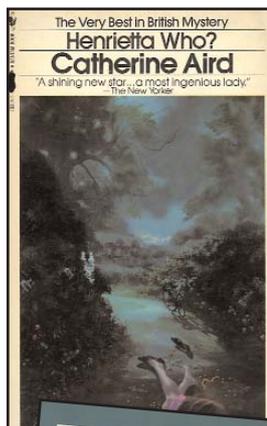


# CRIME CHRONICLE

“WHERE A GOOD CRIME CAN BE HAD BY ALL”

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During 2008, to mark the occasion of Abbey's 40th anniversary, we'll be indulging in a retrospective of the last four decades. During this time, Abbey's has developed the country's widest range of crime fiction, effectively building a specialist store within a store. Next month, we'll dip into our first issue of the *Crime Chronicle* from August 1984, but for now let's turn our minds back to 1968...

Harold Wilson was the UK Prime Minister, Lyndon Johnson was the US President and riot police in Paris were battling student protestors. The Vietnam War was raging - with over half a million troops involved - and Robert Kennedy was assassinated. At home, John Gorton was Prime Minister, the first successful heart transplant operation took place... and Abbey's Bookshop opened its doors at 115 Pitt Street. What a year!

Those of us who wisely take refuge from the world's turmoils in the realm of crime fiction may also remember that the *Edgar Award - Best Crime Novel* in 1968 went to Donald E Westlake for **God Save the Mark** (Tp \$29.95), while the *Best First Novel Award* went to Michael Collins for **Act of Fear**. Other titles released in 1968 included:

Catherine Aird: **Henrietta Who?**

Margery Allingham:

**Cargo of Eagles**

(completed by her husband  
Youngman Carter)

Charlotte Armstrong:

**Lemon in the Basket**

Desmond Bagley: **Vivero Letter**

Josephine Bell: **Death of a Con Man**

John Bingham: **I Love, I Kill**

Nicholas Blake: **Private Wound**

Lawrence Block: **Here Comes a Hero**

(now **Tanner's Virgin**, Pb 17.95) &

**Tanner's Tiger** (Pb \$17.95)

Lilian Jackson Braun:

**The Cat Who Turned On and Off**

(Pb \$18.95)

Carter Brown:

**Deep Cold Green**

and **Had I But Groaned**

Leo Bruce: **Death on Romney Marsh**

W J Burley: **Three Toed Pussy**

Gwendoline Butler: **Coffin Following**

John Dickson Carr:

**Dark of the Moon**

Henry Cecil: **No Fear or Favour**

John Newton Chance:

**Dead Man's Shoes** and 5 others

James Hadley Chase:

**An Ear to the Ground** and  
**Believed Violent**

Agatha Christie:

**By the Pricking of My Thumbs**

(Pb \$14.95)

Jon Cleary: **Season of Doubt**

Michael Crichton:

**A Case of Need** (Pb \$15.95)

Dorothy Gilman:

**Uncertain Voyage** (Pb \$15.95)

Michael Innes: **Appleby at Alington**

Emma Lathen: **Stitch in Time**

John le Carre:

**Small Town in Germany**

(Pb \$22.95)

Gladys Mitchell:

**Three Quick and Five Dead**

Elizabeth Peters: **Jackal's Head**

Ellis Peters: **Grass Widow's Tale**

Ruth Rendell:

**Secret House of Death**

Rex Stout: **Father Hunt**

Ross Thomas:

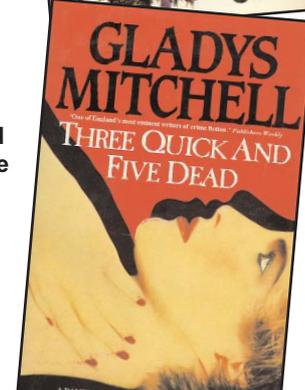
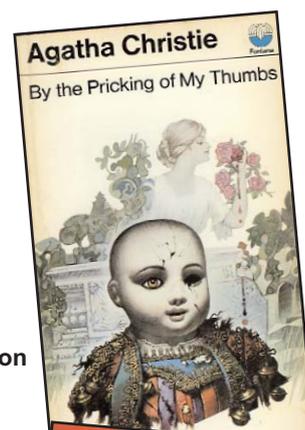
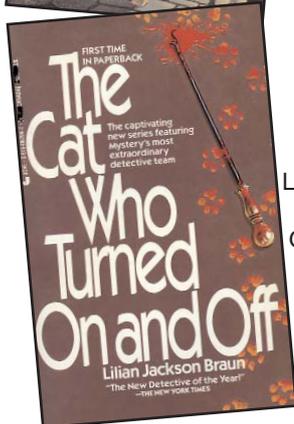
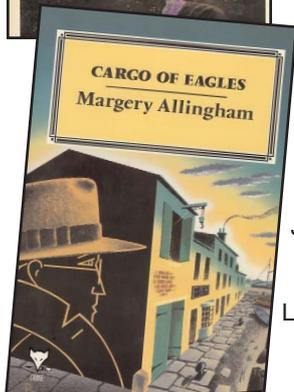
**Cast a Yellow Shadow**

(1969 *Edgar Award*)

& **Seersucker Whipsaw**

Colin Watson:

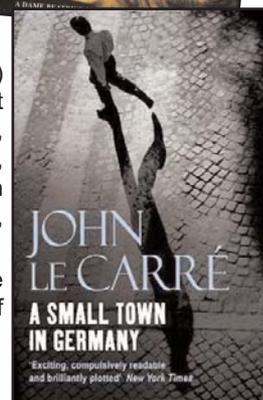
**Charity Ends at Home**



Other authors who had new books out in 1968 and who were big at the time (and are among my favourites) included V C Clinton-Baddeley, Basil Copper, George Harmon Coxe, John Creasey (probably the most prolific crime writer of all time) who had 4 new books, E V Cunningham, Peter Dickinson, June Drummond, Dorothy Dunnnett, Mignon Eberhart, Elizabeth Ferrars, Nicolas Freeling, Anthony Gilbert, Mark Hebdon, John Buxton Hilton, Geoffrey Household, P M Hubbard, H R F Keating, Richard & Frances Lockridge, John D MacDonald, Ross Macdonald, Ed McBain, Patricia Moyes, Stuart Palmer, Joyce Porter, Julian Rathbone, Julian Symons, Dorothy Uhnak, Phyllis Whitney, Harry Whittington and Sara Woods.

Most of these authors thoroughly deserve to have their books reprinted, but of course that decision is in the hands of the publishers. In the meantime, I shall hang on to my copies and live in the hope that some of the missing titles will reappear one day!

- Peter





### MODERN CRIME

**Will ADAMS**

**The Alexander Cipher**  
Tp \$33.00

Mixing solid historical fact with pulse-pounding action, Adams brings the truth and legend of Alexander the Great to life in fascinating detail in this debut. *Due Jan* (English)



**Thom AUGUST**

**Nine Fingers** 384pp Pb \$15.95  
Members of a Chicago jazz band are being murdered by a hit-man known as 'The Cleaner'. Could their deaths have anything to do with the romance between a Mafia princess and one of the band members? The worlds of jazz and the Mob collide in this tense, witty and clever debut. *Due Jan* (American)

**Linwood BARCLAY**

**No Time for Goodbye**  
400pp Tp \$33.00

On the morning she will never forget, suburban teenager Cynthia Archer awakes with a nasty hangover and a feeling she is going to have an even nastier confrontation with her mom and dad. But when she leaves her bedroom, she discovers the house is empty, with no sign of her parents or younger brother Todd. In the blink of an eye, without any explanation, her family has simply disappeared. 25 years later, Cynthia is still haunted by unanswered questions. Were her family murdered? If so, why was she spared? *Due Jan* (American)

**Jefferson BASS**

**Flesh and Bone**  
352pp Pb \$15.95

*Body Farm Novel #2.* Anthropologist Dr Bill Brockton founded Tennessee's world-famous Body Farm, a small piece of land where corpses are left to decay in order to gain important forensic information. Now, in the wake of a shocking crime in nearby Chattanooga, he's called upon by Jess Carter, the rising star of the state's medical examiners, to help her unravel a murderous puzzle. But after recreating the death scene at the Body Farm, Brockton discovers his career, reputation and life are in dire jeopardy when a second, unexplained corpse appears in the grisly setting. *Due Jan* (American)

