

# Something Wicked this way comes...



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## Upcoming Events

Follows a listing and brief description of our upcoming events.

All are free, we only ask that you call and make a reservation to provide adequate seating, as they are filling up fast.

### Sunday, August 2 • 1:30 pm • Book Signing & Ice Cream Social

Join **Dennis Royer**, **David R. Stewart**, **Don Helin** and **R. Michael Phillips** for a discussion of their books and a "make it yourself" ice cream sundae.

### Sunday, September 6 • 2:00 pm • Book Signing • John Lamb

Popular author **John J. Lamb** will join us to sign copies of his last book in the Bear Collector series, **The Treacherous Teddy**. We are sad to report that we've just learned that Penguin has decided not to renew the series.

### Saturday, September 12 • 6:00 pm • Edgar Allan Poe Tribute

We're celebrating 200 years of Edgar! A showing of the bio of Poe, haunting tales of the ghost of Poe ... and the master himself will read **The Masque of the Red Death**.

### Sunday, October 4 • 2:00 pm • Book Signing • Chris Grabenstein

If you attended **Chris Grabenstein's** visit with us last year, you know how entertaining he is. Chris will talk about his latest adult book in the John Ceepack series - **Mind Scrambler** - and his latest kid's book **The Hanging Hill**. The first book in the Zack and Judy Jennings series has been nominated for four different and prestigious awards. We'll have a concession

stand to benefit "Cops Care for Kids" and Chris will donate a prize to be raffled off for that organization.

### Saturday, October 31 • 11:00 am

#### Ghosties & Ghoulies & Things that Go BUMP in the Night!

We have an entertaining program for Halloween. Matt Swayne, author of **Haunted Valley ... The Ghosts Of Penn State: Ghost Stories and Haunted Tales of Penn State** - the first collection of stories devoted exclusively to the haunted tales and urban legends of Penn State and it's branch campuses.

Katherine Ramsland has taken her love of a good ghost story and produced an entertaining and educational perspective of the city of Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. **Bethlehem Ghosts Historical Hauntings In & Around Pennsylvania's Christmas City** first introduces the reader to the history of, and the author's theories concerning, ghosts, the paranormal, and ghosting. Then, take a ghostly stroll down Main Street in the town founded by the Moravians. Tales of haunted hotels, inns, restaurants, and cemeteries, are guaranteed to send a chill down your spine.

And, we'll have some other surprises in store for everyone who attends. Join us for lots of Halloween fun ... and please feel free to come dressed in costume!

## Pink Hands of Hope

By now, you've probably heard that Brian Gaughan, his wife and three daughters opened the Pink Hands of Hope, in a building he owns at 5325 E. Trindle Road, Mechanicsburg. Store hours are 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Money from donations and the sale of clothes and other items will be used to help families who have limited or no insurance pay medical bills and insurance co-payments.

Gaughan also has collected information on breast cancer, treatment options and support networks from groups such as the American Cancer Society. That information is displayed on shelves inside the door.

There are some terrific items available for sale at great prices. And, if you have items to drop off but can't make it to them during their hours of operation, please feel free to drop them off at our shop.

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## Our 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

## What's New in the Shop

The mystery genre has grown a great deal since Edgar Allan Poe penned the first detective mystery. Originally there were five categories or types: Cozy, Hard-Boiled, Soft-Boiled, Police Procedural and Locked Room.

When I opened the shop almost 18 years ago, my tag-line said we carried "Mystery, Spy, Thriller and Horror." Today, "Thriller" has formally been added to the categories through a movement by those authors who consider the books they pen to be a separate category from the other five (for once I was ahead of my time ☺).

It's time to add another category or two to the shop. There are now "Fantasy" mysteries and "Sci-Fi" mysteries. When I opened the shop, vampire novels fell into the "Horror" category. Now they are considered "Fantasy/Romance/Mystery." (Notice that "Horror" isn't even in there anywhere.) Many of them still belong in the "Horror" category ... but not all of them.

There are Private Detectives who are wizards (example: Harry Dresden - the Dresden Files by Jim Butcher). "Fantasy" mysteries include, for example, "New York Times" best-selling author Maria V. Snyder. Her Poison Study Trilogy includes magic, wizards along with a mystery.

Over the last few months, several people have asked if we carry "G-Rated," or "Christian/Religious" mysteries. We've always had a few of these on our shelves. In this and future newsletters, those mysteries will have "G-Rated" after the description. We can't read every book on our shelves, so we can't confirm that all of these books are actually "Christian/Religious." We can only assume that they are G-Rated as that is the information that comes from the publisher.

All of this to say that we are now including these books in our shop, our newsletter and our website. Enjoy!

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# Released in January through June

## **Delusion**

*Peter Abrahams - 7.99*

Twenty years ago, Nell Jarreau witnessed the murder of her boyfriend. Her testimony put a man behind bars—and led her to her husband, Clay, the gentle detective who solved the case. They've been happy ever since, until one phone call changes everything.

## **Nightshade - China Bayles 16**

*Susan Wittig Albert - 7.99*

China is still reeling from her father's death and has no interest in her half-brother Miles's investigation. But when fate forces her to get involved, China realizes it's time to bring the past to light—or else it will haunt her forever.

## **The Loch**

*Steve Alten - 9.99*

Incorporating the latest research that leads to real answers concerning the Loch Ness monster's identity, the best-selling author of "MEG" tells a tale of horror about the most publicized and controversial creature ever imagined.

## **Cockatiels at Seven - Meg Langslow 9**

*Donna Andrews - 6.99*

When her friend Karen drops by with her two-year-old son, Meg Langslow reluctantly agrees to mind him for a few hours. The next morning, when Karen is still MIA, Meg retraces her friend's footsteps and starts to suspect that her disappearance is linked to at least one crime.

## **Made to Be Broken - Nadia Stafford 2**

*Kelley Armstrong - 6.99*

The author of the acclaimed Women of the Otherworld series returns with a novel featuring an exciting heroine with a lethal hidden talent. She's hot on the trail of a young woman no one else cares about—and a killer who's bound to strike again.

## **A Plague of Poison - Templar Knight 3**

*Maureen Ash - 7.99*

When a squire dies after eating cake, the castle governor enlists the help of Templar Bascot de Marins. But as murder spreads beyond the castle walls, he wonders if it is in fact the work of a lethal master of poisons.

## **Risk Factor**

*Charles Atkins - 7.99*

Someone is butchering the nurses in the psychiatric ward of a Boston hospital, and Dr. Molly Katz thinks it might be one of her patients, a 17-year-old boy. Will she be able to find out and stop him before he threatens her family?

## **Wild Inferno - Jamaica Wild 2**

*Sandi Ault - 7.99*

In this follow-up to "Wild Indigo," Bureau of Land Management agent Jamaica Wild is deployed to a wildfire on the Southern Ute reservation where a puzzling plea whispered by a burning man points to a mystery more menacing than murder.

## **The Whole Truth**

*David Baldacci - US SRP: 9.99*

In his very first international thriller, bestselling author Baldacci delivers all the twists, turns, drama, and quick pacing that his fans expect.

## **The Darkness - Vampire Huntress Legend 10**

*L A Banks - 7.99*

After the battle at Masada, the Neteru team returns to San Diego believing 40,000 demons had been eradicated and that Lilith's spawn has been killed. But somehow the treacherous little creature got away. Now the Antichrist has been born and will soon rise to power.

## **Winter Study - Anna Pigeon 14**

*Nevada Barr - 9.99*

Soon after Anna Pigeon joins the famed wolf study team of Isle Royale National Park, giant wolf prints are found, and a female member of the team is savaged. Anna is convinced they are being stalked.

## **Bookmarked for Death - Booktown 2**

*Lorna Barrett - 6.99*

Tricia Miles, owner of the Haven't Got a Clue bookstore, must solve her own mystery when a bestselling author is found dead in the washroom. Includes recipes.

## **The Devil's Bones - Body Farm 3**

*Jefferson Bass - 7.99*

A woman's body is found inside a burned car in Knoxville. Is it accidental death, or murder followed by arson? Forensic anthropologist Bill Brockton discovers a truth too horrifying to believe: a facility in another state has not been disposing of bodies properly. Little does Brockton know that his research is about to collide with reality.

## **A Flash of Hex - OSI Mystery 2**

*Jes Battis - 7.99*

After a series of brutal murders, Occult Special Investigator Tess Corday is convinced the identity of the killer is locked in her own head. The only question is—how many rules is she willing to break to get to the truth?

## **The Deceived - Jonathan Quinn Thriller 2**

*Brett Battles - 7.99*

Professional cleaner Jonathan Quinn returns in this new suspense novel that takes readers on a thrilling, pulse-pounding journey from the author who draws comparisons to Robert Ludlum and Raymond Chandler.

## **Too Rich and Too Dead - Mallory Marlowe Murder Packs a Suitcase 2**

*Cynthia Baxter - 6.99*

Against a backdrop of majestic ski slopes, ritzy boutiques, and slumming celebrities, budding travel writer Mallory Marlowe uncovers the secrets hidden amid Aspen's snow. Will a desperate killer make this playground for the privileged Mallory's final destination?

## **Death of a Gentle Lady - Hamish Macbeth 24**

*M C Beaton - 6.99*

When the elderly Mrs. Gentle dies under mysterious circumstances, the town is shocked. Chief Detective Inspector Blair suspects members of her family, but Hamish Macbeth thinks there's more to the story and begins investigating the truth behind this lady's gentle exterior.

## **The Potted Gardener - Agatha Raisin 3**

*M C Beaton - 6.99*

Agatha Raisin finds that a new woman has piqued the interest of James Lacey. If only a murder would come along to remind James of Agatha's genius for investigation. When a series of mysterious assaults on the town's finest gardens is followed by a murder, Agatha gets her wish.

## **Tsar - Alexander Hawke 5**

*Ted Bell - 9.99*

Alex Hawke is the only man who, both Americans and the Brits agree, can stop the madness created by the new Russia and its Tsar, who is pulling strings and pulling them hard.

## **Dark Side of the Morgue - Spike Berenger 2**

*Raymond Benson - 7.99*

Someone is killing rock musicians in Chicago and leaving a digital tape at the scene of the crimes—recorded by a singer/groupie who's been dead since the late 1960s. Spike Berenger and the Rockin' Security team are called in to investigate.

## **The Ghost War - John Wells 2**

*Alex Berenson - \$ 9.99*

Bestselling author Berenson returns with a novel in which CIA operative John Wells is in a running battle with an enemy that may have already won the war.

## **Capitol Conspiracy - Ben Kincaid 16**

*William Bernhardt - 7.99*

The bestselling author returns, and attorney-turned-Senator Ben Kincaid maneuvers through Washington's halls of power to battle homegrown terrorism.

## **The Lancelot Murders - Merlin Investigation 2**

*J M C Blair - 7.99*

Lancelot is accused of murdering Queen Guenevere's father, and she begs Merlin to prove his innocence. Though inclined to leave the faithless knight to his fate, Merlin risks his life to find the truth at King Arthur's bidding.

## **Depth of Field - Granville Island 2**

*Michael Blair - 11.99*

Photographer Tom McCall's only regret about accepting an assignment from the Anna Waverley to photograph her boat for a potential buyer is that he has double-booked himself and needs to give the assignment to his partner, Bobbi. En route to the assignment, Bobbi is beaten and left for dead. As his partner lies in a coma, Tom searches for an explanation for the attack. Learning that Anna Waverley doesn't own the boat she was supposedly interested in selling, and that the woman claiming to be Anna Waverley may have been an imposter, Tom believes he knows where to start his investigation.

## **Casino Moon**

*Peter Blauner - 7.99*

Available for the first time in 15 years, this acclaimed work is an Edgar Award winner for Best First Novel. The son of an Atlantic City mobster backs a washed-up boxer's comeback in an attempt to get away from the Mob. But quitting the Mob is easier said than done.

## **Killing Castro**

*Lawrence Block - 6.99*

Available for the first time in almost 50 years, this classic novel follows five Americans—a bounty hunter, a murderer on the run, a vengeful college kid, a professional thug, and a bank clerk dying of cancer—who will split \$100,000 if they can sneak into Cuba and assassinate Fidel Castro.

## **Gambit**

*Karna Small Bodman - 6.99*

Bodman, a former director of the National Security Council and author of "Checkmate," returns with another gripping thriller. You will not turn out the lights until you have read through to the last page.—Washington Times.

## **5 Bodies to Die for - Body Movers 5**

*Stephanie Bond - 7.99*

The Charmed Killer is on the loose in Atlanta, and Carlotta Wren is caught up in the terror—especially when her body-moving side business brings her dangerously close to the action. Carlotta can't shake the feeling that the killer's exploits are becoming personal.

## **6 Killer Bodies - Body Movers 6**

*Stephanie Bond - 7.99*

Carlotta Wren is distressed after one of her friends is arrested as the Charmed Killer. To prove her friend's innocence, Carlotta resumes her after-hours body-moving duties. Soon, Carlotta finds herself in the clutches of the real Charmed Killer.

## **Soul of the Assassin - Larry Bond's First Team 4**

*Jim DeFelice / Larry Bond - 7.99*

Former CIA operative Bob Ferg Ferguson and the First Team uncover a stealth and internationally funded terror cell, and unearth America's worst nightmare.

## **Scared to Live - Ben Cooper and Diane Fry 7**

*Stephen Booth - 7.99*

Detective Constable Ben Cooper and Detective Sergeant Diane Fry must uncover the secrets of two grim murder scenes in England's Peak District, one inexplicable—and the other unspeakable.

## **Burn Zone - Alex Duarte 2**

*James O Born - 7.99*

ATF agent Alex Duarte is in New Orleans on the trail of a gun runner—only to find himself embroiled in a conspiracy involving people linked to some of the highest offices of the United States government.

**Tell Me, Pretty Maiden - Molly Murphy 7**

*Rhys Bowen - 6.99*

Molly Murphy and police captain Daniel Sullivan set out to find the identity of a woman found unconscious in Central Park, in early 20th-century New York City.

**Blood Trail - Joe Pickett 8**

*C J Box - 7.99*

Game wardens find a man dead at a mountain camp—strung up, gutted, and skinned like the elk he'd been hunting. Wyoming game warden Joe Pickett must track the murderer and stop him before someone declares open season on humans.

**Skin Deep**

*Gary Braver - 7.99*

In this stunning psychological/medical thriller, the best-selling author of "Flashback" explores the nature of beauty, and the forbidding yearnings that kill in its name.

**Fatal Secrets - Allison Brennan FBI Trilogy 2**

*Allison Brennan - \$ 7.99*

The bestselling author of "Sudden Death," keeps the harrowing thrills and the heated passion coming, in the second novel of her latest pulse-pounding trilogy.

**Mrs. Jeffries in the Nick of Time - Mrs. Jeffries 25**

*Emily Brightwell - 6.99*

Train enthusiast Francis Humphreys took his last breath while relatives and neighbors visited downstairs. But if everyone was downstairs, who went upstairs, killed him, and escaped? It's up to Mrs. Jeffries to find out.

**The Invisible - Ryan Kealey 3**

*Andrew Britton - 6.99*

The bestselling author of "The Assassin" plunges readers into the fever-pitched battle between terrorism and intelligence, as a covert counterterrorism operative risks everything, including the woman he loves, to save the life of one person.

**Dark of Night - Troubleshooter 14**

*Suzanne Brockmann - 7.99*

Brockmann follows up her thriller "Into the Fire" with its sequel—picking up right where the men and women of Troubleshooters, Inc., security had left off, taking the action, romance, and suspense to the next level.

**Shadow Command - Patrick McLanahan 14**

*Dale Brown - 9.99*

From the bestselling author of "Strike Force" comes a thriller full of suspense, adventure, and high-tech weaponry, in which America's most advanced military unit rebels against the government it's charged to protect.

**The Purrfect Murder - Mrs. Murphy 16**

*Rita Mae Brown - 7.50*

Brown and her feline partner return with the 16th installment of their bestselling mystery series. Mary Minor "Harry" Haristeen and her sleuthing pets discover the deadly side of the high-end architecture world when one particularly difficult client is murdered.

