

# CRIME CHRONICLE

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"WHERE A GOOD CRIME CAN BE HAD BY ALL"

## 2006 THE YEAR IN REVIEW

It has been another good year for crime fiction. With Dan Brown finally fading, Donna Leon has grabbed top spot in Modern Crime here at Abbey's, just ahead of Andrea Camilleri and Lilian Jackson Braun.

In Historical Crime, Laurie King again took top honours, just in advance of Peter Tremayne and Elizabeth Peters.

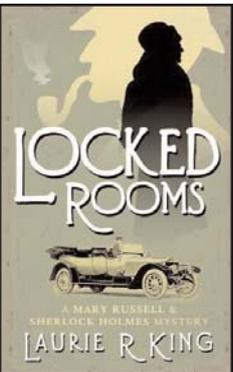
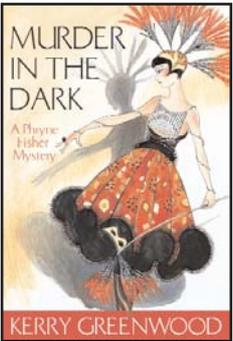
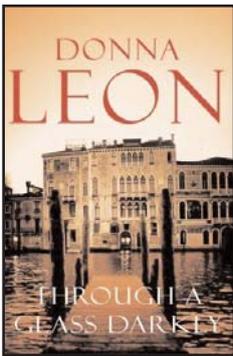
Australian Crime is again dominated by Kerry Greenwood, ahead of Peter Temple. Greenwood's **Murder in the Dark** (Pb \$19.95) was our top seller over all categories.

Crime Non-Fiction was filled with mostly Australian titles, while in Audio Crime, the runaway bestseller was the **Ellis Peters Gift Pack** (9 CDs, \$49.95) read by Derek Jacobi and containing *Rare Benedictine*, *An Excellent Mystery* and *Brother Cadfael's Penance*.

Our Top 10 were:

### MODERN CRIME

- Through a Glass Darkly** by Donna Leon (Tp \$32.95)
- Smell of the Night** by Andrea Camilleri (Tp \$27.00)
- The Cat Who Dropped a Bombshell** by Lilian Jackson Braun (Pb \$18.95)
- Blue Shoes and Happiness** by Alexander McCall Smith (Hb \$29.95)
- Skeleton Man** by Tony Hillerman (Pb \$19.95)
- Death of the Party** by Carolyn Hart (Pb \$16.95)
- Owls Well That Ends Well** by Donna Andrews (Pb \$16.95)
- Oxford Letters** by Veronica Stallwood (Pb \$19.95)
- Debts of Dishonour** by Jill Paton Walsh (Tp \$32.95)
- Rounding the Mark** by Andrea Camilleri (Tp \$29.00)



### HISTORICAL CRIME

- Locked Rooms** by Laurie King (Pb \$16.95)
- Master of Souls** by Peter Tremayne (Pb \$19.95)
- Serpent on the Crown** by Elizabeth Peters (Pb \$21.95)
- Suspense and Sensibility** by Carrie Bebris (Pb \$16.95)
- Gladiator Dies Only Once** by Steven Saylor (Pb \$21.95)
- Butcher of St Peters** by Michael Jecks (Pb \$19.95)
- Mark of a Murderer** by Susanna Gregory (Pb \$19.95)
- Elixir of Death** by Bernard Knight (Pb \$19.95)
- Prince of Darkness** by Sharon Kay Penman (Tp \$29.95)
- Dark Assassin** by Anne Perry (Pb \$19.95)

### AUSTRALIAN CRIME

- Murder in the Dark** by Kerry Greenwood (Pb \$19.95)
- Devil's Food** by Kerry Greenwood (Pb \$19.95)
- Broken Shore** by Peter Temple (Pb \$22.95)
- Apricot Colonel** by Marion Halligan (Pb \$19.95)
- Spider Trap** by Barry Maitland (Tp \$29.95)
- Saving Billie** by Peter Corris (Pb \$19.95)
- Undertow** by Peter Corris (Pb \$19.95)
- Rendezvous at Kamakura Inn** by Marshall Browne (Tp \$32.95)
- Malicious Intent** by Kathryn Fox (Pb \$19.95)
- Without Consent** by Kathryn Fox (Tp \$32.95)

### CRIME NON-FICTION

- Girls Like You** by Paul Sheehan (Tp \$32.95)
- Searching for the Beaumont Children** by Alan Whitticker (Tp \$29.95)
- The Investigator's Guide** by Ashley Keith (Tp \$59.95)
- City of Shadows** by Peter Doyle (Hb \$65.00)
- One Way Ticket** (Bali 9) by Cindy Wockner (Tp \$29.95)
- Under and Alone** by William Queen (Pb \$18.95)
- Dead Centre** (Peter Falconio) by Robin Bowles (Pb \$24.95)
- Worth More Dead** by Ann Rule (Pb \$18.95)
- Twentieth Century Crime Fiction** by Lee Horsley (Tp \$57.50)
- No Turning Back** by Joanne Lees (Tp \$35.00)

- Peter



**MODERN CRIME**

**Gilbert ADAIR**

 **The Act of Roger Murgatroyd**

**304pp Hb \$29.95**

It is Boxing Day circa 1935. The place is a snowed-in manor on the very edge of Dartmoor. It is a Christmas house-party. And overhead, in the attic, the dead body of Raymond Gentry, gossip columnist and blackmailer, shot through the heart. But the attic door is locked from the inside, its sole window is traversed by thick iron bars and, naturally, there is no sign of a murderer or a murder weapon... (Scottish) *Due Jan*



**Clay ANDERSON**

 **The Black Rose Murder and Other Cases** 321pp Tp \$37.00

*Jason Justice Mystery*. This is the story of Jason Justice, a sophisticated private detective in San Francisco, who is searching for the answers to several exciting mysteries. (American) *Due Jan*

**Lin ANDERSON**

 **Driftnet** 272pp Pb \$19.95

A teenage boy is found mutilated and murdered in a Glasgow flat. Forensic scientist Rhona Macleod is called to the scene, but her grim task is made even more unsettling than usual by the boy's remarkable resemblance to her, and the fact that she gave up a baby boy for adoption 17 years before. (Scottish)

**Suzanne ARRUDA**

 **Mark of the Lion** 352pp Tp \$29.95

 *A Jade del Cameron Mystery*. In 1919, when most women only dream of adventure, Jade del Cameron lives it. After driving an ambulance along the front lines of WWI, she can fire a rifle with deadly precision. Still suffering trauma from the Great War, she sets off for Africa determined to fulfil a man's dying wish, never expecting to become involved in murder. (American)

**Mignon BALLARD**

 **The Angel and the Jabberwocky Murders** 304pp Hb \$49.95

When female students start to disappear from college in a tranquil South Carolina town, guardian angel Augusta Goodnight and long-time resident Lucy Nan Pilgrim must race to discover what connects the girls. (American)

**M C BEATON**

 **Agatha Raisin and the Deadly Dance** 256pp Pb \$17.95

*Agatha Raisin Mystery* #15. Infuriated that her holiday was ruined by a mugging, Agatha decides to open her own detective agency. (American) *Due Jan*

**Don BENDELL**

 **Broken Borders** 240pp Pb \$16.95

*Criminal Investigation Detachment* #2. Military intrigue ensues. After Major Bobby Samuels and Captain Bo Devore foil an airborne hijacking, they uncover an al-Qaeda plot devised by terrorists using the Mexican-American border to enter the US. But their goal is not infiltration, it is destruction. Destruction carried in two 'backpack' nuclear bombs. (American)