**M C BEATON**

**Death of a Maid**  
272pp Pb \$13.95

*Hamish Macbeth #23.* Mrs Gillespie is famous around the northwest of Sutherland for being the best charwoman ever. Then she is found dead in a large house belonging to a retired professor who was out the day she was killed. She has been struck down by a metal bucket of water. Remembering Mrs Gillespie's malicious gossip, Hamish is sure she delighted in finding out secrets and probably searched through the drawers of the houses she cleaned, which means everyone whose home she cleaned could be a suspect. *Due Jan* (Scottish)

**Tonio BENACQUISTA**

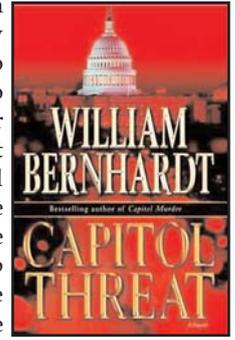
**Holy Smoke** 200pp Pb \$24.95

Some favours simply cannot be refused. Tonio agrees to write a love letter for Dario, a low-rent Paris gigolo. When Dario is murdered, a single bullet to the head, Tonio finds his friend has left him a small vineyard somewhere east of Naples. The wine is undrinkable, but an elaborate scam has been set up. The smell of easy money attracts the unwanted attentions of the Mafia and the Vatican, and the unbridled hatred of the locals. Mafiosi aren't choir boys, and Monsignors can be very much like Mafiosi... (French)

**William BERNHARDT**

**Capitol Threat** 432pp Pb \$15.95

When Oklahoma attorney Ben Kincaid came to Washington DC to defend a senator caught in a red-hot sex scandal turned murder case, he never dreamed he would end up trading the courtroom for the senate chamber. And after his not-so-distinguished client stepped down, Ben found himself appointed to complete the sullied senator's term. It's soon clear that this game is anything but politics as usual. Bernhardt serves up a resounding one-two punch of political intrigue and legal suspense peppered with a volley of his trademark plot twists, sly wit, and persistent thrills. *Due Jan* (American)



**Steve BERRY**

**The Venetian Betrayal**  
480pp Tp \$33.00

Cotton Malone is back and the stakes were never higher: a deadly virus that could wipe out civilisation as we know it. A cure lies buried in the past. The Venetian League, a secret group of 45 political and economic leaders from around the world, has joined forces with a coalition of former Soviet republics to create a potentially devastating biological weapon, a bird flu-like virus that has been artificially mutated to pass from human to human. *Due Jan* (American)

**Victoria BLAKE**

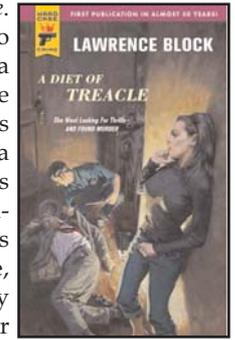
**Jumping the Cracks**  
320pp Tp \$33.00

Oxford: the city of dreaming spires and lofty knowledge. Or so they say. But for private investigator Sam Falconer, it seems to be a place of sin and secrets. And now she's come back home to set up a branch of her detective agency, she's about to turn up even more trouble, which all seems to lead back to a strange museum and its grisly collection of shrunken heads and demonic masks. *Due Jan* (English)

**Lawrence BLOCK**

**A Diet of Treacle** 208pp Pb \$13.95

*Hard Case Crime.* Drug deals lead to murder after a beautiful college student gets involved with a stoner and his sociopathic roommate in 1960s Greenwich Village, in this classic tale by Block, published for the first time in almost 50 years. *Due Jan* (American)



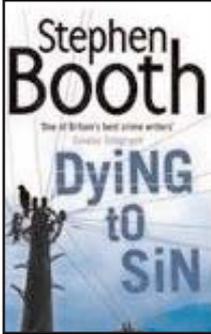
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**Giles BLUNT**

 **Fields of Grief** 400pp Pb \$20.00  
Photographer Catherine Cardinal's fatal fall from a high building one moonlit night is ruled an act of suicide. She has a history of depression, a note is found and her psychiatrist is not surprised. But her husband, John Cardinal, won't accept this conclusion. Driven by grief and guilt, he launches his own investigation, helped by his reluctant colleagues. And when vicious notes appear, taunting him for his loss, his theory that she was murdered suddenly seems to be credible. *Due Jan* (Canadian)

**Stephen BOOTH**

 **Dying to Sin** 416pp Tp \$33.00  
For decades, Pity Wood Farm has been a source of employment for poor workers passing through Rakedale, migrants with lives as abject as the labour they sought. But routine building work at the farm has unearthed a grisly discovery: a human hand preserved in clay. In a case as cold as the ground, DS Diane Fry and DC Ben Cooper have only the memories of local people to piece together the history of the farm. *Due Jan* (English)

**Lillian Jackson BRAUN**

 **Cat Who Had Sixty Whiskers** (#29) 240pp Pb \$15.95  
Braun brings back James Qwilleran and his famous felines, Koko and Yum Yum, for the 29th instalment of this beloved series. *Due Jan* (American)

**W J BURLEY**

 **Wycliffe and the Pea Green Boat** (1975) 192pp Pb \$19.95  
When Cedric Tremain is charged with murdering his father by booby-trapping his fishing boat, all the locals are agreed that he is an unlikely murderer. But the case against him is strong: he has the motive, the opportunity and the know-how; not to mention the fact that there is some hard circumstantial evidence against him. So Cedric is arrested. But Chief Superintendent Wycliffe has a strong sense that something about the case just doesn't fit. *Due Jan* (English)

**Meg CABOT**  
 **Size Doesn't Matter** 356pp Pb \$22.95  
Heather should be happy. She's finally got a boyfriend and she's also actually passing her first college course, and better yet her dad's moving out. On the down side, her boss, Dr Veatch, may well be the most boring man on the face of the planet. But that hardly seems reason enough to put a bullet through his head... *Due Jan* (American)

**Laura CALDWELL**

 **The Good Liar** 416pp Pb \$13.95  
After Liza Kingsley sets up her newly divorced best friend Kate Livingston with Michael Waller, a man 16 years Kate's senior, neither woman expects Kate to fall for him so soon. The whirlwind relationship entrals Kate, and frightens Liza, who soon suspects Michael is not exactly who he seems... *Due Jan* (American)

**G K CHESTERTON**

 **The Club of Queer Trades** (1905) 149pp Pb \$24.95  
Eccentric sleuth, Basil Grant, is introduced in these stories. He is a mystic, enigmatic and often considered mad by his brother Rupert, the over-zealous private-eye, and by Charles Swinburne, gullible narrator of the six tales. However, his intuition leads to the Club of Queer Trades. *Due Jan* (English)

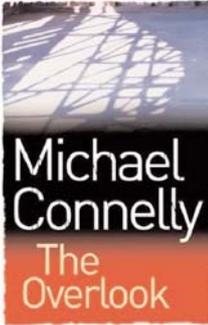
**Paul CLEAVE**

 **The Cleaner** 373pp Pb \$21.95  
Joe is in control of everything in his simple life, including both his day job at the police department and his 'night work'. He remembers to feed his fish twice a day and visit his mother at least once a week, although he occasionally peppers her coffee with rat poison. He is not bothered by the reports of 'The Christchurch Carver' who, they say, murdered seven women. But Joe knows the carver has only killed six women... *Due Jan* (American)

**Jan COFFEY**

 **The Deadliest Strain** 400pp Pb \$13.95  
Cases of sudden, unexplained deaths marked by rapid decomposition are cropping up across the US. Their cause: a flesh-eating super-microbe. Suspecting bio-terrorists, Homeland Security is willing to bend any rule to find the source of the infection, even if it means resurrecting a dead Iraqi biochemist. *Due Jan* (American)

**Michael CONNELLY**

 **The Overlook** 272pp Pb \$19.95  
  
Harry Bosch #13. Homicide Special. If a murder comes with any sort of political, celebrity or media dimension, or if the case is just too hot for the regular LAPD to handle, this is where the case ends up. And Homicide Special was where Harry Bosch found himself now. Anxious as a rookie, waiting at home in the dark for the first call. And when it came, it wasn't hard to see why the regular cops were steering clear. *Due Jan* (American)

