

# CRIME Chronicle

"Where a good crime can be had by all"

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## The Man Who Left Too Soon 288pp Pb \$29.95

He was the world's second bestselling author in 2008 and his Millennium trilogy has sold more than 20 million copies in 41 countries. The novels – violent and terrifying – are brilliantly written. But Stieg Larsson never got to enjoy their international success for he died in 2004 at just 50 years of age.

Larsson was a workaholic - a keen political activist, photographer, graphic designer, respected journalist and editor of numerous science fiction magazines. At night, to relax after work, he wrote crime novels. He knew the genre well – reading authors such as Elizabeth George and Minette Walters – and planned a 10-book series.

In 1997 he started the Millennium novels featuring the hypnotic Lisbeth Salander, inspired by the children's character Pippi Longstocking, but it was not until 2003, when he had started writing the third novel in the series, that he contacted a publisher. And they initially declined to publish the books.

Larsson's relentless personality and political convictions did not make his life easy. He famously reported about dangerous neo-Nazi organisations in Sweden, which led to numerous death threats. In fact, since his death - officially caused by a massive heart attack - there has been much speculation that his enemies had a hand in his premature demise.



## Millennium Trilogy

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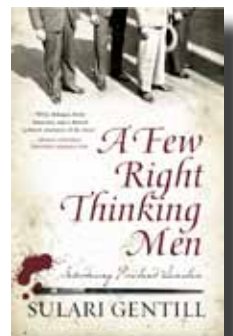
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## A Few Right Thinking Men

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Australia, 1930s. The Sinclair name is respectable and influential, yet the youngest son Rowland – an artist – has a talent for scandal. Even with the unemployed lining the streets, Rowland lives in a sheltered world of wealth, culture and impeccable tailoring as he indulges his artistic passions and friends including a poet, a painter and a brazen sculptress. Mounting political tensions fuelled by the Great Depression take Australia to the brink of revolution. Rowland is indifferent to the politics... until a brutal murder exposes an extraordinary and treasonous conspiracy. (Australian)



## QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY HOLIDAY

Monday 14 June

10am - 5pm

## CLOSED FOR STOCKTAKE

Language Book Centre  
Tues 1 June from 4pm

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Tues 8 June from 4pm

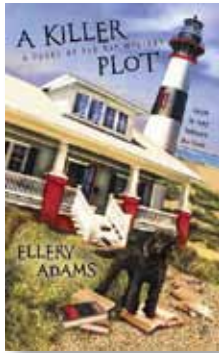


## MODERN CRIME

### Ellery ADAMS A Killer Plot

*Books by the Bay Mystery #1.* Agreeing to join the Bayside Book Writers to break her writer's block and make a few friends, Olivia Limoges – often the subject of gossip – discovers that murder is mightier than the sword, especially once townspeople start turning up dead with haiku poems left by their bodies. (American)

320pp Pb \$14.95



### David ARMSTRONG Written Out

*DI Frank Kavanagh Mystery #5.* Initially the unpopular novelist Tom Oliver isn't missed when he disappears at the end of a week of tutoring at a writer's centre in rural Shropshire. It eventually falls to DI Frank Kavanagh and his colleague DC Jane Salt to ascertain whether one of his literary enemies, a former lover, or perhaps a humiliated husband, has finally exacted revenge. (English)



David Armstrong

### Margaret ATWOOD & Ian RANKIN (et al)

#### Crimespotting: An Edinburgh Crime Collection 224pp Pb \$19.99

With an introduction by Irvine Welsh, this volume features brand new short stories, all set in Edinburgh and featuring a crime. The results range from hard-boiled police procedural to historical whodunit, and from the wildly comical to the spookily supernatural. (various)



### Tom BALE Skin and Bones 448pp Pb \$21.95

In a small Sussex village, a deranged young man goes on a shooting rampage before taking his own life. Sole survivor Julia Trent knows there was a second man involved. Yet after being shot and badly injured, her account of the massacre is ignored. Together with Craig Walker, the journalist son of one of the victims, she sets out to find the truth – and uncovers a dark conspiracy. (English)



### Robert BARNARD A Stranger in the Family 252pp Hb \$49.95

On her deathbed, Kit's mother tells him he was adopted and that his birth name was Novello. Soon, vague and disturbing memories of his early life begin to surface. A search of old newspaper files reveals that a three-year-old boy named Peter Novello was abducted from his parents' holiday hotel in Sicily in 1989. Kit sets out to rediscover his past – the story of two three-year-old boys torn from their mothers in very different circumstances. (English)



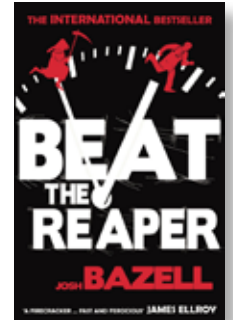
### Jefferson BASS The Bone Thief 384pp Tp \$32.95

When Bill Brockton exhumes a body to obtain a bone sample for a paternity test, he discovers that the body's limbs have all been removed. He finds himself embroiled in the illegal market for human body parts, working with the FBI to bring the organisation down. Meanwhile, his friend Eddie Garcia is missing one hand and most of the fingers from the other. He's on the waiting list for a transplant... and Brockton is tempted to jeopardise the investigation to help his friend. (American)



### Josh BAZELL Beat the Reaper 320pp Pb \$24.95

Peter Brown is a young Manhattan ER Doctor with a dark past. When a figure from the old days emerges, it seems unlikely that his secret will stay intact. Meanwhile, Nicholas LoBrutto aka Eddy Squillante, is given three months to live – and it's clear to Peter that the clock is ticking for both of them. He must do whatever it takes to keep him and his patient alive... and beat the reaper. (American)



### M C BEATON There Goes the Bride 304pp Pb \$19.95

*Agatha Raisin #20.* Agatha's former husband James is engaged to be married to a beautiful young woman and Agatha is invited to the wedding. To distract herself, Agatha flies to Istanbul, where she encounters James and his fiancée twice, convincing him she is stalking them. So when the bride is murdered on her wedding day, Agatha is the prime suspect. But matters are turned on their head when the dead bride's mother engages Agatha to take on the case of her murdered daughter! (Scottish)



### Claudia BISHOP Toast Mortem 224pp Pb \$12.95

*Hemlock Falls Mystery #16.* Bernard LeVasque has opened a multi-million dollar cooking school in Hemlock Falls – and has even stolen customers from Sarah and Meg Quilliam's Inn. But someone finds the infamous chef too bitter... and takes him off the menu for good! (American)



### Juliet BLACKWELL A Cast-Off Coven 336pp Pb \$12.95

*Witchcraft Mystery #2.* Lily Ivory runs a vintage clothing store called Aunt Cora's Closet, and has the magical ability to sense vibrations of the past from clothing and jewellery. When students are spooked at the San Francisco School for the Arts, Lily is called in to search for paranormal activity. She discovers a dead body – and a closet full of old clothes with some very bad vibes... (American)

## KEY to crime genres



Suspense/Thriller



Romantic Suspense



Feline Detectives



Police Procedural



Forensic



FBI



Political/Legal



Cosy/Malice Domestic



Military



Journalists



Spy



Private Eye



Banking



Psychological



Canine



Clerical



Culinary/Food



Medical



Sport



Horse Racing

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**Xavier-Marie BONNOT**  
**The Beast of the Camargue**  
**352pp Pb \$24.95**

