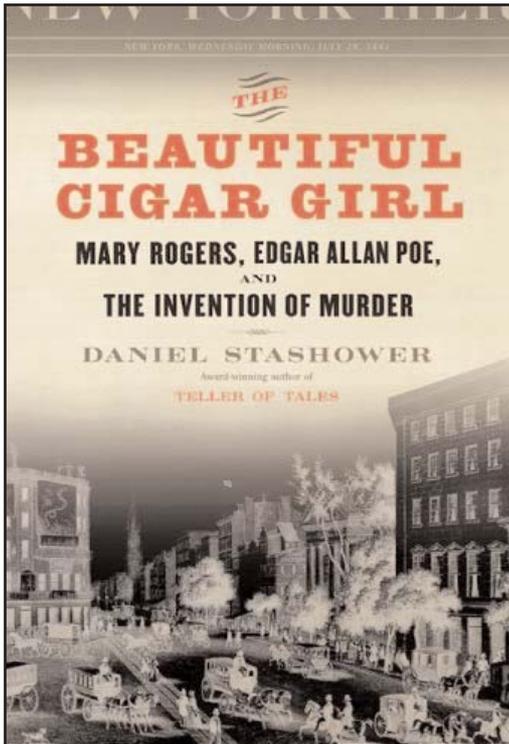


# CRIME CHRONICLE

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"WHERE A GOOD CRIME CAN BE HAD BY ALL"

## AUTHOR OF THE MONTH DANIEL STASHOWER



**THE BEAUTIFUL CIGAR GIRL:  
MARY ROGERS, EDGAR ALLAN POE AND THE INVENTION OF MURDER**  
326pp Hb \$49.95

Murder in a city casts a peculiar spell - a mixture of horror, fascination and relief. One more member of the herd has been picked off, but it was somebody else who attracted the invisible, anonymous hand that could strike anyone at any time. When the victim is a beautiful woman, sex enters the equation and you have front page news.

That was certainly the case in the summer of 1841, when Mary Rogers, a young saleswoman at John Anderson's Tobacco Emporium on Lower Broadway in Manhattan, disappeared and turned up a few days later floating in the Hudson River.

Her baffling murder, a sensation at the time, attracted the attention not only of the city's fire-breathing newspaper editors, but also of Edgar Allan Poe, who assigned his fictional detective, C Auguste Dupin, to solve the crime. Their converging stories are the twin strands that Daniel Stashower neatly ties together in **The Beautiful Cigar Girl**, his atmospheric, suspenseful recreation of a crime, a city and a writer as doomed as the victim he wrote about.

Every twist and turn of the Rogers case seemed to remind New Yorkers that their city had become a dangerous, unrecognisable place. Mr Stashower, deftly interweaving contemporary press accounts of the murder and the investigation into his narrative, vividly recreates the atmosphere of the period in a moody, sepia-toned style. Cutting back and forth between the Rogers investigation and Poe's life, he gradually brings his two subjects to the point of convergence, creating a compelling portrait of Poe along the way.

- Peter

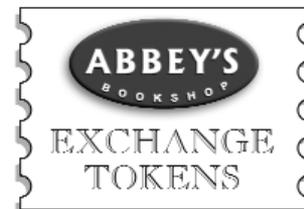
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16	Sat	8.00am - 8.00pm
17	Sun	9.00am - 6.00pm
18-20	Mon-Wed	8.00am - 9.00pm
21	Thu	8.00am - 10.00pm
22	Fri	8.00am - 9.00pm
23	Sat	8.00am - 8.00pm
24	Sun Christmas Eve	9.00am - 6.00pm
25	Mon Christmas Day	closed
26	Tue Boxing Day	10.00am - 5.00pm
<b>January</b>		
1	Mon New Year's Day	closed



### MODERN CRIME

**Paul ADAM**

**Enemy Within**

416pp Pb \$19.95

A respected modern historian with a secure job at a red-brick university, father of two in a happy marriage, Tom leads a content and fulfilled life. Then he is arrested and charged with downloading child pornography. But even after he proves he was 50 miles away from his computer, he realises he has to find out who set him up before anyone will believe him. (English)

**Margery ALLINGHAM**

**Flowers for the Judge (1964)**

256pp Pb \$23.95

Scandal hits the staid publishing house of Barnabas when one of the directors is found dead in the strong room. Suspicion immediately falls on his wife's lover, the junior partner in the firm. But how does an unpublished Restoration comedy come to feature in the tragedy? (English)



**Karin ALVTEGAN**

**Shame** 320pp Pb \$32.95

As Maj-Britt festers malevolently in her hermetic apartment, appeased only be an endless supply of food, Monika blots our her pain by ceaselessly working, punishing herself, unforgettingly for any failures. (Scandinavian)

**Robert G BARRETT**

**Crime Scene Cessnock** 335pp Pb \$20.00

All it took was a summer's day and a flat tyre on his pushbike, and Les is out on bail and on the run from a gun-happy street gang. Safely ensconced at the ultra-swish Opal Springs Health Resort till Eddie can sort things out back in Sydney.

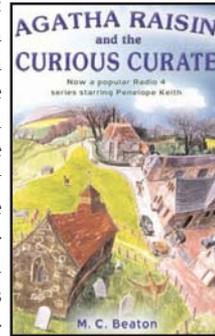
**The Tesla Legacy** 352pp Tp \$30.00

Nikola Tesla was a scientist that some argue was a greater genius than Einstein. He died in the United States in 1943, but what was he doing in Australia in 1925? A Newcastle electrician and his girlfriend try to find out, but it seems more than one person wants to stop them, including the CIA. (Australian)

**M C BEATON**

**Agatha Raisin and the Curious Curate** 256pp Pb \$17.95

Agatha Raisin is going through a man-hating phase and so is unmoved by news of the captivating new curate. But when she meets the golden-haired, blue eyed Tristan Delon, she is swept off her feet - she is positively ecstatic when he invites her to dine with him - but the next day she is left with a hangover from hell and his cold corpse suggests that once again, she's in the frame for murder! *Due December* (English)



**Elizabeth BECKA**

**Trace Evidence** 400pp Pb \$19.95

A tremendously engaging, page-turning and authentic debut thriller from a forensic scientist. Move over Kathy Reichs! (American)

**Steve BERRY**

**The Templar Legacy** 496pp Pb \$19.95

The ancient order of the Knights Templar possessed untold wealth and absolute power over kings and popes. Until the Inquisition, that is, when the Knights were wiped from the face of the earth and their riches left hidden... forever? *Due December* (American)

**Benjamin BLACK**

**Christine Falls** 300pp Tp \$32.95

This work is a compelling new crime series from the pen of Booker Prize-winner John Banville. (Irish)

**Nero BLANC**

**Crossworder's Delight** 192pp Pb \$14.95

*Crossword Mystery* #12. Crossword editor Belle Graham and her PI partner Rosco Polycrates must restore a historic treasure to the local inn-and trace the origins of a very special cookbook. (American)

**Marshall BROWNE**

**Inspector Anders and the Blood Vendetta** Tp \$32.95

Its autumn in the EU and the temperature is falling in more ways than one when Inspector Anders is ordered back to Italy. Two right-wing politicians have been murdered with an identical MO. The Government is screaming "terrorists". Anders doggedly begins to peel back layers of falsity as further high-level killings shock the nation. (Australian)

**Ken BRUEN**

**A Fifth of Bruen: Early Fiction of Ken Bruen** 360pp Tp \$39.95

An omnibus collection of Ken's first four short novels and two short stories. *Due December* (American)

**Laura CALDWELL**

**The Rome Affair** 378pp Tp \$27.95

Rachel Blakely's charmed life is significantly tarnished after her husband Nick's infidelity, but she wants to give her marriage a second chance. Then a business trip to sun-drenched Rome with her best girlfriend Kit leads to a night of passion with a stranger - a one-night stand meant to signify the end of a painful chapter in her life. (American)

**Stella CAMERON**

**A Grave Mistake** 544pp Pb \$18.95

A trail of murder wends its way from New Orleans to nearby Toussaint, LA in bestseller Cameron's steamy novel of romantic suspense. (American)

**Cassandra CHAN**

**Young Widow** 320pp Pb \$16.95

*Gibbons & Bethancourt Mystery* #1. Jack Gibbons, an ambitious young detective sergeant with Scotland Yard, enlists the assistance of his friend, Philip Bethancourt, a charismatic and wealthy bon vivant, to investigate the poisoning death of Geoffrey Berowne in a case that takes a strange turn when the prime suspect, the victim's young wife Annette, turns her attentions on Jack.

