

# CRIME

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## A COLLECTION OF COSIES

**Alina ADAMS**

**Death Drop Pb 232pp \$16.95**

*Figure Skating Mystery #4.* Alina Adams has the wacky, incestuous world of skating down cold – from Russian coaches to skating mums to groupie fans to prepubescent stars. Rebecca 'Bex' Levy, researcher for the 24/7 television network, scores a perfect ten when it comes to dealing with self-involved egos and cutthroat competition. But she's about to witness the way a pregnancy can put a skating career on ice, permanently. (American)

**Deb BAKER Dolled Up for Murder Pb 276pp \$16.95**

*Dolls to Die For #1.* For Gretchen Birch, her mother, Caroline, and her aunt, Nina, doll collecting is a family affair. They may disagree on other things, but when it comes to dolls, they share a passion that goes way beyond children's toys – to the most exquisite (and expensive) creations in history. 'Caroline Birch. Put her away.' The message was clutched in the fist of a destitute former doll collector found dead at the bottom of a cliff with a valuable French-doll's parasol in her pocket. And the person seen fleeing the crime scene fits Caroline's description. All the evidence points to her as the killer, but Gretchen and Nina know she's innocent. (American)

**Hailey LIND Shooting Gallery Pb 336pp \$16.95**

*Annie Kincaid #2.* Geez, make a splash in the world of art forgery at the age of 17 and people can't stop bringing it up. Lesson learned: Genuine art is priceless, and forgery gets you arrested. Now Annie Kincaid is putting her artistic talents to honest use as a faux finisher in San Francisco. But carving out a new reputation can be a creative challenge. Modernism isn't Annie's thing, but even she is surprised to discover that the "sculpture" in a prestigious gallery's grisly new exhibition is an all-too-real corpse – the artist's. Meanwhile, a Chagall painting is stolen from the Brock Museum, and Annie's old friend Bryan is accused of being in on the heist. Annie's got to solve these mysteries, and fast, because art is long, but life can be very, very short. (American)

**J B STANLEY A Fatal Appraisal Pb 210pp \$16.95**

*Collectable Mystery #2.* Amateur sleuth Molly Appleby has a keen knowledge of antiques, a special fondness for collectibles, and a canny acquaintance with the criminal mind. There are some real divas in the antiques world, and 'Hidden Treasures' (a hit antiques show) main appraiser, Frank Sterling, is one of them. After he inspects a beautiful 18th century desk with unique secret compartments, Molly finds Frank in his car as dead as Stonewall Jackson. Molly thinks that the antique desk holds the key to this 21st century crime. And when a second murder occurs, it's up to her to collect the clues before more new blood is shed over old rarities. (American)

**Emily BRIGHTWELL**

**Mrs Jeffries and the Silent Knight Pb 233pp \$16.95**

*Victorian Mystery #21.* Mrs Jeffries keeps house for Inspector Witherspoon and keeps him on his toes. Everyone's awed by his Scotland Yard successes, but they don't know about his secret weapon. No matter how messy the murder or how dirty the deed, Mrs Jeffries' polished detection skills are up to the task... proving that behind every great man there's a woman and that a crime-solver's work is never done. Set in late Victorian London, this is a delightful series. (American)

**C S HARRIS What Angels Fear Pb 421pp \$16.95**

*Sebastian St Cyr #1.* It's 1811, and the threat of revolution haunts the upper classes of King George III's England. Then a beautiful young woman is found raped and savagely murdered on the altar steps of an ancient church near Westminster Abbey. A duelling pistol discovered at the scene and the damning testimony of a witness both point to one man, Sebastian St Cyr, Viscount Devlin, a brilliant young nobleman shattered by his experience in the Napoleonic wars. Now a fugitive running for his life, Sebastian calls upon his skill as an agent during the war to catch the killer and prove his own innocence. "Harris's riveting debut delivers a powerful blend of political intrigue and suspense." - *Publishers Weekly* (American)

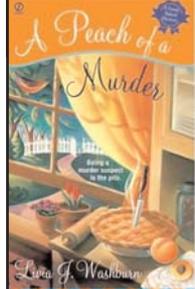
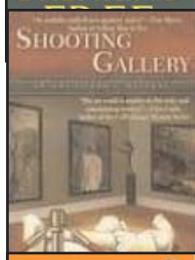
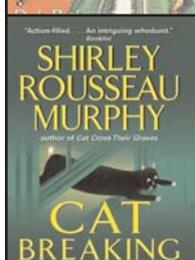
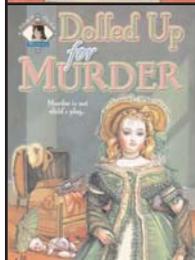
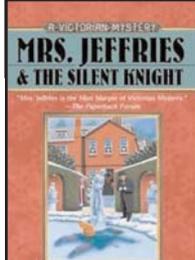
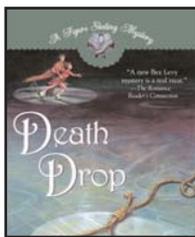
**Shirley Rousseau MURPHY Cat Breaking Free Pb 387pp \$16.95**

*Joe Grey #12.* The fur starts flying when a criminal gang from L.A. invades tranquil Molena Point, California, the fur of Joe Grey, feline P.I., that is. Joe has called Molina Point home since he was a tiny kitten scrounging the garbage scraps and he doesn't take kindly to marauding strangers breaking into the village's quaint shops. And, he wonders, is the blonde bombshell who recently moved in next door to his housemate Clyde, who's been acting suspiciously, a part of the crime wave. But when the felonious strangers start trapping feral cats, speaking cats, like Joe and his girlfriend Dulcie, the intrepid four footed detective decides to pounce. (American)

**Livia J WASHBURN**

**A Peach of a Murder Pb 264pp \$16.95**

*Debut mystery.* All year round, retired school teacher Phyllis Newsom is as sweet as pie – peach pie, of course, made with Parker County peaches, the sweetest in the state of Texas. All year, that is, except during the Peach Festival, whose blue ribbon has slipped through Phyllis's fingers more than once. She and all the other contestants guard their secret original recipes with their lives- and talk a whole lot of trash. With her spicy peach cobbler, Phyllis hopes to knock them dead. But that's just an expression- never in her wildest dreams does she think her cobbler will actually kill a judge. Now she's suspected of murder, and she's got to bake this case wide open. (American)



- Peter

**MODERN CRIME****Cherry ADAIR** **Edge of Darkness**  
329pp Pb \$16.95

#3. An anti-terrorism agent with a warrior's body and a magnetic smile, Duncan Edge is working for T-FLAC's special paranormal unit on a mission to halt a lethal terrorist cell. (American)

**Margery ALLINGHAM** **Coroner's Pidgin (1945)**  
240pp Pb \$23.95

Campion returns from three years work for the War Office in Europe to find that Lugg, his manservant, has brought him an unusual gift: the black silk nightdress-clad body of a dead woman, an apparent suicide. Wanting only to get away to a well-deserved rest, Campion must instead assist Detective Chief Inspector Oates and Superintendent Yeo in unravelling a tangled plot of deception and murder, as the war draws to its conclusion.