A mutilated body is found at the feet of the effigy, apparently torn apart by enormous teeth and claws. Can the monster of an ancient legend be more than just myth? The case draws an unwilling Michel de Palma, of the Marseille murder squad, into the dark heart of Provence, where mythology and untold history are part of everyday life. (French)

**Stephen BOOTH**  
**Lost River**  
**320pp Tp \$32.99**

The tourist hotspot of Dovedale is shocked by the drowning of an eight-year-old girl. For Detective Constable Ben Cooper, a witness to the tragedy, the incident is traumatic and leads him to become involved in the tangled lives of the dead girl's family – and suspects that one of them is harbouring a secret. Meanwhile, Detective Sergeant Diane Fry finds herself drawn into an investigation of her own among the inner city streets of Birmingham, leading to a shocking discovery... (English)



**Chelsea CAIN**  
**Evil at Heart**  
**320pp Pb \$19.99**

*Archie and Gretchen #3.* Following Detective Archie Sheridan's latest near-fatal encounter with fugitive serial killer Gretchen Lowell, the city of Portland has descended into 'Beauty Killer' hysteria. Then a new spate of killings begin, though Detective Henry Sobol is initially sceptical that it's Gretchen's work. But soon Henry contacts Archie Sheridan, who has spent months in a psychiatric hospital. Could this be the work of a copy-cat? Or has Gretchen really returned? (American)

**Pamela CALLOW**  
**Damaged**  
**400pp Pb \$14.95**

When the grandchild of one of her clients is brutally murdered, attorney Kate Lange – wondering if her legal advice led to the girl's death – is put on notice by her firm's managing partner. Kate must fight for her career and reputation, which leads her straight into the surgically skilled hands of the 'Body Butcher'... (Canadian)

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**Paul CHRISTOPHER**  
**The Templar Throne**  
**384pp Pb \$18.95**

*John Holliday #3.* In the 14th century, Templar knight Jean de St Clair was tasked with piloting the order's treasure-laden fleets off the coast of France. To this end, he used the Jacob's Staff, a nautical instrument supposedly developed in his own time. But retired Army Ranger Lt Col John Holliday possesses a Staff he found in the hands of a 4,000-year-old Egyptian mummy. Holliday suspects that St Clair may hold the key to unlocking the mystery of the ruthless, enigmatic Templars... (Canadian)



**Carol Higgins CLARK**  
**Cursed**  
**320pp Pb \$14.99**

*#12.* Receiving a frantic call from an eccentric former neighbour from the Los Angeles neighbourhood where she once worked as a private investigator, Regan reluctantly traces the activities of the woman's ex-boyfriend – a conman with suspicious ties on both sides of the law. (American)

**Carol Higgins CLARK**  
**Wrecked**  
**272pp Tp \$32.99**

*#13.* A raucous family vacation on Cape Cod with her husband, his five siblings and their children finds Regan Reilly challenged to apply her investigative skills in the wake of unexpected events. (American)

**Jack CLARK**  
**Nobody's Angel**  
**224pp Pb \$14.95**

*Hard Case Crime.* While Chicago cabbie Eddie Miles drives the city streets late at night, two killers – one targeting sex-workers, the other cab drivers – stalk the shadows. One night, Eddie sees one of them in action... (American)



**Martina COLE**  
**Hard Girls**  
**608pp Pb \$24.99**

When a sex-worker is brutally raped and murdered, DCI Annie Carr is horrified. Kate Burrows, retired DCI now consultant, has plenty of experience and is determined to help put the killer behind bars. When another girl's body is found, it is clear the killer is only warming up. Annie and Kate must dig deep to catch a callous serial killer who knows no limits and makes no mistakes. (English)



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**John CONNOLLY**  
**The Whisperers**  
**416pp Tp \$32.99**

A group of disenchanted former soldiers have begun a smuggling operation between Maine and Canada – and what is being smuggled is more terrifying than anyone can imagine. Anyone, except PI Charlie Parker. But the soldiers' actions have attracted the attention of the reclusive Herod, a man with a taste for the strange. And where Herod goes, so does the shadowy figure of 'the Captain'. To outsmart them, Parker must form a fearful alliance with 'the Collector'. (Irish)

**Susan Rogers COOPER**  
**Rude Awakening**  
**208pp Pb \$27.95**

*Milt Kovak #10.* Strange things are happening in Prophecy County. First, Deputy Dalton Pettigrew disappears on a mysterious date in Tulsa. His sister goes to rescue him, only to disappear herself. She'd left her middle child, Eli, in the care of Jean, the sheriff's wife – but now he's missing too. Who is the mysterious Dr Emil Hawthorne, and why is he out to get Jean? Can Milt Kovak find Eli before it's too late? (American)

**E J COPPERMAN**  
**Night of the Living Deed**  
**336pp Pb \$14.95**

*Haunted Guest House Mystery #1.*

Newly-divorced Alison Kerby wants a second chance for herself and her nine-year-old daughter. She's returned to her hometown on the Jersey Shore to transform a Victorian fixer-upper into a charming and profitable guesthouse. One small problem: the house is haunted, and the two ghosts insist Alison must find out who killed them. (American)



**Patricia CORNWELL**  
**The Scarpetta Factor**  
**512pp Tp \$34.99**

*Kay Scarpetta #17.* Kay Scarpetta becomes embroiled in a surreal plot that includes a famous actor accused of an unthinkable sex crime and the disappearance of a beautiful millionairess with whom her niece Lucy seems to have shared a secret past. (American)

**Clive CUSSLER**  
**Medusa**  
**544pp Pb \$19.95**

*Numa Files #8.* Off Bermuda, a bathysphere operated by NUMA and overseen by Kurt Austin is attacked and becomes stranded half a mile below the surface. Austin puts NUMA on the case, and soon he's uncovering hideous medical experiments and evidence of a virus that could be used to create a worldwide pandemic. Behind it lies an ambitious Chinese criminal organisation, prepared to commit mass murder to achieve its ends. (American)



**Clive CUSSLER**  
**The Spy 400pp Tp \$32.95**

It is 1908, and international tensions are mounting as the world plunges towards war. When a brilliant American battleship gun designer dies in an apparent suicide, the man's grief-stricken daughter turns to the legendary Van Dorn Detective Agency to clear her father's name. Isaac Bell is soon on the case, and when more suspicious deaths follow, it becomes clear that someone is orchestrating the destruction of America's brightest technological minds – all connected to a top-secret project. (American)



**Jeffery DEAVER**  
**The Burning Wire 432pp Tp \$32.99**

When an attack is made on Manhattan's electricity grid, the FBI and CIA try to determine whether religious or environmental fundamentalists are behind the attacks. Meanwhile, Lincoln Rhyme and Amelia Sachs race to decode the forensics in order to prevent the next assault on the grid. Because electricity is as lethal as it is vital – and Lincoln Rhyme is up against the most terrifying killer he has ever encountered... (American)



**Daniel EASTERMAN**  
**Spear of Destiny 384pp Pb \$19.99**

Libya, 1942. Soldiers uncover a tomb, containing a crown of thorns and the 'Spear of Destiny'. They've discovered the last resting place of Christ. 2002. Gerald Usherwood and his old army pal Max Chippendale reunite over Christmas. But the old friends must pay the ultimate price for the secrets they stole. Gerald's grandson, DCI Ethan Usherwood, is left to piece together the mystery behind the killings and to uncover the treasure they've kept hidden for so many years. (American)