**Kill Her Again**

*Robert Gregory Browne - 7.99*

Ever since a near-death experience, FBI Agent Anna McBride has been having strange visions of a kidnapped girl about to be murdered. When Anna is assigned to a multiple homicide case, she must go into the dark recesses of her mind and relives the horrors of her past to find a psychopath who won't rest until he kills her.

**Whisper in the Dark**

*Robert Gregory Browne - 7.99*

Detective Frank Blackburn finds a beautiful Jane Doe naked, incoherent, covered with blood—and brandishing a pair of scissors near the scene of a brutal murder. Is she the perpetrator? Or is she the only eyewitness to the handiwork of a twisted serial killer?

**Angel's Tip - Ellie Hatcher 2**

*Alafair Burke - 7.99*

Acclaimed thriller writer Burke delves into the underworld of the Manhattan nightclub scene to deliver an-

other work of first rate, suspenseful entertainment ("Washington Post Book World").

**Swan Peak - Dave Robicheaux 17**

*James Lee Burke - 9.99*

Far from Louisiana, Detective Dave Robicheaux and his wife attempt to relax in the untouched wilderness of rural Montana. But the serenity is soon shattered when two college students are found brutally murdered.

**Bones - Irene Kelly Mystery 7**

*Jan Burke - 7.99*

Years after Julia Sayre vanishes, one of death row's criminals plea bargains for a life sentence by leading intrepid reporter Irene Kelly and officials to the Sierra Nevadas, where they will discover what had really happened to Julia. An Edgar Award winner for Best Novel.

**Small Favor - Dresden Files 10**

*Jim Butcher - 9.99*

An old bargain has placed Harry in debt to Mab, monarch of the Winter Court of the Sidhe. She's calling in a small favor he can't refuse—one that will strain his skills and loyalties to their very limits.

**Missing Witness**

*Gordon Campbell - 7.99*

A defense lawyer becomes a pawn in a murder case with ingenious twists, in this debut thriller. A big, sprawling, very well-written page-turner—James Patterson.

**Goodbye, Ms. Chips - Ellie Haskell 13**

*Dorothy Cannell - 6.99*

Amateur sleuth Ellie Haskell must confront a secret from her past when she returns to her boarding school to solve a case of robbery—and finds herself tracking a murderer.

**The Chameleon Conspiracy - Dan Gordon 3**

*Haggai Carmon - 7.99*

Dan Gordon races across the globe in search of an elusive master criminal known as the Chameleon. The information he uncovers along the way soon reveals an international terrorist conspiracy.

**Framed!**

*Robin Carroll - 5.50*

The prime suspect in Ava Renault's brother's murder is Max Pershing—and he's also the man she's secretly loved since childhood. The wealthy Pershings have a long-standing feud with the even wealthier Renaults. Ava firmly believes in Max's innocence—but who set him up? G-Rated

**Sucker Punch - Candy Shop 5**

*Sammi Carter - 6.99*

Divinity Candy Shop owner Abby Shaw is enjoying her sweet life, until her friend is suspected of killing an actor. Now, Abby is determined to clear her name—before her newfound happiness is totally fudged.

**The Third Claw of God - Andrea Cort 2**

*Adam-Troy Castro - 7.99*

Castro delivers another gripping tale of suspense, murder, and alien intrigue on a distant planet featuring Diplomatic Corps Prosecutor Andrea Cort.

**Girls Just Wanna Have Guns - Bobbie Faye 4**

*Toni McGee Causey - 6.99*

Causey's wisecracking, gun-toting, take-no-prisoners heroine Bobby Faye Sumrall is back on the loose in Cajun country, in a sexy, wild, rollicking new novel.

**Darkness Under Heaven**

*F J Chase - 7.99*

Just as security consultant Pete Avakian and Dr. Judy Rose are getting to know one another on a date in Beijing, chaos erupts on the street. China launches missiles against Taiwan, and Pete and Judy head toward the Mongolian border to escape a country gone mad.

**Nothing to Lose - Jack Reacher 12**

*Lee Child - 9.99*

All Jack Reacher wants is a cup of coffee when he stops in a small town in Colorado. What he gets instead is big

trouble. In Child's bestseller, Reacher goes to war against a town that not only wants him gone, it wants him dead.

**The Silver Needle Murder - Tea Shop 9**

*Laura Childs - 7.99*

When the Charleston Film Festival opens with the real-life murder of a famous director, Indigo Tea Shop owner Theodosia Browning is pulled into an investigation as perilous as any big-screen thriller.

**Alpha Female**

*April Christofferson - 7.99*

Taking readers deep into the ecosystem, politics, and wilds of Yellowstone National Park, Christofferson weaves an engrossing romantic thriller that grabs your heartstrings and clutches your throat. A terrific read.—Daniel Kalla, author of "Cold Plague."

**Zapped - Regan Reilly 11**

*Carol Higgins Clark - 7.99*

Following the bestsellers "Hitched" and "Laced," Clark brings newlyweds Regan and Jack Reilly back to their New York City home just as a citywide blackout strikes.

**Waking Brigid**

*Francis Clark - 7.99*

A darkly evocative novel set in post-Civil War Savannah, Georgia, this story follows the forces of good and evil—dedicated white magicians versus the entrenched devil worshippers—as they vie for the city's soul.

**Where Are You Now?**

*Mary Higgins Clark - 7.99*

The international bestselling Queen of Suspense proves she knows how to tell a gripping story with this mystery of a family tragedy and one woman's dangerous quest for the truth about the man she's loved since childhood.

**Hold Tight**

*Harlan Coben - 9.99*

The bestselling author of "The Woods" asks the provocative and terrifying questions: How much do parents really want to know about their kids, and how far will they go to find out?

**The Puppet Master**

*Jan Coffey - 6.99*

In this thriller by the acclaimed author of "The Deadliest Strain," four seemingly disparate lives are beginning to unravel—and one person holds the strings.

**A Night at the Operation - Double Feature 3**

*Jeffrey Cohen - 7.99*

It's hard for Elliot Freed to focus on his Comedy Tonight theatre with his ex-wife missing and accused of murdering her patient. With plenty of wanted—and unwanted—help, he embarks on a frantic search for her.

**Evil in Carnations - Flower Shop 8**

*Kate Collins - 6.99*

Determined to help her roommate Nikki out of her singles slump, Abby Knight encourages her to give speed dating a try. Of course, Nikki wants the guy at the very bottom of Abby's list: Jonas Treat—a.k.a. "Treat the Cheat." But then Jonas is found dead—and evidence points to Nikki as his killer.

**Turn Up the Heat - Gourmet Girl 3**

*Susan Conant / Jessica Conant-Park - 7.99*

Chloe Carter is helping her chef boyfriend with his new restaurant on Boston's posh Newbury Street, when a crabby waitress is found dead in a fish truck. Was this a prank gone awry? Or did somebody want her to sleep with the fishes? Includes recipes.

**Scattered Graves - Diane Fallon Forensic Investigation 6**

*Beverly Connor - 7.99*

Local politics get nasty when Rosewood, Georgia, elects a new mayor—and Diane Fallon is replaced with an incompetent crony as head of the crime lab. Soon afterward, the newly appointed chief of police and the mayor are shot dead. Back on the job, Diane realizes that no one is safe—least of all her.

### **The Front - Winston Garand 2**

*Patricia D Cornwell - 7.99*

America's #1 bestselling crime writer returns with an audacious new adventure featuring the At Risk team.

### **Chasing Darkness - Elvis Cole 11**

*Robert Crais - 9.99*

During a fire evacuation of Laurel Canyon, the charred body of a man Detective Elvis Cole help to clear of murder charges is found, along with an album of photos of seven brutally murdered young women.

### **Seeing Red**

*Susan Crandall - 6.99*

An award-winning author delivers a pulse-pounding tale about a young woman who can't escape her past—and a killer who is back to settle a score.

### **Plague Ship - Oregon Files 5**

*Clive Cussler / Jack DuBrul - 9.99*

Cussler's bestselling series charts the exploits of the "Oregon," a covert ship completely dilapidated on the outside but, on the inside, packed with sophisticated weaponry and intelligence-gathering equipment.

### **The Alpine Traitor - Emma Lord 20**

*Mary Daheim - 6.99*

After Emma Lord's newspaper becomes the victim of a hostile takeover, the person behind the acquisition winds up dead—and Emma becomes the prime suspect.

### **The Witch's Grave - Ophelia and Abby 6**

*Shirley Damsgaard - 6.99*

Ophelia Jensen has just begun letting her hair down with true-crime author Stephen Larsen—until he is murdered. The sheriff warns Ophelia and her grandmother, Abby, not to meddle, but after another shooting leaves them shaken, the women can't help but get involved.

### **Evil Without a Face**

*Jordan Dane - 7.99*

After Internet impostors lure a deluded girl from her Alaskan home, the race to find her hurls two heroes on a collision course with danger and with each other.

### **Night of the Loving Dead - Pepper Martin 4**

*Casey Daniels - 6.99*

Pepper Martin is approached by the specter of a woman. Before she died, the woman worked with a mysterious doctor who coincidentally once saved Pepper's life. But Pepper doesn't know there's more to the story, including a devious doctor—and an obsessive, crazy love.

### **A Cloud of Suspicion**

*Patricia Davids - 5.50*

It's been 10 years since bad-boy Patrick Rivers left Loomis, Louisiana, under a cloud of suspicion. He's come back but can't wait to leave—until Shelby Mason gives him a reason to stay. Because Shelby knows a secret—and someone in Loomis will do anything to keep her quiet. G-Rated

### **Dial Emmy for Murder - Soap Opera 2**

*Eileen Davidson - 6.99*

Tabloids and fans are stunned when daytime soap opera star Alexis Peterson leaves her show. She's too busy with her new job as presenter at the Daytime Emmy Awards to even notice, but when her copresenter is killed, Alex realizes she had another mystery on her hands.

### **The Diva Takes the Cake - Domestic Diva 2**

*Krista Davis - 6.99*

Sophie's sister Hannah is getting married. But when the groom's ex-wife is found hanging from a tree, the Domestic Diva fears her sister is about to wed a killer.

### **Lust, Loathing and a Little Lip Gloss - Sophie Katz 4**

*Kyra Davis - 13.95*

In this final Sophie Katz mystery, Sophie is in love—with a three-bedroom Victorian. However, the rich, creepy seller wants Sophie to join San Francisco's spirited Specter Society. After a Society member is found dead, Sophie is sure her problems are caused by someone six-feet tall rather than six-feet under.

### **A Breed Apart**

*Pierre Davis - 7.99*

A dog with extraordinary abilities goes missing and two men are sent to retrieve her. One is a detective in need of redemption, the other is a hired assassin. Their paths soon meet during their search, in this thriller.

### **The Broken Window - Lincoln Rhyme 8**

*Jeffery Deaver - 9.99*

The mysterious 522 commits crimes and then plants evidence to implicate innocent men. This bestseller reunites Lincoln Rhyme with his partner and paramour Amelia Sachs, as they face their toughest adversary.

### **Skin**

*Ted Dekker - 15.99 US*

A twisting, unpredictable tale of revenge with a shocking premise and numerous reversals, this countercultural story asks the question, "What is beauty?" Far more than a philosophical question, it's a matter of life and death when a killer blazes into Summerville, Nevada.

### **Unfallen Dead - Connor Grey 3**

*Mark Del Franco - 7.99*

For a century the Ways between this world and the next have been closed. But now the veil may lift. Boston druid Connor Grey has enough problems with a vengeful Queen of Faerie and the return of his old Guild partner. Add an occult string of murders, and it's another case that just may kill him.

### **Scoop! - Vicki Hill 2**

*Hannah Dennison - 6.99*

Obit writer Vicky Hill suspects foul play when she learns a champion hedge cutter has been electrocuted after accidentally slicing through a power cable. To get the real story Vicky's willing to suffer through bad dates and mortal danger.

### **Mary Jane's Grave - CeeCee Gallagher 2**

*Stacy Dittrich - 7.99*

When a girl is found murdered on Mary Jane's Grave, an actual Ohio site long rumored to be haunted, locals insist it's the ghost of Mary Jane out for revenge. But Detective CeeCee Gallagher is determined to find the real "human" killer.

### **Atomic Lobster - Serge Storms 10**

*Tim Dorsey - 7.99*

Batten the hatches, don the life jackets, and take cover—Serge A. Storms is setting sail on a cruise ship to hell, in this adventure from the author of "Hurricane Punch."

### **Cat in a Sapphire Slipper - Midnight Louie 20**

*Carole Nelson Douglas - 7.99*

Douglas's Midnight Louie mystery once again features the tough-talking, 20-pound tomcat PI as he and his gang try to keep his roommate from losing her man.

### **Dayhunter: The Second Dark Days Novel**

*Jocelynn Drake - 7.99*

Drake returns with this action-packed sequel to her instant bestseller "Nightwalker," in which vampire enforcer Mira must stop the ancient nightwalker coven.

### **The Bloody Tower - Daisy Dalrymple 16**

*Carola Dunn - 6.99*

Research into the history of the Tower of London takes the Daisy Dalrymple Fletcher into a modern-day murder investigation, in this charming addition to the series.

### **Judas Kiss - Taylor Jackson 3**

*JT Ellison - 6.99*

Nashville homicide lieutenant Taylor Jackson investigates the murder of a young woman. After the victim is linked to an porn Web site featuring kids, an old adversary uses the footage to implicate Jackson in a murder.

### **Cut to the Quick - Nan Vining Trilogy 2**

*Dianne Emley - 6.99*

After the slaying of a billboard tycoon and his girlfriend, Nan pairs with former flame Jim Kissick to investigate.

### **Blind Trust**

*Leslie Esdaile Banks - 6.99*

This suspenseful sequel to "Betrayal of the Trust" follows gutsy Laura Caldwell, a financial genius and brilliant beauty who is ready to put a dangerous chapter in her life behind her, but her enemies have different plans.

### **Fearless Fourteen - Stephanie Plum 14**

*Janet Evanovich - 9.99*

Personal vendettas. Hidden treasure. A monkey named Carl. In her latest adventure, bounty hunter Stephanie Plum is as fearless as ever as she investigates the heist of \$9 million. The suspect is a cousin of Joe Morelli—who has a long-standing relationship with Stephanie that involves sex, affection—and driving each other nuts.

### **Leftover Dead - Trailer Park 5**

*Jimmie Ruth Evans - 7.99*

Waitress Wanda Nell Culpepper is barely hitched to her new husband, Jack, before the couple starts digging into an unsolved murder from more than 30 years ago. But a new death puts this cold case on the front burner. Includes recipes from the Kountry Kitchen.

### **Sacrifice**

*John Everson - 7.99*

A sociopath has found a way to bring a race of demons into our world—through ritual human sacrifice. As she cuts a bloody path across the country, only one other demon—Malachi—holds the key to stopping her.

### **Killer Heat - Alex Cooper 10**

*Linda Fairstein - 7.99*

It's August in New York, and Manhattan D.A. Alex Cooper gets the call: the body of a woman has been found in an abandoned building. Once again Fairstein brilliantly orchestrates a page-turning mix of cutting-edge legal issues and forensics, New York City history, and spine-tingling suspense.

### **You Don't Scare Me**

*John Farris - 6.99*

Chase Emrick was 14 when her mother married Crow Tillman, a man Chase disliked. One terrifying night of horror proved what she already knew—Crow was pure evil. Now ten years' dead, he still haunts Chase. There is only one way to get him to stop: she must first die.

### **Devil May Care - James Bond**

*Sebastian Faulks - 7.99*

James Bond is back. By invitation of the Fleming estate to mark the centenary of the Bond creator's birth, acclaimed novelist Faulks picks up where Fleming left off, writing a bestselling tour de force to electrify Bond fans.

### **Sins of the Assassin - Assassin 2**

*Robert Ferrigno - 7.99*

This second book in an epic trilogy—the follow-up to "Prayers for the Assassin"—finds shadow warrior Rakkim Epps battling radical fundamentalist forces in a futuristic America, now a divided blood-soaked dystopia.