**John CONNOR**

**Falling** 400pp Tp \$33.00  
*Karen Sharpe #3.* DC Karen Sharpe is on an emotional precipice. A year and a half ago she was the victim of a terrifying crime. Desperately trying to shelter from its effects she has been working simple fraud and theft cases in West Yorkshire CID. But the brutal murder of a young pregnant woman threatens the precarious wall she has built around herself. *Due Jan* (American)

**Isis CRAWFORD**

 **Catered Valentine's Day** 304pp Pb \$13.95  
*Libby & Bernie Mystery.* Bernie and Libby, sisters and owners of A Taste of Heaven Catering, are partnering up with the Just Chocolate store for a Valentine's Day mega-event. When a client's mother dies, Bernie and Libby put their plans on hold to attend the funeral, only to become involved in a grisly mystery. *Due Jan* (American)

**Jose Luis DE JUAN**

 **This Breathing World** 250pp Pb \$32.95  
The first story is set in first-century Rome and relates the rise and fall of Mazuf, a homosexual Syrian scribe and renowned man of letters who is driven to kill. The second is a confession by a present-day American named Laurence; it seems to be mostly about his sexual exploits during his student days at Harvard, but we soon find out that there is a lot more to his tale than we had originally bargained for. These mysteries are constructed as reflections of each other, like mirrors in a deserted ballroom, enveloping readers in the stories of the young murderers as told through their own eyes. (Spanish)

**Jeffery DEAVER**

 **More Twisted** 448pp Pb \$20.00  
A millionaire philanthropist is shot while he sleeps. His terrified wife made a narrow escape. Or did she? A crime writer's violent fictions start to come chillingly true. Has he unwittingly inspired a murderer? A young woman is trapped in a tunnel deep underground. Two men battle to rescue her. Are they heroes or driven by some darker motive? Only one thing is certain: the next twist is only a page away! *Due Jan* (American)

**Susan DIAMOND**

 **What Goes Around** 352pp Pb \$13.95  
When the body of bored housewife and high-priced call girl Ginger Pass is found outside the most exclusive men's club in California, the other members of her self-help group - Polly, Kat, Charlotte, Dinah, and Justine - are convinced it was foul play. Determined to find a way to prove it, they track down the trio of rich, powerful men they know are responsible for their friend's death. *Due Jan* (American)

**Rolo DIEZ****Tequila Blue (2004)****186pp Pb \$24.95**

It's not easy being a cop in Mexico City. Meet Carlos Hernandez, Carlito to his women. He's a police detective with a complicated life. A wife, a mistress, children by both and a pay-cheque that never seems to come. This being Mexico, he resorts to pimping, blackmail, money laundering and arms dealing to finance his police activity. *Due Jan* (Mexican)

**Garry DISHER****Chain of Evidence****368pp Pb \$22.95**

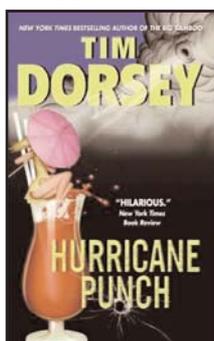
*Inspector Challis #4.* Nine-year old Katie is missing. Detective Destry, alert to rumours of a paedophile ring, is thinking abduction. Her colleagues are thinking bad family, truancy. Her boss is thinking about the media. And everyone, including Ellen, is wondering whether she's good enough to handle this without DI Challis. *Due Jan* (Australian)

**Richard DOETSCH****Thieves of Faith 544pp Pb \$13.95**

Beneath the Kremlin lies a shocking ancient truth. And it's about to be stolen.... Since the times of Ivan the Terrible, generations of Russian leaders have turned the Kremlin into a fortress within a fortress, stocking its labyrinthine underground with secret vaults, elegant chambers and priceless treasures. Now a master thief has the ultimate motivation to stage an assault on the Kremlin's inner sanctum. *Due Jan* (American)

**Tim DORSEY****Hurricane Punch****384pp Pb \$15.95**

Welcome to another typical summer in Florida, the season of the storms. Serge storms. That lovable, undermedicated dispenser of truth, justice and trivia is back with a vengeance. And not a weirdness-laced moment too soon. His home state is about to take a beating, and from far more than the way-too-routine conga line of hurricanes bearing down on the peninsula. Bodies have begun turning up at a disturbing rate - even for Florida - and it looks like a brutal serial killer is on the loose. *Due Jan* (American)

**Jimmie Ruth EVANS****Bring Your Own Poison****304pp Pb \$13.95**

*Trailer Park Mystery #4.* Waitress Wanda Nell Culpepper is burning the candle at both ends, but she can't afford to pass up hefty tips from a bachelor party at the Kountry Kitchen. She's prepared to dodge a few roaming hands, but not to witness a murder. *Due Jan* (American)

**Jon EVANS****The Night of Knives****384pp Tp \$33.00**

Moira Kelly has come to Africa to start her life over. Still reeling from her divorce, she is grateful when a handsome stranger invites her on an expedition to visit gorillas in Uganda's wild Impenetrable Forest. But the trip goes desperately wrong when the group of tourists are captured by brutal gunmen, marched into the lawless Congo and held for ransom. Then one tourist is executed. Then another... *Due Jan* (Canadian)

**Nancy FAIRBANKS****Crime Brulee (2001)****274pp Pb \$12.95**

*Culinary Mystery #1.* 40-something food writer Carolyn Blue gets a taste of New Orleans cookery and crime. When her friend goes missing, Carolyn turns sleuth to search for answers - a trail that leads right into an alligator swamp. (American)

**Linda FAIRSTEIN****Bad Blood 464pp Pb \$20.00**

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, one of the construction workers in a tunnel being built to secure Manhattan's water supply. The blast isn't a terrorist act, nor is it an accident, but it looks as though Duke Quillan was the target... *Due Jan* (American)

**Duncan FALCONER****The Protector 480pp Pb \$20.00**

Three men: an Iraqi, a former coalition soldier and a journalist, drive together from Baghdad towards Fallujah as the US Marines encircle the city to take it apart. It seems the men are on a single mission to seek a recent kidnap victim, but in truth all three have very different aims in the besieged town, and each keep a dark secret from the others. *Due Jan* (American)

**Jorg FAUSER****The Snowman 210pp Pb \$24.95**

Blum has found five pounds of top-quality Peruvian cocaine in a suitcase. His adventure started in Malta where he was trying to sell porn magazines, the latest in a string of dodgy deals that never seem to come off. This is a fast-paced thriller written with acerbic humour, a hardboiled evocation of drug-fuelled existence and a penetrating observation of those at the edge of German society. *Due Jan* (German)

**Monica FERRIS****Knitting Bones 256pp Hb \$48.00**

*Needlecraft Mystery #11.* The stitchers of the Embroiderers Guild are thrilled to have raised over \$20,000 for charity, but they're less pleased when the representative who accepts the cheque disappears with it. After breaking her leg in a fall from a horse, Betsy's confined to her apartment and loopy on pain killers, she can't possibly investigate. But Godwin, her store manager, insists that he can do the legwork. *Special order only.* (American)

**Joy FIELDING****Heartstopper 560pp Pb \$19.95**

Torrance, Florida. Population: 4,160. A safe place where residents feel comfortable leaving their doors unlocked and allowing their children to run freely. It's here that high school English teacher Sandy Crosbie is establishing a new life for herself and her teenage children, following the painful and very public breakdown of her marriage. But when the body of the most popular girl at Torrance High is found buried in a shallow, swampy grave, everyone in the cosy community becomes a suspect. *Due Jan* (American)

**Joanne FLUKE****Chocolate Chip Cookie Murder****304pp Pb \$9.95**

*Hannah Swensen Mystery.* Hannah already has her hands full, between dodging her mother's attempts to marry her off and running Lake Eden, Minnesota's most popular bakery, The Cookie Jar. But when the Cozy Cow Dairy's beloved deliveryman is found murdered behind Hannah's bakery with her famous Chocolate Chip Crunchies scattered around him, Hannah sets out to track down a killer. *Due Jan* (American)

**Colin FORBES****The Savage Gorge****320pp Pb \$19.95**

Tweed and Paula of the SIS take over the brutal murder case of two attractive women from the plodding Chief Inspector Reebeck. A vital clue leads them to a remote and beautiful county, an area controlled by the human but dangerous 'Pit Bull'... *Due Jan* (American)