**Margery Allingham Omnibus:** **Sweet Danger/ The Case of the Late Pig/ The Tiger in the Smoke (1933-1952)** 576pp Tp \$39.95

A skeleton in a dinner jacket, a man murdered in a deckchair, a dead man spotted wandering in the London fog - Albert Campion is called upon to solve some most unusual crimes. (English)

**David BALDACCI** **The Collectors** 400pp Tp \$32.95

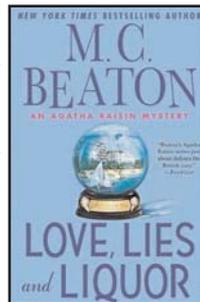
 *Sequel to The Camel Club.* Annabelle is a beautiful stranger with a mysterious past, planning the heist of the century - two short cons to fund a long con, then a world of unashamed luxury living incognito in a foreign land. Jonathan DeHaven, the shy head of the Rare Books Division at the Library of Congress, is planning nothing more than an uneventful day among his cherished collection. But when he is found dead by Caleb Shaw, a member of the Camel Club, two conspiracies are destined to meet as the Club determines to track down the dead man's long-lost wife - and Annabelle decides to avenge the death of her beloved ex-husband. (American)

**Greg BEAR** **Quantico** 438pp Pb \$20.00

Three FBI agents, one Armageddon. It's the near future - sooner than you might hope - and the war against terrorism is almost lost. Nuclear and biological weapons are in the hands of Islamic radicals and new weapons are being spawned in remote labs that can be used against entire populations. (American)

**M C BEATON** **Love, Lies and Liquor**  
224pp Hb \$49.95

*Agatha Raisin Mystery* #17. Agatha thinks she's in for a treat when her old flame James Lacey invites her on a holiday, but to her horror, his idea of an exotic destination is a small, rundown town called Burryhill-on-Sea.



When a guest staying in the same hotel as them is found murdered, Agatha quickly becomes the prime suspect - and must solve this case from a prison cell! (English)

**Lawrence BLOCK** **Hit Parade** 304pp Tp \$32.95

 *Keller* #3. John Keller, paid assassin, stamp collector, and a chronic worrier. His professional satisfaction, we learn, comes from 'solving a problem'. Taking lives causes him no real anxiety. Until Keller's jobs start going wrong... (American)

**John BOYNE** **Next of Kin** 501pp Tp \$32.95

 Owen Montignac, the handsome and charismatic scion of a wealthy land-owning family, is anxiously awaiting the reading of his late uncle's will. For Owen has run up huge gambling debts and casino boss Nicholas Delfy has given him a choice - find £50,000 by Christmas - or find yourself six feet under. (Irish)

**Tom BRADBY** **The God of Chaos**  
496pp Pb \$21.95

Cairo, June 1942. A city blistering under the lash of a relentless summer and panicked by the implacable advance of Hitler's most talented general, Erwin Rommel. It is the worst possible time and place for the body of a senior British officer to be found in a rubbish bin, bathed in blood... (English)

**John BURDETT** **Bangkok Eight** 448pp Pb \$23.95

 In surreal Bangkok, city of temples and brothels, where Buddhist monks in saffron robes walk the same streets as world-class gangsters, a US marine sergeant is killed inside a locked Mercedes by a maddened python and a swarm of cobras. Two policemen - the only two in the city not on the take - arrive too late. (English)

**Alafair BURKE** **Close Case** 384pp Pb \$19.95

For Deputy District Attorney Samantha Kincaid's 32nd birthday, she gets an unusual gift: a homicide call out. The crime scene: the elite Hillside neighbourhood in Portland, Oregon. The victim: star investigative reporter Percy Crenshaw, who has been bludgeoned to death in his carport. (American)

**James Lee BURKE** **Crusader's Cross**  
386pp Pb \$21.95

*Robicheaux.* Critically acclaimed and bestselling crime writer James Lee Burke returns to Louisiana where his ever-popular hero, Dave Robicheaux, sleuths his way through a hotbed of sin and uncertainty.

 **Pegasus Descending**

384pp Tp \$32.95

*Robicheaux.* Dave Robicheaux left his drinking days behind him many years ago, but he still feels guilt over a tragic event he wasn't sober enough to prevent. (American)

**W J BURLEY** **Wycliffe and How to Kill a Cat (1970)** 224pp Pb \$18.95

Another classic crime novel featuring Cornwall's Superintendent Wycliffe.

 **Wycliffe and the Guilt Edged Alibi (1971)** 224pp Pb \$18.95

A family feud leads to murder - and Superintendent Wycliffe is on the case... (English)

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**Andrea CAMILLERI****Rounding the Mark****264pp Tp \$32.95**

*Inspector Montalbano Mystery #10.* Two seemingly unrelated murders draw Sicilian sleuth Inspector Montalbano into a dangerous world of illicit trafficking in human lives and test both his personal endurance and his loyalty to the institution he serves. (Italian)

**George Elliott CLARKE****George and Rue 240pp Pb \$23.95**

Based on the 'slug-ugly' crime. In 1949, George and Rufus Hamilton, two African-Canadians, bludgeoned a taxi driver to death with a hammer in the dirt-poor settlement of Barker's Point, New Brunswick. (African-Canadian)

**Judy CLEMENS****Three Can Keep a Secret****244pp Tp \$32.95**

If you haven't had the pleasure of meeting one of the most original figures in recent crime fiction - Stella Crown, 29-year-old Pennsylvania dairy farmer and dedicated biker - Clemens' perfectly realised second novel about her is a good place to start. (American)

**Barbara CLEVERLY****Tug of War 288pp Hb \$49.95**

*Joe Sandilands #6.* Joe has been despatched to France to stay as the guest of a glamorous French war-widow on her Champagne estate. The widow is determined that Joe should support her claim that a mysterious shell-shocked soldier, suffering from amnesia and a loss of speech is her husband. The problem is that four other claimants have identified him differently... (English)

**Vena CORK****The Art of Dying 468pp Pb \$19.95**

Appearances are not what they seem. Rosa Thorn is enjoying the limelight at the opening of her late husband's memorial art exhibition, but what is about to happen is more traumatic than she could ever have anticipated. (English)

**John R CORRIGAN****Snap Hook 256pp Tp \$32.95**

*Jack Austin Mystery #1.* An exciting series that deftly combines life in professional golf's sunny top tiers with the dark world of life-or-death sleuthing.

**Center Cut 256pp Tp \$32.95**

*Jack Austin Mystery #2.* Corrigan once again captures life - and death - on the PGA Tour in his new mystery featuring Jack Austin, native of Maine and professional golfer.

**Bad Lie 304pp Tp \$32.95**

*Jack Austin Mystery #3.* Jack promised former caddy and surrogate son Nash Henley he would help him find his biological father. But before Nash and his father are ever reunited, Owen Henley is murdered - and Nash's dream of knowing his real father dies with him.

