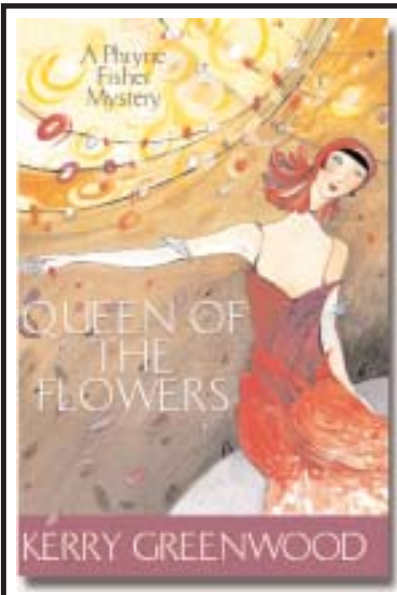


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Many years ago, Ellen Mosley became Eve Michaels. She left her husband, her adored children and her safe living for a life on the run, a new lover and \$500,000. But when she found that the money belonged to the Mob and that they weren't too happy about losing it, there was only one choice: She returned the cash to its owners. The Mafia, impressed by her balls - and her smarts - offered her a job in the family and she thrived. Now, her grown-up son, Whit, wants to find her. His father is dying and he wants to call Ellen Mosley to her husband's deathbed to pay her dues. But when he finally tracks her down, it could not be at a worse time. Eve's position in the organisation is under attack, and soon enough both mother and son are on the run from the Mob again... (American)



Campbell ARMSTRONG

White Rage

373pp Tp 29.95

Lou Perlman returns to Glasgow's dark underbelly in this atmospheric novel. When a young Asian entrepreneur dies in a suspicious fall from his high-rise apartment and an Indian kindergarten teacher is gunned down in front of her class, it is clear to DS Lou Perlman that he is dealing with racially motivated murders. The emergence of a group called White Rage and a growing sense of fear across the city of Glasgow means that Perlman needs some answers quickly. At the same time, he needs to make sense of a crime that is closer to home, the mysterious shooting of his own brother Colin. Lou's conviction that the killing is connected to the underworld boss Leo Kilroy nags at his mind almost as much as his unspoken love for Colin's widow, Miriam. (Irish)

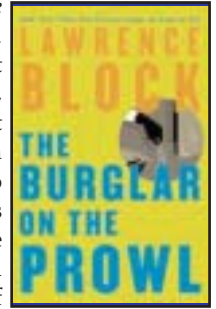


Lawrence BLOCK

The Burglar on the Prowl

291pp Pb 21.95

The new Bernie Rhodenbarr mystery. Sophisticated yet down-to-earth, philosophical yet practical, Bernie is a gentleman who knows and loves his territory, the gloriously diverse and electric streets of Manhattan; a connoisseur who surrounds himself with the finer things in life, including his tailless Manx tabby Raffles, and good friends like his neighbour Carolyn. In fact, it is a friend who gets him in his latest jam. Bernie is minding his own business when he is asked for a favour - a neat, uncomplicated bit of vengeful larceny that will reap a tidy profit, an offer the intrepid thief cannot refuse. (American)

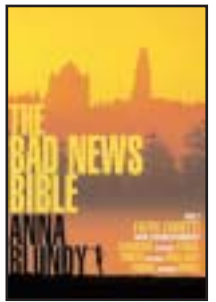


Anna BLUNDY

The Bad News Bible

277pp Tp 32.95

Meet Faith Zanetti, War Correspondent. "This book is about Faith Zanetti, a war correspondent, who is loosely based on me. I say loosely because I am a housewife who doesn't smoke or drink and she is a war correspondent who chain smokes and drinks a lot of neat vodka. She is brave and funny and beautiful and in this book she's in Jerusalem investigating a friend's violent death and reporting on the ongoing war. Faith and her friends spend most of their time in the bar and they are all irreverent and hilarious. I'm an insider here to the extent that my dad was a war correspondent and I spent a lot of time when I was little sitting in the bar at the American Colony Hotel in Jerusalem where this book's set, listening to the war stories and the gossip. Dad was killed in El Salvador in 1989. I was a journalist myself for ten years, mostly for the Times, and I was the Times correspondent in Moscow in the late nineties. Hope you'll love the book!" - Anna (English)