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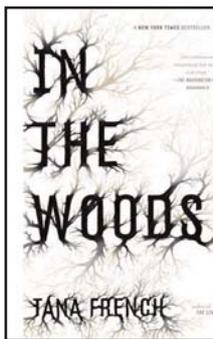
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**Tana FRENCH** **In the Woods**

608pp Pb \$20.00

When he was 12 years old, Adam Ryan went playing in the woods one day with his two best friends. He never saw them again. Their bodies were never found, and Adam himself was discovered with his back pressed



against an oak tree and his shoes filled with blood. He had no memory of what had happened. 20 years on, Rob Ryan - the child who came back - is a detective in the Dublin police force. He's changed his name. No one knows about his past. Then a little girl's body is found at the site of the old tragedy and Rob is drawn back into the mystery. *Due Jan* (Irish)

**Frederich GLAUSER****In Matto's Realm**

334pp Pb \$24.95

*Sergeant Studer.* Studer investigates when the director vanishes and a child murderer escapes from an insane asylum in Bern, an environment Glauser knew well from personal experience. Set in the 1920s, the novel explores the blurred line that separates madness from reason. *Due Jan* (Austrian)

**Ken GODDARD****CSI: In Extremis**

320pp Pb \$14.95

A ruthless and expertly trained contract killer is on assignment in Nevada's remote Desert National Wildlife Range, and he deliberately sets in motion a series of seemingly unconnected events that will test the skills of Gill Grissom and his team of CSIs to their limits. *Due Jan* (American)

**Edward GORMAN & Martin Harry GREENBERG** **Wolf Woman Bay and Nine More of the Finest Crime and Mystery Novellas of the Year!**

560pp Pb \$31.00

This annual is back with another array of traditional mysteries and tales of crime and suspense. Authors include Joyce Carol Oates, Jon L Breen, Edward D Hoch, Doug Allyn, the late Ed McBain, Carole Nelson Douglas, Jeremiah Healy, Brendan DuBois, Steve Hockensmith and Sharyn McCrumb. *Due Jan* (Various)

**Jill GREGORY & Karen TINTORI****The Book of Names**

320pp Pb \$19.95

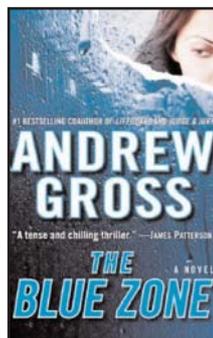
Within each generation, there are 36 righteous souls whose lives hold the key to the fate of the world. Now someone wants them dead... *Due Jan* (American)

**J M GREGSON****Pastures New 224pp Hb \$49.95**

*Peach & Blake Mystery.* Geoffrey Aspin is a successful older man. Since losing his much-loved wife Jill four years ago, he has become increasingly lonely. He takes the desperate step of advertising for female company, and meets divorcee Pamela Williams. Their friendship develops to the point that Geoffrey plans to ask her to marry him. His plans are shattered when a brutal murder occurs after a function for over 90 guests. DCI Peach and his murder team are brought in to sift through the evidence, and the finger seems to point at the Aspin family. *Due Jan* (English)

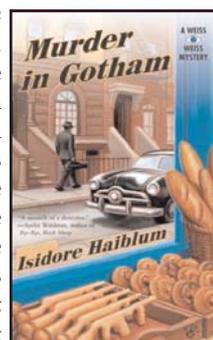
**Andrew GROSS****The Blue Zone 400pp Pb \$20.00**

They were the perfect family. And he was the perfect family man. One day changed it all. Arrested for racketeering, Ben Raab must take his family into America's Witness Protection Programme. But the Programme's perfect success rate is about to come to a shocking end. A case agent is tortured to death, then Ben vanishes. The one person who might be able to find him is Kate. Pursued by killers, forced to question everything she knows about her life so far, Kate is plunged into a terrifying existence for which nothing has prepared her. *Due Jan* (American)

**Isidore HAIBLUM****Murder in Gotham**

244pp Pb \$13.95

*Weiss & Weiss Mystery #2.* Instead of the police, the wife of a missing man asks Yiddish detective Morris Weiss for help. He knows more than the cops about the gangland workings of the Lower East Side - and he's about to learn even more. *Due Jan* (American)

**Steven HALL** **The Raw Shark Texts**

368pp Pb \$23.95

Eric Sanderson wakes up in a place he doesn't recognise, unable to remember who he is. Attacked by a force he cannot see and confronted with memories he cannot ignore, Eric discovers he is being hunted by a psychic predator, a shark. This creature may exist only in his mind, but it soon starts making some very real appearances in his world. *Due Jan* (English)

**Lyn HAMILTON****The Chinese Alchemist**

272pp Pb \$15.95

*Archaeological Mystery.* Antiques dealer Lara McClintoch is targeted by ruthless criminals while trying to recover an eighth-century Tang Dynasty silver box with an alchemical formula for the elixir of immortality etched on the inside of the lid. The rare item holds the key not only to the mysterious death of a museum curator, but to Lara's own survival. *Due Jan* (Canadian)

**Richard HAWKE****Speak of the Devil**

368pp Pb \$27.95

It all begins on a perfect Manhattan morning: a gunman's bullets shatter the festival atmosphere of the world-famous Thanksgiving Day parade. Only one man in the crowd sees it happening but, thankfully for the unsuspecting throng gathered for the parade, he's the right man for the moment. *Due Jan* (American)

**Sam HAYES****Blood Ties**

416pp Pb \$23.00

It is January 1992. A baby girl is left alone for a moment; long enough for a mother to dash into a shop, and long enough for a child to be taken. 13 years later, solicitor Robert Knight's stepdaughter wins a place at a prestigious London school for the gifted. The only puzzle is his wife Erin's reaction. Why is she so reluctant to let Ruby go? *Due Jan* (American)

**Reginald HILL****The Death of Dalziel**

608pp Pb \$20.00

Can it be true? Has the Fat Man really sung? Caught in a huge Semtex explosion, it seems the only thing preventing Superintendent Andy Dalziel from stepping through Death's door is his size - and sheer bloody-mindedness. While Andy lies in a coma, an injured DCI Pascoe works to uncover what he feels sure is a conspiracy, despite the security services believing the blast was an accident in which the terrorists blew themselves up. *Due Jan* (English)

**Tony HILLERMAN****The Shape Shifter**

352pp Pb \$19.95

Retirement has never sat well with former Navajo Tribal Police Lieutenant Joe Leaphorn. Now the ghosts of a still-unsolved case are returning to haunt him, reawakened by a photograph in a magazine spread of a one-of-a-kind Navajo rug, a priceless work of woven art that was supposedly destroyed in a suspicious fire many years earlier. The rug, commemorating one of the darkest and most terrible chapters in American history, was always said to be cursed, and now the friend who brought it to Leaphorn's attention has mysteriously gone missing. *Due Jan* (American)

**Katherine HOWELL**

**Frantic** 448pp Pb \$19.95

In one terrible moment, paramedic Sophie Phillips' life is ripped apart. Her police officer husband Chris is shot on their doorstep and their 10-month old son Lachlan is abducted. Chris's name has been tainted with police corruption, but Sophie believes the attack is much more personal, and the perpetrator far more dangerous. *Due Jan* (Australian)

**Julie HYZY**

**State of the Onion**

**336pp Pb \$15.95**  
*White House Chef Mystery*. "Never let them see you sweat" - that's White House Assistant Chef Olivia Paras's motto, which is pretty hard to honour in the most important kitchen in the world. She's hell-bent on earning her dream job, Executive Chef. There's just one thing: her nemesis is vying for it too. Well, that and the fact that an elusive assassin wants to see her fry... *Due Jan* (American)

**David IGNATIUS**

**Body of Lies** 320pp Tp \$29.95

Roger Ferris is one of the CIA's soldiers in the war on terrorism. He has come out of Iraq with a shattered leg and an intense mission - to penetrate the network of a master terrorist known only as 'Suleiman'. His plan for getting inside Suleiman's tent is inspired by a masterpiece of British intelligence during WWII. He prepares a body of lies, literally the corpse of an imaginary CIA officer who appears to have accomplished the impossible by recruiting an agent within the enemy's ranks. *Due Jan* (American)