**Out of Bounds****312pp Hb \$54.00**

*Jack Austin Mystery #4.* How far will a golfer in decline go to maintain his family's lifestyle, and why are PGA Tour players who are associated with one equipment manufacturer being killed off? (American)

**Donn CORTEZ****CSI Miami: Riptide****320pp Pb \$14.95**

The Miami Dade Crime Lab is called in to examine the body of a young woman who has washed ashore on an island in Florida Bay. (American)

**Clive CUSSLER****Skeleton Coast: Oregon Files****384pp Tp \$32.95**

Juan Cabrillo and the crew of the covert combat ship *Oregon* have barely escaped a mission on the Congo River when they intercept a mayday from a defenceless boat under fire off the African coast. Cabrillo takes action, saving the beautiful Sloane Macintyre, who is looking for a long-submerged ship that may hold a fortune in diamonds. (American)

**Richard DOYLE****Volcano****708pp Pb \$21.95**

An island people are fighting for their lives. La Palma's Cumbre Vieja has erupted - soon ash and lava will annihilate everything, unless the locals can destroy the volcano first. (English)

**John DUNNING****The Bookwoman's Last Fling****352pp Tp \$29.95**

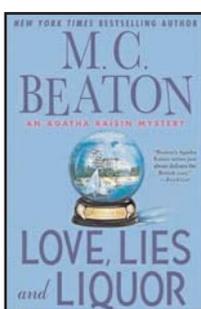
Travelling to Idaho to look at rare first-edition books, private investigator Cliff Janeway is disturbed by a horse owner's untimely death, a case that brings Janeway to the California Races at Golden Gate Fields and Santa Anita Park. *Due November* (American)

**Friedrich DURRENMATT****(Trans Joel AGEE)****The Inspector Barlach Mysteries:**

**The Judge and His Hangman/ Suspicion 208pp Tp \$32.95**



Both mysteries follow Inspector Barlach as he moves through worlds in which the distinction between crime and justice seems to have vanished. In the first, Barlach forgoes the arrest of a murderer in order to manipulate him into killing another, more elusive criminal. In the second, Barlach pursues a former Nazi doctor by checking into his clinic with the hope of forcing him to reveal himself.

**The Pledge****176pp Tp \$29.00**

A young child has been found brutally murdered. A mother's world has been shattered forever. And a detective has made a pledge to find the killer. Now one man's crime is about to become another man's obsession. But the detective is a man of his word. No one can stop him. And no one can save him. (German)

**Vince FLYNN****Act of Treason 432pp Tp \$29.95**

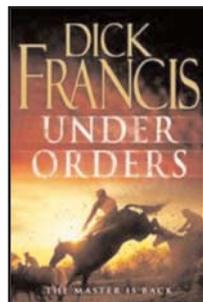
Two weeks before the election - and presidential candidate Josh Alexander's motorcade is decimated by a terrorist bomb. Alexander survives the attack, although members of his entourage are not so lucky. It appears to be the work of al-Qaeda. But then CIA director Irene Kennedy is presented with classified information so toxic that she considers destroying it altogether. (American)

**G M FORD****Red Tide****300pp Pb \$19.95**

Something has been let loose in the city - an airborne horror that leaves a tunnel full of corpses below the streets of Seattle. As the city grinds to a halt, disgraced journalist Frank Corso he unwittingly establishes himself as prime suspect in this deadly conspiracy. (American)

**Dick FRANCIS****Under Orders 347pp Hb \$45.00**

Sadly, death at the races is not uncommon. However, it's the third death on Cheltenham Gold Cup Day that really troubles super-sleuth Sid Halley. Former champion jockey Halley knows the perils of racing all too well - but in his day, jockeys didn't usually reach the finishing line with three .38 rounds in the chest. (English)

**John FRANCOME****Cover Up 408pp Pb \$19.95**

What's the worst way to die? At the end of a rope driven by your own shame and despair? Or savaged in the jaws of a black-hearted stallion who has hated you for years? If only the bankrupt gambler and the stable girl were alive to give us the answer... (English)

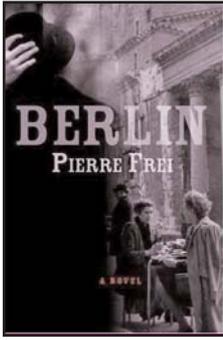
**Brian FREEMANTLE****Time to Kill 320pp Hb \$54.95**

Jack Mason, once Russia's most successful CIA embedded traitor, has spent the last 15 years in a penitentiary planning his vengeance on the Russian defector who exposed him. Former KGB Colonel Dimitri Sobell has spent these 15 years making a new and perfect life for himself in America. He'd virtually forgotten Jack Mason. But Mason hasn't forgotten... (English)

**Pierre FREI** **Berlin**

424pp Pb \$24.95

Occupied Berlin, American Sector, 1945. Young Ben inadvertently uncovers the body of a beautiful young woman trapped under a subway station - she has been sexually abused and strangled with a chain. In the scramble to identify the body, the victim is mistaken for an American and a local investigation becomes a matter for the US Military police. (German)

**Seth GARNER** **Broken Surface** 224pp Hb \$46.95

15 years ago two teenagers killed a mentally handicapped boy called Doofy. It was an accident, but things got out of hand and they never reported it. Instead, they hide the body, but as Duncan and Richard grow up, the secret continues to haunt them both. (English)

**Tess GERRITSEN** **Harvest** 512pp Pb \$19.95

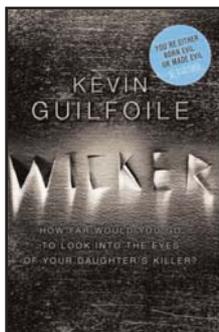
In a novel of harrowing suspense and crafted plot twists, Gerritsen draws on her years of experience as a doctor in her first thriller - the novel that made her a crime-writing star. (American)

**Joe GORES** **Glass Tiger** 304pp Tp \$29.95

Gustave Wallberg is elected president of the United States. On the same night, Halden Corwin murders his daughter and her husband, then disappears. Driven by nightmares and memories of what happened over 40 years ago in Vietnam, Corwin's next target is the new President. (American)

**Kevin GUILFOILE** **Wicker** 608pp Pb \$19.95

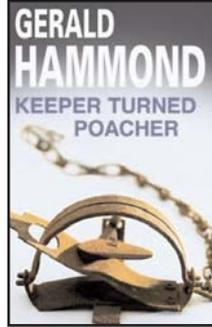
A murdered daughter, a killer on the loose and one chance to stop him. A vial of DNA is all Dr Davis Moore needs to identify his daughter's murderer after years of grief and uncertainty. If he could take the fateful step to clone the killer, would it really be so wrong if justice were the outcome? But the outcome is a boy named Justin Finn, whose face - one day - will be the exact match of the cold-blooded killer of whom he is a perfect genetic replica. Can Davis Moore bear to watch Justin's path to adulthood, knowing the terrible secret of his conception? (American)

**Richard GWYN** **The Colour of a Dog Running Away** 300pp Tp \$32.95

Set in the bohemian under-belly of Barcelona, this novel combines an urban thriller and a gothic historical drama focusing on Catharism, a 13th century heretical sect. (Welsh)

**Gerald HAMMOND** **Keeper Turned Poacher** 192pp Hb \$52.95

Joan has tried to live straight, but entanglement with a violent crime, followed by the swift and unpleasant eviction by her lover, leave her with few choices but to get away and lie low in a quiet country cottage. The arrival of Ken, a handsome gamekeeper who admires her countryside expertise almost as much as her beauty, is a welcome surprise. But Ken's wife went missing a year ago, and there is talk in the community. Did she run off with a lover, or was she killed? (Scottish)

**R J HARLICK** **Red Ice for a Shroud** 312pp Pb \$19.95

A *Meg Harris Mystery*. As winter's first snow starts to fall, a young Quebecoise sneaks off to meet her Algonquin lover in an isolated hunting camp on the Migiskan Reserve. Five days later, Meg Harris discovers her frozen and brutalised body. The young Native is charged with her murder, and Meg feels responsible, as the young woman was a member of the crew that was helping Meg to clear some cross country ski trails. Meg, convinced of the Native's innocence, sets out to find the real killer against a backdrop of police prejudice. (Canadian)