**Miranda BLISS**

 **Cooking Up Murder** 256pp Pb \$16.95

When best friends Annie and Eve sign up for a cooking class at the local gourmet shop, they figure the only things at risk are a few innocent fruits and vegetables. But on the first night, they see their fellow student Beyla arguing with a man, who later turns up dead in the parking lot. Now the friends feel bound to uncover whatever secrets she's hiding, before someone else's goose - perhaps one of their own - gets cooked. (American)



**Elizabeth BRIGHT**

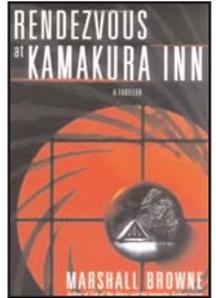
 **Murder and Salutations** 240pp Pb \$16.95

*Card Making Mystery* #3. Jennifer Shane is stunned when she's named Businessperson of the Year, but she's even more shocked when, at the presentation ceremony, Chamber of Commerce President Eliza Glade, overdressed, over-made-up and over-the-top, is killed. Jen and her sister Sara Lynn were among her worst enemies, so they'll have to bend over backwards to clear their names. And an easy resolution is not in the cards. (American)

**Marshall BROWNE**

 **Rendezvous at Kamakura Inn** 287pp Pb \$23.95

Tokyo Detective Aoki is devastated when influence and power undermine a major investigation. Unwilling to let go, he is sent to a remote Japanese retreat in the mountains for a vacation. A sudden snowstorm traps everyone just as Aoki begins to piece together each guest's connection to an unsolved disappearance years prior. (Australian) *Due Jan*



**W J BURLEY**

 **Wycliffe and the School Bullies** (1976) (Wycliffe and the Schoolgirls) 208pp Pb \$19.95

DS Wycliffe, the least conventional of policemen, links two present murders with a past holiday escapade and thereby adds to his knowledge of human nature. (English) *Due Jan*

 **Wycliffe and the Three Toed Pussy** (1968) 224pp Pb \$19.95

Before she is murdered, Pussy Welles makes some of her income by devising crossword puzzles, and she leaves 15 new ones behind her. And as DS Wycliffe discovers at the end of the case, when the puzzles have been worked out and arranged in the right order, they offer, in a simple code, the key to the entire solution of a most complex mystery. (English) *Due Jan*

**Meg CABOT**

 **Size 14 is Not Fat Either** 368pp Pb \$22.95

Former pop star Heather Wells has settled nicely into her new life as assistant dorm director at New York College - a career that does *not* require her to drape her size 12 body in embarrassingly skimpy outfits. Surrounded by hysterical students - with her ex-con father on her doorstep and her ex-love bombarding her with unwanted phone calls - Heather welcomes the opportunity to play detective...again. (American) *Due Jan*

**KEY**

**ACADEMIC**



**BANKING**



**CANINE DETECTIVES**



**CLERICAL**



**COSY/MALICE DOMESTIC**



**CULINARY/FOOD**



**FBI**



**FELINE DETECTIVES**



**FORENSIC**



**HORSE RACING MYSTERY**



**MEDICAL**



**MILITARY**



**NATIVE AMERICAN**



**POLICE PROCEDURAL**



**POLITICAL/LEGAL**



**PSYCHOLOGICAL**



**PRIVATE EYE**



**ROMANTIC SUSPENSE**



**SPORT**



**SPY**



**SUSPENSE/THRILLER**



**AUTHOR'S NATIONALITY AT END OF BLURB**

**J M CALDER****And Hope to Die****400pp Tp \$29.95**

A serial kidnapper is targeting children and demanding the most macabre of ransoms. By the time Glass is put on the case, a fourth child has been taken and two women are dead. There are few leads to go on and the police commissioner is looking for someone to blame. (Australian) *Due Jan*

**Caroline CARVER****Beneath the Snow 336pp Pb \$19.95**

It's been a long, hard winter in the small Alaskan town of Lake's Edge - and things are about to get even tougher. Lisa McCall, a young and brilliant research scientist, has disappeared out in the wilderness in the middle of a snowstorm. Lisa's sister Abby, shaken by the news, flies out from England to join the rescue team. Risking her own life, she embarks on the dangerous task of locating Lisa before someone else gets to her first... (English) *Due Jan*

**Marc CERASINI & Alice ALFONSI****The Pink Panther's Just****Desserts 304pp Pb \$16.95**

After visiting the various culinary crime scenes - and sampling trays full of delicious evidence - Clouseau and his dedicated assistant Ponton have gained ten pounds apiece but are no closer to finding the killer. They have, however, determined that the victims were about to compete in the World Food Expo, the most prestigious and lucrative pastry competition on the planet, to be held at the luxurious MGM Grand in Las Vegas. (American)

**Nora CHARLES****Hurricane Homicide****224pp Pb 16.95**

*Kate Kennedy Senior Sleuth Mystery #4.* TV weatherman Uncle Weatherwise is the condo's newest arrival. But when a hurricane he predicted would bypass Palmetto Beach forces an evacuation, Kate Kennedy stumbles upon his corpse. Suddenly she's on a trail of suspects that may lead back to the Cold War. (American)

**Blaize CLEMENT****Curiosity Killed the Cat Sitter****272pp Pb \$16.95**

*Dixie Hemingway Mystery #1.* Until three years ago, Dixie Hemingway was a deputy with the Sarasota County Sheriff's Department in southwest Florida. Then came a tragic accident. Now Dixie's a pet-sitter on Siesta Key, a lush, exotic barrier island where the people tend to be rich, suntanned and tolerant of one another's quirks. But when Dixie finds a man bizarrely drowned in a cat's water bowl, she is drawn into a tangled web of danger and secrets. (American)

**Harlan COBEN****Back Spin (1997) / Tell No One****(2001) 592pp Pb \$12.95**

In *Back Spin* the search for a missing boy gives Myron Bolitar far more than he bargained for. *Tell No One*: eight years ago, David Beck was knocked unconscious and left for dead, and his wife Elizabeth was kidnapped and murdered. Then, one afternoon, he receives an anonymous e-mail telling him to log on to a certain web-site at a certain time. The screen opens onto a web cam and it is Elizabeth's image he sees. (American)

**Michael CONNELLY****Black Echo (1992) / Black Ice****(1993) 688pp Pb \$12.95**

The first two Harry Bosch novels from bestselling author Michael Connelly. (American)

**Lesley COOKMAN****Murder in Steeple Martin****400pp Pb \$19.95**

*Libby Sarjeant Mystery #1.* This is a tale of engaging misfits and muddlers in a Kent village, whose theatrical endeavours rouse the long arm of the past with murderous consequences. (English)

**Patricia CORNWELL****Predator 480pp Pb \$19.95**

Florida is full of human predators and they all give Dr Kay Scarpetta the opportunity and the means to do what she does best - persuading the dead to speak to her. (American) *Due Jan*

**Robert CRAIS****Monkeys Raincoat (1987) /****Stalking the Angel (1989)****Pb \$12.95**

*Monkey's Raincoat*: the novel that introduced Elvis Cole, LA Private Eye and his partner, Joe Pike. *Stalking the Angel*: Bradley Warren has lost a very valuable 13th-century Japanese manuscript, the Hagakure, and hires Elvis Cole to recover it.

**The Two Minute Rule****336pp Pb \$19.95**

Two minutes can be a lifetime. But break the two minute rule and it's a lifetime in jail. Ask anyone on the wrong side of the law about the two-minute rule and they'll tell you that's as long as you can hope for at a robbery before the cops show up. But not everyone plays by the rules. (American) *Due Jan*

**Shirley DAMSGAARD****Charmed to Death****304pp Pb \$16.95**

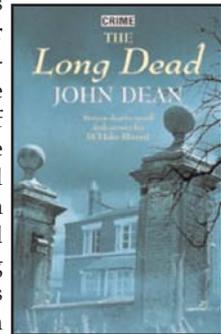
*Ophelia & Abby Mystery #2.* Ophelia Jensen's good witch granny Abigail revels in her paranormal powers. But Ophelia never asked for her bothersome psychic abilities, especially since they proved worthless when the thirtysomething librarian's best friend, Brian, was murdered by a still-unknown assailant.