### **Charley's Web**

*Joy Fielding - 7.99*

This suspenseful thriller by a bestselling author is the story of an ambitious journalist whose foray into the mind of a killer puts her own family in jeopardy.

### **Murder on Parade - Murder She Wrote 29**

*Jessica Fletcher / Donald Baine - 6.99*

The residents of Cabot Cove are pulling out all the stops for their 4th of July celebration. After a businessman's body is found on the evening of the fireworks show, Jessica Fletcher pores over a long list of potential suspects.

### **Carrot Cake Murder - Hannah Swensen 10**

*Joanne Fluke - 6.99*

Hannah Swensen is happy to help her business partner prepare for a family reunion. When her long-lost uncle Gus is found dead with two slices of Hannah's infamous carrot cake by his side, Hannah will have to sift through a long line of suspects to find a killer.

**Nameless Night***G M Ford - 7.99*

Taking a break from his Frank Corso series, Ford presents his first stand-alone novel—a gripping, suspenseful tale of vanished lives and heinous betrayals that races, twists, and turns like a roller coaster running wild.

**The Apostate's Tale - Dame Frevisse 17***Margaret Frazer - 7.99*

Dame Frevisse must determine whether Sister Cecely, who has returned to the nunnery, is interested in repenting for her sins—or if she's hiding after involvement in schemes that threaten everyone at St. Frideswide.

**Stalked - Jonathan Stride 3***Brian Freeman - 7.99*

Lieutenant Jonathan Stride knows his partner Maggie Bei is in trouble when she reports a crime on a winter night. She's obviously hiding a secret, and her silence only feeds suspicion.

**Losing You***Nicci French - 7.99*

French returns to bestselling form in this race-against-time thriller about a mother's worst nightmare: her child is missing and no one believes her.

**The Fourth Order***Stephen Frey - 7.99*

High finance meets high-stakes Washington intrigue in this riveting, high-octane novel of suspense, revenge, national security, terrorism, and human rights.

**At Grave's End - Night Huntress 33***Jeaniene Frost - 7.99*

It's war amongst the vampires as Cat and Bones go up against two deadly enemies, in this latest installment of Frost's bestselling series.

**The Second Objective***Mark Frost - 7.99*

From bestselling author Frost comes this riveting World War II novel based on a shocking real-life German operation run by the most dangerous man in Europe.

**Say Goodbye - Quincy and Rainie 6***Lisa Gardner - 7.99*

From the bestselling author of "Hide and Gone" comes her most mesmerizing thriller yet, which draws readers into the venomous mind games of a terrifying killer.

**Careless in Red - Thom Lynley & Barbara Havers 14***Elizabeth A George - 7.99*

After his wife is murdered, Inspector Thomas Lynley retreats to Cornwall, where he hikes the coastline, trying to walk through his grief. After he discovers the body of a young man who has fallen to his death, Lynley is soon caught in the middle of a seemingly perfect crime.

**Spook Country***William Gibson - 9.99*

This bestseller tells the story of an investigative journalist who is assigned the task of finding a spook, an intelligence agent who doesn't sleep in the same place twice.

**Blood from Stone 6***Laura Anne Gilman - 14.95*

Valerie's job as Manhattan's most sought-after Retriever is driving her crazy and she wants a break. However, her next assignment puts her on the wrong side of a child-snatcher—and on a collision course with her past.

**The Dead Man***Joel Goldman - 6.99*

"USA Today"—bestselling author Goldman returns with his second gripping crimenovel featuring former FBI agent Jack Davis.

**Ancients - Event Group Thriller 3***David Lynn Golemon - 7.99*

Colonel Jack Collins and the Event Group faces their most dangerous challenge ever: to reclaim the lost power of the Ancients before it falls into the wrong hands and hell is set loose on Earth.

**Malice in Miniature - Miniature 3***Margaret Grace - 7.99*

After a local woman is arrested for murdering her boyfriend, miniaturist Geraldine Porter is enlisted to help find the real culprit. Gerry soon comes upon criminal artists who wish she'd mind her own tiny business.

**The Death Dealer - Harrison Investigation 16***Heather Graham - 7.99*

Genevieve O'Brien knows all about real-life nightmares—she survived two months as the prisoner of a deranged killer. Now a new homicidal menace stalks the streets of New York. Its victims are members of a literary society—and Genevieve's own mother may be next.

**The Prime Objective***Ginna Gray - 6.99*

After a hysterical call from her sister Colleen, Kate Mahaffey reaches out to the one man who can help her—her ex-husband, Jackson Prime, a former CIA operative. Dodging hit men, Kate and Jackson must track down Colleen before they're on the run for their own lives.

**Daemons Are Forever - Secret Histories 2***Simon R Green - 7.99*

Bestselling author Green returns with an all-new urban fantasy mystery featuring the first name in supernatural action and adventure—Bond. Shaman Bond.

**American Outrage***Tim Green - 7.99*

Bestselling author Green reveals what happens when a tabloid journalist's life becomes the story. Using his investigative skills to find his adopted son's birth mother, Jake Carlson uncovers black market child trafficking.

**Fisherman's Bend - Jane Bunker 2***Linda Greenlaw - 7.99*

Jane Bunker finds out that the idyllic little town of Green Haven, Maine, harbors some dark secrets—and she finds out the hard way that they are darker than most.

**One Hot Mess***Lois Greiman - 6.99*

The award-winning author of "Unmanned" returns with a new concoction of suspense featuring LA's favorite cocktail waitress-turned-shrink, Christina McMullen.

**Cheating at Solitaire - Gregor Demarkian 23***Jane Haddam - 7.99*

Fleeing from his own wedding preparations, former FBI agent Gregor Demarkian is hired to review a case—one that he finds has little evidence and twisted by an out-of-control media.

**Wishbones - Sarah Booth Delaney 8***Carolyn Haines - 6.99*

Sarah Booth is packing up her dog and her P.I. business to take a shot at stardom. Sarah heads west to Hollywood, and soon lands a part in a steamy film—and an even hotter mystery.

**Hell's Bay - Thorn 10***James W Hall - US SRP: 7.99*

Thorn sets out to solve the murder of a long-lost relative, the wealthy Abigail Bates, but he discovers that being a member of the Bates family comes with a deadly price.

**Shadows on the River - Without a Trace 4***Linda Hall - 5.50*

As a child, Ally Roarke witnessed a murder that went unpunished and forced Ally and her family to flee. Now, Ally returns to her hometown, looking for revenge. But Mark Bishop warns Ally to be careful as there has already been another murder. G-Rated.

**Mayhem in High Heels - Maddie Springer 5***Gemma Halliday - 7.99*

Maddie Springer is finally planning to walk down the aisle with the man of her dreams, but with a killer on the loose, til death do you part might come a lot sooner than she thinks. A saucy combination of romance and suspense that is simply irresistible.

**For the Love of Pete***Julia Harper - 6.99*

The acclaimed author of "Hot" delivers her second novel—a new romantic tale that takes readers along on a madcap adventure as an undercover FBI agent searches for a kidnapped toddler with the girl's sexy aunt.

**From Dead to Worse - Sookie Stackhouse 8***Charlaine Harris - 7.99*

In the latest entry of the bestselling Southern Vampire series—the inspiration for the HBO original series "True Blood"—Sookie Stackhouse faces danger, death, and, once again, betrayal by someone she loves.

**The Repossession Mambo***Eric Garcia - 7.99*

This thrilling novel about a bio repo man, an agent who hunts down and repossesses artificial body organs when their recipients fall behind on credit payments, is the basis for the upcoming feature film from Universal Studios, scheduled for a summer 2009 release.

**Death Walked In - Death on Demand Mystery 18***Carolyn Hart - 7.99*

A thief makes off with a million-dollar coin collection and its owner is murdered. But the theft is only the beginning of strange doings for bookstore owner and amateur sleuth Annie Darling and her P.I. husband, Max.

**What Time Devours***A J Hartley - 7.99*

Faced with a centuries-old mystery surrounding a long-lost—and now priceless—Shakespearean play, Thomas Knight will have to enter a story which drags loss and death after it like one of Shakespeare's tragedies.

**By Hook or by Crook - Crochet 3***Betty Hechtman - 6.99*

Molly Pink's crochet group finds a bag containing a note that speaks of remorse, a diary entry of the sorrow of parting, and a complicated piece of filet crochet. Things get more complicated when they find that the crocheter has been murdered by a box of poisoned marzipan apples.

**Voracious***Alice Henderson - 7.99*

Madeline Keye can touch someone and see flashes of the past. This gift has set her apart, and she finds sanctuary in the wilderness. That is, until a hike in Glacier National Park turns into a hunt—with her as the prey.

**Degrees of Separation - Jessie Arnold 12***Sue Henry - 6.99*

Jessie Arnold can't wait to train for the Iditarod. Jessie's practice run goes smoothly until her sled hits a bump along the trail—a dead body. What the kid was doing on a musher's trail with no sled or dogs is anyone's guess.

**Mummy Dearest - Claire Malloy 17***Joan Hess - 6.99*

Claire Malloy has finally gotten hitched to longtime beau Peter Rosen, but even on her honeymoon in Egypt, Claire gets tangled up in trouble.

**The Garden of Evil - Nic Costa 6***David Hewson - 6.99*

Italian detective Nic Costa returns in a heart-pounding murder mystery steeped in treacherous Roman history and the haunting art of Caravaggio.

**KIA - Dr. Kel McKelvey 2***Thomas Holland - 7.99*

The remains of a soldier who disappeared in Saigon in 1970 have been found. The Status Review Board decision is that he was killed in action. But forensic expert Kel McKelvey of the Army's Central ID Lab has his doubts.

**Nutcase - Kate Holly Case 2***Charlotte Hughes - 7.99*

Psychologist Kate Holly is getting evicted from her office. With her oddball patients, meddling mother, eccentric secretary and a spree of suspicious fires—can Kate put her life back together?

**House Dick***E Howard Hunt - 6.99*

A hotel detective in D.C. becomes entangled in a web of lies, burglary, and murder after a mysterious woman checks in. Available for the first time in more than 30 years, this classic novel was written by one of the masterminds behind the Watergate break-ins during the 1970s.

**Hunt at the Well of Eternity***Gabriel Hunt - 6.99*

Backed by the resources of the \$100 million Hunt Foundation, Gabriel Hunt travels the globe, in this new, action-adventure pulp series from the creators of Hard Case Crime. Each installment is written from Hunt's point of view by well-known authors.

**Rapid Descent***Gwen Hunter - 6.99*

While kayaking, Nell and Joe Stevens are caught in a flash flood and Nell is swept under the water. When she awakens on the shore, she finds a note from Joe, explaining that he has gone for help. He never returns. Nell goes in search of the man she married—and finds a trail of lies.

**Past Perfect***Susan Isaacs - 7.99*

From the best-selling author of "Compromising Positions" comes this novel about a television writer who, years earlier, was ousted from the CIA and now finds herself back in the game.

**The Keys of Solomon - Offspring 2***Liam Jackson - 7.99*

The second novel in Jackson's Offspring series, featuring those who must defend the universe from fallen angels, newly unleashed demons, and the tainted descendants of Templar Knights.

**Lost Souls - New Orleans 6***Lisa Jackson - 7.99*

A bestselling author delivers the harrowing story of a young woman's determined hunt for a serial killer that draws her into the twisted world of a psychopath and his unspeakable crimes.

**Dark Summer***Iris Johansen - 7.99*

Veterinarian Devon Brady is working in a makeshift hospital on a remote search-and-rescue mission. When a man arrives with his wounded black Labrador, Devon is plunged into a whirlwind of terror and destruction.

**Hell Has No Fury***Keith Lee Johnson - 6.99*

In this riveting page-turner, an FBI Special Agent finds himself investigating a series of seemingly related murders that are being committed by two serial killers.

**Never Say Sty - Kendra Ballantyne, Petsitter 7***Linda O Johnston - 7.99*

L.A. attorney and pet-sitter Kendra takes on a third job, masterminding a new reality show called "Animal Auditions." Things get messier than the show's potbellied pigs when her new producer is suspected of murder.

**The Soul Collector -Matt Wells 2***Paul Johnston - \$ 7.99*

After surviving an attack by a killer, true-crime writer Matt Wells has rebuilt his life—even though his tormentor is still on the loose. After mystery writers start dying and his best friend is found murdered, Matt must use all his resources to stop a psychopath.

**Torn***Chris Jordan - 6.99*

A deranged man holds more than 100 children hostage. After a tense, 36-hour police standoff, the gymnasium explodes. Ten-year-old Noah Corbin is missing, and his mother, Haley, is frantic. She hires ex-FBI agent Randall Shane to find Noah, but as Randall investigates, Haley is forced to admit a dark family secret.

**Final Curtain - Polly Pepper 2***R T Jordan - 6.99*

A superstar of television's golden age returns in her second mystery. This time, Polly lands the title role in a new musical. Soon, however, Polly finds herself starring in a real-life murder mystery after the director turns up dead.

**The Water's Edge***Daniel Judson - 7.99*

After two men are found brutally murdered in Southampton, three people with tragic pasts are drawn together in search of the one woman who ties them together.

**Castaways***Brian Keene - 7.99*

Contestants on a "Survivor"-like reality TV show find the dangers are too real after they are stranded on a deserted island in the South Pacific with inhuman creatures out to kill them.

**Arctic Gold - Stephen Coonts' Deep Black 7***William H Keith, Jr. / Stephen Coonts - 7.99*

Charlie Dean and the Desk Three team venture into the Arctic to rescue a kidnapped agent and stop the Russians, who have an elaborate covert plan to claim untapped oil reserves thousands of feet below the Arctic Ocean.

**The Genius - APA The Brutal Art***Jesse Kellerman - 9.99*

From the national bestselling author of "Trouble" comes this sinister and provocative thriller. From its first hip, cynical, snarky, confessional pages, this deftly plotted novel rivets the reader.—"Booklist."

**Bones - Alex Delaware 23***Jonathan Kellerman - 9.99*

Kellerman's #1 bestselling adventures of psychologist Alex Delaware and police detective Milo Sturgis continue as they pursue the skeletal trail of a bizarre killer.

**Curse of the Kissing Cousins - Tilda Harper, Where are They Now? 2***Toni L P Kelner - 6.99*

Boston freelancer Tilda Harper writes articles about former stage and screen stars. When members of the cast of a cult TV show begin to die and the actress who played Tilda's favorite character vanishes, Tilda must find her.

**Finished Off - Bellehaven House 2***Rebecca Kent - 6.99*

A little girl ghost wants to be reunited with her family. Pained, Headmistress Meredith Llewellyn investigates the child's parents' deaths, but she soon grows wary of snooping. For a lady never goes anywhere uninvited.

**Cover***Jack Ketchum - 7.99*

A Vietnam vet has been living alone deep in the woods, but when a group of weekend campers enters the area, his grasp on reality breaks, and he believes he's back in the jungle—surrounded by an enemy he needs to kill.

**Afraid***Jack Kilborn - 6.99*

A helicopter has crashed near Safe Haven, Wisconsin, and something horrifying is unleashed. As residents begin dying in a storm of gory violence, Safe Haven's only chance for survival rests with an aging county sheriff, a firefighter, and a single mom.

**The Ghost and the Haunted Mansion - Haunted Bookshop 5***Alice Kimberly - 7.99*

When the local mailman inherits a haunted mansion and demands an exorcism, bookshop owner Pen must act fast to save her favorite ghost—1940s detective Jack Sheppard—before it's too late.

**Fuzzy Navel - Jack Daniels 5***J A Konrath - 7.99*

Chicago police woman Jack Daniels is back, and this time she's locked up in her mother's home, along with her fiancé, her mom, and one of the scariest psychos ever to escape from prison.

**Odd Hours - Odd Thomas 4***Dean R Koontz - 9.99*

Literary hero Odd Thomas breaks new ground as he is drawn to a destiny he cannot imagine, traveling to new places where both the perils he will face and the stakes for which he fights surpass all that has come before.

**Sizzle and Burn - Arcane Society 3***Jayne Ann Krentz - 9.99*

In this latest Arcane Society novel by bestselling author Krentz, a member of the Society must recruit a reluctant woman to use her psychic gift against a powerful enemy.