Larry AXELROOD

The Advocate (2000)

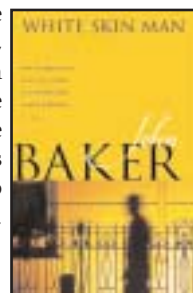
304pp Pb 14.95

Criminal defence attorney Darcy Cole is facing one of the biggest cases of his distinguished career, but at the same time he must deal with his own midlife crisis. He has just won an acquittal for his client, the beautiful, self-centred Lynne Tobias, from the charge of murdering her husband, a prominent Chicago attorney. But now Tobias faces federal charges of conspiracy to defraud an insurance company in connection with the death of her husband. (American)

John BAKER

White Skin Man 245pp Tp 29.95

The dark, hook-nosed man held an incredible fascination for photographer Katy Madika as she took shots of the sunlit docks. She was strangely drawn to his striking looks and it was perhaps fate that her camera ended up being the only witness to his murder... Katy runs, clutching the precious evidence, but the killer comes after her and claims the camera, warning her against ever revealing what she saw. But unbeknownst to him, she has already palmed the digital images. When she returns to the spot, the body is gone and for weeks there is no indication that anything had happened. Stone Lewis, for the first time in a long time, is happy. But when Katy comes into his life and tells the story of the strange murder, he is once again drawn into the dark side of life. (English)



Laura BRADLEY

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**Rita Mae BROWN****The Tail of the Tip-Off****365pp Pb 17.95**

A *Mrs Murphy mystery* #11. Postmistress Mary Minor 'Harry' Haristeen and her friends keep warm with hard work, hot toddies and the University of Virginia's women's basketball team at the old stadium affectionately dubbed 'The Clam.' But the usual post-game high spirits are laid low when contractor HH Donaldson drops dead in the parking lot. And pretty soon word has spread that it was not a heart attack that did him in. Things that don't sit right with Harry make her restless, curious and prone to poking her not-very-sensitive human nose into dangerous places. So the animals start paying closer attention to what the people around them are doing and they are the first ones to realise when the next murder occurs. (American)

Ian CALDWELL & Dustin THOMASON**The Rule of Four****370pp Tp 29.95**

This riveting novel about power, obsession, a priceless Renaissance book and a centuries-old mystery is a cross between **The Name of the Rose** (Pb 24.95) and **The Secret History** (Pb 22.95). Tom Sullivan is about to graduate from Princeton. He is intelligent and popular but haunted by the violent death of his father several years earlier. His father was an academic who devoted his life to studying one of the most complex and valuable books in the world. Since its publication in 1499, the *Hypnerotomachia Poliphili* has baffled scholars. Coded in seven languages, the text is at once a passionate love story, an intricate mathematical labyrinth and a tale of arcane brutality. Paul Harris, Tom's roommate, has deeply personal reasons for wanting to unveil the secrets the book hides. When a long-lost diary surfaces, it seems the two friends have found the key to the labyrinth but what they discover embedded in the text stuns them: the passion of a Renaissance prince, a hidden crypt and a secret worth dying to protect. *Highly recommended - Peter* (American)

Dana CAMERON**A Fugitive Truth** **336pp Pb 15.95**

An *Emma Fielding mystery*. The opportunity of a lifetime awaits archaeologist Emma Fielding in the Berkshire foothills of Western Massachusetts: the chance to study the 18th-century diary of Margaret Chandler, the accused witch and murderess whose home Emma excavated only months before. However, the three other Shrewsbury Foundation fellows she must share the premises with are a disturbingly odd bunch, and before too long one of them is dead. (American)

Mary Higgins CLARK**Night-time is My Time****370pp Hb 39.95**

Jean Sheridan returns to her hometown to attend the 20-year reunion of Stonecroft Academy, where she is to be honoured along with six other members of her class. There is, however, something uneasy in the air: one woman in the group, Alison Kenall, a high-powered Hollywood agent, died just a few days before. She is the fifth woman in the class whose life has come to a sudden, mysterious end. At the award dinner, Jean does not suspect that among the distinguished people she is greeting is the "Owl," a murderer nearing the countdown on his mission of vengeance against the Stonecroft women who had mocked or humiliated him, with Jean his final intended victim. (American)