**The Trouble with Witches****292pp Pb \$17.00**

*Orphelia and Abby #3.* Ophelia has always considered her psychic abilities an imposition, except for those times she has been able to put her paranormal talents to good use, like when a friend asks her to help find a missing teenager. Unfortunately, it means she and Abby, her kindly, canny sorceress granny, will be taking to the road to pursue the vanished girl in the wilds of Minnesota. (American) *Due Jan*

**John DEAN****The Long Dead****224pp Hb \$46.95**

When 16 skeletons are unearthed near an old prisoner-of-war camp outside the northern city of Hafton, it seems like a straightforward case for DCI John Blizzard. With all indicators pointing to natural deaths from influenza



during WWI, there seems little to concern modern-day detectives. But Blizzard's instincts tell him something is wrong. (American)

**Eileen DREYER****Sinners and Saints****384pp Pb \$16.95**

Forensic nurse Chastity O'Connor is trying to put the past behind her. After exposing her father as the monster he was, she was shunned by her family. But now, one of them needs her help: her brother-in-law Max Stanton, whom she has never met. Chastity's sister, Faith, is missing from the doctor's upscale home in New Orleans, and Max needs Chastity's help. (American)

**Tracy DUNHAM****Yes, the River Knows****295pp Pb \$16.95**

In the second of the evocative series that began with *Wishful Sinful* (Pb \$16.95), Tal Jefferson must confront the racism simmering beneath the surface of her hometown to solve a vicious murder. (American)

**Barry EISLER****Choke Point (US title: Rain Storm)****320pp Pb \$19.95**

*John Rain #3.* Government assassin John Rain is a man trying to leave his violent past behind. But after tracking him down in Brazil, his former employers, the CIA, persuade him to take on a high-risk assignment and one to which his particular skills are well suited: to terminate with extreme prejudice a man who deserves to die. (American) *Due Jan*

**Loren D ESTLEMAN** **The Little Black Dress**

240pp Pb \$16.95

*Peter Macklin #5.* Estleman, the author of the Amos Walker noir masterpieces, proves once again he is a master of the form, delivering a superb crime drama starring gritty, ex-hit man, anti-hero Peter Macklin. Our conflicted protagonist performs a precise balancing act between his dark, murderous past and a promising, comfortable future with his beautiful young bride Laurie. (American) *Due Jan*

**Nancy FAIRBANKS** **French Fried** 304pp Pb \$16.95

Carolyn Blue and her husband Jason are in Paris for his lecture tour-and she plans to enjoy the city's culinary delights. But delight turns deadly when a poisonous recipe appears on the local menus. (American) *Due Jan*

**Linda FAIRSTEIN** **Bad Blood** 352pp Tp \$32.95

Alexandra Cooper has a tough case to prosecute. Brendan Quillan, a wealthy businessman from the Upper East Side, has been charged with hiring an assassin to kill his wife, but the evidence is flimsy and the defendant has one of the most successful defence lawyers on his side. Then an explosion kills Quillan's brother... (American) *Due Jan*

**Robert FERRIGNO** **Prayers for the Assassin**

560pp Pb \$21.95

America, 35 years in the future, is an Islamic Republic. Calls to prayer echo across the cities and the Black Robes, the enforcers of public virtue, prowl the streets on the lookout for inappropriate dress or behaviour. As the story opens, a beautiful young historian, Sarah, the niece of the head of state security, has disappeared. Her lover, Rakkim, a Fedayeen warrior, fears she is in danger. He's right. She has uncovered an explosive secret that threatens the very foundations of the New Order. (American) *Due Jan*

**Gillian FLYNN** **Sharp Objects** 272pp Tp \$32.95

Fresh from a brief stay at a psych hospital, Camille's first assignment from the second-rate daily paper where she works brings her reluctantly back to her hometown to cover the murders of two pre-teen girls. (American) *Due Jan*

**Alan FORD** **Thin Ice** 192pp Pb \$22.95

Charles Harwood is an out-of-work actor, but fill-in jobs aren't for him. Charlie's world and that of most other actors in the business, is a hand-to-mouth life spent in a state of controlled desperation. (English) *Due Jan*

**Alan FURST** **The Foreign Correspondent**

356pp Tp \$32.95

By 1938, hundreds of Italian intellectuals, lawyers and journalists, university professors and scientists had escaped Mussolini's fascist government and taken refuge in Paris. There, amid the struggles of émigré life, they founded an Italian resistance, with an underground press that smuggled news and encouragement back to Italy. Fighting fascism with typewriters, they produced 512 clandestine newspapers. This is their story. (American) *Due Jan*

**Tess GERRITSEN** **Presumed Guilty (1993) / In Their**

Footsteps (1995) Pb \$27.95

**Presumed Guilty:** When her former lover is found stabbed to death in her bed with one of her knives, Miranda Wood finds herself the prime suspect. Charged with the crime, she is released on bail that has been paid by a mysterious, unknown benefactor. **In Their Footsteps:** The quiet scandal surrounding her parents' deaths 20 years ago sends Beryl Tavistock on a search for the truth from Paris to Greece. (American) *Due Jan*

**Under the Knife (1990) /** **Whistleblower (1992) Pb \$27.95**

**Under the Knife:** Melodrama and logical flaws slay this tale of murder and yuppie love. **Whistleblower:** The man emerged from the mist, right in front of Cathy Weaver's car, running away from killers who were closing in on him. (American) *Due Jan*

**Robert GODDARD** **Never Go Back** 464pp Pb \$21.95

For a group of ex-comrades, it is to be the reunion to end all reunions - a weekend in the Scottish castle where they were guinea pigs in a psychological experiment many years before. They haven't seen each other since. But the convivial atmosphere on the journey north is quickly shattered by the apparent suicide of one of their party. When a second death occurs, a sense of foreboding descends on the group. It appears the past is coming back to haunt them, a past that none of them have ever spoken about. (English)

**Lee GOLDBERG****Diagnosis Murder #7:** **Double Life** 244pp Pb \$16.95

When Dr Sloan wakes up in his own hospital's ICU, he doesn't remember how he got there and can't recognise his family. He learns he was run down in the street while investigating a series of mysterious deaths, all of whom were patients recently recovered from life-threatening illnesses and accidents. He resumes his investigation, only to realise there is little time left to prevent another murder - his own. (American)

**Andrew GREELEY** **Bishop in the Old Neighbourhood**

304pp Pb \$16.95

*Bishop Blackie Ryan Mystery.* St Lucy's, a humble edifice at the heart of a venerable Chicago neighbourhood, has long stood as a bulwark against evil and change. Now three dead bodies have been left in the sanctuary, stripped, mutilated and shot through the head, execution-style. Dispatched by his Cardinal to investigate, Bishop 'Blackie' Ryan fears that the atrocious murders are only the beginning of a campaign of terror directed at this particular church. (American)

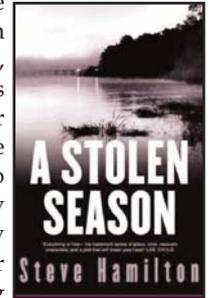
**David HAGBERG** **Soldier of God** 416pp Pb \$18.95