**Chris HASLAM** **El Sid** 384pp Tp \$32.95

Seven tons of gold coin - finders keepers. 100 boxes of stolen bullion dating from the Civil War remain in Spain and only Sidney Starman, an aged veteran of the International Brigades, knows where they're hidden. (English)

**Mick HERRON** **Why We Die** 320pp Hb \$49.95

When Tim Whitby checks into a hotel, he's not intending to check out again - but then he meets Katrina Blake, a woman in need of rescue. When Arkle, Baxter and Trent inherit the family business, they're not planning on making a go of it - there are quicker ways of getting rich, if you're not squeamish about the violence involved. (English)

**Georgette HEYER** **Detection Unlimited (1953)** 352pp Pb \$23.95

Slumped on a seat under an oak tree is old Sampson Warrenby, with a bullet through his brain. He is discovered by his anxious niece, Mavis, who is just one of the ten people in the village in the running for chief suspect, having just cause to dislike Warrenby intensely. Only Chief Inspector Hemingway can uncover which of the ten has turned hatred into murder. *Due November*

**Duplicate Death (1951)** 336pp Pb \$23.95

A civilised game of Duplicate Bridge ends in a double murder in which both victims were strangled with a tourniquet of picture wire. The crimes seem identical, but were they carried out by the same hand? The odds of solving this crime are stacked up against Inspector Hemingway. *Due November*

**Envious Casca (1941)** 384pp Pb \$23.95

It is no ordinary Christmas at Lexham Manor. Six holiday guests find themselves the suspects of a murder enquiry when the old Scrooge, Nathaniel Herriad, who owns the substantial estate, is found stabbed in the back. Whilst the delicate matter of inheritance could be the key to this crime, the real conundrum is how any of the suspects could have entered the locked room to commit this foul deed. For Inspector Hemingway of Scotland Yard, 'tis the season to find whodunit. *Due November*

**No Wind of Blame (1939)** 352pp Pb \$23.95

Tragedy befalls the Carter family following an eventful visit from a Russian prince and a scandalous blackmail letter. The murder of Wally Carter generates a bewildering mystery - how does one shoot a man crossing a narrow bridge without being near the murder weapon when it is fired? The superlatively analytical Inspector Hemingway reveals his unnerving talent for solving a fiendish problem. *Due November* (English)

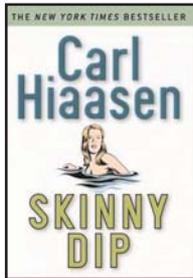
**Carl HIAASEN** **Nature Girl** 400pp Tp \$32.95

Honey Santana may be a single mother living in a trailer-park with her teenage son; she may have just been sacked from her day job for whacking an over-friendly co-worker in the balls with a crab mallet. But, she's determined to set up her own eco-tour business, paddling tourists around the Florida Everglades in ocean kayaks. The result is a kayaking trip from hell involving an unplanned overnight stay on Dismal Key - one of the Everglades' Ten Thousand Islands. But what Honey doesn't know is that, lurking in the island's undergrowth, are two men with death on their minds... (American)

**Skippy Dip**

439pp Pb \$12.95

Chaz Perrone might be the only marine scientist in the world who doesn't know which way the Gulf Stream runs. But he's just found a way to make a fortune out of the Florida Everglades, and he's damned if anyone's going to stop him. So when he suspects that his wife, Joey, is going to get in his way, he takes her on an expensive anniversary cruise and pushes her overboard into the dark Atlantic. *Due November* (American)

**Jack HIGGINS****East of Desolation (1968)**

336pp Pb \$20.00

When a plane crashes in the icy Greenland desert with no passengers on board, and no means of identification, Joe Martin is hired to fly to the scene of the crash by the insurance company involved and the beautiful widow of the dead pilot. But the routine mission spirals into hair-raising suspense when a priceless batch of emeralds are added to the mystery, and suddenly Joe finds himself in mortal danger. (English)

**Jane HILL****The Murder Ballad**

256pp Tp \$32.95

Stumbling headlong into a passionate fling and impromptu marriage to music star Trey, Maeve's life is about to change beyond reckoning. Trey wants to whisk her off to his country house in North Carolina and Maeve follows her new husband without a backward glance. But when she first lays eyes on her new home - a dilapidated old cabin in the middle of nowhere - she begins to feel uneasy.

**Grievous Angel 400pp Pb \$21.95**

When Justine Fraser found herself on an exchange programme in America, she had no idea that Nicky Bennet - a brief, steamy fling - would, years later, turn out to be one of Hollywood's biggest heart-throbs. Sexy, moody, outrageous Nicky is to die for, and when he goes missing, his enigmatic suicide note spins the media into a frenzy. When Justine sees the note in the paper, she immediately knows that it is the one clue to solving the mystery of his sudden disappearance. (English)

**Charlie HUSTON****A Dangerous Man 284pp Tp \$29.95**

Reluctant hit man Henry Thompson has fallen on hard times. His grip on life is disintegrating, his pistol hand shaking, his body pinned to his living room couch by painkillers - and his boss, Russian mobster David Dolokhov, isn't happy about any of it. So Henry is surprised when he's handed a new assignment: keep tabs on a minor league baseball star named Miguel Arenas. (American)

**Christobel KENT****A Florentine Revenge**

384pp Pb \$24.95

Celia lives and works in Florence as a tour guide and thinks the forthcoming birthday celebrations for the young wife of wealthy businessman Lucas Marsh, will bring the usual mix of museums, galleries and exclusive shopping. But, in the cold December weather a man's body is found in a disused swimming pool - a man who 15 years earlier was the chief suspect in an enquiry into the death of a six year old English girl. As Celia's working weekend progresses, she finds she is not alone in remembering the gruesome details of that terrible murder. She and her companions seem unwittingly to get further embroiled in the mysteries surrounding a 15-year-old grievance and a very current murder. (English)

**Jonathan KING****Eye of Vengeance**

320pp Tp \$29.95

When a convicted murderer is dramatically gunned down with a single bullet to the head, journalist Nick Mullins is quickly dispatched by his newspaper to cover the story. A veteran crime reporter, Nick is no stranger to scenes of violence and loss, but a coincidence immediately draws him into the investigation - the victim was a featured subject in one of his earlier news stories. (American)

**Laurie KING****The Art of Detection**

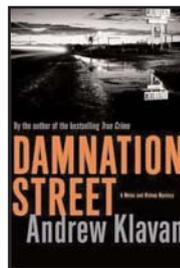
354pp Hb \$49.95

San Francisco homicide detective Kate Martinelli crosses paths with Sherlock Holmes in a spellbinding dual mystery. (American)

**Andrew KLAVAN****Damnation Street**

336pp Tp \$29.95

Scott Weiss is a middle-aged private eye based in San Francisco, an ex-cop with a basset hound's face, a romantic's soul and an empathetic ability to read others. He's holed up in a hotel room, thinking of the girl he should have left alone and waiting for the Shadowman, the hitman he knows is stalking him. (American)

**Dean KOONTZ****Forever Odd 432pp Pb \$20.00**

Odd Thomas, that unlikely hero, once more stands between us and our worst fears. Odd never asked to communicate with the dead - they sought him out. A childhood friend of Odd's has disappeared and the worst is feared. But as Odd applies his unique talents to the task of finding the missing person, he discovers something worse than a dead body. (American)