**Village Affairs** 368pp Hb \$49.95

*Gibbons & Bethancourt Mystery* #2. When a middle-aged widower turns up dead in a small Cotswolds town, supposedly the victim of an accident, Scotland Yard sleuth Jack Gibbons enlists the aid of his friend, Phillip Bethancourt, to uncover the truth about the wealthy businessman's death. (English)

#### KEY

**ACADEMIC**



**BANKING**



**CANINE DETECTIVES**



**CLERICAL**



**COSY/MALICE DOMESTIC**



**CULINARY/FOOD**



**FBI**



**FELINE DETECTIVES**



**FORENSIC**



**HORSE RACING MYSTERY**



**MEDICAL**



**MILITARY**



**NATIVE AMERICAN**



**POLICE PROCEDURAL**



**POLITICAL/LEGAL**



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**PRIVATE EYE**



**ROMANTIC SUSPENSE**



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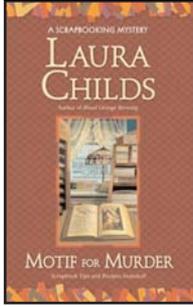
**AUTHOR'S NATIONALITY AT END OF BLURB**

**Raymond CHANDLER****Philip Marlowe's Guide to Life**  
77pp Hb \$21.95

"It was a blonde. A Blonde to make a bishop kick in a stained glass window." A collection of Philip Marlowe's wisest and wittiest observations are brought together in one volume, providing the coolest manual on life ever published. (American)

**Laura CHILDS****Motif for Murder**  
275pp Pb \$16.95

*Scrapbooking Murder Mystery #4.* In the terrible wake of Hurricane Katrina, scrapbooking shop-owner Carmela Bertrand has her hands full getting Memory Mine back in business - and her relationship with ex-husband Shamus back on its feet. But the reconciliation is shattered when Shamus is kidnapped from their home. *Due December* (American)

**Agatha CHRISTIE****The ABC Murders (1936)**  
320pp Hb \$30.00**Death on the Nile (1936)**  
320pp Hb \$30.00**The Murder of Roger Ackroyd (1926)**  
320pp Hb \$30.00**Murder on the Orient Express (1934)**  
320pp Hb \$30.00

Facsimile first-editions published to mark Poirot's 80th anniversary. *Due December* (English)

**William CHRISTIE****The Enemy Inside**  
352pp Pb \$16.95

Christie brings readers into a lethal world of international shadow ops and covert warfare with a chilling novel of unknown soldiers, unwavering loyalty and ultimate betrayal from within. (American)

**Jill CHURCHILL****Who's Sorry Now**  
256pp Pb \$16.95

*Grace and Favor Mystery #6.* The sixth delightful Depression-era mystery starring brother-sister duo Lily and Robert Brewster - and their decrepit Mansion, Grace and Favor - in the series that displays "a substance and depth not usually associated with cosy mysteries." - *Los Angeles Times* (American)

**Mary Higgins CLARK & Carol HIGGINS****The Christmas Thief (2004)**  
224pp Pb \$14.95

Alvirah Meehan, the lottery winner turned amateur sleuth, joins forces once again with private detective Regan Reilly to solve a Christmas mystery. *Due December*

**Santa Cruise 272pp Hb \$29.95**

Alvirah Meehan, the lottery winner turned amateur sleuth, and her husband Willy, private detective Regan Reilly, her new husband Jack, and Regan's parents are all guests on the Royal Mermaid's maiden voyage, the Santa Cruise. *Due December* (American)

**Ann CLEEVES**

**Raven Black 391pp Pb \$19.95**  
It is a cold January morning and Shetland lies buried beneath a deep layer of snow. Trudging home, Fran Hunter's eye is drawn to a vivid splash of colour on the white ground, ravens circling above. It is the strangled body of her teenage neighbour Catherine Ross. As Fran opens her mouth to scream... the ravens continue their deadly dance... (English)

**Nancy COHEN**

**Dead Roots 304pp Pb \$16.95**  
*Bad Hair Day Mystery #7.* Nary a touch-up is called for in Marla Shore's seventh outing as sleuth extraordinaire, but she will need all the snooping skills she can muster when a family reunion on a Florida plantation uncovers shadowy secrets... (American)

**Martina COLE**

**Close 512pp Tp \$32.95**  
Set in London's dark and violent gangland, this novel tells the tale of a gutsy mother and her two sons, and their lives in and out of jail. (English)

**Max Allen COLLINS****CSI: Snake Eyes**  
288pp Pb \$14.95

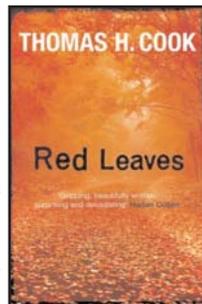
When simmering tensions between two rival biker gangs erupts into violence at the Four Aces Casino, Gil Grissom, Catherine Willows, Nick Stokes, and Sarah Sidle find themselves investigating a double homicide, while in Las Vegas, Warrick Brown and Greg Sanders have their hands full with a seemingly endless series of crimes. (American)

**Thomas H COOK****The Murmur of Stones**  
304pp Tp \$29.95

The gripping story of a woman who begins to suspect that her husband drowned their schizophrenic son. *Due December*

**Red Leaves****304pp Pb \$19.95**

Eric Moore has reason to be happy. He has a prosperous business, a comfortable home, a stable family life in a quiet town. Then, on an ordinary night, his teenage son Keith is asked to baby-sit Amy Giordano, the 8-year-old daughter of a neighbouring family. The next morning Amy is missing. *Due December* (American)

**Natasha COOPER****Gagged and Bound**  
368pp Pb \$19.95

Distinguished biographer Beatrice Bowman is being sued for libel by a new member of the House of Lords for implicating him in a 30-year-old terrorist outrage. At the other end of the legal spectrum, a family of South London villains gags and suffocates those who try to expose their secrets. And Inspector Caro Lyalt has to decide what to do with information from a whistle-blower that could ruin a colleague's career - or her own. (English)

**Tom CORCORAN****Air Dance Iguana**  
320pp Pb \$16.95

Lately, Key West is not quite the laid back place that occasional freelance crime-scene-photographer Alex Rutledge prefers. It's bad enough that the discovery of two dead ex-Navy men one morning - both found swinging on boat lifts 20 miles apart - means grisly work at the indecent hour of 7am. It's worse when his wayward younger brother turns up in town - and becomes the prime suspect. (American)

**Michael CORDY****The Venus Conspiracy**  
464pp Pb \$21.95

How can a drug that makes people fall madly in love be a bad thing? So thinks Professor Bacci when he inadvertently unlocks the biochemical key to falling in love, and develops a drug capable of creating emotions indistinguishable from the real thing. *Due December* (English)

