

# CRIME Chronicle

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An exclusive interview with Australia's Queen of Crime **Kerry Greenwood** as she investigates political intrigue in the Ancient World.

**Tell us about *Out of the Black Land*, your exciting**

**new novel of timeless love and power set in Egypt.**

If I had not been so incompetent with mathematics, I should have been an archaeologist. I've always been fascinated with the past, especially Ancient Greece and Rome and, as it happens, Egypt. My favourite ancient commentator is Herodotus, who wandered around the world being interested in everything. I found him when I was 12. *Out of the Black Land* (which is the habitable part of Egypt, the desert being the Red Land) is about an entwined love story, a political and social revolution, and about monotheism opposed to polytheism. And other things.

**What inspired you to write about Egypt? What fascinated you about the tumultuous reign of Pharaoh Akhnaten and his most beautiful Queen, Nefertiti?**

In all the literature, Akhnaten was always a good guy, mostly because he was a monotheist, as opposed to a polytheist. The commentators, being Christians, assumed that anyone who followed One God must be better than someone who had lots of gods. This annoyed me, so I started to research it and found that I inclined strongly to Horomheb, the general who took over from the Akhnaten/Tutankhamen dynasty. So I wrote a book to find out how I felt about it.

**We're delighted to hear that your earlier historical fiction series, the *Delphic Women* trilogy (*Medea*, *Cassandra* and *Electra*), is being re-released in 2011. Are there any links between this trilogy and your new book? And will readers need to be familiar with the Delphic books to enjoy *Out of the Black Land*?**

No, the Greek books are separate and concern other parts of the world. Egypt was

rather set apart from the rest of the ancient world; as Herodotus says, they do everything differently.

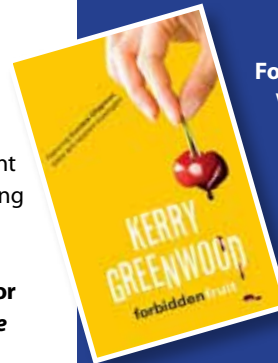
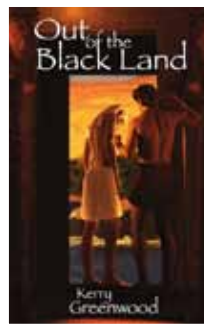
**You're well-known to *Abbey's* readers for your crime novels, especially the *Phryne Fisher* series and of course the Corinna Chapman *Earthly Delights* series, but you've written 50 novels, from historical fiction to young adult fiction. Do you have a favourite character you write about? How do you choose which one you'll write about next?**

I never know. They just walk in and start talking to me. I'm always glad to see them.

**Kerry GREENWOOD**  
***Out of the Black Land***

**Pb \$29.95**

Egypt in the 18th Dynasty is peaceful and prosperous under the dual reign of father and son pharaohs Amenhotep III and IV until the son begins to dream terrifying dreams. Ptah-hotep, a peasant boy studying to be a scribe, wants to live a simple life, but the young Amenhotep appoints him Great Royal Scribe. Surrounded by envious rivals, how long will Ptah-hotep survive? Child-princess Mutnodjme sees her beautiful sister Nefertiti married off to the impotent Amenhotep IV. As she must still bear royal children, a shocking plan is devised. But while the shrinking Egyptian army guards the Land of the Nile from enemies on every border, a far greater menace lurks - not content with his own devotion to one god alone, the newly-renamed Akhnaten plans to suppress the worship of all other gods in the Black Land. His horrified court soon realise that the Pharaoh is not merely deformed, but irretrievably mad, and the biggest danger to the Empire is in the royal palace itself...



Kerry Greenwood's **Forbidden Fruit** (Pb \$22.99) wins the Davitt's Readers' Choice Award 2010 as voted by members of Sisters in Crime.

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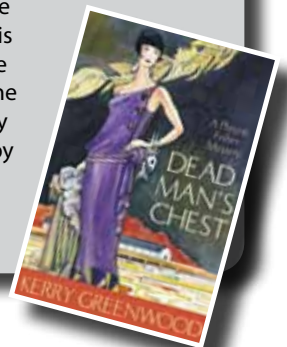
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*Phryne Fisher* #18. The unflappable Phryne is off on a quiet seaside holiday with Dot, Jane and Ruth. Surely they won't be disturbed by a murder...?



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## MODERN CRIME

**Laura ALDEN**

### **Murder at the PTA**

*PTA Mystery #1.* After Tarver Elementary School's unpopular principal is murdered, PTA secretary and mother of two Beth Kennedy puts aside bake sales and class trip fund-raisers to catch a killer. And when members of the PTA become suspects, she realises solving this murder will not be as easy as ABC... (American)

**320pp Pb \$12.95**



**Kate BRADY**

### **Last to Die**

Detective Dani Cole is determined to track down a serial killer whose victims include a young woman she pulled out of a life of crime. Her investigation leads her to Mitch Sheridan, who once saved her life but then disappeared. With danger hot on their heels, Dani and Mitch unearth a deathly chain of deception that leads to a killer who is closer than they think – and more terrifying than they imagine... (American)