**Lynda LA PLANTE****The Red Dahlia 512pp Tp \$29.95**

Detective Anna Travis is working on a horrific, brutal murder case that has created a media frenzy. The victim, Louise Pennel, a 24-year-old, single, 'fun-loving' girl, was last seen in a London night club wearing a sequinned mini-dress and a red rose in her hair. In an eerie mirror image of the famous LA murder case of Elizabeth Short in the 1940s known as the Black Dahlia, her body was found dumped by the River Thames, severed in half and brutalised beyond recognition. Anna must summon all the strength and guile to hunt down the sadistic killer. *Due November* (English)

**Victoria LAURIE****Killer Insight 288pp Pb \$16.95**

*Psychic Eye Mystery #4.* When a childhood friend of Abby's from Denver, Colorado finds herself short one bridesmaid, it doesn't take a professional psychic to see the opportunity for a much-needed getaway. But one bridesmaid after the next is mysteriously flying the coop, and Abby's intuition tells her their final destination isn't pretty. With the wedding party falling apart and her gift of sight never quite so foggy, Abby has to save the date and herself from becoming the next taffeta-clad target. (American)

**Stephen LEATHER****Cold Kill**

528pp Pb \$19.95

Even deadlier than terrorists are the men trying to stop them. People-smuggling, counterfeit currency and attempted murder. It's all in a day's work for undercover cop Dan 'Spider' Shepherd. But what starts as a run-of-the-mill investigation quickly turns into a matter of life and death when he uncovers a terrorist cell on a mission of death and destruction. The target: hundreds of passengers on a cross-channel train deep below the English Channel. (English)

**John LE CARRE****The Mission Song**

352pp Hb \$49.95

Despatched to a no-name island in the North Sea to attend a top-secret meeting between Western financiers and East Congolese warlords, Bruno Salvador (the ever-innocent 29-year-old orphaned love-child of a Catholic Irish missionary and a Congolese headman's daughter), is obliged to interpret matters never intended for his re-awoken African conscience. (English)

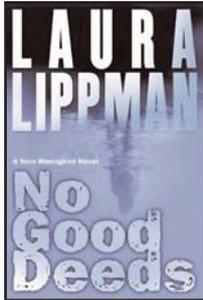


**Jeff LINDSAY****Dearly Devoted Dexter****304pp Pb \$19.95**

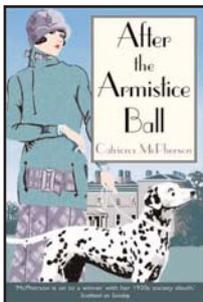
Miami's best-dressed serial killer is back and on the prowl, at least he would be if he could shake off his permanent shadow. Ever since their paths first crossed, Sergeant Doakes hasn't let Dexter Morgan out of his sight. Dexter may well be the Miami PD's blood-spatter analyst, but Sgt Doakes has a pretty good idea of how Dex likes to spend his free time and he's determined to catch him in the act. Dex hasn't killed in months and is getting twitchy... (American)

**Laura LIPPMAN****No Good Deeds****352pp Tp \$32.95**

When the body of Federal Attorney Gregory Youssef is found dumped on the edge of Baltimore, every law-enforcement officer in the city is determined to catch his killer. But four months on, no one has been brought to justice and the department is under massive pressure to deliver a suspect. Meanwhile, Tess' boyfriend, Crow, runs into a homeless black teenager and insists on helping him. He brings Lloyd home for some food and a bed for the night. When Tess mentions the Gregory Youssef case in his presence, Lloyd freezes. That night, Lloyd sneaks out of the house and disappears. What could be the link between Youssef's death and the teenager? *Due November* (American)

**Catriona McPHERSON****After the Armistice Ball****288pp Pb \$21.95**

Dandy Gilver, her husband back from the War, her children off at school and her uniform growing musty in the attic, is bored to a whimper in the spring of 1923 and a little light snooping seems like harmless fun. Before long, though, the puzzle of what really happened to the Duffy diamonds after the Armistice Ball has been swept aside by a sudden, unexpected death in a lonely seaside cottage in Galloway. (Scottish)

**Brad MELTZER****The Book of Fate 432pp Tp \$32.95**

A dark conspiracy and a 200-year-old secret add up to the most fast-paced, explosive thriller yet from *New York Times* bestselling author Meltzer. (American)

**Peter O'DONNELL****Dragon's Claw (1978)****318pp Tp \$27.95**

Lost in the middle of an ocean Modesty Blaise rescues Luke Fletcher, one of Britain's greatest artists and discovers the nest of evil that is Dragon's Claw. On the island of Dragon's Claw Sam Solon, an Australian newspaper tycoon with an inferiority complex about his lack of knowledge of art, has kidnapped the world's leading art experts and keeps them prisoner to admire his collection of stolen art treasures.

**Cobra Trap****288pp Pb \$27.95**

A thrilling selection of short stories following Modesty Blaise, aided as always by Willie Garvin, from her early days running the Network to working with Sir Gerald Tarrant of British Intelligence. (English)

**Robert B PARKER****Blue Screen (1972)****320pp Tp \$36.95**

Buddy Bollen is a C-list movie mogul who made his fortune producing films of questionable artistic merit. When Buddy hires Sunny Randall to protect his rising star and girlfriend, Erin Flint, Sunny knows from the start that the prickly, spoiled beauty won't make her job easy. And when Erin's sister, Misty, is found dead in the lavish home they share with sugar daddy Bollen, there doesn't seem to be a single lead worth pursuing.

**Hundred Dollar Baby****304pp Hb \$54.00**

*Spenser* #32. April Kyle is the young runaway Spenser rescued from Boston's notorious Combat Zone in 1982's *Ceremony*. Bereft of conventional options, he left her in the care of Patricia Utley, operator of an upscale New York bordello. Now she is back in Boston operating a branch office for Utley and needs Spenserian assistance. (American)

**Jill PATON WALSH****A Piece of Justice (1995)****240pp Pb \$22.00**

Biography is usually a safe profession. Even rather sedate. But more than one biographer has found that writing about the late great mathematician Gideon Summerfield leads to a hasty retreat. Or something more deadly... Imogen Quy, the coolly competent college nurse at St Agatha's College, Cambridge, first notices the pattern when her enthusiastic lodger Fran becomes the latest Summerfield biographer. Before she realises how deadly the Summerfield secret is, Fran's life is in danger. And Imogen may be next...

