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Rue Morgue Press Classic Mysteries

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THEY RANG UP THE POLICE



JOANNA CANNAN

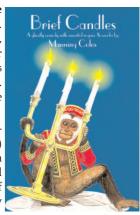
Joanna CANNON: (born 1898, died 1961, English). They Rang Up the Police (154pp) was the first Inspector Guy Northeast mystery and published in 1939. When murder strikes in the quiet English countryside, only Inspector Northeast from Scotland Yard sees the vital clue.

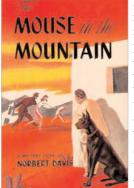
Glynn CARR: (born 1908, English - pseudonym for Frank Showell Styles). Death on the Milestone Buttress (187pp 1951). A Shakespearean actor and a young English woman turn detective while mountain climbing in Wales. The first in

Clyde B CLASON: (born 1903, American). The Man from Tibet (212pp 1938). The only witness to the murder was the masks of Tibetan gods in this classic locked room mystery.

Joan COGGIN: (1898-1980, English). Who Killed the Curate? (157pp 1944). The first in the Lady Lupin Quartet. Meet Lady Lupin Lorrimer Hastings, the young, lovely, scatterbrained and kindhearted newlywed wife to the vicar of St Mark's Parish in Glanville, Sussex. When the curate is poisoned on Christmas Eve, Lady Lupin turns detective. Her deductions might not always make sense but you'll be laughing too hard to care.

Manning COLES: (pseudonym for Cyril Henry Coles (1898-1965) and Adelaide Francis Oke Manning (1891-1959) English). Three books featuring the two ghostly Robin Hoods James and Charles Latimer and their spectral monkey as they outwit thieves and murderers in a series of ghostly mysteries. Brief Candles (#1 156pp 1954), Happy Returns (#2 156pp 1955) and Come and Go (#3 155pp 1958).





Far Traveller (154pp 1956) is in a similar vein - when filmmakers shoot at a German castle, they don't realise their star

Norbert DAVIS: (1909-1949, American) This American writer was one of the best second-tier pulp magazine writers of the 1930s & 1940s. He was one of the few writers to successfully blend the so-called hardboiled story with farcical humour. Both novels feature Doan, a wisecracking private eye and his unusual sidekick Carstairs, a Great Dane so huge he ought to be considered a new species. The Mouse in the Mountain (151pp 1943) and Sally's in the Alley (122pp 1943).

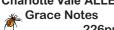
Elizabeth DEAN: (1901-1985, American). In the 1930s, most women in mystery novels were either menopausal spinsters,

deadly sirens, admiring wives or airheaded girlfriends brought along for the ride. Not so Emma Marsh, the thoroughly modern 26-year-old Boston antiques clerk in Elizabeth Dean's three detective novels. Murder is a Collector's Item (#1 190pp 1939), Murder is a Serious Business (#2 254pp 1940) and Murder a Mile High (#3 188pp 1944).

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MODERN (RIME

Charlotte Vale ALLEN



226pp Pb 22.95

Accustomed to abused women writing to ask for advice, Grace is sympathetic when a troubled

young woman named Stephanie Baine contacts her. In the course of their e-mail correspondence, Stephanie reveals details of a nightmarish life: her terrifying abduction as a teenager and the complete lack of support from her parents; the psychological and escalating physical abuse she is now undergoing at the hands of her husband. Grace's advice is clear and to the point: Stephanie must do whatever is necessary to escape this madman. (Canadian)

David AMBROSE

The Discreet Charm of Charlie © Monk (1997) 359pp Pb 18.95

This novel is a blend of mystery, metaphysics and scientific speculation that will discretely charm you into a world of terrifying suspense. Charlie Monk is the ultimate superhero. He has no conscience. He has no fear. But he also has no memory. Dr Susan Flemyng has found a way to give memory back. In a world where even virtual reality is controlled, that is the most dangerous knowledge of all. Can she trust those she works for, or should she take the greatest risk and trust Charlie? (English)

Donna ANDREWS

Revenge of the Wrought-Iron Flamingos 306pp Pb 19.50

It is period crafts and costumes only at the Yorktown Colonial crafts fair, which Meg Langslow, ironmonger and sleuth, bovfriend attends with Michael Michael's mom rules the event with an iron hand, but trouble arrives with the sleazy software developer who wants to preview a package authored by Meg's brother. Harsh words and fights ensue. The resultant murder comes as no surprise and there are plenty of suspects. A fearless protagonist, remarkable supporting characters, lively action and a keen wit put this at the top of the list. (American)

Michael ASHER

★ Rare Earth 403pp Pb 18.95 Rescued by a desert tribe from a brutal attack and now kept captive by them, corporate archaeologist Truman becomes fascinated by the tribe's way of life, by the woman who is their prophetess and by his gradually returning memories of his previous life. (English)

Mike ASHLEY (editor)

The Mammoth Book of Locked-

Room Mysteries and Impossible Crimes 532pp Pb 21.95

This collection of criminal conundrums are more than whodunits, they are howdunits and are intended to stretch your powers of deduction to the limits. (English)

Jeanette BAKER

292pp Tp 22.95 Nate Nolan has taken it one day at a time for the past six years — believing she can make a difference in the politics of Northern Ireland, believing her children will live to see peace in their country. But 16-year-old Kevin Nolan does not believe in much any more and despite the efforts of his mother and sister he turns to others for solace. When he is arrested for dealing drugs, he and his mother are given a choice: Kevin can go to prison or he can

Robert BARRETT

become an informant. (Irish)

The Ultimate Aphrodisiac 497pp Pb 18.95

A Brief History of World War III. While an Aussie Vietnam veteran enjoys a godlike existence growing dope on a tiny Micronesian island, the President of the United States decides to invade. (Australian)

Colin BATEMAN

Murphy's Law Pb 18.95 Murphy & Law
Detective Jimmy Murphy has been given one last chance. After a terrible experience working undercover in Northern Ireland, he is in London, and about to fail another psychological assessment. While his life spirals out of control, his boss sends him back undercover to expose a gang of diamond thieves who have just burnt a security guard alive. As he gets closer to the gang's leader, Murphy realises their plans are more ambitious and more deadly than anyone expected... (Irish)

Raymond BENSON

💫 Die Another Day A James Bond 007 novel. Beginning in the demilitarised zone between North

and South Korea, continuing via Hong Kong, Cuba and London, Bond races against time to unmask a traitor and prevent a war of catastrophic consequence. Film tie-in edition. (English)

Sallie BISSELL

A Darker Justice

384pp Pb 19.95

For Assistant DA Mary Crow, the misty mountains of Little Jump Off, North Carolina, still echo with secrets hidden in shallow graves. Now, at the request of the FBI, she is called back from Atlanta to her childhood home for a matter both professional... and deeply personal. (American)

Nicholas BLINCOE

₩ White Mice 260pp Pb 18.95

Iamie and Louise look more like twins than brother and sister. He is 20 and should be in college. She is 23 and already washed-up as a fashion model. But when Jamie travels with Louise to her last fashion shows in Milan and Paris, he is suddenly the brother of Europe's most talked-about model. But then he learns what they are talking about. (English)