Kirk McCarvey has to unravel the latest threat from Osama bin Laden to save American schoolchildren from a cadre of suicide bombers willing to martyr themselves for the cause as Soldiers of God. (American)

**Steve HAMILTON** **A Stolen Season**

304pp Tp \$32.95

It's the most miserable summer anyone can remember in Paradise, Michigan. Alex and his occasional partner Leon are outside the local casino waiting to see the 4th of July fireworks when they witness a spectacular boat crash. They drag four men from the wreck and revive them. When Alex's friend Vinnie is later beaten up by four strangers, it doesn't take Alex long to figure out who they might be. (American) *Due Jan*

**R J HARLICK** **Death's Golden Whisper**

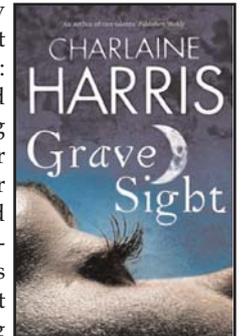
339pp Pb \$17.95

In the remote wilderness of West Quebec, the sudden arrival of float planes bring what Meg Harris believes are fishermen to the isolated northern lake on which she lives. She soon learns these men have come to develop a gold mine. (Canadian)

**Charlaine HARRIS** **Grave Sight**

320pp Pb \$18.95

Harper Connelly has what you might call a strange job: she finds dead people. Travelling with her stepbrother Tolliver as her manager and s o m e t i m e - bodyguard, she has become an expert at getting in, getting paid and getting out fast. Because for the living, it's always urgent, even if the dead can wait forever. (American)



**Robert HARRIS**

 **Hannibal Rising 336pp Hb \$49.95**  
Hannibal Lecter emerges from the nightmare of the Eastern Front, a boy in the snow, mute, with a chain around his neck. Hannibal's uncle, a noted painter, finds him in a Soviet orphanage and brings him to France, where his exotic wife, Lady Murasaki, helps him to heal. Hannibal discovers he has gifts beyond the academic and, in that epiphany, becomes death's prodigy. (American)

**Lynne HEITMAN**

 **The Hostage Room 384pp Pb \$22.95**  
*Alex Shanahan #3.* She left the corporate world of airlines, lured by the dark arts of private investigation. Now Alex Shanahan is stirring up a cold case with global implications. (American)

**Joan HESS**

 **A Holly Jolly Murder 288pp Pb \$16.95**  
*Claire Malloy Mystery.* Small-town bookstore owner Claire Malloy lets curiosity get the best of her: she attends a Druid winter solstice festival. When the would-be celebrants discover their wealthy benefactor murdered, the Arch Druid (a feisty old lady) asks Claire's help. (American)

**Georgette HEYER**

**Footsteps in the Dark (1932) 320pp Pb \$22.95**  
**Penhallow (1942) 320pp Pb \$22.95**  
**The Unfinished Clue (1934) 320pp Pb \$22.95**  
**Why Shoot a Butler? (1933) 320pp Pb \$22.95**

Heyer was one of the first female mystery writers and is still one of the best. (English) *All Due Jan*

**Bonnie Hearn HILL**

 **Off the Record 384pp Pb \$16.95**

 Journalist Geri LaRue is outraged when she loses the paper's *Off the Record* column to an insufferable colleague. To salvage her career and her waning self-confidence, Geri needs a break - and fast. The perfect story comes when successful businesswoman Kathleen Fowler is found dead - dropped from the balcony of her home to the cliffs below - leaving Geri as her sole beneficiary... (American)

**Tami HOAG**

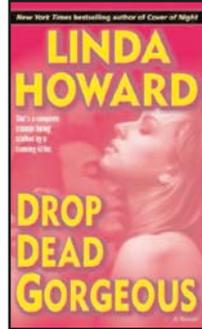
 **Night Sins (1995) / Guilty as Sin (1996) Pb \$12.95**

The Deer Lake series is set in a Minnesota town where people know their neighbours and crime is something that happens on the evening news. (American) *Due Jan*

**Linda HOWARD**

 **Drop Dead Gorgeous 320pp Pb \$19.95**

Someone was trying to kill her - again. As a former cheerleader, Blair Mallory was accustomed to jealousy, but really, you'd think people would get over it. Blair is immersed in her wedding plans when someone tries to run her over. Her fiancé, police lieutenant Wyatt Bloodsworth, thinks the episode was just an accident, but Blair knows the attempt was deliberate - and just the beginning... (American) *Due Jan*

**Greg ILES**

 **True Evil 512p Tp \$32.95**

Iles returns to his trademark Southern milieu in this terrifying thriller, an unnerving tale of evil lurking beneath the veneer of idyllic suburban life. Brimming with masterful suspense and intense psychological drama, this is the chilling story of a divorce attorney who may be orchestrating the deaths of his clients' spouses, bringing new meaning to the phrase 'til death do us part'. *Due Jan*

 **Turning Angel 672pp Pb \$19.95**

After winning the most dangerous case of his career, prosecutor Penn Cage decides to remain in his Southern hometown to raise his young daughter in a safe haven. But nowhere is truly safe, not from long-buried secrets or murder.... When the nude body of prep school student Kate Townsend is found near the Mississippi River, Penn's best friend, Drew Elliott, is desperate for his counsel. (American) *Due Jan*

**Steve JACKSON**

 **The Mentor 400pp Pb \$20.00**

They say lightning never strikes twice. They are wrong. London has been bombed for the second time in two years, but this time the enemy is a lot closer to home. Paul Aston, a young MI6 Agent, is sent to investigate. But nothing could have prepared him for the scenes of horror and devastation that he sees. Debut. (English) *Due Jan*

**P D JAMES**

 **The Lighthouse 480pp Pb \$24.95**

Combe Island off the Cornish coast has a bloodstained history of piracy and cruelty but now, privately owned, it offers respite to over-stressed men and women in positions of high authority who require privacy and guaranteed security. But the peace of Combe is violated when one of the distinguished visitors is bizarrely murdered. Adam Dalgliesh is called in to solve the mystery quickly and discreetly. (English) *Due Jan*

**Katherine JOHN**

 **Without Trace 320pp Pb \$19.95**  
Dr Tim Sherringham is called away in the middle of the night to deliver a baby. When he subsequently goes missing, his wife, Daisy, also a doctor, calls in the police. They find two headless and handless bodies along Sherringham's route to the hospital and hear reports of a man in a Pierrot costume in the vicinity at the time when the murders must have occurred. Debut. (American)

**Doug JOHNSTONE**

 **Tombstoning 256pp Pb \$24.95**  
Your best mate just fell off a cliff in mysterious circumstances and you were the last person to see him alive. What do you do? Well, if you're David Lindsay from Arbroath, you get the hell out of there and don't return. Not for at least 15 years... Debut. (Scottish)

**Faye & Jonathan KELLERMAN**

 **Capital Crimes 304pp Tp \$32.95**

Berkeley homicide detectives Barnes and Iris are called to investigate the murder of legislator Davida Grayson. A lobbyist for stem cell research, Davida has a long list of enemies. (American) *Due Jan*

**Jesse KELLERMAN**

 **Sunstroke 384pp Pb \$19.95**

Gloria Mendez is 36, single and obsessed with her boss, Carl. For him, she's the world's best secretary. For her, he is her future husband and the man she thinks about every waking hour. So when Carl disappears and is later found murdered while on a mysterious trip to a small town in Mexico, Gloria's world falls apart. (American) *Due Jan*

**David KENT**

 **The Triangle Conspiracy 448pp Pb \$18.95**

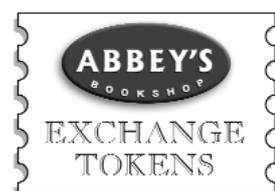
*Department Thirty Mystery #4.* Faith Kelly has what it takes to extort what she needs from the country's Most Wanted. But when her new case takes its toll in intimate ways, it becomes the most dangerous one of her career. (American)