**Peter CORRIS****The Undertow 216pp Pb \$19.95**

*Cliff Hardy #29.* Frank Parker, retired senior policeman and Cliff Hardy's long time friend, has a problem. A case from early in his career involving two doctors, one of whom was convicted of hiring a hit man to kill the other and went to gaol for the crime, is coming back to haunt him. The convicted, now dead doctor may have been innocent, and Parker had been the lover of the beautiful Catherine Castiglione, the doctor's wife. Hardy tracks back through the now ageing names and faces, trying to tease out the truth. *Due December* (Australian)

**Isis CRAWFORD****A Catered Christmas**  
304pp Pb \$16.95

*Libbie & Bernie Mystery #3.* Visions of sugar plums are most decidedly not dancing in Libby's head - especially since she and her sister are set to appear on the Hortense Calabash Cooking Show. The premise is to give six professional caterers random ingredients and have them whip up a holiday meal. Bernie and Libby are thrown into the mix as arguments and accusations simmer on the set. (American)

**Deborah CROMBIE****In a Dark House****400pp Pb \$19.95**

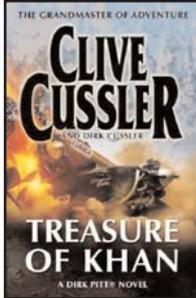
A corpse, burned beyond recognition, has been uncovered in a vacant warehouse in Southwark. While innocent lives hang in the balance, sinister truths unfurl and DS Duncan Kincaid and DI Gemma James must call upon all resources to work together on their most menacing case yet. *Due December* (American)

**Claire CURZON****The Glass Wall****301pp Pb \$19.95**

One freezing February evening, Filipino barman Ramon witnesses the unthinkable for the second time in his life. Someone is plunging to their death from seven storeys up. It is an old woman, but is her death a mere accident or something more sinister? (English)

**Clive CUSSLER****Treasure of Khan 560pp Hb \$49.95**

☀️Genghis Khan - the greatest conqueror of all time. At his peak, he ruled an empire four times the size of that of Alexander the Great, a vast expanse stretching from the Pacific Ocean to the Caspian Sea. Now somebody wants it back. Dirk Pitt and the NUMA crew are about to come head-to-head with their most dangerous enemy ever. *Due December* (American)

**G W DAHLQUIST****The Glass Books of the Dream****Eaters 784pp Tp \$32.95**

☀️It begins with a simple note. Roger Bascombe wishes to inform Celeste Temple that their engagement is forthwith terminated. But Celeste, for all her lack of worldly experience, is determined to find out why her fiancé should have thrown her over so cruelly. (American)

**Doris DAVIDSON****Jam and Jeopardy****280pp Pb \$21.95**

☀️Wealthy 89-year-old spinster, Janet Stouter, takes pleasure in raking up scandals, old and new, about her neighbours. She also relishes refusing her two nephews the money they seek to bolster their businesses. When a retired glass worker gives her some arsenic to kill the rats in her garden, she hatches a plan to test them. (Scottish)

**Jeffrey DEAVER****More Twisted 400pp Tp \$32.95**

☀️Deaver's short stories are like a sniper's bullet. Fast and shocking. He can make good bad and bad badder, and most fun of all, really bad seem good. This is collection of short stories that is instantly gripping and impossible to put down. (American)

**Nelson DEMILLE****Wild Fire****592pp Tp \$32.95**

A group of Vietnam Vets who still keep in touch: the Custer Hill Club. Prepared to attack foreign countries if America is attacked, their current rule is that if an Islamic country attacks America, all Islamic countries will have to be nuked. But the Custer Hill Club is getting more ambitious and more aggressive... *Due December* (American)

**P T DEUTERMANN****The Cat Dancers****464pp Pb \$16.95**

When two low-life robbers are freed from a murder charge on a technicality, each ends up fried in a homemade electric chair. The liberal judge who freed them is blown to bits by a car bomb. An exclusive band of vigilante killers - Cat Dancers - must dance with death for their rite of passage. (American)

**Sean DOOLITTLE****Cleanup 336pp Pb \$16.95**

☀️"A good cop going through a bad streak, a grocery-store cashier ready to dump her abusive boyfriend, and one simple favour that gets blown way out of proportion. Seedy, steamy, quirky, and fidgety, the author's prose feels like it stepped out of the 1950s. Noir fans will savour this one" - *Booklist* (American)

**Margaret DUMAS****How to Succeed in Murder****224pp Hb \$46.95**

*Charley & Jack Fairfax Mystery #2.* Newlywed Charley Fairfax has every intention of living happily ever after with her husband, Jack. But when Jack is hired to investigate a suspicious death at a San Francisco software company, it quickly becomes clear that high-tech has some low-life elements. *Due December* (American)

**Carola DUNN****Mistletoe and Murder****(2002) 224pp Pb \$14.95**

*Daisy Dalrymple Mystery #11.* Travelling with her family to an old Cornish estate at Christmas-time, writer Daisy Dalrymple Fletcher learns of the estate's lore, ghost stories, and resentments before discovering that a murderer is among her party, in a mystery set in 1920s England. Reissue. (English)

**Brian EASTMAN****Rosemary and Thyme:****The Memory of Water****256pp Pb \$16.95**

The two Fraser cousins shared everything as boys, but when Martin inherits the family estate, Jim is left with nothing. While Laura and Rosemary restore Martin Fraser's Elizabethan garden, assisted by a group of prisoners on day release, the question of Jim's apparent suicide becomes increasingly complicated. (English)

**Marjorie ECCLES****Sunset Touch 332pp Pb \$21.95**

Detective Superintendent Gil Mayo oversees two different cases investigated by two different inspectors, until a Klee painting leads him to a different country and a common thread.

**Untimely Graves****349pp Pb \$21.95**

When the murdered body of a woman is found floating in flooded uplands near an isolated farm, it poses problems of identification, prompting the press to dub her the 'Mystery Woman'. Who is she? (English)

**Kate ELLIS****The Bone Garden****320pp Pb \$19.95**

*Wesley Peterson Mystery #5.* When two bodies are discovered in the ancient gardens of Earlsacre Hall, it looks like one was buried alive. However, DS Wesley Patterson has a more recent murder to solve when a man is found stabbed, his identity linked to Earlsacre. But what is it about Earlsacre Hall that leads people to murder? (English)

**R J ELLORY****City of Lies 240pp Tp \$29.95**

☀️John Harper has always been alone. His mother died when he was just seven years old and he was raised in New York by an aunt he barely knew. He never even made his father's acquaintance - a man who died shortly after he was born. Then everything changes. A liquor store heist goes wrong - and turns John's existence on its head. It seems that his father didn't die all those years ago... *Due December* (American)

**James ELLROY****The Black Dahlia (1987)****400pp Pb \$23.95**

*Film Tie-in Edition.* On 11 January 1947 in LA, a beautiful young woman walks into the night and meets with an horrific destiny. Five days later, her tortured body is found drained of blood and cut in half. The newspapers call her The Black Dahlia. Two cops, caught up in the investigation, embark on a hellish journey that takes them to the core of the dead girl's twisted life. (American)

**Dianne EMLEY****The First Cut 333pp Tp \$32.95**

For two minutes, she was dead. The assailant was vicious, the attack brutal, leaving her lifeless until her pulse fluttered and she jolted awake. Now, a year later, detective Nan Vining is still questioning her strength, her safety, even her sanity: can she ever be the cop - and mother - that she was before? And will her attacker return to finish the job before she can track him down herself? (American)

