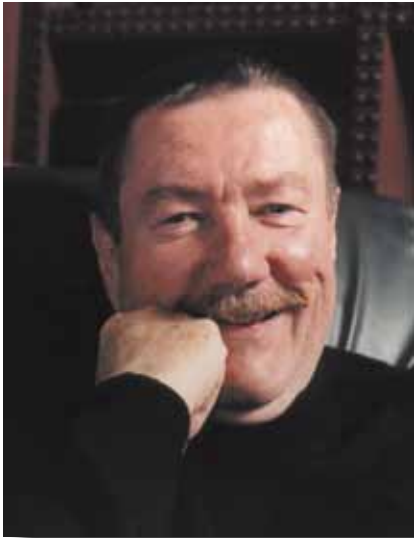


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ROBERT B PARKER (17 Sep 1932 – 18 Jan 2010)

Farewell: Robert Brown Parker

The prolific American novelist Robert B Parker wrote over 60 books, including westerns and Young Adult fiction, but will be remembered mainly for his entertaining detective stories.

Parker was born in Springfield, Massachusetts, where he met his future wife Joan at a birthday party when they were both just three years old. They met again at Colby College and married in 1956 after Robert returned from service in the Korean War, settling in Cambridge in their native state and raising two sons, David and Daniel.

The award-winning novelist began writing in 1971 while completing his PhD on Raymond Chandler, Dashiell Hammett and Ross Macdonald at Boston University. He

subsequently taught at Boston and Northeastern University. In 1973, his first novel, *The Godwulf Manuscript*, introduced his most famous character, Spenser (after the 16th century poet), an updated take on Raymond Chandler's detective Philip Marlowe. Always a Chandler fan, Parker completed Chandler's unfinished Marlowe novel, *Poodle Springs* (1989), and wrote a sequel to *The Big Sleep* called *Perchance to Dream* (1991).

Parker went on to write 37 Spenser novels and his fourth one, *Promised Land* (1976), won the Mystery Writers of America's Edgar Award for best book and led to the TV series *Spenser: For Hire* starring Robert Urich and seven Spenser TV movies.

In the 90s, Parker created the alcoholic, ex-baseball-player-turned-police-chief Jesse Stone over a nine-book series - and female detective Sunny Randall, who featured in six novels - who eventually meet and become lovers. Parker had national bestsellers in the US with his Western novel *Appaloosa*, the Spenser episode *School Days* in 2005, and the Jesse Stone story *Sea Change* in 2006.

Parker is respected as one of the most important influences on American detective fiction over the past 30 years, a contribution recognised by the Mystery Writers of America in 2002 when it awarded him the title of Grand Master, an honour previously given to greats such as Agatha Christie, Graham Greene, Alfred Hitchcock and Steven King. Testament to the well-loved position of Parker's works among readers are the popular tours of Spenser locations that are conducted around Boston.

Robert B Parker died at 77 of a sudden heart attack while working at his desk writing his customary five pages a day. He is survived by his wife and two sons. Fans can still look forward to four new novels, not yet published.

Two recent novels from this Grand Master of American crime writing:

The Professional

Spenser has never had any difficulty dealing with women. But when four stunningly beautiful trophy wives hire him to protect them against a blackmailer threatening to expose their infidelities, even he must admit that they look like trouble. A killing soon changes the complexion of the case and draws Spenser into the world of Boston's moneyed aristocracy - a world of corruption, vice and murder. As the bodies start to pile up, he must decide which of his friends he can trust. 304pp Tp \$32.95

Stranger in Paradise

Jesse Stone is an ex-LA cop who has taken the job of police chief in Paradise, Massachusetts. His drinking and his damaged relationship with his wife define him as much as his supreme skill at policing his patch. When Crow, an Apache hitman, turns up in Jesse's office, he is intrigued and on his guard. Ten years before, Crow was part of a gang that had taken a woman hostage when a bank raid went wrong. The hostages were released unharmed, but Crow managed to get away with enough money to never have to work again. So why is Crow back in town? 256pp Pb \$24.95

THE AGATHA CHRISTIE 6-DISC COLLECTION

M \$59.95

The Mirror Crack'd
Death on the Nile
Murder on the Orient Express
Evil Under the Sun
Endless Night

Agatha Christie: Woman of Mystery

Great movie adaptations of 5 Christie classics from the 1970s and 80s, plus documentary, featuring a special cast: Peter Ustinov, James Mason and Diana Rigg on the Adriatic; Ustinov (again) with Bette Davis and Maggie Smith in Egypt; Albert Finney, Lauren Bacall and Ingrid Bergman on the Orient Express; plus Britt Ekland, George Sanders, Angela Lansbury, Tony Curtis and many, many more.



EASTER & ANZAC DAY HOURS

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| 2 Apr | Good Friday | Closed |
| 3 Apr | Saturday | 8.30am - 6pm |
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| 26 Apr | Anzac Day | 10am - 5pm |
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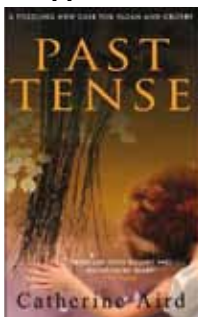
MODERN CRIME

Catherine AIRD Past Tense

288pp Hb \$49.95

DCI Sloan Mystery.

Detectives Sloan and Crosby find themselves assigned two rather puzzling cases. First there is the young woman's body discovered in the River Alm. Then there is the mysterious break-in at Berebury Nursing Home. To be precise, it's Josephine Short's room at the Nursing Home that's been entered, although nothing seems to be missing. What could the intruder have been after? It becomes apparent to Sloan and Crosby that the two cases are connected, but who is the killer? (English)



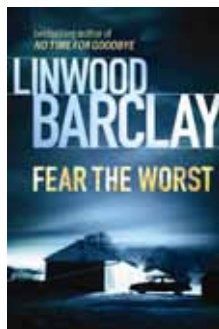
Barbara ALLAN Antiques Flee Market

273pp Pb \$13.95

Trash 'n' Treasures Mystery #3. As the Christmas season gets into full swing in the Mississippi River town of Serenity, Brandy Borne finds herself in the midst of holiday mayhem when an old flame of her mother's becomes a victim of Yuletide homicide. Brandy and Mother set out to unearth the clues that point to a killer, but they'll have to be very careful not to disturb too many ghosts from Christmas past... (American)

Linwood BARCLAY Fear the Worst 480pp Pb \$22.99

The worst day of Tim Blake's life started out with him making breakfast for his teenage daughter Sydney. Syd was staying with him while she worked a summer job at the Just Inn Time motel. When she didn't arrive home at her usual time, and when the people at the Just Inn Time said there had never been a Sydney Blake working at the motel, he began to panic. Only one thing has him convinced the worst hasn't already happened: the fact that some very scary people seem just as eager as he is to find her. But who's going to find her first? (American) *Due Mar*



Linwood BARCLAY Never Look Away 352pp Tp \$32.99

When David Harwood's suicidal wife disappears from a day at an amusement park, his worst fears seem to have come true. But when he goes to the police to report Jan missing, the facts indicate something very different to suicide. The park's records show that only two tickets were purchased: David and his son's, and there is no evidence that Jan ever entered the park. The police are wondering if David has in fact murdered his wife. To prove his innocence, David must risk everything precious to him... (American)

Robert G BARRETT High Noon in Nimbin 288pp Pb \$19.99

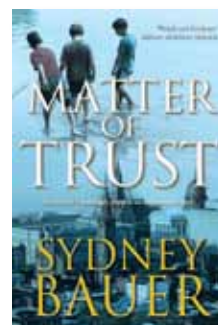
A Les Norton Adventure. Les is off to Nimbin to help an old army mate of Eddie Salitas open a bar. Les finds himself working as a DJ in a nightclub where dancing is prohibited. He also finds racial tension, the Russian Spetsnaz and Norwegian backpackers. Add a drug overdose, and before Les knows it, he's in a firefight with a bunch of inbreds wanting to kill the bar owner. A fun town Nimbin ain't. Not even for a quarter of a million dollars worth of gold. (Australian) *Due Mar*

