

# Something Wicked this way comes...



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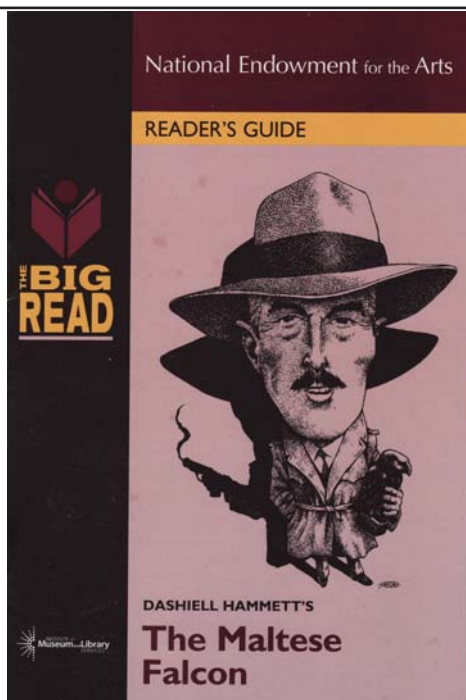
## Upcoming Events

### **Cordelia Frances Biddle and The Maltese Falcon**

Mechanicsburg Mystery Book Shop is honored to partner with *Jump Street* and the *National Endowment for the Arts* program **The Big Read**. **The Big Read** is designed to revitalize the role of literary reading in American popular culture. *Reading at Risk: A Survey of Literary Reading in America*, a 2004 NEA report, identified a critical decline in reading for pleasure among American adults. **The Big Read** aims to address this issue directly by providing citizens with the opportunity to read and discuss a single book within their communities.

Join us on Sunday, January 11, 2009 at 2:00 pm at The Carlisle Theatre to watch the movie *The Maltese Falcon*.

Afterward hear a brief overview of the detective/mystery genre followed by **Cordelia Frances Biddle** author of the critically acclaimed *Martha Beale* mystery series talking about her detective characters. There is a \$5 charge for the movie.



Mechanicsburg Mystery Book Shop will make *The Maltese Falcon* available at 25% off the \$12.95 cover price as well as all books by Cordelia Frances Biddle.

### Christmas Open House Sunday, December 7 1:00 ~ 4:00 pm

Join us for our holiday celebration and receive **25% off on ALL merchandise**. Relieve your holiday stress with a one-stop shop for the mystery lover on your list (even if it's YOU) and enjoy a chair massage compliments of our shop.

We are excited to announce that the following authors will join us to sign their books for those looking for special gifts:

**Victoria Thompson**

Sarah Brandt/Frank Malloy  
Gaslight Mystery Series

**Dennis Royer**

Perry County PA Mystery Series

**Ron Hopkins**

Red Neck Mystery Series & his Civil War Novel

We're expecting a new shipment of books featuring Sherlock Holmes from the UK in time for the Open House. And Christmas Cards illustrating the railway travels of Sherlock Holmes, that were specially commissioned from the artist Douglas West (a keen railway enthusiast but perhaps best known for his Sherlock Holmes book illustrations and golfing prints who died in 2008).

We'll have ideas for stocking stuffers, Christmas mysteries, gift baskets and, as always, gift certificates.

Refreshments will be served.

### Regular Shop Hours

Wednesday	12 noon til 8 pm
Thursday & Friday	12 noon til 6 pm
Saturday	11 am til 5 pm
Sunday, Monday & Tuesday	Closed

## Toys for Tots

Once again we're taking donations for Toys for Tots. We hope you'll bring a new, unwrapped gift for a girl or boy the next time you visit our shop.

If you don't have time to shop for a toy, we'll have teddy bears from "Good Bears of the World" available for giving. They are \$8 each plus sales tax.

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## Halloween in May Update

May 31 started out gray, rainy (actually...a **downpour** with high winds) and generally miserable. But, 15 minutes before the festivities were scheduled to start the sun came out, the clouds rolled away and we had a wonderful day for authors and their fans.

Thank you to Melissa Griffith Telesha, Deb Snyder and Linda Willis who spent numerous hours helping to plan the event and for their on-sight assistance. We'll post pictures of the event on our website in the near future.

Thank you to all of the great authors who joined us and provided fans with countless tales of ghosties and ghoulies and thing that go bump in the night! Thank you to all of the sponsors who donated food for the event to help us raise money for Cops Care for Kids. And, thank you to all of you who bought hot dogs, chips, barbeque and sodas - you helped us raised over \$200 for Cops Care for Kids. We think we'll do it again sometime.

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# Released in June through October

## **The Tale of Hawthorn House - Cottage Tales of Beatrix Potter 4**

*Susan Wittig Albert - 6.99*

Miss Beatrix Potter receives an unexpected visitor in the form of Baby Flora. Now Beatrix and her animal friends are left to ponder the possible involvement of fairy folk in some puzzling happenings.

## **Antiques Maul - Trash N Treasures 2**

*Barbara Allan - 6.99*

After a body is found at the antiques mall, and Brandy's 10-year-old son disappears, Brandy and her diva mom are on the hunt to find the boy before a devious killer can maul again. Includes tips on antiques.

## **Killer Riff - Molly Forrester 4**

*Sheryl J Anderson - 6.99*

In this thrilling addition to Anderson's Manhattan-based series, advice columnist Molly Forrester works hard to get recognized as an investigative journalist. Asked to profile a legendary rock producer, she digs a little deeper and uncovers some killer secrets.

## **The Penguin Who Knew Too Much - Meg Langslow 8**

*Donna Andrews - 6.99*

Okay, maybe there are people in Antarctica with penguins in their basements, but in Virginia? Only Meg's dad could manage that one. A body down there, well, that's somewhat more likely. It turns out that explaining the penguins' presence is easy, Meg's dad volunteered to take care of the birds until the future of the bankrupt local zoo could be determined. But identifying the body in the basement proves a harder task. Could it be, as Meg fears, that of the vanished zoo owner? The only way to set things right, Meg decides, is to identify both their unwitting visitor and the killer who put him in their basement.

## **In Cold Pursuit - Em Hansen 11**

*Sarah Andrews - 6.99*

Known for her popular series featuring forensic geologist Em Hansen, Andrews builds on that foundation and introduces a new lead character, in this compelling mystery set in the isolation of Antarctica. Valena Walker is a dedicated master's student in geology headed to Antarctica to study glaciology with the venerable Dr. Emmett Vanderzee. But when she finally arrives at McMurdo, she discovers that her professor has been arrested for murder, and what's more, that the incident happened a year ago. Valena quickly realizes that in order to avoid being shipped north immediately and having her grant canceled, she must embrace the role of detective and work to clear his name—and save herself in the process.

## **The Portrait**

*Charles Atkins - 7.99*

Chad Greene, a manic-depressive artist, has been released from the psych ward just in time for the opening of his big new gallery show. But after his psychiatrist has been murdered, Chad becomes the main suspect, and it looks like someone is out to kill him.

## **Stone Cold - Camel Club 3**

*David Baldacci - 9.99*

Baldacci's bestseller brings back Oliver Stone and his Camel Club as they try to save the life of a beautiful con-artist, implicate a shady casino king, and solve a string of murders of D.C. political staffers. Stone and his colleagues Reuben, Milton, and Caleb marshal all their resources to protect Annabelle. Yet all their skills may not be enough when a deadly new opponent rips off the veneer of Stone's own mysterious past: Bagger's menace pales next to newcomer Harry Finn's lethality. Passing as a normal family man, Finn has already killed 3 men, with more targets to come. When Finn sets his bull's-eye on Stone, his reason will be the greatest shock of all, causing readers to reconsider their views of good and evil. Tall Premium Edition.

## **Fathers and Sins**

*Jo Bannister - \$15.95*

A new mystery from a popular author - When Robin Firth's son Mouse is blamed for a fatal car crash, Robin's fury stuns both the boy and Agnes, his new wife. Then the village church burns down, and suspicion falls on Mouse. And then there's the interest of a band of New Age travelers in the improbable survival of the church's relic. Its supposed to be a Crusader banner, but that just doesn't make any sense.

## **Extracurricular Activities - Murder 101 Mystery 2**

*Maggie Barbieri - \$6.99*

College English professor Alison Bergeron links up with NYPD homicide detective Bobby Crawford to save her own skin, in this delightful follow-up to "Murder 101."

## **No Time for Goodbye**

*Linwood Barclay - 5.99*

Suburban teenager Cynthia Archer awakes with a nasty hangover. The house is empty, with no sign of her parents or brother Todd. At first she just thinks it's weird, then scary, until finally the terrifying reality hits her: without any explanation, her family has simply disappeared. Twenty-five years later the mystery is no nearer to being solved and Cynthia is still haunted by unanswered questions. Was her family murdered? If so, why was she spared? And if they're alive, why did they abandon her in such a cruel way? And then the letter, a letter which makes no sense and yet chills Cynthia to the core. And soon she begins to realize that stirring up the past could be the worst mistake she has ever made.

## **Mom Said Kill**

*Burl Barer - \$6.99*

From an Edgar Award-winning author comes the shocking true story of Barbara Opel, a woman who convinced a group of teenagers, including her 13-year-old daughter, to savagely kill her boss.

## **Undertow**

*Sydney Bauer - 7.99*

After the daughter of a powerful senator dies in a tragic accident, the witness to the accident, an esteemed female attorney, unexpectedly finds herself charged with murder by the girl's vengeful father, a man with his own twisted agenda.

## **Monkey See, Monkey Die - Reigning Cats & Dogs 7**

*Cynthia Baxter - 6.99*

It's been over a decade since Jessica Popper spoke to vet-school friend Erin Walsh. So when Erin calls out of the blue, Jess agrees to meet her. When Erin doesn't show, Jessie begins to suspect that her old pal was making a monkey out of her - until she learns that Erin was murdered. Jessie can't resist getting involved, but her sleuthing quickly pulls her into a jungle of suspects. With the killer going ape to stay hidden, even Jess's animal instincts might not save her from a fate more fatal than a barrel of monkeys.

## **Kissing Christmas Goodbye - Agatha Raisin 18**

*M C Beaton - \$6.99*

After a wealthy widow is poisoned, Agatha receives a letter the woman had sent before her death, saying one of her family members had intended to kill her. While she plans a traditional Christmas dinner, Agatha sets out to find the murderer.

## **Written in Bone - Dr. David Hunter 2**

*Simon Beckett - 6.99*

Forensic anthropologist Dr David Hunter should be at home in London with the woman he loves. Instead, as a favour to a beleaguered colleague, he's on the remote Hebridean island of Runa to inspect a grisly discovery. Hunter has witnessed death in many guises, but even he is shocked by what he finds: a body almost totally incin-

erated but for the feet and a single hand. It's clear to him that this was no accident, this was murder. But as the small, isolated community considers the enormity of Hunter's findings, a catastrophic storm hits the island. The power goes down, communication with the mainland ceases, and then the killing begins in earnest, exploding in a series of violent acts and shocking twists.

## **Red Sea**

*Emily Benedek - 6.99*

Four airplanes are blown out of the sky, hundreds of civilians are dead, and the world is gripped by fear. As young American reporter Marie Peterssen investigates the attacks, she meets Julian Granot, a mysterious Israeli operative who offers her an enticing lead - one that points them to maverick FBI agent Morgan Ensley and the ravages of war-torn Iraq. Marie, Julian, and Morgan discover a connection between the crashes and a plot to detonate a nuclear bomb in a New York City port. As Marie races to stop a network of terrorists, she stumbles upon a shocking revelation: she may have a personal connection to the Islamic mastermind behind the attacks. Now she'll stop at nothing to uncover the truth.

## **James Bond - The Union Trilogy: Three 007 Novels (High Time to Kill, Doubleshot, Never Dream of Dying) and a Short Story ("Blast from the Past")**

*Raymond Benson - \$19.95*

Published to coincide with the release of the new James Bond film "Quantum of Solace," this trilogy of thrillers sees Bond confronting one of the most dangerous adversaries he's ever encountered — The Union, a mysterious and sinister organization of criminals-for-hire.

## **Hounded to Death - Melanie Travis 14**

*Laurien Berenson - 6.99*

After heading to a Pocono Mountains resort for some much-needed R&R, Melanie Travis discovers a corpse in the inn's secluded hot tub, and finds herself sniffing out the trail of a killer as frightened guests and the police howl for swift justice.

## **By the Time You Read This - John Cardinal 4**

*Giles Blunt - 6.99*

For years, John Cardinal's wife, Catherine, has battled severe depression. People are saddened when she finally takes her own life, but they are not really surprised. Despite the suicide note in Catherine's own handwriting and the coroner's finding that there is no evidence of foul play, Cardinal cannot bring himself to believe that Catherine has really killed herself. When hateful notes about his wife's death begin to arrive in the mail, he begins to suspect murder - perhaps revenge from one of the many criminals he has put away over the years. But because the police have not opened a case, he is forced to investigate on his own. Cardinal enlists the help of Catherine's psychiatrist to help him figure out who is behind the notes. And as he investigates further, he uncovers an alarming rash of suicides in Algonquin Bay - far more than would seem natural for such a small city. Is it possible that they are, in fact, murders?

## **2 Bodies for the Price of 1 - Body Movers 2**

*Stephanie Bond - 6.99*

Things are moving up for Carlotta Wren in this follow-up to **Body Movers**. She's talked with her fugitive father, and is torn whether to tell Detective Jake Terry, who has reopened her parents' case. But when Jake finds out what she's been keeping from him, her chance for romance could be seriously derailed.

## **Mrs. Jeffries and the Feast of St. Stephen - Mrs. Jeffries 23**

*Emily Brightwell - \$6.99*

The good cheer of a Yuletide dinner in West Brompton fizzles when the host, wealthy Stephen Whitfield, dies before the second course. Since Scotland Yard wants this

crime solved before Christmas, the busy sleuths must rally in support of their Inspector.

#### **The Tell-Tale Horse - Jane Arnold 6**

*Rita Mae Brown - 14.00*

Bestselling author Brown continues her popular Fox-hunting series, as a cold-blooded killer threatens the life of Sister Jane.

#### **The Max**

*Ken Bruen and Jason Starr - 6.99*

In prisons half a world apart, Max Fisher improbably rises to the top of the pecking order at Attica, while on the Greek island of Lesbos, Angela Pretrakos tries to escape a murder charge. Now both are headed for eye-opening encounters with the law.

#### **The Tin Roof Blowdown - Dave Robicheaux 16**

*James Lee Burke - 7.99*

As James Lee Burke's new novel, *The Tin Roof Blowdown*, begins, Hurricane Katrina has left the commercial district and residential neighborhoods awash with looters and predators of every stripe. The power grid of the city has been destroyed, New Orleans reduced to the level of a medieval society. There is no law, no order, no sanctuary for the infirm, the helpless, and the innocent. Bodies float in the streets and lie impaled on the branches of flooded trees. In the midst of an apocalyptic nightmare, Robicheaux must find two serial rapists, a morphine-addicted priest, and a vigilante who may be more dangerous than the criminals looting the city.

#### **Ultra Violet - Jane Kelly 3**

*Nancy Bush - 6.99*

Feisty and fiercely witty P.I. Jane Kelly finds herself in deadly danger after a plastic surgery magnate is murdered just before his daughter's society wedding.

#### **Armed and Glamorous - Crime of Fashion 6**

*Ellen Byerrum - 6.99*

D.C. fashion reporter Lacey Smithsonian slips on her trench coat and high-heeled gumshoes to pursue a class in private investigation. After a wealthy and erratic socialite is discovered dead outside the classroom, Lacey gets to test her sleuthing skills.

#### **Poisoned by Gilt - Domestic Bliss 6**

*Leslie Caine - 6.99*

To the newly formed design team of Steve Sullivan and Erin Gilbert, it seems like a great idea: a competition to design and build the most Earth-friendly home in Crestview, Colorado. But who would have dreamed that someone's idea of saving the planet might include murder? Includes home decorating tips.

#### **The Red Syndrome - Dan Gordon Intelligence 2**

*Haggai Carmon - 7.99*

While working on a routine case of money laundering by the Russian mob, Dan Gordon discovers a plot by Islamic terrorists to unleash a bio-weapon on the world.

#### **Betrayal**

*Paul Carson - 7.99*

Dr. Frank Ryan, the chief medical officer at Europe's most dangerous prison, is kidnapped, drugged, and held prisoner for six days. Just as suddenly he's released. Ryan soon finds himself embroiled in a web of international intrigue, cover-ups and high-level criminals.

#### **Goody Goody Gunshots - Candy Shop 4**

*Sammie Carter - 6.99*

Candy shop owner Abby Shaw finds herself in a sticky situation trying to convince the police she's seen a murder—but there's no body. However, finding out she's right puts her on the wrong side of a killer. Includes candy recipes.

#### **New England White**

*Stephen L. Carter - 14.95*

Two lesser characters from Carter's bestselling first novel, *The Emperor of Ocean Park*, husband and wife Lemaster and Julia Carlyle, take center stage in this com-

PELLING, literate page-turner that blends a gripping whodunit with complex discussions of politics and race in contemporary America.

#### **Frill Kill - Scrapbooking 5**

*Laura Childs - \$6.99*

On her way home from a ghoulish Halloween gathering, New Orleans shop owner Carmela Bertrand finds the dead body of a model — and is then attacked herself. Carmela must find what's lurking in the shadows. Includes scrapbooking tips and recipes.

#### **The Aztec Heresy - Finn Ryan 4**

*Paul Christopher - 7.99*

From the bestselling author of *Rembrandt's Ghost* comes a startling new adventure featuring archaeologist Finn Ryan. In search of a Spanish galleon in the Caribbean, Ryan stumbles upon a mystery dating back to the Spanish Inquisition, and a secret with catastrophic implications for the present.

#### **Hidden Moon - Inspector O Mystery 2**

*James Church - \$13.95*

Inspector O returns from a mission abroad to find that there has been a bank robbery—the first ever in Pyongyang—and his new police commander wants action. Set in North Korea, this follow-up to *A Corpse in the Koryo* takes readers into an perplexing universe.