Dermot BOLGER

The Valparaiso Voyage

383pp Pb 21.95

This is the story of Brendan Brogan, who grew up in a small town outskirts of Dublin. An unhappy childhood leads to unhappy adulthood. circumstances offer Brogan a chance to fake his own death, he seizes the chance and runs far away to Portugal. But no one can escape the past entirely. (Irish)

Anthony BOURDAIN

Bobby Gold 119pp Pb 19.95 Meet Bobby Gold: by night, the security chief of a mobbed-up New York City nightclub, by day, a reluctant bonebreaker and enforcer for Eddie Fish, his old college roommate and best friend. Emerging from an upstate prison with an imposing physique and a reputation for skilled brutality, Bobby's a lonely, guiltridden child inside a hulking body. He views the grim work of coercion, assault and even murder as jobs to be done with a craftsman's work ethic and with a minimum of force. (American)

Rhys BOWEN

Murphy's Law 245pp Pb 19.50 The author of the much-loved Constable Evans mysteries takes on the world of turn-of-the-century Ellis Island and New York in her newest series. With delightful humour and meticulous research she transports readers to the gritty underworld that swallowed new immigrants who dreamed of a better life, and gives us the unforgettable heroine Molly Murphy, a resourceful Irish woman who lives by her own set of laws... (English)

Dale BROWN

🔆 Wings of Fire 593pp Pb 18.95 🕽 The new Patrick McLanahan novel.

Ostracised by the government, the military, even his own family, Air Force general Patrick McClanahan is near the end of his rope and it is about to get worse. The new Libyan president has assassinated the new Egyptian president, and the latter's widow, Makta Salaam, vows revenge. Enlisting McClanahan's high-tech help, she survives an assassination attempt, takes over the Egyptian government, seduces and then kills the Libyan president, and all but proclaims herself queen of Arab North Africa. But when she invades the Gaza Strip and proclaims it part of her empire, she goes too far. (American)

James Lee BURKE

Three Great Novels Tp 29.95 This selection includes Dixie City Jam, Burning Angel and Purple Cane Road. (American)

Dana CAMERON

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Grave Consequences

357pp Pb 16.95

An Emma Fielding mystery. Emma is beginning to doubt the wisdom of spending her vacation in England helping friends excavate a 12th century abbey, especially when they uncover an all-too-modern skeleton in a nearby medieval graveyard. But it is the second discovery of a murdered graduate student recently missing from the dig, which suggests to Emma that Marchester is not exactly the quiet riverside town it appears to be. (American)

Joanna CARL



In this brand-new mystery by the author of The Chocolate Cat Caper (Pb 17.95), Lee McKinney and her Aunt Nettie, small-town chocolatiers, are about to unwittingly step into some big-time crime. But a curious Lee will not rest until their chocolate shop, not to mention their lives, are out of danger. (American)

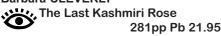
Carol Higgins CLARK

Fleeced Regan Reilly is back. The smart, saucy sleuth featured in all of Clark's bestselling novels was last seen in Deck the Halls, the holiday thriller Clark wrote with mother, her



Regan is in New York to attend a crime conference organised by her celebrityauthor mother. A friend, Thomas Pilsner, the frenetic president of the Settlers' Club on Gramercy Park, calls Regan, desperately pleading for help. Thomas is distraught over the sudden suspicious deaths of two members of the Settlers' Club. The men had promised to donate a cache of valuable diamonds to save the Club. But now the diamonds are gone, the men are dead and Thomas is a mess. (American)

Barbara CLEVERLY



This debut novel introduces Joe Sandilands, First World War hero and detective. On secondment to the Calcutta Police, Joe finds himself clearing up a series of unsolved killings in Bengal. (English)

Harlan COBEN

Darkest Fear Tp 29.95

A Myron Bolitar thriller. Myron never saw it coming. A surprise visit from an ex-girlfriend is unsettling enough but Emily Downing's news brings him to his knees. Her son Jeremy is dying and needs a bone marrow transplant from a donor who vanished without a trace. Then comes the real shock: the boy is Myron's son, conceived the night before her wedding to another man. Stunned by the news, Myron plunges into a desperate search for the missing donor. But finding him means unravelling a dark mystery that involves a broken family, a brutal kidnapping spree and the FBL Somewhere in the sordid mess is the donor who disappeared. And as doubts emerge about Jeremy's true paternity, a child vanishes, igniting a chain reaction of heartbreaking truth and chilling revelation. (American)

David COLE

Scorpion Rain 292pp Pb 16.95 Laura Winslow is the name she chose for herself as she plies her trade in the vast, anonymous frontier of the web. But now a friend has been kidnapped following a bloody shootout on the Arizona border that left a wake of unthinkable carnage and Laura asking why. In the company of a tough reporter who once escaped the wilderness, she is about to cross the line where civilisation ends, entering a majestic wasteland where corruption, lies, and violence are bred and nurtured. (American)

Max Allan COLLINS

CSI #2: Sin City 338pp Pb 14.95 The little known and even less understood heroes of police work in Las Vegas, the forensic investigators, must combine cutting-edge scientific methods and old-fashioned savvy as they work to untangle the evidence behind the yellow police tape. (American)

Max Allan COLLINS

🛂 I-Spy 240pp Pb 18.95 This is the film tie-in edition including 16 pages of stills from the film starring Eddie Murphy and Owen Wilson. (American)

Max Allan COLLINS

The Lusitania Murders 252pp Pb 19.95

On May 7 1915, a German torpedo struck the luxury liner Lusitania. On board was an undercover journalist using the pen name Van Dine. And hours before the

tragic sinking changed the course of history, there was a mystery - of treason, sabotage and murder... (American)

Thomas COOK

The Interrogation 258pp Tp 29.95 Evan Webb's mother is dving. He returns to his hometown in Virginia to be with her and his sister. The family has for years shared a secret: that Evan's violent, alcoholic father was not shot dead by an intruder in their house, as the outside world believes, but was killed by Evan's mother, driven beyond endurance by his behaviour. Now the intricate web of lies they have constructed begins to unravel around them, and other past secrets, unknown to Evan or his sister, begin to emerge. (American)

Michael CONNELLY

City of Bones Pb 17.95
When the bones of a 12-year-old boy are found scattered in the Hollywood Hills, Harry Bosch is drawn into a case that brings up the darkest memories from his own haunted past. The bones have been buried for years, but the cold case does not deter Bosch. Unearthing hidden stories, he finds the child's identity and reconstructs his fractured life, determined that he will not be forgotten. At the same time, a new love affair with a female cop begins to blossom for Bosch, until a stunningly blown mission leaves him in more trouble than ever before in his turbulent career. (American)

Michael CONNELLY

Three Great Novels Tp 29.95 This includes his thrillers **The Poet**, **Blood Work** and **Void Moon**. (American)

Robert CRAIS

★ Three Great Novels Tp 29.95 This selection includes Free Fall, Voodoo River and Sunset Express. (American)

BIII CRIDER

A Romantic Way to Die 250pp Pb 17.95

Texan Sheriff Dan Rhodes investigates two murders at the local romance writers' convention. He discovers a devious killer who shows him why romance is indeed a very deadly business. (American)