Belinda BAUER Blacklands 288pp Tp \$32.95

Every day after school, Steven Lamb digs for the body of the uncle he never knew, who most assume was murdered when he was 11 by a notorious serial killer. Only Steven's Nan still waits for her son to come home. Steven is determined to heal the widening cracks in his family by presenting his grandmother with the bones of her murdered son, so he writes to Arnold Avery in prison. Thus begins a dangerous game between a desperate child and a bored serial killer, with terrifying consequences. (English/South African) *Due Mar*

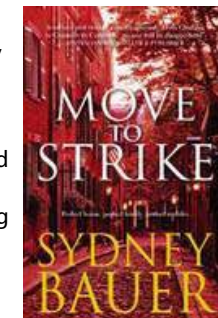
Sydney BAUER Matter of Trust 488pp Tp \$32.99

When attorney David Cavanaugh offers to help childhood friend and US Senator Chris Kincaid solve the disappearance of Chris' old flame Marilyn Maloney, things soon spiral out of control: Marilyn is dead and Chris is confirmed as her lover and arrested for her murder. Now David finds himself defending one friend accused of murdering another, while back home family secrets, lies and an elusive killer plague him, and worse still, he discovers that proving Chris' innocence implicates someone very close to him... (Australian) *Due Mar*



Sydney BAUER Move to Strike Pb \$19.99

When daytime TV's most loved psychiatrist, 'Doctor Jeff' Logan, confesses to his wife's murder, attorney David Cavanaugh is appointed as his defence. Then evidence starts pointing not to Doctor Jeff, but to their son. With the Logan children unwilling to reveal what happened, and Doctor Jeff one step ahead, David realises this family has a very dark secret and he must race to uncover the truth before more lives are lost. (Australian) *Due Mar*



KEY to crime genres

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 Spy

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 Journalists

 Private Eye

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 Clerical

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 Horse Racing

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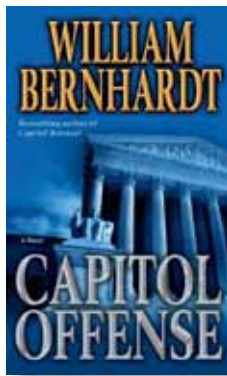
Tp = Trade Paperback (slightly larger)



William BERNHARDT
Capitol Offense

400pp Pb \$15.95

Ben Kincaid. Insane with grief, Professor Dennis Thomas wants to kill Detective Christopher Sentz over the death of his wife. In fact, Thomas shares his plans with Ben Kincaid. Then someone fires seven bullets into the policeman. Against all advice, Kincaid decides to represent Thomas. Meanwhile, Kincaid's private detective is prying loose pieces of a shocking secret. Working in the shadows of the law, Loving risks his life to construct an entirely new narrative about Detective Sentz, Joslyn Thomas, and madness in another guise which no-one will recognise, until it's too late. (American) *Due Mar*



Tony BLACK
Loss

272pp Tp \$32.95

Gus Dury #3. Private investigator Gus Dury is a changed man. He's off the Edinburgh streets and back with estranged wife, Debs. He's promised her that he won't get involved in any more dodgy cases, and above all, he's off the drink, though he carries half a bottle of scotch at all times. Then his brother is found with a bullet in his heart and Gus' life begins to unravel again. How can he keep his promises and still avenge Michael's murder? (Australian/Scottish) *Due Mar*



S J BOLTON

Awakening 544pp Pb \$24.95

When a man dies from what appears to be a snake bite in a quiet country village, the hospital seeks the expertise of vet Clara Benning. But the post mortem reveals this was no freak accident. Clara finds herself drawn into the hunt for a brutally inventive killer, putting herself in danger as she unravels a barbaric ancient ritual, an abandoned house and a 50-year-old tragedy. For someone, the truth must remain buried in the past, even if they have to kill to keep it there. (English) *Due Mar*



Charles BROKAW
The Atlantis Code

584pp Pb \$19.95

In a dusty antiquities shop in Egypt, an ancient artefact is discovered, inscribed with what appears to be the long lost language of Atlantis, and the trinket soon becomes the centre of the most deadly archaeological hunt in history. Only one man can decode its meaning, but only if he can stay alive long enough! Meanwhile, an earthquake in Spain uncovers an unexpected site. Perhaps the lost city of Atlantis has finally been found – but is the world ready for her secrets? (American) *Due Mar*



John BUCHAN

The Best of John Buchan: Three Rip-Roaring Richard Hannay Thrillers: The 39 Steps / Greenmantle / Mr Standfast (1915, 1916, 1919) Hb \$29.99

The 39 Steps: Richard Hannay battles to expose a German spy network while wanted by the police for a murder he didn't commit and pursued by the enemy in one of the greatest manhunts of all time. *Greenmantle:* After recovering from wounds sustained on the field of battle, Hannay is sent to thwart German plans to instigate a holy war in the Middle East. *Mr Standfast:* Hannay works undercover to bring down German operations in Britain. He comes up against the enemy's most cunning master spy and meets the love of his life. (English) *Due Mar*



John BURDETT

The Godfather of Kathmandu

320pp Tp \$34.95

Thai police detective Sonchai Jitpleecheep is meant to be investigating the most shocking murder of his career, but Sonchai is more interested in the eerie Tietsin, an exiled Tibetan Lama who has 40 million dollars of heroin for sale. Meanwhile, Police Colonel Vikorn and Army General Zinna are battling for control of Bangkok's crime network. If Sonchai wants to be one of Tietsin's initiates, he has to bring Vikorn and Zinna to the same side of the table. (English) *Due Mar*



David CARKEET

Double Negative

224pp Tp \$29.95

Dedicated to the study of the verbal skill development of toddlers, one might expect the Wabash Institute to be staffed by kind, gentle scholars rather than a nest of cranky academics. When one of them is bludgeoned to death, Jeremy Cook, the Institute's premier scholar becomes the prime suspect. To clear his name, Cook plans to solve the case, even if it means taking time off from teaching imaginary words to the Institute's tiny subjects. (American) *Due Mar*



Lee CHILD

Gone Tomorrow

560pp Pb \$21.95

Jack Reacher #13. Suicide bombers are easy to spot - they give out all kinds of tell-tale signs, mostly because they're nervous. By definition, they're all first-timers! Riding the subway at 2am, Reacher knows the 12 signs to look for. He becomes sharply aware of one of his fellow passengers who, one by one, ticks off every bullet point on the list. (American) *Due Mar*

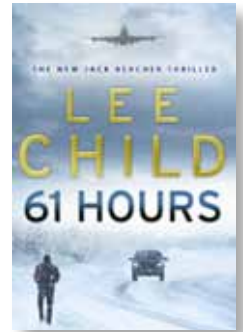


Lee CHILD

61 Hours

448pp Tp \$32.95

Jack Reacher. A bus crashes and is stranded in a snowstorm. In a small town 20 miles away, a vulnerable witness is guarded around the clock. A stone building stands five miles further on, all alone on the prairie. A ruthless man controls everything from the warmth of Mexico. Jack Reacher hitched a ride in the back of the bus and will have to face the cold without a coat, but he's equipped for the rest of his task. He doesn't want to put the world to rights. He just doesn't like people who put it to wrongs. (English/American) *Due Mar*