#### **Bright Hair about the Bone - Laetitia Talbot 2**

*Barbara Cleverly - \$13.00*

Aristocratic, ambitious, and independent, young Laetitia Talbot dreams of becoming an archaeologist. But after her beloved uncle is murdered at the hands of a petty thief, Letty is determined to reveal who might have committed this crime.

#### **The Girl with Braided Hair - Wind River Reservation 13**

*Margaret Coel - 7.99*

In 1973, Liz Plenty Horses was accused of betraying the militant American Indian Movement. Today, after the skeleton of a woman is discovered, Arapaho attorney Vicky Holden and Father John O'Malley must unravel the truth.

#### **It Happened One Knife - Double Feature 2**

*Jeffrey Cohen - 7.99*

Elliot Freed is beyond happy when legendary comics Lillis & Townes appear at his refurbished all-comedy theater. But when insinuations arise that the duo was involved in a decades-old Hollywood murder, Elliot sets out to prove the rumors wrong.

#### **Shoots to Kill - Flower Shop 7**

*Kate Collins - 6.99*

Eight years ago, Abby Knight babysat a problem teen. Today, the girl is back with a new name and a whole new life...namely, one that already belongs to Abby. But imitation becomes the sincerest form of trouble when Abby finds herself accused in a bizarre murder plot.

#### **The First Quarry - Quarry Mystery 8**

*Max Allan Collins - \$6.99*

For the first time, Collins reveals how his character of the ruthless hitman named Quarry got his start. Here he presents the never-before-told story of Quarry's first job: infiltrating a college campus to assassinate a professor who knows too much.

#### **Trunk Music - Harry Bosch 5**

*Michael Connelly - 7.99*

The body of a Hollywood movie producer has been found stuffed into the trunk of his Rolls. To Harry Bosch, the evidence seems to say it all: it's "trunk music," a Mafia production.

#### **Critical - Jack Stapleton 4**

*Robin Cook - 9.99*

Angela Dawson, M.D., appears to have it all: at 37, she owns a New York City apartment, a seaside house on Nantucket, and enjoys the perks of her prosperous

lifestyle. Angela founded a start-up company, Angels Healthcare, then took it public. With her controlling interest in 3 busy specialty hospitals in New York City and plans for others in Miami and Los Angeles. Then a surge of drug-resistant staph infections in all 3 hospitals devastates Angela's world. The infections result in patient deaths and the fatalities cause stock prices to tumble. New York City medical examiners Laurie Montgomery and Jack Stapleton are intrigued by the uptick in staph-related post-procedure deaths. Aside from their own professional curiosity, there's a personal stake as well: Jack is facing surgery to repair a torn ligament at Angels Orthopedic Hospital. Tall Premium Edition.

#### **Book of the Dead - Kay Scarpetta 15**

*Patricia D. Cornwell - 9.99*

The "book of the dead" is the morgue log in which all cases are entered by hand. For Scarpetta, however, it is about to have a new meaning. Scarpetta decides it's time for a change of pace personally, professionally and geographically. Moving to Charleston, South Carolina, she opens a unique private forensic pathology practice, one in which she and her colleagues offer expert crime-scene investigation and autopsies to communities that lack local access to competent death investigation and modern technology. Scarpetta has dealt with many brutal and unusual crimes before, but never a string of them as baffling, or as terrifying, as the ones that face her now. Tall Premium Edition.

#### **Double Take - FBI Thriller 11**

*Catherine Coulter - 7.99*

FBI agents Dillon Savich and Lacey Sherlock are joined by one of their own and a Virginia sheriff in an case that immerses them in the world of psychic visions, mind benders, and communications with the dead.

#### **Chardonnay Charade - Wine Country Mystery 2**

*Ellen Crosby - 6.99*

Crosby returns with another tale of suspense set amidst the vines of the Virginia wine country. The Chardonnay Charade begins with a daring helicopter flight in the middle of the night. Facing a freak spring frost that threatens to kill the grapes in her vineyard, Lucie Montgomery hires a chopper to fly over the vines in order to blow warm air on them. But her thoughts soon turn from grapes to murder when she discovers the body of Georgia Greenwood, a controversial political candidate, lying near the fields. Georgia's husband, Ross, Lucie's friend and doctor, immediately falls under suspicion. To make matters worse, Ross, a renowned collector of Civil War documents, has just discovered a letter that seems to prove that Confederate president Jefferson Davis had prior knowledge of the plot to assassinate Abraham Lincoln. In the small town of Atoka, Virginia...proud home to the "Gray Ghost," the Confederacy's legendary guerrilla commander...the letter is a bombshell.

#### **Dark Matter**

*Cameron Cruise - 6.99*

There are those among us whose mental capacity is so evolved that they are able to tap into abilities that are beyond this world. Often diagnosed as autistic, these medical marvels have led quiet lives, ignored by science. Until now. One by one, these special "Indigo children" are disappearing and turning up dead. Now a boy handcuffed in a basement awaits his turn while two predators fulfill a mission for a madman. Caring for her own autistic brother, FBI agent Carin Barnes is driven to find the missing boy and hunt down his abductors - psychic twins Adam and Evie. At the command of their father, the pair are collecting children for torturous experiments he believes will lead to the evolution of the human race.

#### **The Navigator - NUMA Files 7**

*Clive Cussler and Paul Kemprecos - 9.99*

Kurt Austin, Joe Zavala, and the rest of the NUMA Special Assignments Team search for an ancient Phoenicians statue that could change history and are led on a hunt for the truth that few will survive. Tall Premium Edition.

### Scots on the Rocks - Bed-And-Breakfast 23

Mary Daheim - 6.99

Judith and Renie go on vacation to a Scottish castle, where they investigate a deadly crime and do battle with a not-so-friendly ghost.

### Sweet Revenge - Goldy Bear 14

Diane Mott Davidson - 7.99

Bestselling author of **Double Shot** delivers another knockout novel featuring Colorado caterer Goldy Schultz, who's catering a holiday breakfast but finds murder on the menu. Includes recipes for Charles Dickens-inspired dishes.

### Freezing Point

Karen Dionne - \$7.99

One man's dream of providing clean drinking water for millions, tapped from the polar ice, sparks a conflict of humanity, science, big business, and environmental extremism. But no one can foresee the true danger hidden deep within the ice.

### Tremor - John Taft 2

Craig Dirgo - 7.99

More than 100 years ago, Nikola Tesla created a device for transferring electricity without wires. That invention spawned a nightmare. Now that nightmare has returned.

### The Devil's Closet - Ceecee Gallagher Mystery 1

Stacy Dittrich - \$7.99

A gripping police procedural from a 15-year law enforcement veteran and former detective specializing in sexual crimes that will appeal to the fans of Joseph Wambaugh and Patricia Cornwell.

### Lost Girls - Cellar 2

Robert Doherty - 7.99

Three seemingly unrelated crimes catch the eye of the Cellar, the ultrasecret cell introduced in **Bodyguard of Lies**. Operatives Grant and Neeley, and profiler Susan Golden, discover that underneath this web of death, deceit, and revenge lies an even more shocking crime.

### Capitol Offense - Mik Kane Alaska 2

Mike Doogan - 7.99

A young woman is found strangled in the office of an Alaskan state senator. Standing over her dead body is young legislator Matthew Hope. Before this unfortunate event, he was the most promising native Alaskan politician in the state. Now he's facing serious time, and he's not talking to anyone. In desperation, a mysterious, wealthy patron hires Nik Kane, disgraced ex-cop, to investigate the crime. What Kane discovers is a political culture corrupted by the influence of oil and big money. At the core is a secret so great that Kane may have to pay for it with something more precious than his soul.

### Three Sisters - Charlie Moon Mystery 12

James D Doss - \$6.99

A local woman, one of three daughters of a wealthy rancher, is found dead, mauled beyond recognition. Ute tribal investigator Charlie Moon enlists the help of his aunt Daisy Perika, a shaman, as he tracks down a killer.

### The Dead Place

Rebecca Drake - 6.99

A serial killer preys on college students in a small university town, in this gripping and highly suspenseful thriller by the acclaimed author of **Don't Be Afraid**.

### Little Tiny Teeth

Aaron Elkins - 7.99

From the Edgar Award-winning author of **Unnatural Selection** comes this chilling mystery. A forensics professor joins an Amazon riverboat expedition, expecting a vacation. However, in a jungle full of predators, he realizes that humans may be the deadliest of all.

### Eye of the Beholder

David Ellis - 7.99

It's been 15 years since Paul Riley prosecuted Terry Burgos, who murdered six girls. Now the police are con-

fronted with a new series of murders and mutilations. Riley realizes that the two cases are connected and finds himself at the center of a police task force...as a suspect.

### 14 - Taylor Jackson 2

JT Ellison - 6.99

In the 1980s, the Snow White Killer terrorized Nashville, Tennessee. Suddenly the murders stopped. A letter from the killer to the police stated that his work was done. Now, 20 years later, 4 more bodies are found, marked with his fatal signature. The residents of Nashville fear a madman has returned. Homicide Lieutenant Taylor Jackson believes the killings are the work of a copycat killer who's even more terrifying. For this monster is meticulously honing his craft as he mimics famous serial murderers...proving that the past is not to be forgotten.

### Primal Threat

Earl Emerson - \$7.99

The acclaimed, Shamus Award-winning author of the Thomas Black detective novels makes a bold departure with a thrilling outdoor adventure set in the Pacific Northwest, where a biking trip descends into a deadly battle for survival between two vengeful rivals.

### Lean Mean Thirteen - Stephanie Plum 13

Janet Evanovich - 7.99

The #1 blockbuster phenomenon continues in the 13th book in Evanovich's series. New secrets, old flames, and hidden agendas are about to send bounty hunter Stephanie Plum on her most outrageous adventure yet.

### Knitting Bones - Needlecraft

Monica Ferris - 6.99

The stitchers of the Embroiderers Guild are thrilled to have raised over \$20,000 for charity, but they're less pleased when the representative who accepts the check disappears with it. Includes a knitting pattern.

### First Among Sequels - Thursday Next Mystery 5

Jasper Fforde - 15.00

Literary sleuth Thursday Next is out to save literature in the fifth book of Fforde's popular series. Packed with word play, bizarre and entertaining subplots, and old-fashioned suspense. Fourteen years after Thursday Next pegged out at Superhoop '88, her Jurisdiction job has been downgraded due to a potential conflict of interest, since her previous adventures are now themselves in print. Thursday's time is spent worrying about her teenage son Friday and tutoring new recruits. This being fiction, however, jeopardy is never far away. Sherlock Holmes is killed at the Rheimbach falls and his series is stopped in its tracks. Before this can be righted, Miss Marple dies in an inexplicable car accident, bringing her series also to a close. Thursday, receiving a death-threat clearly intended for her written self, realizes what is going on - a serial killer is loose in the Bookworld.

### No House Limit

Steve Fisher - 6.99

Casino owner Joe Martin faces down a Syndicate-backed gambler in a marathon craps game, with millions of dollars and possibly even his life at stake. An Academy Award-nominated screenwriter of several classic noir films offers an insider's view of Las Vegas in this classic, first published more than 45 years ago.

### Panning for Murder - Murder She Wrote 28

Jessica Fletcher and Donald Bain - 6.99

Jessica's Alaskan cruise is disrupted when Kathy Copeland joins her. Kathy's sister vanished from the very same vessel on a prior voyage. It seems her sister had gone in search of a family treasure dating back to the Gold Rush.

### Candy Cane Murder with Other

Joanne Fluke- Laura Levine - Leslie Meier - \$6.99

Just in time for the holidays comes a festive collection of holiday whodunits featuring novellas from beloved authors Joanne Fluke, Laura Levine, and Leslie Meier, plus bonus holiday recipes.

### Skin and Bone

Kathryn Fox - 7.99

In this chilling follow-up to **Without Consent**, acclaimed author Fox delivers a thriller in which a young mother has been murdered, a baby has gone missing, and a teenage girl has vanished without a trace.

### Dead Heat

Dick Francis and Felix Francis - 9.99

Max Moreton is a rising culinary star and his restaurant, The Hay Net, has brought him great acclaim. But when nearly all the guests who enjoyed one of his meals at a private catered affair fall victim to food poisoning, his kitchen is shuttered and his reputation takes a hit. Scrambling to meet his next obligation, a luncheon for 40 in the glass-fronted private boxes at the Two Thousand Guineas, Max must overcome the previous evening's disaster and provide the new American sponsors of the year's first classic race with a day to remember. Then a bomb blast rips through the private boxes, killing some of Max's staff as well as many of the guests. As survivors are rushed to the hospital, Max is left to survey the ruins of the grandstand-and of his career. Two close calls are too close for comfort, and Max vows to protect his name-and himself-before it's too late. Tall Premium Edition.

### Next Door to Murder - Rona Parish 6

Anthea Fraser - \$15.95

Journalist Rona Parish continues her popular series on local family businesses with a piece on the Willow furniture emporium. For once, there don't seem to be any skeletons in the Willow family cupboards. But when Louisa, the daughter of Rona's reserved elderly neighbors, comes to Rona with a plea for help, it seems there may be a dark secret closer to home, and all Rona's journalistic instincts are aroused.

### Boneyard - Kelly Jones 2

Michelle Gagnon - 6.99

FBI special agent Kelly Jones has never worked a case as disturbing as this. A mass grave unearthed on the Appalachian Trail puts Kelly at the head of an investigation that crosses the line from Massachusetts to Vermont, from a serial killer to a copycat nemesis.

### Kill Chain - Evan Delaney 7

Meg Gardiner - \$7.99

After a wrecked car belonging to Evan Delaney's father is found at the bottom of a ravine, the police suspect suicide, but no body is found. Evan soon receives a call from her father's abductors, who want Evan to follow a madman's trail.

### Trashed

Alison Gaylin - 7.99

In Hollywood, a trashing in the tabloids can make or break a career, and dirty little secrets are the lifeblood of the media machine. Working for an infamous scandal sheet, Simone Glass is learning what they didn't teach her at journalism school: trust no one.

### The Bone Garden

Tess Gerritsen - 7.99

Present day: Julia Hamill has made a horrifying discovery on the grounds of her home in rural Massachusetts: a skull buried in the rocky soil - human, female, and, according to the trained eye of Boston medical examiner Maura Isles, scarred with the unmistakable marks of murder. Boston, 1830: In order to pay for his education, medical student Norris Marshall has joined the ranks of local 'resurrectionists' - those who plunder graveyards and harvest the dead for sale on the black market. But when a doctor is found murdered and mutilated on university grounds, Norris finds that trafficking in the illicit cadaver trade has made him a prime suspect.

### The Abduction

Mark Gimenez - 7.99

Ben Brice lives alone in New Mexico where he battles memories of Vietnam with oceans of Jim Beam. Miles away in Texas, his estranged son, John, an internet geek-

turned-billionaire, half watches his daughter Gracie's soccer game while conducting business on his cell phone. When her mother Elizabeth arrives, the coach reports that her uncle has already collected Gracie. But Gracie has no uncle - she was kidnapped.

### **Death Rites - Petra Delicado 3**

*Alicia Gimenez-Bartlett - 16.95*

Detective Petra Delicado thirsts for new challenges in her work. Meanwhile, her relationship with Sergeant Garzn is getting more complicated as their private and professional lives increasingly overlap, and they find themselves on the trail of a serial rapist stalking the streets of Barcelona.

### **Crosscut - Evan Delaney 4**

*Meg Gardiner - 7.99*

For Evan Delaney, China Lake was a tough place to grow up. But she didn't realize just how much until she returns for her high school reunion and discovers that a disturbing number of her classmates have died young.

### **To Love and Die in Dallas**

*Mary Elizabeth Goldman - 6.99*

A tale of love, friendship, and betrayal in Dallas high society unfolds through the pages of a diary that recalls the teenage years of four best friends in the 1950's. But time changes everything, and the murder of one of the friends in the 21st century reveals deeply hidden secrets.

### **Legend - Event Group 2**

*David Lynn Golemon - 7.99*

The Event Group is the nation's most secret agency. Its mission is to find the truth behind the world's greatest unsolved myths. Major Jack Collins and his team find themselves in a race to uncover a terrifying secret about the long-vanished tribe of the Incas, a secret that's buried deep within the Amazon Basin.

### **Mayhem in Miniature - Miniature 2**

*Margaret Grace - 6.99*

Gerry's crafts are small-scale, but her to-do list is anything but. Add murder to that...with one of her students as a suspect...and Gerry will have one hectic holiday. Includes tips for creating miniature furniture.

### **The Secret Cardinal - Nolan Kilkenny 5**

*Tom Grace - 7.99*

Former-Navy SEAL Nolan Kilkenny learns of an unreported atrocity committed against Yin Daoming, the long-imprisoned Bishop of Shanghai. Pope Leo XIV wants Yin free and asks Kilkenny to devise a plan to accomplish this seemingly impossible task.

### **The Archangel Project**

*C S Graham - \$7.99*

In a city struggling to recover from the devastation of Hurricane Katrina, a disgraced CIA agent and a young Iraq War veteran with an unusual talent join forces to catch a killer and thwart a plot that could plunge the world into an apocalyptic war.

### **The Bishop at the Lake - Father Blackie Ryan 16**

*Andrew M Greeley - 6.99*

Archbishop Malachi Nolan has designs on the Diocese of Chicago despite the fact the Most Reverend Blackwood Ryan, himself recently appointed an archbishop, is currently in line for the post. Assigned to keep watch on his rival, Blackie travels to the Nolan family estate in Grand Banks, where he soon finds himself immersed in an entirely different dynastic struggle. To get to the bottom of the mystery, Blackie will have to sort through the tangled family dynamics of this highly dysfunctional clan, as well as figure how out his fellow archbishop was nearly stung to death by hornets inside a locked room!

### **Lying with Strangers**

*James Grippando - 7.99*

Peyton Shields is a first-year resident at a major Boston children's hospital. After someone deliberately forces her car off the road and into an icy pond, her wonderful life begins to turn dark and dangerous.