**432pp Pb \$22.99**

**Simon BRETT**

### **Blotto, Twinks and the Dead Dowager Duchess**

*Blotto & Twinks #2.* The extremely aristocratic but extremely thick Blotto and his extremely brainy sister Twinks are attending a weekend house party when their hostess, the Dowager Duchess of Melmont, is murdered. An amateur detective, conveniently staying for the weekend, deduces that the Lyminster family chauffeur Corky Froggett must have done it. For Blotto and Twinks, the only way to prove Corky's innocence is by finding the real perpetrator! (English)

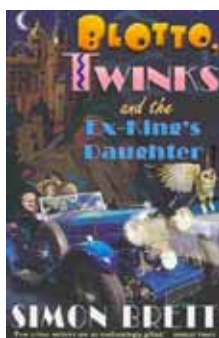
**192pp Hb \$46.95**

**Simon BRETT**

### **Blotto, Twinks & the Ex-King's Daughter**

*Blotto & Twinks #1.* Ex-Princess Etheline, daughter of the exiled king of Mitteleuropa, has been kidnapped and must be rescued. The Dowager Duchess entrusts the task to her son, Devereux Lyminster – known universally as 'Blotto'. He is honourable and brave, but deficient in the brains department as his sister 'Twinks' is gifted. Blotto sets off, driving across many countries to Mitteleuropa, a realm now ruled by a usurper, the ex-king's brother, where they suspect the princess has been taken... (English)

**192pp Pb \$18.95**



**Alison BRUCE**

### **Cambridge Blue**

**288pp Pb \$16.95**

When the body of a Lorna Spence is discovered on Midsummer Common, Richard Moran – her boyfriend and employer – claims she had no enemies. But it isn't long before DC Gary Goodhew discovers plenty, including her colleague Victoria and Goodhew's reckless former classmate Bryn. They both swear that they have nothing to do with Lorna's death... but Goodhew knows someone is lying. Then there is another brutal murder and Goodhew must use his own initiative to flush out the killer. (English)

**Tom CAIN**

### **Dictator**

**384pp Tp \$32.95**

*Samuel Carver #4.* Africa has had more than its share of dictators, but Henderson Gushungo may be the worst. A powerful consortium of political and business interests offer Samuel Carver the job of enforcing regime change. Can the taking of one life save millions of others? And can Carver trust the men who hired him? As the action hurtles from southern Africa to the streets of Hong Kong, Carver becomes both the hunter and the hunted in a deadly game where the survival of a nation is at stake. (English)

**Andrea CAMILLERI**

### **The Track of Sand**

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*Inspector Montalbano #12.* Inspector Salvatore Montalbano wakes from strange dreams to find a gruesomely bludgeoned horse carcass in front of his seaside home. When his men come to investigate, the carcass disappears, leaving only a trail in the sand. Then his home is ransacked and the inspector is certain that the crimes are linked. As he negotiates both the glittering underworld of horseracing and the Mafia's connection to it, Montalbano is aided by his illiterate housekeeper, Adelina, and a Proustian memory of 'linguate fritte'. (Italian)



**Elizabeth Lynn CASEY**

### **Pinned for Murder**

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*Southern Sewing Circle Mystery #3.* The members of South Carolina's Sweet Briar Ladies Society sewing circle are as loyal and close-knit as the day is long. But when the richest and meanest woman in town turns up murdered, the new Yankee librarian Tori Sinclair finds that some threads can bind dangerously tight. (American)

**Lee CHILD**

### **61 Hours**

**396pp Pb \$19.95**

*Jack Reacher #14.* Icy winter in South Dakota. A bus skids and crashes in a gathering storm. On the back seat: Jack Reacher, hitching a ride to nowhere. Meanwhile, a small town is threatened by sinister forces. One brave woman is standing up for justice. If she's going to live to testify, she'll need help from a man like Reacher. Because there's a killer coming for her. Has Reacher finally met his match? He doesn't want to put the world to rights. He just doesn't like people who put it to wrongs. (English)



**Lee CHILD**

### **Worth Dying For**

*Jack Reacher #15.* **61 Hours**, featuring the much-loved maverick hero Jack Reacher, ended on a cliff-hanger. What happened to Reacher? See back page for Annabel's review. (English)

**416pp Tp \$32.95**



**Lee CHILD (ed)**

### **The Best American**

**Mystery Stories 2010 416pp Pb \$27.00**

The number one bestselling author, Lee Child, has edited the latest collection of the genre's finest stories, including contributions by top authors. (English)

**Kate COLLINS**

### **Dirty Rotten Tendrils 336pp Pb \$12.95**

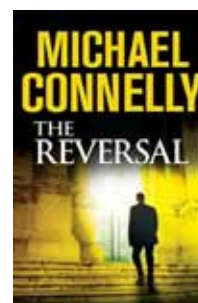
*Flower Shop Mystery #10.* When high-powered lawyer Ken Lipinski is found dead from a suspicious overdose, florist and amateur sleuth Abby Knight finds it hard to swallow that his opposing counsel – and her old boss – is the murderer. (American)