**Getting Old Is a Disaster - Gladdy Gold 5***Rita Lakin - 6.99*

Florida's self-proclaimed oldest living private eye, Gladdy Gold, and her friends return home to find a bank robber taunting her detective agency—and a murderer lurking at her retirement community.

**The Seven Sins - The Tyrant Ascending***Jon Land - 7.99*

Called "The Godfather" re-imagined for a new generation (Vince Flynn), "The Seven Sins" is a globe-spanning saga of one man's spectacular rise from rags to riches, the sins that have brought him to Las Vegas, and the insidious vendetta that may cost him everything.

**Ghouls Just Haunt to Have Fun - Ghost Hunter 3***Victoria Laurie - 6.99*

When ghost hunter and medium M.J. Holliday appears on a TV show called "Haunted Possessions," she encounters an evil knife that releases a demon. Soon all hell breaks loose in the hotel where M.J. is staying.

**A Corpse for Yew - Peggy Lee Garden 5***Joyce and Jim Lavene - 7.99*

No rain means profits are wilting at The Potting Shed, so Peggy Lee joins her mother on a bone harvest expedition for the local historical society. But she stumbles upon a perplexing mystery—how a fellow volunteer became a corpse with curiously red lips. Includes gardening tips.

**Dark Mountain***Richard Laymon - 7.99*

Two families have come to the California mountains expecting a fun weekend camping trip. What they will find instead is terror in the form of a psychopath and his mother, a powerful witch.

**Let Sleeping Dogs Lie***Suzann Ledbetter - 6.99*

P.I. Jack McPhee is dead-set against having a partner, but he doesn't expect that a contract to nab the so-called Calendar Burglar will force him to team up with a 10-pound, hyperactive Maltese and the dog's groomer.

**The Golem***Edward Lee - 7.99*

Four barrels of clay from Prague that spawned the legendary golem—a creature from Jewish mysticism—have been excavated in the U.S. But, the mystical clay is not in the hands of a holy man, but those of a maniac.

**Swan Peak - Dave Robicheaux 17***James Lee Burke - \$ 9.99*

Far from Louisiana, Detective Dave Robicheaux and his wife attempt to relax in the untouched wilderness of rural Montana. But the serenity is soon shattered when two college students are found brutally murdered.

**Quiver***Peter Leonard - 7.99*

A thriller from the son of Elmore Leonard, this razor-sharp debut tells the story of a family torn apart, an obsessive love affair, and the dark heart of an ex-convict.

**Betrayal - Dismas Hardy 2***John Lescroart - 9.99*

Torn-from-today's-headlines ... Dismas Hardy, whose latest case drops him into the complicated world of government conspiracy, assassination, and betrayal.

**Killing Bridezilla - Jaime Austen 7***Laura Levine - 6.99*

Writer-for-hire Jaime Austen signs on to script vows for the ultimate Bridezilla, who wants her wedding to evoke “Romeo and Juliet”—without the downer ending. However, the bride’s demise means a tale of woe for Jaime.

**Another Thing to Fall - Tess Monaghan 10***Laura Lippman - 7.99*

The bestselling author of “What the Dead Know”—hailed by Tess Gerritsen as one of the best crime novelists writing today—is back with a tale that probes the darkest recesses of the human heart.

**South of Shiloh***Chuck Logan - 7.99*

During a reenactment of the Battle of Kirby Creek, fought near Corinth, Mississippi, during the Civil War, a sniper’s bullet rips through a participant—and a man who lived for mock war dies for his obsession.

**The Coptic Secret - Lang Reilly Thriller 5***Gregg Loomis - 7.99*

A murder at the British Museum sends Lang Reilly racing across the globe in search of a previously unknown Gospel—while a mysterious organization will stop at nothing to prevent him from finding it.

**Blue Smoke and Murder - Blue Smoke & Murder 4***Elizabeth Lowell - 7.99*

Full of passion, surprising twists, and intrigue, “Blue Smoke and Murder” is the newest thrilling novel from the bestselling author of romantic suspense.

**Warning Signs***C. J. Lyons - 7.99*

On rotation at Pittsburgh’s Angels of Mercy Hospital and struggling to finish medical school, Amanda Mason must solve a medical mystery before she becomes the next victim, in this follow-up to “Lifelines.”

**Death Loves a Messy Desk - Charlotte Adams 3***Mary Jane Maffini - 6.99*

Professional organizer Charlotte Adams is hired to help a woman organize a coworker’s hopelessly cluttered desk. But when the miss behind the mess goes missing, workplace tempers rise. Includes organizing tips.

**All the Pretty Dead Girls***John Manning - 6.99*

A thriller in which a college campus is the setting for a series of ritualistic murders. If you like Dean Koontz, you’ll love John Manning.—Wendy Corsi Staub.

**Fatal Flip - Interior Design 3***Peg Marberg - 7.99*

Everyone is looking forward to the restoration of a Victorian mansion by interior designer Jean Hastings, but the open house becomes a crime scene after a body is discovered. Includes decorating tips.

**Executive Privilege***Phillip Margolin - 9.99*

Bestselling author Margolin is back with a deadly game of intrigue and murder that twists through Washington, D.C.’s halls of power and leads to the White House.

**Cold Black Hearts***Jeffrey J Mariotte - 7.99*

From the author of “River Runs Red.” A murder investigation brings former police detective Annie O’Brien in contact with the supernatural forces that had destroyed the town of New Dominion nearly 100 years earlier.

**Perfectly Criminal - Four Friends 2***Celeste Marsella - 6.99*

With no one to trust but each other, three young female assistant DAs at the height of their careers go out on a limb to protect one of their own, in this riveting new novel from the author of “Defenseless.”

**The Intruders***Michael Marshall - 7.99*

From the bestselling author of “The Straw Men” comes this searing, atmospheric tale of suspense. A series of

bizarre, seemingly unrelated events center around Jack Whalen, a veteran LAPD cop, whose search for answers to leads him to a shocking conclusion.

**Murder Melts in Your Mouth - Blackbird Sisters 7***Nancy Martin - 6.99*

A Philly philanthropist has taken a swan dive from an office balcony, and Nora Blackbird’s friend Lexie stands accused of the murder. Then her scheming parents reappear, sending all three Blackbird sisters into a panic.

**The Automatic Detective***A. Lee Martinez - 6.99*

The award-winning author of “Gil’s All Fright Diner” returns with this new novel. Even in Empire city, a town where weird science is the hope of tomorrow, its hard for a robot to make his way—even for a hulking machine designed to bring humankind to its knees.

**Notorious - Melanie Vargas 4***Michele Martinez - 7.99*

This installment in the acclaimed Melanie Vargas series gets off to an explosive start as the young federal prosecutor investigates the death of the most famous criminal lawyer in the United States.

**Shadow of Power - Paul Madriani 9***Steve Martini - 7.99*

The latest book by a controversial legal scholar contains shocking information about the U.S. Constitution and founding father Thomas Jefferson. After the author is murdered, defense attorney Paul Madriani faces his greatest challenge yet.

**Death Mask***Graham Masterton - 7.99*

From the acclaimed author of “The Manitou” comes an original work of horror. A knife-wielding maniac is terrorizing a city. But he’s not flesh and blood; he’s paint and paper, a portrait come to life.

**Cold Case Murder - Without a Trace 3***Shirlee McCoy - 5.50*

Novice FBI agent Jodie Gilmore reluctantly returns to her hometown to investigate a missing-persons case, only to uncover a decades-old double homicide. Forensic anthropologist Harrison Cahill thinks Jodie knows more than she’s saying. But speaking freely could be deadly. G-Rated

**Poisoned Tarts - Savannah Reid 13***G A McKeveit - 6.99*

P.I. Savannah Reid finds out what happens when too rich and too thin becomes too deadly as she delves into the disappearance of a celebrity hanger-on that soon leads to something more sinister.

**Echo Class***David E Meadows - 7.99*

It’s June, 1967. In the waters of the Pacific, Captain Danny McDonald of the USS “Monaghan” is ordered to track down a Soviet submarine—without triggering World War III.

**St. Patrick’s Day Murder - Lucy Stone 14***Leslie Meier - 6.99*

Part-time reporter and mother of four Lucy Stone investigates the murder of a local bar owner, and if she doesn’t uncover the truth before St. Patrick’s Day, the holiday festivities may take another murderous turn.

**The Book of Lies***Brad Meltzer - 7.99*

This bestselling follow-up to “The Book of Fate,” asks two burning questions: What does Cain, history’s greatest villain, have to do with Superman, the world’s greatest hero? And what do two murders, committed thousands of years apart, have in common?

**Final Justice - Sisterhood 12***Fern Michaels - 6.99*

The irrepressible Ladies of Pinewood journey to Washington and face their most ambitious adversary yet—the world’s most powerful and ruthless media mogul.

**Houses of Stone***Barbara Michaels / Elizabeth Peters - 7.99*

The valuable manuscript Karen Holloway holds in her hand—written in the 19th century and bearing the attribution “Ismene”—could be a boon to the English professor’s career. Karen’s search for the author’s identity takes her into the past, to places fraught with danger and terror. The deeper she delves into Ismene’s tale of gothic horror, the more she is haunted by the suspicion that the long-dead author was writing the truth and that even now she is guiding Karen’s investigation, leading her to secrets hidden behind the cold walls of houses of stone.

**The Last Day***John Ramsey Miller - 6.99*

The acclaimed author of “Smoke & Mirrors” returns with a riveting new tale about one man’s fight to save his family from overwhelming odds—and a killer.

**Darkness Falls - Mark Beamon 5***Kyle Mills - 7.99*

From the author of the award-winning “The Second Horseman” comes an all-too-plausible eco-thriller in which a new bacteria with a voracious appetite for oil threatens the world’s energy supply.

**Six Seconds***Rick Mofina - 6.99*

Three strangers become entangled in a plot to change the world in only six seconds, in this engaging global thriller that moves like a tornado.

**Magic in the Blood - Allie Beckstrom 2***Devon Monk - 6.99*

Working as a Hound—tracing illegal spells back to their casters—has taken its toll on Allison Beckstrom. When she is asked to help on a missing person’s case, Allie finds herself drawn into the underworld of criminals, ghosts, and blood magic.

**Deeper***James A Moore - 7.99*

An offshore expedition ends in a fascinating discovery for a team of divers near New England. Their first mistake is bringing it ashore. Their second is believing it can’t survive on land. And their third mistake is thinking that it’s the only one of its kind.

**Coyote Dreams - Walker Papers 3***C E Murphy - 7.99*

Joanne Walker—Seattle cop and reluctant shaman—finally begins to learn the tricks of the trade that she has so far ignored. Things are looking up, or they would be if she could rescue her spiritual mentor and save her boss from a sleeping sickness.

**As the World Churns - Pennsylvania Dutch 16***Tamar Myers - 6.99*

Mennonite innkeeper Magdalena Yoder is finally Magdalena Yoder Rosen, now that she and Manhattan doctor Gabriel Yoder have gotten hitched. But with a cow competition in Hernia causing a stampede of trouble, she’s finding that married life isn’t all cream.

**Poison Ivory - Den of Antiquity 15***Tamar Myers - 7.99*

All antiques dealer Abby Washburn wants is to find a perfect gift for her mama Mozella’s birthday. She never expects her online purchase of an exquisite 17th-century rosewood linen chest would put her in federal custody, accused of trafficking in illegal ivory.

**Aunt Dimity - Vampire Hunter - Aunt Dimity 13***Atherton Nancy - \$ 7.99 US*

Everyone’s favorite paranormal detective is back—but this time Lori’s supernatural confidante may not be the only one who’s not quite dead. Could the cloaked figure Lori’s twins saw in the woods near the family’s English country cottage really have been a vampire?

**The Bible of Clay***Julia Navarro - 7.50*

From the bestselling author of “The Brotherhood of the Holy Shroud” comes a novel of “The Da Vinci Code”-

esque suspense that links the past with the present in a riveting search for the source of Genesis itself.

### **The Angel**

*Carla Neggers - 7.99*

While exploring an ancient ruin in Ireland, Keira Sullivan discovers the mythic stone angel she seeks. Rescued by Simon Cahill after the ruins collapse, Keira returns to Boston with Simon. There they realize that the long-forgotten myth has awakened a murderer.

### **Final Breath**

*Kevin O'Brien - 6.99*

From the bestselling author of "The Killing Spree" and "The Last Victim" comes a riveting new thriller in which a serial killer hunts down heroes and takes their lives in the same way they have saved others.

### **Heart of Ice**

*Gregg Olsen - 6.99*

Bestselling author Olsen delivers his third page-turning, stand-alone serial killer thriller, in which a depraved killer targets pretty, slender young blondes.

### **The Body in the Gallery - Faith Fairchild 17**

*Katherine Hall Page - 7.99*

Caterer and part-time sleuth Faith Fairchild makes catching a killer at a local museum a work of art in this 17th installment in the popular series.

### **Fatal Harvest - Haven Trilogy 1**

*Catherine Palmer - \$ 6.99*

Although his son is on the run from a murder charge, Cole Strong knows the boy is no killer. His son's only crime is caring too much about people—something Cole has forsaken. Now a corrupt conglomerate will do anything to protect its secrets—including killing Cole's son.

### **The First Patient**

*Michael Palmer - 9.99*

In this high-concept suspense novel to date, bestselling author Palmer delivers a story pitched at the crossroads of presidential politics and cutting-edge medicine.

### **The Vampire Agent - Annals of Alchemy and Blood 2**

*Marc Paoletti / Patricia Rosemoor - 6.99*

In the follow-up to "The Last Vampire," Captain Scott Boulder and Leah Maguire are on a mission to find a beautiful, seductive, and powerful woman under the influence of vampire Andre Espinoza de Madrid—and his vampire agent will soon unleash the greatest terror of all.

### **Stranger in Paradise - Jesse Stone 7**

*Robert B Parker - 9.99*

An Apache hit man comes to Paradise to find a missing girl and kill her mother. His conscience is getting the best of him. If he doesn't make the hit, he'll pay for it. So might Jesse Stone, who's been enlisted to protect them all.

### **L.A. Outlaws**

*T Jefferson Parker - 9.99*

Allison Murrieta is a modern-day Jesse James who loves a good armed robbery. She has a compulsion to steal, a knack for publicity, and the conscience to give all the loot to charity. No one's ever been hurt—until now.

### **Summer of Fear - California Crime 4**

*T. Jefferson Parker - 4.99*

A serial killer is preying on the residents of Orange County, massacring entire families. The police are unaccountably keeping the killings under wraps, and Russ Monroe, ex-cop-turned-crime writer needs to know why.

### **The Final Warning - Maximum Ride 4**

*James Patterson - 7.99*

Fourteen-year-old Maximum Ride and the other members of the Flock must flee again—and this time, it seems the whole world is on their tail.

### **Sail**

*James Patterson / Howard Roughan - \$ 9.99*

In an effort to save her family, recently widowed Anne plans an sailing vacation for herself and her children. But catastrophe soon strikes, in this #1 bestseller.

### **Killer View - Sun Valley Mystery 2**

*Ridley Pearson - 9.99*

When a skier goes missing from a Sun Valley mountain-top, Sheriff Walt Fleming's crack search-and-rescue team becomes a target. Waist-deep in snow and neck-deep in lies, Walt suspects that people of great wealth and power—including a former state senator—want to keep him where he started: out in the cold.

### **The Cruellest Month - Armand Gamache 3**

*Louise Penny - 7.99*

The cozy, seemingly idyllic town of Three Pines is thrown into chaos when an impromptu séance turns deadly. Chief Inspector Armand Gamache must confront a myriad of baffling questions surrounding the case.

### **Killing Red**

*Henry Perez - 6.99*

A serial killer on death row has one final request: to be interviewed by reporter Alex Chapa. But what begins as a dream story soon turns into a nightmare for Alex, as a copycat killer is on the prowl and is ready to pay the ultimate tribute to his idol.

### **Buckingham Palace Gardens - Charlotte & Thomas Pitt 25**

*Anne Perry - 7.99*

The first Thomas Pitt novel since "Long Spoon Lane," featuring an inside view of Buckingham Palace in the aftermath of a bloody murder.