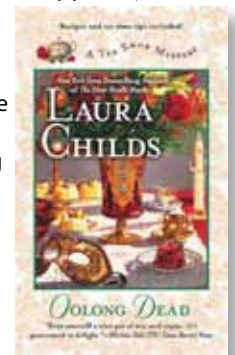


Laura CHILDS

Olong Dead

336pp Pb \$15.95

Tea Shop Mystery #10. Indigo Tea Shop proprietor Theodosia Browning and her horse encounter murder most unsavoury during the annual Charleston Point-to-Point Race. Shortly after clearing a jump, they're spooked by encountering the corpse of TV news anchor Abby Davis, who's been shot through the forehead. Theodosia pursues her own investigation, prompted by Jory Davis, the victim's brother and Theodosia's ex-boyfriend. Prime suspects include Webster Hall, who lost his job to Abby, and the husband she'd been cheating on. (American) *Due Mar*



Mary HIGGINS CLARK

Just Take My Heart

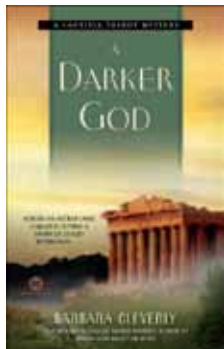
400pp Pb \$19.99


When Broadway star Natalie Raines is found dying from a gunshot wound, her soon-to-be-ex-husband, Gregg Aldrich, is the chief suspect. Two years later, Jimmy Easton claims that Aldrich hired him to kill his wife, but he had turned the job down, and so Aldrich is charged with the murder. Handling the case is assistant prosecutor Emily Wallace, who experiences sentiments during the trial which defy all reason and continue afterwards. Meanwhile, her own life is now at risk. (American) *Due Mar*



 **Barbara CLEVERLY**
A Darker God 416pp Tp \$29.95

Laetitia Talbot Mystery #3. In 1928 Athens, aspiring archaeologist Laetitia Talbot watches a performance of an ancient Greek tragedy. But the blood that flows, in full view of the audience, is not a theatrical effect. As Letty digs for clues, she unearths disturbing secrets with catastrophic implications worthy of Sophocles, but of a far more recent vintage. Unknowingly, Letty herself steps into the murderer's savage spotlight – a light so bright she may not be able to see the dark figure behind before it's too late. (English) *Due Mar*



 **Max Allan COLLINS**
& **Matthew CLEMENS**
You Can't Stop Me 320pp Pb \$13.95

Small-town sheriff J C Harrow made headlines when he apprehended a would-be presidential assassin – only to come home that night and find his wife and son brutally murdered. This tragic twist of fate launched his career as the host of reality TV's smash-hit *Crime Seen*. But while Harrow tracks down dangerous criminals coast-to-coast with the help of his viewers, a killer with a twisted agenda is making his own bloody path to fame. (American) *Due Mar*

 **Clive & Dirk CUSSLER**
Arctic Drift 578pp Pb \$19.95

Dirk Pitt. When Pitt is almost blown to pieces in a lab explosion, he suspects sabotage. The lab in question belongs to a scientist hoping to use a rare metal to combat greenhouse gases, but who would want to destroy our one chance to save the planet? There are some who would do anything to control such a prize, and Pitt's investigations take him to the Arctic, where he and colleague Al Giordino must battle for survival against the elements and a megalomaniac who is about to plunge North America into war... (American) *Due Mar*

 **Clive CUSSLER & Jack DU BRUL**
The Silent Sea 400pp Tp \$32.95

Oregon Files #7. In 1941, four brothers exploring a small island off the coast of Washington make an extraordinary discovery, only to be interrupted by news of Pearl Harbour. In the present, Juan Cabrillo, Captain of US spy-ship Oregon, makes a shocking discovery of his own in Argentina. His search to untangle the mystery leads him to that island, and then back to an ancient Chinese expedition, and a 500-year-old curse. If he's successful, the reward could be incalculable. If not, the only reward is death. (American) *Due Mar*

 **Stacey DITTRICH**
The Body Mafia 336pp Pb \$15.95

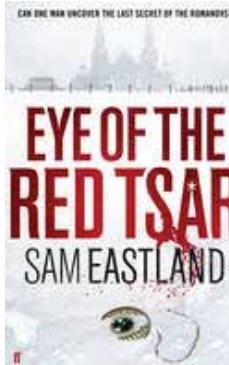
CeeCee Gallagher Mystery #3. When the bodies of local homeless men are discovered missing major organs, Metropolitan Police Detective Sergeant CeeCee Gallagher is called to investigate. Based on the notorious Cleveland-Youngstown mafia wars of the 1970s, her search leads her to uncover a ring of criminals who deal in black market human organs, and places her in a fight to save her own life from Mafiosi bent on protecting their interests. This investigation deals her a personal tragedy from which she will barely recover. (American) *Due Mar*

 **Carola DUNN**
Murder on the Flying Scotsman 272pp Pb \$18.95

Daisy Dalrymple Mystery #4. Soon after Daisy's journey to Edinburgh begins, she meets a bickering Scottish clan en route to the deathbed of the head of their family. But before the express reaches its first stop, one of the greedy McGowans is dead. Daisy is willing to bet her first-class ticket that it was murder. After all, the victim was the heir-in-waiting and is sharing a carriage with an entire family with everything to gain by his death... (English/American) *Due Mar*


 **Sam EASTLAND**
Eye of the Red Tsar 352pp Tp \$29.99

Inspector Pekkala #1. Inspector Pekkala was once the most famous detective in all Russia; the Tsar's favourite. Now, like millions of others during the Great Terror, he has been sent to the Siberian gulags. But a reprieve comes when he is summoned by Stalin himself. Pekkala's mission is to discover who really killed the Tsar and his family, and to locate the royal treasure. The reward for success: the chance to reunite with the woman he would have married if not for the Revolution. The price of failure: death. (American) *Due Mar*



 **JT ELLISON**
The Cold Room 416pp Pb \$15.95

Taylor Jackson #4. Homicide detective Taylor Jackson thinks she's seen it all, but she's never encountered anything as perverse as The Conductor, who contains his victim in a glass coffin, slowly starving her to death. Only then does he yield, finally disposing of the body by re-enacting scenes from famous paintings. Similar items are being found in Europe. Taylor teams up with her fiancé, FBI profiler Dr John Baldwin, and New Scotland Yard detective James 'Memphis' Highmythe to put an end to this horror. Has the killer gone international with his craft? Or are there two 'artists'? (American) *Due Mar*


 **Anne EMERY**
Obit 320pp Pb \$24.95

Declan Burke fled Ireland 40 years ago and never looked back. Now settled in New York, he thinks he has put the old country behind him until he reads the obituary of one Cathal Murphy: a coded indictment of Burke's own life and an announcement of his impending death. Lawyer Monty Collins investigates the obit's allusions to Burke's IRA past. (Canadian) *Due Mar*

 **Linda FAIRSTEIN**
Hell Gate 400pp Tp \$32.99

Assistant DA Alex Cooper and her NYPD colleagues find themselves investigating a shipwreck involving illegally trafficked immigrants, while at the same time a sex scandal threatens the career of a promising young congressman. When Alex discovers that a young woman who died in the wreck and the congressman's murdered lover have the same tattoo – the brand of the mastermind behind the trafficking operation – she realises that New York's entire political landscape hangs in the balance. (American) *Due Mar*



 **Joy FIELDING**
Still Life: A Novel 384pp Pb \$19.99

Beautiful, happily married and the owner of a successful interior design business, Casey Marshall could not be more content, until a car slams into her at high speed, plunging her into a coma. Lying in hospital, she realises that although she cannot see or communicate, she can hear everything. She is horrified to discover that her accident might not have been an accident at all. As she struggles to break free from her living death, Casey determines to expose the truth. (American) *Due Mar*