### **The Winter of Her Discontent - Rosie Winter 2**

*Kathryn Miller Haines - 13.95*

It's tough shooting for stardom when there's a war on. But Rosie's got enough pluck for two: she's willing to stumble around in a Broadway dance chorus that she has no right to be a part of, in a musical that's got "flop" written all over it. Lately, she's also been keeping bad company with her mob-muscle pal, Al, who's dabbling in a host of shady money-making enterprises in this time of shortages and rationing. But despite his illicit line of work, Al's no killer. When the cops finger him for his girlfriend's murder, Rosie and Jayne, her close compatriot/fellow castmate, set out to clear big Al's name, and plunge into an intricate backstage drama featuring a bevy of suspiciously well-dressed wannabe starlets.

### **The Last Embrace**

*Denise Hamilton - 15.00*

The critically acclaimed author of the Eve Diamond mystery series delivers an atmospheric noir thriller, inspired by the true unsolved case of the disappearance of actress Jean Spangler in 1949. Lily Kessler, a former stenographer and spy for the OSS, comes to Los Angeles to find her late fiancé's sister Kitty, an actress who is missing from her Hollywood home. The next day, Kitty's body is found in a ravine below the Hollywood sign. Unimpressed by the local police, Lily investigates on her own. But the landscape in L.A. can shift kaleidoscopically, and Lily begins to see how easily a woman can lose her balance and fall prey to the city's dangers.

### **Night Work**

*Steve Hamilton - 6.99*

Joe Trumble is a probation officer. Two years ago his fiancée was killed three days before their wedding. No one has yet been caught. As the story opens, Joe is heading for a blind date with Marlene, a jewelry designer, his first encounter with a woman since his late fiancée Laurel's death. The evening is a success, but next day Marlene is reported missing and, two days later, her body is found. As the last person to see her alive, Joe is at the very least a material witness and, as the evidence mounts and another body is found, suspicions begins to centre on him.

### **Little Face**

*Sophie Hannah - \$14.00*

Alice leaves her two-week-old infant at home with her husband, David. When she returns, she insists that the baby in the crib is not her child. With an increasingly hostile David swearing she must be mad or lying, how can Alice make the police believe her before it's too late?

### **Why Mermaids Sing - Sebastian St. Cyr Mystery 3**

*C S Harris - \$6.99*

In 1811, murder has jarred London's elite. The sons of prominent families have been found at dawn in public places, their bodies mutilated and strange objects stuffed into their mouths. The local magistrate turns to Sebastian St. Cyr for help.

### **An Ice Cold Grave - Harper Connelly Mystery 3**

*Charlaine Harris - \$7.99*

Hired to find a boy who has gone missing in Doraville, North Carolina, Harper Connelly discovers that he is one of several boys who have disappeared over the years. As she uncovers the town's dark secrets, Harper becomes the next person likely to rest in an ice-cold grave.

### **The Ghost**

*Robert Harris - 7.99*

Politics turn lethal in this dazzling, timely, and suspenseful bestseller from the literary master behind *Imperium*, *Pompeii* and *Fatherland*. The moment I heard how Mc Ara died I should have walked away. I can see that now. I should have said, 'Rick, I'm sorry, this isn't for me, I don't like the sound of it,' finished my drink and left. But he was such a good storyteller, Rick...I often thought he should have been the writer and I the agent...that once he'd started talking there was never any question I wouldn't listen, and by the time he had finished, I was done for.

### **Down River**

*John Hart - \$7.99*

From the author of *The King of Lies* comes this heart-pounding story of a river whose banks are filled with lies and murder, and the man whose destiny lies deep below its surface.

### **The Chicago Way**

*Michael Harvey - 13.95*

From the co-creator and executive producer of the television show "Cold Case Files" comes a fast-paced, stylish murder mystery featuring a tough-talking Irish cop turned private investigator. Michael Kelly is hired by his former partner, John Gibbons, to help solve an eight-year-old rape and battery case, a case it turns out his old friend was once ordered to forget. When Gibbons turns up dead on Navy Pier, Kelly enlists a team of his colleagues to connect the dots between the recent murder and the cold case it revived.

### **Pig Island**

*Mo Hayder - 7.99*

Journalist Joe Oakes makes a living exposing supernatural hoaxes. A born sceptic, he believes everything has a rational explanation. But when he visits a secretive religious community on a remote Scottish island, everything he thought he knew is overturned. Questions mount: why has the community been accused of Satanism? What has happened to their leader, Pastor Malachi Dove? And perhaps most important, why will no one discuss the strange apparition seen wandering the lonely beaches of Pig Island? Their confrontation, and its violent and bloody aftermath, is so catastrophic that it forces Oaksey to question the nature of evil, and whether he might not be responsible for the terrible crime about to unfold.

### **Doggone - Animal Instinct 2**

*Gabriella Herkert - 6.99*

Legal investigator Sara Townley takes on a case of stolen identity that nearly gets her killed. After her only witness is killed, Sara picks up a sidekick in the form of a big black Labrador. And since her only lead is in the morgue, maybe following the dog's nose isn't such a bad idea.

### **The Seventh Sacrament - Nic Costa 5**

*David Hewson - 6.99*

Back in Rome after their dramatic adventures in Venice, Costa, Peroni and Leo Falcone are rebuilding their lives. But they team up once again when faced with the sudden appearance of fresh bloodstains on a missing young boy's T-shirt in a small museum exhibit displaying supposed evidence of communication from souls in Purgatory. Soon they find themselves embroiled in a mystery involving both the ancient cult of Mithras and a sinister ossuary, the House of Bones.

### **Nature Girl**

*Carl Hiaasen - 7.99*

Honey Santana...impassioned, willful, possibly bipolar, self-proclaimed queen of lost causes...has a scheme to help rid the world of irresponsibility, indifference, and dinnertime sales calls. She's taking rude, gullible Relentless, Inc., telemarketer Boyd Shreave and his less-than-enthusiastic mistress, into the wilderness of Florida's Ten Thousand Islands for a gentle lesson in civility. She doesn't know is that she's being followed by her Honey-obsessed former employer, Piejack. And he doesn't know he's being followed by Honey's still-smitten former drug-running ex-husband, Perry. And when they all pull up on Dismal Key, they don't know they're intruding on Sammy Tigertail, a half white - half Seminole failed alligator wrestler, trying like hell to be a hermit despite the Florida State coed who's dying to be his hostage.

### **Paper-Thin Alibi - Craft Corner 3**

*Mary Ellen Hughes - 6.99*

Sales at the Craft Corner crumple after Jo McAllister becomes a suspect in her rival's murder. But during paper craft classes, Jo and her friends discuss motives and

means rather than origami and collage. Together they track the twisted trail of a killer. Includes directions for a paper-craft project.

### **Crosshairs - Lee Henry Oswald 3**

*Harry Hunsicker - 6.99*

Dallas detective Lee Henry Oswald is enlisted by a renowned medical researcher to find out who is threatening her daughter's life. Oswald faces someone who wants to destroy the results of the doctor's latest research.

### **The Crime Writer**

*Gregg Andrew Hurwitz - 14.00*

In this psychological thriller, a crime writer finds himself entangled in his own gruesome mystery. Drew Danner, a crime novelist with a house off L.A.'s Mulholland Drive, awakens in a hospital bed with a scar on his head and no memory of being found convulsing over his ex-fiance's body the previous night. He was discovered holding a knife, her blood beneath his nails. He doesn't know whether he's guilty or innocent. To reconstruct the story, the writer must now become the protagonist, searching the corridors of his life and the city he loves.

### **The Enemy Within**

*Noel Hynd - 7.99*

An assassination plot against the new president has been uncovered. Shockingly, the trigger man is a member of the Secret Service. Intelligence analyst Laura Chapman is assigned to locate the would-be assassin, but she cannot shake the suspicion that she is being set up.

### **Third Degree**

*Greg Iles - \$9.99*

In his latest bestseller, now in a tall Premium Edition, Iles plunges readers into a world of sex, violence, marital betrayal, medical malpractice, and Southern intrigue ... all of which takes place in the span of one furious, terrifying day.

### **Asking for Murder - Advice Column 3**

*Roberta Isleib - 6.99*

After Annabelle Hart, a friend and fellow therapist of advice columnist Dr. Rebecca Butterman, is found beaten and left for dead, Rebecca is determined to help search for answers, in this third novel of Isleib's series.

### **Redemption**

*Lee Jackson - \$7.99*

Never tried let alone convicted, a man accused of being a terrorist by Homeland Security is forever marked and has to clear his name. He retreats to a small town in Montana, but once the residents get wind of his past, they have no intention of letting him have a future.

### **Category 7**

*Marianna Jameson and Bill Evans - 7.99*

Based on the latest discoveries and theories about weather, this suspenseful thriller follows a man-made hurricane as it heads straight for New York City.

### **Justice Denied - J P Beaumont 17**

*J A Jance - 9.99*

The killing of an ex-con seems straightforward enough, but when Seattle investigator J.P. Beaumont starts digging, the case becomes deeply complicated in this twisting tale of corruption, conspiracy, and murder. Tall Premium Edition.

### **Quicksand - Eve Duncan Mystery 7**

*Iris Johansen - \$7.99*

Eve Duncan is still reeling from the disappearance of her daughter, Bonnie, and enlists the psychic abilities of Dr. Megan Blaire to find her. But is Bonnie still alive—and can they reach her in time?

### **Jacknife**

*William W Johnstone - 6.99*

A gutsy former Special Forces op faces off against a group of Middle Eastern terrorists with a deadly plot to cripple America, in this latest pulse-pounding thriller.

### **The Exception**

*Christian Jungersen - 15.95*

Four women work at the Danish Centre for Genocide Studies. When two of them start receiving death threats, they suspect they are being stalked by Mirko Zigic, a Bosnian torturer and war criminal. But perhaps he is not the person behind the threats - it could be someone in their very midst. Much of the drama created revolves not only around the scary sense of a killer prowling in the shadows but also around the manipulative games being played between the women in the office as they come under pressure and turn on each other.

### **A Few Good Murders - Maggie Mars Mystery 2**

*Cady Kalian - \$6.99*

For screenwriter Maggie Mars, working on the set of her first film is a dream come true. However, she thinks the lead actress is playing her character all wrong and a screaming match ensues. After the actress is found murdered, Maggie becomes a person of interest.

### **Evil, Inc.**

*Glenn Kaplan - \$7.99*

Some CEOs will do anything to improve the bottom line, in Kaplan's bestselling thriller of corporate malfeasance. "[A] roaring, paranoid delight about the real killers in the boardroom." - Janet Evanovich.

### **At the Stroke of Madness - Maggie O'Dell 4**

*Alex Kava - 4.99*

FBI Special Agent Maggie O'Dell is just starting a hard-earned vacation when her friend, psychologist Dr. Gwen Patterson calls. One of Gwen's patients is missing on a trip to Connecticut. Can Maggie look into Joan Begley's disappearance? At first Maggie dismisses Gwen's concern. But when the body of a woman is discovered buried in an abandoned rock quarry in Connecticut, Maggie heads to the small town on "unofficial" business to see if there's a connection to Joan Begley. Soon the shocking news surfaces that more bodies have been discovered. And before she realizes it, Maggie is drawn into a case that confounds both local law enforcement and a seasoned criminal profiler like herself.

### **The Burnt House - Peter Decker & Rina Lazarus 16**

*Faye Kellerman - 7.99*

Investigative duo Peter Decker and his wife, Rina Lazarus, work to determine if a flight attendant's death is an accident or an act of terrorism, in this latest novel of suspense by the bestselling author.

### **Compulsion - Alex Delaware Mystery 22**

*Jonathan Kellerman - 9.99*

Now in a tall Premium Edition, Kellerman's latest thriller follows Detective Milo Sturgis and psychologist Alex Delaware as they square off against the most sadistic murderer they've ever encountered.

### **Shrouds of Holly - Pennyfoot Hotel Mystery 15**

*Kate Kingsbury - \$6.99*

While decorating for a Christmas reception, Cecily sends her husband Baxter and stable manager Samuel into the woods to cut some fresh holly. Their one-horse carriage returns with the unwelcome gift of a dead body—and Baxter and Samuel are missing.

### **Brother Odd - Odd Thomas Mystery 3**

*Dean R Koontz - \$14.00*

Koontz's hero, who has triumphed in two bestsellers, seeks the solitude and peace of an isolated monastery as he tries to find a way to live fully again. But Odd Thomas has a knack for finding trouble, and must confront an enemy who eclipses any he has yet encountered.

### **Thunder Bay - Cork O'Connor 7**

*William Kent Krueger - 7.99*

Cork O'Connor returns to his hometown of Aurora, Minnesota, and is ready for a life of relative peace. But being back at the place where he began comes with its own set of challenges.

### **Die Smiling - Claire Morgan 3**

*Linda Ladd - 6.99*

Tough, no-nonsense Missouri detective Claire Morgan returns in her third thriller to track down a cold-blooded serial killer who takes twisted pleasure in terrorizing innocent strangers.

### **The Clockwork Teddy - Bear Collector's Mystery 4**

*John J Lamb - \$6.99*

When Brad and Ashleigh Lyon revisit San Francisco, a cutting-edge robot teddy bear is found at a murder scene. Now the bear-making couple must try their crafty hands at fur-ensics.

### **Clean Cut - Anna Travis Mystery 3**

*Lynda LaPlante - \$15.00*

From the internationally bestselling novelist and the creator of television's hit series *Prime Suspect* comes this hard-hitting new police procedural featuring detective Anna Travis and her supervisor/lover James Langton.

### **A Killer's Kiss - Victor Carl Mystery 7**

*William Lashner - \$7.99*

The author of *Marked Man* returns with this thriller featuring Victor Carl, one of the genre's most compelling, most morally ambiguous characters ("Booklist").

### **Death Perception - Psychic Eye 6**

*Victoria Laurie - 6.99*

With her intuition, psychic Abby Cooper could clean up at the card tables. But on her first trip to Las Vegas, she doesn't have time for betting, although she does find herself playing against a stacked deck after the brother of her FBI agent boyfriend is kidnapped.

### **The Mission Song**

*John Le Carre - 9.99*

In his first novel set in Africa since *The Constant Gardener*, Le Carre, the master of the literary thriller, delivers the story of a young interpreter, who stumbles into the heart of an outrageous British plot. Premium Edition.

### **Friends in High Places - Guido Brunetti 9**

*Donna Leon - 7.99*

What begins as a red-tape headache for Commissario Brunetti regarding his Venice apartment building ends in murder after a bureaucrat on the case is found dead after a mysterious fall from a scaffold. The winner of the Crime Writers Association Macallan Silver Dagger available for the first time in the United States.

### **A Killer Workout - Fat City Mystery 2**

*Kathryn Lilley - \$6.99*

Plus-sized reporter Kate Gallagher decides to enter a boot camp-style fitness program. Her roomie is discovered with a broken neck at the foot of the climbing wall. It's not the first suspicious accident at the camp, and now it looks like losing weight is turning into mortal combat.

### **Treasure of Eden - Eden Trilogy 3**

*S L Linnea - \$6.99*

The stunning conclusion to the Eden trilogy. Jaime Richards had helped discover the location of the Garden of Eden years ago. However, the reappearance of the illustrious Treasure of Eden may be the biggest threat Jaime has ever faced.

### **Deeper**

*Jeff Long - 7.99*

In this follow-up to his bestselling *The Descent*, bestselling author Long takes readers into the depths of the earth to confront a primordial evil that waits in the darkness. A decade has passed since doomed explorers unveiled a nightmare of tunnels and rivers honeycombing the earth's depths. After millennia of suffering terror and predation, humanity's armies descended to destroy the ancient hordes. Deep beneath the Pacific Ocean, a doomed science expedition killed the subterraneans' fabled leader, and suddenly it seemed that evil was dead and all was right with the world again.

### **The Detective Wore Silk Drawers - Sergeant Cribb Mystery 2**

*Peter Lovesey - \$14.00*

The second Sergeant Cribb mystery is set in the world of Victorian bare-fisted pugilism—an illegal sport. Constable Jago is sent, undercover, to Radstock Hall by Sergeant Cribb, who suspects that when fighters who train there lose, they are murdered.

### **Written in Blood - Forensic Handwriting 2**

*Shelia Lowe - 6.99*

The widow of a rich, older man, Paige Sorenson is younger than—and hated by—her stepchildren. They're determined to prove Paige forged their father's signature on his will. That's where Hollywood forensic handwriting expert Claudia Rose comes in.

### **Via Delle Oche - Commissario De Luca 3**

*Carlo Lucarelli - 14.95*

There has been a murder on Via Delle Oche, the Bologna street at the center the city's notorious red light district. As always, De Luca is unwilling to look the other way when the evidence points to certain local politicians and members of the Bologna police, in this final book in the De Luca trilogy.

### **Night Kills**

*John Lutz - \$6.99*

From the bestselling author of *In for the Kill* comes a lightning-paced thriller in which former NYPD detective Frank Quinn faces his most chilling adversary yet.

### **Final Seconds**

*John Lutz - 4.99*

After Will Harper is injured in the field as a bomb squad officer for NYPD, he retires early. But when his former partner is blown up along with a paranoid bestselling author and his Florida estate, Harper's idle days are over. Suddenly Harper is tracking a serial killer who is as expert in explosives as any terrorist, and not too shy about selecting targets from the center of the celebrity spotlight. With a former partner and a resurrected dead case file, Harper seeks out help from the FBI, but not from their most inside agents. He chooses an African-American woman, whose gender and race put her on the outside of the political fast track of ascension, but whose savvy and creative, critical thinking make her the perfect ally to bring in the Celebrity Bomber.

### **The Apocalypse Directive**

*Douglas MacKinnon - 7.99*

An underwater compound designed to house 5,000 of the country's most needed citizens has been secretly completed. The President, a religious zealot, plans to destroy the world's population, bringing about the apocalypse. Then, he can repopulate the world with fellow believers and survive in the compound.