**Dianne EMLEY**  
**Love Kills 352pp Pb \$14.95**

*Nan Vining #3.* Homicide police detective Nan Vining and her partner and lover, Jim Kissick, arrive at the Berryhill compound – a healing ground for the rich and famous – to investigate several high-profile murders that are linked to Vining's own mother, who was a friend to one of the victims. (American)



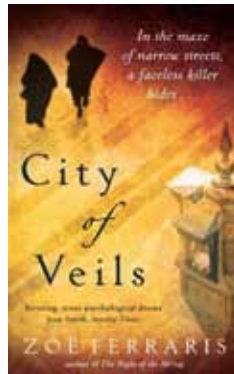
**Geraldine EVANS**  
**All the Lonely People 192pp Pb \$27.95**

*Rafferty & Llewellyn #12.* When Detective Inspector Joseph Rafferty visits his local for a quick drink, he's looking to forget his troubles – not add to them. His personal life is in a state of great confusion. But, after a very public argument, a man is found dead – stabbed to death in the pub's car park – and a gloomy Rafferty gets onto the case, with the Super breathing down his neck. (English)



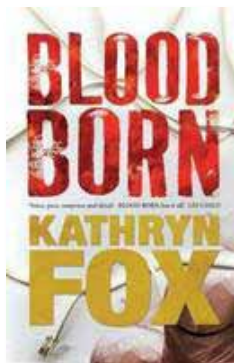
**Zoe FERRARIS**  
**City of Veils 384pp Tp \$32.99**

The burkha-clad body of a young woman is discovered on the sands of Jeddah beach; soon afterwards, an American woman finds herself alone and afraid in the most repressive city on earth, after her husband suddenly disappears. Investigating policeman Osama Ibrahim, forensic scientist Katya Hijazi and her friend, the strictly devout Bedouin guide Nayir Sharqi join forces to search for the truth in the scorching city streets and the vast emptiness of the desert beyond... (American)



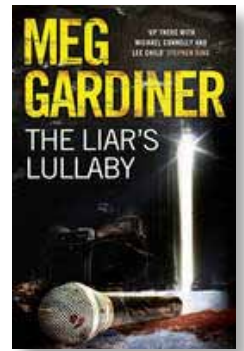
**Kathryn FOX**  
**Blood Born Pb \$22.99**

For pathologist and forensic physician Dr Anya Crichton, the death of a gang-rape victim hours before she is due to give evidence at trial is the second step in a trail of destruction by her accused attackers, the Harbourn brothers. After two sisters are assaulted and one of them killed, Anya begins working round the clock to uncover just how twisted the Harbourn brothers are. And she must piece together the evidence before the attention turns to her... (Australian)



**Meg GARDINER**  
**The Liar's Lullaby 284pp Tp \$32.99**

When a rock singer Tasia McFarland is killed onstage, Jo Beckett is called in to perform a psychological autopsy. But Tasia is the ex-wife of the President of the US. The White House pressures Jo to declare Tasia's death an accident, but Jo has learnt of an obsessed fan who was stalking Tasia and her new boyfriend. To complicate matters, the police kill the stalker. But Jo's not so certain the stalker killed Tasia after all... (American)



**Meg GARDINER**  
**The Memory Collector 448pp Pb \$24.99**

When forensic psychiatrist Jo Beckett is asked to perform a psychological autopsy on suspect patient Ian Kanan, she realises that he has anterograde amnesia and can't form new memories. Suddenly a string of alarming clues arise, related to a deadly biological agent, a kidnapping, and a secret partnership gone wrong. Jo realises Kanan's addled mind may hold the key to preventing something terrible from happening in her beloved San Francisco... But time is running out. (American)



**Jonathan GASH**  
**Faces in the Pool 336pp Pb \$19.99**

*Lovejoy Mystery.* For antiques dealer Lovejoy, a get-out-of-jail-free card in the hands of a beautiful woman proves too tempting to pass up. Forced to put his antiques knowledge to work for a mysterious secret society, Lovejoy soon finds himself entering a marriage of convenience – a cover for his part in the perfect robbery. As events spiral out of control and the bodies stack up, not even his accomplice Tinker and his apprentice Lydia can get Lovejoy out of trouble. (English)



**Leah GIARRATANO**  
**Black Ice 320pp Pb \$24.95**

*Jill Jackson #3.* Detective Sergeant Jill Jackson is working undercover in Sydney's murky drug world. Her sister Cassie has a new boyfriend Christian Worthington – a high flying lawyer working to keep a drug-dealer out of gaol. He is also Cassie's supplier of cocaine and ice. Seren Templeton is just out of Silverwater Women's Correctional Centre after two years in gaol for a crime she didn't commit. Now she seeks revenge. When these worlds collide, Jill and Cassie will meet on opposite sides of the law... (Australian)



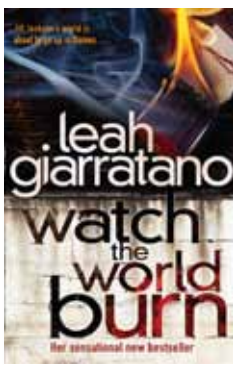
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**Leah GIARRATANO**  
**Watch the World Burn**

320pp Pb \$24.95

*Jill Jackson #4.* Miriam Caine is dining with her son, when she bursts into flames in a restaurant. The restaurant's manager, Troy Berrigan, is first to her aid. But when Miriam dies, attention is turned to Berrigan, a fallen hero cop, who fits the arsonist profile. When he's connected to another death, Berrigan must do all he can to discover what really happened to Miriam. Then Detective Sergeant Jill Jackson becomes caught up in the investigation, because this case will change Jackson's life forever... (Australian)



**David GIBBINS**  
**The Mask of Troy 416pp Tp \$32.99**

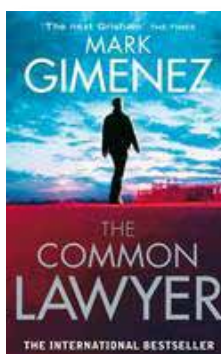
Greece, 1871. Heinrich Schliemann, the great archaeologist, raises the Mask of Agamemnon and makes a mind-blowing discovery that dies with him. Germany, 1945. The liberation of a concentration camp reveals clues to lost antiquities stolen by the Nazis. Northern Aegean, present-day. Marine archaeologist Jack Howard discovers a shipwreck with ancient inscriptions that indicate the galley is part of the war fleet of Agamemnon, becoming embroiled in a desperate chase across Europe against a ruthless enemy. (Canadian)



**Mark GIMENEZ**  
**The Common Lawyer**

480pp Pb \$19.99

Andy Prescott is a laid-back young lawyer in Austin, Texas, who spends too much time drinking beer in the sunshine. Then one day, Texas' wealthiest man walks into his office. Billionaire Russell Reeves retains Andy's services and pays him more money than he has ever earned before. But Russell is a desperate man whose sole aim is to save his eight-year-old son, Zach, who is dying from leukaemia. He is prepared to do anything – including putting Andy's life in danger. (American)



**Lee GOLDBERG**  
**Mr Monk in Trouble**

288pp Pb \$14.95

*Adrian Monk #9.* Ever since 1962 – when an unsolved train robbery made it famous – people have flocked to the town called Trouble in California's gold country, searching for the booty that train robbers supposedly dumped off the Golden Rail Express in a botched heist. When the town museum's watchman is murdered, Adrian Monk and his assistant Natalie are sent to investigate. But if Monk isn't careful, he'll learn that the town of Trouble can live up to its name. (American)