**The Wyndham Case (1993)****224pp Pb \$22.00**

The locked library of St Agatha's College, Cambridge houses an unrivalled, and according to certain scholars, deeply uninteresting collection of 17th century volumes. It also contains one dead student. Tragic and accidental, of course, even if malicious gossip hints that Philip Skellow had been engaged in stealing books rather than acquiring knowledge when he'd slipped, banged his head, and bled to death overnight. Only Imogen Quy, the college nurse, has her doubts - until another student is found, drowned in an ornamental fountain... (English)

**James PATTERSON****Cross****320pp Tp \$32.95**

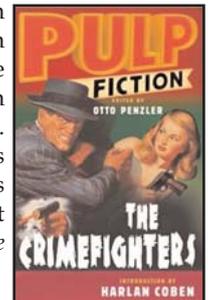
The latest powerful thriller about the FBI agent Alex Cross. Alex has quit his job with the FBI but can't seem to stay away. When a series of brutal rapes are committed across Washington and none of the victims will talk, his former partner Sampson calls on Alex for help. (American)

**Otto PENZLER (Editor)****Dangerous Women****384pp Tp \$35.00**

Prepare to meet the most seductively female and the most shockingly fatal of femme fatale, brought to you by 17 of today's finest suspense writers, including Michael Connelly, Ian Rankin, Elmore Leonard and many more. (Various)

**Otto PENZLER & Harlan COBEN****(Editors)****Pulp Fiction: The Crimefighters****576pp Tp \$32.95**

Harlan Coben introduces a selection of the greatest of the great from the golden age of pulp fiction. This collection shows that some writing has an edge that time just can't dull. *Due November* (American)

**Peter QUINN****The Hour of the Cat****400pp Tp \$32.95**

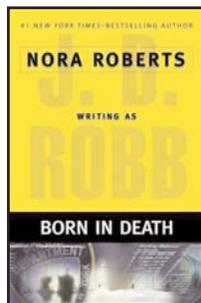
It's 1939 and PI Fintan Dunne is lured into a case with connections that stretch beyond the New York crime scene to Nazi Germany. Meanwhile plans for a military coup are forming in Berlin. Admiral Canaris, head of Military Intelligence, must choose between violating every value he holds as an officer, or betraying the plotters to the Gestapo and forsaking the country's last hope to avert utter destruction. With Hitler's crimes lauded as a programme of racial cleansing at the vanguard of a eugenics movement launched in the US and Britain, the 'hour of the cat' looms and every German conscience must make a choice. (American)

**Ian RANKIN****The Naming of the Dead**  
432pp Pb \$32.95

It's now a crucial time for Rebus. His superiors are getting increasingly impatient with his erratic behaviour and his relationship with Siobhan becomes ever more complicated. And most worryingly of all, as Rebus grows older he is starting to feel closer to the criminals he fights than to the force he works for. *Due November* (Scottish)

**J D ROBB****Born in Death** 384pp Tp \$32.95

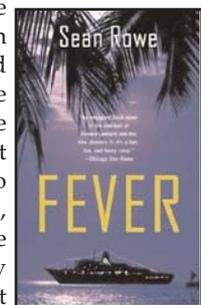
*Eve Dallas* #23. As a New York homicide detective, Lieutenant Eve Dallas is used to death - the mysterious murders of two young professionals she's investigating with her partner, Peabody, almost seem like the norm. Harder to deal with is her best friend Mavis' nearly-to-term pregnancy, and Mavis' terror over the strange disappearance of another woman who is about to give birth. Now Eve is fighting on two fronts, hunting a ruthless killer, searching the streets for a missing woman - and time is running out, because Eve has a terrible hunch that she'd better recover the mother-to-be quickly, or an innocent life could be ruined forever. *Due November* (American)

**David ROLLINS** **A Knife Edge** Tp \$32.95

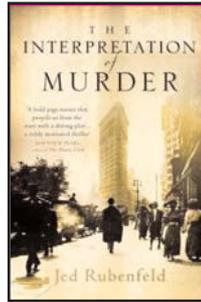
While working on a top-secret research program for the US Department of Defence in the freezing waters off Japan, a leading scientist turns up dead, eaten by a monster shark. (Australian)

**Sean ROWE** **Fever** 226pp Pb \$18.95

Matt 'Loose Cannon' Shannon is an ex-FBI agent turned head of security for the world's largest cruise line. When Matt receives a chance to clear a haunting IOU, he agrees to arrange for a small security lapse - and almost immediately finds himself on the wrong side of everything: hijacking, robbery, murder and a heist more audacious than anything Matt's been trained for or dreamed up in his most fevered state. (American)

**Jed RUBENFELD****The Interpretation of Murder**  
416pp Tp \$32.95

A dazzling literary thriller - the story of Sigmund Freud assisting a Manhattan murder investigation. When a wealthy young debutante is discovered bound, whipped and strangled in a luxurious apartment overlooking the city, and another society beauty narrowly escapes the same fate, the mayor of New York calls upon Freud to use his revolutionary new ideas to help the surviving victim recover her memory of the attack, and solve the crime. But nothing about the attacks - or about the surviving victim, Nora - is quite as it seems. And there are those in very high places determined to stop the truth coming out, and Freud's startling theories taking root on American soil. (American)

**James SALLIS** **Drive** 189pp Hb \$36.95

Much later, as he sat with his back against an inside wall of a Motel 6 just north of Phoenix, watching the pool of blood lap toward him, Driver would wonder whether he had made a terrible mistake... Signed copies. (American)

**George SHUMAN** **18 Seconds** 320pp Tp \$29.95

Investigative consultant Sherry Moore is blind and stunningly beautiful, with the extraordinary ability to 'see' the deceased's last 18 seconds of memory by touching the corpse. At age five, she was found near death on the steps of a city hospital. A head injury had left her without sight and prevented her from remembering her past. When Sherry discovers she does have sight - sight that transcends death - she learns to use her gift to help others solve mysteries that only she can tap into. (American)

**Scott SMITH** **A Simple Plan** 432pp Pb \$21.95

Hank Mitchell is heading down a snowy road with his brother Jacob and a friend, intent on visiting his parents' grave. After chasing Jacob's huge dog through the woods, the three men stumble upon a tiny plane whose pilot is dead. The plane holds another surprise - a bag containing \$4 million. Upright Hank resists taking the money, but finally thinks up 'a simple plan' to protect them if anyone suspects them of stealing. Once Hank veers from the straight and narrow, however, nothing is simple. (American)

**Taylor SMITH** **Slim to None** 416pp Tp \$29.95

After losing custody of her 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. When the opportunity arises to do a little extra business, rescuing a kidnapped American doctor and retrieving a handsome reward, Hannah figures *Why not?* (American)

**Lyndon STACEY****Six to One Against**  
352pp Tp \$32.95

Damien Daniels has been shot by an unseen marksman. It looks like a professional job, but there are no clues as to who pulled the trigger. The only witness to the shooting, Gideon Blake, is unable to provide any information that would help the police. However, a cryptic list he later discovers hidden amongst the dead man's possessions warns of a dark and terrible conspiracy. Disturbed by his findings, Gideon soon finds himself drawn deeper into the mystery, one that he must solve before the marksman targets his next victim... (English)

**Veronica STALLWOOD****Oxford Menace**  
320pp Hb \$60.00

When two of Kate Ivory's friends, members of a team working at an Oxford University biotechnology unit, start to receive smoke bombs through the letterbox and discover that slanderous letters about them are being circulated, Kate is intrigued and disturbed. Working where they do, her friends are used to the high security necessary to ward off animal activists. But this time there is a difference: there is nothing random in the choice of victims, and the attacks are growing more sophisticated... (English)

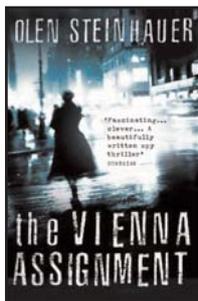
**Boris STARLING****Visibility** 320pp Tp \$33.00