**Gordon KENT**

 **Damage Control 480pp Pb \$20.00**

This is an exhilarating new tale of modern espionage and adventure featuring US Navy intelligence officer Alan Craik. (American) *Due Jan*

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**Natsuo KIRINO** **Grotesque****480pp Pb \$32.95**

Two prostitutes have been murdered in Tokyo. Yuriko worked as a prostitute all her adult life, starting while still at school, where her stunning beauty compensated for what she lacked in intellect and commanded attention from older men. Kazue worked for a blue-chip company and had good career prospects, but was unpopular with colleagues and felt isolated. 20 years previously, both women were educated at an elite school for young ladies, and both exhibited exceptional promise prior to their brutal, unnecessary deaths. How and why did this tragedy occur? (Japanese) *Due Jan*

**Matthew KLEIN** **Switchback****304pp Tp \$29.95**

A dark, sophisticated and pacy debut psychological thriller about one man caught in an ever-tightening vice of his own making. (American) *Due Jan*

**Michael KORTYA** **Sorrow's Anthem****352pp Pb \$16.95**

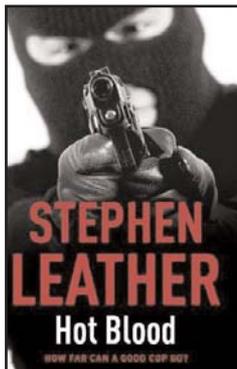
Once, Lincoln Perry and Ed Gradduk were friends. Then Perry became a cop, Gradduk turned dangerous, and their friendship imploded. Now Gradduk is dead. And Perry wants to use his PI licence to prove that whatever else his childhood friend might have been, he wasn't a murderer. (American)

**Ken KUHLKEN** **The Loud Adios** **217pp Tp \$32.95**

Tom Hickey is in the army on the home front during WWII, an MP working the Tijuana-San Diego border, when a farm boy draftee about to ship overseas begs for help to rescue his sister from a gang of German and Mexican Nazis. (American)

**Stephen LEATHER** **Hot Blood** **384pp Tp \$32.95**

Dan 'Spider' Shepherd is used to putting his life on the line. It goes with the turf when you're an undercover cop. But when the man who once saved his life is kidnapped in the badlands of Iraq, thrown into a basement and threatened with execution, Shepherd has to decide whether his loyalties lie with his country, his career or his friend. (American) *Due Jan*

**Danny LEIGH** **The Monsters of Gramercy Park****416pp Pb \$21.95**

This enthralling new novel from the award-winning author of **The Greatest Gift** (Pb \$22.95) is another immensely original and high-concept work of fiction, which brings together two disparate characters against a backdrop of secrecy and revelation. New York gang lord Wilson Velez, serving a life sentence in solitary confinement, is slowly losing his mind. Hundreds of miles away, celebrated crime novelist Lizbeth Greene falls apart as her inspiration runs dry. (American) *Due Jan*

**John LESCROART** **The Hunt Club****544pp Pb \$22.95**

At first, The Hunt Club had a membership of one: PI Wyatt Hunt. Since then, others have joined with a common interest in obtaining justice. One member, inspector Devin Juhle, has just caught a major case: the shooting of a 63-year-old federal judge and his 20-something mistress... (American) *Due Jan*

**Shadrach LINSComb** **Sex, Guns and a Barber****149pp Tp \$27.00**

A *Shelton Parker Mystery*. For many years, Shelton Parker has been a respected community barber in San Francisco. But his life completely changes one day when two police detectives enter his shop and force him to help solve a dangerous case. Once involving clippers and razors, his life now revolves around sex and guns. It's a wild and dangerous ride for Shelton, but he does it with style. (American)

**Robert LIPARULO** **Comes a Horseman****544pp Pb \$24.95**

The ancients saw Death as a blazing figure on horseback, swift and merciless. Those facing the black chasm often mistook their pounding hearts for the beating of hooves. Now two FBI agents pursuing a killer from a centuries-old cult realise they have become his prey. (American)

**Jeff LONG** **The Wall** **304pp Pb \$18.95**

On the vast, sunlit walls of the world's greatest monolith, two veteran climbers unwittingly ascend into a vertical underworld. In a place where obsession kills, they quickly fall prey to past loves, old demons, and ghostly revenge. (American)

**Sergei LUKYANENKO** **Day Watch** **320pp Tp \$32.95**

The second instalment of the phenomenal Russian trilogy, following on from **The Night Watch** (Pb \$29.95), vampire novels set in a richly realised post-Soviet Moscow. (Russian) *Due Jan*

**Patricia MACDONALD** **No Way Home** **384pp Pb \$16.95**

With chilling echoes of a notorious, real-life murder in Connecticut, this gripping novel unwraps the layers of fear and guilt in a small town where nothing bad ever happens, until a pretty teenager disappears. (American)

**Barry MAITLAND** **No Trace (#8)** **384pp Pb \$19.95**

An edge-of-your-seat Brock and Kolla mystery set within a radical artists' community in London where three children have been abducted within a matter of weeks. (Australian) *Due Jan*

**Petros MARKARIS** **Zone Defence** **352pp Tp \$32.95**

*Chief Inspector Haritos #2*. Chief Inspector Costas Haritos of the Athens CID has finally made time for a holiday. But when a minor earthquake causes his holiday beach to spit up a corpse, he finds there is no such thing as being off duty. (Turkish) *Due Jan*

**Amanda MATESKY** **Murder on a Hot Tin Roof****288pp Pb \$16.95**

*Paige Turner Mystery #4*. Mystery novelist and crime reporter Paige Turner is thrilled to see the hottest show on Broadway-but when she visits the star the next morning, he's been prematurely chilled. With her friend Abby, Paige embarks on a quest for the killer that has her springing all over the city like an overheated feline. (American)

**Ed McBAIN** **Transgressions Vol 2****236pp Pb \$22.95**

This is an incredible collection of original crime novellas, comprising original stories from Stephen King, Walter Mosley and Lawrence Sanders. (American)

**Adrian McKINTY** **Hidden River** **480pp Pb \$19.95**

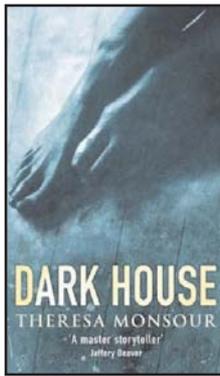
After Alexander Lawson, a rising star on Northern Ireland's police force at 24, is assigned to the corruption-ridden drug squad, he becomes addicted to heroin under unusual circumstances. Forced to resign in disgrace, he is still an addict when he learns that his high school girlfriend, Victoria, has been murdered in drought-scorched Denver, Colorado. Victoria's family begs Alex to investigate. (Irish)

**Leslie MEIER** **New Year's Eve Murder****368pp Pb \$16.95**

*Lucy Stone Mystery #12*. Lucy and her oldest daughter, Elizabeth, travel to New York City after winning an all-expenses-paid mother-daughter makeover from *Jolie* magazine. But the outing turns into a nightmare when the magazine's controversial fashion editor suddenly dies and Elizabeth falls ill from exposure to anthrax. (American)

**Theresa MONSOUR****Dark House** 384pp Pb \$19.95

English professor Serene Ransom is nursing a late-night drink and musing on the sexual possibilities of the hunky young bartender when a robbery interrupts her fantasies. She urges 'Catch' Clancy to kill the thief, but while he hesitates, she doesn't.... (English) *Due Jan*