**Roberta ISLEIB**

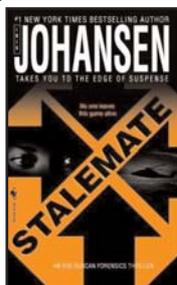
**Preaching to the Corpse**

**256pp Pb \$15.95**  
*Advice Column Mystery #2*. When Dr Butterman's minister is charged with murder, she uncovers cutthroat church politics. It seems the "thou shalt not kill" tenet has a qualifier: "unless thou art eliminating the competition." (American)

**Iris JOHANSEN**

**Stalemate** 400pp Pb \$15.95

*Eve Duncan Forensics Thriller*. Eve Duncan has turned down the job twice already. Her skill and devotion in identifying murder victims and helping bring their killers to justice may be world-renowned. But Eve works exclusively for law enforcement and the families of the innocent, and the man on the other end of the phone is many things, none of them law-abiding or innocent. One of the world's most wanted men, little is really known about Luis Montalvo except that he is extraordinarily dangerous and that he never takes no for an answer... *Due Jan* (American)

**Chris JORDAN**

**Trapped** 336pp Tp \$29.95

"Mum, I need your help. Please call..." That's it. The call cuts off mid-sentence. Then just an overwhelming silence. To Jane's frustration, the police believe that Kelly ran off willingly with her boyfriend Seth, but she soon discovers that Seth is not a boy. He is an adult; a man Kelly met on MySpace.com. *Due Jan* (American)

**R T JORDAN**

**Remains to be Scene**

**288pp Pb \$15.95**  
*Polly Pepper Mystery*. What if Carol Burnett had starred in *Murder, She Wrote*? Jordan answers that question with a wink and a giggle in his debut mystery starring Polly Pepper. The dish on real-life Hollywood, past and present, enlivens the start of a promising series. (American)

**Jesse KELLERMAN**

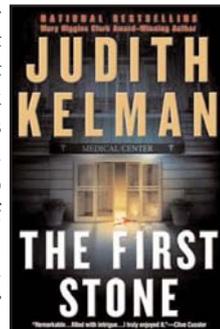
**Trouble** 400pp Pb \$20.00

It's late at night and all Jonah Stem wants to do is get home and fall into bed. Working long hours as a medical student, he's seen enough drama, not to mention blood, for one day. But when he hears a scream ring out in the darkness and an injured woman is on her knees begging for her life, Jonah finds himself drawn into a dangerous and irrevocable situation... *Due Jan* (American)

**Judith KELMAN**

**The First Stone** 358pp Pb \$15.95

He's a world-renowned, brilliant cardiac surgeon. But since Dr Malik moved in upstairs with his family, Emma has started to wonder what kind of a man he really is. On quiet nights, home alone with her three-year-old, pregnant Emma can hear muffled thumps and screams from the apartment above and pleading words in a little girl's voice. If she reports Dr Malik, she might put her own husband's career on the line. But the sounds from the apartment above keep haunting her... *Due Jan* (American)

**Matthew KLEIN**

**Switchback** 304pp Pb \$20.00

Timothy Van Bender lives a magical life: his business is doing well, he has a beautiful and charming wife, Katherine, and his sexy young secretary, Tricia, greets him each morning with a flirtatious smile. Then one day everything changes. Timothy wakes to learn that his hedge fund has lost \$24 million on a bad bet against the Japanese yen. With his company on the brink of collapse, he gets a call from his wife, who phones to say goodbye, moments before jumping off a cliff to her death... *Due Jan* (American)

**Dean KOONTZ**

**The Darkest Evening of the Year** 400pp Tp \$33.00

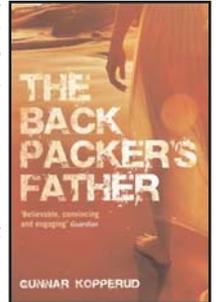
Koontz delivers the heart-gripping tour de force that he's been waiting years to write, at once a love story, a thrilling adventure and a masterwork of suspense that redefines the boundaries of primal fear - and of enduring devotion. *Due Jan* (American)

**Gunnar KOPPERUD**

**The Backpacker's Father**

**256pp Pb \$23.95**

Anya has been backpacking in the Spice Islands, but her last postcard home arrived months ago. Now her anxious father, Francesco, has gone in search of her. Almost within sight of land, the ferry he's travelling on sinks and Francesco and two other Europeans are washed ashore on the island Anya was heading for. They are immediately arrested, but when Francesco shows the local police captain a photo of himself with the country's president, they are swiftly released, albeit under surveillance. Francesco has unwittingly unleashed a deadly chain of events that leaves them all at the mercy of the conflicting ambitions of the Christian police chief and the Muslim army colonel. *Due Jan* (Norwegian)

**Michael KORYTA**

**A Welcome Grave**

**304pp Tp \$29.95**

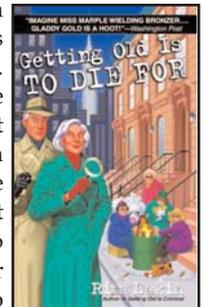
Private Investigator Lincoln Perry finds himself at the centre of a murder investigation, as a suspect, in this powerfully written, superbly plotted and hugely suspenseful new crime novel. *Due Jan* (American)

**Rita LAKIN**

**Getting Old is to Die For**

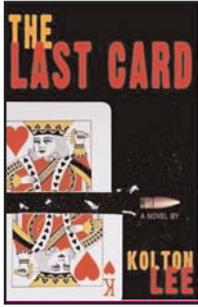
**320pp Pb \$13.95**

*Gladdy Gold #4*. Gladdy Gold may have gone from dyed-in-the-wool New Yorker to South Florida retiree, but she loves every minute of it. Between pool-side gossip, a hot-to-trot boyfriend, and a booming detective business, life couldn't be sunnier, until a trip back north with her sister Evvie leads to murder and mayhem starring the usual suspects. Unbeknownst to Gladdy, her fellow detectives are hot on her trail. Sophie, Bella and Ida no sooner land their tootsies in the Big Apple than trouble promptly finds them. *Due Jan* (American)



**Kolton LEE****The Last Card** 272pp Pb \$27.95

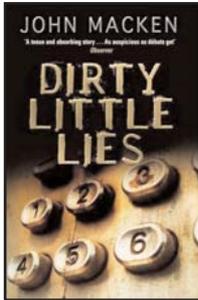
H is a boxer past his prime. Haunted by the memory of the fight that should have made him great, he is chasing his dream through the seedier side of the London boxing circuit, losing fights against his untalented opponents, his wife and, ultimately, himself. When a gunfight at an illegal gambling shebeen drags him into a multicultural underworld of violence and extortion, H finds himself in debt to the sinister sociopath, White Alan. Only now does he realise that once and for all he must face his demons and enter the ring one final time. *Due Jan* (American)

**John LESCROART****Suspect** 528pp Pb \$19.95

In his latest *New York Times* bestseller, legal-thriller powerhouse Lescroart delivers the story of a man accused of murdering his wife. Investigator Wyatt Hunt and police detective Devin Juhle appear, as does series regular Dismas Hardy, but the lead goes to Gina Roake, an attorney in Hardy's firm. *Due Jan* (American)

**John MACKEN****Dirty Little Lies** 528pp Pb \$21.95

The truth can kill you... Reuben Maitland runs the UK's most elite crime squad, working only on the highest-profile cases, tracking down the country's most vicious criminals. At the cutting edge - controversial, ruthless, effective - the squad have always made enemies. But now they're in danger. A killer is using their own techniques against them. The hunters have become the hunted. Reuben must find the killer before his team is eradicated. *Due Jan* (American)

**Michele MARTINEZ****The Cover Up: A Novel of Suspense** 384pp Pb \$15.95

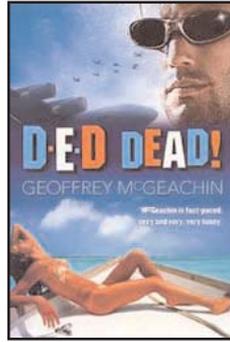
Beautiful and ruthless television reporter Suzanne Shepard made her name by airing brutal celebrity gossip and earned a roster of high-profile enemies in the process. But her own murder was more than a scandal - it was a horror show. At first glance, the mutilated corpse lying still in the Manhattan rain bears all the earmarks of a random sex slaying. But federal prosecutor Melanie Vargas knows that too many people wanted Suzanne Shepard dead for her murder to have been a coincidence... *Due Jan* (American)