### **Hard Row - Judge Deborah Knott 13**

*Margaret Maron - 7.99*

For Judge Deborah Knott, it's clear that resentments over race, class, and illegal immigration are brewing in the countryside. When mutilated bodies are found, Deborah's search for the killer leads her to a realm of undocumented farm workers exploited for cheap labor.

### **Defenseless**

*Celeste Marsella - \$6.99*

In this stunning debut thriller, four young female assistant attorneys general find themselves at the scene of a heinous crime and must use all their smarts, savvy, and loyalty to stop a killer from taking one of their own.

### **Don't Ever Tell**

*Brandon Massey - 6.99*

From an award-winning author comes a new thriller about a murderer who will do anything to get back what belongs to him. With a new identity, a new city to live in, and a wonderful new husband, Rachel Moore believes she's finally free of the demons in her past. But nothing could be farther from the truth. For the secrets she

thought were long buried are now on the brink of being exposed. Someone has a vendetta against Rachel. Someone whom she betrayed a long time ago. Someone who is determined to make her pay—no matter what the cost.

### **The Painted Man - Sissy Sawyer Mystery 2**

*Graham Masterton - \$15.95*

The discovery of a murdered office worker in the elevator of a condemned building sets in motion a chain of events that will make the streets of Cincinnati run with blood. Police artist Molly and her alternative, chain-smoking, fortune-telling mother-in-law, Sissy Sawyer, become involved. Sissy's tarot cards seem to be offering her clues, if only she can decipher them in time.

### **Dial Me for Murder - Paige Turner 5**

*Amanda Matetsky - 6.99*

Crime reporter and mystery novelist Paige Turner is looking into the murder of a young secretary, with the understanding between herself and the police that Paige keeps her exclusive investigation off the record and out of the pages of "Daring Detective."

### **The Face of Death - Smoky Barrett 2**

*Cody McFadyen - 6.99*

Special Agent Smoky Barrett is back to track down a killer who breaks all the rules, in this heart-stopping thriller that goes where few dare to tread. A scary thriller far above the usual serial-killer norm.

### **Merciless - Jessica Balzano and Kevin Byrne 3**

*Richard Montanari - 7.99*

Homicide detectives Jessica Balzano and Kevin Byrne track a twisted killer inspired by the horrors of childhood bedtime stories, in this gripping thriller by the bestselling author of *The Rosary Girls*.

### **Sudoku 3**

*Kaye Morgan - 6.99*

Sudoku maven Liza Kelly is conducting classes in a penitentiary, of all places. One of her best students is released, but his freedom doesn't last long. He's found dead, leaving his own puzzle for Liza to solve before her number is up. Includes Sudoku puzzles.

### **Shadows in the Mist**

*Brian Moreland - 7.99*

Buried beneath the bloodstained soil of Germany lies a Nazi relic that could destroy armies if it falls into the wrong hands. Now the diary of World War II hero Jack Chambers reveals a dark conspiracy.

### **Blonde Faith - Easy Rawlins 10**

*Walter Mosley - 13.99*

Easy Rawlins comes home from work and finds more trouble on his doorstep in a day than most men encounter in a lifetime. Easy strikes out on his own to try to find one friend, save another, and save himself from the pain that is driving him out of his mind.

### **The Ever-Running Man - Sharon McCone 24**

*Marcia Muller - \$7.99*

Sharon McCone is hired by her husband's security firm to track down "the ever-running man," a shadowy figure who has been leaving explosive devices at various offices. He is dangerously close—and anyone connected to the firm seems to be within his deadly range.

### **Revelation**

*Bill Napier - 6.99*

After he's offered an extraordinary sum of money to retrieve a briefcase from a Russian aircraft that crashed on an Arctic iceberg in 1944, Dr. Fred Findhorn discovers that tracking down the briefcase is just the start.

### **Last Run - Sam Becket 2**

*Hilary Norman - 15.95*

A gripping new thriller from a best-selling author - When a lone runner is found dead on Miami Beach's North Shore, Detective Sam Becket's first concern is for his adopted daughter, Cathy. Cathy is also a runner, and vulnerable. As Sam and his team start to investigate, a con-

nection emerges with another homicide on Pompano Beach, and others are drawn into the web, including Kerry Flanagan, a charismatic runner to whom Cathy feels powerfully drawn.

### **Invasion of Privacy - Nine Reilly Mystery 2**

*Perri O'Shaughnessy - \$4.99*

Two classic legal thrillers by a bestselling author featuring hard-driving attorney Nina Reilly are now reissued in these specially priced editions.

### **The Tragic Flaw**

*Che Parker - \$7.99*

Following in his Italian father's gangster footsteps, the bi-racial Cicero Day and his comrades deal with their enemies with all manner of weaponry: guns, knives, poison, and even HIV. Yet, Cicero is haunted by recurring nightmares, and bothered with his mother's steadfast belief in God.

### **The Hell Screen - Akitada Sugawara 2**

*Ingrid J Parker - 14.00*

A witty thriller of ancient Japan by the award-winning I. J. Parker. Government official turned sleuth Akitada Sugawara, on his way home to attend the sickbed of his bitter, aging mother, is spending the night in a monastery when he finds himself drawn to a brilliantly illustrated screen depicting the horrors of hell. His brief stay is complicated by the murder of a young woman. Personal and professional interests begin to merge as Akitada becomes ensnared in a tangled web of deceit and malevolence that will, in the end, strike very close to home. Rich, textured, and historically researched.

### **Now and Then - Spencer Mystery 35**

*Robert B Parker - \$9.99*

After a simple case turns into a politically charged investigation, Boston PI Spenser faces his most difficult challenge yet — keeping his cool while his beloved Susan Silverman is in danger. Tall Premium Edition.

### **South of Hell - Louis Kincaid 9**

*P J Parrish - 7.99*

Follow-up to *A Thousand Bones*. Louis Kincaid and his lover, female detective Joe Frye, team up to find out what happened to a woman who was reported missing by her husband from their Michigan farmhouse in 1981.

### **4th of July - Women's Murder Club 4**

*James Patterson and Maxine Paetro - 13.99*

A young girl is killed in the crossfire after a routine arrest goes terribly wrong, and Lt. Lindsay Boxer has to defend herself against a charge of police brutality. In a landmark trial that transfixed the nation, Lindsay fights to save her career and her sanity.

### **Anne Perry's Christmas Mysteries: Two Holiday Novels**

*Anne Perry - \$14.00*

For the first time in Trade Paperback in one cozy volume comes two of Perry's most recent Christmas novels — *A Christmas Guest* and *A Christmas Secret* — full of holiday magic and murder.

### **First to Kill**

*Andrew Peterson - 7.99*

After an undercover FBI agent disappears along with a ton of explosives, the government turns to former Marine sniper and covert CIA operative Nathan McBride to recover it, in Peterson's debut novel.

### **Second Glance**

*Jodi Picoult, - 15.00*

Picoult's eeriest and most engrossing work yet delves into a virtually unknown chapter of American history...Vermont's eugenics project of the 1920's and 30's...to provide a compelling study of the things that come back to haunt those in the present, both literally and figuratively.

### **The Stolen - Henry Parker 3**

Jason Pinter - 7.99

Five years after he disappeared, a young boy returns home as though he'd never left. This prompts investigative reporter Henry Parker to look into a series of child kidnappings dating back more than a decade. Henry soon stumbles onto a later and more nefarious plot at hand.

### **The Wheel of Darkness - Predergast 8**

Douglas J Preston and Lincoln Child - 7.99

At a remote monastery in Tibet, a rare and dangerous artifact mysteriously disappears. FBI Special Agent Prendergast and Constance are led to the maiden voyage of the world's most luxurious ocean liner, and to an Atlantic crossing fraught with terror.

### **Dirty Deeds - Grime Solvers 2**

Suzanne Price - 6.99

During the holidays, Pigeon Cove bustles with parties that create even bigger messes, and everyone wants cleaning whiz Sky Taylor to help with the aftermath. As events turn from dirty to deadly, will Sky have the right solvent at her disposal? Includes cleaning tips.

### **The Looters**

Junius Podrug and Harold Robbins - 7.99

Money and ego turn the quest for art into a deadly business in which the super-rich battle to possess the rarest and most beautiful "objet d'art" on Earth: the golden death mask of the Queen of Babylon.

### **Sorrow on Sunday - Lois Meade 7**

Ann Purser - 6.99

A spate of equestrian thefts has hit Long Farnden. Lois Meade agrees to listen for any incriminating rumors. Once again, Lois proves herself invaluable to Chief Inspector Hunter Cowgill, but things take a more dangerous turn when Lois finds herself a prime target.

### **The Naming of the Dead - Inspector Rebus 16**

Ian Rankin - 7.99

World leaders descend on Scotland for an international conference. During a dinner at Edinburgh Castle, a delegate falls to his death. While authorities attempt to keep the incident quiet, Inspector Rebus has only 72 hours to find the answers.

### **The Water's Lovely**

Ruth Rendell - 13.95

When Ismay and Heather's stepfather drowned in the bathtub 9 years ago, the police concluded that it was an accident. But Ismay has always silently suspected that Heather might have been involved. When Heather becomes involved with a man, Ismay's long-repressed memories can no longer be ignored.

### **Rebel Island - Tres Navarre Mystery 7**

Rick Riordan - \$6.99

Honeymooning detective Tres Navarre goes up against a killer who will do anything to escape an island resort as a hurricane approaches, in this spine-tingler from the king of Texas crime writing.

### **Casket Case - Callie Parrish Mystery 3**

Fran Rizer - \$6.99

After the town's pharmacist is found floating face-down in his hot tub, Callie suspects foul play. But while she feels like her investigation is leading her nowhere, someone else seems to think she knows too much.

### **The Night Ferry**

Michael Robotham - 7.99

A policewoman breaks all the rules to get to the bottom of the mysterious death of the friend she betrayed, in this follow-up thriller from the author of *Suspect* and *Lost*.

### **The Reincarnationist**

M J Rose - \$6.99

A bomb erupts in Rome and photojournalist Josh Ryder's world will never be the same. As he recovers, his mind is invaded by emotionally intense and vivid memories — but they aren't "his" memories.

### **White Flag Down**

Joel N Ross - 7.99

In this rich, complex novel, based on newly declassified documents, Ross takes readers on a breathtaking chase through World War II Europe, where everyone's motives are suspect...and nobody is neutral.

### **Deadly Waters - DI Andy Horton 3**

Pauline Rowson - 15.95

When a woman is found murdered in Langstone Harbour, Andy Horton is assigned to the case. He is only given a week to find the killer before being shunted off the case. With the clock ticking, Horton is soon forced to make a decision that will put his life on the line.

### **Absent Friends**

S J Rozan - 6.99

The secrets of a group of childhood friends unravel in this thriller by Edgar Award winner Rozan. Set in New York in the unforgettable aftermath of September 11, Absent Friends captures a time and place unlike any other, as it winds through the wounded streets of New York and Staten Island...and into a maze of old crimes, damaged lives, and heartbreaking revelations. The result is not only an electrifying mystery and a riveting piece of storytelling but an elegiac novel that powerfully explores a world changed forever on a clear September morning.

### **The Book Stops Here - Mobile Library 4**

Ian Sansom - 13.95

Mobile librarian Israel Armstrong is going home to London, rattling along with his irascible companion Ted Carson in their book van en route to the Mobile Meet. The annual library convention gives Israel the opportunity to catch up with his family, eat paprika chicken and baklava, and drink good coffee. But they've barely found parking when the unimaginable occurs: their library-on-wheels is stolen! Who on earth would want to take a 30-year-old traveling disaster with the words "The Book Stops Here" painted across the back? Israel and Ted are determined to find out. But their search is leading them on a very twisty trail through the countryside in pursuit of a suspicious convoy of New Age travelers.

### **A Vintage Murder - Wine Lover's 4**

Michele Scott - 6.99

Nikki and her boyfriend visit Australia's Hahndorf Winery, which is being used as a movie set. After the lead actress is found dead in her trailer, bitten by a poisonous snake, Nikki combs the vineyards to catch a killer. Includes recipes and wine pairings.

### **Occupational Hazards**

Jonathan Segura - 14.00

Bernard Cockburn is a reporter for the Omaha Weekly News-Telegraph. His boss has him chasing dead-end stories on real estate and county funding irregularities when he'd rather be working on that handful of neglected exposés in his bottom desk drawer. Then Cockburn finds himself at a crime scene in downtown Omaha and uncovers a lead in what soon becomes the only story worth pursuing. From street level to small-town bureaucracy, and even the staff at the paper, a vigilante league is intent on cleaning up the ghetto for profit, even if it means killing a few people to get it done, an elaborate conspiracy too unbelievable for newsprint.

### **Second Shot - Charlie Fox Mystery 6**

Zoe Sharp - \$6.99

In this follow-up to the Barry Award-finalist, *First Drop*, the latest assignment for former Special Forces soldier turned bodyguard Charlie Fox ends in a bloody shootout, leaving her fighting for her life.

### **Speak of the Devil - Greer Sands 2**

Shari Shattuck - 7.99

While at a baby shower, Greer has a premonition of a devastating wildfire. The vision is interrupted by Jenny, who asks Greer to predict the gender of her unborn child. Greer envisions a lovely baby girl, but she also sees that Jenny may be in danger.

### **Last Breath - Sherry Moore 2**

George D Shuman - 7.99

In this thrilling follow-up to the acclaimed *18 Seconds*, blind psychic Sherry Moore witnesses the final moments of a murder victim's life. Now she must observe a never-ending series of heinous crimes at the hands of one of the most ruthless serial killers imaginable.

### **The Secret Servant - Gabriel Allon 7**

Daniel Silva - 9.99

A terrorist plot in London leads Israeli spy Gabriel Allon on a desperate search for a kidnapped woman, in a race against time that will compromise Allon's own conscience, and life. Tall Premium Edition.

### **Beyond Reach - Grant County 6**

Karin Slaughter - 7.99

In this bestseller, the death of a woman leads Grant County's medical examiner/pediatrician Sara Linton and her police chief husband, Jeffrey Tolliver, to a group that is poisoning a small town with hatred.

### **The Careful Use of Compliments**

Alexander McCall Smith - 12.95

Isabel Dalhousie is back, in the latest installment of this enchanting, bestselling series.

### **Zig Zag**

Jose Carlos Somoza - 7.99

A cross between ABC's hit show "Lost" and Michael Crichton's *Timeline*, this lightning-paced techno-thriller tells a story about a group of scientists selected to take part in a secret research project and the horror they unleash after they meddle with time.

### **Death Watch - Inspector Charlie Woodend 18**

Sally Spencer - 15.95

Angela Jackson has been missing over 24 hours and, in the opinion of Dr Stevenson, the psychiatrist who Woodend turns to for advice, her kidnapper will first torture and then kill her. With damaging strains operating within his own team, the more the investigation proceeds the less hope Woodend can see. And he knows deep within himself that he will fail in bringing Angela back alive.

### **Dialogues**

Stephen J Spignesi - 6.99

Reinventing the psychological thriller with a tale of mounting intensity, this debut novel reveals the dark soul of its central character—facing 6 grotesque charges of murder—through dialogues she has with others.

### **Daughter of Deceit - Family Tree Mystery 3**

Patricia Sprinkle - \$6.99

Katharine Murray is enlisted by socialite Bara Weidenaar to investigate the history of a box of military medals that had belonged to Bara's father. As Katharine delves into Bara's family history, she discovers everything Bara believes about her father may be a lie.

### **Le Crime - Louis Morgan 2**

Peter Steiner - 13.95

A cross between *The Spy Who Came in from the Cold* and *A Year in Provence*. Former State Department expert Louis Morgan finds a murdered body on the doorstep of his charming little house in France, and he and the local gendarme team up to solve the murder.

### **Midnight Rambler**

James Swain - 7.99

Years ago, South Florida cop Jack Carpenter beat up a murder suspect named Simon Skell, a dangerous predator with a penchant for playing the Rolling Stones's "Midnight Rambler" as he tortured women. When Jack lost his temper, he lost his job and his marriage; so as Skell's early release from prison draws near, the tarnished hero—now a specialist in missing-child cases—sees an opportunity to make things right. Scrambling to gather more evidence, Jack uncovers a criminal conspiracy: a group of four men who kidnap and kill women on the margins of society. Teaming up with an FBI agent, Jack must outwit, outrun, and outmaneuver his enemies.

**The Amnesiac***Sam Taylor - 14.00*

James Purdew is obsessed with his own past - in particular three years of his life, about which he remembers nothing. So he travels back to the city of H, where he lived during those years, and finds a familiar house, now derelict. Stripping wallpaper from one of the rooms, James discovers the first chapter of "Confessions of a Killer," a 19th-century thriller, which seems to offer clues to a tragedy that took place in the house many years before, and one to which James feel inexorably linked.

**The Tenth Case***Joseph Teller - \$7.99*

Having married her elderly billionaire husband when she was 18, Samara Moss is now accused of stabbing him to death. Defense attorney Harrison J. Walker, better known as Jaywalker, knows that appearances can be deceiving. Who else could have killed the billionaire. Has Samara been framed? Or is Jaywalker driven by his need to win his client's cases - and this particular client's gratitude.

**Old Maid's Puzzle - Quilting Mystery 2***Terri Thayer - \$13.95*

After her mother's death year, Dewey Pellicano inherits the Quilter Paradiso shop. But when a dead body turns up in the alley outside the store, it scares off customers and threatens to sink an already precarious bottom line.

**The Black Hand - Barker & Llewelyn 5***Will Thomas - 14.00*

When an Italian assassin's body is found floating in a barrel in Victorian London's East End, enquiry agent Cyrus Barker and his assistant Thomas Llewelyn are called in to investigate. Soon corpses begin to appear all over London, each accompanied by a Mafia Black Hand note. As Barker and Llewelyn dig deeper, they become entangled in the vendettas of rival Italian syndicates — and it is no longer clear who is a friend or foe.

**Murder on K Street - Capital Crimes Mystery 23***Margaret Truman - \$7.99*

This political page-turner from fan-favorite and best-selling author and ultimate Washington insider Truman brings readers back to the Beltway for another gripping tale of mystery and mayhem.