Amanda CROSS

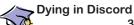


The Edge of Doom

265pp Hb 59.95

A Kate Fansler novel. Kate has always been different from the other Fansler, a free and independent thinker in a family where propriety and decorum are prized above all. She has always assumed it was because she was the youngest and the only girl in the family. But over a drink with her brother Laurence, Kate's whole understanding of herself is thrown into question as he calmly tells her that a strange man came to his office claiming to be Kate's father, and it is quite possible that she is not a Fansler after all. (American)

udith CUTLER



308pp Pb 18.95

Sophie Rivers is in no mood for unwelcome distractions. Unfortunately, as a member of the university choir, she is finding it nigh on impossible to avoid them. It soon becomes apparent that the music faculty of the University of the West Midlands has more than its fair share of nutty professors and insecure students - and for some reason Sophie seems to have been appointed their unofficial guidance counsellor. But when the body of a professor turns up at a concert at the Birmingham and Midland Institute, all this fades into insignificance. (English)

Leif DAVIDSEN

, Lime's Photograph 374pp Pb 21.95

This is a dramatic political thriller from Denmark's finest crime writer. Peter Lime is trained to hunt down his prey and catch them on film. But now he is the one being hunted. Whose prev has he become? And what is it that he has that these people will kill to get? He goes on a routine assignment, snapping a Spanish minister out sailing with his mistress, and suddenly his world is turned upside down. (Danish)

Linda DAVIES

Something Wild 500pp Pb 18.95 City trader turned MI6 agent Sarah Jensen is back, running from a love that was too big to handle, hiding her baby son from the father who does not know he exists. A woman with more at stake than ever, and more to fear. This is an absolutely thrilling novel, the story of a woman who was once tough, but is now vulnerable, her skills blunted by motherhood. (English)



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Michael DIBDIN

And Then You Die

174pp Pb 19.95

Aurelio Zen of Rome's elite Criminalpol is back, but nobody's supposed to know it... After months in hospital recovering from a bomb attack on his car, Zen is lying low under a false name at a beach resort on the Tuscan coast, waiting to testify in an imminent anti-Mafia trial. He has clear instructions: to sit back and enjoy the classic Italian beach holiday. But Zen is getting restless because an alarming number of people are dropping dead around him. (English)

John FARROW

Ice Lake 450pp Pb 18.95
Brilliant, unorthodox Montreal detective Emile Cing-Mars has a complex case on his hands when a corpse with a bullet in its neck is found floating in a fishing hole cut into the ice of a frozen The victim had shadowy connections with the pharmaceutical industry, but that's just the start. (Canadian)

Colin FORBES

The Cell 424pp Tp 27.95 The search for a frighteningly powerful murderer leads Tweed and his two colleagues, Paula Grey and Bob Newman, once again to travel the world. This time Jules Beaurain, an old friend of Tweed's and ex-police officer from Belgium, joins them. This book asks the question: could 9/11 happen in London? (English)

John FRANCOME

Dead Weight Pb 18.95
There is no hiding place for a jump jockey when his courage deserts him. Champion rider Phil Nicholas returns to racing after a crashing fall, but though his body has healed, his mind has not. Flashbacks of his accident invade his dreams, rob him of his sleep and freeze him in the saddle. While Phil is battling to overcome his fear, his weighing-room colleague Adrian Moore is viciously attacked after losing a race he should have won. It is the start of a vendetta by someone determined to hurt those who break the rules of racing. If Phil wants to save the sport it is time for him to recover his nerve... (American)

Kinky FRIEDMAN

Meanwhile Back at the Ranch 200pp Pb 19.95

It is a case of missing kid and missing kitty when Kinky Friedman, private dick extraordinaire and animal lover nonpareil, attempts to find a young, autistic New York boy and a three-legged Texan cat named Lucky, both of whom have disappeared. (American)

Alan FURST

Blood of Victory 237pp Tp 29.95 Odessa is the city of Jewish gangsters, birthplace of Trotsky and ace spy Sidney Reilly, a mixture of chicken markets and Palladian architecture. This is a panoramic novel of the 1940s, moving between Istanbul, Bucharest, Paris, Sofia and the Black Sea coast, involving Turkish secret police, Russian chekists, aristocrats, Romanian millionaires, Polish exiles and British spies. (English)

John FUSCO

Paradise Salvage 384pp Pb 21.95 A gripping mystery, this novel is also a wonderfully colourful portrait of a boy's coming-of-age in an Italian-American community. Award-winning screenwriter Fusco's first novel is a gripping elegy for an age when the evil eye was as real as the local hard men. It was shortlisted for the 2001 Creasy Award for Crime Fiction. Even Val McDermid loved it: "A suspense-driven thriller that packs in humour, pathos, fear and generosity of spirit". (American)

Ann GEORGE

Murder Boogies with Elvis 274pp Pb 19.95

A Southern Sisters mystery. The sisters have been looking forward to the gala benefit being staged to raise money for the restoration of Vulcan, Birmingham's ever-tarnishing unnatural wonder. And what a show it is, with a grand finale that has thirty sequined Elvis impersonators high-kicking in unison! From the front row, "Mouse" and "Sister" have a perfect view of the action when one of the dancing Kings keels over dead into the bandstand. This Elvis clone has not only left the building... he's left this life, courtesy of a switchblade knife in the back. P.S. The author passed away in 2001. (American)

Tess GERRITSEN

The Apprentice 339pp Tp 32.95 The bestselling author of **The Surgeon** (Pb 19.95) returns and so does that chilling novel's diabolical villain. Though held behind bars, Warren Hoyt still haunts a helpless city, seeming to bequeath his evil legacy to a student all-too-diligent and alltoo-deadly. (American)

Danielle GIRARD

Cold Silence 372pp Pb 19.95 When computer programmer Cody O'Brien's son is kidnapped in broad daylight, Cody's greatest fear knows the true motive behind it... A former FBI agent with a new identity, Cody knows that old secrets and vendettas die hard. Now she is on the run again to save her son from the one woman who wants only one thing: cold-blooded revenge. (American)

Christine GOFF

A Nest in the Ashes

212pp Pb 17.95

In her first two novels, A Rant of Ravens (Pb 17.95) and Death of a Songbird (Pb 15.95), Goff offered a bird's eye view of murder in the wilds of Colorado. Now, in her latest birdwatcher's mystery, she reveals that there are more things lurking in the trees than birds of prey... (American)

Sue GRAFTON

Q is for Quarry 384pp Tp 30.00

A Kinsey Millhone mystery #17. This is based on an unsolved homicide that occurred in 1969, and Grafton's interest in the case has generated renewed police efforts. During the past year, the body was exhumed and a nationally known forensic artist did the facial reconstruction that appears in the closing pages of the book. Both Grafton and the dedicated members of the Santa Barbara Sheriff's Department are hoping the photograph will trigger memories that may lead to a positive identification. (American)

Jean-Christophe GRANGE The Stone Council

373pp Pb 21.95

As a child Diane Thiberge was the victim of an assault. Now aged 30, she is an ethnologist specialising in the study of predatory animals and a woman adept in the martial arts. She believes she has at last found a meaning and purpose to her life when she decides to adopt a fiveyear-old Thai boy, Liu-San, whom she christens Lucien. A nightmare ensues, however: on her return to France, Lucien has an accident and is declared to be brain-dead. A series of murders make Diane realise that her son is no ordinary child, but the prey of sinister and paranormal forces. (French)