**Dolores GORDON-SMITH**  
**A Hundred Thousand Dragons**

240pp Hb \$49.95

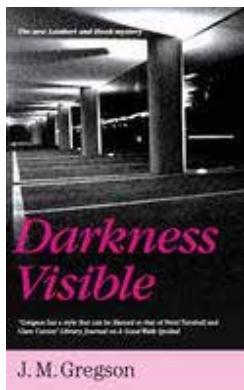
*Jack Haldean Mystery #4.* How do a few lines of poetry, a chance encounter in a London hotel, and a death in Sussex lead to a lost city of Arabia, and to the tombs of the Whispering Dead? Jack Haldean has evaded the truth for years, but now, enmeshed in the web of murder, theft and deception, he must find the answer and face up to the truth – a truth as deadly as any dragon. (English)



**J M GREGSON**  
**Darkness Visible**

208pp Pb \$27.95

*Lambert & Hook #22.* When small-time drug dealer Darren Chivers narrowly escapes a police arrest, he begins to develop a different sort of criminal activity. Blackmail proves lucrative, but ultimately lethal. As Chief Superintendent Lambert and DS Hook interview the dead man's contacts, secrets tumble out as the investigation progresses and the solution to the puzzle is as startling as it is shocking... (English)



**Kathryn Miller HAINES**  
**When Winter Returns**

352pp Pb \$27.00

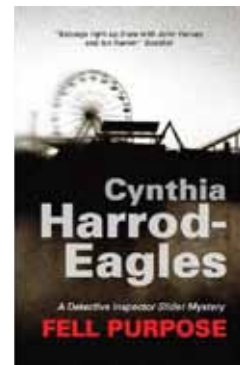
*Rosie Winter Mystery #4.* 1943. Back from their USO stint in the South Pacific, Rosie Winter and her best friend Jayne head upstate to visit the home of Jayne's recently deceased fiancé. But what they find leaves Rosie wondering if the man ever existed to begin with. As Rosie searches for the truth behind his identity, she faces an unpleasant homecoming of her own. Desperate to make things right, Rosie finds herself telling lie after lie to protect her friends and herself. (American)



**Cynthia HARROD-EAGLES**  
**Fell Purpose**

272pp Pb \$27.95

*Bill Slider #12.* Beautiful Zella Wilding – a straight-A student, prefect and future Head Girl – lies dead near the famous Wormwood Scrubs prison in London. What was this good Christian girl doing out there, dressed to kill, when she was supposed to be at a sleep-over with school friends? A secret boyfriend from a run-down estate and a recently-released rapist look feasible... Or could the nearby fairground or prison have something to do with it? (English)



**John HARVEY**  
**Far Cry**

576pp Pb \$21.95

*Will Grayson & Helen Walker #2.* Ruth and Simon Pierce's marriage is shattered by devastating news: their daughter, Heather, has disappeared. Slowly Ruth builds a new life for herself; a new husband and a new daughter, Beatrice. The chances that history could repeat itself are next-to-impossible that is until, years later, a desperate phone call launches DI Will Grayson and his partner, DS Helen Walker, into an investigation which will test their professional and emotional resources to the very limit... (English)



**Michael HARVEY**  
**The Third Rail**

304pp Pb \$29.99

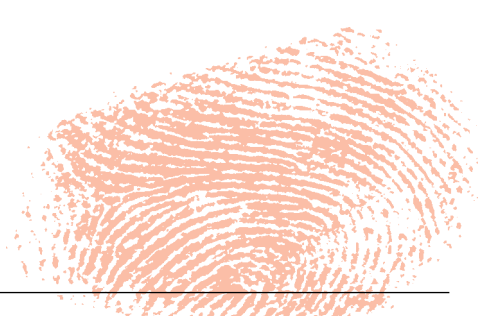
PI Michael Kelly is drawn toward a murderer with a link to his own past; a crime he witnessed as a child, and the consequences it had on his relationship with his father – a subject Kelly would prefer to leave unexamined. But when his girlfriend – the Chicago judge Rachel Swenson – is abducted, Kelly has no choice but to find the killer by excavating his past. (American)



**Susan HILL**  
**The Shadows in the Streets**

384pp Tp \$32.95

*Simon Serrailer #5.* Two local sex workers have been found strangled. It seems like a vendetta against sex workers, until the wife of the new Dean of St Michaels Cathedral goes missing, followed by a young and 'respectable' married woman. Is this all the work of one serial killer? The public grows increasingly frantic, and Simon Serrailer's leads all seem like dead-ends... Until a chance meeting finally garners a result! (English)



**Brett HOFFMANN**  
**The Contract** 492pp Pb \$24.95  
 When Wall Street star consultant Stella Sartori follows up a casual remark made during a routine assessment, it leads her to a dusty old contract in the archives... and within hours she is running for her life, taking the file with her. Fellow Australian Jack Rogers is sent in for damage control, but when he finds Stella's notes, he realises she has stumbled onto a devastating secret of corruption and murder dating back 40 years... (Australian)

**Declan HUGHES**  
**All the Dead Voices** 336pp Pb \$22.99

Looking back over a 15-year-old murder, the police in the cold-case unit are satisfied by their original findings, but not Ed Loy. He has been hired by the victim's daughter to investigate the suspects ignored by the first investigation: a rich property developer, an ex-IRA man and Loy's own nemesis, George Halligan. Can Loy persuade his longstanding friend DI Dave Donnelly to help solve the case, or will he have to rely on the murderous George Halligan? (Irish)

**Adrian HYLAND**  
**Gunshot Road** 384pp Tp \$32.95

Emily Tempest is an unlikely candidate for a policing career. But Superintendent Tom MacGillivray has persuaded her to sign on as the Aboriginal Community Police Officer in the outback township of Bluebush. When Tom is hospitalised, Emily finds herself working for an east-coast ring-in, a martinet called Cockburn. Adverse to authority, Emily is immediately at odds with the new boss. And the death at the Green Swamp Well Roadhouse only complicates things. Cockburn thinks it's a simple case of two old drunks and a hammer. But Emily's not convinced... (Australian)



**Julie HYZY**  
**Grace Under Pressure** 320pp Pb \$14.95

*Manor of Murder #1.* Everyone wants a piece of millionaire Bennett Marshfield, owner of Marshfield Manor, but now it's up to a new curator Grace Wheaton and handsome groundskeeper Jack Embers to protect dear old Marshfield. But to do this, they'll have to investigate a botched Ponzi scheme, some torrid Wheaton family secrets... and sour grapes out for revenge! (American)

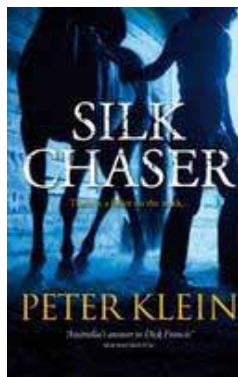


**Denis JOHNSON**  
**Nobody Move** 224pp Pb \$22.99  
 Jimmy Luntz owes money to a man called Juarez. When Juarez tires of waiting, he sends someone round to collect. Luntz didn't actually plan to shoot the guy... Either way, Luntz is out of his league, because nobody messes with Juarez and lives to tell the tale. Yet against all the odds, it seems that somebody is looking out for Luntz. He just needs to keep his cool... (American)