**Linda FAIRSTEIN**

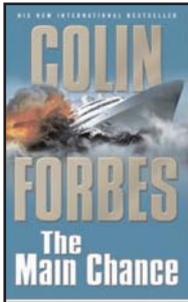
 **Death Dance 480pp Pb \$19.95**  
Teaming up with long-time friends - NYPD's Mike Chapman and Mercer Wallace - Assistant DA Alex Cooper investigates the disappearance of world-famous dancer Natalya Galinova, who has suddenly vanished backstage at Lincoln Centre's Metropolitan Opera House - during a performance. *Due December* (American)

**Ian FLEMING**

 **Casino Royale (1953) 224pp Pb \$19.95**  
In the first of Fleming's James Bond novels, 007 declares war on Le Chiffre, French communist and paymaster of the Soviet murder organisation SMERSH. (English)

**Colin FORBES**

 **Main Chance 384pp Pb \$18.95**  
At the urgent plea of his old friend, Commander Buchanan of Scotland Yard, Tweed, once ace detective, now Deputy Chief SIS, visits Mrs Bella Main, formidable matriarch controlling the Main Chance, the most powerful private bank in Europe. Bella tells Tweed and Paula Grey, his assistant, that she has refused an enormous offer from Calouste Gubenkian, the most ruthless and villainous man in Europe. Within days of their visit Bella is murdered. *Due December* (American)

**Christopher FOWLER**

 **Seventy Seven Clocks 480pp Pb \$23.95**  
*Bryant & May* #3. "The newspapers referred to it as the case of the 77 clocks. There was quite a fuss at the time. We got into terrible trouble. Dear fellow, it was one of our most truly peculiar cases. I remember as if it was yesterday." In fact, Arthur Bryant remembers very little about yesterday, but he does remember the oddest investigation of his career.

 **Ten Second Staircase**

**368pp Hb \$39.95**  
*Bryant & May* #4. First a controversial artist is found dead in her own art installation, inside a riverside gallery with locked doors and windows - and the only witness is a small boy who insists that the murderer was a masked man riding a stallion. Then a television presenter is struck by lightning while indoors. Clearly, these are the kind of impossible crimes that only Arthur Bryant and John May of the Met's Peculiar Crimes Unit might be able to solve. (English)

**Chris FOX**

 **The Devil's Halo 656pp Pb \$21.95**  
As a contract agent of the CIA Cafe, the agency's black-budget Contract Agents for Economics, Terry Weston played a clandestine game of espionage against the spy services of Europe in which nobody got badly hurt. But the game becomes deadly for Terry, his wife Maria and their 6-year-old daughter when old allies turn into bitter enemies. (American)

**John FRANCOME**

 **Free Fall 320pp Tp \$32.95**  
Jockey Pat Vincent has ambitions to win the best races and become a wealthy sporting hero. But Pat knows his dreams will never be fulfilled so he's devised a brilliant new scam which, if discovered, would see him warned off for life. But first it's guaranteed to make him rich. (English)

**Anthea FRASER**

 **A Family Concern 240pp Tp \$27.95**  
A chance meeting with old friend Kate Tarlton lands amateur sleuth Rona Parish in the midst of another case. (English)

**Antonia FRASER**

 **Three Great Novels: Jemima Shore on the Case: Cool Repentance/Oxford Blood/ Your Royal Hostage 496pp Tp \$35.00**  
The second volume of Antonia Fraser's gripping Jemima Shore mysteries. (English)

**Barbara FREETHY**

 **Played 416pp Pb \$16.95**  
FBI Agent JT McIntyre is determined to catch the thief who conned his father and destroyed his family. He wants revenge as much as justice and he won't let anyone stand in his way, not even beautiful art historian Christina Alberti, whose secrets make him wonder just which side she is on. (American)

**Scott FROST**

 **Never Fear 304pp Tp \$32.95**  
17 years ago, three women were killed, their bodies dumped in the wasteland of the LA River. The killer was never found and the case was mysteriously closed. Now Detective Alex Delillo reopens the River Killer case to help solve the murder of her own brother. *Due December* (American)

**Meg GARDINER**

 **Kill Chain 352pp Tp \$32.95**  
When Evan Delaney's father disappears, the cops think he's fled the country to avoid prosecution. But Evan is sure that Phil has been abducted or killed for reasons associated with his work for Naval Intelligence. As Evan hunts for clues, she is attacked by an armed man. The attacker ends up dead - and turns out to be a federal agent. Now Evan is on the run, implicated in his murder. (American)

**Lisa GARDNER**

 **Gone 352pp Pb \$19.95**  
For ex-FBI profiler Pierce Quincy, it's the beginning of a nightmare: a car abandoned on a desolate stretch of Oregon highway, engine running, purse on the driver's seat. And his estranged wife, Rainie Conner, is gone, leaving no clue as to her fate. *Due December* (American)

**Julie GARWOOD**

 **Slow Burn 432pp Pb \$18.95**  
Kate MacKenna doesn't have a bad bone in her body or an enemy in the world. A woman who barely knew her father and has just lost her mother, she is a loving sister, a savvy business owner and an unpretentious beauty who radiates kindness. So why are bombs igniting everywhere she goes? *Due December* (American)

**Mark GIMENEZ**

 **The Colour of Law 480pp Pb \$19.95**  
A Scott Fenney is a hotshot corporate lawyer at a big Dallas firm. But when a senator's son is killed in a hit-and-run, Fenney is asked by the state judge to put his air-conditioned lifestyle on hold to defend the accused: a black, heroin-addicted prostitute - a very different client to the people Fenney usually represents. (American)

**Roy GLENN**

 **Crime of Passion 320pp Pb \$16.95**  
Carmen Taylor demands justice for the murder of her sister. (American)

**Ann GRANGER**

 **A Rare Interest in Corpses 416pp Pb \$19.95**  
*Lizzie Martin* #1. It is 1864 when Lizzie takes up the post of companion to a wealthy widow who is also a slum landlord. She is intrigued to learn that her predecessor as companion disappeared, supposedly having run off with an unknown man. But when the girl's body is found in the rubble of one of the recently demolished slums around the prestigious new railway station at St Pancras, Lizzie begins to wonder exactly what has been going on. (English)

**Sarah GRAVES**

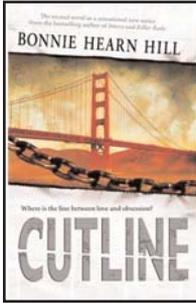
 **Nail Biter 352pp Pb \$16.95**  
*Home Repair is Homicide Mystery* #9  
Jacobia 'Jake' Tiptree is up to her neck in trouble when a coven of self-styled witches takes over her Eastport, Maine, rental property for Halloween, fundamentalist preacher Gene Dibble turns up dead and rumours begin to spread about Jake's involvement in dark magic... (American)

**John MacLachlan GRAY** **White Stone Day** 304pp Pb \$24.95

Something's rotten in London. The Thames is stinking so high that the gentlemen of parliament are covering their faces with scented handkerchiefs. The press is obsessed with psychics. And young girls are disappearing off the streets. Newspaperman Edmund Whitty must unravel this mess and do it quickly, before his rival gets wind of this startlingly promising fund of copy, and before another innocent young life is taken. (English)

**Bonnie Hearn HILL** **Cutline** 376pp Pb \$16.95

A newspaper reporter and a prominent therapist join forces on a case which points to the rarest and most deadly of killers: a woman, a woman who is writing one more newspaper caption in her mind for a gruesome photograph where the bottom line is death. (American)