Harlan COBEN**Just One Look** **371pp Tp 29.95**

A convicted hit man suddenly confesses to a 20-year-old murder, the slaying of a District Attorney's sister. A businessman tries to go on the run from his family home when an old photograph of him as a young man turns up in a new roll of film. But on leaving his house, he is snatched by a vicious, trained killer and bundled into the back of a waiting car. These things are linked, but by what, or whom, no one knows. Only that the past is coming back to haunt the present and people are getting hurt. (American)

Max Allan COLLINS**The London Blitz Murders****257pp Pb 15.95**

London, 1942, the German Blitz has devastated the city, but its citizens have something worse to fear: a modern-day Jack the Ripper. Investigating the case is renowned pathologist Sir Bernard Spilsbury with assistance from England's First Lady of Crime, Agatha Christie. (American)

Beverly CONNOR**Skeleton Crew (1999)****413pp Pb 14.95**

A *Lindsay Chamberlain novel*. In 1558, a loaded Spanish galleon headed for the New World sank off the coast of Georgia. Now, inside one of the largest cofferdams ever built for purposes of archaeology, Lindsay Chamberlain is excavating the site on the ocean floor. Her research reveals that at least one passenger survived to tell the tale of the ship's voyage and destruction. His diary, written in code in a mix of Latin shorthand and archaic Spanish, reveals details of the voyage and tells of a galleon on its way to Spain loaded with a vast treasure of gold, silver, and precious jewels. The diary also reveals that a murder occurred on the journey and provides Lindsay with a skeleton crew of suspects. (American)

Philip CRAIG**Vineyard Fear** **254pp Pb 15.95**

A *Martha's Vineyard mystery*. Escaping the city and its violence, ex-cop JW Jackson found solace in fishing, cooking and simply enjoying life on Martha's Vineyard and nothing, he figures, will ever entice him to leave. However, suddenly there is a very real possibility that his ladylove Zee will be departing the idyllic island forever. And when a young student commits suicide, and a girlfriend-abusing thug starts spewing vicious threats, JW seriously considers a temporary escape from paradise. Then, three attempts on his life propel him off-island and onto the trail of a stalker. (American)

James DAVID**Before the Cradle Falls****374pp Pb 15.95**

Paralysed by drink and despair since the accidental death of his young daughter Shelby, Detective Kyle Sommers nonetheless must lead a task force to catch a brutal serial killer. Nicknamed the Cradle Robber, this murderer has methodically snuffed out the lives of children all along the California coast. Now he has come to Portland. While investigating, Sommers learns that a strange man has been saving local children from various dangers, then mysteriously disappearing. With the help of Sherrie Nolan, a brilliant and embittered scientist, Sommers learns that the man is a time traveller who, grieving for his own murdered child, has vowed to use his brilliant mind to create a way for a future generation of children to live. (American)

Philip DAVISON**The Long Suit** **277pp Pb 22.95**

On the second green of a Long Island golf course there is a corpse with a bullet-hole in his forehead. The call goes out for Harry Fielding to come in from the cold. With a new suit and a new partner, Harry is back where he least wants to be: playing the deadly games of MI5. Always a triangular peg in a square hole, Harry has never felt easy with the protocol, the procedure and the need-to-know principles of the British secret service. And it does not help that his apprentice Johnny Weeks is a troublemaker. Going back to the work he hates but does so well, all Harry really wants is to rekindle his relationships with his ailing, amnesiac father and his ex-wife, who appears to be sleeping with his boss. Will this be his last chance: the fresh start that will restore moral equilibrium to a crooked man who wants to go straight? (Irish)



**David DIAMOND** **The Daughter-in-Law****373pp Pb 15.95**

From the steamy Caribbean tropics to the penthouses of New York City, dark secrets and bitter rivalry push a new bride and her mother-in-law to the very edge in this gripping novel of seduction and murder. (American)

**Eileen DREYER****A Man to Die For (1991)****471pp Pb 17.95**

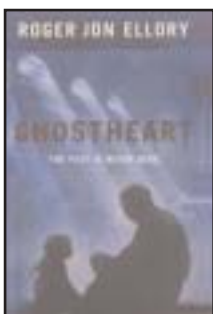
Trauma nurse Casey McDonogh is plagued by the nagging suspicion that Dr Dale Hunsacker, the new and popular obstetrician at her St Louis hospital, is a psychopathic killer. The trouble is, no one believes her. When Hunsacker begins unearthing secrets from Casey's past, the threat moves even closer to home. With the help of an ex-Marine homicide sergeant, Casey will put her suspicions to work to trap a killer. "A wicked prescription guaranteed to give you sleepless nights." - Nora Roberts (American)