James GRIPPANDO

Beyond Suspicion

321pp Tp 29.95

After six exciting thrillers in seven years, Grippando is at last bringing back the main character from his blockbuster debut novel, The Pardon (Pb 19.95). Miami lawyer Jack Swyteck is smart and tough and up to his neck in trouble. With more than a decade of experience in the criminal courts, Jack doesn't handle many civil cases. But this one is different. His client is a gorgeous ex-girlfriend who's being sued because she thought she was going to die. When Jessie Merrill was diagnosed with a deadly disease and given just two years to live, she worked a deal with an insurance company to get cash fast. In exchange, a group of wealthy investors were supposed to collect on the policy at her death. But Jessie was misdiagnosed. She isn't going to die anytime soon, and the investors want their money back. Now. (American)

John GRISHAM

The Summons 390pp Pb 19.95 Ray Atlee is a professor of law at the University of Virginia. He's 43, newly single and still enduring the aftershocks of a surprise divorce. He has a younger brother, Forrest, and a father, once a powerful judge, now a sick old man who has retired to the Atlee mansion and become a recluse. When Ray's father issues a summons for both sons to return home to Clanton, to discuss the details of his estate, he heads south, to his hometown, which he prefers to avoid. But the family meeting does not take place. The Judge dies too soon and in doing so leaves behind a shocking secret known only to Ray and perhaps someone else. (English)

Joseph HANSEN

The Little Dog Laughed (1986) 183pp Pb 14.95

A Dave Brandsetter mystery. Celebrated foreign correspondent, Adam Streeter is found shot dead in his elegant LA condo. The cops say suicide and so does Streeter's blind, teenage daughter. But the company that insured his life thinks otherwise and sends in their crack deathclaims investigator. (American)

Gary HARDWICK

Color of Justice 384pp Pb 21.50

Raised in the bosom of the inner city, white Detroit Homicide cop Danny Cavanaugh speaks and acts with the unmistakable attitude of a black man. But the savage murders of affluent African-Americans are plunging him into the urban heart of terror, where he will learn first-hand how powerful, inviolate - and deadly - the colour line truly is. (American)

Lynn HIGHTOWER

🕌 High Water

Pb 18.95

The Smallwood siblings gather at their dying mother's bedside and are shocked to discover someone has tampered with her medication. And Georgie Smallwood begins to think the unthinkable; that there may be a killer in the family, a killer with a familiar face, old regrets and unfinished business just to hand. And so begins a lethal dance of musical chairs that will keep the Smallwoods scrambling to see whom, if any, are left standing. (American)

Susan HOWATCH

The Waiting Sands (1966) 198pp Pb 19.95

Out of the blue Rachel Lord is invited to Ruthven, the fairy tale Scottish castle that her old friend Decima will inherit on her coming of age. Her arrival is met with relief by Decima who is convinced her husband, Charles, means her harm. Is Decima in her right mind? Or is her worldlier friend duping Rachel? As the eve of the 21st birthday celebration approaches, a shocking event leaves Rachel in no doubt. (English)

Graham HURLEY

Angels Passing Tp 29.95

This novel is a massive Dickensian trawl through the depths of life in Portsmouth. With a compactly labyrinthine plot, uniquely human policemen, a grotesque rogues gallery of squalid villains and a shadowy child as anti-hero, it is easily the best thing he has ever written. Its 130,000 words are devoted to the events of just one week and it's a breathtaking and harrowing ride. This is at once an unremittingly realistic fast moving crime thriller and a bleakly moving novel about the price children are paying for a society that is in freefall. (English)

Graham HURLEY

Pb 17.95

The Take

A DI Joe Faraday mystery. Faraday's Management Assistant, Vanessa Parry, is dead. Killed in a headon car smash. Her funeral is a bitter end to another grim week in the front line of the ongoing war against Portsmouth's surging crime wave. And now the seemingly untouchable DS Paul Winter, master of the scam, has been hurt in a way he could never have imagined: his wife has cancer. It is inoperable and she has barely three months to live. Paul Winter has only one instinct: to lash out. Hurley's love for his hometown and uniquely close links with the local police force make for a crime series that reeks of authenticity. It gets to the core of the society that we have made for ourselves while never losing sight of the need for stories that pack a powerful emotional punch. (English)

James HUSTON

The Shadows of Power

361pp Tp 29.95

To save his country and his friend, Rat must devise a brilliant counter strike, a mission in which failure means certain death. Packed with deadly intrigue, Beltway power plays and high-flying adventure, this book is Huston's most exciting novel yet. Combining his knowledge of how things work in Washington with his expertise on military hardware, he has written an electrifyingly realistic tale of international terrorism and American triumph! (American)

BIII JAMES

Middleman 230pp Pb 18.95

Times are tough for 'middleman' Julian Corbett. He operates as a halfrespectable, half-crooked businessman in what was once the rough dockside of the Welsh capital. But a multi-billion pound redevelopment is transforming the seafront into the stylish Cardiff Bay marina-style housing and shopping area, and Corbett is determined to grab a piece of that action. (Welsh)

J A JANCE

Paradise Lost 417pp Pb 18.95 What begins as an innocent Girl Scout camping trip quickly turns to a dangerous game of cat-and-mouse when Sheriff Joanna Brady uncovers the body of a murdered woman in the woods. (American)

Iris JOHANSEN

Body of Lies 340pp Pb 18.95 A high-ranking government official wants Eve Duncan to drop everything and come to Baton Rouge to identify the remains of an unknown murder victim. Forced to work in secrecy and given only the sketchiest information, Eve can't help but wonder if all the high-level security is meant to protect or imprison her. The questions and the threats to her life mount as Eve realises she has stumbled into the heart of a chilling conspiracy and the truth lies buried beneath a body of lies... (American)

Paul JOHNSTON



When Alex Mavros is asked to track down a missing woman, he jumps at the chance to leave the stifling heat of Athens. Travelling to the small island of Trigono, he soon realises that there is more than one mystery to be solved. How did a young couple drown in the nets of a fishing boat? Why did a British journalist leave without telling her friends? Why is the millionaire Theocharis so nervous? The answers lie in events that took place during the Second World War, events that tie in with the island's most ancient history. In a race to prevent a terrible crime being repeated, Alex is pitted against a ruthless and depraved killer. (English)

Sharon KAHN

Don't Cry for Me, Hot Pastrami 226pp Pb 17.95

Sailing the Caribbean on a bargain cruise line, Ruby and members from her temple discover day old dinners and portholes sealed with bubblegum. The good news is Ruby finds love on deck. The bad news is he may be a killer. (American)

Toni KELNER

Mad as the Dickens

318pp Pb 17.95

Pregnant Laurie Anne Fleming's hometown of Byerly offers not only a plethora of sympathetic aunts and cousins but also an opportunity for husband Richard to direct A Christmas Carol. When the well-mannered man playing Scrooge is murdered, suspicion naturally falls on the other cast members, some of them kin to Laurie. Laurie winds up sleuthing again, with a little help from Richard and from her friend Junior, the vacationing police chief. (American)