**Michael CONNELLY**

### **The Reversal**

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Long-time defence attorney Mickey Haller is recruited to prosecute the high-profile retrial of a brutal child murder. After 24 years in prison, convicted killer Jason Jessup has been exonerated by new DNA evidence. Haller is convinced Jessup is guilty, and he takes the case on the condition that he gets to choose his investigator, LAPD Detective Harry Bosch. Together, Bosch and Haller set off on a case fraught with political and personal danger. (American)



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**Sheila CONNOLLY**

**Fundraising the Dead 336pp Pb \$12.95**

*Museum Mysteries #1.* At The Society for the Preservation of Pennsylvania Antiques, fundraiser Eleanor Pratt solicits donations – and sometimes solves crimes. When a collection of George Washington's letters is lost on the same day that an archivist is found dead, it seems strange that the Society president isn't pushing for an investigation. Nell goes digging herself, and soon uncovers a long, rich history of crime. (American)

**Clare CURZON**

**Devil in the Detail 256pp Pb \$27.95**

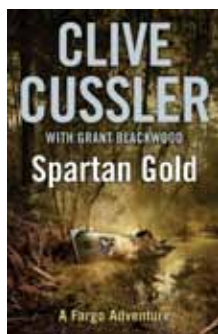
*Mike Yeadings #24.* When the body of a young woman is discovered hanging upside down from a tree, the village reverberates with whispers of tarot, occult practices and pagan rituals. The mystery deepens when the autopsy reveals that the body had been dead for a year before being put on gruesome display. Amidst ritual slaughter, outbreaks of fire, and a convincing clairvoyant, can Superintendent Yeadings – in the absence of DS Rosemary Zyczynski – put this mystery to rest? (English)

**Clive CUSSLER**

**Spartan Gold**

Treasure hunters Sam and Remi Fargo are up to their waists in the Great Pocomoke Swamp in Maryland, hunting for lost gold. What they find instead is a small WWII German U-boat. Inside the submarine they find a body – and an incredibly rare bottle of wine. This bottle was one of 12 taken from Napoleon's 'lost cellar'. But it is also a clue to an ancient treasure. One that Hadeon Bondaruk – a half-Russian, half-Persian millionaire – will do anything to get his hands on... (American)

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**Judith CUTLER**

**Staging Death**

'Resting' actress Vena Burford works part-time for her estate agent brother, showing potential buyers around upmarket Warwickshire country houses. She's done this so often she smells a rat when couples who don't fit the usual client profile begin visiting the properties. It would have been better not to ask questions. So when someone tails Vena's car – leaving silent but deeply threatening messages – it's clear that a crime is being played out in Shakespeare's picturesque county. (English)

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**Tim DAVYS**

**Amberville**

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Eric Bear thinks he has escaped his violent past, but when crime boss Nicholas Dove threatens Eric's wife Emma Rabbit, Eric must find a way to remove Dove's name from the Death List. Problem is, no one knows if the Death List really exists. Nevertheless, Eric gathers his old team together: sadistic male sex worker Sam Gazelle; sweet but dangerous Tom-Tom Crow; and wily Snake Marek. What Eric learns will change him forever... (Swedish)

**David DOWNING**

**Potsdam Station**

**320pp Tp \$32.95**

*John Russell #4.* April 1945. Hitler's Reich is assaulted by Allied bombs and Soviet shells, and Berlin has become the most dangerous place on earth. On the Oder front line, John Russell's 18-year-old son Paul awaits the Soviets' final onslaught. Inside Berlin, Russell's girlfriend Effi has a Jewish orphan to care for, and the Gestapo on her trail. But Russell is in Moscow. To save his son and girlfriend, he must reach Berlin no later than the Red Army. But only the Soviets can get him there... (English)

**Ake EDWARDSON**

**The Shadow Woman**

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*Chief Inspector Erik Winter #5.* When a woman is found murdered in the park amidst ethnic discord, Winter's search for her missing child leads him from sleek McMansions to the Gothenburg fringes, where 'northern suburbs' is code for 'outsider' and the past is inescapable, even for Sweden's youngest chief inspector. (Swedish)

**Kate ELLIS**

**The Flesh Tailor**

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*Wesley Peterson #14.* When Dr James Dalcott is shot dead in his cottage, DI Wesley Peterson pieces together the victim's life, finding that the well-liked country doctor has been harbouring secrets. Meanwhile, in Tailors Court, archaeologist Neil Watson discovers the bones of a child buried with a 1930s coin. When a link is established between the wartime evacuees and Dr Dalcott's death, Wesley is faced with his most challenging case yet! (English)



**J T ELLISON**

**The Immortals**

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*Taylor Jackson #5.* To stop a twisted killer, homicide detective Taylor Jackson must explore the culture of mysticism and witchcraft, which immerses her in a darkness that threatens to destroy both her world and her mind. (American)

**Chris EWAN**

**The Good Thief's Guide to Vegas**

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In Sin City, it isn't long before mystery writer and incorrigible thief Charlie Howard and his literary agent Victoria are threatened with a one-way trip to the Nevada desert unless they can conjure up a small fortune in 24 hours. For Charlie, this means stealing from as many hotel rooms as he can, and hoping Lady Luck is on their side. It would all be a lot easier if Charlie hadn't stumbled upon a dead woman, and if star magician Josh Masters hadn't vanished in the middle of his act... (English)