Eileen DREYER**Nothing Personal (1994)****464pp Pb 17.95**

Burned-out critical care nurse Kate Manion wakes up from an accident in the worst possible place, the hospital where she works. Then her very own nurse, Attila the Buns, falls over dead, but it is no laughing matter. A serial killer is stalking the hospital staff, and one of Kate's friends may be the murderer. (American)

Roger Jon ELLORY **Ghostheart****344pp Tp 29.95**

Annie O'Neill has it all: A cosy Manhattan apartment, a beautiful bookshop and a network of supportive friends. But at the heart of her life is a hole, a place vacated by her father when he died in her childhood. So when a mysterious man named Forrester enters the shop and claims to be her father's oldest friend, she jumps at the chance to find out more of her own past. But he is not being free with the answers she needs. He is much more interested in telling her a story about a ruthless gang lord and a 50-year-old betrayal, which she will realise far too slowly has something very much to do with her. This author was shortlisted for the CWA Ian Fleming Steel Dagger Award in 2003 for **Candlemoth** (Tp 29.95). (English)

**Mary Anna EVANS** **Artifacts****288pp Pb 15.95**

A *Poisoned Pen* Press mystery. Faye Longchamp has lost nearly everything except for her quick mind and a grim determination to hang onto her ancestral home, Joyeuse. No one knows how Faye's great-great-grandmother Cally, a newly freed slave barely out of her teens, came to own Joyeuse in the aftermath of the Civil War. No one knows how her descendants hung on to it through Reconstruction, world wars, the Depression and Jim Crow, but Faye has inherited the island plantation and the family tenacity. When the property taxes rise beyond her means, she sets out to save Joyeuse by digging for artefacts on her property and the surrounding National Wildlife Refuge and selling them on the black market. But instead of potsherds and arrowheads, she uncovers a woman's shattered skull; a Jackie Kennedy-style earring nestled against its bony cheek. Faye is torn. If she reports the 40-year-old murder, she will reveal her illegal livelihood, thus risking jail and the loss of Joyeuse. So she probes into the dead woman's history, unaware that the past is rushing up on her like a hurricane across deceptively calm waters. (American)

Ron FAUST**Dead Men Rise Up Never****327pp Pb 15.95**

Peter Falconer, the son of wealthy parents who stands to gain a fortune in inheritance on his 30th birthday, is missing and presumed dead. Ex-Army investigator Daniel Shaw is summoned by the devious and incredibly witty attorney Tom Petrie to rescue Peter and the inheritance money. The pursuit leads Daniel from the Keys to Jamaica to South America, where he tangles with the larger-than-life criminal Raven Ahriman and his partner, Charles Angleton, who was Peter's childhood friend and orchestrated his disappearance in connection with some dubious dealings in snuff films and the death of two young girls who participated in the filming. (American)

GM FORD **Fury (2001)****323pp Pb 18.95**

A *Frank Corso* novel #1. Monday 10:07 AM - Day 1 of 6; Leanne Samples admits that she lied at the trial of Walter Leroy Himes. In 6 days time, he goes to the chair. But no one will listen. The FBI wants their pound of flesh. Monday 2.16 PM - Day 1; Natalie van der Hoven, editor of the Seattle Sun, tracks down investigative journalist Frank Corso. He owes her a favour, and now she is calling in her marker. Monday 2.58 PM - Day 1; Leanne Samples goes into hiding. Frank Corso takes on her case. And if Walter Leroy Himes is innocent, a serial killer is still stalking Seattle. (American)

Barry FORSHAW (editor)**Crime Time Journal #32****96pp Pb 14.95**

The Violence issue: A definitive look at the subject in print and on film.

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The Best of the British: PD James, Lee Child, Martina Cole, Fred Forsythe, Dick Francis, Nicci French, Peter Robinson, Robert Wilson, Phil Rickman, Stephen Leather plus many others.