**Once a Biker - Hennessey and Yellich Mystery 16***Peter Turnbull - \$15.95*

When a deathbed confession leads to the reopening of a murder case, it doesn't bode well that both victims were members of a bikers gang 20 years ago. As Detective Chief Inspector Hennessey and his team investigate, it seems the vow of silence is as strong as ever. When an ex-member is found murdered, it seems that someone is determined to keep old secrets dead and buried.

**Restitution***Lee Vance - 7.99*

In a moment of weakness, Peter Tyler indulges in a one-night stand with a beautiful trader. A few weeks later, his wife is brutally murdered. When Peter's infidelity is revealed, he becomes the prime suspect.

**Under the Gun***John Vorhaus - 6.99*

A novice poker player must win the world's biggest and toughest poker tournament in order to solve the murder of his brother, who was a poker professional.

**Hollywood Crows***Joseph Wambaugh - \$7.99*

The master of crime fiction is back with a gripping sequel to the bestselling *Hollywood Station* — a tightly plotted and darkly funny tale filled with seduction, black-market booze, a femme fatale, and murder.

**Weeding Out Trouble - Nina Quinn 5***Heather Webber - 6.99*

After her handyman Kit Pipe goes missing, landscaper Nina Quinn immediately starts digging into his disap-

pearance, but all she finds is the body of Kit's ex, Daisy Bedinghaus. After Kit is named the prime suspect, Nina sets out to prove his innocence.

**A Wrongful Death - Barbara Holloway 10***Kate Wilhelm - 6.99*

After a terrified young boy seeks Barbara's help for his battered mother, and then disappears, the boy's family accuses her of aiding in his disappearance. As Barbara delves into the mystery of the missing child, troubling obstacles continue to thwart her every move.

**Bloodline - Repairman Jack Mystery 11***F Paul Wilson - \$7.99*

With his girlfriend's encouragement, Jack dips a toe back into the fix-it pool. Christy Pickering's 18-year-old daughter is dating a man twice her age. Christy senses something sinister about him, so she hires a private investigator to look into his past. What will Jack find out?

**We All Fall Down***Simon Wood - 7.99*

Employees of a research firm begin to die in accidents or by suicide at an alarming rate. New hire Hayden Duke suspects the deaths might be connected to a high-level government project taken on by the firm, but as soon as he starts to investigate, he becomes the latest target.

**Beverly Hills Dead - Rick Barron 2***Stuart Woods - 9.99*

In 1940s Hollywood, Rick Barron—former Beverly Hills cop, is at the top of his game. Tensions are high in Hollywood. When Rick's friend Sidney Brooks, a successful screenwriter, receives a subpoena from the House Un-American Activities Committee, Rick isn't surprised. The witch hunt is spreading, and those under investigation are Rick's closest friends—even his wife, the glamorous starlet Glenna Gleason. Tall Premium Edition.

## For Release in November

**The Undead Kama Sutra - Felix Gomez 3***Mario Acevedo - \$7.99*

Felix Gomez, Latino vampire detective extraordinaire, returns in this third entry in the rollickingly fun and bitingly satiric series.

**No Rest for the Wiccan - Bewitching Mystery 4***Madelyn Alt - \$7.99*

Maggie O'Neill reluctantly volunteers to care for her bedridden, oh-so-perfect sister, Mel, but strange spirits threaten to divert her attention. Then a friend of Mel's loses her husband to a dreadful fall, and the police call it an accidental death. Maggie's not so sure, and sets her second sights on finding a killer.

**Pane of Death - Glassblowing 2***Sarah Atwell - \$6.99*

Glassblower Emmeline Dowell finds herself accused of murder after a priceless stained glass collection is stolen and the owner is killed. And since the police chief is also her boyfriend, she needs to crack the case fast—before their relationship is permanently shattered. Includes recipes and glassblowing trivia.

**Endangered Species - Anna Pigeon 5***Nevada Barr - \$7.99*

Cumberland Island, off the coast of Georgia, is a breathtaking setting for tedious fire pre-suppression duty. But Anna's boring routine is shattered when two men die in a plane crash, victims of sabotage. This classic mystery is now repackaged.

**Strip Search - Susan Pulaski and Darcy O'Bannon 2***William Bernhardt - \$7.99*

Returning to the suspenseful terrain of his acclaimed Las Vegas cop adventure *Dark Eye*, Bernhardt reunites

the unique detective team of Susan Pulaski and Darcy O'Bannon in a hard-hitting serial-killer whodunit

**The Venetian Betrayal - Cotton Malone 3***Steve Berry - \$9.99*

The latest bestseller by the author of *The Alexandria Link* is a gripping international thriller that sends globe-trotting Cotton Malone on a perilous quest for the truth about the mysterious death of Alexander the Great.

**Windy City Knights - Ron Shade 2***Michael A Black - \$7.99*

In this stunning follow-up to *A Killing Frost*, detective Ron Shade is back, investigating the death of a former lover, on a trail that will lead him through the seediest parts of the Chicago underworld.

**Digital Fortress (Second Edition, Revised)***Dan Brown - \$9.99*

When the NSA's invincible code-breaking machine encounters a mysterious code it cannot break, the agency calls its head cryptographer, Susan Fletcher, a brilliant mathematician. What she uncovers sends shock waves throughout the corridors of power.

**Three Shirt Deal - Shane Scully Mystery 7***Stephen J Cannell - \$7.99*

LAPD detective Shane Scully fights to save a man railroaded for murder, while his adored wife Alexa, who is struggling with her own inner demons, has become a total stranger to him.

**Even Cat Sitters Get the Blues - Dixie Hemingway 3***Blaize Clement - \$6.99*

Pet-sitter Dixie Hemingway discovers the dead body of a mansion gatekeeper. She's had her fill of homicide in-

vestigations, so she leaves the corpse for someone else to find. But that someone else sees her leaving the scene of the crime.

**The Arctic Event - Covert-One Mystery 7***Robert Ludlum and James Cobb - \$7.99*

On a remote island in the Arctic, after an army researcher stumbles across the remains of a World War II-era plane containing deadly anthrax, the Covert-One team is dispatched to the crash site.

**Killer Knots - Bad Hair Day Mystery 9***Nancy J Cohen - \$6.99*

Beautician and sleuth Marla Shore looks forward to a cruise with her fiancé, Dalton Vail. Little does she know she's booked passage on a ship with a killer aboard.

**All Shots - Dog Lovers Mystery 18***Susan Conant - \$7.99*

Malamute trainer Holly Winter knows she's not the only Holly Winter in her town, but it would be so much nicer if the other woman calling herself Holly Winter didn't turn up dead. Holly number one and her prize-winning pups will have to bring the case to heel on their own—before a killer sniffs them out.

**Cat & Mouse***Harold Coyle - \$7.99*

A bestselling author reveals the chaos of warfare as Islamic terrorists, led by their most charismatic leader to date, form a powerful coalition.

**The Chase***Clive Cussler - \$9.99*

In this stand-alone novel by the bestselling author of the Dirk Pitt adventures, a no-nonsense detective is on the

trail of the sharpest and deadliest criminal mind he has ever encountered: a serial robber who murders any and all witnesses. Tall Premium Edition.

#### **Night Work**

*Thomas Glavinic* - \$15.00

The routine of daily life is such that one goes to sleep with the security that tomorrow will arrive, just as it did today. Jonas, a professional in contemporary Vienna, wakes up one morning to discover that he may be the last living being on Earth, in this fast-paced thriller.

#### **A Fatal Slip - Clay and Crime Mystery 3**

*Melissa Glazer* - \$6.99

After a building inspector is found drowned in a bucket of liquid clay slip, potter Carolyn Emerson's husband Bill is the prime suspect. It's up to Carolyn to clear his name and not let the real killer give her the slip. Includes clay crafting tips.

#### **A Taste to Die for - Honey Driver Mystery 2**

*J G Goodhind* - \$15.95

Chefs can be arrogant, competitive and downright murderous at times, so when Bath International Taste Extravaganza (BITE for short) organize a best chef competition, Honey Driver, the Hotels Association police liaison officer, senses trouble. Her instinct proves correct when the winning chef is found dead in his own kitchen. Then a second, and a third.

#### **The Book of Old Houses - Home Repair is Homicide Mystery 11**

*Sarah Graves* - \$6.99

After finding a long-buried book underneath her 1823 fixer-upper—a book containing her name written in blood—Jacobia “Jake” Tiptree puts aside her hammer to find someone who's got the blueprint for a perfect murder. Includes home repair tips.

#### **The Appeal**

*John Grisham* - \$14.00

In a courtroom in Mississippi, a jury returns a shocking verdict against a chemical company accused of dumping toxic waste into a small town's water supply, causing the worst “cancer cluster” in history, in this shocking story of political and legal intrigue.

#### **Shakespeare's Christmas - Lily Bard Mystery 3**

*Charlaine Harris* - \$7.99

Lily Bard heads home to Bartley, Arkansas, for her sister Varena's Christmas wedding, but ends up involved in an investigation with her private detective boyfriend. But there's something in the air besides holiday cheer—there's murder.

#### **Game Over - Bill Slider Mystery 11**

*Cynthia Harrod-Eagles* - \$15.95

When ex-BBC correspondent Ed Stonax is found dead, the last thing Detective Inspector Slider needs is the reappearance of an old enemy issuing death threats. Trevor Bates, aka The Needle, is on the loose and trying to kill him, and with a murder to solve, Slider must try to find a spare moment to marry Joanna before their baby is born and stay alive long enough to do it.

#### **Precious Blood**

*Jonathan Hayes* - \$7.99

Forensic pathologist Edward Jenner hunts a serial killer on the streets of New York, just days after the 9/11 attacks. Author Jonathan Hayes combines the wit of Patricia Cornwell, the action in “CSI,” and the clip of Kathy Reichs, in his gripping debut thriller.

#### **The Killing Ground - Sean Dillon Mystery 14**

*Jack Higgins* - \$9.99

For intelligence operative Sean Dillon, his day begins with a routine passport check. But what Dillon discovers will lead to the most terrible chain of events he has ever known, in this explosive bestseller, now in a tall Premium Edition.

#### **The 47th Samurai - Bob Lee Swagger Mystery 4**

*Stephen Hunter* - \$9.99

Bob Lee Swagger, the son of the gritty hero in Hunter's bestsellers *Point of Impact* and *Time to Hunt*, avenges his father in the Pulitzer Prize-winning author's most intense and exotic thriller to date.

#### **Hail to the Chef - White House Chef Mystery 2**

*Julie Hyzy* - \$7.99

White House executive chef Ollie Paras must put her own interests on the back burner when a kindly electrician is electrocuted, and the First Lady's nephew dies in an apparent suicide less than 24 hours after cleaning shrimp with Ollie. Includes recipes.

#### **Hand of Evil - Alison Reynolds Mystery 3**

*JA Jance* - \$7.99

Former television journalist Ali Reynolds finds her new life in her hometown of Sedona threatened, in this masterful story that travels over generations, revealing two very different women with the same horrifying secret.

#### **Cold Plague**

*Daniel Kalla* - \$7.99

In this new thriller from the international bestselling author of “Pandemic,” Dr. Noah Haldane suspects that factors other than nature have ignited the spread of the deadly poison responsible for Mad Cow Disease. He just has to stay alive long enough to sound the alarm.

#### **Whitewash**

*Alex Kava* - \$7.99

Today's headlines set the stage for the new thriller from Kava, which takes readers into the labyrinth of greed, corporate corruption, and government conspiracy—where getting out alive may be impossible.

#### **The Reach**

*Nate Kenyon* - \$7.99

A girl with telekinetic abilities is being held against her will in an institution while a shadowy research firm studies her and develops her abilities for their own ends. But now she's grown too strong—and her doctor needs to keep her alive and out of the company's clutches.

#### **Ring in Murder - A Special Pennyfoot Hotel Mystery**

*Kate Kingsbury* - \$14.00

This year at the Pennyfoot Hotel, Cecily has a surprise for her guests—Christmas crackers. Once the crackers pop, one lucky guest will discover a beautiful pearl brooch. But when two crackers go astray and a mysterious fire breaks out, things turn less than jolly.

#### **Chillwater Cove**

*Thomas Lakeman* - \$7.99

In this heart-stopping sequel to “The Shadow Catchers,” FBI agent Peggy Weaver enters a desperate race to save a childhood friend from a kidnapper.

#### **Ripper**

*Edward Lee, Jr. and Linda Rosencrance* - \$6.99

A true-crime veteran presents the twisted and brutal case of modern-day Jack the Ripper in Rhode Island, co-authored by one of the case's investigators.

#### **Running Time - Nora McKee & Alex Kincaid 2**

*T J MacGregor* - \$6.99

Nora McKee and her lover, Alex Kincaid, are running out of options and straight into a nightmare as they race to uncover a conspiracy.

#### **Kennedy's Brain**

*Henning Mankell* - \$14.95

When Louise Cantor finds her 28-year-old son dead in his apartment, everything indicates it was a suicide. Louise, however, refuses to accept this. She and her ex-husband set out to find what happened, and soon discover a dark underworld where suddenly their own lives are at stake.

#### **Shimura Trouble - Rei Shimura Mystery 10**

*Sujata Massey* - \$15.95

During a family reunion on the island of Oahu, Japanese-American undercover spy Rei Shimura is roped into helping the Hawaiian branch of her family regain land stolen from them during World War II. When fire sweeps the island and her cousin is accused of arson, Rei must discover the truth, which turns out to be linked to the Shimura family history.

#### **Chat - Joe Gunther Mystery 18**

*Archer Mayor* - \$6.99

In the latest gripping police procedural from award-winning author Archer Mayor, Joe Gunther and his team investigate a disturbing case of homicide and Internet child predators.

#### **Cat Deck the Halls - Joe Grey Mystery 13**

*Shirley Rousseau Murphy* - \$6.99

Feline P.I. Joe Grey and friends must catch a holiday killer, in this 13th delightful and sophisticated mystery in the popular, award-winning series.

#### **When She Was Bad - E. L. Pender Mystery 4**

*Jonathan Nasaw* - \$7.99

In this nail-biting thriller from the author of “Twenty-Seven Bones,” an FBI agent examines the terrifying relationship of two hot young lovers who happen to be cold-blooded killers.

#### **Shot Girl - Annie Seymour Mystery 4**

*Karen E Olson* - \$6.99

A co-worker's bachelorette party at a local club quickly turns into a crime scene. What is surprising is that the dead club manager in the parking lot happens to be the ex-husband of New Haven police reporter Annie Seymour—and the bullet shells around his body match Annie's gun.

#### **The 6th Target - Women's Murder Club Mystery 6**

*James Patterson* - \$7.99

There's a madman on the loose in San Francisco. Lindsay Boxer and the Women's Murder Club return for the most chilling case yet, in the latest entry of this #1 best-selling series that takes unexpected twists and turns to the very end.

#### **Plague Room - Ghost Whisperer Mystery 2**

*Steven Piziks* - \$7.99

Upon learning an exorcist named Wendy is trapping and forcing spirits into the Light—a painful, tormenting experience for the ghosts—Melinda tries to stop her. When Wendy accidentally releases an evil, unyielding spirit, she must choose between saving face or saving lives.

#### **The Boss**

*Stan Pottinger* - \$7.99

The author of bestseller *The Fourth Procedure* sets this thriller in the high stakes world of oil exploration—where a man can make his fortune or lose his life.

#### **An Innocent Client**

*Scott Pratt* - \$7.99

A preacher is stabbed to death in a Tennessee motel, and the suspect is a strip-club waitress. Defense attorney Joe Dillard is sure the vulnerable Angel is not capable of killing anyone. What Dillard doesn't count on are the others drawn into the storm of this stunning crime.

#### **The Snow Empress - Sano Ichiro Mystery 12**

*Laura Joh Rowland* - \$6.99

After their son is kidnapped, Samurai detective Sano Ichiro and his wife, Reiko, set off on a desperate search, only to find themselves caught up in a scheme involving racial tensions, jealous husbands, and murderous intrigue.

#### **Patriot Acts**

*Greg Rucka* - \$6.99

Rucka is back with a vengeance in this thriller starring suspense fiction's most dangerous hero: Atticus Kodiak.

This time the bodyguard turned fugitive must go underground to protect the woman he loves and a country he may have to betray to defend.

#### **The Frailty of Flesh**

*Sandra Ruttan - \$7.99*

When a young boy is found murdered, the boy's brother accuses their older sister of murder, but the girl is nowhere to be found. Constables Hart and Tain find evidence that the girl is innocent—and is actually a victim herself. Now they must find her before she—and the rest of her family—is killed.

#### **Gun Work**

*David J Schow - \$6.99*

From the award-winning author of "The Kill Riff" comes a gripping original story. A hardened gunman goes to Mexico to help an old army buddy rescue his wife from kidnappers—but winds up trapped in a hostage hotel himself.

#### **The Green Man - Roger the Chapman 17**

*Kate Sedley - \$15.95*

Summer, 1482. An English army invades Scotland in order to put King James the Third's renegade younger brother, the Duke of Albany, on the Scottish throne. Albany insists his old acquaintance, Roger the Chapman, be a member of his personal bodyguard. But during the march northwards, a series of sinister events, centered around the cult figure of the mythical Green Man, makes Roger question Albany's true motive for requesting his presence.

#### **Echoes from the Dead**

*Johan Theorin - \$12.00*

Following in the footsteps of prize-winning authors Arnuldar Indridason and Henning Mankell comes a chilling new voice in European crime fiction. "Echoes From the Dead" is as chilling as it is psychologically acute—a gripping study of loss, sorrow, and true evil.

#### **Murder with All the Trimmings - Josie Marcus Mystery Shopper 4**

*Elaine Viets - \$6.99*

Mystery shopper Josie Marcus doesn't get the appeal of the year-round Christmas shop, but after two of them pop up within two blocks, she's assigned to rate them anonymously. Easy enough, Josie thinks, until she realizes that shoppers at one store are finding a strange—even deadly—secret ingredient in their holiday cake. Includes shopping tips.