**Mary KENNEDY**  
**Reel Murder** 320pp Pb \$12.95  
*Talk Radio Mystery #2.* Florida's newest talk show radio psychologist Maggie Walsh has no sooner gotten involved with a local movie production than the leading lady turns up dead. Now Maggie has to find the killer before the credits roll-or it might be her final performance. (American)

**J A KERLEY**  
**In the Blood** 432pp Pb \$19.99  
 The heat-soaked madness of Alabama's steamy nights are the lifeblood of homicide detective Carson Ryder. His grim past carries a murderous burden that only his laid-back partner Harry Nautilus understands. They are all that stands between the citizens of the city of Mobile and the deranged killers in the swampy heartlands of the Deep South. Now Carson's secret is out. His murderous blood brother Jeremy is at large. And with a city full of crazies to contend with, who knows how Carson will handle this case... (American)

**Peter KLEIN**  
**Silk Chaser** 336pp Tp \$32.99  
 A serial killer is stalking young, female strappers. The women are terrified and the union is threatening to strike and close down the entire racing industry unless the killer is caught. Meanwhile, John Punter's got problems closer to home to worry about. There's a protection racket afoot and his restaurant Gino's is getting lent on. Then there's his new girlfriend Maxine, who everyone says is trouble. And as the body count mounts, Punter is embroiled in a desperate race against time to locate a killer. (Australian)



**Robert KNIGHTLY**  
**Bodies in Winter** 256pp Pb \$27.95

*Corbin & Bentibi Mystery.* On a cold winter's morning in New York, NYPD detective Harry Corbin and his partner Adele Bentibi arrive at the scene of a murder. It looks like a cut-and-dried case but, as Corbin and Bentibi investigate, they uncover a murky world of bent cops and cover-ups that puts both of their careers - and their lives - in serious danger. (American)

**Michael KORYTA**  
**So Cold the River** 416pp Tp \$32.99

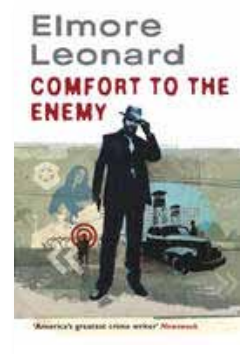
After he is hired by Alyssa Bradford to research the life of her 95-year-old billionaire father-in-law, Eric Shaw visits the man's hometown, where he discovers a restored hotel that has a chequered past - and a newly reawakened evil bent on revenge... (American)



**Mike LAWSON**  
**House Secrets** 416pp Pb \$14.95  
*Joe DeMarco #4.* DeMarco must investigate the accidental death of a mediocre reporter who claimed to have a lead on the biggest political scandal since Watergate. The reporter was on the trail of Senator Paul Morelli, a rising star from New York, considered a shoo-in for his party's presidential nomination. Morelli's past has already been scrutinised and he looks clean... So why is DeMarco being followed by a pair of thugs who freelance for the CIA? (American)

**Elmore LEONARD**  
**Comfort to the Enemy** 192pp Pb \$22.99

Oklahoma, 1940s. Germans in a stateside POW camp have murdered one of their own and US Marshal Carl Webster is called in to investigate. Among others, he comes across a Jewish gangster bent on revenge for the Holocaust; a rodeo bull-rider turned lawman; and a former Nazi guard who is a persistent runaway. Befriending the escapee, Carl becomes embroiled in more trouble than he ever imagined! (American)



**John LESCROART**  
**A Plague of Secrets** 512pp Pb \$18.95

*Dismas Hardy #13.* When high-grade marijuana is found along with a coffee-shop manager murdered in San Francisco, it suggests that the shop's owner, Maya Townshend, may be behind more than a caffeine fix. But when another murder exposes a drug-buying A-list celebrity and political clientele, a tabloid-fuelled controversy takes the investigation into the realms of conspiracy and cover up. (American)

 **Stuart MacBRIDE**  
**Dark Blood** 496pp Tp \$32.99

Richard Knox was once a violent rapist, but he's seen the error of his ways and wants to leave his dark past in Newcastle to make a new start. Detective Sergeant Logan McRae isn't thrilled to be part of the team helping Knox settle into his new home – nor to be stuck under the watchful eyes of DSI Danby, the man who put Knox behind bars for ten years. Things are about to go very wrong – and Knox's dark past isn't done with him yet... (Scottish)

 **Patricia MacDONALD**  
**From Cradle to Grave** 256pp Pb \$27.95

When Morgan Adair arrives at the small seaside town of West Briar on the Long Island shore, she is looking forward to attending the baptism of her new godson, Drew. Morgan and Drew's mother Claire have been friends since childhood – and Morgan was delighted when Claire married the handsome Guy Bolton. But a few days after the christening, Morgan receives a devastating phone call from her friend... (American)

 **Judi McCOY**  
**Death in Show** 336pp Pb \$12.95

*Dog Walker Mystery* #3. Professional dog walker Ellie Engleman doesn't know much about the ins-and-outs of dog shows. But when one handler is killed, Ellie will learn that it's a dog-eat-dog world. Especially since the killer might now have it in for her.



She and her sometime boyfriend, Detective Sam Ryder, will have to dig up the truth faster than a speeding bulldog! (American)

 **Geoffrey McGEACHIN**  
**The Diggers Rest Hotel** 336pp Tp \$32.95

*A Charlie Berlin Mystery* #1. In 1947, two years after witnessing the death of a young Jewish woman in Poland, Charlie Berlin has rejoined the police force as a different man. Sent to investigate a spate of robberies in rural Victoria, he soon discovers that World War II has changed even the most ordinary of places and people. Then the decapitated body of a young girl turns up in a back alley, and Berlin's investigations lead him ever further through layers of small-town fears, secrets and despair. (Australia)

 **Brian McGILLOWAY**  
**Bleed a River Deep** Pb \$19.99

*Inspector Devlin* #3. When a controversial US diplomat is attacked during the opening of a Donegal gold mine, Garda Inspector Benedict Devlin is disciplined for the lapse in security. The gunman turns out to be a young environmentalist – related to an old friend of Devlin's. Within days, the killing of an illegal immigrant near the Irish border leads Devlin to a vicious people-smuggling ring, and Devlin begins to suspect that the business is a front for something far more sinister than mere mining. (Irish)

 **Brian McGILLOWAY**  
**The Rising** Tp \$32.99

*Inspector Devlin* #4. When Garda Inspector Benedict Devlin is summoned to a burning barn, he finds inside the charred remains of local drug dealer, Martin Kiely. Suspicion falls on a local vigilante group: paramilitaries who call themselves 'The Rising'. Meanwhile, a former colleague's teenage son has gone missing during a camping trip. Then another drug dealer is killed, and Devlin realises that the spate of deaths is more complex than mere vigilantism... (Irish)

 **G J MOFFAT**  
**Fallout** 416pp Tp \$32.99

Logan Finch has made a new life for himself with his daughter Ellie. But a blossoming relationship with DC Rebecca Irvine is about to be put to the test when Rebecca's old flame – drug-addicted rock-star Roddy Hale – enters her life again. And there's the small matter of a professional killer following her every move. For Logan, there are impossible choices to be made: between his best friend and the woman he loves. (Scottish)

 **Hakan NESSER**  
**Woman with Birthmark** 256pp Pb \$22.99

A young woman plots revenge as her mother's body is laid to rest... A middle-aged man is shot in his home, after receiving a series of bizarre phone calls where an old song is played down the line. Then a second man is killed in the same way. Chief Inspector Van Veeteren and his team must dig far back into each man's past – but with few clues at each crime scene, can they find the killer before anyone else dies? (Swedish)