Crime Time #35**96pp Pb 14.95**

The Georges Simenon issue: Alison Joseph, Maxim Jakubowski, Susan Rowland, David Carter, Mike Carson and others on the crime-writing giant. (British)

Tess GERRITSEN**Gravity****501pp Pb 18.95**

Gerritsen expands the scope of her landscape of terror in a thoroughly menacing new thriller. Dr Emma Watson, a brilliant research physician, has been training for the mission of a lifetime: to study living organisms in space. Jack McCallum, Emma's estranged husband, has shared her dream of space travel, but a medical condition has grounded him. Now, he must watch from the sidelines. The mission aboard the space station turns into a nightmare when a culture of single-celled organisms begins to regenerate out of control and infects the crew with agonising and deadly results. Emma struggles to contain the deadly virus, while back home Jack and NASA work against the clock to bring her home. (American)

Lesley GLAISTER **As Far As You Can Go****327pp Tp 29.95**

"Great opportunity for the right applicants: Western Australia. Housekeeper/companions required. Would suit young couple. Remote, rural location. Cooking, cleaning, gardening and caring duties. Applicants must be self-sufficient and resourceful". Cassie is at a turning point. She wants a child and a bigger commitment from Graham, her artist boyfriend. A year away with him, in the wilds of Australia, could be just the answer. The enigmatic Larry Drake and his strange wife Mara live in Woolagong, an immense farm at the edge of the desert. It is a place of bleak, breathtaking landscape, a world far away from civilisation and London. But its remoteness can make Woolagong a dangerous prison. And the more Graham and Cassie begin to uncover the dark secrets of their mysterious employers, the more trapped they feel. (English)

**Robert GODDARD****Play to the End** 335pp Tp 32.95

Actor Toby Flood arrives in Brighton in December with the other cast members of the Joe Orton play *Lodger In The Throat*. They have been on tour since September, but hopes of a West End transfer have been abandoned and they are all looking forward to the end of the run when Flood is visited by his estranged ex-wife. Jenny is living with wealthy entrepreneur Roger Colborn, whose country residence lies just north of Brighton. She runs a shop in the Lanes and is worried about a strange man who has taken to hanging around outside. Roger has dismissed her concerns, but she wants something done. Reluctantly, Flood agrees, to help her, seeing his opportunity to get Jenny back but not the trouble about to befall him. (English)

Jane HADDAM**Conspiracy Theory**

A *Gregor Demarkian mystery*. Cavanaugh Street is a mostly quiet Armenian neighbourhood in downtown Philadelphia where nearly everyone knows everyone else and certainly knows their business. But that quiet is destroyed when a bomb destroys the Armenian Orthodox church and Father Tibor Kasparian is hospitalised as a result. What would normally be a front-page event, however, is overshadowed by another, when Philadelphia Main Line society is shocked by the murder of one of their own. Anthony van Wyck Ross, the head of one of the major investment banks and a cornerstone of Main Line society, is murdered at the Around the World Harvest Ball being hosted at his mansion. Now, Gregor Demarkian must see through the conspiratorial haze, a task that takes on personal resonance since Gregor's girlfriend Bennis Hannaford serves as Vice Chairman of the Ball. (American)

Mo HAYDER**Tokyo** 363pp Tp 32.95

Student Grey Hutchins is seeking a rare piece of film showing the notorious Nanking Massacre in which the Imperial Japanese Army butchered up to 300,000 civilians. Only one man can help her, a survivor of the massacre, and now a visiting professor at the prestigious University of Todai in Tokyo. Desperate and alone, she accepts a job as a hostess in an upmarket nightclub catering for Japanese businessmen and wealthy gangsters. One gangster dominates the club, an old man in a wheelchair guarded by a terrifying entourage. He is said to rely on a powerful elixir for his continued wealth and well being. It is an elixir that others want for themselves... at any price! (English)

David HEWSON**The Villa of Mysteries** 360pp Tp 30.00

The second novel in the Italian crime series set in Rome, it features Caravaggio-loving Detective Nic Costa. In this title, when a young woman turns up dead in a peat bog, a maverick pathologist thinks she is the victim of an ancient Roman ritual. Wrong! (English)