#### **An Incomplete Revenge - Maisie Dobbs 5**

*Jacqueline Winspear - \$14.00*

In this latest installment of the bestselling series, Maisie Dobbs, the extraordinary psychologist and investigator, delves into a strange series of crimes in a small rural community.

## **For Release in December**

#### **A Prisoner of Birth**

*Jeffrey Archer - \$9.99*

When he is wrongly charged with the murder of his best friend, Danny Cartwright will stop at nothing to exact revenge against the four men who set him up. Tall Premium Edition.

#### **Fifty-To-One**

*Charles Ardai - \$7.99*

A shady book publisher and a showgirl must escape both the cops and the Mob after publishing a made-up account of a robbery at a Mob-run nightclub. This special collector's edition celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Hard Case Crime imprint includes a full-color insert featuring the covers of all 50 Hard Case Crime books.

#### **Ding Dong Dead - Dolls to Die For Mystery 4**

*Deb Baker - \$6.99*

Doll restorer Gretchen Birch and the other Phoenix Dollers can hardly wait to open their doll museum. But after an out-of-town dollmaker meets her own maker, the Dollers' dream-come-true soon proves to be more of a nightmare. Includes fun facts about a collectible doll.

#### **Dying for Dinner - Cooking Class Mystery 4**

*Miranda Bliss - \$6.99*

When Annie leaves the safety of her old bank job to become the full-time manager of her boyfriend's restaurant. What's meant to be the first day of the rest of her life might be the last day of someone else's. Includes a full menu of recipes.

#### **Perfect Victim - Ulysses Grove Mystery 4**

*Jay Bonansinga - \$6.99*

In his thriller starring FBI profiler Ulysses Grove, Bonansinga delivers another page-turning account of murder and justice as Grove hunts a vengeful psychopath committed to fulfilling his destiny as history's greatest serial killer.

#### **Blue Heaven**

*C J Box - \$7.99*

A girl and her brother are on the run in the Idaho woods, pursued by four men they have just watched commit murder—four men who know exactly who they are.

#### **Face of a Killer**

*Robin Burcell - \$7.99*

FBI forensic artist Sydney Fitzpatrick, who uncovers a government conspiracy and some hard truths about her father's past on the 20th anniversary of his death.

#### **Wash and Die - Charlotte LaRue Mystery 7**

*Barbara Colley - \$6.99*

Cleaning service owner Charlotte LaRue is put in jeopardy when an uninvited guest arrives on her doorstep and

then turns up dead. Now Charlotte is on the list of murder suspects, and finding the answers means doing a little snooping herself.

#### **Dying by the Sword - Musketeers Mystery 5**

*Sarah D'Almeida - \$7.99*

As the Four Musketeers race to save Porthos's servant from the gallows, they run afoul of Cardinal Richelieu, who is investigating a far more serious matter—a plot against the life of the King Louis XIII.

#### **American Detective - Amos Walker Mystery 20**

*Loren D Estleman - \$7.99*

Detective Amos Walker returns for his most challenging case. A murder seems like an open-and-shut case. But every time Walker thinks he has solved the case, he finds out he is further from the truth than when he started.

#### **The Genesis Code**

*Christopher Forrest - \$7.99*

Michael Crichton meets Dan Brown in a thriller that digs deeply into the questions of the real nature of the human DNA. It includes scientific facts and new interpretations of ancient writings, symbolism, and mythology culled from thousands of years of human history.

#### **Mr. Monk Goes to Germany - Monk Mystery 6**

*Lee Goldberg - \$7.99*

When Monk's therapist leaves for Germany, Monk can't function. Desperate, he follows Dr. Kroger to Germany where he sees a man with six fingers. Is this the man responsible for his wife's death—or is it just his imagination?

#### **T Is for Trespass - Kinsey Millhone 20**

*Sue Grafton - \$7.99*

In what may be her most unsettling novel to date, Grafton's *T Is for Trespass* is also her most direct confrontation with the forces of evil. Beginning with the day-to-day life of a private eye, Grafton suddenly shifts from the voice of Kinsey Millhone to that of Solana Rojas, introducing readers to a chilling sociopath.

#### **Deadly Gift - Flynn Brothers Trilogy 3**

*Heather Graham - \$7.99*

An outsider in a world of extraordinary wealth, Caer Donahue must learn who can be trusted—and who should be feared. Sent from Ireland to America as a nurse, banshee Caer finds herself embroiled in a mystery of sunken treasure and attempted murder.

#### **Last Call - Jack Swyteck Mystery 7**

*James Grippando - \$7.99*

Fueled by the need for justice—and revenge—Miami criminal defense lawyer Jack Swyteck and his best friend, bar owner Theo Knight, follow a twisting 20-

year-old trail of evidence in the murder of Theo's mother that soon points in a direction that scares Jack.

#### **Dance with the Dragon - Kirk McGarvey Mystery 12**

*David Hagberg - \$7.99*

When a CIA agent, whose last assignment had been to tap into Chinese communications, is found dead on the steps of the U.S. Embassy in Mexico, Kirk McGarvey is asked to help figure out the connection between the murdered agent and China.

#### **Dead Men Don't Crochet - Crochet Mystery 2**

*Betty Hechtman - \$6.99*

When a member of Molly Pink's crochet group is suspected of murder, it's up to Molly and her pals to pick up the dropped stitches and catch a killer. This cozy mystery includes a recipe and a crochet pattern.

#### **Mrs. Malory and a Time to Die - Mrs. Malory 18**

*Hazel Holt - \$6.99*

Sheila Malory's friends Charlie and Jo Hamilton run a popular riding school in the English town of Tavistock. When Charlie is found dead in his stables, the entire community is shaken—especially since it is just the first in a series of suspicious deaths.

#### **The Murderers' Club - Sophie Anderson Mystery 2**

*P D Martin - \$6.99*

A group of serial killers form The Murderers Club, communicating online and using a secure Web site to watch footage of their victims. FBI profiler Sophie Anderson and Detective Darren Carter begin investigating the killings after one of the victims escapes.

#### **Death Song - Kevin Kerney Mystery 11**

*Michael McGarrity - \$7.99*

The killing of a deputy sheriff in Lincoln County and the murder of the deputy's wife in Santa Fe bring Police Chief Kevin Kerney and his Mescalero Apache son, Sergeant Clayton Iste, back together in a double homicide investigation...an investigation that is soon linked to a drug trafficking scheme and the slaughter of two women in Albuquerque. With few clues, no known motives, and no suspects, the investigation turns into a search for the son of the slain officer, 18-year-old Brian Riley, who left Santa Fe under suspicious circumstances before his father's death. Due to retire at the end of the month, Kevin Kerney isn't about to let the murder of a police officer's wife go unsolved on his watch, especially since the dead woman was the sister of a dear friend; and crime scene facts strongly suggest that the killer may have also ambushed the deputy sheriff. Kerney assumes command of the combined investigation and calls upon Clayton to find Brian Riley, discover what triggered the murders, and give him the ammunition he needs to bring a multiple murderer to justice.

### **The Magic Bullet**

*Andrew Neiderman - \$7.99*

A doctor has finally found the cure for cancer—in the blood of a teenage boy. Will he be able to keep the boy alive and out of the hands of a desperate mobster who will do anything to defeat the cancer that's killing him?

### **Hush My Mouth**

*Cathy Pickens - \$6.99*

Attorney Avery Andrews is trying to settle into small-town life when she gets her first case—a woman comes into town wanting answers to the 20-year-old unsolved murder of her aunt.

### **Paws-Itively Guilty - Saucy Lucy Mystery 2**

*Cindy Keen Reynders - \$7.95*

After a friend goes missing, Lexie Lightfoot, owner of the Saucy Lucy Cafe, finds the woman buried in a garden. Conducting their own investigation, Lexie and her sister Lucy manage to rattle a few skeletons and dig up secrets that folks would rather leave hidden.

### **Devil May Ride - Ghost Dusters Mystery 2**

*Wendy Roberts - \$6.99*

When Sadie Novak and her partner Zack stumble on evidence of a cult ritual, Sadie faces an evil spirit like no other. And it's no coincidence that a bundle of stolen cash turns up at her next crime scene, convincing a biker gang that Sadie made off with their money.

### **The Price**

*Alexandra Sokoloff - \$6.99*

Set in an old hospital, this tale by the Bram Stoker Award-nominated author of *The Harrowing* chronicles the lengths a person will go to save someone he loves.

### **The Follower**

*Jason Starr - \$7.99*

Starr's character study and superb storytelling talent work together beautifully in his breakout thriller. Set against the New York singles scene, a woman looking for love finds herself the object of a deadly obsession.

### **False Witness - Sister Agatha Mystery 4**

*Aimee Thurlo - \$6.99*

A simple investigative task for Sister Agatha turns out to be her deadliest situation yet when a stolen SUV crashes through the monastery's walls. But nothing is ever as simple as it seems.

### **Succulent Prey**

*Wrath James White - \$7.99*

Could serial killers be the victims of a communicable disease? Fifteen years ago Joseph Miles was attacked by a serial child killer. He was the only victim to survive. Now he himself is slowly turning into a killer. Can he be cured before he murders the woman he loves?

### **Santa Fe Dead - Ed Eagle Mystery 3**

*Stuart Woods - \$9.99*

Attorney Ed Eagle thinks he's safe from his black widow ex-wife, who is now in police custody. But after she escapes, she spins a new web that just might trap him—and everyone he loves.

## First in a Series

### **Case Histories - Jackson Brodie 1**

*Kate Atkinson - 7.99*

Called the best mystery of the decade by Stephen King, this novel is from award-winner Atkinson. In Cambridge, there are three case histories from the past: A young child who disappeared from a tent in her back garden; an unidentified man in a yellow jumper who marched into an office and slashed a girl through the throat; and a woman found by the police sitting in her kitchen next to the body of her husband, an axe buried in his head. P.I. Jackson Brodie is flung into the midst of these resurrected old crimes. In digging into the past Jackson seems to have unwittingly threatened his own future.

### **The Cleaner - Jonathan Quinn 1**

*Brett Battles - 6.99*

Jonathan Quinn is a freelance operative with a take-no-prisoners style and the heart of a loner. His job? Professional Cleaner. Nothing too violent, just disposing of bodies, doing a little cleanup if necessary. But Quinn's latest assignment will change everything, igniting a harrowing journey of violence, betrayal, and revenge. The job seemed simple enough: investigating a suspicious case of arson. But when a dead body turns up where it doesn't belong - and Quinn's handlers at "The Office" turn strangely silent - he knows he's in over his head. With only a handful of clues, Quinn scrambles for cover, struggling to find out why someone wants him dead, and if it's linked to something larger.

### **The Excalibur Murders - Merlin Investigation 1**

*J M C Blair - 6.99*

The first title in a brand-new series. Merlin is no magician, merely a scholar and advisor to King Arthur. But after the supposedly magical Stone of Bran is stolen, along with the legendary sword Excalibur, and one of Arthur's squires is brutally murdered during the theft, Merlin must use the power of reason to catch a murderer.

### **Her Royal Spyness - Lady Victoria Georgiana Charlotte Eugenie 1**

*Rhys Bowen - 7.99*

The Agatha Award winner debuts a 1930s London mystery series, featuring a penniless member of the extended royal family. When an arrogant Frenchman, who wants her family's estate for himself, winds up dead, Victoria's most important job is to clear her family name.

### **Heartsick - Archie and Gretchen 1**

*Chelsea Cain - 7.99*

Detective Archie Sheridan has spent years tracking serial killer Gretchen Lowell. In the end, it was she who caught him, tortured him, then mysteriously set him free and turned herself in. Now as he trails a new case, Archie

needs Gretchen in more ways than one... to catch a killer and to release his soul.

### **One Bad Apple - Orchard 1**

*Sheila Connolly - 6.99*

Meg Corey arrives in Granford, Massachusetts, to sell her mother's old colonial home and apple orchard. Instead, she becomes embroiled in development plans that include her land and her former life from Boston. When he's found dead in the new septic tank on her property, the police immediately suspect Meg, whose only ally in town is the plumber Seth Chapin. Together, they'll have to peel back the layers of secrecy that surround the deal in order to find the real murderer - and save the orchard.

### **Death in Daytime - Soap Opera Mystery 1**

*Eileen Davidson - \$6.99*

"The Bold and the Beautiful" star Davidson delivers the first in a new series. After Marcy Blanchard is hired as head writer of a successful soap, veteran actress Alexis Peterson's career takes a nose-dive. When Marcy turns up dead, of course Alexis becomes the prime suspect.

### **The Diva Runs Out of Thyme - Domestic Diva Mystery 1**

*Krista Davis - \$6.99*

Few can compete with Natasha Smith when it comes to entertaining, but rival Sophie Winston is determined to beat her in the Stupendous Stuffing Shakedown. But Sophie's search for the perfect turkey ends after she stumbles across a corpse. This first title in an all-new series includes recipes.

### **The Gold Coast - John Sutter Mystery 1**

*Nelson DeMille - \$7.99*

Featuring a new Introduction by DeMille, this classic bestseller is set on the elite North Shore of Long Island, where a conventional socialite couple is unwittingly drawn into a shocking world of Mafia violence. Reissue.

### **Kilt Dead - Liss MacCrimmon Mystery 1**

*Kaitlyn Dummett aka Kathy Lynn Emerson - 6.99*

Professional Scottish dancer Liss MacCrimmon returns to her hometown of Moosetookalook, Maine, and becomes the prime suspect in a murder. Now Liss must do some fancy footwork to prove she's innocent while trying to stay alive.

### **City of Fire - Lena Gamble 1**

*Robert Ellis - 6.99*

A beautiful young woman is found dead, and the elite Robbery-Homicide division of the LAPD responds in

full force. Is the woman another victim of the infamous "Romeo" serial killer? Detective Lena Gamble makes it her business to find out in the most high-profile case of her career.

### **A Beautiful Blue Death - Charles Lennox 1**

*Charles Finch - 13.95*

Charles Lennox, Victorian gentleman and armchair explorer, likes nothing more than to relax in his private study with a cup of tea, a roaring fire and a good book. But when his friend Lady Jane asks for his help, Lennox cannot resist the chance to unravel a mystery. Prudence Smith, one of Jane's former servants, is dead of an apparent suicide. But Lennox suspects something far more sinister: murder, by a rare and deadly poison. The grand house where the girl worked is full of suspects, and though Prue had dabbled with the hearts of more than a few men, Lennox is baffled by the motive for the girl's death. When another body turns up during the London season's most fashionable ball, Lennox must untangle a web of loyalties and animosities.

### **Die with Me - Mark Tartaglia 1**

*Elena Forbes - 14.00*

In the whirlwind of conflicting theories from the media, criminal profilers, and cautious administrators, Detective Inspector Mark Tartaglia and his detectives must connect the dots to find a serial killer with a chilling predilection for lonely girls and deadly heights.

### **Bad Catholics - Jimmy Costello Trilogy 1**

*James Green - 14.95*

Jimmy, a former shady Catholic policeman, returns to his London hometown after three years to work at St Bart's, a hospice for the disadvantaged. When one of the volunteers is murdered, police investigators realize Jimmy is back and want to know why. Jimmy's tumultuous past is revealed, first as an alter boy studying boxing at church, onto his brief time thieving for a local gang. At St Bart's, Jimmy uses his knowledge of criminal psychology and the gang scene to solve the murder case without police officers, and takes personal justice on those that have done him and the community wrong.

### **False Charity - Abbot Agency 1**

*Veronica Heley - 15.95*

The start of a new mystery series from the creator of Ellie Quicke. Newly widowed Bea Abbott must decide what to do with her deceased husband's business, an exclusive organization handling domestic crises. Though Bea is tempted to sell up, she soon begins investigating an accounting irregularity within a catering firm. What Bea doesn't know but will soon discover is that someone is way out of control, and finding it all too easy to kill.

### Offspring - Offspring Trilogy 1

Liam Jackson - 6.99

Sam Connor has always had a unique relationship with his guardian angel. But his sense of perception has been in overdrive as of late...he's being followed by a man he knows is trying to kill him. Sam also senses that abductions and attacks are blanketing America in what seems to be a calculated and epic crime wave. Sam can't explain it, but he knows that somehow he's supposed to do something about it. Deeply rooted in both contemporary and nonconventional religious history and doctrine, Offspring's world is like ours—but it's populated by guardian and fallen angels, malevolent demonic entities, and vile human thralls. Only high school aged-Sam and the other Offspring of angels and men have the ability and power to close the veil through which mankind's enemies are coming. As Sam and three other Offspring are inexplicably drawn to a small Tennessee town, they find themselves hunted by these ancient, near-omnipotent, and lethal enemies

### The Death List - Matt Wells 1

Paul Johnston - 6.99

Writer's block is nothing compared to the sinister assignment London-based novelist Matt Wells has just received. A chain of seemingly innocent e-mails from a devoted fan turns deadly when Matt discovers the correspondent is a cold-blooded killer with an agenda for murder...and his family and friends are among the scheduled victims. With each killing, the man known as the White Devil tightens his grip by incriminating Matt at the murder scenes. Cast not only as the ghostwriter of his persecutor's terrifying story, but as the victim, Matt needs to risk everything to protect his loved ones. But with the police closing in and his friends being picked off, he is running out of time. The White Devil is out there...and he's watching.

### Wobble to Death - Sergeant Cribb Mystery 1

Peter Lovesey - \$14.00

In 1879, race-walking competitions, known as "wobblers," are all the rage. The death of a contender, fol-

lowed by a second murder, brings Sergeant Cribb onto the scene to investigate, in this murder mystery by the Diamond Dagger Award-winning author.

### Murder Packs a Suitcase - Murder Packs a Suitcase Mystery 1

Cynthia Baxter - \$6.99

From the author of the delightful Reigning Cats & Dogs mysteries comes a sparkling new series featuring a recently widowed travel writer who inadvertently becomes an amateur sleuth while on the job.

### Wicked Weaves - Renaissance Faire 1

Joyce and Jim Lavene - 6.99

College professor Jessie Mortan spends her summers honing her skills at the Renaissance Village. While working as an apprentice basket-maker, Jessie becomes tangled in a deadly weave. This first in a new series includes recipes and facts about Renaissance fairs.