**Walter MOSELY****Cinnamon Kiss** 320pp Pb \$22.95

*Easy Rawlins* #10. Just when he was contemplating robbing an armoured car, Easy is offered a job that might solve his money problem without jail time. He has to track the disappearance of an eccentric prominent attorney. His assistant of sorts, the beautiful 'Cinnamon' Cargill, is gone as well... (American) *Due Jan*

**Tamar MYERS****Grape Expectations** 240pp Pb \$16.95

*Pennsylvania Dutch Mystery* #14. A couple of unprincipled outsiders have bought an old farm at the edge of the Mennonite community of Hernia, Pennsylvania. They say they want to grow fruit, but their real plan is to start a vineyard and open a winery. This scheme is a serious affront to the tee-totalling Mennonites, so everyone's a suspect when the manager of the vineyard is found entombed in cement. (Belgian Congo) *Due Jan*

**Bill NAPIER****Nemesis** 512pp Pb \$19.95

CIA listening posts have detected evidence of an extraordinary operation by cosmonauts of the resurgent and aggressive Russian regime. There is a plan to deflect a giant asteroid into a collision course with the US, but the key to finding the asteroid is an incredible one - its course was predicted in an obscure Renaissance manuscript, the only copy of which has gone mysteriously missing... (Scottish) *Due Jan*

**Julia NAVARRO****The Brotherhood of the Holy****Shroud** 320pp Tp \$32.95

This explosive international bestseller mixes fact and fiction to tell the riveting story of one of the world's most controversial relics, the Turin Shroud - believed by millions of the faithful to bear the likeness of Christ - and the desperate race to save it from those who will stop at nothing to possess its legendary power. (Spanish) *Due Jan*

**Oliver NORTH & Joe MUSSER****The Assassins** 534pp Pb \$20.00

Tomorrow in an uncertain world, Islamic jihadists have struck at multiple targets in Saudi Arabia, nearly wiping out the entire royal family, while crippling the kingdom's oil-producing machinery. An 'Assassination Bill' has been introduced in a closed session of Congress. General Peter Newman has been granted the authority to recruit and train up to 100 specialists for one extreme, but necessary, purpose: the brutal and permanent elimination of terrorists. (American) *Due Jan*

**Carol O'CONNELL****Shark Music** 368pp Tp \$32.95

"Love is the death of me," reads the handwritten note. The gunshot victim was found in Detective Sergeant Kathy Mallory's apartment. It is not clear at first if it was homicide or suicide. And now Mallory has disappeared... (American) *Due Jan*

**Sue PIKE (Ed)****Bone Dance** 272pp Pb \$19.95

Music may soothe the savage beast, but in this fifth collection of witty and wicked crime fiction from the Ladies' Killing Circle, music provides the background for tales of murder and mayhem. (Various)

**Richard PRATHER****The Peddler (1952)** 256pp Pb \$16.95

In the cutthroat world of organised crime, Tony Romero is headed straight for the top. His territory: the brothels of San Francisco. But his path is littered with bodies and broken dreams in this classic novel. (American)

**Lewis PURDUE****Perfect Killer** 256pp Pb \$18.95

No fear. No conscience. No mistakes. When neurosurgeon Bradford Stone is contacted by a woman from his past, he is confronted by a baffling mystery: Why would a black civil rights lawyer want to save a convicted white racist murderer on death row? (American)

**Sheila QUIGLEY****Living on a Prayer** 464pp Pb \$19.95

A week before Christmas Debbie Stansfield's life falls apart. Her son - her funny, cheeky, kind Richard - has been found hanging from a tree at the Seven Sisters. The police think it's suicide, but Debbie can't accept that. Richard's four friends know something about his death, DI Lorraine Hunt can feel it. (English) *Due Jan*

**Ian RANKIN****The Black Book (1993) /****Mortal Causes (1994)** 560pp Pb \$12.95

Books 5 and 6 in the Rebus series.

**The Hanging Garden (1998) /**  
**Dead Souls (1999)** 560pp Pb \$12.95

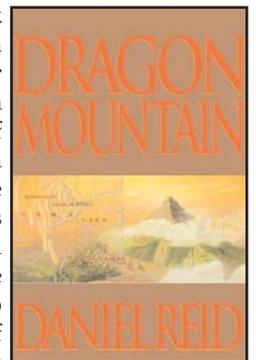
Books 9 and 10 in the Rebus series. (Scottish)

**Derek RAYMOND****Nightmare in the Street (1988)** 184pp Pb \$22.95

A plainclothes cop in Paris, Kleber is 40 years old and devoted to his young wife, Elenya, a former prostitute whom he rescued from her pimp. He has many enemies and only one friend: a criminal named Mark. When Kleber is suspended from the police force for punching a fellow officer, his underworld enemies seize their chance to get even. (English)

**Daniel REID****Dragon Mountain** 224pp Tp \$19.95

Captain Jack Robertson, a senior pilot for Air America, was in charge of Operation Burma Road when he went missing. As this action-packed novel opens, the CIA are trying to confirm details of Robertson's deposition through independent fieldwork, since his abduction knocked out most of the CIA's contacts in the Golden Triangle. (American) *Due Jan*

**Ruth RENDELL****The Babes in the Wood (2002) /****Live Flesh (1986)** 325pp Pb \$12.95

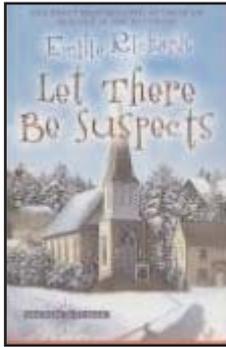
**The Babes in the Wood:** The mysterious disappearance of two local teenagers and their babysitter draws Inspector Wexford into a baffling case involving dark family secrets, violence, a religious cult, adultery and murder. **Live Flesh:** After 10 years in prison for shooting and permanently crippling a young policeman, Victor Jenner is released to a strange new world and told to make a new life for himself.

**The Trees of Hands (1984) / A Demon**  
**in My View (1976)** 325pp Pb \$12.95

**The Tree of Hands:** Binet's mad mother has come to stay. A death in the family precipitates a series of intertwined events, and a sense of guilt and yearning that is strongly identified with a collage in a hospital ward - the tree of hands. **A Demon in My View:** Arthur Johnson's loneliness has perverted his desire for love and respect into a carefully controlled tendency for violence. (English)

**Emilie RICHARDS****Let There be Suspects**  
272pp Pb \$16.95

With the chalk outline gone from their front porch, Aggie Sloan-Wilcox and her minister husband think they can resume their lives. But when Ginger, Aggie's despised former foster sister, comes for Christmas, and turns up dead as a drumstick, Aggie's sister is suspected. Now it's up to Aggie to find the real murderer, who has decided there is a loophole in 'thou shalt not kill'. (American)

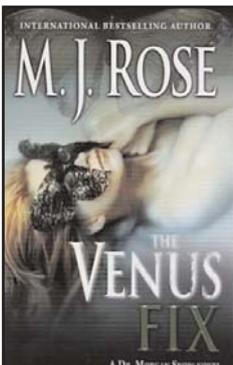
**Kei ROBERTSON****Dead Set** 368pp Pb \$22.95

*Inspector Chen #1.* Inspector Brad Chen isn't the luckiest man in Canberra. He's just returned to work after a hit-and-run that's left him hobbling around on a pair of crutches. He's battling an addiction to painkillers and he's got one hell of a hangover. His first callout is to the home of Tracey Dale, Minister for Immigration, where her bloodied corpse sits with a coathanger twisted around her neck... (Australian) *Due Jan*

**M J ROSE****The Venus Fix**

416pp Pb \$27.95

As one of New York's top sex therapists, Dr Morgan Snow sees everything from the abused to the depraved. Her newest patient is a powerful, influential man who is secretly addicted to watching internet



webcam pornography. Then the women start dying online, right in front of his eyes. Now it's all about murder. (American) *Due Jan*