**Geraldine EVANS**

**Death Dance**

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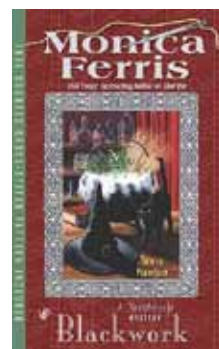
*Rafferty & Llewellyn #13.* Detective Inspector Joseph Rafferty has just left his wedding rehearsal when Sergeant Dafyd Llewellyn calls to say that a local man has come home to find his wife dead on the kitchen floor. Adrienne Staveley is soon revealed to be a woman with many secrets and several lovers, and there is no shortage of suspects. But to Rafferty's horror, his fiancée Abra's fingerprints are among those found in the dead woman's house... (English)

**Monica FERRIS**

**Blackwork**

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*Needlecraft Mysteries #13.* Part-time sleuth and needlework shop owner Betsy Devonshire works to clear murder suspect Leona Cunningham and find the real killer, after the victim was last seen blaming the peaceful Wiccan and microbrewery owner for a series of local 'accidents'. (American)



**Joanne FLUKE**

**Plum Pudding Murder 288pp Pb \$14.95**

*Hannah Swensen Mystery #13.* When Larry Jaeger, the owner of the Crazy Elf Christmas Tree Lot, is murdered during the busiest time of the year, bakery owner Hannah Swenson must sift through a wealth of suspects before a murderous Scrooge strikes again. (American)

**Vince FLYNN**

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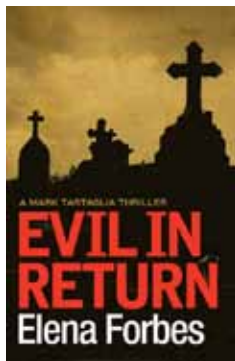
*Mitch Rapp #10.* Washington DC has been torn by explosions, killing and wounding hundreds. Three of the terrorists are still at large, and Rapp has been unofficially ordered to find them by any means necessary. So far, the investigation has been painfully complicated. But the last thing Rapp expected was to be dealing with a more personal issue. In light of the attacks in Washington, he thought the fool that he was tracking down would have come to his senses... (American)

**Elena FORBES**  
**Evil in Return**

**320pp Tp \$32.95**

The body of bestselling novelist Joe Logan is found dumped in Brompton Cemetery. Detective Inspector Mark Tartaglia believes Logan's personal life holds the key, but unravelling his past proves difficult. Following the overnight success of his debut novel, Logan had become a recluse. Was Logan just publicity shy or did he have something to hide? When the body of a second man is found killed in an identical fashion, Tartaglia must find the link between the two dead men before the killer strikes again. (English)

**"Compelling writing, strong characters and an extremely satisfactory ending which leaves plenty of room for the further adventures of our dishy DI Mark Tartaglia." - Annabel Blay**



**Karin FOSSUM**  
**The Water's Edge**

**240pp Pb \$24.95**

*Inspector Sejer #7.* Walking through the woods, Reinhardt and Kristine Ris pass a man who seems agitated and drives off in a hurry. Near the end of their walk they discover a young boy's dead body. Inspector Sejer is called to the scene, but finds no immediate cause of death. As the weeks pass, a once peaceful community is deeply shaken and the children lose the sense of complete freedom they had enjoyed. Then a second boy goes missing... (Norwegian)

**Brian FREEMAN**  
**The Bone House**

**352pp Tp \$32.99**

A year ago, accusations of an affair with a pupil cost Mark Bradley his teaching job. Now the student's sister has been found dead, and Mark faces a town convinced of his guilt. Hilary Bradley is determined to protect her husband, and her only ally is a quirky Florida detective named Cab Bolton. As facts emerge about the murdered girl's past, it's evident that others are involved in her death. But some will kill to keep the truth hidden and make Mark pay the ultimate price for the girl's murder. (American)

**Michele GIUTTARI**  
**The Death of a Mafia Don**

**384pp Pb \$22.99**

#3. A bomb explodes in the centre of Florence, hitting the car of Chief Superintendent Michele Ferrara of the elite Squadra Mobile. Ferrara was the target; after all, he did just controversially imprison notorious Mafia boss Salvatore Laprua. A week later, another bomb explodes, bringing tragedy for Ferrara and a determination to find the culprit. But that same morning, Salvatore Laprua is found dead in his prison cell. So who is the mysterious influence behind the bombings? Someone even the Mafia fear? (Italian)

**Sue GRAFTON**  
**U is for Undertow**

**482pp Pb \$19.99**

In 1960s Santa Teresa, California, a child is kidnapped and never found. When the case is reopened after 20 years, Michael Sutton contacts PI Kinsey Millhone for help, claiming to recall a disturbing memory: stumbling across the kidnappers burying Mary Claire Fitzhugh's body. Kinsey is certain there is something vital within Michael's recollections. And even when what is unearthed isn't what was expected, she can't let go of the case... (American)