**Tony HILLERMAN** **The Shape Shifter** 287pp Hb \$49.95

Since his retirement from the Navajo Tribal Police, Joe Leaphorn has occasionally been enticed to return to work by former colleagues who seek his help when they need to solve a particularly puzzling crime. They ask because Leaphorn, aided by officers Jim Chee and Bernie Manuelito, always delivers. But this time the problem is with an old unsolved case that continues to haunt Joe. (American)

**Hazel HOLT** **Mrs Malory and a Death in the Family** 256pp Pb \$16.95

Sheila Malory is less than thrilled when her loathsome cousin Bernard comes to Taviscombe looking for information to complete his family tree. But when Bernard dies suddenly in his rented cottage, it's more than family obligation that keeps Mrs Malory on the case. (American)

**Leslie Alan HORVITZ** **Causes Unknown** (1989) 384pp Pb \$16.95

An extraordinarily beautiful man with a curiously sympathetic smile perched on his lips is the subject of Horvitz's novel. (American)

**Maddy HUNTER** **G'Day to Die** 304pp Pb \$16.95

*Passport to Peril Mystery #5.* Tour guide Emily Andrew, two eager suitors and an eccentric group of travel-happy Iowa senior citizens go Down Under. (American)

**Graham HURLEY** **Blood and Honey** 320pp Pb \$19.95

The discovery of a headless corpse on the rocks below the cliffs on the Isle of Wight is only the beginning of a journey for DI Joe Faraday. It's a journey which takes him right to the heart of the grim trade in human cargo from the crippled societies of the Balkans. *Due December* (English)

**Elisabeth HYDE** **The Abortionist's Daughter** 304pp Pb \$19.95

This smartly written novel packs the sensations of a whodunit with a more cerebral examination of America's abortion debate. (American)

**Peter JAMES** **Looking Good Dead** 400pp Pb \$19.95

Tom Bryce is the sole witness to a vicious murder. But supported by his wife, Kellie, he bravely makes a statement to the murder enquiry team headed by DS Roy Grace. Soon Kellie and Tom's deaths have been posted on the internet. You can log on and see them on a website. They are looking good dead. (English)

**Mari JUNGSTEDT** **Unseen** 256pp Tp \$32.95

The first body they found was the dog. The poor creature's throat has been cut, and one paw severed completely. Then they found the body of the woman. She had been stabbed, again and again; she was naked, a piece of cloth had been stuffed into her mouth. Suspicion falls on her husband - the couple had been seen fighting the evening before. Inspector Anders Knutas is hoping it will be a straightforward case. Then another victim is discovered... (Swedish)

**Judith KELMAN** **The Session** 355pp Pb \$18.95

Blame falls on P J Raftery, a therapist in the women's psych ward at Riker's Island, when an inmate is murdered. (American)

**Christy KENNEALLY** **The Remnant** 448pp Pb \$19.95

In the shadow of the Pope's final days, former US Marine turned priest, Michael Flaherty, steps into the crosshairs of those who ruthlessly pursue the ultimate prize - the Church itself. They are The Remnant. (Irish)

**Peter KERR** **Mallorca Connection** Pb \$19.95

*Bob Burns Investigates #1.* Bob Burns is an old-fashioned kind of Scottish sleuth, more interested in catching villains than brown-nosing to get promotion. So when his enquiries into a brutal and bizarre murder are blocked by his bosses, should he risk losing his career by carrying on his investigations? (Scottish)

**Philip KERR** **One from the Other** 372pp Tp \$29.95

Germany, 1949: Amid the chaos of defeat, it's a place of dirty deals, rampant greed, fleeing Nazis, and all the intrigue and deceit readers have come to expect from this immensely talented thriller writer. (Scottish)

**Elsa KLENSCH** **Shooting Script** 256pp Pb \$16.95

*Sonya Iverson Mystery #2.* A lush Hawaiian setting, murder, hints at kinky sex and insider TV knowledge don't quite add up to a winning mystery. The second novel starring TV producer Sonya Iverson by Klensch, a CNN host and style journalist. (American)

**Chris KUZNESKI** **The Sign of the Cross** 422pp Pb \$18.95

The first victim is abducted in Italy, then crucified 1,000 miles away. The next day, the same crime is repeated, this time in Asia and Africa. Three different continents, one brutal pattern: someone is re-enacting the execution of Christ. (American)

**John LANGE** **Grave Descend** (1970) 208pp Pb \$16.95

*Hard Case Crime.* Diver James McGregor is used to being hired to explore sunken ships. But there's something strange about the wreck of the luxury yacht *Grave Descend*. No one who was aboard tells quite the same story about what happened. (American)

**John LE CARRE** **Single and Single** (1999) 352pp Pb \$22.00

A corporate lawyer from the House of Single & Single is shot dead in cold blood on a Turkish hillside for crimes that he does not understand. (English)

**Dennis LEHANE** **Shutter Island** (2003) 416pp Pb \$21.95

Summer, 1954. US Marshal Teddy Daniels has come to Shutter Island, home of Ashecliffe Hospital for the Criminally Insane. Along with his partner, Chuck Aule, he sets out to find an escaped patient, a murderess named Rachel Solando, as a hurricane bears down upon them. But nothing at Ashecliffe Hospital is what it seems. And neither is Teddy Daniels. (American)

**Dennis LEWIS** **The Corrupted** 296pp Pb \$19.95

Taff Motley is a disgraced Iraq war veteran who returns to his home city of Cardiff. He accepts without qualms a job as a drug dealer, which soon involves him in a murderous turf war against a corrupt police force. Motley's uncertain destiny is decided for him by his abiding love for a woman. (American)

**Lawrence LIGHT**

**Fear and Greed** 352pp Pb \$16.95  
*Karen Glick Thriller #2.* With a very determined hit man on her trail, financial reporter Karen Glick investigates the murder of the woman who created a computer program that can accurately predict the ups and downs of the stock market, which is now missing. (American)

**Laura LIPPMAN (Ed)**

**Baltimore Noir** 294pp Pb \$24.95  
 Brand-new stories by: David Simon, Laura Lippman, Tim Cockey, Rob Hiaasen, Robert Ward, Sujata Massey, Jack Bludis, Rafael Alvarez, Marcia Talley, Joseph Wallace, Lisa Respers France, Charlie Stella, Sarah Weinman, Dan Fesperman, Jim Fusilli and Ben Neihart. (various)

**Jeanie LONDON**

**In the Cold** 358pp Pb \$14.95  
 What Claire de Beaupre knows could kill her - again. (American)

**Robert LUDLUM**

**Ambler Warning** 496pp Pb \$19.95  
 On Parrish Island, off the coast of Virginia, there is a little known and never visited psychiatric facility for former intelligence employees considered to be a danger to their own government. One of these employees, former agent Hal Ambler, is kept heavily medicated and closely watched. But Hal isn't crazy.