Jim KELLY

The Water Clock 304pp Tp 29.95 Time is running out for Philip Dryden... In the snowbound landscape of the Cambridgeshire fens, a body is discovered locked in a block of ice. The following day high on Ely Cathedral a second corpse is found, grotesquely 'riding' a stone gargoyle. Journalist Philip Dryden knows he's on to a great story when forensic evidence links both victims to one terrifying event in 1966. But the murders also offer Dryden the key to a very personal mystery. Who saved his life two years ago - and, more importantly, who left his wife to die? The answer will bring Dryden face to face with his own guilt, his own fears - and a cold and ruthless killer... (English)

Harry KEMELMAN

Sunday the Rabbi Stayed at Home 300pp Pb 14.95 (1969)

A Rabbi Small mystery. Somewhere between the Passover service and a plot to unseat part of his congregation, Rabbi David Small finds himself caught up with some very non-kosher characters in a baffling case of murder, marijuana and militants. A superb blend of hair-splitting logic and hair-raising suspense, the Rabbi's new adventure is indisputable entertainment. (American)

Ross LaMANNA

& Acid Test 500pp Pb 18.95 In a chilling what-if scenario that could come true tomorrow, a ruthless warrior calling himself Batu Khan has forged a menacing new empire across Central Asia and Mongolia. Wedding his primitive killer instincts to a high-tech arsenal, Batu and his merciless armies approach Europe on a tide of terror and butchery. And after discovering a dark secret about the President of the United States, Batu seizes a terrifying advantage. (American)

John LESCROART

The Oath

When the head of San Francisco's largest HMO dies his in own hospital, no one doubts it is anything but the result of massive injuries inflicted by a random hitand-run car accident. But the autopsy soon



530pp Pb 18.95

tells a different story: an overdose of potassium killed him and the attending physician Eric Kensing becomes the prime suspect in a high-profile homicide. (American)

Marianne MACDONALD

Die Once 260pp Pb 18.95 A Dido Hoare musteru. Tim Curwen is the ideal customer. But three days after Dido sells him Charles Dickens's The Haunted Man, her elegant young customer jumps to his death. Not only that: his cheque has bounced. Being as stubborn as the next antiquarian book dealer, Dido sets out to retrieve either the book or her money. Simple? But the book is missing from his flat, and that draws Dido to an abandoned house in London's East End, from threat to cover-up, from to more deaths. determination leads her step by step to an unexpected and perilous truth. (English)

Ross MACDONALD

Black Money (1965)

295pp Pb 19.95

Crime Masterworks series #23. Lew Archer connects his client, a suspiciously suave Frenchman, to a seven-year-old suicide and a mountain of gambling debts. This is the author at his best, revealing the skull beneath the sun-kissed skin of southern California. (American)

Charlotte MacLEOD

The Withdrawing Room 186pp Pb 14.95

When an odd eyewitness shows up on Sarah Kelley's doorstep, insisting somebody pushed Mr Quiffen under the train, Sarah finds herself kneein deep yet This time, though,



face her problem alone, not while she can rely on her basement boarder: Max Bittersohn, an art expert with a very special sort of expertise. (American)

Michael MALONE

Uncivil Seasons (1983) 297pp Pb 21.95

A rare snowstorm has enveloped Hillston, North Carolina, covering everything, including a shocking murder. Detective Justin Savile, the wayward son of Hillston's founding family, is expected to arrest the usual scapegoat, but the boozy Justin has never been good at doing the expected. (American)

Heather MARSHALL

Death of a Conscience

261pp Pb 21.95

Robyn Powell flees her gentrified existence and her self-obsessed mother and moves into a squalid student flat in the city. But when the body of a baby is found in Robyn's country house, the darker side of life merges with the shadows from her past. (English)

Michael MARSHALL

★ The Straw Men 370pp Tp 29.95 In Palmerston, Pennsylvania, two men in long coats walk calmly into a crowded fast food restaurant, then slowly and methodically gun down 68 people. They take time to reload. On the Promenade of Santa Monica, California, a teenaged girl gives sightseeing tips to a distinguished English tourist. She won't be going home tonight. In Dyersburg, Montana, a grief-stricken son tries to make sense of the accident that killed his parents, then finds a note stuffed in his father's favourite chair. It says, "We're not dead." Three seemingly unrelated events, these are the first signs of an unimaginable network of fear that will lead one unlikely hero to a chilling confrontation with the Straw Men. No one knows who they are or why they kill. But they must be stopped. (American)

Val McDERMID



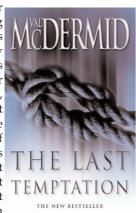
Manchester's kickboxing detective Kate Brannigan returns to investigate a strange case involving missing buildings and finds she is involved with real-estate fraud and corrupt developers. (Scottish)

Val McDERMID

The Last Temptation

529pp Pb 18.95

A twisted killer targeting psychologists has left a grisly trail across Europe. Dr Tony Hill, expert at mapping the minds of murderers, is reluctant to get involved. But then the next victim is much



closer to home... Meanwhile, his former partner, DCI Carol Jordan, is working undercover in Berlin, on a dangerous operation to trap a millionaire trafficker. When the game turns nasty, Tony is the only person she can call on for help. Confronting a cruelty that has its roots in Nazi atrocities, Tony and Carol are thrown together in a world of violence and corruption, where they have no one to trust but each other. (Scottish)

John McLAREN

Press Send (1997) 301pp Pb 17.95 When Hilton Kask dies he leaves a parcel for each of his special friends - his twin brother Conrad, soul-mate Lisa, and his martial arts instructor. Inside is a mobile phone with one simple instruction: "Press Send". But for his enemies, Hilton has even more ambitious plans for revenge. (Scottish)

John McLAREN

Running Rings 451pp Pb 17.95 When big firms hit the skids they call in management consultants but when the business is crime, both consultants and criminals are in for a shock... The Hills Family has hit hard times. Their latest drugs operation has, literally, been beached on the south coast of England, and the restaurants and clubs they own as fronts are haemorrhaging cash. (Scottish)

Margaret MILLAR

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170pp Pb 19.95 Crime Masterworks series #22. The aloof and financially secure Helen Clarvoe is lured into a world of extortion, pornography, vengeance, madness and murder. This is a classic whodunit and a disturbing study of the human psyche. (Canadian)

Finola MOORHEAD

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Michael MOY

🔆 Men in Straw Hats 406pp Pb 19.95 The story of Vincent, his curator and the drug baron. The Vincent van Gogh Foundation has allowed 20 of Vincent's priceless paintings to go on tour while the Amsterdam Museum is closed for renovation. Carlos Vega, the pope of the resurrected Medellin cocaine cartel, wants to escape his dangerous life before it kills him. (Australian)

Shirley Rousseau MURPHY

Cat Laughing Last

349pp Pb 16.95

A Joe Grey mystery. When the local village's yard sales invite theft and murder, feline sleuths Joe Grey and Dulcieare pounce into the case with their claws sharp. And when the two sleek detectives investigate the prime suspect's house, where the police have no cause to enter, and pass the information across the continent to the NYPD -Joe Grey's tomcat instincts nail the killer before the cops have a clue. (American)