### **Blind Rage - Bernadette Saint Claire 2**

*Terri Persons - 7.99*

FBI agent Saint Claire's gift of sight allows her to see things others can't—a valuable attribute as she investigates a string of suicides in the Twin Cities. Bernadette suspects these women have not died by their own hands.

### **Ghost Ocean**

*S M Peters - 7.99*

Beings of unimaginable power have been imprisoned for centuries, watched over by guardians with supernatural skills. Te Evangeline's father was one such guardian, and she must awaken the magic within her before her father's killer releases his fellow prisoners on the world.

### **The Coldest Mile**

*Tom Piccirilli - 6.99*

A good guy goes bad after losing his wife and takes a job working for the mob. But a family coup soon makes life even worse for him, in this edgy new crime novel by the award-winning author of "The Midnight Road."

### **The Fury - Henry Parker Mystery 4**

*Jason Pinter - 7.99*

Henry Parker had no idea that the junkie who came to him for help—and who Henry had blown off—was a brother he never knew about. Now, Stephen Gaines is dead, and Henry is forced to question everything he's ever known.

### **In Good Faith - Joe Dillard 2**

*Scott Pratt - 7.99*

A family is slaughtered in rural Tennessee. Two goth teens are accused of the murders. It's up to prosecutor Joe Dillard to convict them. It's the most disturbing case of his career, and he is finally on the right side. Or so he thinks.

### **Spell Games**

*T A Pratt - 6.99*

After slightly wicked Witch of the East Coast Marla Mason gets a visit from her con-artist brother, she soon finds that he may be up to a new kind of grift, sparking the interest of a few magical enemies.

### **Notoriously Neat - Grime Solvers 3**

*Suzanne Price - 6.99*

Sky Taylor and the town's police chief are on their first date when household pets run through the restaurant. Someone's murdered Pigeon Cove's popular veterinarian. Then a singer is murdered. Sky must uncover the link between the veterinarian and the songbird.

### **Silent in the Sanctuary - Lady Julia Grey 2**

*Deanna Raybourn - 6.99*

Lady Julia returns to celebrate the holidays only to find her father's home crowded with family, friends, and Nicholas Brisbane, the one man she had hoped to forget. The celebrations take a ghastly turn after a guest is found brutally murdered, and one of Lady Julia's cousins confesses to the crime.

### **Return to Me - Last Chance Rescue Trilogy 2**

*Christy Reece - 6.99*

This second adventure in the trilogy centers on the Last Chance Rescue organization team. Here, Noah McCall and Samara Lyons go in search of missing teenage girls and an online predator. Romantic Suspense

### **The Six Sacred Stones - Jack West Jr. 2**

*Matthew Reilly - 7.99*

In the sequel to the bestselling "Seven Deadly Wonders," super-soldier Jack West, Jr. and his elite team must race to secure the world from a looming Armageddon.

### **Black Monday**

*Bob Reiss - 7.99*

In the tradition of Michael Crichton, Reiss delivers a high-concept thriller, about a federal investigator who tries to stop the spread of a virus that could destroy the world's oil supply.

### **A Lie for a Lie - Ministry is Murder 4**

*Emilie Richards - 7.99*

After the former wife of a local celebrity is charged with his murder, minister's wife Aggie Sloan-Wilcox seeks divine inspiration to help clear the woman's name.

### **The Fabric of Sin - Marrily Watkins 9**

*Phil Rickman - 9.95*

Investigating an allegedly haunted house with royal connections, Merrily Watkins, deliverance consultant for the Diocese of Hereford, is exposed to evil. A valley on the border of England and Wales preserves a feud between two old border families as well as an ancient Templar church with a secret.

### **Salvation in Death - In Death 33**

*J D Robb - 7.99*

Ancient church rituals meet cutting-edge crime-solving in the latest novel in the bestselling series. In the year 2060, sophisticated investigative tools can help catch a killer. But there are some questions even the most advanced technologies cannot answer.

### **Doomsday - Endworld Prequel**

*David Robbins - 6.99*

After everything they know is destroyed in a nuclear holocaust, filmmaker Kurt Carpenter and the remaining survivors must carve out a new place for themselves in a harsh, unforgiving new world full of terrifying possibilities. An all-new prequel to the popular Endworld series.

### **The Betrayal Game**

*David L Robbins - 7.50*

Set during the Cuban missile crisis of 1961, this what-if thriller forces readers to question what "could have" happened—maybe even what "should have" happened—in the weeks before the Bay of Pigs invasion.

### **Kronos**

*Jeremy Robinson - 7.99*

Two years after the death of his wife, former Navy SEAL Atticus Young attempts to reconcile with his rebellious daughter by taking her to swim with a pod of humpback whales off the coast of Maine. But the beauty of the sea belies a terror from the deep—a horrific creature as immense as it is ancient.

### **To the Death - Arnold Morgan 10**

*Patrick Robinson - 7.99*

Bestselling author Robinson pens this thriller—the grand finale of the gripping bestselling series featuring presidential advisor Admiral Arnold Morgan.

**Friend of the Devil - Alan Banks 17***Peter Robinson - 7.99*

Robinson delivers a story of two towns, two murders, and two detectives searching for one indisputable truth.

**The Last Oracle - Sigma Force 5***James Rollins - 7.99*

SIGMA Force battles a group of rogue scientists who've unleashed a diabolical project that could mean the extinction of mankind.

**Crimson***Gord Rollo - 7.99*

The author of "The Jigsaw Man" delivers a horrific tale about four boys who release an evil creature from his prison in a well, setting him free to terrorize their town.

**Scream for Me - Daniel Vartanian Trilogy 2***Karen Rose - 6.99*

Agent Daniel Vartanian vows to solve killings that mimic a 13-year-old murder linked to a collection of photos that belonged to his now-dead, serial-killer brother.

**Getting Away Is Deadly - Mom Zone 3***Sara Rosett - 6.99*

The third title in Rosett's delightful, family-oriented cozy series again features the indomitable Ellie Avery—Air Force wife, mom, expert organizer, and engaging sleuth.

**Shattered - High Risk 3***JoAnn Ross - 7.99*

More than a year after his affair in Baghdad with Army doctor Kirby Campbell, Army pilot Shane Garrett is rebuilding his life stateside. Kirby is also stateside. When she learns a friend is being held hostage in Central America, she works with Phoenix Team to organize a rescue.

**Mark of the Demon***Diana Rowland - 7.99*

On the edge of the Louisiana bayou, Officer Kara Gillian finds evidence that the Symbol Man—a killer with the ability to inhabit multiple bodies—is back. Her determination to crack the case is tempered only by her special understanding as a demon summoner. Is she the lead investigator, or the reason the killer is stalking her parish?

**Duplicate Effort - Retrieval Artist 7***Kristine Kathryn Rusch - 7.99*

Retrieval Artist Miles Flint is on a mission to bring down a corrupt law firm. Then a journalist working with him is murdered, and Miles may be next. But before he can investigate, his daughter Talia—one of six clones of Miles' long-dead child—leaves to find the other five.

**Separated at Death - Liz Hewitt 3***Sheldon Rusch - 7.99*

Illinois State Special Agent Elizabeth Hewitt investigates a series of grisly murders in which estranged couples are being beheaded by someone with a twisted agenda.

**Black Widow - Room 59 6***Cliff Ryder - 6.99*

Women widowed in Chechnya's bloody conflict with Russia are now willing suicide bombers. Room 59 wants an agent to go undercover as one of the Black Widows—and MI-6 operative Ajza Manaev enters a world where loyalties and the playing field are always shifting.

**Phantom Prey - Lucas Davenport 18***John Sandford - \$ 9.99*

After a troubled student disappears and two are found slashed to death, Lucas Davenport finds himself hunting what appears to be a modern-day Jack the Ripper.

**The God Machine***J G Sandom - 7.99*

In a tale of secret societies, ancient cover-ups, intellectual puzzles and action, one man—spurred by the discovery of Benjamin Franklin's coded journal—goes in search of the Gospel of Judas, but finds something more incredible.

**Mighty Old Bones - Thistle & Twigg 2***Mary Saums - 6.99*

Mrs. Thistle and Mrs. Twigg, are two of the most unlikely sleuths on either side of the Mason-Dixon Line. A

thunderstorm knocks down a tree on Jane Thistle's property and grisly discovery is made.

**Death's Door***Meryl Sawyer - 7.99*

When Detective Paul Tanner tells Madison Connelly that the man she thought was her father isn't, she wants answers—answers that will unknowingly draw her deep into a complicated web of intrigue, deceit, and murder.

**The Crystal Skull***Manda Scott - 7.50*

In a blend of history, myth, and science, a bestselling novelist unleashes a thriller that sweeps from the secrets of the Mayans to the court of a 16th-century queen to a shattering end-times prophecy.

**Corked by Cabernet - Wine Lover's 5***Michele Scott - 7.99*

Nikki Sands, manager of the Malveaux Estates in Napa Valley—and girlfriend of the owner—is blissfully happy. That is until a guru's devotee is killed on the famous Napa Valley Wine train and ruins her peace of mind. Includes recipes and wine pairings.

**Dyer Consequences - Knitting 5***Maggie Sefton - 7.99*

Kelly Flynn is eager to renovate the alpaca ranch she's just bought, but someone else has different ideas for keeping her busy.

**Genesis***Ken Shufeldt - 7.99*

Two young children—each with preternatural powers beyond human comprehension—are thrown headlong into a race to save the world. "Genesis" reads like "Left Behind" on steroids! —Douglas Preston.

**Lost Girls - Sherry Moore 3***George D Shuman - 7.99*

Blind psychic Sherry Moore combs the Caribbean to find the murderous kingpin of a human trafficking network, and finds that she must confront a man who shares her talent for seeing the final moments of a dead body's life.

**Moscow Rules - Gabriel Allon 8***Daniel Silva - 9.99*

Filled breathtaking turns of plot, "Moscow Rules" is at once superior entertainment and a searing cautionary tale about the new threats rising to the East.

**Black Cathedral***M P N Sims / L H Maynard - 7.99*

After a group of people vanish without a trace from an old manse on an island off the Scottish coast, the British government sends in a team from Department 18, a unit designed to investigate paranormal activity. What they find is far worse than any mere haunted house.

**Fractured - Will Trent 2***Karin Slaughter - 7.99*

Slaughter brings back the characters from her bestselling work "Triptych" for a shocking showdown of suspense..

**Cool Cache - Tucker Sinclair Mystery 4***Patricia Smiley - 7.99*

A fun and feisty heroine stars in another suspenseful mystery from the bestselling author of "Short Change."

**Child 44***Tom Rob Smith - 7.99*

In Stalin's Soviet Union, it's a crime against the State to suggest that a murderer—much less a serial killer—is on the loose. Exiled from his home, a war hero must find and stop a criminal that the State won't admit exists.

**Murder at Eagle Summit***Virginia Smith - 5.50*

A murder at a ski resort turns everyone there into suspects. Liz Carmichael saw something, and finds herself giving a statement to her former fiancé, Deputy Tim Richards. Liz could finally make things right with Tim, unless the killer finds her first. G-Rated

**The Edge of Reason***Melinda Snodgrass - 7.99*

Snodgrass pens the first of a two-book series—a thriller about the eternal battle between science and superstition.

**I Shall Not Want - Clare Fergusson & Russ Van Alstyne 6***Julia Spencer-Fleming - 7.99*

When a farmhand stumbles over the body dead man, Clare Fergusson and Russ Van Alstyne join together for the investigation.

**Living with Ghosts***Kari Sperring - 7.99*

Readers are in a world where ghosts and other malevolent spirits seek entry into mortal realms—invisible to all but those who are not entirely human themselves.

**Prepared for Rage***Dana Stabenow - 7.99*

From an Edgar Award winner...a terrorist strikes at the heart of American power and prestige when he attacks a NASA space shuttle.

**Angel's Advocate - Beaufort and Co. 2***Mary Stanton - 7.99*

Money's been tight since Bree Winston Beaufort inherited Savannah's haunted law firm, Beaufort & Co. She takes a case representing a spoiled girl who has stolen Girl Scout cookie money. But soon enough she finds that her client's departed millionaire father needs help, too.

**Dead Before Dark***Wendy Corsi Staub - 6.99*

The Night Watchman is ready to kill again. This time, he sets his sights on a renowned psychic, and sends her startling messages through his murder victims.

**In the Blink of an Eye***Wendy Corsi Staub - 4.99*

In this classic, bestselling author Staub delivers a spine-tingling tale set in a town populated by spiritualists and riddled with murder.

**Love Without Blood***Raz Steel - 6.99*

"La Femme Nikita" meets "Buffy the Vampire Slayer" in this novel which contains a combination of humor and suspense. In one fateful night, a doctor is swept by a patient into a world of intrigue, vampires—and an even more dangerous world of love.

**The Whispering Room***Amanda Stevens - 6.99*

An tip leads New Orleans detective Evangeline Theroux into a quagmire of twisted faith and maternal love. And before the end, Evangeline will doubt her every instinct.

**Cry Mercy - Mercy Street 3***Mariah Stewart - 6.99*

Crime-scene investigator Emme Caldwell takes the lead in Mercy Street Foundation's first case: the disappearance of a 19-year-old co-ed, which is somehow connected with a fertility clinic and a mysterious donor.

**The Orpheus Deception - Micah Dalton 2***David Stone - 9.99*

Once it was the job of CIA operative Micah Dalton to take care of other agents' mistakes. Now on the outs with his former employers, Dalton tries to stay off the radar—until an attempt on his life forces him back to the CIA to find a missing associate.

**Pressure***Jeff Strand - \$ 7.99*

Darren and Alex first meet in school and become best friends in college. Alex had always known Darren is a little odd. He doesn't know his friend is murderously insane until Darren asks Alex to join him in his blood-soaked fun—and he will not take no for an answer.

**Silver Falls***Anne Stuart - 7.99*

After years of wandering, Rachel has finally married the perfect man and settled into the ideal life. But as her town

turns into the playground of a serial killer, she realizes that this new life may come at too high of a price.

#### **Into the Fire - Troubleshooter 13**

*Brockmann Suzanne - \$ 7.99 US*

Suspense doesn't burn any brighter and desire doesn't run any deeper than in the latest volume of the best-selling author's series featuring the professional risk-takers of Troubleshooters, Inc.

#### **Murder of a Royal Pain - Scumble River 11**

*Denise Swanson - 6.99*

Skye Denison stumbles over the body of pushy prom chairperson Annette Paine during a Halloween fundraiser—wearing the same witch costume as Skye. So who was the intended victim?

#### **Escape - Butch Karp and Marlene Ciampi 20**

*Robert K. Tanenbaum - 9.99*

Manhattan D.A. Roger Butch Karp and his crime-fighting crew must race against the clock to stop a malicious terrorist plot that could change the course of history.

#### **Bronx Justice - Jaywalker 2**

*Joseph Teller - 7.99*

Teller takes readers back to one of the first cases of criminal defense attorney Harrison J. Walker, who defends a young black man accused of raping five white women in the Bronx in the late 1970s.

#### **The Map Thief**

*Heather Terrell - 7.99*

The author of "The Chrysalis" returns with a captivating plunge into the world of stolen artifacts as attorney Mara Coyne embarks upon a thrilling search for a legendary map that could shake the pillars of history.

#### **You Can Run**

*Carlene Thompson - 6.99*

Penny Conley is still recovering from the untimely death of her husband. But she and her young daughter, Willow, seem to be thriving in their West Virginia suburb ... Until Penny's dark past comes back to haunt them.

#### **Murder on Bank Street - Gaslight 10**

*Victoria Thompson - 7.99*

The bestselling author of "Murder in Chinatown" returns with another entry in her Edgar Award-nominated Gaslight mystery series featuring midwife Sarah Brandt.

#### **The Last Patriot - Scot Horvath Thriller 7**

*Brad Thor - 9.99*

Navy SEAL-turned-covert Homeland Security operative Scot Harvath is called into action once again, in this latest political thriller by bestselling author Thor.