 **Steven GORE**
Final Target 512pp Pb \$19.95

A man lies unconscious in a hospital bed, the victim of violent assault. Private investigator Graham Gage believes the injured man – his closest friend – had no part in the conspiracy for which prosecutors are eager to send him to prison for life. Gage's search sends him to hot spots around the globe, dragging him into a deadly morass of lies, greed and terror alongside traitors, killers, and gangsters. As the plot unravels, the body count soars, and Gage finds himself in an impossible race to prevent the unimaginable. (American) *Due Mar*



Andrew GROSS
Don't Look Twice

512pp Pb \$19.95

For detective Ty Hauck, life is good. A waterfront house, a new girlfriend and, after uncovering a Wall Street scandal, he's even a local hero. But then a day trip with his daughter becomes a bloodbath. Inner-city violence seems to have invaded his quiet Greenwich suburb, and someone powerful enough to kill without fear of reprisal is involved. Ty suspects things go deeper, maybe all the way to Washington and the Middle East, but everyone, from the FBI to his own family, wants him to stop looking. But with his brother in danger, Ty ignores the warnings... (American) *Due Mar*

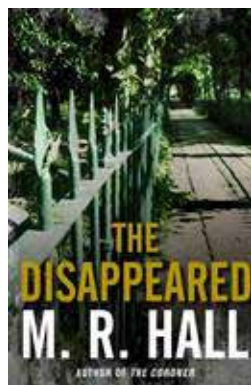
Lev GROSSMAN
The Magicians 496pp Pb \$24.95

Quentin Coldwater's life is changed forever when he turns up for his entrance interview to Princeton and finds his interviewer dead. A strange envelope bearing Quentin's name and containing a mysterious manuscript leads him down a path different to any he'd ever imagined; to a secret world of privilege, freedom and power. For a while, it seems to answer all Quentin's desires. But the idyll cannot last. When it's finally shattered, Quentin is drawn into something far more dangerous than anything he could ever have expected... (American) *Due Mar*



M R HALL
The Disappeared 450pp Tp \$32.99

When Nazim Jamal and Rafi Hassan, two British students, vanish without a trace, their parents are told that the boys had been under surveillance, and had left the country to pursue their dangerous new ideals. Nazim's mother remains unconvinced, and Coroner Jenny Cooper is her last hope. But as the inquest gets underway, the stink of corruption rises and events begin to spiral out of control. How could she have known that by unravelling the mysteries of the disappeared, she would begin to unearth her own buried secrets? (English) *Due Mar*



Sophie HANNAH
A Room Swept White 448pp Tp \$32.99

TV producer Fliss Benson receives an anonymous card at work. The card has sixteen numbers on it, arranged in four rows of four. On the same day, Fliss finds out she's to work on a documentary about miscarriages of justice involving cot-death mothers wrongly accused of murder. The film will focus on three acquitted women, while the child protection zealot who wanted them in prison for life is under investigation for misconduct. For private reasons, this is the last project Fliss wants to do. But then one of the women is found dead, and in her pocket is a card with sixteen numbers on it, arranged in four rows of four... (English) *Due Mar*



John Twelve HAWKS
The Golden City 448pp Tp \$32.95

Fourth Realm Trilogy #3. In a world that exists in the shadow of our own, Gabriel faces troubling new questions and relentless threats while struggling to protect the legacy of his Traveller father. His brother Michael, now firmly allied with the enemy, pursues his ambition to wrest power from Nathan Boone, the calculating leader of the Brethren. And Maya, the Harlequin warrior pledged to protect Gabriel at all costs, is forced to make a choice that will change her life forever. (American) *Due Mar*

Mo HAYDER
Gone 356pp Tp \$32.95

Jack Caffery #5. The November evening is closing in as DI Jack Caffery arrives to interview the victim of a car-jacking. But this is no ordinary theft. The man who stole the car was wearing a Santa Claus mask, and in the back seat was an eleven-year-old girl. A day later the car is found. Inside, there's a letter. Caffery knows that soon the jacker will choose another car, with another the little girl in the back seat. Caffery's a good cop, but this time the jacker seems to be ahead of him every step of the way. (British) *Due Mar*

B B Haywood
Town in a Blueberry Jam 312pp Pb \$13.95

Candy Holliday #1. In the seaside village of Cape Willington, Maine, Candy Holliday has an idyllic life tending to the Blueberry Acres farm she runs with her father and occasionally solving a murder or two. But she is as shocked as anyone when an ageing playboy and the newly crowned Blueberry Queen are killed, Candy investigates to clear the name of her friend, a local handyman. And as she sorts through the town's juicy secrets, things start to get sticky indeed... (American) *Due Mar*

David HEWSON
The Blue Demon 400pp Tp \$32.99

20 years ago, a mysterious group committed a series of bizarre crimes evoking the lost race of the Etruscans, leaving behind several bodies, a cryptic message and a kidnapped child. Now, when a politician is found ritually murdered, seemingly by a young man dressed as the Etruscan blue demon, detective Nic Costa suspects that the Butteri have returned, and are planning a sequence of attacks on Rome. There are too many unanswered questions, and much more to the history of the Butteri than anyone wants to admit... (English) *Due Mar*

Jack HIGGINS
Cry of the Hunter (1960) 336pp Pb \$19.99

By the age of forty, Martin Fallon was a revered man; a legend and hero of the Organization. After time in prison, and a battle with the bottle, he's ready to turn his back on the fight. But the war isn't over and now his services are needed again. Led back into operation under false pretences, Fallon is thrown into a rescue mission, and up against The Ulster Constabulary, a ruthless and terrifying sect with a ransom on the head of a king. Fallon must fight for justice again, searching for truth, and spilling blood. (English) *Due Mar*

Jack HIGGINS
The Dark Side of the Island (1963) Pb \$19.99

Captain Hugh Lomax's last view of Kyros had been as a German prisoner of war. When he returns to the beautiful Greek island, he begins to remember things he had long since buried in the back of his mind: the deadly mission he undertook, as well as a horrific massacre that still remains without reason. Now, the time has come for answers. Lomax is set to unlock the secrets of his past; someone betrayed the islanders at the height of the Nazi occupation, and they want their secret kept, whatever it takes, whoever has to suffer. (English) *Due Mar*

Jack HIGGINS
Solo (1980) (The Cretan Lover) 432pp Pb \$19.99

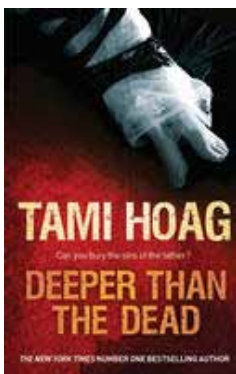
In the depths of a cavernous concert hall, a psychopath plots and waits, his thoughts on nothing but music and murder. He kills for pleasure, constantly searching, and with a brand new target in his sights, his mind spirals once again into torture and violence. But this time, he has chosen the wrong victim: the teenage daughter of a feared and respected SAS soldier; a man with more training and an advanced killer instinct. Now, soldier stalks maestro in a deadly game of cunning, skill, and bloody expertise, building to a nerve-shattering climax. (English) *Due Mar*



Tami HOAG
Deeper Than the Dead

432pp Tp \$32.99

Four children, playing in the woods behind their school, stumble upon a woman's body, eyes and mouth glued shut. Close behind is their teacher, Anne Navarre, horrified by this destruction of the children's innocence. FBI investigator Vince Leone is called in to try to unlock the mind of the killer using the fledgling technique of profiling, and gradually the children's lives are bound tighter and tighter together by the suspicion surrounding their families. While Vince and Anne know the lives of more women are at stake, they soon realise they are also fighting to save the futures of these children. (American) *Due Mar*