At first it seems the Great Fog has claimed another victim - a drunk, perhaps, wandering unsighted through Hyde Park and stumbling into the icy shallows of Long Water. But Max Stensness was stone-cold sober when he died. And in the hours before his death, the young biochemist had claimed to be in possession of a secret that could change the world. Having traded MI5 for New Scotland Yard, Detective Inspector Herbert Smith thinks he's left the murky world of espionage behind him - until he begins retracing the final footsteps of Max Stensness. Suddenly he's being tailed, danger lurks at every turn in the investigation. The CIA, KGB and MI5 are all vying to get their hands on the dead man's secret, and as the body count climbs, it's clear someone will stop at nothing to claim it. (English)

**Olen STEINHAUER**

 **The Vienna Assignment** 373pp Pb \$23.00

Vienna, 1966. To be wrongly accused of murder once is a misfortune. Twice - and it's a conspiracy. It is the height of the Cold War. When a defector mysteriously returns to the Eastern European village of his birth, it's a chance for disgraced detective Brano Sev to redeem himself. (Hungarian)

**Karin TABKE**

 **Good Girl Gone Bad** 353pp Tp \$29.95

Straight-laced, by-the-book police officer Philamina Zorn has always lived by the letter of the law - that is, until she is assigned to work with Lieutenant Ty Jamerson, a tough arrogantly handsome cop who knows exactly how to press her buttons. Debut (American)

**Peter TEMPLE**

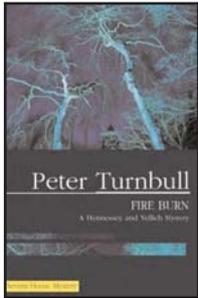
 **In the Evil Day (2002)** 345pp Tp \$32.95

Con Niemand is a mercenary whose business is surviving. John Anselm is a struggling intelligence agent whose business is information. And Caroline Wishart is a tabloid journalist whose business, until now, has been the sex lives of politicians. Their paths collide when Neimand stumbles across a secret terrible enough to destroy lives and depose governments. (Australian)

**Peter TURNBULL**

 **Fire Burn** 192pp Hb \$49.95

*Hennessey and Yellich Mystery.* A badly burned body - male, presumed local. And then another charred corpse. Related? Crimes of passion or revenge? Family feud? Possibly the latter, but neither of the children seem likely perpetrators, even though son Gregory, with a cast-iron alibi, is a chilling piece of work. Set as usual in and around York, Hennessey and Yellich investigate the private and business lives of the deceased but throw up little hard evidence. (English)

**Robert WARD**

 **Red Baker** 202pp Tp \$29.00

"A truly awesome achievement, a paean of power and intensity directed toward a too often forgotten group, those American refugees so cruelly displaced by the raw greed and economic convulsions in the heavy steel industry. Red Baker is a remarkable novel." - James Crumley (American)

**Patricia WENTWORTH**

 **The Ivory Dagger (1951)** 368pp Pb \$19.95

Bill Waring, collecting his wits in hospital after a train crash, receives only one letter from Lila Dryden, his fiancée. When he discovers Lady Dryden, Lila's guardian, has pressured her into an engagement with Herbert Whitall, he is furious. Whitall is aggressive, with a cold-hearted possessiveness that expands past the bounds of his ivory collection he can't bear to lose. His employees hate him, Lila is terrified of him and it appears he has a hold on Lady Dryden. When a dagger in Whitall's collection becomes the instrument of his own death there are many suspects. Maud Silver must see that justice is done, not merely to punish the guilty, but to protect the innocent.

 **Vanishing Point (1953)** 352pp Pb \$19.95

Nothing much ever seemed to happen in the village of Hazel Green apart from the occasional tea-party, spiced with local gossip. Until Maggie Bell went out one evening for a breath of fresh air and never came back. Could Maggie's disappearance be linked to security leaks at the nearby Air Ministry? Or is a sinister scheme being hatched closer to home? Miss Silver is called in to solve the mystery just as a second person goes missing... (English)

**Tim WILLOCKS**

 **Green River Rising (1994)** 416pp Pb \$21.95

After three years' hard time, minding no-one's business but his own, Ray Klein wins his parole. That same day, the disciplinary perfection of Green River State Penitentiary is torn apart by tribal war, and the prison falls into the hands of its inmates. As the River sucks them all towards the abyss, Klein must choose either to claim his freedom and leave the ones he cares for to die, or risk everything and fight... Reissue (American)

**CRIME AUDIO****Robert G BARRETT**

**Goodo Goodoo** 6 CDs \$29.95

Les Norton is back! This time he's off to Far North Queensland. What should have been a quick gig on a radio station followed by a white-water rafting holiday in North Queensland becomes a four-wheel drive trip to Cooktown with Norton looking for two missing SCUBA divers.

**The Wind and the Monkey**

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Les Norton, the lovable larrikin from the sunshine state, is back and is heading north, with a little bit of work and a hell of a lot of play in mind. But he had better watch out for hungry sharks and local louts with no manners. (Australian)

**Lee CHILD**

**The Hard Way** 4 CDs \$45.00

Jack Reacher. Soldier. Loner. Hero. Lover. He owns nothing, carries less. He has never met a woman who said no. Or a case he couldn't solve. But now Reacher faces a new case so disturbing that the truth eludes him. Has he painted targets on the good guys' backs? Narrated by Kerry Shale. (English)

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This work includes: *The Submarine Plans* read by David Suchet, *The Dead Harlequin* read by Hugh Fraser, *The Case of the Caretaker* read by Joan Hickson and *The Man in the Mist* read by James Warwick.

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Christie's acclaimed novel of anger, jealousy, betrayal and murder in Ancient Egypt, is now available as unabridged audio narrated by Emilia Fox.

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Parker Pyne relies upon an intuitive knowledge of human nature to solve the Problem at Pollensa Bay. This is a collection of short stories narrated by Hugh Fraser.

**The Unexpected Guest** 3 CDs \$30.00

This title offers a new full-length novel adapted by Charles Osborne from Christie's acclaimed play, presented in the new Christie livery. Narrated by Hugh Fraser. (English)

**Arthur CONAN DOYLE**

**The Sherlock Holmes Collection**

8 CDs \$70.00

These classic radio dramatisations of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's world famous sleuth have never been bettered. Ralph Richardson and John Gielgud are matchless as the genius detective and his faithful assistant, and the master recordings have been carefully restored to preserve every nuance of these much-loved broadcasts. (English)

**Michael CONNELLY**

**Echo Park** 2 CDs \$45.00

Connelly follows his superb first legal thriller with a new outing for his ever popular series character, Detective Harry Bosch. Narrated by Michael Brandon. (American)

**Jeffrey DEAVER****A Maiden's Grave CD \$35.00**

A trio of desperate convicts has hijacked a bus carrying a group of deaf and mute schoolgirls who are now being held hostage in a disused slaughterhouse. FBI agent Arthur Potter is flown in to negotiate with the men, as are local police, state troopers, politicians and the media.

**Hard News CD \$35.00**

Rune seems to have finally made the first real step towards her dreams - she has secured a job working for a major network news department. She quickly becomes fascinated by the brutal murder of the network boss, and just as swiftly comes to the conclusion that the guy in the frame for the crime must be innocent. (American)

**Dan FESPERMAN****Prisoner of Guantanamo 5 CDs \$35.00**

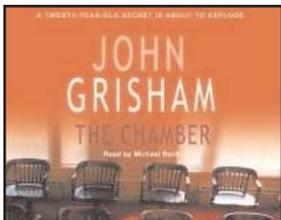
FBI Interrogator Revere Falk believes it is better to treat a suspect decently than to us more 'robust' methods. That puts him in a minority at 'Gitmo'. (American)

**Dick FRANCIS****Under Orders 3 CDs \$29.95**

Sadly, death at the races is not uncommon. However, it's the third death on Cheltenham Gold Cup Day that really troubles super-sleuth Sid Halley. Abridged. (English)

**John GRISHAM****The Chamber CD \$49.95**

The story begins with a K l a n - sponsored bombing and then traces a trail of rigged acquittals stretching over three decades, until a young lawyer with secrets of his own brings the case to a powerful conclusion. Narrated by Michael Beck.