#### **Deathwish - Cal and Niko Leandros Mystery 4**

*Rob Thurman - 7.99*

Half-human Cal Leandros and his brother Niko are hired by the vampire Seamus to find out who has been following him—until Seamus turns up dead (or un-dead), in this follow-up to "Madhouse."

#### **The Coffin Ship - Richard Mariner Mystery 1**

*Peter Tonkin - 7.99*

The supertanker Prometheus sits at anchor in the Persian Gulf, holding 250,000 tons of crude oil. Somewhere on board is a crew member who is determined that the ship not make it to its destination in Europe. Captain Richard Mariner must deliver the ship and its cargo safely.

#### **The Gilded Seal - Tom Kirk Mystery 3**

*James Twining - 7.99*

Once one of the world's foremost art thieves, Tom Kirk now operates on the other side of the law. But a discovery at the site of the theft of a Da Vinci painting entangles him in a mystery that blankets the globe and reaches back through hundreds of years of European history.

#### **Darwin's Race**

*Brian Ullmann - 7.95*

Twelve contestants compete in an ambitious race to go into the deepest unexplored gorge on Earth. As they

plunge deeper into the gorge, death follows, and they realize that the gorge is not as uninhabited as believed.

#### **Black Out**

*Lisa Unger - 7.99*

From the author of "Beautiful Lies" comes a psychological mystery about a woman trying to escape her painful past by pronouncing herself dead, only to have her old life dangerously catch up with her.

#### **Person of Interest**

*Louise Ure / Theresa dASchwegel, - 7.99*

The Edgar Award-winning author of "Officer Down" delivers a portrait of the life of a cop—from his wife's point of view. When she wants to protect her daughter from a bad boyfriend, Leslie McHugh ends up in the middle of her husband's most dangerous case.

#### **The Bourne Sanction - Jason Bourne Thriller 6**

*Eric Van Lustbader - \$ 9.99*

Jason Bourne must confront a nightmare version of himself—an amoral, heartless killer—in this new novel in Robert Ludlum's bestselling series.

#### **Clubbed to Death - Dead-End Job 7**

*Elaine Viets - 6.99*

Helen Hawthorne's ex-husband sails back into her life aboard the yacht of his new lady, known as the Black Widow because of her string of dead spouses. When her ex goes missing and a club patron is found dead, she fears the Black Widow may have struck again.

#### **Everywhere She Turns**

*Debra Webb - 7.99*

When Dr. CJ Patterson returns to her Alabama hometown to investigate her sister's death, she finds herself surrounded by deadly secrets and a killer who seems to know her better than she knows herself—and who will stop at nothing to keep his secrets hidden.

#### **Find Me**

*Debra Webb - 7.99*

Investigative reporter Sarah Newton heads to Maine and encounters an alarming series of deadly, unexplained events. She must wrestle with her own past before she becomes the next unsolved mystery.

#### **Death Takes the Cake - Della Cooks Mystery 2**

*Melinda Wells - 7.99*

Della Carmichael agrees to enter a televised cake competition sponsored by a company owned by an old college nemesis. When she finds someone drowned in a mixing bowl of batter, Della realizes solving this murder will be no cakewalk. Includes recipes.

#### **The Cutie - APA The Mercenaries**

*Donald E. Westlake - 6.99*

A crime boss' right-hand man takes on the job of tracking down a junkie falsely accused of killing the mistress of a prominent citizen. Previously published as "The Mercenaries," this is Westlake's very first novel—published for the first time under the title he originally intended.

#### **Lethally Blond - Bailey Weggins 5**

*Kate White - 7.99*

Bestselling author and "Cosmopolitan" editor-in-chief White delivers a sensational mystery that sends her gutsy, sizzling sleuth Bailey Weggins behind the scenes of a hot new TV show.

#### **Black Widow - Doc Ford 15**

*Randy Wayne White - 9.99*

Doc Ford is drawn into a deadly battle when his goddaughter Shay is threatened with blackmail. Ford soon finds that the woman responsible is an agent of corruption unlike any he has ever encountered.

#### **People Die**

*Kevin Wignall - \$ 6.99*

Fast, efficient, and deadly. Murder by contract is JJ's business—and each job makes JJ feel alive. Still, killing is an uncertain profession, and a shakeup in the com-

pany stirs grim shock waves. Somebody wants JJ dead. Now the hunter has become the hunted.

#### **The Writing Class**

*Jincy Willett - 14.00*

The acclaimed author of "Winner of the National Book Award" presents a darkly comic novel about a writing group with a killer in its midst.

#### **Illegally Dead - Marcus Corvinus 12**

*David Wishart - 9.95*

When Corvinus receives a letter from his adopted daughter, Marilla, with a tantalizing postscript mentioning a possible murder, he hot-foots it to Castrimoenium at once. Not everyone, however, agrees that Lucius Hostilius was murdered. Poison was apparently the means of death, but Lucius was terminally ill. It was only a matter of time. Although he hasn't any official investigative status, Corvinus can't resist doing a little amateur sleuthing. And he has barely begun when two other corpses turn up and he is formally on the case. Lucius had been suffering something of a personality change because of his illness, so there is no shortage of suspects among friends and family whom he had antagonized. But Corvinus goes up many a blind alley before arriving at the heart of the mystery. As we follow Marcus Corvinus, clue by clue, on his 10th case, we allow ourselves to be diverted by rumors of Meton's love life—and by an authentic recipe for fish pickle sauce.

#### **It Takes a Thief - Skye Donovan Photographic 2**

*Liz Wolfe - 7.95*

The CIA is trying to recruit Zeke Alexander, a world renowned and retired thief, to infiltrate the Dominion Order for them. His daughter Zoe, a thief herself, knows her father is no longer up to the task and the only way she can prevent his participation is to offer her own. But what once seemed like a small operation soon turns into a deadly game full of suspense and intrigue. From proving her worth to her father and discovering that her mother might not be dead after all, Zoe must call on all of her thieving skills in order to infiltrate and escape a chilling cult that threatens the lives of the president, his cabinet, and even her own.

#### **Hot Mahogany - Stone Barrington Mystery 14**

*Stuart Woods - 9.99*

Stone Barrington is hired to protect a former army intelligence officer suffering from amnesia. Barton Cabot is a man with a past, and what he's forgotten is something some will kill for. Tall Premium Edition.

#### **Code of Honor**

*Lenora Worth - 5.50*

CHAIM agent Brice Whelan's mission is simple: save missionary/nurse Selena Carter. But Selena's run-in with a drug cartel puts her in danger that doesn't end once she's back home. That means Brice is staying by her side—whether she wants him there or not. Original. G-Rated

#### **The Dead Man's Brother**

*Roger Zelazny - 6.99*

Lost for more than 30 years, this is the only straight mystery/thriller from the author of such classics as "Damnation Alley." A former art smuggler is enlisted by the CIA to track down a priest who has stolen millions from the Vatican—and his search leads to the deadly depths of the Brazilian jungle. Original.

#### **The Road to Santa Fe**

*Norman Zollinger - 7.99*

Enrique Garcia, district attorney in the small New Mexico county of Chupadera, is a man of principle, a strange breed in the rough-and-tumble politics of his state. When he is tapped to run for governor, he will learn just how rocky the road to Santa Fe really is.

# For Release in July

## Collision

*Jeff Abbott - 7.99*

Ben Forsberg is a corporate consultant mourning the murder of his bride. Pilgrim is a former CIA agent haunted by his own personal trauma. When Ben and Pilgrim are thrown together by a violent event the two men realize that they've been framed in an elaborate setup.

## Rubicon

*Lawrence Alexander - 7.99*

This realistic novel is centered around a conspiracy to disrupt the next presidential election. One of the most intelligent political thrillers to come along in some time.—"Portland Oregonian."

## Where There's a Witch - Bewitching 5

*Madelyn Alt - 7.99*

Maggie O'Neill senses some bad spirits at a carnival. A construction worker is suspected of killing a woman. It's up to Maggie and the N.I.G.H.T.S. ghosthunting team to uncover the dark energy leaking into their town.

## Takeover

*Lisa Black - 7.99*

In the tradition of Kathy Reichs and Jeffrey Deaver, Black's new novel introduces a forensic investigator in a stunning thriller. A tautly plotted, relentlessly suspenseful debut.—"Booklist," starred review.

## Hit and Run - Keller 4

*Lawrence Block - 7.99*

Fingered for a murder he didn't commit, a hit man goes on the run to save his life, in this stunning new work from the bestselling master of mystery. Top-notch crime fiction.—"Chicago Sun Times."

## A Royal Pain - Royal Spyness 2

*Rhys Bowen - 7.99*

From a critically acclaimed author comes another hilarious mystery set in 1930s London, featuring penniless aristocrat Lady Georgiana, a feisty heroine to delight a legion of Anglophile readers (Jacqueline Winspear).

## One Scream Away

*Kate Brady - 6.99*

Killer Chevy Bankes is a master of disguise and has just been paroled. He's coming after the woman who had sent him to jail - antiques expert Beth Denison. Antique dolls bring Beth into his sight, and inspire Chevy's crimes as he gets closer to Beth and her daughter.

## Red Blooded Murder - Izzy McNeil 2

*Laura Caldwell - 7.99*

Izzy McNeil, a lawyer from Chicago, is out of work and reeling from the betrayals uncovered in "Red Hot Lies." She becomes an on-air TV analyst for a legal network. Things spiral out of control when the woman who brings Izzy to the network is killed and Izzy becomes a suspect.

## Vicious Circle - Felix Castor 2

*Mike Carey - 7.99*

Following in the footsteps of bestselling authors Neil Gaiman and Jim Butcher, acclaimed comic book writer Carey presents his second hip supernatural thriller featuring freelance exorcist Felix Castor.

## The Sword of the Templars

*Paul Christopher - 7.99*

The bestselling author of "The Aztec Heresy" draws readers into a mystery that spans the past—and a conspiracy that lives on in the heart of an ancient order.

## Rotten to the Core - Orchard 2

*Sheila Connolly - 6.99*

Orchard owner Meg Corey must clear her name of murder after the discovery of a pesticide-poisoned body in her springhouse. Includes recipes.

## Tailspin - FBI Thriller 12

*Catherine Coulter - 7.99*

When a fellow agent's plane crashes in the Appalachian Mountains, FBI agents Savich and Sherlock find the

pilot and his passenger alive. That beginning of a case that plummets them into a whirlwind of murder attempts, powerful suspects, political secrets, and escalating terror.

## Where Memories Lie - Duncan Kincaid/Gemma Jones 12

*Deborah Crombie - 7.99*

Erika Rosenthal had fled to London from Nazi Germany with her now-dead husband, David. During their flight, a family heirloom had been stolen from Erika, and is now being sold at a London auction house. Erika believes the theft may be tied to her husband's death. Detective Inspectors Gemma James and Duncan Kincaid investigate.

## The Shore

*Robert Dunbar - 7.99*

As a storm grips the coastal town of Edgeharbor, a series of horrible killings terrorizes the residents. A young policewoman and a mysterious stranger are all that stand between the tiny town and an ancient evil.

## The Midnight Room

*Gorman Ed - 7.99*

A blackmailer is playing with fire when he makes a terrifying serial killer his target.

## No Mercy

*John Gilstrap - 6.99*

From the author of "Nathan's Run" comes a novel that goes deep inside the dangerous world of rescue operations—a world where one anonymous hero pays no ransom, takes no prisoners, and breaks every rule.

## Poppy Done to Death - Aurora Teagarden 8

*Charlaine Harris - 7.99*

Small-town Georgia librarian Aurora Roe Teagarden will have to use all of her Southern wiles to investigate a murder within her own family.

## Rough Justice - Sean Dillon Thriller 15

*Jack Higgins - 9.99*

Intrigue in the halls of power, blood in the streets—Blake Johnson and Harry Miller are about to light the fuse on an international powder keg, in Higgins's bestseller.

## Kill Zone -War Games 5

*Vicki Hinze - 7.95*

Dr. Morgan Cabot—the intuitive psychologist head of a new Secret Assignment Security Specialist corps—moves her unit front and center to combat the latest attack by terrorist and black market intelligence broker Thomas Kunz, in this latest thriller.

## Damage Control -Joanna Brady 3

*JA Jance - 9.99*

The latest novel of suspense by this bestselling author. Cochise County Sheriff Joanna Brady returns to confront a pair of complex cases.

## The Kidnapping of Kenzie Thorn

*Liz Johnson - 5.50*

Myles Parsons is just another inmate in Kenzie Thorn's GED course, until his abduction plan succeeds. Terrified, Kenzie doesn't want to believe her captor is actually Myles Borden, FBI agent—placed undercover because someone wants Kenzie dead. G-Rated

## The Bone Factory

*Nate Kenyon - 7.99*

David Pierce moves with his wife and daughter to accept a job at a recently reopened hydropower plant in Quebec. But the owners of the mysterious plant are hiding a deadly secret, and David's little girl has begun to have terrifying premonitions of blood and death.

## Death's Half Acre - Judge Deborah Knott 14

*Margaret Maron - 7.99*

Urbanization has begun to eclipse the North Carolina countryside. Corrupt county commissioners use their political leverage to make deals with developers. A murder will pull Judge Deborah Knott and Sheriff's Deputy Dwight Bryant into the middle of the bitter dispute.

## Fan Mail - Sophie Anderson 3

*P D Martin - 7.99*

Follow-up to "The Murderer's Club." FBI profiler Sophie Anderson joins the L.A. bureau office. Within days of her arrival, a bestselling author is murdered. Sophie discovers the writer had received letters just before her death from a fan that had grown increasingly disturbing.

## Bowled Over - Maggie Kelly 6

*Kasey Michaels - 6.99*

Mystery novelist Maggie Kelly is worrying about keeping her fictional Regency Era creation from proposing when a murderer crosses the foul line—too close to home.

## Killer Sudoku - Sudoku 4

*Kaye Morgan - 6.99*

Liza is at the West Coast Sudoku Summit. Contestants are being eliminated, one by one, and not in the way that she had planned—they're dropping dead. With more at stake than just prize money, Liza must figure out the murderer's pattern. Includes puzzles.

## Witness to Murder

*Jill Elizabeth Nelson - 5.50*

TV reporter Hallie Berglund walks onto a murder scene. The victim's boyfriend stands over the body, knife in hand. Hallie could not have stopped the crime, but as the star witness she'll see the man brought to justice ... right? G-Rated

## Passport to Peril

*Robert B Parker - 6.99*

Years before Robert "Brown" Parker began writing his books about Spenser, a man named Robert "Bogardus" Parker (1905-1955) penned this extraordinary novel. An American buys a black-market passport to get into post-war Budapest, only to find himself on the run, mistaken for the murdered man whom the passport belonged to.

## Fade to Black - Black Cats 2

*Leslie Parrish - 7.99*

After transferring to the FBI's Cyber Action Team, Special Agent Dean Taggart is shocked to learn a cold and calculating predator dubbed The Reaper is auctioning off murder in the cyber world and is about to kill again unless Dean and sheriff Stacey Rhodes can stop him.

## Knock 'em Dead - Finley Anderson Tanner 2

*Rhonda Pollero - 6.99*

The second hilarious mystery, featuring underachieving paralegal Finley Anderson Tanner (F.A.T. to her enemies), in a new adventure under in West Palm Beach.

## Poltergeist - Greywalker 2

*Kat Richardson - 7.99*

Harper Blaine had been an average private eye until she had died—for two minutes. Now, she's a Greywalker, and walks the thin line between the living world and the paranormal realm. And she's discovering that her new abilities are landing her all sorts of strange cases.

## Ice

*Stephanie Rowe - 7.99*

A risk-averse sophisticate and an Alaskan bush pilot find themselves the quarry in a fast-paced cat-and-mouse game across dangerous, untamed wilds.

## Death Mask

*Cotton Smith - 6.99*

Texas Ranger Time Carlow has to track down a mysterious hired gunman who seems to use a different gun for each killing. Is Time next on the killer's list?