**Mark GREANEY**  
**On Target**

**544pp Pb \$18.95**

*Gray Man #2.* Four years ago, assassin Court Gentry was betrayed by his handlers in the CIA. Now, an old comrade returns to haunt him-and to force him on a mission against his will. With his ruthless employers on one side, his former friends on the other and a doomed mission ahead, Court Gentry would kill to get out of this one alive... (American)

**Thomas GREANIAS**  
**The Promised War**

**368pp Tp \$32.99**

When Israeli agent Sam Deker thwarts an attempt to destroy Jerusalem's Dome of the Rock, little does he realise his knowledge of Israel's most closely guarded state secret means that he is the real target. Taken to neighbouring Jordan to be tortured, he finds himself amidst an ancient Israelite army on the eve of its historic siege of Jericho. Deker's only chance of escape is to embark on a mission to spy out the Promised Land in advance of the invasion. But all is not as it seems, and Israel's fate in the 21st century lies in his hands. (American)



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**George Dawes GREEN**  
**Ravens**

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When Shaw and Romeo pull up at a convenience store in Georgia to fix a faulty tyre on their way to Florida, it happens to be the store from which a \$318 million Jackpot ticket has just been sold. When the clerk accidentally reveals to Shaw the identity of the winning family, he hatches an audacious plan. That night, he visits the Boatwright family's home and takes them hostage. At first, the family offers no resistance. But Shaw's plan depends on maintaining constant fear. And eventually, under the pressure, everyone's sanity begins to unravel... (American)

**Peter GUTTRIDGE**  
**City of Dreadful Night**

**256pp Hb \$49.95**

*Brighton Trilogy #1.* July 1934. A woman's torso is found in a trunk at Brighton railway station's left luggage office. Her identity is never established, her killer never caught. But someone is keeping a diary... July, 2009. Ambitious radio journalist Kate Simpson hopes to solve the notorious 'Brighton Trunk Murder', and enlists the help of ex-Chief Constable Robert Watts, whose role in the recent botched armed-police operation in Milldean cost him his job. But it's only a matter of time before past and present collide... (English)

**Barbara HAMILTON**  
**A Marked Man**

**336pp Pb \$24.95**

*Abigail Adams Mystery #2.* Abigail Adams, wife of attorney John Adams – who is involved with the Sons of Liberty – is shocked when one of the Sons is accused of murder. Abigail and John believe the accused is innocent, though the evidence against him is strong. While John works to clear his client's name, Abigail begins her own investigation, learning unpleasant facts about the dead man. But as she pursues the truth, the killer pursues her... and her vulnerable family. (English)



**Tom HARPER**  
**The Lazarus Vault**

**480pp Tp \$32.95**

In the heart of London, the Monsalvat Bank is secretive and fabulously wealthy. When Ellie Stanton, an impoverished graduate student, is invited to join the firm, the offer seems too good to turn down. But the bank is more than it seems. For buried in their medieval vaults lies a closely-guarded treasure of immeasurable power – one bound up with Ellie's own history. Ellie finds herself in a race against time, hunted by the bank and pursued by her past... (English)



**David HEWSON****The Blue Demon****416pp Pb \$22.99**

20 years ago, a mysterious group called the 'Blue Demon' committed a series of ritualistic crimes evoking the legacy of the lost race of the Etruscans. Now, the leaders of the G8 are descending on Rome for a summit at the Quirinale Palace. But when a politician is found ritually murdered, detective Nic Costa suspects that the old case was never solved. As Costa investigates, he discovers there are many unanswered questions – and more to the history of the Blue Demon than anyone wants to admit... (English)

**Patricia HIGSMITH****The Talented Mr Ripley 256pp Pb \$14.95**

Tom Ripley is struggling to stay one step ahead of his creditors and the law, when an unexpected acquaintance offers him a free trip to Europe and a chance to start over. Ripley wants money, success and the good life... and he's willing to kill for it. When his newfound happiness is threatened, his response is as swift as it is shocking. (American)

**Matt HILTON****Judgement and Wrath 384pp Pb \$19.99**

Joe Hunter doesn't like bullies. So his latest job – saving a young woman from her bully boyfriend – is a no-brainer. As it turns out, the vengeful father isn't the only one who wants the boyfriend dead. Soon Hunter is face-to-face with a contract killer who takes his work very seriously. Contract killer Dantalion has a talent for killing and keeps a list of his victims in a book chained to his waist. Each victim is numbered. And the body count is about to start rising... (English)

**Iris JOHANSEN****Eight Days to Live****448pp Pb \$14.95***Eve Duncan Forensics*

*Mystery #10.* Eve Duncan's daughter, Jane, has no idea why she painted the portrait of the chilling face that now hangs in a Paris gallery. But those who belong to a powerful cult dating back to the time of Christ know its significance.