### High Season - Frank Coffin 1

Jon Loomis - 6.99

Frank Coffin had been a well-respected Baltimore homicide detective. But when he started having panic attacks at crime scenes, he was forced to go home to Cape Cod, where the worst crimes were usually break-ins, bicycle thefts, and domestic disputes. That is, until a vacationing televangelist turns up dead on the beach wearing a wig, a mummoo, and one size-twelve pump. Not to mention the raspberry-colored taffeta scarf strangling his neck. Frank and his partner, Officer Lola Winters, begin checking out the drag bars and isolated trysting spots the reverend might have frequented. However, when the body count starts to rise, it becomes alarmingly clear that a killer with an agenda is at large in Provincetown. And Coffin's fears, like unwelcome summer tourists, have returned in full force.

### Southern Fatality - Jersey Barnes 1

T Lynn Ocean - 6.99

Jersey Barnes has retired from a risk-filled career as a private security specialist. A sexy, hard-hitting brunette, she's ready to enjoy her newfound free time. But when

her boyfriend asks her for a simple favor, she can't turn him down. What should be a routine surveillance job lands Jersey smack-dab in the middle of a high-stakes cover-up.

### The Lover's Knot - Someday Quilts Mystery 1

Clare O'Donohue - \$13.00

Nell Fitzgerald's joy is short-lived when her fiance announces he's calling off the wedding. Heartbroken, Nell flees to her grandmother's home in quaint Archers Rest. When the body of a local handyman is found murdered in the quilt shop, Nell finds herself drawn into the case.

### Tokyo Year Zero - Tokyo Trilogy 1

David Peace - 14.95

In this rousing, elegantly written literary thriller, a Japanese serial killer prowls the streets of American-occupied Tokyo in the aftermath of World War II.

### Killer Weekend - Walt Fleming 1

Ridley Pearson - 9.99

The first in a new series for bestselling author Pearson, "Killer Weekend" pits rural Sheriff Walt Fleming against threats political and corporeal, as madness erupts in Sun Valley, Idaho, when a local attorney announces her candidacy for president.

### Stamped Out - Stamping Sisters 1

Terri Thayer - 6.99

Murder makes an impression in this crafty, cozy debut that introduces professional rubber stamper April Buchert, who returns to her Pennsylvania hometown—and to a series of unexplained deaths. Includes instructions for a stamping project.

### The Shadow Walker - Inspector Nergui 1

Michael Walters - 14.00

A serial killer is loose on the streets of Ulan Bataar, Mongolia. Nergui, the former head of the Serious Crimes Squad, is no closer to catching the killer and will accept any help he can get. Drew McLeish, a British CID officer, is sent out to lend his expertise to the investigation.

## First in Series For November Release

### Blood Dreams - Blood Trilogy 1

Kay Hooper - \$7.50

Bestselling author Hooper takes readers on a terrifying manhunt for a serial killer even Bishop and his FBI Special Crimes Unit may not be able to stop.

### Fatal Fixer-Upper - Do-It-Yourself Mystery 1

Jennie Bentley - \$6.99

New York designer Avery Baker inherits her aunt's Maine cottage, leading her down a new career path—home renovation. When the designer-turned-renovator finds clues leading to a missing professor, can finish the

house—without getting finished off in the process. Includes home renovation and design tips.

### Dead Connection - Ellie Hatcher Mystery 1

Alafair Burke - \$7.99

In this electrifying thriller, a rookie detective goes undercover on the Internet dating scene to draw out a serial killer targeting single women in Manhattan.

### Sweetheart Deal - Lilly Cleary Mystery 1

Claire Matturro - \$7.99

Matturro delivers her strongest and most up-close-and-personal thriller yet, as Sarasota lawyer Lilly Cleary re-

turns to her Georgia hometown to find out why her mother has been accused of murder.

### City of the Dead - Nick Zuliani Mystery 1

Ian Morson - \$15.95

Venetian entrepreneur Nick Zuliani is dragged out of the gutter by Friar Alberoni. The priest wants him to be his bodyguard for a journey to the court of the Mongol overlord, Kubla Khan, in the fabled city of Xanadu. Zuliani jumps at the chance, but regrets his decision when he becomes embroiled in solving the murder of the man Alberoni was seeking.

## First in Series For December Release

### Eggs in Purgatory - Cackleberry Club Mystery 1

Laura Childs - \$6.99

Widows Suzanne, Toni, and Petra open the Cackleberry Club. Their cozy cafe becomes a crime scene after a lawyer is found dead. What it has to do with a religious cult and Suzanne's past could put her own life on the line. This first in a new series includes a recipe.

### The First Cut - Nan Vining Mystery 1

Dianne Emley - \$6.99

Emley's bestselling novel features homicide detective Nan Vining, who just a year after surviving a brutal attack must confront a case that hits too close to home: the grisly murder of a fellow police woman.

### Defending Angels - Beaufort & Company Mystery 1

Mary Stanton - \$7.99

With a long list of ethereal clients who need her help, Savannah lawyer Brianna Winston Beaufort is asked by an already-dead businessman for help in finding his murderer and proving his innocence against a charge of greed issued by the Celestial Court.

## Short Stories

### The Spy's Bedside Book

Hugh Greene and Graham Greene - 12.00

In this irresistible collection of stories, excerpts, and trivia, readers experience not only the most exciting missions ever penned but some of the best short fiction ever written in the genre.

### The Best American Mystery Stories 2008

Otto Penzler, Editor - \$14.00

This year's collection promises to deliver the same stellar caliber of mystery stories that readers have come to expect from this series. Contributors include James Lee Burke, Michael Connelly, Joyce Carol Oates, and Alice Munro.

### Rudyard Kipling's Tales of Horror and Fantasy

Rudyard Kipling - \$19.00

Rudyard Kipling, a major figure of English literature, used the full power and intensity of his imagination and his writing ability in his excursions into fantasy. This masterwork collection features all of Kipling's fantastic fiction, ranging from traditional ghostly tales to psychological horror.

## Ravin' From Ruth

Our good friend Ruth Greiner sends us book reviews each month. Follows her "ravings" for August-November. Many of these books are available through our shop but not necessarily on our website. Many are used and only a partial list of our used books are on the site. If you would like to order any of the books in Ruth's column, just send an email to us and we'll let you know if we have them available. Thank you Ruth!

### August

Summer is heating up, and the dog days are here, so it's time for a shady tree and a glass of something cold, and some cool crime. And we can accommodate all tastes and climates, from historical to contemporary, England to Gibraltar, Sicily to Norway, down to Australia, and then a short hop from Canada to America. As usual, the majority of my reading was in hard cover, and quite a bit of it was set in England, some historical, some retro, and the rest contemporary. Tasha Alexander's *A Fatal Waltz*, third in her Lady Emily Ashton series, is set in 1891, and Emily and her fiancé are involved in some political maneuverings which are then complicated by murder, and by some past love interest. Lots of complex issues here, and all nicely presented. Then we move forward to the 30s, with Rhys Bowen's *A Royal Pain*, which continues the story of Lady Georgiana, 34th in line to the British throne, and her struggles to stay afloat financially and romantically. With a little help from her friends, she shines through again. Author Josephine Tey appears as a central character in *An Expert In Murder*, by Nicola Upson, as a young woman is murdered while on her way to see Tey's play, "Richard Of Bordeaux." Then there's another murder, and Tey becomes involved in the solution and its resolution. In the meanwhile, down in Australia, Kerry Greenwood's Phryne Fisher makes her 14th appearance, in *Queen Of the Flowers*, in which her daughter Ruth is kidnapped and a young girl, a member of Phryne's entourage, goes missing. Needless to say, before you can say (Police Inspector) Jack Robinson, Phryne, with extra assistance from Cece, Bert, and Mr. Butler, tidies everything up, and there's elephants and orchids and romance and everything else.

Moving forward yet a few more years, Agatha Christie's *Remembered Death* (Br. Sparkling Cyanide, 1944) is one of her Col. Race mysteries, with one death in retrospect, and another death on its anniversary, and a resolution which is ingenious and credible, albeit surprising. Christie's psychological acuity shines in this one. And Robert Barnard's does, as well, in his *Death In a Cold Climate* (1980) and *Death By Sheer Torture* (1981), the latter of which is set in Tromsø, Norway, where Barnard himself taught English some years ago. Both titles come from early in his writing career, but they herald forth the skill in characterization and plotting which typify his novels.

All of which brings us to the present, in which Barnard's novel *Last Post* begins with a letter received after a woman's funeral, and proceeds through a crime from the past, a murder, a new lover, and--finally--a last-page, shocking revelation, something at which Barnard excels. Less shocking, but equally complex, is R. T. Raichev's *Assassins At Ospreys*, a country house mystery with a twist, from revenge to greed to jealousy to murder, all interlinked. Peter Lovesey's *The Headhunters* is the third appearance of Insp. Hen Mallin, and there are drownings and subterfuge and a very abrupt denouement; and Catherine Aird's *Losing Ground* is the 20th appearance of her very engaging Insp. C. D. Sloan and Constable Crosby, he of the naive but telling question and the exceedingly heavy foot (on the accelerator). Long may she write!

Deborah Crombie's *Where Memories Lie* continues the story of Gemma James and Duncan Kincaid; this is the 12th in this likeable series, and begins with an Art Deco brooch up for auction, then traces its provenance

back to a W.W.II atrocity. Very moving, very well-done. And so is Cynthia Harrod-Eagles' *Game Over*, the latest in her Bill Slider series, as Bill tries to save himself from a vengeful prison escapee, as well as to marry Joanna before their child is born. The puns and malapropisms are as wonderful as ever, and I hope this series has not come to an end.

James R. Benn's Lt. Billy Boyle returns, in *Blood Alone*, in which Billy is detailed by his uncle "Ike" to go to Sicily and investigate a possible invasion by the American Mafia. As in the previous two books, Billy is engaging and determined, and now he has also become more introspective. And Aaron Elkins' Gideon Oliver is as appealing as ever, in *Uneasy Relations*, a look at The Law Of Interconnected Monkey Business as it pertains to early hominids and Gibraltar apes. Fifteenth in this series, it's as original and lively as ever. And one last stop in England, Sharyn McCrumb's *Missing Susan* (1991), is the sixth in the Elizabeth MacPherson series, and McCrumb turns the tables on the reader in this one!

Back here in the Colonies, McCrumb introduces Elizabeth in *Sick of Shadows* (1984), a comedy of manners cum murder, set in Virginia where wedding plans are marred by a drowning near a counterfeit German castle. Farther south, in Florida's panhandle, Mary Anna Evans' Findings brings back archaeologist Faye Longchamps, with Confederate gold, an emerald or so, and a new direction for her life. Mark de Castrique begins a new series with *Blackman's Coffin*, which introduces Samuel Clemens Blackman, another mystery with emeralds and gold, as well as the Biltmores and Thomas Wolfe.

Two from New Jersey: Janet Evanovich's very funny *Fearless Fourteen*, with Stephanie and Joe fostering a young cousin, all complicated by kidnapping and potato cansons. All very explosive ;-). Much darker is David Rosenfelt's stand-alone thriller *Don't Tell a Soul*, a Coben-like suspense novel with layers of conspiracy. Then there was Julia Spencer-Fleming's *I Shall Not Want*, sixth in her Clare Ferguson-Russ van Alstine series, as both characters work their ways through the explosive ending of the previous installment, and as both deal with some contemporary social issues. This book ends inconclusively, as well, and I'm anxious for the next one to arrive.

Finally in hard cover, Kathleen Hills's *The Kingdom Where Nobody Dies*, set in Michigan's Upper Peninsula sometime after W.W.II. A cruel man is murdered, and the novel looks closely and thoughtfully at morality itself. And Vicky Delaney's *In the Shadow Of the Glacier* is set in Canada, where murder comes to a town polarized by war and peace, and a young police-woman must find her way to an unexpected solution.

*Murderer's Row* is a collection of baseball/murder short stories edited by Otto Penzler, grand old man of crime, and in paperback, Melissa Glazer's *The Cracked Pot* is the second in her "Clay and Crime" series, set in Vermont. Margaret Frazer's very nice *A Play Of Lords* is the fourth in her Joliffe the player series, a spin-off from her Sister Frevisse series, set in 12th-century England. Lots of history here, along with crackling good mysteries!

And now, one last (though non-mystery) recommendation: Barbara Kingsolver's *Animal, Vegetable, Mineral: A Year Of Food Life*, in which the author and her family resolve to eat nothing but locally raised food for a year. Lots of growing, lots of preserving, and lots of work, but they do it--and there's lots of useful information for all of us therein.

### September

Fall is starting to fall, isn't it? So that would mean it's time to dust off the cozy chair and plump up the pillows, and get ready for some "cool" reading. And if you don't have a list, here's some recommendations, mostly new but a few oldies and one classic.

The classic is Raymond Chandler's *The Lady In the Lake* (1943), a trudge down the mean streets of Los

Angeles with P. I. Philip Marlowe, in search of an elusive blonde. There's corruption and violence and double-dealing, and dark but vivid prose that sets the stage for his predecessors, particularly Ross MacDonald. Then there were the "oldies," and they weren't terribly old, but they certainly were good. I'm talking Aaron Elkins here, and his first Gideon Oliver novel was *Fellowship Of Fear*, back in 1982. It introduces the affable physical anthropologist and sends him to some choice European posts, all the while trying to find out why someone wants to do him violence. Naturally, he does indeed find out, and then when he gets back to the States, he finds another mystery, as well as a bride, in *The Dark Place* (1983). In *Murder In the Queen's Arms*, the third in the series, Gideon and Julie are honeymooning in England; they visit an archaeological dig, and find murder along with fraud. Then, in the Edgar-winning *Old Bones* (1987), Gideon visits Brittany, and runs into an old friend, as well as a très ingenious murder. And in *Curses!* he and Julie are on another dig, this time on Mexico's Yucatan Peninsula, and (of course!) there's another murder, and Gideon figures it out, with help from an old friend. This is a really terrific series: good writing, great sense of place, colorful characters, and a really engaging hero, not to mention some interesting "bony" details.

Vicky Bliss is back, after a long absence, in Elizabeth Peters' predictably satisfying *The Laughter Of Dead Kings*, and we finally learn the connection between John Tregarth and Amelia Peabody. We also learn something unexpected about Herr Doktor Schmidt, and something surprising about the author herself! Suzanne Arruda's *The Serpent's Daughter* is set in Marrakech, and is the third adventure featuring Jade del Cameron, a young lady of action; there's lots of deriding do! Peter May's Enzo MacLeod also returns, in *The Critic*, set in France's Gaillac wine region, where wine-soaked bodies dot the landscape--lots of interesting wine lore, and another appealing hero, who does some interesting smuggling of his own. Down in Australia, Kerry Greenwood's *Heavenly Pleasures* is the second appearance of baker Corinna Chapman, here finding homes for a couple of enchanting kittens and helping her chocolatier neighbors unmask a saboteur.

Moving to England, Margaret Frazer brings back Dame Frevisse in her 17th appearance: *The Apostate's Tale* is an engrossing character study as well as a well-told mystery. As always, the period detail is vivid, and Dame Frevisse's spiritual journey continues. Reginald Hill's *The Roar Of the Butterflies* (the title is from P. G. Wodehouse) is the fifth installment in the Joe Sixsmith series, and those butterflies roar at a golf course that's threatened by a greedy developer. Finally from England, Veronica Heley's *False Charity* begins a new series featuring Bea Abbot and the Abbot Agency, on the trail of a ring of callous--and worse--swindlers raising money under false pretenses. It's a nice counterpoint to her Ellie Quicke series.

Returning to our own country, and starting out west, Carolyn Haines' Sarah Booth Delaney returns in *Wishbones*. She's making her first movie in Hollywood (and Costa Rica), and there's accidents, kidnapping, murder and even ghosts. And Patricia Smiley's Los Angeles business consultant Tucker Sinclair is back, too, in *Cool Cache*, looking out for a chocolatier client (more chocolate!!) and looking for her missing assistant. A little further north, Marcia Muller's short story collection, *Somewhere In the City* is a retrospective of San Francisco area tales, some of them very good.

Moving eastward, Jon Talton's *Cactus Heart*, set in Phoenix, Arizona, is a prequel to his well-received David Mapstone series; and Ben Rehder's fast-moving *Holy Moly* is the sixth in his John Marlin, Texas game warden series, this one combining a prosperity ministry and a possible dinosaur skull, with a few extra plot twists to keep things interesting. Love this series!

Up in Minnesota, Jake Hines' story continues in Elizabeth Gunn's *McCafferty's Nine*, in which two

cases--a vicious serial mugger and an identity theft ring--coalesce, just as Jake is about to become a father. And way down yonder in New Orleans, we find a short story anthology about the Big Easy, *New Orleans Noir*, edited by Julie Smith. There are 18 stories, all set in different locales, and from different time periods. It's part of a series which also includes *Baltimore Noir*, edited by Laura Lippman; 16 stories in this one, again in different areas of the city, and again in different times. These are part of a series published by Akashik, and feature some very good authors.

On the east coast, Claire Matturro's *Sweetheart Deal* finds her heroine, attorney Lily Belle Rose Cleary, at home in Georgia and solving a LOT of home-grown crimes as well as some family problems. And up in Virginia, Meg Lanslowe finds herself in charge of a toddler without benefit of motherhood, in Donna Andrews' *Cockatiels At Seven*. Zaniness abounds, as usual. Still further up the coast, David Handler's *The Sour Cherry Surprise* is the sixth appearance of Connecticut resident trooper Desiree Mitry and film critic Mitch Berger. This is a marvelous series with well-realized characters and action-filled plots, with nice sense of place, as well. And wrapping up the hardcover reading, another sort-of-retro read: Troy Soos's *Murder At Fenway Park*, set in 1918 Boston, with baseball and murder at its heart.