David HOSP
Among Thieves **400pp Tp \$32.99**

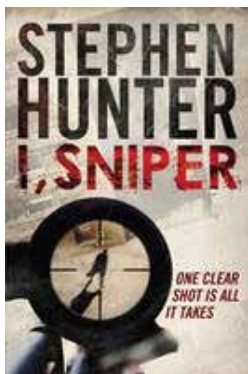
When attorney Scott Finn takes on well-known thief Devon Malley as a client, he gets much more than he bargained for; asked to care for Devon's teenage daughter, his investigations into an apparently petty theft lead him to Boston's criminal underworld, the IRA and close to solving the mystery of the theft of some of the world's most famous and valuable paintings. But an Irishman who saw his entire family murdered is determined to avenge their death, and he will never give up until the job is finished. (American) *Due Mar*



Stephen HUNTER
I, Sniper

432pp Tp \$32.99

When four famous 1960s radicals are gunned down, it appears to be an open-and-shut case. All evidence points to retired Marine sniper Carl Hitchcock and his subsequent suicide seems to confirm his guilt. Former Marine Corps sniper Bob Lee Swagger is called to investigate, but as he starts to unravel the tangled web of connections surrounding the murders, he finds his own days may be numbered. He is about to face one of his most ruthless adversaries yet, a sniper whose keen intellect and pinpoint accuracy rivals his own, ending in a bloody confrontation that only one of them can survive. (American) *Due Mar*



Graham HURLEY
Beyond Reach **336pp Tp \$32.99**

A Faraday & Winter Novel. According to the sole witness of a hit-and-run on a young couple, the boy was in the middle of the road giving the approaching car the finger. Now the girl is badly injured; the boy is dead. Operation Melody is launched under DI Faraday, revealing a mother driven to desperation by attacks on her son, and a link to a crime from the early 80s. The investigation will rip apart a happy family but the high-ups are desperate for their cold cases to be cleared up. Around it all circles ex-DC Paul Winter, who has his own reasons for keeping the lid on an old crime. (English) *Due Mar*



Graham HURLEY
No Lovelier Death **416pp Pb \$22.99**

A Faraday & Winter Novel. When Rachel throws a party while her parents are away and more than a hundred kids turn up, not only does the house end up trashed, but before the night is over, Rachel and her boyfriend are dead. With over a hundred suspects, DI Faraday is confronted with a nightmare investigation. But someone else wants to find the killer: a neighbour, drug baron Bazza Mackenzie, who promised to keep an eye on things while the parents were away. He wants the name of the killer. The man who gets the job of finding it? Ex-DC Paul Winter. (English) *Due Mar*



Charlie HUSTON
Sleepless **368pp Tp \$32.99**

Parker T Haas is a straight-arrow cop whose cast-iron sense of right and wrong has made him a lone wolf on the force. But when a plague of sleeplessness hits LA, his certainty is tested. He is sent undercover as a dealer on the trail of a black-market drug that is the only relief to the sleepless, where he encounters a man whose extreme aesthetic sense admits not the slightest humanity. Parker must decide not only where the moral centre is located in this frightening new landscape, but also how he is going to save his sleepless wife Rose and their newborn baby... (American) *Due Mar*



Sue Ann JAFFARIAN
Corpse on the Cob

312pp Pb \$29.95

Odelia Grey Mystery #5. Trouble grows faster than a corn crop in July when Odelia reunites with her long-lost mum in a corn maze at the Autumn Fair. For starters, there's the dead body in the cornfield. Then there's her mum crouched beside the corpse with blood on her hands... (American) *Due Mar*



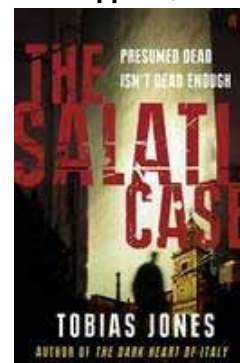
J A JANCE
Until Proven Guilty **328pp Pb \$19.99**

A five-year-old girl has been murdered and Seattle Homicide Detective J P Beaumont is not going to rest until her killer pays dearly. But Beaumont's own obsessions and demons could prove dangerous companions in a murky world of blind faith and religious fanaticism. And he is about to find out that he himself is the target of a twisted passion; a love that can kill. (American) *Due Mar*



Tobias JONES
The Salati Case **272pp Pb \$17.99**

who doesn't do things by the book. When a pompous notary commissions private detective Castagnetti to verify that a missing person is 'presumed dead' in order to dispense a dead woman's estate to the other heirs, Casta smells a rat. Before long, he is reopening old wounds and exposing family secrets. The relatives of Signora Salati just want their inheritance, but Casta is going to make sure they get their just desserts as well. (English/Italian) *Due Mar*



Peter de JONGE
Shadows Still Remain **Pb \$19.99**

Running from a troubled past, Francesca Pena came to New York to reinvent herself. After a night drinking with friends, she's reported missing. Detective Darlene O'Hara from and her partner K investigate. A week later, Francesca's mangled body is discovered. O'Hara and K's investigation quickly becomes high-profile and Homicide are quick to step in. Frustrated by their slow progress, O'Hara and K continue their own investigation in the city's seedy underbelly. Just when Homicide think they have the killer in their sights, O'Hara and K reveal their own findings – with not a minute to spare. (American) *Due Mar*



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Mari JUNGSTEDT
Unknown 432pp Pb \$24.95

Chief Inspector Anders Knutas #3. It's summer on Gotland and a group of archaeology students are excavating an ancient Viking site. The camaraderie of the group is shattered when a Dutch student called Martina disappears, especially after the decapitated body of a horse is discovered in a local farmer's field. As Inspector Knutas begins his investigation, echoes from Gotland's Viking past begin to trouble his search. Then Martina's naked body is found with ritualistic markings on her skin, in accord with the Viking ritual of the three-fold death. One thing the ritual points to is more deaths... (Swedish) *Due Mar*



Victoria LAURIE
Ghoul's Gone Wild

Ghost Hunter Mystery #4. When Psychic M J Holliday and her friends travel to a small town near Edinburgh, Scotland, to film the first instalment of their new cable TV show *Ghoul Getters*, they find plenty of spooky action in a series of supposedly haunted caverns. But then they discover the corpse of a maintenance worker, whose cause of death is reminiscent of an old legend involving a witch's wrath... (American) *Due Mar*



Simon LELIC
Rupture 256pp Tp \$32.99

On a sweltering summer's day, teacher Samuel Szajkowski walks into a school assembly and opens fire, killing three pupils and a colleague before shooting himself. Policewoman Lucia May is expected to wrap the case up quickly; it seems the incident is simply a tragedy and Szajkowski a psychopath beyond help. But Lucia wants to know what drove a mild-mannered teacher to such a crime? Piecing together the testimonies, Lucia uncovers an uglier, more complex story. As the pressure to bury the case builds, she determines to tell the truth, whatever the consequences... (English) *Due Mar*

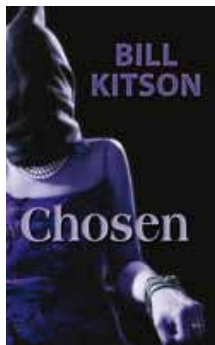


Simon KERNICK
Target 496pp Pb \$24.95

When Rob Fallon goes out one night and ends up with his best friend's girlfriend, guilt quickly turns to shock when two men break into Jenny's apartment, abduct her, and try to kill Rob. When Rob reports this to the police, no one believes him, and when he speaks to Jenny's father, he says she's on holiday abroad. Rob knows her life is in danger and starts asking questions, and soon he's the target of brutal killers who are as terrifying as they are elusive. But what do they want? And what does it have to do with Jenny? (English) *Due Mar*