They believe Jane must die, but not before she leads them to an ancient treasure beyond price. From Paris to the Holy Land, Jane embarks on a desperate race to unravel the mystery surrounding her painting – and save her own life. (American)

**Jonathan KELLERMAN****Deception****384pp Pb \$19.99**

On a DVD found near her body, Elise Freeman chronicles a long ordeal of abuse at the hands of three sadistic tormentors. Even more shocking is the revelation that the offenders, like their victim, are teachers at one of LA's most prestigious schools. With Elise dead, homicide detective Milo Sturgis is assigned to probe the hallowed halls of Windsor Prep Academy. Searching for predators among the privileged, Milo may well be walking into a highly polished death trap! (American)

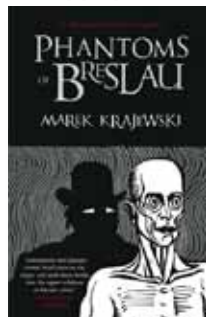
**Kenzo KITAKATA****City of Refuge****256pp Pb \$32.00**

After killing two gangsters for the woman he loves, Koji, accompanied by the boy he kidnapped during his getaway, is on the run from the police, as well as the mob, with Detective Takagi hot on his trail. (Japanese) *Due Nov*

**Marek KRAJEWSKI****The Phantoms of Breslau****288pp Tp \$32.95***Eberhard Mock #3.*

Breslau, 1919. The battered bodies of four sailors are discovered on an island. When Inspector Mock arrives at the scene to investigate, he discovers a note addressed to him, asking him to confess his sins and to become a believer.

As he pieces together the brutal crime, Mock combs brothels and drinking dens of Breslau. Drawn into an insidious game by the murderer, he uncovers a secret society which has the Inspector in its sights. (Polish)

**Chris KUZNESKI****The Secret Crown****400pp Tp \$32.95**

Hidden among the crates in a newly discovered Nazi bunker are documents stamped with a black swan – the insignia of the murdered Bavarian King Ludwig II, infamous for his eccentric behaviour during the 1880s. Jonathon Payne and David Jones fly to Bavaria to protect the documents, but soon face a life-or-death battle against an unknown enemy. From the depths of the Black Forest to the water canals underneath Ludwig's castles, the duo must solve the mystery behind the king's death... or share his tragic fate. (American)

**Vicki LANE****The Day of Small Things****432pp Pb \$14.95**

*Elizabeth Goodweather #5.* Deemed unfit to join the world outside of Appalachia, Least – the victim of abuse who hears voices and has a talent for healing – must chose between her past and the present to stop a violent killer and save the life of an innocent child. (American)

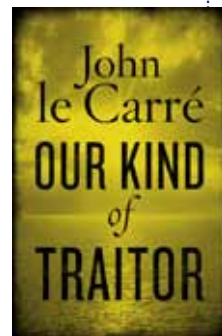
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**John LE CARRE****Our Kind of Traitor****306 Tp \$32.95**

A left-leaning Oxford academic and his girlfriend take a holiday on the island of Antigua. By seeming chance, they bump into a Russian millionaire who owns a peninsula, a diamond-encrusted gold watch and who wants to play a game of tennis. Suddenly, the young lovers are propelled on a tortuous journey through Paris to a safe house in the Swiss Alps, and to the murkiest cloisters of London and its unholy alliance with Britain's Intelligence Establishment. (English)

**David LEVIEN****Where the Dead Lay****432pp Pb \$17.95**

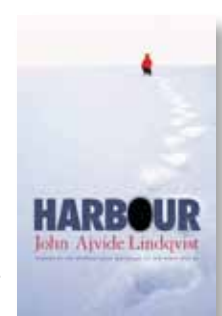
The Victim was a fighter, but strength wasn't enough to save him from a gruesome end. The Missing are two well-paid private investigators who vanish on a confidential job. The Family is formidable and deadly, and will stop at nothing to make a mark. The Investigator is Frank Behr: tough, reclusive, angry, and close to becoming the Hunted. Can Behr track down the killers before they add him to their hit list? (American)

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On a winter trip home to the island of Domaro, Anders and Cecilia take their six-year-old daughter Maja across the ice to visit the lighthouse at Gavasten, where she disappears. Two years later, alone and an alcoholic, Anders returns to Domaro to confront his despair, where he realises that Maja's disappearance is not the first inexplicable tragedy to strike the islanders. Nor is everyone telling him all they know; even his own mother is keeping secrets. There's something bad happening on Domaro. Something about the sea... (Swedish)



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Eliza Benedict's quiet life with her husband and children in suburban Washington is shattered when she receives a letter from Walter Bowman, the man who kidnapped her when she was 15-years-old in a sexually-motivated killing spree. Now on death row, Walter is seemingly keen to atone for his sins – but he has an agenda... and an ally working on the outside, who knows everything about Eliza. Eliza must draw on all of her reserves, as the battle of predator and prey once more plays out. (American)

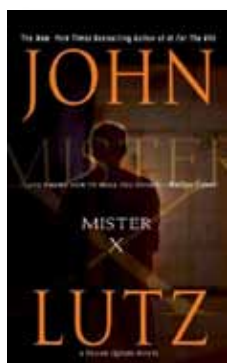
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When the twin sister of a murder victim demands that he find her sister's killer – a twisted psychopath who mutilates his victims and carves an 'X' into their flesh – ex-homicide detective Frank Quinn finds this cold case heating up as media frenzy occurs and the killings start again. (American)

