary Russell is dispatched to investigate the criminal activities surrounding the popular movie studio. **[American] 384pp Hb \$45**



Deryn Lake

Death at the Wedding Feast

Apothecary John Rawlings has travelled to Devon to be by the side of his mistress, Elizabeth di Lorenzi, who is due to give birth to their child. Leaving his shop, and his new carbonated water business in good hands, John is presented with a surprise on his arrival at Sidmouth Bay. While Elizabeth is recuperating, he learns that Lady Sidmouth's daughter, Miranda, is to marry the elderly Earl of St Austell, who is fifty-four years her senior and has a cruel reputation. As the wedding day approaches, John feels increasingly uneasy, and before too long his worst forebodings are realized **[English] 224pp Pb \$24.95**



James McGee

Rebellion

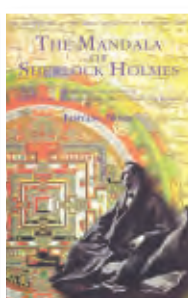
1812. France's civilians grow weary of the war with Britain. Rebellion is brewing. Since Napoleon Bonaparte appointed himself as First Consul, there have been several failed attempts to remove him. Meanwhile in London, Bow Street Runner Matthew Hawkwood has been seconded to the foreign arm of the Secret Service where he is to join a colleague in Paris on a special mission that could lead to a peace treaty between France and the allies. But failure could mean the guillotine... **[English] 400pp Pb \$19.99**



Jamyang Norbu

The Mandala of Sherlock Holmes

In 1891, a horrified British public learnt that Sherlock Holmes had perished at the Reichenbach Falls in Switzerland after a last deadly struggle with arch criminal Professor Moriarty. Two years later, popular demand made Conan Doyle resurrect the great detective. Holmes informs a stunned Dr Watson that he travelled for two years in Tibet - and this is all we have known of Sherlock Holmes' journey to the East. This volume holds the key to that mystery! **[Tibetan] 320pp Pb \$24.99**



CRIME NON-FICTION



Caesar Campbell

Wrecking Crew The Brutal True Story of the Bandidos' Legendary Sergeant-at-Arms

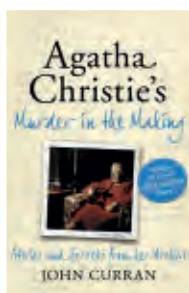
Journey into the heart of the Bandidos and the outlaw biker world through the eyes of Caesar Campbell - founding member of the Bandidos in Australia. Jailed for seven years after an ambush at Milperra, Caesar led and protected the other imprisoned members of his club inside Australia's toughest jails. But when he was finally released, Caesar found the world of motorcycle gangs had changed, and he was making more enemies than friends. But you'd rather be Caesar's friend than his enemy... **[Australian] Tp \$34.99**



John Curran

Agatha Christie's Murder in the Making Stories and Secrets from Her Archive

Here is Agatha Christie's life and career told through the decades - from the never-before-published original ending to her first book to the unused ideas for her last. Archivist and expert John Curran leads the reader through the six decades of Agatha Christie's writing career, unearthing some remarkable clues to her success and a number of never-before-published excerpts and stories! **[Irish] 432pp Hb \$39.99**



Paul French

Midnight in Peking

This is a tremendously interesting book which keeps you enthralled from page one.

In Peking in the thirties, Pamela, the teenage daughter of a former consul to China, was murdered. Her body, horribly mutilated and with her heart and other organs missing, was found close to where she lived. As Japanese troops begin to encircle the nervous inhabitants of the city a police investigation begins. Jointly headed by a Chinese detective and a British policeman, they attempt, though their authority is severely restricted, to solve the crime.

Pamela's father, Edward, was not well liked amongst the European community - he was not a good mixer and lived outside their European enclave in a house in one of Peking's winding alleys. His grief seemed genuine and yet his wife, a robust and beautiful woman much younger than he, had died - inexplicably - some years previously.

Pamela was a troublesome teenager too, disruptive and expelled from the city's schools. And close by their home were the 'Badlands', a seething maze of bars and brothels. Fascinating, exciting and tragic, this is a great book that makes you seethe with indignation.

Peter Smith

[English] 304pp Tp \$32.95



Rochelle Jackson

Inside Their Minds Australian Criminals

Investigative journalist Rochelle Jackson takes us deep into the minds of eight of the country's most notorious criminals: mass murderer Martin Bryant; serial killer Ivan Milat; female sex offender Karen Ellis; serial arsonist Peter Burgess; armed robber and escapee Brenden Abbott; child killer Kathleen Folbigg; murderer Matthew Wales; and gangland warlord Carl Williams. She probes their motivations, delves deep into their pasts and unlocks the dark side of their humanity. **[Australian] 252pp Pb \$24.99**



Gavin Knight

Hood Rat

Everything you read in here is true. In Manchester, Anders Svensson is on the trail of drug baron Merlin and his lieutenant Flow, a man so dangerous his type is said to appear only once in a decade. In Glasgow, faced with the highest murder rate in Europe, Karen McCluskey is on a one-woman mission to end gang warfare. In London, Pilgrim finds he's no longer feared. Troll, the child soldier, is terrorizing the streets. This is a hidden urban underworld. Untold, till now. **[English] 256pp Tp \$32.99**



Douglas Perry

The Girls of Murder City Fame, Lust and the Beautiful Killers who Inspired Chicago

The untold true story of the murders that inspired the iconic musical *Chicago*. With a thrilling, fast-paced narrative, award-winning journalist Douglas Perry vividly captures the sensationalised circus atmosphere that gave rise to the concept of the celebrity criminal - and gave *Chicago* its most famous story. **[American] 320pp Pb \$24.95**

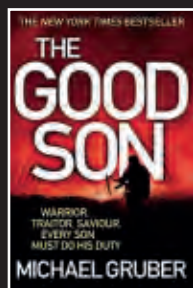
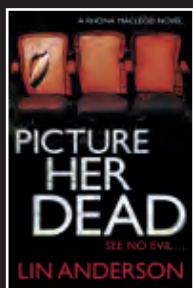


M William Phelps

The Devil's Rooming House The True Story of America's Deadliest Female Serial Killer

This is the story of how a Bible-thumping caretaker and nursing home entrepreneur became one of history's most evil female serial killers. With first-hand accounts from Amy's inmates, riveting trial transcripts, and accounts from the investigative journalists who covered the case, Phelps puts readers face-to-face with a woman who was both a Black Widow and an Angel of Death. Phelps paints a vivid, spine-chilling portrait of turn-of-the-century New England. This is historical true crime at its best. **[American] 303pp Pb \$22.95**





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Gerald Hammond **A Dog's Life**

Novelist Tim Russell is out walking his dog one morning when he comes across a young dishevelled woman named Ann, camping out in the woods. Tim takes pity on her and offers her shelter and Ann soon proves herself to be good company. But suddenly, one afternoon while gardening, Tim is brutally attacked. As Ann's relatives start coming out of the woodwork, Tim and Ann wonder if they've found the motivation for the attack after all. But then a local man is murdered . . . [*Scottish, Suspense*] **Pb \$24.95**



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