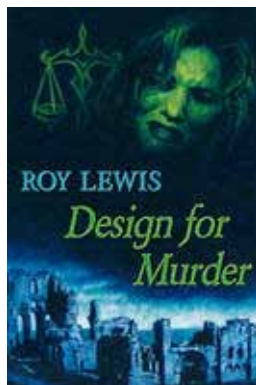
Bill KITSON
Chosen 224pp Hb \$49.95

DI Mike Nash Mystery #2. When Sarah Kelly simply fails to return from a night out, DI Nash can only speculate, until he starts looking deeper into other cases of girls who have vanished without trace. Nash spots chilling similarities: no bodies, no witnesses, all disappearances explained away. While investigating seemingly unconnected crimes, Nash strives to come to grips with the psyche of an unusual serial killer. He needs to find a solution, and fast, as two more women vanish, making it potentially fatal both for Nash and for the women who have been chosen... (English) *Due Mar*



Roy LEWIS
Design for Murder 224pp Hb \$49.95

Eric Ward Mystery. When Eric Ward and Sharon Owen defend suspected serial killer Raymond Conroy and win an acquittal on a technicality, they incur the wrath of CI Charlie Spate. Ward has no desire to act further for Conroy, but when Conroy disappears, and the Zodiac Killer strikes again, Ward finds himself involved once more, alongside Spate. Complications arise from mysterious dealings in Scotland in the 70s, but it is only during a murderous climax in a remote farmhouse that the truth finally emerges. (English) *Due Mar*



G M MALLIET
Death at the Alma Mater 312pp Pb \$29.95

St Just Mystery #3. St Michael's College is prestigious, stately – and in frightful disrepair. To replenish its dwindling coffers, the College's Master plans a fundraising weekend for wealthy alums. But all goes awry when the glamorous and despised Lexy Durant is found strangled to death on the grounds. As Chief Inspector St Just weighs clashing egos and likely suspects – Lexy's debt-ridden Latino lover, the ex-husband who left her, and an oil-rich Texan – he discovers unsavoury secrets... and a shocking twist. (American) *Due Mar*

G J MOFFAT
Daisychain 416pp Pb \$22.99

Logan Finch has just about everything he ever wanted; a penthouse apartment and a successful legal career. But something's missing: he still pines for the woman who left him twelve years ago. One client, the profane and gregarious American Alex Cahill is Logan's best friend but has a violent, shadowy past. Meanwhile, on Detective Constable Rebecca Irvine's first day she is called to a murder scene. The victim is Logan's former girlfriend, and her 11-year-old daughter is missing... (Scottish) *Due Mar*



Christopher G MOORE
Paying Back Jack 312pp Tp \$32.95

PI Vincent Calvino #3. When Calvino is hired by a retired Thai general to deal with a problematic tenant, he finds himself with more than he'd bargained for as he and the General narrowly avoid assassination. Calvino gets out of Bangkok for a while, but unfortunately, trouble follows him to the beach. Back in Bangkok, a pair of snipers is staking out a high profile politician. But they're not mercenaries; they're "paying back Jack". As his investigation draws him into a murky world of contractors, UN officials and local politics, Calvino's run of bad luck gets more and more perilous... (Canadian/Thai) *Due Mar*

Boyd MORRISON
The Noah's Ark Quest 432pp Tp \$29.99

When an old friend is murdered before archaeologist Dilara Kenner's eyes, he gasps a few cryptic words about a vast conspiracy to hide an incredible historical artefact and tells her to seek help from former Army combat engineer Tyler Locke. Locke and Dilara head to Arizona, where they make a chilling discovery: a group of religious fanatics have recovered a weapon from Noah's Ark that will let them recreate the biblical Flood and reshape humanity in their twisted vision. Now Locke and Dilara have just seven days to find the Ark and the secret hidden inside before it is used to wipe out civilization again... (American) *Due Mar*



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Ryu MURAKAMI
Audition

Documentary-maker Aoyama hasn't dated anyone in the seven years since the death of his beloved wife. Now even his teenage son has suggested he remarry, so when his best friend comes up with a plan to hold fake film auditions so that he can choose a new bride, he goes along with it. Of the thousands who apply, Aoyama only has eyes for Yamasaki Asami, a beautiful and talented ballerina. But there is more to her than meets Aoyama's infatuated eye, and by the time he discovers the terrifying truth it may be too late... (Japanese) *Due Mar*



208pp Pb \$22.99

Ruth NEWMAN
Twisted Wing 384pp Pb \$22.99

Cambridge is home to 18,000 students, 1,500 academics... and one serial killer. The discovery of the mutilated body of an undergraduate in her own room heralds the start of a series of horrific murders. For the students, university life has become not about surviving their exams, but surviving full-stop. Forensic psychiatrist Matthew Denison is sure that traumatised student Olivia Coscadden knows the killer's identity, and that someone with a grudge lurks within her little clique. To get to the truth, Denison must delve into the secrets hidden within Olivia's subconscious - secrets that will lead him into a nightmare. (English) *Due Mar*

Karen OLSON
Pretty in Ink

Tattoo Shop Mystery #2. Brett Kavanaugh is a tattoo artist and owner of Vegas's hottest tattoo shop, 'The Painted Lady'. In her spare time, she does some sleuthing. After Brett inks the city's newest drag queens, she's invited to opening night of the glamorous Nylon and Tattoos show, which ends in disaster when a stranger with a Queen of Hearts tattoo fatally injures Britney Brassieres with a champagne cork. When another drag queen is found poisoned, it looks like someone's targeting Vegas's fabulous femmes... (American) *Due Mar*



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P J PARRISH
The Little Death

Mark Durand, the handsome high-class 'walker' who escorted the wealthiest women to posh affairs has been murdered. South Florida detective Louis Kincaid feels out of his element in Palm Beach, but he's agreed to help prime suspect Reggie Kent, an aging walker who may have been the victim's lover. In the course of his investigation, Kincaid uncovers shocking secrets about a powerful senator whose husband collects weapons, a silver-tongued dowager with a taste for gossip and a seductive socialite who tries to make Kincaid forget about his girlfriend by whispering three little words: "Die with me..." (American) *Due Mar*

432pp Pb \$15.95

Karen ROBARDS
Pursuit

The car crash that leaves the First Lady dead and Jessica Ford badly injured is just the beginning of the nightmare. Her law firm's senior partner who asked her to meet the President's wife in a Washington hotel late one Saturday night commits suicide, his secretary dies another accident, and the Secret Service agent on the case, Mark Ryan, believes that Jess is hiding something. Soon Jess realizes that everyone who knew what the First Lady was doing that night is dead - except her. And if she remembers, she'll be dead too. Terrified, Jess has only Ryan to turn to... (American) *Due Mar*



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Kel ROBERTSON
Smoke and Mirrors

Brad Chen #2. Ace detective Brad Chen is lured back to work by the double murder of a Whitlam government minister and the editor of his political memoirs. Solving the crimes, while searching for a missing friend, Chen is plunged into the murky worlds of international espionage and organised crime. The body count rises as Chen uncovers the deadly secret behind the most momentous events in Australian political history. Winner of the 2009 Ned Kelly Award. (Australian) *Due Mar*



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Peter ROBINSON
The Price of Love

When DCI Alan Banks arrived in Eastvale 20 years ago, his life was just as much of a mess as it is now. But now he's holding an envelope that could change everything he knew about the events of that time. In addition to the brand new novella filling in the gaps in Banks' life before Yorkshire, Peter Robinson gives us 10 more brilliant and eclectic stories. The Eastvale Ladies' Poker Circle finds that murder may be just another game of risk. Is a suitcase of cash worth a man's head on a plate? And tragedy teaches a young boy the price of love... (Canadian) *Due Mar*



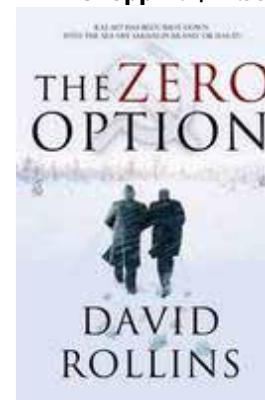
384pp Pb \$19.99

Michael ROBOTHAM
Bombproof 400pp Pb \$19.99

Sami Macbeth is not a master criminal. He plays guitar and wants to be a rock god, but keeps getting sidetracked. 54 hours ago, he was released from prison. 36 hours ago, he slept with the woman of his dreams at the Savoy. An hour ago, his train blew up. Now he's carrying a rucksack through London's West End and has become the most wanted terrorist in the country. Sami is a man with the uncanny ability to turn a desperate situation into a hopeless one. (Australian) *Due Mar*