 **Mike NICOL**  
**Payback** 400pp Pb \$19.95

A decade after the end of Apartheid, ex-gun-runners Mace Bishop and Pylon Buso are trying to settle down to a comfortable Cape existence. But when an old contact calls in a favour, they become embroiled once again in the country's violent underworld of crime and corruption – and the Islamist organisation PAGAD. (South African)

 **Hilary NORMAN**  
**Shimmer** 224pp Pb \$27.95

In Miami Beach, all hell is breaking loose. First, a swimmer makes a gruesome discovery, and then the city is rocked by an explosion. Detective Sam Becket has a vicious killer to find and his only lead is a local who's seen a frightening stranger: a young man, silver from head to toe, shimmering in the night. But nothing can prepare Sam for what the killer has in store... (English)

 **Kevin O'BRIEN**  
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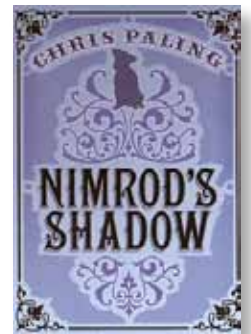
For two years, a cold-blooded killer abducted young mothers in front of their sons and murdered them execution-style. Then the killings stopped. Susan Blanchette is looking forward to a relaxing weekend getaway with her fiancé, Allen, and her young son. But something about the remote lake house doesn't feel right. A woman vanished from the area a year ago, and now Susan has spotted someone lurking around the property. And when Allen disappears, it's clear that a psychopath is ready to strike again... (American)

 **Pamela OLDFIELD**  
**Truth Will Out** 208pp Pb \$27.95

When newly-wed Maude Brent's beloved Aunt Biddy starts to grow forgetful, her thoughtful husband Lionel suggests that Maude hire a companion to take the load off her – and he knows just the girl. Soon it's as if young, bubbly Alice had always been part of the family. But when Lionel takes Maude on holiday, tragedy strikes and he disappears... (English)

 **Chris PALING**  
**Nimrod's Shadow** 304pp Pb \$29.99

Reilly is an impoverished painter who lives alone with his unsold canvases and his faithful dog Nimrod. He seems destined to remain in artistic obscurity until an influential art critic notices his talent. But no sooner has he found a patron than the critic is murdered, and the trail leads back to Reilly. Reilly is imprisoned, until Samantha, a young office assistant, finds herself drawn to one of Reilly's pictures and decides to embark on her own investigation. (English)

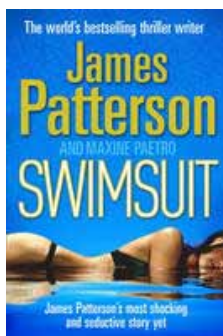


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**James PATTERSON**  
**Swimsuit** 512pp Pb \$21.95

A supermodel disappears from a photo-shoot at a glamorous hotel in Hawaii. Only hours after she goes missing, Kim McDaniels' parents receive a terrifying phone call. Fearing the worst, they board the first flight to Maui to find their daughter.



Ex-cop Ben Hawkins, now a reporter for the *LA Times*, gets the McDaniels assignment. The ineptitude of the local police force defies belief; Ben embarks on his own investigation for the McDaniels' sake, and to have to story of his life. (American)



**James PATTERSON**  
**Private** 400pp Tp \$32.95

Former Marine and CIA agent Jack Morgan inherits his father's renowned security and detective business – along with a case load that tests him to the breaking point. Getting to the bottom of an NFL gambling scandal and an unsolved LAPD investigation into a spate of schoolgirl murders is enough, let alone solving the horrific murder of his best friend's wife. As Morgan fights the urge to exact revenge on the killer, he must also navigate a workplace imbroglio that could blow the roof off his elite agency. (American)



**Richard North PATTERSON**  
**In the Name of Honour** 400pp Tp \$32.95

The McCarrans and the Gallaghers have been close for decades, with close military ties. Brian McCarran has returned from a harrowing tour in Iraq. Traumatized, Brian depends on his lifelong friendship with Kate Gallagher, who is married to Brian's commanding officer in Iraq, Joe D'Abruzzo. But D'Abruzzo has grown increasingly abusive towards Kate and tragedy strikes when Brian shoots D'Abruzzo. Claiming self-defence, the young lawyer, Captain Paul Terry, must defend Brian in a high-profile court martial. (American)



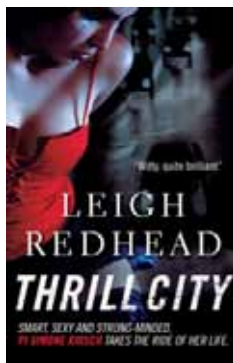
**Malcolm PRYCE**  
**From Aberystwyth With Love** 288pp Pb \$22.99

*A Louie Knight Mystery.* Louie had heard about Hughesovka, the legendary replica of Aberystwyth built in the Ukraine by some crazy 19th-century czar. But he hadn't believed that it existed until he met Uncle Vanya. Now the old man's story catapults him into the neon-drenched wilderness of Aberystwyth Prom in search of a girl who mysteriously disappeared 30 years ago. Soon Louie finds his fate depending on two most unlikely talismans - a ticket to Hughesovka and a Russia cosmonaut's sock. (English)



**Leigh REDHEAD**  
**Thrill City** 300pp Pb \$22.99

*Simone Kirsch #4.* Simon Kirsch, ex-stripper, sleuth and bad girl, is up to her neck in lethal fun and games. It all starts off quite innocently, when a best-selling crime novelist, Nick Austin, wants to follow her around for a few days as background research for his next novel. But the day after Nick, his ex-wife and her new lover all appear on the same panel at a writers' festival, his ex-wife is found brutally murdered and Nick disappears, leaving Simone with more trouble than she can handle! (Australian)



**Christopher REICH**  
**Rules of Vengeance** 432pp Pb \$21.95

Rendered a fugitive when he is wrongfully implicated in a terrorist attack that interrupted his secret rendezvous with his dishonoured spy-wife, physician Jonathan Ransom struggles to clear his name while searching for his wife – only to discover that he may be a pawn in an international plot. (Swiss)



**Kathy REICHS**  
**206 Bones** 384pp Pb \$21.95

A routine case turns sinister when Dr Temperance Brennan is accused of deliberately mishandling the autopsy of a missing heiress. Before Tempe can get to the one man with information, he turns up dead. The heiress isn't the only elderly female to have appeared on Tempe's gurney recently. Back in Montreal, three more women have died, their bodies brutally discarded. Tempe is convinced there's a link between their deaths and that of the heiress. But what's the connection? (American)



**Nicholas RHEA**  
**Constable in the Country** 224pp Pb \$19.95

As he awaits his anticipated promotion, Constable Nick Rhea continues his work on the Yorkshire moorland beat of Aidensfield. On his daily rounds, he encounters an eccentric array of locals and visitors, none more so than Claude Jeremiah Greengrass. Meanwhile, the 'Beast of Aidensfield' terrifies villagers by lurking in the darkness, and Constable Nick also has to deal with clever sheepdogs, psychic cows and ghostly racehorses... (English)