Magdalen NABB

Property of Blood (1999) 252pp Tp 35.00

A Marshal Guarnaccia investigation. The head of a prominent fashion house, Contessa Olivia Brunamonti, has been kidnapped and is being held for ransom deep in the Tuscan hills. Guarnaccia must track the kidnappers in order to save her life. (Italian)

John NANCE

* Turbulence 595pp Pb 18.95

A nail-biting thriller of crisis in the air, as the passengers and crew of an aircraft clash in deadly conflict. From the author appearing in New York Times bestseller lists, another airborne-disaster thriller with wide appeal for international markets, this time dealing with the increasingly alarming phenomenon of passenger air rage. Thrills and spills multiply on an ill-fated commercial flight, with an inexperienced pilot, heading across the unsettled continent of Africa towards Cape Town. (American)

Gemma O'CONNOR

Following the Wake

235pp Tp 29.95

The fallout from Evangeline Walter's murder touched everyone who knew her, as if her venom had insidiously leeched into their lives and poisoned their happiness. Even her cousin, Murray McGraw, who had a genuine affection for her, was not immune; and neither was Smiler O'Dowd, who loved her. But, of all those who had contact with her none suffered more than the wife and son of VJ Sweeney, who drowned at sea before he could be charged with her killing. Was it all too neat? Ten years on, the sense of unfinished business continues to linger, and Gil Sweeney has become obsessed with finding out what really happened when he was a little boy of eight... (Irish)

Shirley PALMER

Danger Zone 296pp Tp 24.95 When Jimmy is kidnapped in a violent attack on their home, Maggie realises her past has caught up with her; a past she has kept a secret from her husband, from everyone. And the only way to save her son's life is to step straight back into a world of violence and deceit, a world she once barely escaped with her life. As the pampered daughter of a Mafia kingpin, Maggie witnessed the destruction of her family - of everyone she had once loved - because of the lies and treachery her world was built on. Now someone has found her and they are using her son to draw her back into the danger zone. The only question is why.

Sara PARETSKY

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50 years, beginning with a national conference in downtown Chicago, where angry protestors are calling for the recovery of Holocaust assets. Replayed on the evening news is the scene of a slight man who has stood up at the conference to tell an astonishing story of a childhood shattered by the Holocaust a story that has devastating consequences for VI's cherished friend and mentor, Lotty Herschel. (American)

James PATTERSON

430pp Pb 18.95

The sensational killings that have rocked San Francisco appear to be unrelated except in their brutality. But detective Lindsay Boxer senses there's some thread connecting them all. She calls her friends in the Women's Murder Club together to see if they can discover what it is. Surely their bosses and male colleagues have overlooked some clue. (American)

George PELECANOS

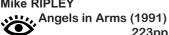
The Big Blowdown (1996)

310pp Pb 18.95 Washington DC, 1946. For two local young men, Pete Karras and Joey Recevo, the easiest way to find work after the war is by turning to crime - providing a little muscle for a local boss, Mr Burke, who runs a protection racket with the Mafia. The trouble with Pete Karras is that he is just too soft on his fellow immigrants, and the last thing the boss wants is for his mob to get soft. The boys have to teach Karras a painful lesson that he won't forget. Three years later, Pete and Joey meet up once more and a final confrontation puts the meaning of friendship and honour to the ultimate test. (American)

Chris PETIT

The Hard Shoulder 214pp Pb 21.00 This is Mrs Thatcher's Britain. O'Grady lodges in his spinster sister's dreary hotel. Alcohol and the random chances it brings begin to define his life. The only people who want to know him are aware that those for whom he took the fall owe him money. This novel is an evocation of the grey avenues and pubs of Irish London at its most hopeless, a semi-criminal milieu of the lost: northwest London has never been more convincingly portrayed. (English)

Mike RIPLEY



223pp Pb 21.95

Can Angel's improvised cavalry save the day? When Angel gets a call from Werewolf, his old and disreputable friend, he finds himself reluctantly involved in tracking down a shipment of drugs mistakenly smuggled in from France. (English)

David ROBERTS

Bones of the Buried (2001) 342pp Pb 21.95

The Second in the Lord Edward Corinth and Verity Browne Murder Mystery series. She is a foreign correspondent for a British national newspaper. He's the scion to an English dukedom. It is 1936 and they're in Spain, Verity Browne because she is passionately committed to defending the Spanish republic against Franco's imminent fascist threat and Lord Edward Corinth because she summoned him! (English)

Nora ROBERTS

Chesapeake Blue

367pp Tp 29.95

The first ten years of Seth Quinn's life had been a prison of fear, abuse and neglect. It had made him stronger than most tenyear-old boys. And a great deal more wary. Ray Quinn had rescued him from all that. And, after their father's death, Philip, Ethan and Cam Quinn had continued his good work, raising Seth as their own brother. Now an adult and a successful artist, Seth is happy to return home to Chesapeake Bay to the only real family he has ever known. Drusilla Whitcomb Banks is a newcomer in town. And from the first time he meets her, Seth realises that she is way out of his league. She has money, class and an impeccable background. Added to which, her own history has taught her not to give her heart lightly. Despite these odds, Seth is determined to try. But their fledging relationship faces another threat, for if Seth is ever to win a place in Dru's affections, he must finally face up to his tragic past and the mother who sold him... (American)

David ROBBINS

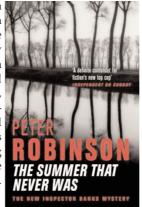
Scorched Earth 333pp Tp 29.95
Part mystery, part legal thriller, this is a story of crime and punishment set in a small southern town during one brutal, hot and unforgiving summer that lays bare the potential of the human heart to hate and, ultimately, to heal. (American)

Peter ROBINSON

The Summer that Never Was 416pp Tp 30.00

The new Inspector Banks mystery. skeleton has been unearthed. Soon the body is identified, and the horrific discovery hits the headlines... Fourteenyear-old Graham Marshall went missing during his paper round in 1965. The police found no trace of him. His disappearance left his family shattered, and his best friend, Alan Banks, full of guilt... That friend has now become Chief Inspector Alan Banks, and he is determined to bring justice for Graham.

But he soon realises that in this case, the boundary between victim and perpetrator, between lawguardian and law-breaker, is becoming more and more blurred.. (English)



Lawrence SANDERS

McNally's Alibi #11

309pp Pb 19.95

Claudia Lester is a blonde with a problem: she needs someone to give a blackmailer \$50,000. But when Archy wakes up with a bump on his head, both and the money Claudia disappeared. The other person who wants to find Claudia is Decimus Fortesque, an eccentric Palm Beach character known for his even more eccentric collecting habits. The \$50,000 turned out to be his and he thinks that Claudia may be in possession of both his money and a long-lost work by Truman Capote. When Fortesque offers to hire him to find Claudia, Archy cannot resist and falls over the first corpse in the case. (American)

Andy SHEA

*The Chance 406pp Pb 17.95 One bored millionaire. A simple bet between two friends. Four ordinary people on opposite sides of the world. \$10 million the prize on offer to them. But to get it they must kill. (Australian)