David ROLLINS
The Zero Option

The Cold War is going badly for the Reagan administration. Enter Roy Garret, a young analyst with a plan; in September 1983, a Korean Air Lines flight meets a US spy plane over the Bering Sea, overflies a top secret Soviet submarine base and is then shot down. Or is it? 30 years later, a missing radar tape falls into the hands of the daughter of a KAL 007 passenger and the son of the US spy plane commander. Determined to keep the facts hidden is presidential candidate Roy Garret. Can two young idealists expose the truth, or will history be swept under the carpet again? (Australian) *Due Mar*



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Norman RUSSELL
The Calton Papers

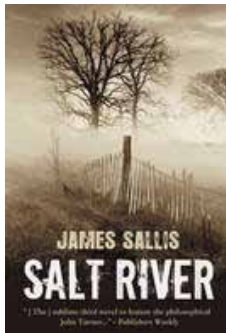
224pp Hb \$49.95

Arthur Waldegrave, heir to a vast estate and fortune, perishes in a spectacular fire, but Inspector Saul Jackson and his shrewd sergeant, Herbert Bottomley, establish that he was murdered with cyanide. Who would gain from Arthur's death? His brother Lance, plagued by debt and pursued by the frantic working-girl he has betrayed? Or Jeremy Beecham, a rising architect, whose engagement to Margaret Waldegrave Arthur so bitterly opposed? When a second murder sends Jackson off in new directions, he discovers the mysterious Major Pomeroy, owner of the Calton Papers, which the ulterior motive for Arthur Waldegrave's death... (English) *Due Mar*

James SALLIS
Salt River

160pp Pb \$24.99

Deputy Sheriff John Turner – ex-policeman, ex-con, war veteran and former therapist – has come to a small town somewhere near Memphis to escape his past. It's been two years since his lover, Val Bjorn, was shot as they sat together on



the porch of his cabin. Now the sheriff's long-lost son comes ploughing into City Hall in what appears to be a stolen car. And waiting at Turner's cabin is a good friend who's been accused of murder. Haunted by his own ghosts, Turner goes in search of a truth he's not sure he can live with. (American) *Due Mar*

A K SHEVCHENKO
Bequest

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Taras Petrenko of the Russian Security Service is sieving through the Moscow archives of Stalin's regime when he stumbles over a case first opened two centuries earlier. He realises that three documents are missing which could alter the political balance of Europe. Taras is determined to prevent this, but in London, Kate, a young British solicitor, meets a secretive Ukrainian holding three documents he claims could change the lives of millions of people. Kate finds herself unwillingly thrust into the mystery of a 200-year-old bequest and a journey into the shadowy side of power. (Russian) *Due Mar*

Roger SILVERWOOD
Shrine to Murde

224pp Hb \$49.95

DI Michael Angel Mystery Angel and his team of regulars are searching for a serial killer on the loose in the Yorkshire town of Bromersley. A character in early Roman attire is observed at every murder and a laurel leaf is left on every corpse. DNA evidence links a woman with an Asian background to the murders but this profile doesn't fit any of the suspects. The investigations become more mystifying as Inspector Angel races against the clock to find the killer. Can he prevent further bloodshed? (English) *Due Mar*

Wendy Corsi STAUB
Live to Tell

400pp Pb \$15.95

In a suburban town just north of New York, the gossip mill runs more efficiently than the trains. And in every house, they're talking about Lauren Walsh. They say that nothing could be worse than being abandoned for another woman. They're wrong. All Lauren wants is to protect her children from her messy divorce. But when their father goes missing, a case of mistaken identity puts all their lives in danger, while a stealthy predator lurks in the shadows. Lauren is about to uncover a secret, one this cold-blooded mastermind would never let her live to tell. (American) *Due Mar*

Jon STOCK
Dead Spy Running

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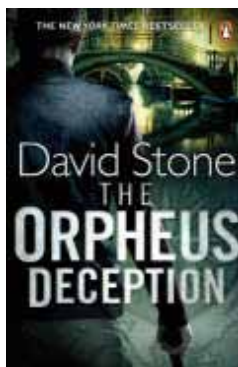
Suspended MI6 officer Daniel Marchant tries to thwart a terrorist attack on the London Marathon, but there are those in America who already suspect Marchant of treachery, just like they suspected his late father, the former head of MI6. Marchant is determined to prove his father's innocence by travelling to where the former MI6 chief once met with one of the world's most wanted terrorists. But was that meeting proof of a mole within MI6 or the best penetration of Al-Qaeda the West has ever had? Marchant discovers the realities of personal betrayal and national loyalty, and that love can be the biggest risk of all. (English) *Due Mar*



David STONE
The Orpheus Deception

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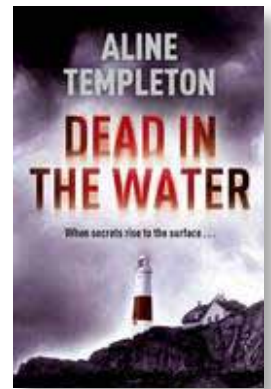
CIA Agent Micah Dalton #2. A brutal assassination attempt on the rainy streets of Venice sets Dalton on a collision course with a vengeful Serbian warlord as he tries to uncover the links between a savage act of piracy, the disappearance of a CIA agent, and an elusive ship known only as 'Orpheus'. As he desperately seeks to unlock the secret, Dalton is once again caught up in an international chase that takes him from Italy to Singapore and finally back to his homeland and ever-greater danger to himself... (American) *Due Mar*



Aline TEMPLETON
Dead in the Water

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The young pregnant victim's body was found washed up on the rocks. Twenty years on the murder remains unsolved; her father is dead, and her mother refuses to talk about what happened. DI Marjory Fleming is called in to reopen the case that her own late father, a policeman also, was unable to put to rest. As Fleming digs deeper it becomes clear that her father had struggled to keep secret some of the shameful details around the young girl's death. Can she handle the truth she will unearth, not just about her father but about herself? (Scottish) *Due Mar*



Carleen THOMPSON
Touch of Evil

320pp Pb \$15.95

One by one, the members of a small town folk band are being murdered. Sheriff Justine Wofford is boxed in on all sides; investigating a series of gruesome hangings everyone else considers suicide. Hospitalized by a severe blow to the head, unable to remember the details of the attack, under fire from her own department, she reaches out to the man she's sworn to avoid at any cost. But now Justine can't stay away from Ross. Somehow, he's mixed up in this case and his hold on her is only getting tighter. (American) *Due Mar*

Randy Wayne WHITE
Dead Silence

512pp Pb \$19.95

Doc Ford Mystery #16. Doc Ford is waiting at the Explorers' Club for the attractive US senator with whom he has started a relationship. But as she arrives, an abduction occurs right before Ford's eyes. Ford manages to save the senator, but the companion in her car, a Minnesota teenager, is not so lucky. The boy's captors have a definite agenda, and to make sure he isn't rescued before their 36 hour deadline, they've buried him alive. But the boy has a past, as do Doc Ford and many others, and before those 36 hours are over, all those pasts will catch up to the present, with catastrophic results. (American)