**The Runaway Jury CD \$49.95**

In Biloxi, Mississippi, a landmark trial with hundreds of millions of dollars at stake begins routinely, and then swerves mysteriously off course. Narrated by Michael Beck (American)

**John LE CARRE****Call for the Dead 3 CDs \$35.00**

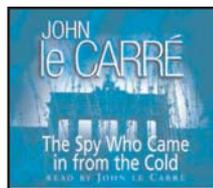
An anonymous letter had alleged that Foreign Office man Samuel Fenman had been a member of the Communist Party as a student before the war. Nothing very unusual for his generation. Smiley had made it clear that the investigation - little more than a routine security check - was over and that the file on Fenman could be closed. Next day Fenman was dead with a note by his body saying that his career was finished and he couldn't go on. Why? Read by John Le Carre.

**A Murder of Quality 3 CDs \$45.00**

George Smiley was simply doing a favour for an old friend, Miss Ailsa Brimley, who edited a small religious newspaper. Miss Brimley had received a letter from a worried woman reader: "I'm not mad. And I know my husband is trying to kill me." The writer of the letter was one Stella Rode, wife to an assistant master at Carne School, Dorset, and by the time it arrived, she was dead. Read by the John Le Carre.

**The Spy Who Came in From the Cold 3 CDs \$45.00**

With this superb, classic novel of suspense, le Carre changed the rules of the game. His story is of one last, breathlessly perilous assignment for the agent who wants desperately to end his career of espionage - to come in from the cold. Read by John Le Carre. (English)

**Geoffrey McGEACHIN****D-E-D Dead! 5 CDs \$29.95**

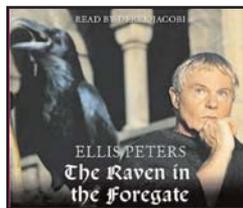
This sexy, fast-paced spy novel with a dash of knockabout humour is a hugely entertaining audio book. Narrator Peter Hosking perfectly brings to life Australian secret agent Alby Murdoch. (Australian)

**Tara MOSS****Hit 10 CDs \$29.95**

She's beautiful, street-smart, and hoping to leave her troubled past behind her... Makedde Vanderwall has finished her studies and is ready to start practising as a forensic psychologist. She's also starting a new life in Australia with her detective boyfriend Andy Flynn. Hoping to scrape together some extra cash, Mak begins doing part-time work for an infamous Sydney PI. With a knack for investigation and bending the law, Mak might just have stumbled across her true calling... (Australian)

**Ellis PETERS****Raven in the Forecourt 3 CDs \$45.00**

Christmas, 1141 AD. A priest arrives from London to fill the vacant living of Holy Cross (the Foregate) - a man of presence, scholarship and discipline, but one who lacks the common touch. When he is found drowned in the mill-pond, suspicion is cast in many directions, not least towards a young man who came in the priest's train. To Brother Cadfael, once worldly, now dedicated, if gently cynical, is left the familiar task of sorting the complicated strands which define guilt and innocence. Read by Derek Jacobi.

**The Sanctuary Sparrow CD \$35.00**

Sudden drama strikes when the Benedictine monastery at Shrewsbury when a young man, pursued by a lynching mob, claims sanctuary just in time to save his own life. The accusation is robbery and murder: yet Brother Cadfael senses his innocence and sets out to solve yet another tangle of human passions where love - both in its brighter and darker aspects - plays its inevitable part.

**The Virgin in the Ice 2 CDs \$35.00**

Winter, 1139: Brother Cadfael's tranquil life at the monastery gardens at Shrewsbury is once again interrupted by violent, mysterious happenings. Raging civil war has sent many refugees fleeing north from Worcester, among them two orphans of a great family and their companion, a nun. But they seem to have disappeared somewhere in the wild winter landscape of frost and snow - and Cadfael sets out to find them. Read by Derek Jacobi. (English)

**Ian RANKIN****Hide and Seek 3 CDs \$39.95**

The second Inspector Rebus novel narrated by Bill Paterson.

**The Naming of the Dead 5 CDs \$45.00**

It's now a crucial time for Rebus. His superiors are getting increasingly impatient with his erratic behaviour and his relationship with Siobhan becomes ever more complicated. And most worryingly of all, as Rebus grows older he is starting to feel closer to the criminals he fights than to the force he works for. Narrated by James Macpherson. (Scottish)

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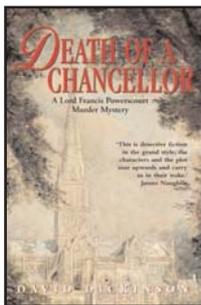
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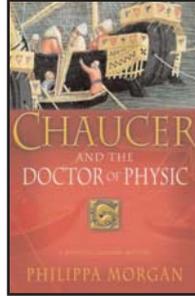
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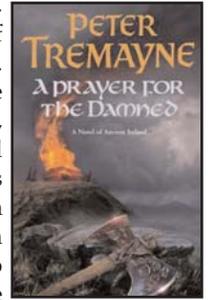
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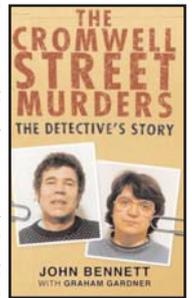
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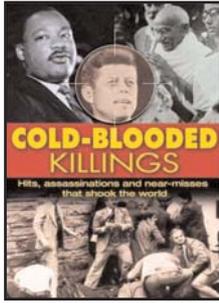
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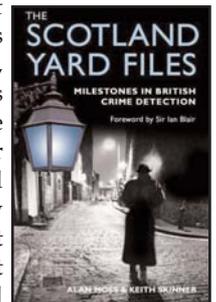
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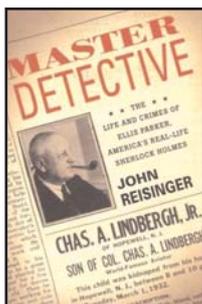
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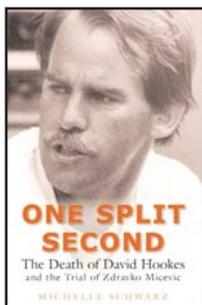


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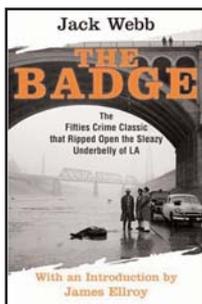


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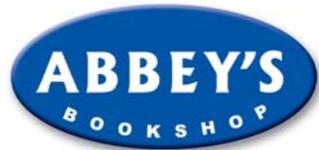


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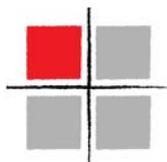
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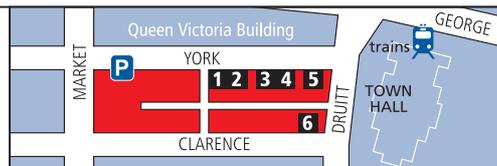
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