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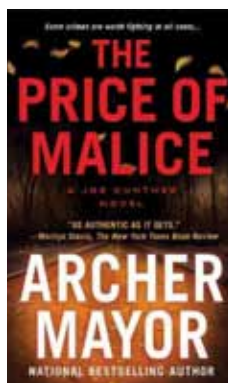
*Sophie Anderson #5.* A victim is found dead in a park with two puncture wounds on her neck. There is no blood on the scene, but she looks to have been drained. Is it a straightforward murder investigation, or the result of a ritual performed by LA's secretive population of 'vampires'? Special Agent Sophie Anderson must put the pieces together, and if she's wrong, the murderer may walk. Otherwise, it's a race against time to find the killer before more innocent girls die. (Australian)

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Inspector Harry Hole is convinced there is a link between the disappearance of a mother and a menacing letter he received months earlier. As Harry delves into unsolved cases, they discover that an alarming number of wives and mothers have gone missing over the years. When a second woman disappears, Harry's suspicions are confirmed: he is a pawn in a deadly game, confronted with a serial killer who may drive him to the brink of insanity. (Norwegian)

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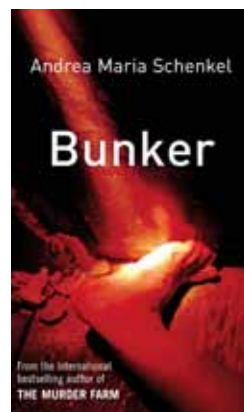
In 1971, Annie Pohlmann, a young American student, arrives in Germany to interview retired detective Fritz Stecher, who headed the original investigation of the death of Geli Raubal – Hitler's niece whom he was obsessed with. She gets more than she bargained for when Stecher reveals the whole story of a case that not only nearly kills him, but almost changed the course of history. (American)

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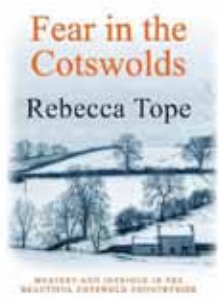
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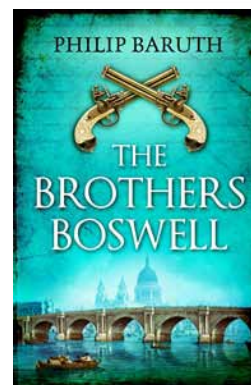
Japan, 2002. The body of Yoshino, a female insurance saleswoman, is found at Mitsue Pass. A young construction worker, Yuichi, is soon arrested by the Nagasaki police on suspicion of strangling the victim. As Yuichi and his lover try to elude the police, moving back and forth in time, the events that led up to the murder and its aftermath unfold... (Japanese)

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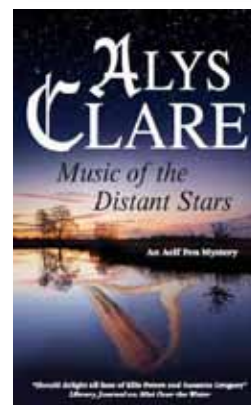
1763. Dr Samuel Johnson and James Boswell are history's most famous friends. Boswell is eager to advance himself in literary society. Today he is to accompany the Dr Johnson on an excursion up the Thames. But another Boswell is watching from the shadows, insanely jealous of his elder brother's meteoric rise through London's coffeehouses and whorehouses, tenements and theatres, soirees and salons. He has two golden pistols in his pocket, a ferryboat at his disposal... and murder in his heart. (American)

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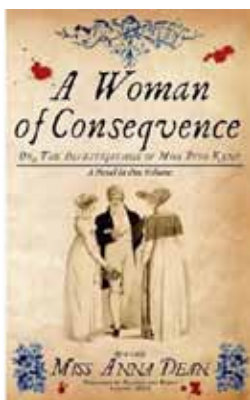

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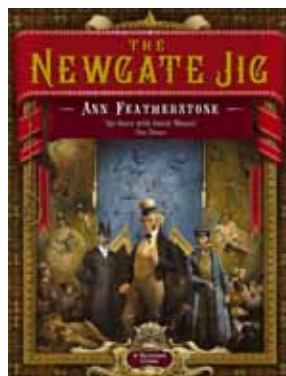
*Miss Dido Kent Mystery #3.* On a visit to the ruins of Madderstone Abbey, Penelope Lambe falls down the ancient stone steps. The Crockford sisters think Penelope saw the Grey Nun – the ghost reputed to walk the abbey's ruins. But Miss Dido Kent isn't convinced and events become sinister when a human skeleton is found at the abbey. The remains are identified as those of a Miss Elinor Fenn, and letters come to light hinting at the reason for her death. But how is Miss Lambe's accident connected to this discovery? (English)



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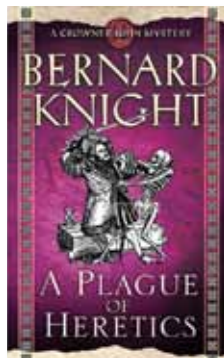
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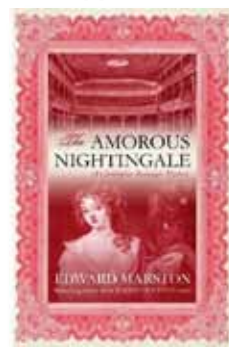