**Iain McDOWALL****Cut Her Dead** 352pp Pb \$20.00

*Jacobson & Kerr Mystery #5.* Brady, Annabel, Maria, Adrian. Four bright, sexy, nice-looking 20-somethings leading the high life at other people's expense. With an interesting sideline too: abducting and terrifying young women and calling it 'art'. Except now they're in Crowby and, unless DCI Jacobson and DS Kerr can crack the case in time, Brady and company may soon be graduating to murder. *Due Jan* (Scottish)

**Geoff McGEACHIN****D E D Dead!** 312pp Pb \$24.95

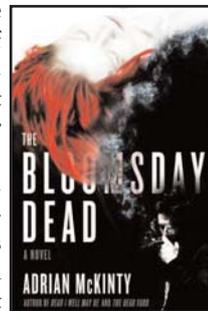
Alby Murdock - photographer, special agent, international man of mystery - dodges bullets and bombs as he's pursued from Bondi to Bali and back in an attempt to unravel a string of dodgy dealings with links to a US military facility deep in the Aussie desert. *Due Jan* (Australian)

**David McKEOWEN****Trapped** 450pp Pb \$20.00

Martin Hughes is a successful lawyer, but now more than anything he wants to win back the woman who left him. Viktor is also a lawyer, but he works as a cleaner. His happy life and career were destroyed in the former Yugoslavia, and now he is an illegal immigrant in London. His only consolation is provided by his little daughter, Suzana, and his girlfriend, Mila. But Mila has disappeared, and, meeting Martin by accident, the desperate Viktor begs him to help. *Due Jan* (English)

**Adrian McKINTY****The Bloomsday Dead** 304pp Pb \$15.95

Michael Forsythe might be, as one of his assailants puts it, 'un-killable', but that doesn't seem to deter people from trying. He's living in Lima, reasonably well-hidden by the FBI's Witness Protection Program, but Bridget Callaghan, whose fiancé he murdered 12 years ago, has an enduring wish to see him dead. So when her two goon assassins pass him the phone to speak to her before they kill him, Michael thinks she just wants to relish the moment. In fact, out of desperation, she is giving him a chance to redeem himself. All he has to do is return to Ireland and find her missing daughter. Before midnight... *Due Jan* (Irish)

**Jame McLEAN****Dog Trap** Pb \$29.95

If you ever break down in the outback, stay with your vehicle. With their car broken down some hundred kilometres from the nearest town, the two beautiful sisters walk into a danger far greater than either could have imagined. Hidden in the dark earth, the cold steel traps were set for wild animals. In the darkness of night, they would come alive, claiming more than just one innocent victim. Before long, these two young city girls discover another side to Australia's outback... (Australian)

**Kaye MORGAN****Murder by Numbers** 240pp Pb \$13.95

A *Sudoku Mystery #2.* Taking on the role of publicist puts Liza in the centre of the action on the production of the film Counterfeit, where inflated egos and artistic temperaments clash both on set and off. But when one of the film's major players is found dead, Sudoku Maven Liza realises that the numbers don't quite add up. Now it's up to her to investigate the cast and crew in order to determine just who wrote this death scene. *Due Jan* (American)

**Bob MORRIS****Bermuda Schwartz** 336pp Pb \$13.95

*Zack Chasteen #3.* Among the shipwreck-laden reefs that rim Bermuda, a young scuba diver makes a fatal discovery: a treasure more valuable than gold, one that some people are willing to kill for... Enter Zack Chasteen and his ladylove, Barbara Pickering. She's come to Bermuda to celebrate her wealthy and eccentric aunt's birthday - and, maybe, her engagement to Zack - if only he'd propose. Which seems unlikely given Zack's recent dilemma: the millions he's stashed away in one of the country's notorious tax-free offshore accounts have vanished without a trace. And then Zack falls in with wise and wily Teddy Schwartz. A legendary Bermudan treasure salvager, Schwartz may be Zack's last hope for finding his long-lost loot, but at what cost? *Due Jan* (American)

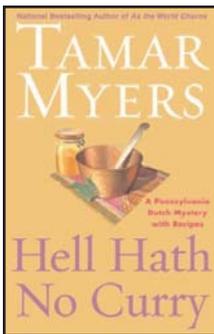
**Shirley Rousseau MURPHY****Cat Pay the Devil** 336pp Pb \$13.95

A *Joe Grey Mystery.* "Wilma's in danger. You think I'm going to sit here polishing my claws?" When she first hears the news that convict Cage Jones has escaped from prison, Dulcie's fur stands on end. She knows he's after her human companion, Wilma, whom he blames for his stint in jail. She tries to enlist the help of her friend Joe Grey, but the tomcat's got his paws full investigating two local murders... *Due Jan* (American)

**Tamar MYERS****Hell Hath No Curry**

288pp Pb \$13.95

*Pennsylvania Dutch Mystery*. Three days before he's due to tie the knot with Priscilla Livengood, eligible bachelor Cornelious Weaver suffers a massive heart attack-in-another woman's bed. The scandal is about as good as television for the insular citizens of Hernia, Pennsylvania, and it gets even spicier when the coroner's report reveals possible foul play: Cornelious's curry was spiked with a stimulant. As the mystery heats up, Magdalena discovers that the old adage about women scorned may be truer than she thought. *Due Jan* (American)

**Kevin O'BRIEN****One Last Scream**

416pp Pb \$13.95

Amelia Farady suffers from blackouts, and she has the feeling she is personally involved in a series of deaths. 11 years have passed since 12 women vanished without a trace. Now, as new murders occur, Amelia continues to suffer from blackouts, leaving her to wonder if she is a cold-blooded killer or a pawn in a deadly game. *Due Jan* (American)

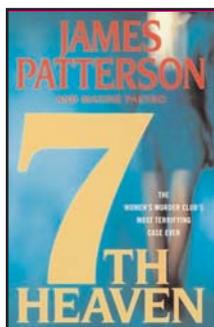
**Robert B PARKER****Now and Then 304pp Pb \$32.95**

*Spenser #34*. Spenser knows something's amiss the moment Dennis Doherty walks into his office. The guy's aggressive yet wary, in the way men frightened for their marriages always are. So when Doherty asks Spenser to investigate his wife Jordan's abnormal behaviour, Spenser agrees. *Due Jan* (American)

**James PATTERSON****Seventh Heaven**

320pp Tp \$32.95

Two cases have pushed San Francisco detective Lindsay Boxer beyond her limits. In the first, a terrible fire in a wealthy home left a married couple dead and Lindsay and her partner Rich Conklin searching for clues. At the same time, Michael Campion, the son of California's ex-governor, with a reputation for partying, has been missing for a month. When there finally seems to be a lead in his case, it is a devastating one. And the combined pressure from the press and the brass is overwhelming. *Due Jan* (American)

**Richard North PATTERSON****Race**

352pp Tp \$32.95

Can an honest man become president? In this timely and provocative novel, a maverick candidate takes on his political enemies and the ruthless machinery of American politics Corey Grace - a handsome and charismatic Republican senator from Ohio - is plunged by an act of terrorism into a fierce presidential primary battle with the favourite of the party establishment and a magnetic leader of the Christian right. *Due Jan* (American)

**Otto PENZLER (Ed)****Dead Man's Hand**

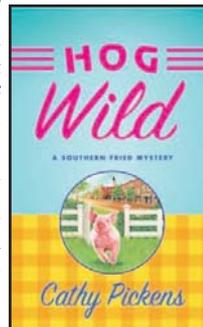
400pp Tp \$32.95

With contributions from Michael Connelly, Alexander McCall Smith, Walter Mosley, Joyce Carol Oates, Jeffrey Deaver, and Peter Robinson, this is the best hand of crime short stories you will ever be dealt. Taking their inspiration from the card game that's more a way of life than an innocent pastime, there are no stories here that you'll want to sit out. *Due Jan* (Various)

**Cathy PICKENS****Hog Wild**

320pp Pb \$13.95

*Southern Fried Mystery #2*. A runaway pig is about as explosive a piece of news as there is to be found in Dacus. That's just one reason why Avery left her small Southern surroundings in the first place. But home is where the heart is, and since her high-profile trial in Charleston has ended, she's more than ready for some R&R, until a series of grisly murders unfolds at a local housing development and she's called on to the case. Now she must weed through a tangled web of troublemakers, from local brass and newspapermen to real-estate honchos and construction workers, to track down the killer who, like the infamous black potbellied pig, remains on the loose. *Due Jan* (American)