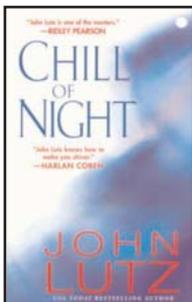
**The Bancroft Strategy**

544pp Tp \$32.95  
 When Todd Belknap - a field agent for Consular Operations with a reputation as something of a cowboy - is cut loose from the agency after an operation goes wrong, his best friend and fellow agent is abducted in Lebanon by a vicious militia group. When the government refuses to help, Belknap decides to take matters into his own hands. (American)

**John LUTZ**

**Chill of Night** 400pp Pb \$16.95

There's a twisted serial killer stalking the streets of New York City, dealing his own perverse version of justice. He kills swiftly and silently, leaving his calling card - a red 'J' - on the bodies of his prey. His victims have one thing in common: they've all been jurors in the city's most infamous cases in which the killer was found 'not guilty'. (American)

**T J MACGREGOR**

**Cold as Death** 394pp Pb \$16.95  
 He's waited years for this moment: a perfect hideout, a screaming boy no one can hear, and a woman who will finally know the pain of losing what matters most... (American)

**Jean-Patrick MANCHETTE**

**The Prone Gunman** 160pp Pb \$19.00  
 A deadly professional assassin prized for his aim and reflexes, Martin Terrier returns to Paris after his latest job determined to get out of the game. *Due December* (French)

**Margaret MARON**

**Corpus Christmas (1989)** 288pp Pb \$16.95  
*Sigrid Harald Mystery.* A relic of Manhattan's Gilded Age, the Erich Bruel House on Gramercy Park contained three floors of glorious art - and one Christmas corpse. Now it's up to Lieutenant Harald to wrap up this homicide before the killer strikes again. (American)

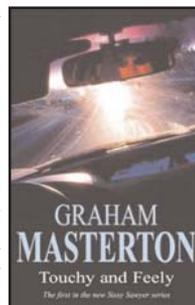
**P D MARTIN**

**The Murderer's Club** 234pp Tp \$32.95  
*Sophie Anderson #2.* FBI profiler Sophie Anderson is still trying to come to terms with the horrors she experienced six months ago. A vacation to Arizona is a welcome break. But then the bodies start appearing on the University campus. Sophie does not recognise the lethal signature from the FBI database and then a discovery is made which changes everything. (American)

**Graham MASTERTON**

**Touchy and Feely** 202pp Tp \$27.95

It is deep midwinter in Connecticut. Widowed fortune-teller Sissy Sawyer is trying to decide whether to join her son in Florida for a winter vacation. But then her cards warn her that something terrible is going to happen, and she decides to stay. (American)

**Colleen McCULLOUGH**

**On Off** 480pp Pb \$20.00  
 At Connecticut's most prestigious medical research institute, something is very wrong. It's the 1960s and America is in ferment, but at the Hug, the daily business of research continues, until the body of a woman is found in one of the research laboratories. (Australian)

**Andy McNAB**

**Recoil** 400pp Tp \$32.95  
 Recuperating in Switzerland after a job that cost the life of one of his closest friends, ex-deniable operator Nick Stone has only two things on his mind: to ask his girlfriend Silky to marry him, and to lead a quieter life. But when his newfound love disappears, Nick is forced back into action. The trail leads him to Africa and the Democratic Republic of the Congo, where it isn't long before the past comes knocking on his door... (English)

**Glenn MEADE**

**The Devil's Disciple** 576pp Pb \$32.95  
 Kate Moran, 30, is an FBI agent. The day before she is due to marry her fiancé, he and his 12-year-old daughter are abducted and murdered by Constantine Gamal, otherwise known as The Devil's Disciple, a serial killer obsessed with black magic and ritualistic double-killings. (Irish)

**Kasey MICHAELS**

**High Heels and Homicide (#4)** 256pp Pb \$16.95  
 Maggie is in Merry Olde England to watch one of her novels being shot as a TV movie. She is having lots of fun, until the scriptwriter shows up. Dead.

**High Heels and Holidays (#5)** 304pp Tp \$29.95

Mystery author Maggie Kelly is getting ready to celebrate her first Christmas with Alexandre, Viscount Saint Just - her once-fictional, now very real sexy hero and boyfriend. (American)

**Richard MONTANARI**

**The Rosary Girls** 544pp Pb \$21.95

In the most brutal killing crusade Philadelphia has seen in years, a series of young Catholic women are found dead, their bodies mutilated and their hands bolted together. Each clutches a rosary in her lifeless grasp. Veteran cop, Kevin Byrne and his rookie partner, Jessica Balzano set out to hunt down the elusive killer, who leads them deeper and deeper into the abyss of a madman's depravity. (American)

**Bob MORRIS**

**Jamaica Me Dead** 320pp Pb \$16.95  
 When former Miami Dolphin Zack Chasteen's gridiron pal Monk DeVane asks him to help beef up security at Libido, an X-rated Jamaican resort, Zack agrees. He soon regrets it when he finds the resort owner quite literally on the hot seat - sitting on a bomb that will detonate if he so much as twitches a muscle. (American)

**Therese MURPHY**

**Let Me Die Yesterday** 224pp Hb \$46.95

When hired to trace a village girl who went missing in the 1960s, London-based private investigator Gerry McCabe anticipates an early end to his assignment with the discovery of female remains. Instead, it plunges McCabe into the dark and hostile labyrinths of rural life. (English)

**Warren MURPHY & Richard SAPIR**

**Destroyer 145: Dragon Bones** 352pp Pb \$16.95  
 Living forever totally rocks... (American)

**Carla NEGGERS****The Widow 320pp Pb \$14.95**

After becoming a homicide detective, Abby Browning returns to Maine and begins to suspect that her husband's deadly fall from a cliff was not an accident. Helping her is new love Owen Garrison, a widower who was part of the search-and-rescue team that found her husband's body. *Due December* (American)

**Anne PERRY****A Christmas Guest****176pp Pb \$19.95**

Mariah Ellison, better known as the vinegar-tongued Grandmamma from the Charlotte and Thomas Pitt series, makes a stunning appearance in a bracing story full of devious delight - and certain death. (English)

**Elizabeth PETERS (writing as Barbara MICHAELS)****House of Many Shadows (1986)****352pp Pb \$18.95**

Meg Rittenhouse fears she is losing her mind.

**The Master of Blacktower (1966)****352pp Pb \$18.95**

A disfigured man who rules an isolated Scottish estate gains a worker who wonders about the truth surrounding his wife's death in this engrossing blend of romance and gothic mystery.

**The Walker in the Shadows****(1981)****343pp Pb \$18.95**

The house next door to Pat Robbins - eerily identical to her own has been empty for years, the darkness within seeming to warn all to stay away. Now new tenants are moving in: affable Josef Friedrichs and his lovely daughter, Kathy. But something is not right - something old and secret lurking in the shadows that fresh paint and new furnishings cannot mask or exorcise. (American)

**Nancy PICKARD****The Virgin of Small Plains****352pp Pb \$19.95**

Small Plains, Kansas, January 23, 1987. In the midst of a deadly blizzard, 18-year-old Rex Shellenberger scours his father's pasture, looking for helpless newborn calves. Then he makes a shocking discovery: the naked, frozen body of a teenage girl, her skin as white as the snow around her. *Due December* (American)

**Tara Taylor QUINN****In Plain Sight 384pp Pb \$14.95**

On the outside, Arizona chief prosecutor Janet McNeil is the epitome of a driven, daring attorney who lives life by her own rules. But inside, her world is in chaos. Yet saving face is imperative now that she's prosecuting a member of a white supremacy organisation, a killer who wouldn't think twice about using his twisted followers to silence Janet for good. (American)

**Naomi RAND****It's Raining Men 240pp Pb \$16.95**

*Emma Price Mystery*. Rand brings back the unforgettable Emma Price. She's strong, independent, and courageous, and willing to do what it takes to see that justice is served. (American)

**Ian RANKIN****Black and Blue (1997)****496pp Pb \$9.95**

This special edition at a special price includes the first chapter of *The Flood* (Pb \$19.95). Rebus is juggling four cases trying to nail one killer - who might just lead back to the infamous Bible John. (Scottish)