Jenny SILER

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≱ Shot When journalist Kevin Burns gets a call from former schoolmate Carl Greene, he is surprised. They were not that close at school and the temperature cooled when Carl married Kevin's girl, Lucy. Carl, a scientist, sounds anxious, afraid. They arrange to meet at the baseball game in Denver but Carl never makes it. Someone kills him first. Soon after, Lucy surprises a masked figure prowling Carl's study. Whatever her husband was working on, a lot of people want to get their hands on it. Some are clearly prepared to kill for it, though not the prowler who, it turns out, is a woman with a quite different agenda. (American)

Sally SPEDDING

670pp Pb 18.95 Wringland Her new job negotiating sales for Holtbury Prestige Homes takes Abbie Parker to sinister Black Fen. From the moment she arrives, Abbie falls prey to bizarre incidents both on the building site and in the surrounding wetlands. The unwanted attentions of a deranged clergyman, the increasingly behaviour of her soldier boyfriend, growing awareness of the appalling abuse heaped on a strange little girl, all of these are trial enough. But Abbie's real nightmares begins with the disembodied voices of singing children, the constant reappearance of a battered prayerbook... and the gloating laughter of Martha Robinson, hanged for infanticide a century earlier. (English)

Robert TANENBAUM

Enemy Within 350pp Pb 17.95 NYC chief assistant district attorney Butch Karp faces a difficult case when a serial killer begins stalking the homeless, a situation that is complicated when his daughter volunteers at the shelters where the murders are occurring. (American)

William TAPPLY



Investigating the disappearance of a woman in Maine, Boston lawyer Brady Coyne must pierce the veil of silence that permeates the small, seemingly idyllic town, if he is to find out what has really happened there. (American)

Boston TERAN

Never Count Out the Dead 366pp Pb 18.95

When a Los Angeles construction scandal threatens to blow sky-high, a squalid torrent of blackmail, counter-blackmail and murder is unleashed. Suspicions soar, allegiances crumble, and an unlikely investigative reporter uncovers enough material to bring prominent careers crashing to an end. Behind the scenes, one woman thinks she's pulling the strings: on an adrenaline- and drugfuelled high, she plots the downfall of her enemies and the survival of the one person she trusts. Herself. Let nobody underestimate the murderous Dee Storey. Least of all her daughter, Shay. (American)

Catherine TODD

Exit Strategies 368pp Pb 21.95 When glamorous anti-aging guru Bobbie Crystol, the author of a bestselling book about life extension, strides into the firm and offers Becky the chance to represent her interests on the West Coast, the offer seems too good to be true. No matter that Dr Crystol turns out to be Becky's arch-nemesis from college. The firm needs the business and Becky needs the client. But when some of the doctor's patients leave the life-extension spa sicker than when they entered, Becky begins to have doubts about the frantic pursuit of longevity at the expense of living well. Trying to hang on to both her legal career and her integrity, Becky not only learns to let go of bad choices but also devises a foolproof exit strategy, a strategy that proves to have unexpected dividends.... (American)

Patricia TRAXLER

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Andrew VACHSS

Only Child 276pp Hb 59.95 A Burke novel. After years on the run, Burke is desperate to return to his native New York, the only way he can reconnect with his outlaw 'family'. But to survive in their part of the City, where reputation is everything, Burke must take major risks to re-establish his presence. So when a Mafia man contacts him about the murder-as-message of his 16-year-old daughter (the offspring of what he calls an "outside the tribe" affair that he must keep secret at all costs) Burke's depleted bankroll persuades him to step out of the shadows and do something he has not done in years... actually investigate a crime. (American)

Guy WALTERS

469pp Tp 29.95 The Traitor It is 1943. British SOE agent Captain John Lockhart is in Crete, fighting with the Resistance. Captured by the Germans, Lockhart faces a stark choice, between death and betrayal of his country. Concealing his true motives, Lockhart makes a bargain: in return for the life of his imprisoned wife, he will work with the Germans. When his mission is revealed, Lockhart is stunned. He is to lead a unit of the Waffen SS made up of British fascists and renegades culled from POW camps: the British Free Corps, Lockhart takes command, but he has an audacious plan to free his wife and other innocent victims of the war - whatever the personal cost. (English)

HISTORICAL CRIME

Mike ASHLEY (editor) The Mammoth Book of Egyptian Whodunnits

500pp Pb 21.95

This anthology covers two periods in history: the time of Ancient Egypt, which stretches from the First Dynasty in 4000 BC to the time of the Roman Empire; and the time of the Discoveries, which covers the Napoleonic and Victorian periods of excavation. The anthology is a collection of new stories and rare reprints, including contributions from Lynda Robinson, featuring Lord Meren, Lauren Haney and a Lieutenant Bak mystery, plus stories from Gillian Linscott, Kate Ellis, Marilyn Todd, Paul Doherty, Suzanne Franke, Amy Myers, Michael Pearce, Elizabeth Peters and many more. So from the famed Cleopatra to Howard Carter and the Curse of the Pharaohs, here are 25 stories to enthral and enchant devotees of the genre. (English)

Alvs CLARE

The Faithful Dead 251pp Hb 59.95

A Hawkenlye mystery. 1192, England. An elderly pilgrim dies in Hawkenlye Vale. Nothing suspicious about that: he was gravely ill when he arrived. Meanwhile, Josse d'Acquin has a visit from Prince John. Accompanied by his seer, the Prince urgently seeks news of a stranger, Galbertius Sidonius. Hurrying to Hawkenlye Abbey to enlist the Abbess Helewise's help, Josse finds that she has a problem of her own: a decomposing body has been discovered. Josse, Yves and the Abbess are hurled into a mystery whose roots stretch back much further than the Second Crusade. And, watching them with his strange dark eyes is the enigmatic figure of the Prince's Magister. (English)

Paul DOHERTY

Domina Pb 18.95

Roman era. Agrippina, wife of Claudius, mother of Nero, was a beautiful and talented woman who saw her father murdered, was banished by her brother, and was killed on the orders of her son. Her freed man, a one-eyed former gladiator named Parmenon, tells of Agrippina's battle to survive in and control the depraved and violent Imperial Roman court, and the crumbling relationship between mother and son. (English)

Paul DOHERTY

The Plague Lord Tp 29.95

A Marco Polo mystery #1. 13th century China. Of all the legendary Kublai Khan's many ministers and advisors, his favourite is Marco Polo. So when a flood of portents, strange visions and ghastly murders occur throughout the kingdom and even across the oceans, Marco's wisdom is called upon. The leaders of a demonic sect have disappeared from the desert to which they were banished, and Kublai Khan believes that they will attempt to release the Plague Lord himself, and open the gates of Hell... (English)

Martin GREENBERG et al Murder, My Dear Watson

225pp Hb 68.00

New tales of Sherlock Holmes. Victorian England. The world's most famous literary detective and his companion Dr John Watson investigate a series of previously unrecorded cases in this new collection of original tales. Among the contributors are Sharyn McCrumb, Anne Perry and Malachi Saxon, J Bill Crider and Colin Bruce. In Christopher addition, Redmond illuminates the vast possibilities that new technology offers Sherlockians in Sherlock Holmes on the Internet, while in A Sherlockian Library editors Jon Lellenberg and Daniel Stashower provide a list of 50 essential titles on Arthur Conan Doyle and the Holmes canon. (Various)