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**James ROLLINS****Black Order**

560pp Pb \$20.00

Arson and murder reveal an insidious plot to steal a Bible that once belonged to Charles Darwin. As Commander Gray Pierce investigates, he is soon caught up in a mystery that dates back to Nazi Germany, and to horrific experiments performed in a now-abandoned laboratory buried in a hollowed-out mountain in Poland. A continent away, madness ravages a remote monastery high in Nepal. As Lisa Cummings, a young American doctor, begins to investigate reported atrocities at the monastery, she is suddenly the target of an assassin. *Due Jan* (American)

**Manda SCOTT****The Crystal Skull 368pp Tp \$32.95**

Ancient wisdom predicts the end of the world with uncanny precision. But it also provided the key to staving off apocalypse: a flawless sapphire of incomparable beauty carved into the perfect likeness of a human skull. Hidden for four centuries, a crystal skull of exquisite beauty has just been found by Stella Cody, who also inherits its legacy of dark secrets, intrigue, and murder. Facing an increasingly implacable enemy, Stella and her lover, Kit, struggle to crack the code that hides the Skull's intended resting place. *Due Jan* (English)

**Gerald SEYMOUR****The Walking Dead**

560pp Pb \$21.95

A young man starts a journey from a dusty village in Saudi Arabia. He believes it will end with his death in faraway England. If his mission succeeds, he will go to his god a martyr - and many innocents will die with him. For David Banks, an armed protection officer charged with neutralising the growing menace to London's safety, his role is not as clear-cut as it once was. *Due Jan* (English)

**Taylor SMITH****Slim to None**

448pp Pb \$13.95

After losing custody of her young son, security specialist Hannah Nicks has one goal - earn enough money to retire and raise her child. The fastest way to accomplish that is to take on a covert, privately funded mission in the Middle East, and in a war fuelled more by money than morality, Hannah is on only one side, her own... *Due Jan* (American)

**Dana STABENOW****Deeper Sleep 352pp Pb \$13.95**

*Kate Shugak Mystery*. Kate Shugak, a private investigator, has been working on a case for the Anchorage District Attorney involving the murder of a young woman by her husband, a man named Louis Deem. Deem has been the subject of investigations before, and he's never been convicted of a crime. But Kate and her on-again, off-again lover, state trooper Jim Chopin, who arrested Deem, are convinced that this time it's different... *Due Jan* (American)

**David STONE****The Echelon Vendetta**

512pp Tp \$32.95

Micah Dalton isn't paid to ask questions. He's a 'cleaner', a CIA fixer sent in to mop up the mess when an agent or situation goes bad. But when his close friend and colleague Porter Naumann turns up dead in an idyllic hill town in Tuscany, victim of an apparent suicide, Dalton's curiosity gets the best of him. *Due Jan* (American)

**Leann SWEENEY****Pushing Up Bluebonnets****288pp Pb \$13.95**

*Yellow Rose Mystery.* When asked to help identify a young woman who may not survive an attempted murder, Abby discovers a possible connection between the girl and a prominent Houston family, the questions about her past are getting stickier than pecan pie. Abby is about to learn the hard way that when she crawls out on a limb, she'd better be certain there's not someone behind her with a saw and a mean spirit... *Due Jan* (American)

**Andrew TAYLOR****Our Father's Lies (1985)****288pp Pb \$23.00**

There's unfinished business between William Dougal and his widowed father. Part of it has to do with Celia Prentisse, who was once William's girlfriend. When her father, a historian, is found drowned, he is declared a suicide, but Celia remains unconvinced - not least because his abandoned clothes were found with a bottle of the wrong brand of gin and a slim volume of Schopenhauer's essays. It's not much evidence, but it's enough to send her godfather, retired British intelligence officer Major Ted Dougal, and his son William off on a trail that leads to a 1930s arsenic poisoning and a still-classified WWI court martial. *Due Jan* (English)

**Peter TELEP****Direct Action: Special Forces****Afghanistan 304pp Pb \$15.95**

In the War on Terror the enemy could be anyone... *Due Jan* (American)

**Peter TEMPLE****In the Evil Day (2002)****320pp Pb \$22.95**

The Cold War is long dead, but the trade in deceit and lies is still running hot. In Hamburg, John Anselm is hiding from the ghosts he has left behind in foreign war zones. He spends his days working for a surveillance firm whose business is just this side of legal. At night he drinks too much, paranoid about the suspicions he glimpses in the eyes of strangers... *Due Jan* (Australian)

**Charles TODD****False Mirror 371pp Pb \$13.95**

*Inspector Ian Rutledge.* 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 served with Rutledge in the recently ended Great War, but who left the Front under a cloud. Badly wounded, yes, but did someone also cover up cowardice? *Due Jan* (English)

**Steven TORRES****Message in Flames****320pp Pb \$15.95**

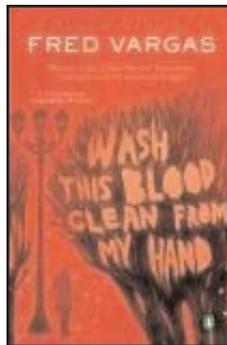
*Luis Gonzalo #5.* Luis Gonzalo, sheriff of Angustias, Puerto Rico, is celebrating 25 years in office, but a deadly arson soon disrupts the party. Gonzalo is sure the fire is a message intended for him, but from whom? *Due Jan* (American)

**Peter TURNBULL****No Stone Unturned****208pp Hb \$49.95**

*Hennessy & Yellich Mystery.* When a small-time crook offers information in return for police leniency, Hennessey and Yellich find themselves seeking the body of a man missing for 10 years. But the mystery turns into murder and naturally the apparently still grieving but bossy widow, nicknamed 'the long-haired colonel' by her husband, is a suspect in his murder. *Due Jan* (English)

**Fred VARGAS****Wash This Blood Clean from My****Hands****400pp Pb \$24.95**

Between 1943 and 2003, nine people have been stabbed to death with a most unusual weapon: a trident. In each case, arrests were made, suspects confessed to their crimes and were sentenced to life in prison. One slightly worrying detail: each presumed murderer lost consciousness during the night of the crime and has no recollection of it... *Due Jan* (French)

**Patricia WENTWORTH****Anna Where Are You? (1951)****352pp Pb \$20.00**

There is no doubt in Thomasina Elliott's mind that her oldest school-friend is a creature of habit. So when, after three years of regular correspondence, Anna's letters suddenly stop, Thomasina becomes concerned. And even more so when it transpires that her friend has disappeared without trace, in extremely odd circumstances. Fortunately, however, the indomitable Miss Silver is on hand to investigate. *Due Jan* (English)

**Patricia WENTWORTH****The Lonesome Road (1939)****320pp Pb \$20.00**

There were times when Rachel Treherne fervently wished that her beloved father had left his fortune to somebody else, so overburdened did she feel with the administration of her estate. And never more so than now for, although she was surrounded by relatives who depended on her, whom she loved and who must surely love her, there was no doubt in her mind that somebody was trying to kill her... *Due Jan* (English)

**The Pilgrim's Rest (1946)****256pp Pb \$20.00**

The Pilgrim sisters considered it a mere coincidence that their brother had a fatal fall only days after mentioning the possibility of selling the house. But his son, Major Roger Pilgrim, took the warning more seriously after he escaped two near-fatal 'accidents'. *Due Jan* (English)

**The Traveller Returns****(aka She Came Back) (1945)****256pp Pb \$20.00**

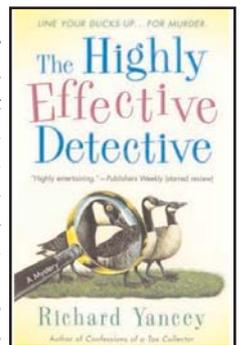
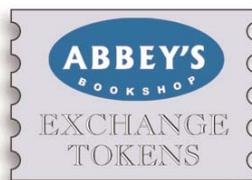
Assumed dead, Lady Anne Jocelyn meets varying degrees of welcome when she returns from Occupied France to her old life in England. Though her husband Sir Philip is not overjoyed to see her, he agrees to a trial reunion. But a murder raises his doubts, and then a second and third send Miss Silver to a curious consideration of life after death. *Due Jan* (English)

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Political corruption, capitalist greed and past injustices are all revealed when Inspector Chen investigates a serial killer in Shanghai. *Due Jan* (Chinese)

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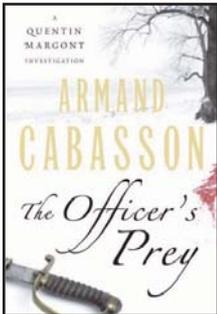
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*Templar Knight Mystery #2.* When a squire's body is found hanging from a tree, Templar Bascot de Marins is given the task of unearthing the truth before an unprecedented meeting of kings at Lincoln Castle. *Due Jan* (English)

**Armand CABASSON**

**The Officer's Prey 198pp Pb \$19.95**



In June 1812, Napoleon begins his invasion of Russia leading the largest army the world has ever seen. But amongst the troops of the Grande Armee is a savage murderer whose bloodlust is not satisfied in battle.