Kerry JAMIESON**The Golden Door** 342pp Tp 32.95

In the unbearable heat of a New York summer in 1930, Irish immigrant Will McCarthy works as a riveter on the tallest skyscraper in the world, spending his days above the clouds and his nights fighting loneliness. When his half-sister Isobel sails out to join him, Will hurries to meet her at Ellis Island, only to find that she seems to have vanished before passing through immigration control. And so begins Will's quest, scouring the teeming tenements for a red-haired girl who now haunts his dreams. This book captures brilliantly the mood of Prohibition-era New York, when the glittering towers of modern Manhattan were rising from every street corner as the American Dream came crashing down. (American)

Jonathan KELLERMAN**The Conspiracy Club**

406pp Pb 19.95

When psychologist Dr Jeremy Carrier's romance with nurse Jocelyn Banks is cut short by her kidnapping and brutal murder, he is left emotionally devastated and being watched by police seeking a prime suspect in the unsolved killing. To escape the pain, he buries himself in his work. But when more women turn up murdered in the same gruesome fashion, the suspicion surrounding Jeremy intensifies and the only way for him to prove his innocence is to follow the trail of a cunning psychopath. Spurring on Jeremy's investigation is Dr Arthur Chess, an enigmatic pathologist who draws Jeremy into the confidence of a cryptic society devoted to matters unknown and unspoken. But when Arthur suddenly slips away, Jeremy is left to contend with an onslaught of anonymous clues and the growing realisation that a harrowing game of cat and mouse has been started. (American)

Percy KEMP**The Boone System** 298pp Tp 28.00

An infamous Islamic militant defects and becomes British Intelligence's single most important source of information about global terrorism ... But has he really defected? Exactly who is playing whom here? Beirut-based British Agent Harry Boone is a *bon viveur* whose elaborate 'system' is tailored precisely to the needs of his clubhouse lifestyle. He devotes most of his energies to enjoying the charms of his mistress Maria, while his bosses in the British Secret Service play into his hands with their snobby factionalism and grinding bureaucracy. A well-timed fax can keep them busy for a week. Becoming a major conduit for high-grade intelligence about global terrorist attacks was not part of the plan. Against his will, Boone is drawn deeper and deeper into a secret world of violence and terror in which nothing and no one is what it seems. Taut, witty and fast-paced, this novel became an instant bestseller in France when it was published last year. (French)

Jack KING**The Fifth Internationale** 370pp Pb 15.95


The author is a former courier of top-secret information and he delivers a tightly wound, debut thriller centred on a complex and sometimes cloudy conspiracy theory. While working as the deputy legal attaché for the US Embassy in Warsaw, down-to-earth FBI agent Stan Penske witnesses the assassination of his sister's fiancé, a CIA agent who had posited a shocking conspiracy theory. The event throws Stan's life into a tailspin and leads him on a frenzied chase after a group called the Fifth Internationale, an elusive organisation with unthinkable resources, which may be bent on destabilising world power structures and financial markets. (American)

Joyce KRIEG**Murder Off Mike** 307pp Pb 15.95


A *Talk Radio mystery*. Sacramento Talk Radio personality Shauna Bogart loves her drive-time gig. From cranky to controversial to just plain crazy, her guests and callers keep her on her toes, never failing to keep things interesting, for three hours every weekday. But her show takes a turn for the truly bizarre when a listener phones in a tip about the death of fellow jock, Dr Hipster... (American)




**William LASHNER**

 **Fatal Flaw** 563pp Pb 17.95
Ethically adventurous Philadelphia lawyer Victor Carl usually does the right thing, but often for the wrong reasons. When old law school classmate Guy Forrest is accused of murdering his beautiful lover Hailey Proulx in their Main Line love nest, Carl agrees to represent him, while keeping silent about his own prior romantic involvement with the victim and his present determination to see his client punished for the brutal crime. But once Carl sets the machinery of retribution in motion, it may be impossible to stop it, even after his certainty begins to crack. (American)


Donna LEON

 **Doctored Evidence** 245pp Tp 32.95
The new Commissario Brunetti novel. When the body of an wealthy, elderly woman is found brutally murdered in her Venetian flat, it is soon clear to the police that the prime suspect is her maid, who is heading for Rumania. When the border police approach her, she makes a run for it but is killed as she crosses the tracks in front of an oncoming train. She has a considerable sum of money on her and her papers are obvious forgeries. Case closed. But when the old woman's neighbour returns from a business trip in London, it becomes clear that the money on her was not stolen. Commissario Brunetti decides, unofficially, to take the case on himself. (American)