**Sanjay SANGHOEE****Merger**

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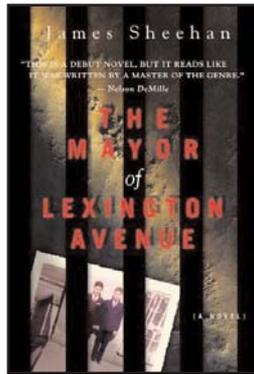
Vikram Suri, CEO of TriNet Communications, is a new breed of corporate criminal - smarter and infinitely more dangerous. As the clock winds down to his deadly triumph, no one suspects his hidden agenda except Tom Carter, an investment banker working on the deal. Torn between his job and his conscience, and locked in the crosshairs of the SEC, Tom enlists the help of Amanda Fleming, a beautiful and intrepid *New York Times* reporter eager to break a big story. Together, they must not only outsmart the brilliant Vik, but desperately try to stay alive! (American)

**Theresa SCHWEGEL****Officer Down** 302pp Pb \$16.95

Samantha Mack is a cop with a drink problem, a married lover and blood on her hands. On an impromptu sting operation, her ex-partner Fred Maloney is shot dead with her gun. Sam remembers firing her gun at the perp, a suspected child molester, until it was empty, but when she wakes up in hospital, there is no evidence that there was anyone besides her and Fred at the scene, alive or dead. (American)

**James SHEEHAN****The Mayor of Lexington Avenue**  
420pp Pb \$21.95

"James Sheehan, a Florida trial attorney, has created Jack Tobin, a Florida trial attorney, and one of the most interesting and complex characters I've come across in a long time. This is a debut novel, but it reads like it was written by a master of the genre." - Nelson DeMille (American) *Due Jan*

**Stav SHEREZ****The Devil's Playground (2004)**  
464pp Pb \$19.95

In a forgotten corner of a rain-lashed park in Amsterdam, the body of a tramp is found. The police can find no name or any obvious cause of death. Only the scarring on his body suggests he is the latest victim of a serial killer terrorising the city. Detective Ronald van Hijst has just one lead: the phone number of a young Englishman. (English) *Due Jan*

**Steven SIDOR****Bone Factory** 272pp Pb \$14.95

Homicide cops Ike Horner and Eliza Ochoa are on the scene of a body dump in a riverfront park, crouching over the freezing corpse of yet another working girl, cut up in all the most delicate places. Soon Ike and Eliza find themselves on a fatal mission as they unravel a conspiracy that stretches from the darkest holes in Booth City to the fringes of its most influential families. (American) *Due Jan*

**Michael SLADE****Kamikaze**

400pp Pb \$18.95

He is a Kamikaze. His target: a survivor of the bomb crew that incinerated Hiroshima more than half a century ago. She is an executioner. Her target: those responsible for her father's murder during the fall of Hong Kong in 1941. But they have something more frightening in common than revenge. (American)

**Dana STABENOW****Blindfold Game** 272pp Pb \$16.95

In Thailand, two men hire some modern-day pirates to hijack a Russian freighter. It is appallingly easy and the ship sails, undetected, toward the west coast of the US. On the Bering Sea, the USS Sojourner Truth, a Coast Guard cutter, patrols the Maritime Boundary Line. The seasoned crew, dealing with a high volume of ocean-going traffic, is finding that choppy seas are making their efforts even more difficult. In Washington DC, a CIA analyst traces the sale of black market plutonium. As the pieces fit together, he realises that a terrorist attack is under way on a valuable and vulnerable American target. (American)

**Olen STEINHAEUER****Istanbul Variations**  
352pp Tp \$33.00

Prague, 1968: Peter Husak, a young student, is captured as he tries to flee the country in the wake of Russia's suppression of Czechoslovakia's fledgling freedom movement. Seven years later, a People's Militia homicide investigator with defection on his mind boards a plane for Istanbul. When it is hijacked by Armenian terrorists, the Turkish authorities try to establish contact - but the plane explodes in mid-air. There is no negotiation, no explanation. Why? (American) *Due Jan*

**Peter TEMPLE****The Jack Irish Quinella: Bad Debts /****Black Tide** 688pp Pb \$26.95

The first two classic Jack Irish novels in one volume. (Australian) *Due Jan*

**Charles TODD****A False Mirror** 384pp Hb \$55.00*An Inspector Rutledge Mystery.*

Hampton Regis,

a small harbour town

on the southern

coast of England, is a

most unlikely place

for violence. Yet one

spring morning, a

man is found on the

strand so severely

beaten that he slips

in and out of consciousness. The prime

suspect? His wife's jilted lover, who

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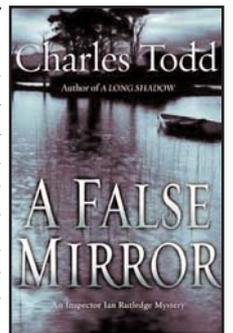
ended Great War, but who left the Front

under a cloud. Badly wounded, yes, but

did someone also cover up cowardice?

(English) *Due Jan***Scott TUROW & Otto Penzler (Eds)****The Best American Mystery****Stories 2006** 384pp Pb \$29.95

Turow takes the helm for the 10th edition of this annual, featuring 21 of the past year's most distinguished American tales of mystery, crime and suspense. (American) *Due Jan*



**James TWINING****The Black Sun** 432pp Pb \$20.00

In Maryland, a vicious gang breaks into the National Cryptologic Museum and steals a Nazi Enigma machine. In a London hospital, an Auschwitz survivor is murdered in his bed, his killers making off with a macabre trophy - his severed left arm. In Prague, a seemingly worthless painting is stolen from a synagogue. Three cities. Three puzzling thefts. Could there possibly be a connection? (English) *Due Jan*

**Lisa UNGER****Sliver of Truth** 368pp Tp \$32.95

One day, Ridley Jones stepped off a street corner and into an abyss of violence, deception and fear. Everything she thought was true turned out to be a lie. Just as she's beginning to move on with her life, another seemingly ordinary act puts her life in danger and makes her question everything and everyone who's close to her. (American) *Due Jan*

**Vincent VARJAVANDI****Perfect Suspect** 360pp Tp \$29.95

Dr Tom Hackett had the perfect life, young, successful and a dream job working for a year in New Orleans. All that changes when his wife is murdered, and her body mutilated, the victim of a seemingly random attack. He returns to Australia, hoping to leave behind the memories, but he becomes the suspect, when more murders occur. (Australian)

**Elaine VIETS****High Heels Are Murder**

288pp Pb \$16.95

*Josie Marcus, Mystery Shopper #2.* Hired to mystery-shop a shoe store, Josie finds that one step leads to another and soon she is in St Louis's seedy underbelly. Caught up in a web of crime, she hopes she won't end up murdered in Manolos. (American)

**Jan Costin WAGNER****Ice Moon** 288pp Pb \$21.95

When a young woman dies peacefully in her sleep, her husband sits distraught by her side. Returning to his job at the Finland CID, he finds that a murder inquiry is just beginning. A woman has been smothered with her pillow while she slept and, as the case unfolds, others will be found having met death in the same eerily quiet and bloodless way. (German) *Due Jan*

**Melanie WALLACE****The Housekeeper**

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When Jamie Hall finds a boy tied to a tree and cuts him loose, she can have no idea of the desperate chain of events her act of humanity will trigger. A stunning tale of love and loss in wintry rural America. (American) *Due Jan*