## Deadly Intent

*Camy Tang - 5.50*

The Grant family's Sonoma spa is a place for rest and relaxation—not murder. After Naomi Grant finds a client bleeding to death in her massage room, everything falls apart. Naomi is named as a suspect and she finds solace with the other suspect—Dr. Devon Knightley, the victim's ex-husband. G-Rated

# For Release in August

## **Sister Pelagia & the Red Cockerel - Sister Pelagia 3** *Boris Akunin* - \$15.00

The third installment of the Sister Pelagia series pleases lovers of mysteries, as well as fans of classic Russian literature ("USA Today").

## **Final Theory**

*Mark Alpert* - \$7.99

This debut seamlessly weaves issues of science, history, and politics with white-knuckle chases and a gun battle that crosses into the extra dimensions of space and time.

## **Too Close to Home**

*Linwood Barclay* - \$7.99

In a suburban neighborhood a family is murdered for no apparent reason. Promise Falls isn't the kind of community where a family is shot to death in their own home. But that is what happened to the Langleys one night, and no one in this small upstate New York town is more shocked than their next-door neighbors, Jim and Ellen Cutter. They visited for the occasional barbecue and their son, Derek, was friends with the Langleys' boy, Adam; but how well did they really know their neighbors?

## **Lie Down with the Devil - Carlotta Carlyle 12**

*Linda Barnes* - \$7.99

Boston P.I. Carlotta Carlyle turns to the mystery in her own life—Sam Gianelli—in this latest installment in one of the best private-eye series ever (Harlan Coben).

## **Alibi**

*Sydney Bauer* - \$7.99

In the hallowed halls of Deane University, America's privileged youth allow nothing—and no one—to jeopardize their ambitions...until a wealthy heiress is brutally murdered, and Boston defense attorney David Kavanaugh is forced into the case.

## **Doggie Day Care Murder - Melanie Travis 15**

*Laurien Berenson* - \$6.99

After the co-owner of a doggie day care is found murdered, it's up to poodle-breeder Melanie Travis to go undercover and sniff out a killer.

## **Speak of the Devil - Morgan Kinglsey 4**

*Jenna Black* - \$7.99

With anonymous death threats piling up and her enemy closing in, exorcist Morgan Kinsley stands to lose everything she holds dear: her reputation, her boyfriend, her freedom, and maybe even her life. Original.

## **Larceny and Lace - Vintage Magic 2**

*Annette Blair* - \$7.99

Madeira Cutler is busy opening her new vintage clothing store in what was once the town's morgue when she discovers an intruder snooping around a bunch of bones in a body drawer. Now, she'll have to dig up more than the past to solve a crime. Original.

## **Smoke Screen**

*Sandra Brown* - \$9.99

Brown returns with a tale of corruption and betrayal, revenge and reversal—where friends become foes, and criminals become heroes in the ultimate abuse of power.

## **Red, White & Dead - Izzy McNeil 3**

*Laura Caldwell* - \$7.99

Lawyer Izzy McNeil returns in the final book of Caldwell's back-to-back trilogy, which finds Izzy on the trail of one of Chicago's most notorious gangsters.

## **Lord of Silence**

*Mark Chadbourn* - \$7.99

Vidar is a man with a lost memory and a vampiric jewel that takes the life energy of others. Now, with a killer loose in his home city, Vidar must solve a 3,000-year-old religious mystery to unlock the secrets of his own past.

## **Only Takes a Moment - Sunrise Suspense Society 2**

*Mary Jane Clark* - \$7.99

Nothing prepares Eliza Blake, host of the KEY News morning show, for the abduction of her daughter. She and the Sunrise Suspense Society—producer Annabelle Mur-

phy, cameraman B.J. D'Elia, and psychiatrist Dr. Margo Gonzalez—band together to outwit a cunning criminal.

## **Dust to Dust - Diane Fallon Forensic Investigation 7** *Beverly Connor* - \$7.99

A woman dies under suspicious circumstances, supposedly after finding evidence of her incarcerated brother's innocence. Now to prove a possible murder, Diane Fallon must root through the victim's family secrets—and the many skeletons in her closet. Original.

## **Petty Pewter Gods - Garrett, P.I. 8**

*Glen Cook* - \$7.99

Human P.I. Garrett is hired by two rival groups of gods who are battling over the last remaining space in Tun-Faire and hope to use Garrett as a spy. In his usual manner, Garrett insults not only his die-hard friends, he also nearly gets himself killed. Reissue.

## **The Assassin - Tommy Carmellini 3**

*Stephen Coonts* - \$9.99

Carmellini is back in a plot involving a mysterious poisoning, a beautiful woman, and an attempt to destroy a terrorist mastermind.

## **The Bordeaux Betrayal - Wine Country 3**

*Ellen Crosby* - \$6.99

Crosby's tale of suspense is set amidst the vines of Virginia wine country involves a 200-year-old bottle of Bordeaux that may just be a wine to die for.

## **Red Sky in Morning**

*Patrick Culhane (a.k.a. Max Allan Collins)* - \$7.99

A naval ensign must unmask a killer on board an ammunition ship, in this novel of suspense set during World War II by the acclaimed author of "Black Hats."

## **Silks**

*Dick and Felix Francis* - \$9.99

From Dick Francis and his son, Felix, comes Geoffrey Mason—a defense barrister whose true passion is riding his thoroughbred. When a fellow jockey is accused of murdering a colleague, Mason is torn between doing what's right—and what will keep him alive.

## **Scone Cold Dead - Liss MacCrimmon 2**

*Kaitlyn Dunnett (a.k.a. Kathy Lynn Emerson)* - \$6.99

Liss MacCrimmon, a former professional Scottish dancer, returns to her small hometown of Moose-tookalook, Maine to solve the murder of a dance company manager before the curtain falls on someone else.

## **Forced Out**

*Stephen Frey* - \$7.99

The bestselling author of "The Takeover" pens a new thriller that follows two dissimilar men seeking atonement for the sins of their past while being hunted down by a killer intent on vengeance.

## **Murder in the Dark - Phryne Fisher 16**

*Kerry Greenwood* - \$14.95

It's Christmas, and Phryne attends the Last Best party of 1928, a four-day extravaganza being held at Werribee Manor house and grounds by the Golden Twins, Isabella and Gerald Templar. At the Manor House, she party dallies with two polo-playing women, a Goat lady (and goat), a large number of young men, and a very rude child called Tarquin. It all seems like good clean fun until three people are kidnapped, one of them the abominable child, and Phryne must save the party from further disaster.

## **Man in the Middle - Sean Drummond 6**

*Brian Haig* - \$7.99

Army lawyer Sean Drummond is caught between duty to Washington's elite and the soldiers in Iraq after he's sent to investigate the suicide of one of the most influential defense officials.

## **False Picture - Abbot Agency 2**

*Veronica Heley* - \$15.95

Velma wants Bea, owner of the Abbot Agency, to check up on her stepson Philip, as he's somehow acquired a valuable picture last seen in the flat of an elderly lady

who's been murdered. Can Bea locate Philip and the missing painting before a professional art thief kills to get it?

## **Silent Thunder**

*Iris and Roy Johansen* - \$7.99

Marine architect Hannah Bryson joins forces with a mysterious mercenary to investigate a deadly attack on "Silent Thunder," a legendary nuclear submarine.

## **Chosen to Die - Montana To Die 2**

*Lisa Jackson* - \$7.99

In this follow-up to Jackson's novel "Left to Die," Detective Selena Alvarez tries to track down her missing partner, who has been abducted by a twisted serial killer.

## **The Knight - Bowers Files 3**

*Steven James* - \$ 13.99

For FBI criminologist Patrick Bowers, the stakes have never been higher. Bowers is used to tracking the country's most dangerous killers, but now it looks like a killer is tracking him.

## **The Quickie**

*Michael Ledwidge and James Patterson* - \$7.99

When Lauren Stillwell witnesses her husband leaving a hotel with another woman, she decides to get even. But her revenge goes awry, and she finds her world spiraling into a hell that becomes more terrifying by the hour.

## **The Prophecy of Death - Knights Templar 25**

*Michael Jecks* - \$8.99

It is 1325 and there is turmoil in England, but the Prophecy of St. Thomas's Holy Oil just might save King Edward II. Great characterization, a detailed sense of place, and a finely honed plot make this a superb medieval historical.—"Library Journal."

## **The Mercedes Coffin-Peter Decker & Rina Lazarus 17**

*Faye Kellerman* - \$7.99

Kellerman brings back Peter Decker and Rina Lazarus to face their most daunting case yet, in an exceptional tale of money, fame, mystery, and murder.

## **Dead Write - Forensic Handwriting Mystery 3**

*Sheila Lowe* - \$6.99

Claudia Rose heads to New York at the behest of Grusha Olinetsky, the notorious founder of an elite dating service whose members are mysteriously dying. Claudia finds herself in a twisted world of love and lies fueled by desperation. But is one among them desperate enough to kill?

## **The Book of Murder**

*Guillermo Martinez* - \$14.00

The Argentine author of "The Oxford Murders" returns with a gripping tale of revenge and rivalry that poses the question: Can words really kill?

## **Cornered**

*Brandon Massey* - \$6.99

In the tradition of Stephen King, a master of suspense delivers a new thriller about a man who will stop at nothing to ruin the life of his childhood best friend.

## **Iron Ties - Silver Rush Mystery 2**

*Ann Parker* - \$14.95

Inez Stannert thought lawless Leadville was done with murder, but the new railroad brings millionaires and greed. While President Ulysses S. Grant is coming to celebrate the arrival of the Denver & Rio Grand, Inez is concerned with her shaky partnership in the Silver Queen Saloon, her small son back East, and her missing husband. But Inez isn't the only one struggling in the rugged west. Many are haunted by memories of the war while others are invested in the competing railroad lines. And it seems Leadville isn't done with murder after all.

## **Stop This Man!**

*Peter Rabe* - \$7.99

Published for the first time in 45 years, this pulp classic tells the story of down-and-out thief Tony Catell, who, after stealing 36 pounds of radioactive gold from a lab, must stay one step ahead of the FBI while desperately trying to find someone to take the hot gold off his hands.

**Another One Bites the Dust - Jaz Parks 2***Jennifer Rardin - \$7.99*

The most dangerous demons that CIA operative Jaz Parks will face are her own.

**Promises in Death - In Death Mystery 34***J.D. Robb - \$7.99*

Amaryliss Coltraine has been a cop long enough to know how to defend herself against an assailant. When she's killed with her own weapon, Eve Dallas faces down a copy killer.

**Russell Walker (a.k.a. Very Hard Choices) - Russell Walker Book 2***Spider Robinson - \$7.99*

After the death of his wife, Russell Walker had wanted to hide from the world. Instead, Smelly, an old college acquaintance who is also a telepath, knocks on his door and demands his help in stopping a serial killer.

**Chasing the Dragon - Quantum Gravity, Book 4***Justina Robson - \$15.98*

Special Agent Lila Black returns in this series that mixes fantasy and cult-lit sensibility. Since the Quantum Bomb of 2015, dimensions have fused and suddenly the world is accessible to elves, demons, ghosts, and elementals.

**The Last Pope***Luis Miguel Rocha - \$9.99*

An international bestseller, this is a thriller about the conspiracy surrounding the 1978 death of Pope John Paul I.

**Play Dead - Andy Carpenter Mystery 6***David Rosenfelt - \$7.99*

Edgar Award finalist Rosenfelt spins a tale of crime and courtroom theatrics where the only witness to a high-profile murder is a golden retriever.

**Death at Pompeia's Wedding - Libertus Mystery 10***Rosemary Rowe - \$15.95*

A Libertus Mystery, set in Roman Britain - Libertus is at a society wedding on behalf of his patron when the father

of the bride is poisoned after testing the wedding wine. Pompeia, the bride, declares that she has caused the death, but Libertus is retained by the bridegroom to prove her innocence. His investigations uncover hidden tensions, and when another guest is discovered murdered at his home, events take a different and more sinister turn.

**Forsaken Soul - Medieval Mystery 5***Priscilla Royal - \$14.95*

It's the summer of 1273. Prioress Eleanor of Tyndal Priory is sad for her newly widowed friend. He now has to cope with an infant all on his own. Then there is the trouble that Eleanor is having with the new anchoress. But this all pales in comparison to recent poisoning at the inn. The victim, Martin the Cooper, was not well liked, but was he worth murdering? And now Eleanor can't find comfort with her friend and secret love Brother Thomas. He seems to be swayed by the new prioress' charms. And then the bodies begin to multiply.

**Face Time - Charlotte McNally Mystery 2***Hank Phillippi Ryan - \$7.99*

Veteran TV reporter Charlotte McNally has explosive evidence to free an innocent woman from prison. However, that makes Charlotte—and someone she loves—the target of the real killer. Reissue.

**Redemption Alley - Jill Kismet 3***Lilith Saintcrow - \$7.99*

Smuggled vampires and crooked cops require the services of a certain exorcist, in this latest installment of Saintcrow's series featuring Jill Kismet. Original.

**Good People***Marcus Sakey - \$7.99*

The author of the critically acclaimed "The Blade Itself" returns with this dazzling thriller in which a couple in search of the American Dream is drawn into a world of criminals, double-crossing, and unspeakable revenge.

**Faces of Fear***John Saul - \$7.99*

"Nip/Tuck" meets "Frankenstein" in bestselling author Saul's creepiest novel yet—the story of a mad plastic surgeon who plots the extreme makeover of an innocent girl to sculpt her into the image of his dead ex-wife.

**Self's Murder - Gerhard Self Mystery 3***Bernhard Schlink - \$15.00*

Gerhard Self, the dour, seventy-something sleuth, is back in a new chapter in the wonderful mystery series by the bestselling author of "The Reader."

**The Night Stalker***James Swain - \$7.99*

In this relentlessly paced novel featuring tough yet likable missing-person specialist Jack Carpenter, the former cop is surprised to receive a summons from Florida State Prison's death row.

**Inked Up - Stamping Sisters Mystery 2***Terri Thayer - \$6.99*

Halloween in Aldenville, Pennsylvania, becomes even scarier after professional rubber-stamper April Buchert discovers a dead body. The police suspect the victim's husband had murdered her, but April and the Stamping Sisters are determined to find the real killer. Original

**Sweeping Up Glass***Carolyn D Wall - \$14.00*

Someone is hunting wolves behind the grocery where Olivia ekes out a living; soon she and her grandson become prey as well. Olivia must encounter her own uncomfortable past to save herself and the boy, in this stunning debut set in Depression-era Kentucky.

**By the Sword - Repairman Jack Mystery 12***F Paul Wilson - \$7.99*

"By the Sword" takes up where "Bloodline" leaves off. Like its predecessor, this novel shows why Jack's saga has become the most entertaining and dependable modern horror-thriller series.—"Publishers Weekly."

## First in a Series - January through June

**Perception of Death - Erin Paterson***Louise Anderson - 6.99*

The murder of an old friend and a terrible family secret test the mettle of a young lawyer, in this terrifying novel hailed by John Connolly as one of the best crime novels you're likely to read this year.

**Dying Bites - Bloodhound Files***DD Barant - 6.99*

A sexy FBI profiler teams up with a member of the vampire elite to put a stop to a series of gruesome murders that is tearing up the streets of Washington, D.C., in this first novel of a stunning new fantasy series.

**The First Apostle - Chris Bronson***James Becker - 7.99*

A mysterious inscription found on a slab of stone points to the darkest of secrets hidden for centuries by the Vatican—a secret for which countless innocent lives will be sacrificed. A thriller from a new author from the UK.

**Sins & Shadows - Shadows Inquiries***Lyn Benedict - 7.99*

When her employee is murdered in front of her, P.I. Sylvie Lightner has had enough. After years of confronting the dark forces of the Magicus Mundi, she's closing up shop—until a man claiming to be the god of Justice wants Sylvie to find his lost lover. And he won't take no for an answer.

**Death's Daughter - Calliope Reaper-Jones***Amber Benson - 7.99*

Known as Tara on "Buffy the Vampire Slayer," Benson pens a series of killer fantasy novels featuring Calliope Reaper-Jones, whose father happens to be Death himself.

**A Veiled Deception - Vintage Magic***Annette Blair - 6.99*

From the bestselling author of "Gone with the Witch." While opening her vintage clothing shop, Madeira Cutler must clear her family's name when murder disrupts her sister's wedding festivities.