**Derek RAYMOND****He Died With His Eyes Open****(1976)****224pp Pb \$19.95**

When a middle-aged alcoholic is found brutally battered to death on a roadside in West London, the case is assigned to a tough-talking cynic from the Department of Unexplained Deaths. (English)

**Sarah RAYNE****Spider Light****416pp Tp \$29.95**

Following a shattering and all-too-public personal tragedy, Antonia Weston has come to the sleepy town of Amberwood seeking peace and anonymity. But that peace is soon threatened by a series of disturbing incidents that eerily echo a past she's trying to forget. *Due December* (English)

**Ben REHDER****Guilt Trip****336pp Pb \$16.95**

*Blanco County Mystery #4*. Blanco County, Texas, game warden John Marlin has his peaceful life turned upside down by the disappearance of the womanising treasurer of the local Rotary Club, the explosion of a drug house down the road, the theft of an exotic car, and murder. (American)

**Matthew REILLY****Seven Ancient Wonders****462pp Tp \$32.95**

It is the biggest treasure hunt in history, and nearly every nation on earth is involved in a headlong race to locate the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World. One daring coalition led by the mysterious Captain Jack West Jr, enters into an adventure beyond imagining. (Australian)

**Nicholas RHEA****Prize Murder 224pp Hb \$44.95**

*Montague Pluke*. While seeking the legendary Holy Trough of Blackamoor, DI Montague Pluke comes across a corpse; the dead man, Pluke discovers, has been shot. It is soon established that the victim was a suspect in a murder investigation, and so the eccentric Pluke is pitched headlong into an investigation, leading him from the beauty of the great outdoors to the seamy backstreets of Manchester. *Due December* (English)

**Phil RICKMAN****The Remains of an Altar****544pp Tp \$29.95**

Merrily Watkins, parish priest, single mum and Deliverance consultant to the Diocese of Hereford, heads for the Malvern Hills in the latest instalment of Rickman's acclaimed series of "first class thrillers with a difference" *The Guardian*. *Due December* (English)

**John RINGO****Ghost****400pp Pb \$18.95**

Former SEAL Michael Harmon, Team Name 'Ghost', retired for service injuries, is not enjoying college life. But things are about to change, if not for the better. (American)

**Ann RIPLEY****Summer Garden Murder****256pp Pb \$16.95**

*Gardening Mystery*. Louise Eldridge, who hosts a TV gardening show, is shocked to see at a suburban party Peter Hoffman, a murderer she helped send to a state mental prison five years earlier. (American)

**David ROBERTS****Grave Man****224pp Pb \$21.95**

*Lord Edward Corinth and Verity Browne #6*. Verity Browne and Lord Edward Corinth are attending the memorial service in Westminster Abbey for Lord Benyon, killed a few months before when the Hindenburg airship burst into flames as it docked in New Jersey. As the congregation begins to disperse after the service, Edward hears Miss Pitt-Messanger cry for help. Her father is slumped in his seat, stabbed to death with an ancient Assyrian dagger.

**Quality of Mercy****256pp Hb \$44.95**

*Lord Edward Corinth and Verity Browne #7*. When the Nazis seize Austria in March 1938, Verity Browne - the *New Gazette's* correspondent in Vienna - is one of the first to be deported as a well-known anti-Fascist. Before she leaves, she is able to arrange for a young Jew, Georg Dreiser, to escape to England, but where he expects to find safety, he finds danger and sudden death. *Due December* (English)

**Sheldon RUSCH****For Edgar****320pp Pb \$18.95**

*Prime Crime*. In this ingeniously plotted debut thriller, a female special agent in modern-day Chicago tracks a killer who commits murders inspired by the works of Edgar Allan Poe.

**Ian SANSOM****Mobile Library: Mr Dixon****Disappears 240pp Pb \$20.00**

*Mobile Library #2*. Israel Armstrong, one of literature's most unlikely detectives, returns for more sleuth-solving adventure in this hilarious second novel in the series. *Due December* (English)

**Julie SCHAPER & Steven HORWITZ****Twin Cities Noir** 256pp Pb \$24.95

Brand-new stories by: David Housewright, Steve Thayer, Judith Guest, Mary Logue, Bruce Rubenstein, K J Erickson, William Kent Krueger, Ellen Hart, Brad Zeller, Mary Sharratt, Pete Hautman, Larry Millett, Quinton Skinner, Gary Bush, and Chris Everheart. (various)

**Gerald SEYMOUR****Rat Run** 399pp Pb \$21.95

Kicked out of the army, Malachy Kitchen becomes an isolated recluse in a drugs infested London estate. But the mugging of his neighbour of an elderly widow by addicts lights the flame that draws him to regain his lost pride and to take the fight to the narcotics network he sees around him. (English)

**James SIEGEL****Deceit** 384pp Tp \$32.95

Tom Valle, a small-town Californian journalist, is reporting on a car crash when he senses that something about the incident is not quite right and that this is no ordinary accident. For starters, the autopsy reveals that the victim has been castrated. And although his drivers licence pictures him as a 42-year-old white man, his charred bones are those of a black man... *Due December* (American)

**Roger SILVERWOOD****Sham** 224pp Hb \$46.95

Detective Inspector, Michael Angel is investigating a puzzling case in the South Yorkshire town of Bromersley. (English)

**Maj SJOWALL & Per WAHLÖO****Roseanna (1965)** 288pp Pb \$20.00

*Martin Beck #1.* A young woman is found dead in a canal, molested and murdered. The case is almost instantly cold, as nobody can identify her and it is not clear where and by whom she was killed. *Due December*

**The Man Who Went Up in Smoke****(1966)** 288pp Pb \$20.00

*Martin Beck #2.* Beck is called back from his holiday when an important journalist called Alf Matsson has gone missing. Important, because the reporter's publisher threatens to release some (unspecified) information that would be embarrassing to the Swedish government. *Due December* (Swedish)

**Carol SMITH****Double Exposure** 384pp Pb \$19.95

Newly qualified doctor, Joanna Lyndhurst, needs a break so escapes to a Caribbean island for a well-earned rest. There she meets an enchanting and diverse bunch of characters, destined to become lasting friends. Yet the Caribbean sunshine has its own darker side. Someone is on the trail of a killer... *Due December*

**Family Reunion**

401pp Pb \$19.95

Odile Annesley has been in self-imposed exile in France for 40 years, following a family tragedy. With her 80th birthday approaching, she contacts her scattered grand-children with details of her will. The five very different grand-daughters spot the perfect opportunity for a get-together. *Due December*

**Kensington Court**

544pp Pb \$19.95

It's almost Christmas, and Kate Ashenberry, disillusioned and in flight from her violent lover, arrives in London to spend the festivities alone. But the heart of the Victorian mansion block she has made home is its residents, and nothing beats the variety of those living in Kensington Court. Within days, Kate finds she has a whole new family, sometimes fun, sometimes interfering, always neighbourly. Yet Kate has a sense that all is not quite as it seems. When the killing starts, the cosy, comforting camaraderie of Kensington Court collapses entirely... *Due December*

**Without Warning** 320pp Tp \$32.95

Rush hour on the underground and a killer is at large in London, striking apparently haphazardly in a series of vicious attacks. Andy Brewster, ex-SAS, on sick leave from active service in Iraq, works undercover for the Metropolitan police with his bomb expert partner, Burgess. Together they must find the killer before he strikes again. (English)

**Jessica SPEART****Unsafe Harbor** 288pp Pb \$16.95

*Rachel Porter Mystery.* US Fish and Wildlife Service agent Rachel Porter's devotion to endangered creatures has carried her to many remote, exotic places. Now she's in Port Elizabeth, New Jersey trying to help stop the import of illegal flora and fauna. This is a different jungle - dark, dangerous and filled with predators - a fact that's driven home when a body is discovered just steps from Rachel's post. (American)