Donna LEON

 **Uniform Justice** 326pp Pb 21.95
A Commissario Brunetti novel. Neither Brunetti nor his wife Paola have ever had much sympathy for the Italian armed forces so when a young cadet is found hanged, a presumed suicide, in Venice's elite military academy, Brunetti's emotions are complex: pity and sorrow for the death of a boy, close in age to his own son, and contempt and irritation for the arrogance and high-handedness of the boy's teachers and fellow-students. But as Brunetti investigates, the military protects itself and civilians are unwilling to talk. Is this the natural reluctance of Italians to involve themselves with the authorities, or is Brunetti facing a conspiracy of silence? (American)


Elmore LEONARD

 **When the Women Come Out to Dance** 228pp Pb 22.95
In this short fiction collection, Leonard demonstrates the superb characterisations, dead-on dialogue, vivid atmosphere and driving plots that have made him a household name and once again illustrates that the line between the law and the law-breakers is not as firm as we might think. (American)


Robert LUDLUM & Gayle LYND

 **The Altman Code** 489pp Pb 18.95
When word reaches the US President that a Chinese cargo ship is transporting chemicals to a rogue nation intent on creating new biological weapons, he knows he must act quickly to obtain the proof he needs. (American)


Patricia MacDONALD

 **Suspicious Origin** 385pp Pb 17.95
MacDonald delivers her most masterful work to date, a chilling thriller about a woman who, while investigating her sister's death in a house fire of suspicious origin, uncovers the work of a twisted killer who has taken refuge in an idyllic Vermont town. (American)


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
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Jill McGOWN

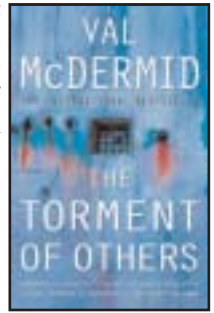
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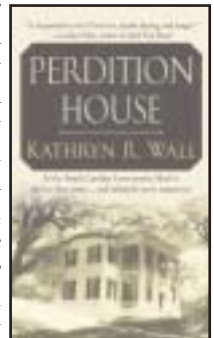
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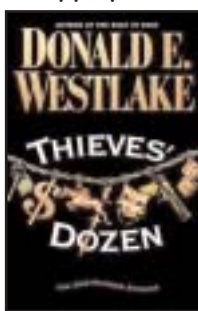
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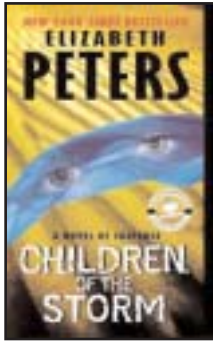
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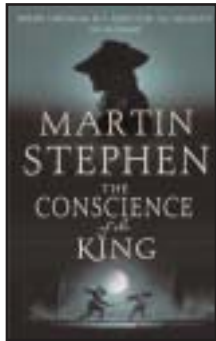
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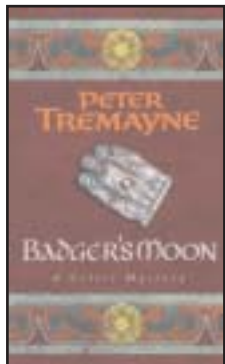
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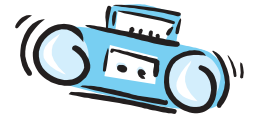
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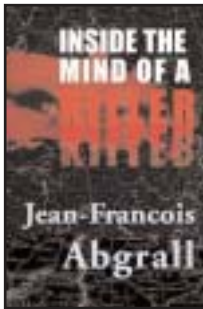
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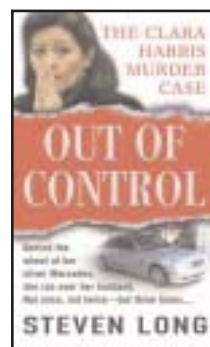
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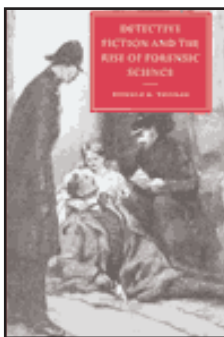
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