Simon HAWKE

The Slaying of the Shrew

250pp Pb 15.95

A Shakespeare and Smythe mystery. 15th century England. The duo and their band of thespians are contracted to provide entertainment at a rural estate as part of a large wedding pageant. When the headstrong bride turns up dead, and overheard conversations contain conspiratorial plots against the families involved, Will and Tuck must once again pull double duty as thespians and sleuths to solve the case. (American)

Peter KING The Golden Gate Murders

258pp Pb 17.95

A Jack London mystery. 19th century, America. On the infamous docks of San Francisco's Barbary Coast, Jack follows a trail of bloodshed and murder to the legendary gambling halls where he finds a unique ally in Wyatt Earp. (American)

Clyde LINSLEY

Death of a Mill Girl 282pp Pb 17.95

A Josiah Beede mystery. 1836, New Hampshire. The body of a beautiful young woman has been discovered on the farm of retired lawyer and military hero Josiah Beede. Now, he must lure a killer out of hiding before another innocent is murdered or the wrong suspect is hanged. (American)

Larry MILLETT

The Disappearance of Sherlock Holmes 335pp Hb 59.95

A mystery featuring Shadwell Rafferty #5. Victorian England. When the newspapers announce Holmes has disappeared, so begins a chase across continents and a labyrinthine journey into a dangerous and sinister mind. Only with the assistance of his large-hearted and amply proportioned old friend, Irish saloonkeeper Shadwell Rafferty, will the score be settled and justice delivered. (American)

Fidelas MORGAN

The Rival Queens 417pp Pb 20.95

A Countess Ashby De La Zouche Mystery. Early 18th century London. Once again Anastasia Ashby de la Zouche, Baroness Penge, Countess of Clapham, former mistress to Charles II, finds herself embroiled in the darker side of early 18th century London. (English)

Paula PAUL

An Improper Death 196pp Pb 17.95

A Dr Alexander Glasdstone mystery. 1881, Newton-Upon-Sea. Raised by a country doctor, Alexandra Gladstone thought she couldn't be shocked until she saw the dead body of a respected admiral dressed in women's undergarments. Even more shocking, though, is the truth behind his murder. (American)

Anne PERRY

Death of a Stranger 275pp Hb 59.95

A William Monk mystery #13. Victorian England. Finally what fans have been waiting for: the novel in which William Monk breaks through the wall of amnesia and discovers who he once was. (English)

Caroline ROE

A Draught for a Dead Man

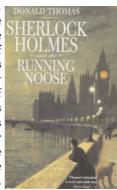
322pp Hb 59.95

The Chronicles of Isaac of Girona #6. 1354, Spain. Isaac has been invited to Perpignan to attend the wedding of Davi's son and to heal Arnau Marça, a Christian knight who was badly injured during an attack. But as Arnau struggles to identify his enemy, an innocent apprentice is murdered. Now, Isaac's uncanny ability to discern foul from fair, and Arnau's relentless will to survive, are their only armour against the possibility of more tragedy... (American)

Donald THOMAS

Sherlock Holmes and the Running Noose 338pp Pb 19.95

Victorian England. Following the The success of Secret Cases of Sherlock Holmes (Pb 19.95), a new group unpublished tales of real-life crime is presented by Dr Watson from the documents in the famous tin-box.



Relating Holmes's part in true crimes of the day, Thomas brings the Great Detective to life once again in six narratives displaying Holmes at his most determined, inventive and downright devious... (English)

CRIMENON-FICTION



Frank ABAGNALE Catch Me If You Can (1980)

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Frank W Abagnale, alias Frank Williams, Robert Conrad, Frank Adams and Ringo Monjo, was a daring conman, forger, impostor and escape artist. Known by the police of 26 foreign countries and all 50 US states as "The Skywayman", he lived a sumptuous life on the run until the law caught up with him. Now recognised as a leading authority on financial foul play, Abagnale is a charming rogue whose hilarious, stranger-than-fiction international escapades and ingenious escapes - including one from an aeroplane - make this book an irresistible tale of deceit. Movie tie-in edition. (American)

George BEAHM

The Unofficial Patricia Cornwell Companion 299pp Tp 30.00

Including numerous interviews and articles about Cornwell's work, a number of rare photographs of the author and her world, as well as a detailed discussion of each title, this title includes insider's look at Richmond, the city Kay Scarpetta calls home, as well as a thorough examination of the geography of Cornwell's world. A glossary of forensic terminology and a guide to the characters who appear in each novel round out the book, making it a useful reference tool in addition to a revealing look at a reclusive author. (American)

Tom BEHAN

See Naples and Die 320pp Pb 33.00

The Camorra and Organised Crime. The author's account of the Camorra and its shadowy leaders reveals a crime syndicate of extraordinary power and resources. They are involved in the major political parties, the police, judiciary, administrators and leading figures in the business community. He shows how all levels of the Italian state, including the judiciary, are so corrupt and in hock to the Camorra, that all reformist solutions are bankrupt. (English)

Mark BOWDEN

Finders Keepers 209pp Hb 45.00

What would you do if you found \$1 million on the street? One afternoon, Joey Coyle was on his way to score drugs when he found two curious yellow containers lying in the street, which as it turned out, contained \$1 million in unmarked money from a casino. From the moment the cash disappeared, Detective Pat Laurenzi, with the help of the FBI, worked around the clock to find it. As the story exploded onto the front pages, the entire city was swept up in the hunt. (American)

Patricia CORNWELL

Portrait of a Killer 388pp Hb 45.00 In this headline-making new work of non-fiction, Cornwell turns trademark skills for meticulous research and scientific expertise on one of the most chilling cases of serial murder in the history of crime - the slavings of Jack the Ripper that terrorised 1880s London. Enlisting the help of forensic experts, Cornwell examines all the physical evidence available: thousands of documents and reports, fingerprints, crime-scene photographs, original etchings and paintings, items of clothing, artists' paraphernalia and traces of DNA. Her unavoidable conclusion: Jack the Ripper was none other than a respected painter of his day, an artist now collected by some of the world's finest museums. (American)

Martin FIDO

The Chronicle of Crime (1993) 336pp Lp 29.95

The Infamous Villains of Modern History and their Hideous Crimes. A history of crime presented in the chronicle-style format and illustrated with over 400 black and white photographs. (English)

Pippa KAY

Doubt and Conviction 357pp Tp 27.00

The Kalajzich Inquiry. This book tells the tragic story that started in Manly on Australia Day 1986 when Megan Kalajzich was shot as she slept beside her husband in their family home. Two bullets were also fired into his pillow... (Australian)

Bob LONG & DCI Bob MacLACHLAN The Hunt for Britain's Paedophiles 275pp Hb 55.00

In unprecedented "fly on the wall" reporting, New Scotland Yard agreed that a BBC team could shadow the work of the Paedophile Unit, part of the Serious Crime Group of the Metropolitan Police. The result is an important and revealing series. Here is the story and the disturbing detail behind the BBC series. (English)

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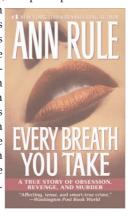
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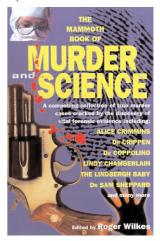
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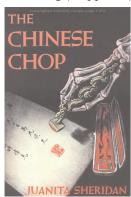
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