**Charlie STELLA****Charlie Opera** 296pp Hb \$46.95

Travelling to Las Vegas, Charlie Pellicchia has a confrontation with a New York mobster that lands him in the path of the DEA, FBI, and local police, a situation that entangles him with a host of unsavoury characters. *Due December* (American)

**Nick STONE****Mr Clarinet** 576pp Pb \$19.95

Pied piper, soul stealer, serial killer - who is Mr Clarinet? It was a job Miami private investigator Max Mingus found hard to refuse: \$10 million to locate billionaire's son Charlie Carver, missing for three years. (American)

**Anne STUART****Cold as Ice** 368pp Pb \$14.95

Peter Jensen is more than the ghost of a personal assistant he pretends to be: he is an ice-cold secret operative who will stop at nothing to ensure a billionaire's terror campaign dies with him. Genevieve has to think fast if she wants to be more than collateral damage, but it will be a cold day in hell before she reveals her true feelings to The Iceman, even if he risks everything to keep her alive. *Due December* (American)

**Andrew TAYLOR****Naked to the Hangman** 416pp Tp \$32.95

*Lydmouth #8.* As a young police officer, Inspector Richard Thornhil saw and did things which still haunt his dreams and make him fear for his sanity. Is he himself a killer? Now, in Lydmouth, the past has come back to claim him and he is under suspicion of another murder. (English)

**Margaret TRUMAN****Murder at the Washington Tribune** 321pp Pb \$18.95

*Capital Crimes Mystery* When two women are found murdered in the nation's capital, crime reporter Joe Wilcox invents a serial killer stalking the city, but the sudden appearance of his mentally ill brother, Michael, leads Joe to suspect that Michael could be the real thing. (American)

**Scott TUROW****Limitations** 190pp Tp \$29.95

Life would seem to have gone well for George Mason. His days as a criminal defence lawyer (Personal Injuries) are long behind him. At 59, he has sat as a judge on the Court of Appeals in Kindle County for nearly a decade. Yet when a disturbing rape case is brought before him, the judge begins to question the very nature of the law and his role within it. *Due December* (American)

**Nuri VITTACHI****The Feng Shui Detectives** 312pp Pb \$22.95

Feng Shui master CF Wong uses his crime-solving talents internationally as he is unleashed on the Asia-Pacific. *Due December* (Sri Lankan)

**Derek WILSON****Unquiet Spirit** 320pp Hb \$44.95

St Thomas's College, Cambridge, has a ghost - or so some people believe. How to deal with the sightings on staircase is an issue that bitterly divides the fellows. Nathaniel Gye is called in to make discreet investigations. He finds out that this unquiet spirit did not commit suicide ten years previously, but was the victim of a more recent murder... *Due December* (English)

**Jill Paton WALSH****Debts of Dishonour**  
272pp Pb \$19.95

*Imogen Quy* #3. Hoping to attract a generous endowment, St Agatha's College, Cambridge, invites fabulously wealthy Sir Julius Farran to dine. The evening is a disaster for everyone but Imogen Quy: Farran asks her to come and work for him. She declines, but when Farran dies, suddenly and shockingly, she has to look into it. *Due December* (English)

**Randy Wayne WHITE**  
aka Randy STRIKER**The Deep Six (1981)**  
256pp Pb \$16.95

A well-known eccentric scavenger in Key West shows Dusky MacMorgan a golden chain. But it's no ordinary trinket, it's the key to finding a treasure at the bottom of the sea. Before MacMorgan can find out where that is, the eccentric vanishes off his boat, the apparent victim of a shark attack... (American)

**Mark WINEGARDNER****The Godfather's Revenge**  
416pp Tp \$32.95

The third instalment in Mario Puzo's epic chronicle of the Corleone crime family - one of the most enduring lineages in American literature and cinema - achieves a stunning crescendo with a story that imagines the role of the Mafia in the assassination of a young, charismatic president. (American)

**Don WINSLOW****The Winter of Frankie Machine**  
320pp Tp \$32.95

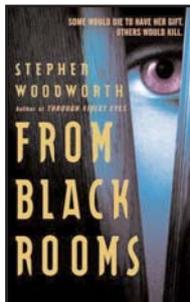
Frank Machianno is a late-middle-aged ex-surf bum who runs a bait shack on the San Diego waterfront. Frank's also a retired hit man. Back in the day, when he was one of the most feared members of the West Coast Mafia, he was known as Frankie Machine. But a favour being called in now by the local boss is one Frank can't refuse - someone from the past wants him dead. (American)

**Stuart WOODS****Dark Harbor** 390pp Pb \$22.95

*Stone Barrington Mystery*. Stone Barrington investigates the secrets of a CIA officer's suicide in this next thriller in the bestselling series. (American)

**Stephen WOODWORTH****From Black Rooms**  
368pp Pb \$16.95

Natalie Lindstrom has finally left the underworld behind for a new career in the art world. But there's one world she can't escape: the other world of the dead. (American)

**Cheng XIAOQING (Tr WONG)****Sherlock in Shanghai:**  
**Stories of Crime And Detection**  
248pp Tp \$49.95

Shanghai in the 1920s and 30s. 'The Paris of the Orient' was both a glittering metropolis and a shadowy world of crime and social injustice. It was also home to Huo Sang and Bao Lang, fictional Chinese counterparts to Arthur Conan Doyle's Sherlock Holmes and Dr Watson. This is a collection of stories from The Grand Master of 20th century Chinese detective fiction. (Chinese)

**CRIME**  
**AUDIO****BBC****The Bill 1984-1987**  
12 DVD Set \$95.00

This leather collector's wallet features a special edition Identi-Kit Booklet and all 36 episodes from the first three seasons of *The Bill*. (English)

**Agatha CHRISTIE****N or M** 5 CDs \$40.00

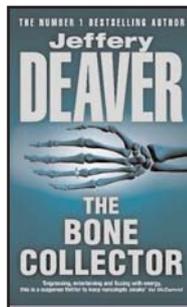
This is the second audio book in the *Tommy & Tuppence* series. Unabridged. Read by Hugh Fraser. *Due December* (English)

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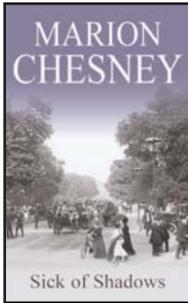


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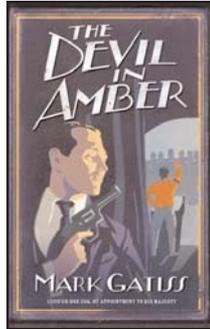
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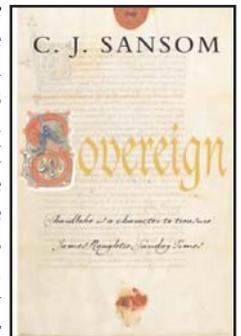
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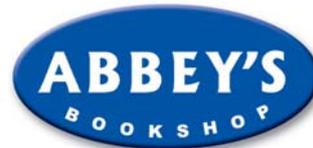
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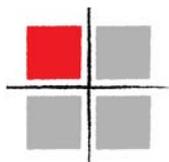


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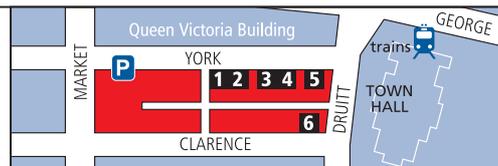
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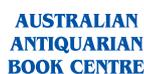
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