When an innocent Polish woman is fatally stabbed, Captain Quentin Margont of the 84th regiment is put in charge of a secret investigation to unmask the perpetrator. Armed with the sole fact that the killer is an officer, Margont knows that he faces a near-impossible task and the greatest challenge of his military career. (French)

**Paul DOHERTY**

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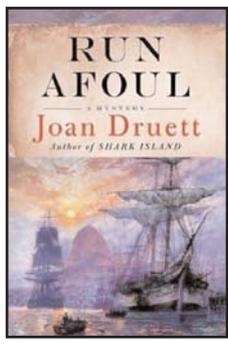
*Mathilde of Westminster #2.* It's 1308 and England hovers on the brink of civil war. Edward II, his wife Isabella and the royal favourite Peter Gaveston Earl of Cornwall, have been forced to retreat to the King's folly, as just an arrowshot away lie the Great Lords and Philip IV of France, who are demanding that the Earl of Cornwall be charged with high treason. Mathilde, hand maiden to the Queen, attempts to identify the source of this threat. (English)

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Wiki Coffin, resident linguist of the famous convoy, is astonished to discover that the commander of the trader is none other than his estranged father, Captain William Coffin. *Due Jan* (New Zealander)



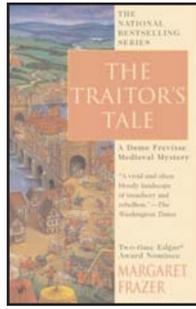
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is unsafe. Wandering player Simon Joliffe is also in London, on a mission with vital information for the exiled Duke of York: a list naming the English noblemen who purportedly betrayed their King by conspiring with the French, including some of Suffolk's men, whom Joliffe has been seeking - and now found dead. *Due Jan* (American)

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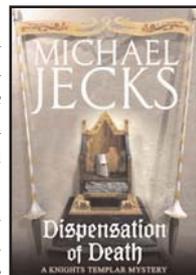
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*Victor Legris Mystery.* In Paris 1890, Lady's maid Denise le Louarn fears the worst when her mistress, Odette de Valois, vanishes from the Pere-Lachaise cemetery during a visit to her husband's grave. All alone in the great metropolis, Denise knows just one person she can go to for help: Odette's former lover, Victor Legris. When the frightened girl turns up at his bookshop and tells him her story, Victor feels there must be a simple explanation for Odette's disappearance. But as he begins to look into the matter, it soon becomes clear that something sinister lies behind events at the Pere-Lachaise. (French)

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**The Templar, the Queen and Her Lover 416pp Hb \$60.00**

*Knights Templar #24.* Isabella, Queen of England, has been dispatched to France in an attempt to bring about peace between the two countries, and Baldwin must accompany her. But the day after their arrival, a servant is found murdered, with Baldwin's dagger lying next to the body. *Due Jan* (English)

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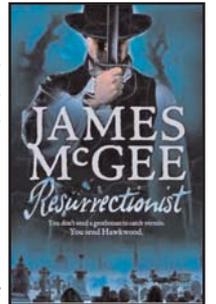
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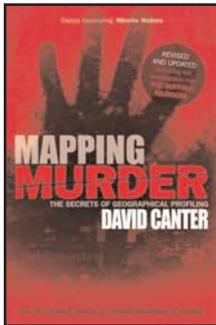
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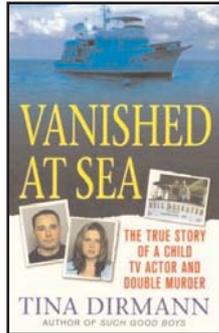
contentious cases such as Jack the Ripper and Jill Dando, to the murders of Fred West, Canter lifts the lid on geographical profiling and how this new approach to solving crime is changing the way police work and our understanding of the criminal mind. *Due Jan* (English)

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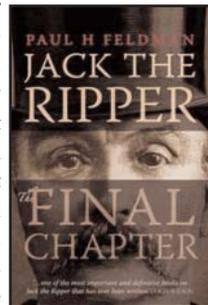


It was supposed to be blue skies and smooth sailing for Thomas and Jackie Hawks. A retired probation officer and a stay-at-home mom, they were looking forward to entering the next phase of their golden years. Their plan: to sell their home - a 55-foot yacht - and start a new life on land, spending as much time with their grandchildren as possible. The Hawks were thrilled when a young man named Skylar Deleon wanted to buy the boat for himself and his family. Little did Thomas and Jackie know that this unemployed, former childhood actor and dishonourably discharged marine had another devious plan in mind... *Due Jan* (American)

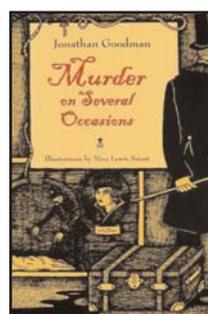
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*The Diary of Jack the Ripper*, which came to light in 1991, revealed the identity of the world's most notorious serial killer. At the time, it was widely believed to have been a hoax, but no one has managed to prove how it was forged or by whom. This, argues Feldman, is because the diary was genuine. Discover how the largest and most detailed investigation on the subject ever to be undertaken led the author through the smokescreen of an official cover-up, via the Royals and the Masons, to the true provenance of the Diary, Jack the Ripper's watch and, ultimately, his identity. *Due Jan* (English)

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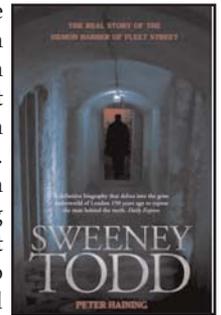


In this grisly and gripping collection of essays, some revised and updated, some never before published, Goodman turns his attention to a variety of British and American crimes from the 1820s to the 1980s, some high profile and others not. With the author as detective, each of Goodman's essays examine a particularly notorious murder and subsequent trial. (English)

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**Maxim JAKUBOWSKI (Ed)****Paris Noir**

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This is a collection of new stories about the dark side of Paris, with contributions by leading French, British and American authors who have all lived or spent a significant amount of time in Paris. The stories range from quietly menacing to spectacularly violent, and include contributions from some of the most famous crime writers. *Due Jan* (Various)

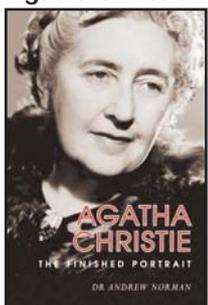
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Recent years have brought numerous developments in crime and crime-fighting, such as DNA evidence, designer drugs, computer viruses, and online fraud and theft. As criminals get more sophisticated, police must develop new techniques to stop them. This is a comprehensive, accessible reference to one of today's most fascinating topics. (American)

**Andrew NORMAN**

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When Agatha Christie, the so-called 'Queen of Crime', disappeared from her home in Sunningdale in Berkshire for 11 days on 3 December 1927, the whole nation held its breath. The following day, when her car was found abandoned 14 miles away, a nationwide search began. From a painstaking reconstruction of Agatha's movements and behaviour during those 11 days, Norman sheds new light on what, in many ways, has remained a baffling mystery. Only now, 50 years after Agatha's death, is it possible to fully explain what happened. (English)

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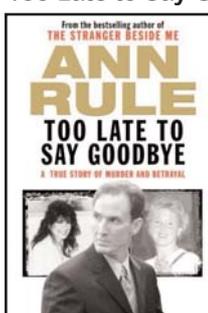
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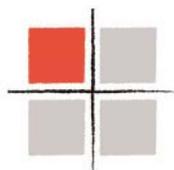
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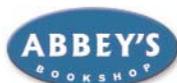
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