**Craig ROBERTSON**  
**Random** 336pp Tp \$32.99

Glasgow is being terrorised by a serial killer nicknamed 'The Cutter'. There seems to be no pattern or motive, and nothing connects the victims except that the little fingers of their right hands have been severed. If DS Rachel Narey could only work out the key to the seemingly random murders ... But the police, the press and a threatening figure from Glasgow's underworld begin to close in on The Cutter – with horrifying consequences. (Scottish)



**James ROLLINS**  
**The Doomsday Key** 512pp Pb \$19.99

At Princeton University, a geneticist dies inside a biohazard lab. In Rome, a Vatican archaeologist dies in the heart of St Peter's Basilica. In Africa, a US Senator's son dies inside a Red Cross camp in Ghana. All three deaths bear a horrifying tie: each victim is marked by a Druidic pagan cross burned into their flesh. The murders thrust Commander Gray Pierce and Sigma Force into a global hunt for a group of industrialists threatening the world's food supply. (American)



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Mother-haunted, wife-abandoned, literature-loving, quietly eccentric Felix Chacaltana Saldivar is an unambitious prosecutor living in Lima. Until now he has lived a life where nothing exceptional has ever happened. But now he has been put in charge of a bizarre murder investigation. As the investigation unfolds, Saldivar is compelled to confront what happens to a man and a society when death becomes the only certainty in life. (Peruvian)



**Karen ROSE**  
**Don't Tell** 512pp Pb \$19.99

After staging her and her son's death to escape from her abusive cop husband, Mary Grace Winters is armed with a new identity and has sought refuge hundreds of miles away. As Caroline Stewart, she has almost forgotten the nightmare she left behind nine years ago. She is even taking a chance on love with a new man. But her past is about to collide with the present when her husband uncovers her trail. Step by step, he is closing in... (American)



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**Silent Scream** **Tp \$32.99**

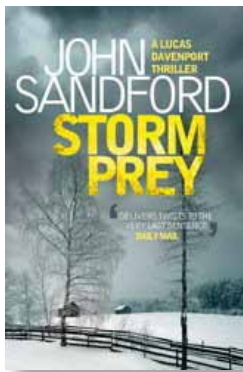
When four college students make a political statement by setting fire to an empty condominium building, they realise that a young girl is trapped inside. They decide to abandon her to certain death, not realising that someone is watching. A blackmailer hides in plain sight, and when this criminal sets his sights on the four young arsonists, he begins his most deadly game yet... (American)

**Betty ROWLANDS**  
**A Fool There Was** **208pp Pb \$27.95**

*Sukey Reynolds #10.* DC Sukey Reynolds reports a man acting suspiciously, but on investigation her suspicions seem to be groundless. Then the man is killed in a road accident. Meanwhile, Sukey is sent to deal with the gruesome discovery of a woman's dismembered body. Sukey's hunch that the two cases are connected is brushed aside... But could a coded reference to a Greek god, and a Chinese tattoo meaning death, hold the answers? (English)

**John SANDFORD**  
**Storm Prey** **400pp Tp \$32.99**

*Lucas Davenport #20.* A daring drugs raid on a Minneapolis hospital, during which a medical orderly is kicked to death, takes place on the same day that Lucas Davenport's surgeon wife is due to perform a high-profile operation to separate conjoined twin girls. Investigating the raid, Davenport concludes that it must have been an inside job and - bearing witness to the criminals' desperate getaway - his wife is now in grave danger. (American)



**Yrsa SIGURDARDOTTIR**  
**My Soul to Take** **464pp Pb \$22.99**

A grisly murder is committed at a health resort, situated in a recently-renovated farmhouse, which turns out to be notorious for being haunted. Attorney Thora Gudmundsdottir is called upon by the owner of the resort - the prime suspect in the case - to represent him. Her investigations uncover some very disturbing occurrences at the farm decades earlier - things that have never before seen the light of day. (Icelandic)



**Joanna Campbell SLAN**  
**Photo Snap Shot** **336pp Pb \$27.00**

*Kiki Lowenstein Scrapbook Mystery #3.* Old money and tradition are the hallmarks of the St Louis prep school that Kiki's daughter Anya attends. But the elite academy is stamped with scandal when Anya finds the dead body of teacher Sissy Gilchris - and Anya might have seen the killer. Was Sissy murdered for her mixed-race romance with the basketball coach? To protect her daughter, Kiki sifts through the school community's many shocking secrets to pin down the killer. (American)

**Jon TALTON**  
**Deadline Man** **250pp Pb \$27.00**

'The columnist' writes for a newspaper in Seattle, is not afraid to stir up trouble and keeps his life in safe compartments. It's all about to be violently upended when he embarks on what seems a mundane assignment, researching a staid company that never makes the news. But when one of his sources dives off a downtown skyscraper, the columnist is plunged into murder and intrigue - and secrets which powerful forces will hide at all costs. (American)

**Scott TUROW**  
**Innocent** **256pp Tp \$32.99**

Rusty Sabich, 60 years old and the chief judge of an appellate court, sits on a bed where his dead wife Barbara lies. She died under mysterious circumstances, and her death will pit Rusty against his old nemesis Tommy Molto - the district attorney who tried to prosecute him for the murder of his lover over 20 years ago... (American)



**John VERDON**  
**Think of a Number** **418pp Tp \$32.95**

When retired NYPD homicide detective, Dave Gurney, is contacted by an old college acquaintance about some startling letters he's been receiving, it is at first little more than a diverting but sinister puzzle. Then the acquaintance is brutally killed. Suddenly Gurney finds himself in the middle of a murder investigation that makes no sense. The killer is smart and is playing with the police. But Gurney needs to be smarter if he's going to catch him... (American)

**Simone VAN DER VLUGT**  
**Shadow Sister** **288pp Tp \$32.95**

When Lydia is threatened by one of her students, her sister is the first person she turns to. But Elisa is powerless to stop what follows: threatening letters and smashed windows. How far will this student go? Or is someone else taking advantage of the situation? And what part does Elisa play in all of this? (Dutch)

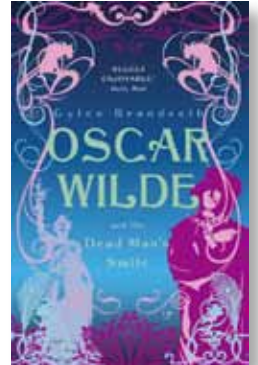
**Simon WOOD**  
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After Gwen gives a co-worker a poor performance evaluation, he blames her for everything that has gone wrong in his life and sets out on a campaign to slowly and tortuously destroy Gwen... (English)

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27-year-old Oscar Wilde has come to the city of decadence to discover its charms, and is confronted by murders both foul and bizarre. To solve the crimes and unravel the mystery, Oscar risks his life and his reputation - embarking on a dangerous adventure that takes him from bohemian night clubs to an asylum for the insane; from a duel in the Buttes de Chaumont to the gates of Reading Gaol. (English)

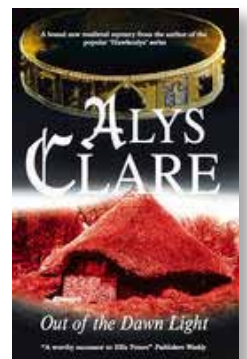


**Emily BRIGHTWELL**  
**Mrs Jeffries Speaks Her Mind** **304pp Pb \$14.95**

*Mrs Jeffries #27.* When Olive Kettering, a paranoid eccentric, is shot and killed during one of the worst storms in London history, Mrs Jeffries once again employs her impressive skills of detection to help Inspector Witherspoon solve the case. (American)