Quickly, some paperback reads: Sheila Connelly's *One Bad Apple*, set in small-town Massachusetts with an appealing heroine trying to clear her good name; Jeffrey Cohen's *It Happened One Knife*, with New Jersey comedy theater owner Elliott Freed once again mixed up in murder; and Donna Ball's *Rapid Fire*, featuring North Carolina dog trainer Raine Stockton and a case of ecoterorism and murder--not to mention the marauding bear. All good reads!

And one last recommendation: Jeffrey Archer's *A Prisoner Of Birth*, a modern take on The Count Of Monte Cristo, nicely suspenseful and tricky.

## October

Autumn is truly here, leaves are falling, the days are shorter, and if the cozy chair isn't dusted off yet, it's really time! And speaking of "dusting off," that's what I've been doing this past month: dusting off some older titles, at least one of them a classic, and giving them a second (or even third) look, for various reasons. The oldest of them was Thorne Smith's *Did She Fall?* (1937), the story of an unpleasant young woman who falls off a cliff. Did she fall, indeed, and then did the detective want to find out who did it, and once he did, did he want to punish the guilty party? Different notions of justice here, from an altogether unusual author.

Second oldest was *The Murders In Volume 2* (1948), by Elizabeth Daly, Agatha Christie's favorite author. It introduces New Yorker Henry Gamadge, and introduces him to (wife-to-be) Clara, in a bibliographical mystery with disappearing books and disappearing women. Then, over in London, Delano Ames introduces Dagobert Brown and Jane Hamish, in *She Shall Have Murder* (1948). There's murder, and impersonation, and romance, and considerable wit. And there's more wit, along with espionage, in Manning Coles' *All That Glitters* (1954), another appearance of "perennially unruffled secret agent" Thomas Elphinstone Hambleton, here dealing with stolen jewels, stolen aircraft plans, and a gang of German crooks. Then, in D.C., there's Alexandra Roudybush's suspenseful *A Capital Crime* (1969), with a Gothic castle, some scandal-mongering, a little blackmail, and the inevitable murder.

Next, having read Elizabeth Peters' terrific *The Laughter Of Dead Kings* and experienced a little trouble connecting with some of its details, I went back to *The Camelot Caper* (1969), in which John Tregarth and his mother, Guinevere, first appear. Then came *Borrower Of the Night* (1973), in which we meet art historian Vicky Bliss (and her renowned boss, Herr Professor Schmidt) for the first time. And who could stop there? Along came *Street Of Five Moons*, *Silhouette In Scarlet*, *Trojan Gold*, and *Night Train To Memphis*, and then a re-read of *Laughter Of Dead Kings*--it was a great re-

union! (And for another view of Egypt, Michael Pearce's *The Spoils Of Egypt* and *The Camel Of Destruction* show us Cairo, the Khedive, the Mamur Zapt, and the Mufti, all as they were in the early 1900s.)

Moving along, not content with indulging in one author marathon, I did it again, with the always-fascinating Aaron Elkins. First, time out to get reacquainted with art curator Chris Norgren, in *A Deceptive Clarity*, and then a world tour with the "Skeleton Detective," Gideon Oliver. *Icy Clutches*, set in Alaska; *Make No Bones*, set in Oregon; *Dead Men's Hearts*, in Egypt; from Tahiti, *20 Blue Devils*; then France, and *Skeleton Dance*; Italy, for *Good Blood*; Hawaii, for *Where There's a Will*; and Cornwall, for *Unnatural Selection*. This series has everything: engaging main characters, terrific sense of place(s), and interesting, tricky plots. He should only write them faster!

Now, in truth, there was a slight respite in between the two authorial binges, just time enough for Kate Galison's first Nick Magaracz mystery, *Unbalanced Accounts* (1986). It's the first of three funny New Jersey criminal capers, and I wish there were more of them. Time, too, for Alan Russell's first mystery, *No Sign Of Murder* (1990), featuring San Francisco private investigator Stuart Winter. Only two of these, then Russell went on to other strengths, but this one is good enough. And so is John Talton's *Concrete Desert* (2001), which introduces his hero, Arizona native David Mapstone, and shows us how he got to be a sheriff-historian. Or vice versa.

All of which is not to say that I read no new books. How about Reginald Hill's *A Cure For All Diseases*, the latest in this so-good Yorkshire-set Dalziel-Pascoe series? Dalziel is convascing, but there's murder, and detection sets in. Various narrators tell the story, in different and imaginative ways. Will Thomas's *The Hellfire Conspiracy*, on the other hand, takes us back in time to Victorian London, where there's kidnapping and a great deal worse.

Frederick Ramsay's *Stranger Room*, fourth in the excellent Sheriff Ike Schwartz series, has two locked room mysteries, both in the same room, but a few generations apart. Several sets of relationships change, there's some rough justice, and a bit of a cliff-hanger. Nice series! So is Chris Grabenstein's Joe Ceepak series, the latest of which is *Hell Hole*, a wrenching look at the horrors of war, with overtones of political corruption. Wow! And another "Wow" for Sue Grafton's *T Is For Trespass*, with its compound plot: insurance fraud, child molestation, identity theft, and elderly abuse. Grafton moves on strongly toward the end of Kinsey's alphabet.

Finally, a new author, an upcoming title, and one final re-read: The new author, Michael Stanley, debuts with *A Carrion Death*, set in Botswana (but not quite the same Botswana as Mma Ramotswe) and presenting opera-loving, wine-quaffing Detective Kubu, a tough and determined and engaging crime-solver. The upcoming title is *A Face In the Window*, by Sarah Graves, the latest appearance of hammer-wielding home restorer Jacobia Tiptree. It's due out in December, and I'm glad I got to see it early :-). And last, but by no means least, Laura Lippman's *In a Strange City* (2001), sixth in her Tess Monaghan series. Just in time for Halloween, it features Edgar Allan Poe, and the "Poe Toaster" who visits his grave every year with roses and cognac, and a case of "possession" and "possessions." Sweetly written, as always, and perfectly plotted.

## November

Goblins have come and gone, and so has October, and it was a lazy month for reading, comparatively speaking. Once again, no paperback originals, and not a lot of mysteries, either, but a good number of "other" novels mixed in. There were some nuggets in there, though, so sit back and let me tell you about them.

To begin with, I finished my sojourn through Aaron Elkins' Gideon Oliver novels, finishing up with *Unnatural Selection* (2006) and *Little Tiny Teeth* (2007). The former is set on the Scilly Islands, just off Cornwall, where Gideon is filling the time while Julie attends a conference. Some human bones have turned up, and he di-

agnoses murder; then a cadaver dog finds some more, and there's another murder, and Gideon solves that one, too. Then he goes cruising down the Amazon, in *Little Tiny Teeth*, with a bunch of ethnobotanists. Naturally, there's murder, and those little tiny teeth belong to some piranhas, who keep themselves busy along the way. Mix in some drug smuggling, some old treachery, and some rough justice, and there's another Gideon Oliver adventure, as good as ever!

Carol Goodman's *The Night Villa* took me to Herkulaneum, and to a narrative that moves back and forth in history, from the present to the eruption of Vesuvius in 69 A.D. There's tunnels and pits, and double dealing and unexpected treachery, both present and past, and lots of classical references. Then in present day Venice, Donna Leon's Commissario Guido Brunetti returns, in *Friends In High Places* (2000), an interim title finally available here in the U.S. He's faced with users, corrupt housing officials, and drug dealers, and is stymied in several investigations, but manages once again to administer some rough justice, with support from colleagues and family.

From Britain came one retro read, an absolute gem from Robert Barnard titled *Corpse In a Gilded Cage* (1984). Just 152 pages long, it's the story of a working class couple who find themselves peers, and don't much like it! But their children do, and when the gentleman of the house is found dead, the oldest son takes over, solves the murder and dispatches a few other domestic problems, as well. The comedy is deft and the plotting is first-class. And the same can be said of Kate Atkinson's *When Will There Be Good News?* This is the last title in a trilogy featuring Jackson Brodie, former policeman, private investigator, and heir to a tidy fortune, and it leaves one wanting yet another trilogy, to see what will happen next.

Also from Britain, several cozy titles: Anthea Fraser's *Next Door To Murder*, which is the sixth in a series featuring Rona Parrish, free-lance journalist who frequently finds herself enmeshed in crime; and Veronica Heley's *False Picture*, second in a new series starring Bea Abbot, which starts with a favor for an old friend and soon mushrooms into murder and smuggling and art theft and more. I began reading Heley's Ellie Quicke series a few years back, and these are nice companion pieces. And so are the short stories in *Murder On the Short List*, a collection by Peter Lovesey, one of Britain's best.

From this side of the Atlantic, another retro read: John Dickson Carr's *The Dead Man's Knock* (1958), a Dr. Gideon Fell adventure set in Virginia, at a small college where there's blackmail and murder and other academic crimes, and a conclusion which I found disappointing. On the up-side, though, Susan Rogers Cooper's *Romanced To Death* combines humor and suspense, with a cliffhanger of an ending. There's murder at a romance writers' convention, and a predator lurking near an author's family, and a link back to the first book in this very good series--scary! And Archer Mayor's *The Catch*, nineteenth in his excellent Joe Gunther series, finds the Vermont detective looking for a cop killer, and investigating some double-dealing among drug dealers, even as some mystery crops up on the domestic front.

For something different, there's *Murder at the Bad Girls' Bar & Grill*, by N. M. Kelby. It's set in Florida, on a little strip of land threatened by developers, where there might be an historical reason to preserve the land; and then the circus comes to town, and things get surreal. Kind of Haaesen-like, too, and the bad girl's pretty good (of course). And mildly mysterious is Alexander McCall Smith's *The Comforts Of a Muddy Saturday*, the latest in the very gentle Isabel Dalhousie series, set in Edinburgh. Not mysterious at all, but very good, is Christopher Buckley's *Supreme Courtship*, the story of what happens when a president tries to fill a vacancy on the Supreme Court but is thwarted twice--so nominates a very popular TV court judge--very good political satire, and nice escape reading during this interminable election season!

Gobble, gobble, and happy reading!

# True Crime

## **Bones in the Desert - The True Story of a Mother's Murder and a Daughter's Search**

*Jana Bommersbach - \$6.99*

Tempe, Arizona, furniture store owners Loretta Bowersock and her daughter, Terri, were living the American Dream—until one man took it all away. Bommersbach recounts the true story of Terri's search for her mother's body and the discovery that her mother was a victim of domestic violence.

## **Running with the Devil - The True Story of the ATF's Infiltration of the Hells Angels**

*Kerrie Droban - \$16.95*

Droban chronicles the story of two undercover ATF agents whose infiltration into the Arizona Hell's Angels led to the shocking 2003 bust in which ATF agents arrested 50 people and seized 650 guns, 30,000 rounds of ammunition, and more than 100 explosive items.

## **Taken from Home - A Family, a Dark Secret, and a Brutal Murder**

*Eric Francis - 6.99*

Francis presents the shocking true story of Michael Blagg, a respected prayer-group leader in Grand Junction, Colorado, who, in late 2001, led the charge after his wife and young daughter went missing. Blagg was later convicted of his wife's murder. photos.

## **An Almost Perfect Murder**

*Gary C King - 6.99*

Featured on both "Dateline" and "48 Hours," this is the shocking true story of ambitious Nevada State Controller Kathy Augustine, whose husband, former ER nurse Chaz Higgs, was convicted of her murder in 2007. Includes photos.

## **Catch My Mother's Killer**

*Paula Mints - 6.99*

This gripping true story brings the terrible truths of the nation's homelessness issues to life, as a young woman searches for the killer of her homeless mother and struggles to prevent more innocent deaths.

## **Never Enough**

*Joe McGinniss, Jr. - 7.99*

The author of the classic *Fatal Vision* returns to his legacy of true-crime tales with a riveting saga of the

murders of brothers Robert and Andrew Kissel, and how the corrupting power of greed led to their deaths.

## **I'll Be Watching You**

*M William Phelps - 6.99*

Investigative journalist Phelps takes readers deep into the mind of Edwin Ned Snelgrove...a twisted, sexually sadistic killer who was determined to outdo Ted Bundy.

## **The Devil's Right-Hand Man**

*Debbie M. Price and Stephen Michaud - 7.99*

From a bestselling author and an award-winning journalist comes the gripping story of serial killer Robert Charles Browne and the tireless investigators who uncovered his chilling crimes. Includes photos.

## **First We'll Kill My Husband**

*Lyn Riddle - 6.99*

The true story of the only woman on Georgia's death row...Kelly Gissendaner, who convinced her lover to murder her husband, a Gulf War veteran, in cold blood.

## **Seduced by Madness: The True Story of the Susan Polk Murder Case**

*Carlton Smith - 7.99*

In a stunningly recreation of one of the most sensational true-crime cases of recent years, Pogash demonstrates how the excesses of California's decadent therapy culture set the stage for a story that ends in murder.

## **Poisoned Love: The True Story of ER Nurse Chaz Higgs, His Ambitious Wife, and a Shocking Murder**

*Carlton Smith - 6.99*

A bestselling author chronicles the story of Chaz Higgs, an ER nurse found guilty in June 2007 of murdering his wife, former Nevada State Controller Kathy Augustine.

## True Crime For November Release

### **Beyond the Body Farm: A Legendary Bone Detective Explores Murders, Mysteries, and the Revolution in Forensic Science**

*Jon Jefferson and Bill Bass - \$14.95*

A pioneer in forensic anthropology, Bass created the Body Farm, which has helped police crack cold cases and pinpoint times of death. In this riveting book, the bone sleuth explores the rise of modern forensic sci-

ence, using fascinating cases from his career to take readers into the real world of C.S.I.

## **The Pastor's Wife: The True Story of a Minister and the Shocking Death That Divided a Family**

*Diane Fanning - \$6.99*

Fanning chronicles the true story of Mary Winkler, a mother of three who in 2006 had shot and killed her husband Matthew, a Church of Christ minister in Selmer, Tennessee.

## **Mortal Danger: And Other True Cases**

*Ann Rule - \$7.99*

Only Ann Rule, the #1 bestselling true-crime author, could lend her sharp insight into these cases of the spouse, lover, family member, or helpful stranger who is totally trusted—but whose lethally violent nature, though masterfully disguised, can kill.

## **Invitation to a Murder - 48 Hours**

*Gail Zimmerman - \$7.99*

The latest in a riveting series of true-crime accounts unravels the lethal secrets inside a seemingly perfect marriage and unveils the deception of a man who got away with murder—almost.

## **Murder on Shadow Mountain**

*Jimmy Dale Taylor - \$6.99*

Previously published as "Mountain Madness," this is the true story of Jimmy Dale Taylor, who, in 1967, saved a woman from being raped by Glenn True Clark by shooting him. More than 20 years later, Taylor was charged with first-degree murder.

## True Crime For December Release

### **Cross-Country Evil: The Shocking True Story of an Eighteen-Year Manhunt for a Killer on the Run**

*Tom Basinski - \$7.99*

The murder of a San Diego woman in 1988 was eventually solved—nearly two decades later and thousands of miles away—after a Florida cop pulled a man over during a traffic stop. What transpired was an incredible combination of chance and relentless investigative work. Includes photos.

# Bones—CSI—Supernatural—Dexter—Burn Notice—Criminal Minds

## **CSI: Miami: Right to Die**

*Jeff Mariotte - 7.99*

A domestic terrorist is on the loose and a gang war is erupting—just another day for the Miami-Dade CSI team, in this new mystery based on the hit CBS series.

## **Bone Key - Supernatural 3**

*Keith R A DeCandido - 7.99*

After a ghost-tour guide in Key West dies of an apparent heart attack, tours are suspended. No one knows the horrors he saw, but Sam and Dean Winchester are about to find out, in this novel based on the hit CW television series.

## **Dexter in the Dark - Dexter 3**

*Jeff Lindsay - 13.95*

Crime scene investigator Dexter Morgan is not accustomed to seeing evil deeds...particularly because he commits them himself. But at a particularly disturbing scene, he realizes he's being hunted by an adversary more sinister than he's ever faced.

## **Bones to Ashes - Temperance Brennan 10**

*Kathy Reichs - 7.99*

The skeleton is that of a young girl, no more than fourteen years old - and forensic anthropologist Dr Temper-

ance Brennan is struggling to keep her emotions in check. Coroner Yves Bradette is being evasive, insisting the bones are ancient and of no interest. But it doesn't quite add up, and a frustrated Tempe is convinced that Bradette is hiding something. It's not Tempe's case; she's overwhelmed with more urgent work in the lab. But the nagging in her subconscious won't let up. A memory triggered, deep in her hindbrain - the disappearance of a childhood friend; no warning, no explanation. Working on instinct, Tempe takes matters into her own hands. But she couldn't have predicted where this case would lead, or the horrors it would eventually uncover. Can Tempe maintain a professional distance as the past catches up with her in this, her most deeply personal case yet?

## **The Fix - Burn Notice 1**

*Tod Goldberg - 6.99*

Based on the acclaimed USA Network series. Burned covert spy Michael Westen finds himself in forced seclusion in Miami. Westen has been warned to stay there or disappear. Driven to find out who burned him and why, he's biding his time helping people with nowhere else to turn.

## **CSI: Headhunter**

*Greg Cox - \$7.99*

A package with no return address is delivered to the University of Nevada's anthropology department, and a genuine shrunken head is inside. At first, Gil Grisom and his team consider it a grisly relic, but soon evidence points out that it is, in fact, a modern-day murder.

## **Nevada Rose - Crime Scene Investigation**

*Jerome Preisler - 7.99*

Nevada Rose Deville was one of the most beautiful and desired sports groupies in Vegas. Now she's dead, found bound and gagged in her home. As CSIs Catherine Willows and Warrick Brown dig deeper, all roads lead to a major league pitcher who recently conducted a very public affair with Nevada Rose.

## **Finishing School - Criminal Minds Mystery 3**

*Max Allan Collins - \$6.99*

The remains of three young girls are discovered in shallow graves in the woods of Minnesota. The cause of death is determined as barbiturate poisoning. BAU profiler David Rossi learns the girls had disappeared ten years ago from different parts of Georgia.