**Michael WALTERS****The Shadow Walker**

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As winter's first snows fall on the Mongolian capital of Ulan Baatar, the mutilated body of a British geologist is found in the city's most expensive hotel, apparently the fourth victim of a serial killer. With political pressure to solve the crimes mounting, Negru, ex-head of the Serious Crime Squad, is ordered back to his former role, while the murders continue... Debut (English) *Due Jan*

**Joseph WAMBAUGH****Hollywood Station**

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Outside Grauman's Chinese Theatre, Batman has assaulted Spider-Man. A Marilyn Monroe called it in and three Elvises witnessed it. Business as usual for the cops out of Hollywood Station, but while they deal with the costumed crack-heads, prostitutes, purse snatchers and ordinary lunatics that haunt the boulevards, in the streets behind the lights and crowds, the real Los Angeles simmers, never far from boiling point. (American) *Due Jan*

**Patricia WENTWORTH****The Brading Collection (1950)**

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Lewis Brading loves only one thing, his collection of jewels. Not only are the gems extremely valuable but also every piece has a fascinating and bloody history attached to it. However Lewis is a frightened and difficult man who sees thieves around every corner. When he asks Miss Silver for help, she gives him some sound advice and turns him away. A few days later, she receives a letter from him, again asking for help. But it is too late. In the morning paper is the news of his murder. *Due Jan*

**The Girl in the Cellar (1961)**

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A woman suffers amnesia as she regains consciousness to find herself standing on cellar steps with a dead girl down below. As she flees she runs into Miss Silver, who takes on this most mysterious case. (English) *Due Jan*

**Qui XIAOLONG****A Case of Two Cities**

288pp Tp \$32.95

*Inspector Chen #4.* Inspector Chen Cao of the Shanghai Police Bureau is summoned by an official of the party to take the lead in a corruption investigation - one where the principle figure and his family have long since fled to the US and beyond the reach of the Chinese government. But he left behind the organisation and his partners-in-crime, and Inspector Chen is charged to uncover those responsible and act as necessary to end the corruption ring. (Chinese) *Due Jan*

**CRIME AUDIO****Caroline GRAHAM****Midsomer Murders Season 5**

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(English)

**INSPECTOR REX****Inspector Rex Series 6**

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Features the steely-eyed Detective Alex Brandtner, played by Gedeon Burkhard. Most importantly, his canine associate is just as loyal as he was to the much-loved Detective Richie Moser. It's hard to work out who the biggest star is in the show - the dog, the detective or the city of Vienna. (Austrian)

**HISTORICAL CRIME****Sarah D'ALMEIDA****Death of a Musketeer**

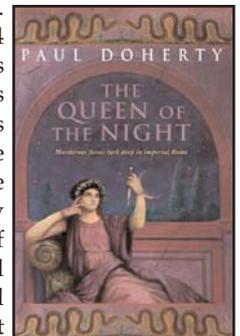
273pp Pb \$16.95

*Musketeers Mystery.* Alexandre Dumas's Four Musketeers - the noble Athos, the cunning Aramis, the loyal Porthos and the sharp-witted D'Artagnan - now add murder and mystery to their ranks as swashbuckling sleuths in the court of King Louis XIII. (Portuguese-American)

**Paul DOHERTY****The Queen of the Night**

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*Roman Mystery.* Rome: August 314 AD, and as the sun's insidious heat beats down, murderous forces lurk in the underbelly of the city. The normally cosseted world of Rome's rich and powerful is rocked by a series of violent abductions, as children of the elite are kidnapped and held for ransom. The Empress Helena summons her secret agent, Claudia, in a bid to resolve these macabre occurrences. *Due Jan*

**The Waxman Murders**

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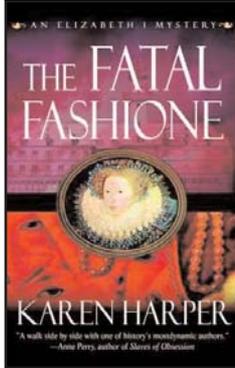
*Hugh Corbett #15.* In 1300, an English privateer named 'The Wax-Men' was trapped and overrun by two powerful war cogs flying the streamers of the powerful Hanseatic League of North Germany. The ship was carrying a casket containing the 'Carta Mysteriosa', a collection of valuable and detailed maps and sea charts. Corbett is summoned to a scene of bloody mayhem and murder, but the 'Carta Mysteriosa' has not been stolen. So why were the murders committed and by whom? (English) *Due Jan*

**Carol Nelson DOUGLAS**

**A Soul of Steel** 416pp Pb \$18.95  
*Irene Adler #9.* Diva-turned-detective Irene Adler engages in a battle of wits with Sherlock Holmes. In a new mystery that includes the background of Col. Sebastian Moran and the location of Dr Watson's migrating war wound, Irene lures Holmes into the hunt for a vicious killer who seeks to hide a traitorous past. (English)

**Karen HARPER**

**The Fatal Fashione** 304pp Pb \$16.95  
*Elizabethan Mystery #8.* In 1566, Elizabeth Tudor faces tremendous opposition from Parliament for ruling England without the help of a husband. Instead, she turns to her Privy Plot Council for help, only to discover from her royal herbalist that a woman has drowned in a tub of starch. Soon another garment worker meets the same rigid fate. Elizabeth becomes unbending in her attempts to solve the murders, as well as iron out the problems of her kingdom. (English) *Due Jan*

**Michael JECKS**

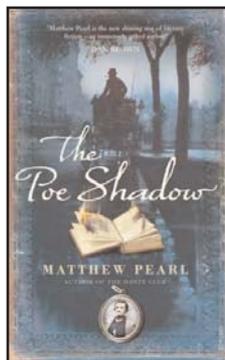
**The Malice of Unnatural Death (#22)** 512pp Hb \$60.00  
 It is 1324 and the kingdom is in uproar. Escaping from the Tower, Roger Mortimer - the King's most hated enemy - makes his way to France and hires an assassin to murder the King. (English) *Due Jan*

**I J PARKER**

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*Sugawara Akitada Mystery #3.* In Parker's latest mystery set in 11th century Japan, a cold and hostile land pits Akitada against his deadliest foe yet. (American)

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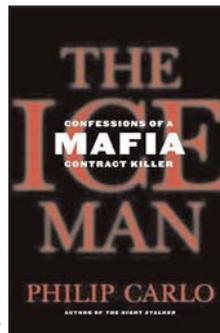
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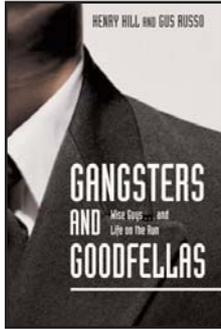
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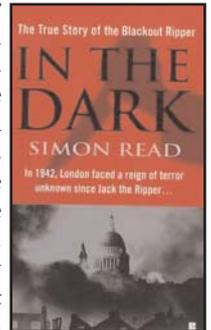
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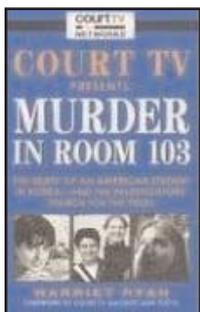
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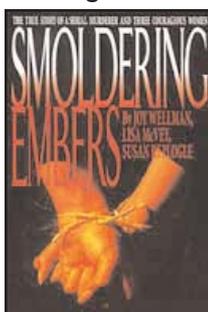
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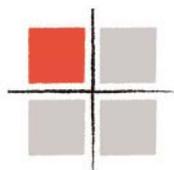
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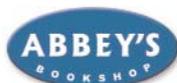
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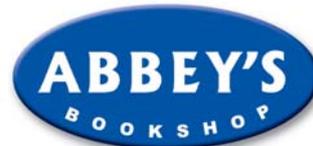
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