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*Lassair #1.* On her sister's wedding day, Lassair meets an enigmatic stranger who brings a breath of the fascinating outside world to her backwater Fenland village. When he asks Lassair to use her unique talents to help locate a mysterious treasure, she accepts despite the dangers. But this is no ordinary treasure hunt; the object of the perilous search is 500 years old and has a terrifying power... (English)



**Laurie R KING**  
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*Mary Russell Holmes #10.* While Sherlock Holmes desperately seeks medical help for his gravely-wounded son Damien Adler, Mary Russell tries to protect Damien's daughter Estelle from the ruthless enemy pursuing all of them. (American)

**Edward MARSTON**  
**Railway to the Grave**

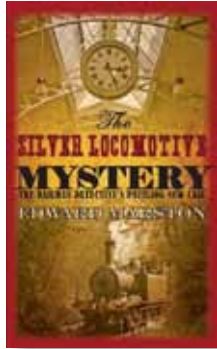
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*Inspector Robert Colbeck Mystery #7.* Tragedy strikes close to the Detective Department when an old army friend of Superintendent Tallis meets a speeding train head-on. The suicide, prompted by the disappearance of the man's wife, has shocked the local community and leaves plenty for Inspector Robert Colbeck to uncover. Whispers and rumours abound... But did the dead man really take his own life in repentance for the harm he did his wife? (English)

**Edward MARSTON**  
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have taken an interest in him and his priceless cargo. When a dead body is discovered in a room at the Cardiff Railway Hotel, Detective Robert Colbeck and his trusty sergeant Victor Leeming are called in to investigate... and face a host of unexpected problems! (English)

**Andrew MARTIN**  
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It is the eve of the Great War, and railway detective Jim Stringer is uneasy about his next assignment in Scarborough – and not because the last railwayman to stay in the house disappeared without trace. It's more that his governor, Chief Inspector Saul



Weatherhill, is deliberately holding back details of the case. And when Jim encounters the seductive Amanda Rickerby, a new kind of danger enters his life! (English)

**Shirley McKAY**  
**Fate and Fortune**

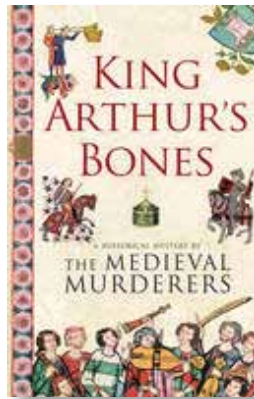
**368pp Tp \$32.95**

*Hew Cullen Mystery #2.* 1581. After his father's death, the young St Andrews academic Hew Cullen is invited to complete his legal education in Edinburgh as Richard Cunningham's pupil at the bar. When a young girl is found dead on the beach, Hew agrees to Richard's offer. Then another brutal murder leads Hew to suspect a link with the dead girl on the beach. As he begins his search to find the killer, he finds that the truth lies closer to home. (English)

**The MEDIEVAL MURDERERS**  
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1191. During excavation work at Glastonbury Abbey, an ancient cross is discovered several feet below ground. Beneath the cross are the supposed skeletal remains of the legendary King Arthur and his queen Guinevere. Then the bones disappear – spirited away by the mysterious Guardians, determined to keep the king's remains safe. Those entrusted to safeguard Arthur's remains must withstand treachery, theft, blackmail and murder in order to keep the legend intact. (English)



**R N MORRIS**  
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St Petersburg, 1870. A child factory worker is mysteriously abducted. A society beauty is sensationally murdered. The first is barely noticed by the authorities. The latter draws the full investigative might of St Petersburg's finest, led by magistrate Porfiry Petrovich. The dead woman had powerful friends, including the Romanovs – so when the tsar's notorious secret police becomes involved, it seems that both crimes may have a political aspect... involving the Tsar himself! (English)

**Jean-Francois PAROT**  
**The Nicholas le Floch Affair**

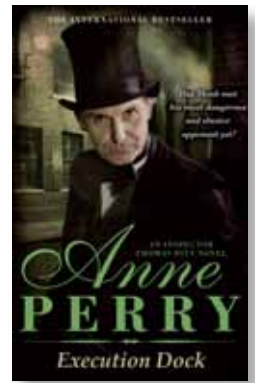
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*Nicolas Le Floch #4.* Paris, 1774. Commissioner Le Floch's stormy love affair with socialite Julie de Latrieux has run its course. But before Nicolas formally ends the relationship, Julie is found murdered in her bed. For now, he retains the confidence of even the King, who sends him on a secret intelligence mission. But a plot is afoot to implicate Nicolas in Julie's death, and he is soon fighting to uncover the perpetrators and clear his name. (French)

**Anne PERRY**  
**Execution Dock**

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*William Monk #16.* London, 1864. Inspector William Monk has captured Jericho Phillips, the man he suspects of running a child-prostitution ring. In bringing Phillips to justice, Monk hopes to close down the ring and avenge the memory of Durban, his old commander, who was determined to capture Phillips. However, during the trial, Phillips is freed. As Monk begins the investigation again, he realises that secret support for Phillips reaches further into civilised society than he possibly imagined. (English)



**Phil RICKMAN**  
**The Bones of Avalon**

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1560. Elizabeth Tudor has been on the throne for a year, and mathematician Dr John Dee is already famous throughout Europe. But the Queen's religious reforms are proving unpopular, and Dee is regarded with suspicion in an England. Then the Queen's chief minister asks Dee to travel to the ruins of Glastonbury Abbey to bring back certain bones, where he encounters unexpected violence, spiritual darkness, first love... and a complex plot against Queen Elizabeth herself! (English)



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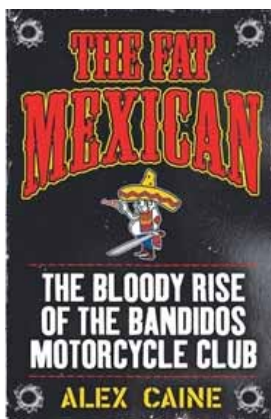
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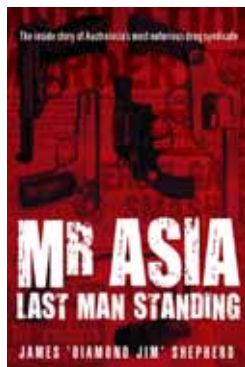


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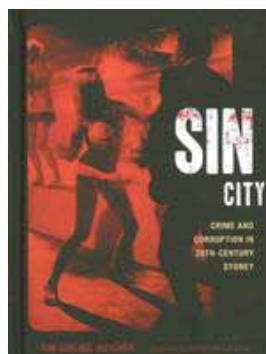
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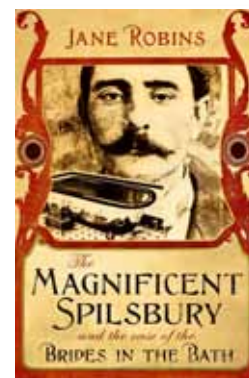
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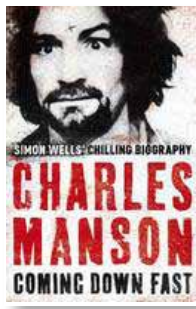
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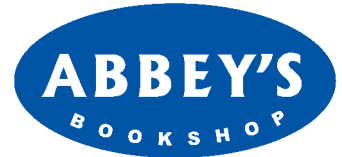
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