CRIME HISTORICAL

Rhys BOWEN

Last Illusion

288pp Hb \$48.00

Molly Murphy Mystery #8. PI Molly Murphy is thrilled to have a ticket to see a trio of illusionists when headlining is the sensational Harry Houdini. But before Houdini can even take the stage, the opening act goes horribly wrong as, to the crowd's shock, the illusionist saws into his assistant. Houdini is accused of tampering with the equipment. Molly is hired as part investigator, part bodyguard, but how can she protect a man who literally risks his life every night? And how is she going to uncover whether there is something much more treacherous going on? (English/American) *Due Mar*

Anna DEAN

A Gentleman of Fortune

336pp Pb \$19.95

Miss Dido Kent Mystery

#2. When a quiet holiday with her cousin Flora is disturbed by the suspicious death of a neighbour, Miss Dido is once more at the centre of an unusual investigation. All eyes are on the late Mrs Lansdale's nephew, since he has both lost a remarkably tyrannical relation and gained a large inheritance. Miss Dido is intrigued by the rumours and, at Flora's behest, starts a little investigation of her own. And as she does, she brings more to light than even she could have imagined. (English) *Due Mar*



Gary DEXTER

The Oxford Despoiler

and Other Mysteries from the Case Book of Henry St Liver

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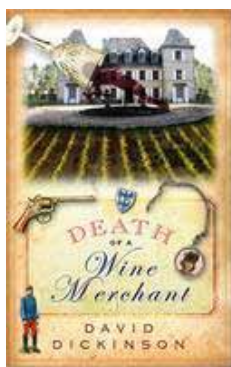
Tall, rake-thin and copiously moustachioed with a high, piping voice, Henry St Liver is at first glance not an impressive specimen. But the moment he is confronted with a mystery to solve – one with a risqué element – he is turned into a positive genius of detection and decision. In this first collection, he and his spirited assistant Olive Salter tackle eight cases that have baffled Scotland Yard, taking them on a series of dramatic journeys into the most exotic reaches of Victorian society, and of the human heart. (English)

David DICKINSON

Death of a Wine Merchant

336pp Hb \$46.95

Death gatecrashes a society wedding and Lord Francis Powerscourt is summoned to investigate. The dead man is Randolph Colville, successful wine merchant and father of the groom. The murderer appears to be his brother Cosmo, found at the scene holding a gun. But is this simply a modern Cain and Abel? Cosmo isn't talking and he's headed for the gallows in two weeks. Francis' investigations take him to Burgundy, where he uncovers malpractice in the Colville business, bitter rivalry with a competitor and a vengeful ex-employee. But there is another secret which finally reveals the motive for the untimely death of a wine merchant. (Irish) *Due Mar*



William DIETRICH

The Dakota Cipher

352pp Pb \$19.99

Ethan Gage. Ethan Gage wants to enjoy the fruits of victory after helping Napoleon win the Battle of Marengo, but a tryst with Bonaparte's sister has made that impossible. And the fantastic schemes of the wild Norwegian Magnus Bloodhammer soon have Ethan dodging Indians on America's frontier. Ethan and Magnus embark upon an expedition into the western wilderness, keeping their eyes open for woolly mammoths and the mythical hammer of the Norse god Thor, allegedly carried to North America more than a century before Columbus. (American) *Due Mar*

Arthur Conan DOYLE

Complete Illustrated Sherlock Holmes

Hb \$49.99

This handsome edition, quarter bound in real cloth, with head and tail bands, a ribbon marker, gilt top edge and illustrated cover boards, presents all of Doyle's short stories and the four full-length Sherlock Holmes novels. (Scottish) *Due Mar*

Arthur Conan DOYLE

The Sign of Four (1890) 275pp Pb \$15.95

This Sherlock Holmes novel is the story of Mary Morstan, a beautiful young woman enlisting Holmes to find her vanished father and solve the mystery of her receipt of a pearl each year, gradually uncovering a tale of treachery and greed, ranging from the Andaman Islands to South London, and from the opium-fuelled violence of the Indian 'Mutiny' to the cocaine-induced contemplation of Holmes' own Baker Street. This edition places Doyle's tale in the cultural, political, and social contexts of late 19th-century imperialism, with relevant extracts from sources ranging from official reports to memoirs, and newspaper editorials to anthropological studies. (Scottish) *Due Mar*

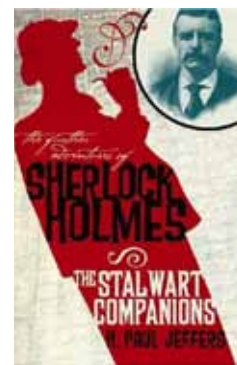
H Paul JEFFERS

The Further Adventures of Sherlock Holmes: The Stalwart Companions

(1978)

224pp Pb \$16.99

In this story, told by future President Theodore Roosevelt long before Holmes' first encounter with Dr Watson, Holmes visits America to solve a violent and despicable crime. A crime that was to prove the most taxing of his brilliant career... (American) *Due Mar*



J Sydney JONES

The Empty Mirror

320pp Pb \$22.99

The summer of 1898 finds Austria transfixed by a series of brutal murders. When renowned painter Gustav Klimt's model becomes the fifth victim, the artist is fingered as the culprit. Klimt's lawyer Karl Werthen and the famed criminologist Inspector Gross must delve into a nationwide conspiracy in order to acquit the eccentric and unpredictable artist. (American) *Due Mar*

Michael KURLAND (ed)

Sherlock Holmes: The American Years

368pp Hb \$45.00

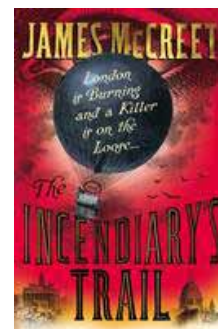
This collection of 10 original stories brings light to one of the least examined periods in the life of the great detective – his time as a young man in the US. In Richard Lupoff's *Inga Sigerson Weds*, he's come to America for his sister's wedding. In *My Silk Umbrella*, Mark Twain narrates his encounter with Holmes at a baseball game in Connecticut; Steve Hockensmith narrates the meeting of the actor William Gillette and the detective he famously played. The legend, the mythology and even the history of the world's greatest detective is further enhanced by these charming, clever and mystifying tales. (American) *Due Mar*

James McCREET

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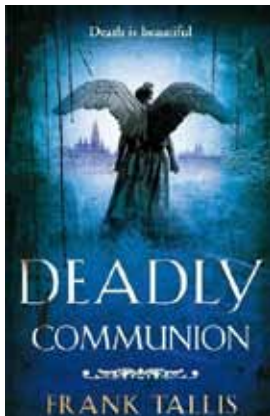
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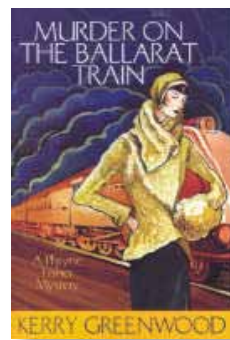
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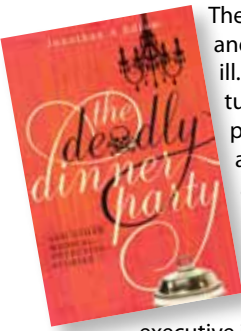
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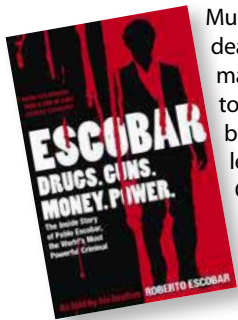
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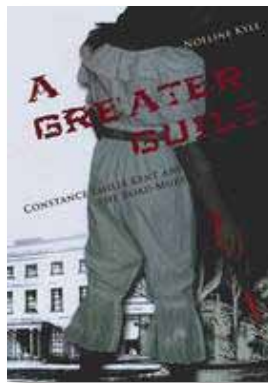
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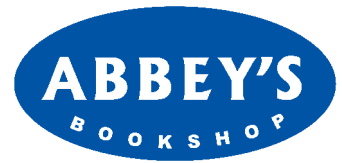
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