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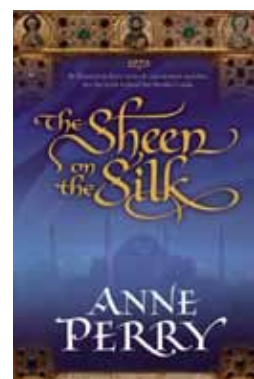


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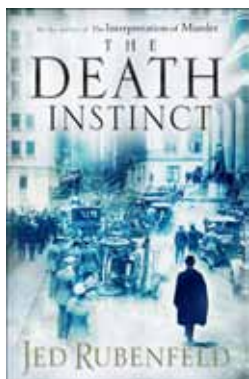
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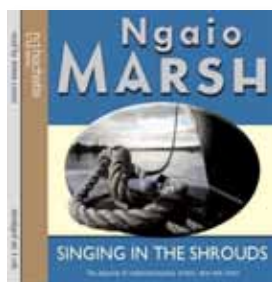
Britain is in the depths of recession. A left-leaning young Oxford academic and his barrister girlfriend take an off-peak holiday on the Caribbean island of Antigua. By seeming chance they bump into a Russian millionaire called Dima who owns a peninsula, a diamond-encrusted gold watch, and who wants to play a game of tennis. Suddenly, the young lovers are propelled on a tortuous journey through Paris to a safe house in the Swiss Alps, and to the murkiest cloisters of the City of London and its unholy alliance with Britain's Intelligence Establishment. (English)

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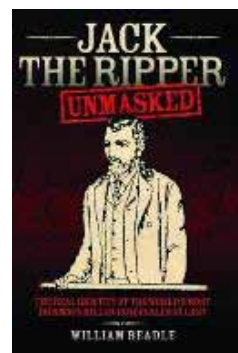
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William Henry Bury had a terrible childhood, he was a horsemeat butcher and he had a violent relationship with his wife. The author uses his Ripper psychological profile in conjunction with newly unearthed evidence: Bury was out all night on the dates of the murders and, when his wife 'committed suicide', she had been strangled and her body ripped up similarly to Ripper's victims. By comparing the crimes of Jack the Ripper with other serial killers, the author creates a more extensive psychological profile of Jack the Ripper than ever before. (English)



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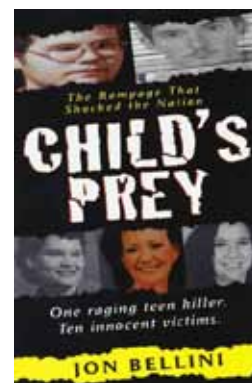
El Chapo is the world's most wanted drug lord, at large since he escaped from prison in 2001 after bribing guards to wheel him out in a laundry cart. His cartel moves thousands of tons of cocaine, marijuana and heroine into the US each year using tunnels, planes and submarines. He bribes and kills politicians, police, soldiers and those who betray him. He is hailed by locals as a folk hero. But the net is closing. Who will make the final move? There is no bigger crime story in the world today than the Mexican drug war and the hunt for El Chapo. (American)

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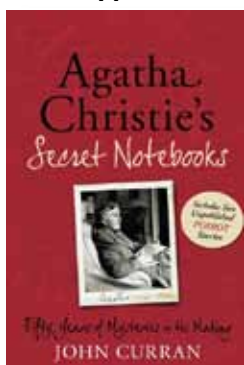
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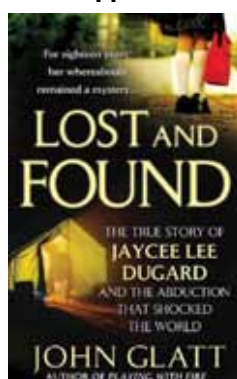
This is an account of Australia's police force and the corruption that runs rife among rogue cops. The author, with a career in criminal law, has encountered some of the worst cases of corruption, both within and beyond the prison system, and has firsthand knowledge of the Australian police force's involvement and contribution to gangland hierarchies. Here are the true stories you won't find in the media. (Australian)

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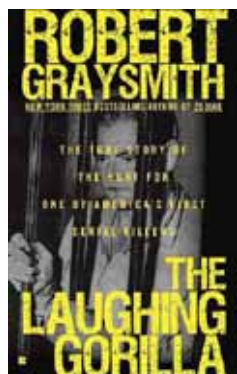
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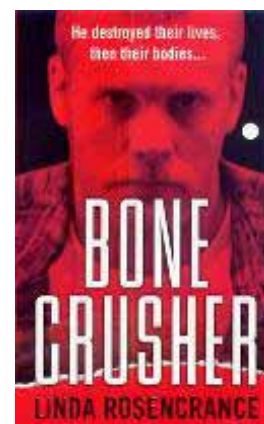
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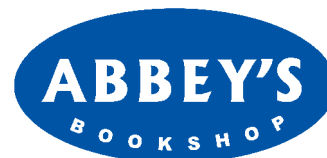
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