**The Sword-Edged Blonde -Eddie LaCrosse***Alex Bledsoe - 6.99*

It should have been a case like any other: a missing princess, a king willing to pay in gold for her return. But before he realizes it, sword jockey Eddie LaCrosse is swept up in a web of mystery and deceit involving a murdered royal heir, a queen accused of an unspeakable crime, and the past he had thought he'd left behind.

**Red Hot Lies - Izzy McNeil 1***Laura Caldwell - 7.99*

Izzy McNeil, a sassy and successful redheaded lawyer from Chicago, is alarmed when her fiancé vanishes. Izzy learns the police are interested in the \$30 million in lands bonds apparently stolen by her missing fiancé

**Homicide in Hardcover - Bibliophile***Kate Carlisle - 6.99*

San Francisco rare book expert Brooklyn Wainwright finds herself accused of murder after her mentor is discovered dead on the eve of a celebration for his latest book restoration. Now Brooklyn must read the clues he left behind if she is going to restore justice.

**A Silent Terror - High Stakes***Lynette Eason - 5.50*

Marianna Santino's roommate has been killed and Detective Ethan O'Hara just can't fathom the motive—until he realizes that Marianna, who is deaf, was the intended target. Ethan learns everything he can about Marianna to stop the terror that's stalking her. G-Rated

**A Magic of Twilight - Nessantico Cycle***S L Farrell - 7.99*

From the author of the Cloudmages trilogy, this fantasy tells a tale of murder and magic, deception and betrayal, Machiavellian politics, star-crossed lovers, and a world on the brink war.

**The Patriot Witch - Traitor to the Crown***C C Finlay - 7.99*

This new trilogy blends American history with fantasy adventure, featuring a young Revolutionary War rebel who must hide his true identity—as a witch.

**City of Fire - Michael Beckett***Thomas Fitzsimmons - 7.99*

Set in the rough streets of the South Bronx, this novel is the first in a new action series that pits a veteran street cop against the criminal factions of New York City.

**The Dirty Secrets Club - Jo Beckett***Meg Gardiner - 7.99*

Gardiner's a series features San Francisco psychologist Jo Beckett. Investigating a series of suicides, Jo finds they are part of the Dirty Secrets Club, a group of A-listers with nothing but money and much to hide.

**Irish Tiger - Nuala Anne McGrail***Andrew M Greeley - 7.99*

Wife and mother Nuala Anne McGrail has a tender side, but when those under her protection are in danger, she becomes a veritable Irish Tiger, akin to the fierce warrior women of ancient Erin. With her husband, Dermot, there are few mysteries she can't untangle.

**Night Rising: Vampire Babylon Trilogy, Book 1***Chris Marie Green - 7.99*

Life proves stranger than the movies when a Hollywood underground coven of vampires is targeted by the tough-as-nails daughter of a sexy screen siren.

**The Dark Tide - Ty Hauck***Andrew Gross - 7.99*

A woman must unravel the secrets of her dead husband's past in this thriller from the author of "The Blue Zone."

**Pushing Up Daisies - Dirty Business***Rosemary Harris - 6.99*

Paula Holliday trades her stilettos for garden clogs when she makes the move from the big city to the suburbs to start a gardening business. But she's not prepared for the mummified body she finds while restoring the gardens at Halcyon, a local landmark.

**Handbags and Homicide - Haley Randolph***Dorothy Howell - 6.99*

Fashion fanatic Haley Randolph hits the runway running. Haley goes shopping for a killer when someone's passions for designer purses leads to murder.

**Balance of Power - Jim Dillon***James Huston - 9.99*

When a peace-loving U.S. president refuses to act against international terrorists, congressional assistant Jim Dillon finds a long-forgotten constitutional clause that could be used to wrest power from the chief executive.

**Street Magic - Black London***Caitlin Kittredge - 6.99*

The first novel in a sensational new fantasy series. When a young detective is called to investigate the case of a girl kidnapped from the streets of London, she is shocked to discover that the informant is a mysterious man—a mage—from her past.

**Stalking Susan - Riley Spartz***Julie Kramer - 7.99*

Television reporter Riley Spartz is recovering from a heartbreaking, headline-making catastrophe of her own when a longtime police source drops two homicide files in her lap. Riley suspects a possible serial killer and stages a bold on-air stunt to draw him out.

**The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo - Millennium 1***Stieg Larsson - 7.99*

In this international bestseller, a crusading journalist joins forces with a 24-year-old pierced and tattooed genius hacker to investigate the whereabouts of a woman missing from one of the wealthiest families in Sweden.

**City of the Sun - Frank Behr***David Levien - 7.99*

Somewhere along his paper route, Jamie Gabriel vanishes without a trace. Several months later, his parents are on the verge of abandoning hope. Then they discover P.I. Frank Behr, who begins a quest for answers.

**he Spellman Files - Izzy Spellman***Lisa Lutz - 14.00*

Meet Izzy Spellman, a 28-year-old P.I. working for her family's investigative business—a family that puts the fun in dysfunctional—in this laugh-out-loud story.

**Hounding the Pavement - Dog Walker***Judi McCoy - 6.99*

Ellie Engleman, a dog-walker on Manhattan's Upper East Side, has a talent—she can hear what her canine clientele is thinking. So when a dog's owner turns up dead, Ellie must bone up on her sleuthing to find a killer.

**The First Sin - Lexi Steele***Cheyenne McCray - 7.99*

A bestselling author ignites a new high-velocity series featuring Lexi Steele, an agent for a secret government unit who pushes danger—and desire—past the limits.

**The Third Revelation - Rosary Chronicles***Ralph McInerney - 7.99*

After the Vatican's Secretary of State is murdered along with a prefect of the Vatican Library retired CIA operative Vincent Traeger must not only solve the murders, but navigate a maze through history, faith, and his own past to find the astonishing truth.

**The Moon Pool - Dr. Goodwin***Abraham Merritt - 6.99*

First published in 1918, this bestselling classic is the inspiration for the hit ABC television series "Lost." On an uncharted island in the South Pacific, a party of explorers finds incredible marvels and inadvertently unleashes the Dweller, a monstrous entity that stalks all in its path.

**Stolen Fury - Lisa Maxwell Trilogy***Elisabeth Naughton - 6.99*

Archaeologist Dr. Lisa Maxwell, is looking for three ancient Greek artifacts called the Furies. She's also on the trail of Rafe Sullivan, a thief who had tried to seduce her to get the Furies for himself.

**Dead Right - Dante Johnson***Cate Noble - 6.99*

Pulse-pounding suspense meets wild, sensual heat, Noble introduces Dante Johnson, a CIA operative caught in a firestorm of betrayal and desire.

**The Shanghai Tunnel - Emily Stratton***Sharan Newman - 7.99*

After the murder of her missionary parents in China, Emily marries an entrepreneur from Portland, Oregon. She learns too late that Horace Stratton is cruel. After Horace dies, Emily and their son arrive in Portland and discover a strange and potentially deadly land.

**The Dark of Day - C. J. Dunn***Barbara Parker - 7.99*

A woman vanishes from a celebrity-studded party on South Beach. The media descend, and the spotlight threatens to reveal the secret past of a high-profile criminal defense attorney.

**Rules of Deception - Jonathan Ransom***Christopher Reich - 7.99*

The subject of an international manhunt and the target of a master assassin, Dr. Jonathan Ransom is forced on the

run where he is drawn deeper into a world where no one is who they appear, in Reich's brilliantly conceived, twisting tale of intrigue and deceit.

**The Death Trust - Vin Cooper***David Rollins - 7.50*

Special Agent Vin Cooper goes to the lethal streets of Baghdad—and into the center of a scandal so explosive that even Cooper may not defuse it in time.

**Storm Glass - Glass***Maria V Snyder - 13.95*

The award-winning author of the Study series takes readers into a world of molten magic, where storms can be captured within a glass orb, and a magician's powers can remain hidden—until challenged by enemy forces.

**The Queen's Gambit - Leonardo Da Vinci***Diane A S Stuckart - 7.99*

As Court Engineer to the Duke of Milan, Leonardo da Vinci conjures a living chess game using members of the royal court as chess pieces. But when one piece is murdered, da Vinci's scrupulous eye for detail is needed to find the killer.

**The Cat, the Quilt and the Corpse - Cats in Trouble***Leann Sweeney - 6.99*

Jillian Hart's life is shattered when her house is broken into and her Abyssinian is missing. Jill's convinced her kitty's been catnapped, but when her cat-crime-solving leads her to a dead body, suddenly all paws point to Jill.

**Criminal Paradise - Robert Rivers***Steven M Thomas - 7.99*

With alluring settings, quirky characters, and restrained prose, this thriller tells a tale of goodhearted thief Robert Rivers, who turns hero to take on a vicious gangster.

**1st in Series Coming in August****Skin Deep - Laura Blackston 1***Mark Franco - \$7.99*

As a spy for a fey intelligence agency, Laura Blackstone uses her magical abilities to create disguises that are skin deep. But when Laura's worlds collide she'll have more to worry about than retiring an identity; she may just lose her life. Original.

**Bundle of Trouble - Maternal Instincts***Diana Orgain - \$6.99*

First-time mom and private investigator Kate Connolly receives a call telling her a body pulled from San Francisco Bay may be that of her brother-in-law, Kate finds herself in the middle of a murder investigation.

**Underground - Greywalker Mystery 1***Kat Richardson - \$7.99*

The third novel featuring Greywalker Harper Blaine. Following in the tradition of Tanya Huff and Jim Butcher, this is a strong addition to the growing body of urban fantasy mysteries.—"Library Journal."

## Short Stories

**Crime Spells***Martin Greenberg / Loren L Coleman - 7.99*

When magic is used for criminal purposes, all sorts of ethical and logistical questions arise beyond the realm of everyday law and order. Now, 16 top storytellers offer new stories of those who commit magic crimes, those who investigate them, and those who prosecute them.

**Nightmares and Dreamscapes***Stephen King - 7.99*

The basis for the 2006 TNT miniseries—now available on DVD—King's bestselling short-story collection also features Dolan's Cadillac, soon to be released as a motion picture starring Christian Slater and Wes Bentley.

**Stephen King Goes to the Movies***Stephen King - 7.99*

From the master of horror comes a new collection of five short stories that have been adapted as films: Rita Hayworth and the Shawshank Redemption, 1408, Children of the Corn, The Mangler, and Low Men in Yellow Coats (the basis for "Hearts in Atlantis"). Includes brand-new commentary and introductions.

## Ravin' From Ruth

Our good friend Ruth Greiner sends us book reviews each month. Follows her "ravings" for April-June. 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!

**April**

Spring is starting to spring, and daffodils and hy-

acinths are doing their timeless thing, and it's time to think of moving the cozy chair outdoors, or at least nearer to the patio doors. Winter's still hanging around, though, so in these last weeks, it's good to have a stash of mysteries standing by. And so I did—a stack of re-reads, a couple of classics, and a stack of new ones.

First, the new ones, starting with Peter Helton's *Headcase*, not brand-new but new to me, set in Bath, England, and featuring artist-P.I. Chris Honeysett. He's searching for some stolen paintings, and looking for the murderer of a good friend, and finds both, in some surprising ways. Then, the latest (24th!) appearance of Hamish MacBeth, Highland police-man, in *Death Of a Witch*, in which he faces down a couple of poachers, unmasks some post office burglars, and solves three very sad murders, in between holidays in Spain. Next, Nancy Atherton's *Aunt Dimity Slays the Dragon*, set in the English village of Finch but written by an American author. Here, Aunt Dimity and Lori and Bill attend the Renaissance Fayre and deal with some suspicious accidents and some financial crookery--as usual, it's cozy fun.

The stack of re-reads were all Jane Langton titles, a regular Homer and Mary-a-thon, in fact. First came *Natural Enemy* (1982), the story of a greedy man who murders and coerces and steals, and is done in by Nature, doing good only by his death. *Emily Dickinson Is Dead* (1984) is again about greed, and its varieties, and retribution and revenge, and grace. *Good And Dead* (1986) explores goodness and death, along with redemption, reincarnation, resurrection, and perhaps some retribution, as well. *Murder At the Gardner* (1988) is a parable about greed (again!) and art and ownership and love, all set against Petrarch and the Isabella Stuart Gardner museum and an eternity-minded woman. *God In Concord* (1992) delineates the conflict between corporate greed and civic responsibility, looking also at the treatment of the elderly and homeless, and the effects of nurture on a variety of children. It's apocalyptic and Thoreauvian and thoughtful.

Continuing with Langton, *Divine Inspiration* (1993) follows the church calendar in an examination of guilt and responsibility and consequences, as a church and its pastor are undermined and some people find love and others are embraced by death. Then, set in Oxford, *Dead As a Dodo* (1996) looks at the debate between Creationism and evolution, with a subplot of love stories, some pranks, and some disagreeable people. Back in Massachusetts, *The Face On the Wall* (1998) is a dark novel, framed by a glowing mural of fairy tales but teeming with dark deeds, from murder to blackmail to spousal battering to greed and destruction. Then Homer and Mary visit Venice, in *The Thief Of Venice* (1999), where they find rare books and rare art, and a murdering adulterer, and great love, and maybe a miracle. Back in the US, they go south, for *Murder At Monticello* (2001), where a serial murderer, an old Jeffersonian, and a Lewis & Clark fan all pursue a scholarly maiden. It's eloquently written, and does justice, as always, to all its subjects.

Elsewhere in the US, Bill Crider's *Murder In Four Parts* is the sixteenth in the Sheriff Dan Rhodes series, and is right up there with the best of them. There's a rogue alligator, a murderer, some nudity, a gambling parlor and some barbershop harmony, not to mention the local characters. Something for everyone, no? Elsewhere in Texas, Nancy Bell's Judge Jackson Craig makes his third appearance, in *Paint the Town Dead*, looking into some local murders. And still down south, Blaize Clement's *Cat Sitter On a Hot Tin Roof* is the fourth in the Florida-set Dixie Hemingway series, featuring a boy and his seizure assistant dog, an adoptable cat, and the murder of a woman Dixie thought might become a friend. Engaging characters, evocative writing, thoughtful plots--this is a very nice series!

Making our way up north, Laura Lippman's *Life Sentences* is a complex tale about the nature of memory: a woman who has written two well-received memoirs returns home ready to write another, but her childhood friends remember things differently than she does, and the woman whose story she wants to tell doesn't want to talk at all. Are our memories our own? And how do we write our lives? It's all very thought-provoking, as the title implies.

Finally, two classics and a romp: E. C. Bentley's *Trent's Last Case* (1913), a little gem with a lovely twist at the end, and Josephine Tey's *The Daughter Of Time* (1951), which looks at the deaths of the Tower Princes in 1483 with a view to revising history. And the romp is

Mark Schweizer's *The Mezzo Wore Mink*, another adventure of organist-police chief-author Hayden Konig, now in possession of Raymond Chandler's fedora as well as his typewriter! There's a suicide, a murder, some Christian nudists, an election, a fire, and a miracle, not to mention a Thanksgiving performance of "The Living Gobbler." (And we learn the four major food groups: beer, chili, garlic and cigars--chocolate comes under garlic.)

## May

April showers have brought some May flowers, but some more showers, too, so it's still just right for reading indoors, while watching the grass grow green again. And that's just what I've been doing, with a nice crop of hardcover reading--curiously enough, no paperbacks to interest me this past month.

Almost everything I read that was British was also historical; one exception was Stella Rimington's *At Risk*. Written by the former head of Britain's MI5, it's a novel of suspense more than a mystery; it tells its tale well, however, with lots of "insider" detail. In a lighter vein, G. M. Malliet's *Death Of a Cozy Writer* introduces DCI St. Just, in a nice domestic mystery. Then, by coincidence, I read two novels set in the period just after World War I: Charles Todd's *A Matter Of Justice*, which is the twelfth in the Inspector Ian Rutledge-Hamish MacLeod series, and Jacqueline Winspear's *Among the Mad*, sixth in her Maisie Dobbs series. Both authors do justice to the inhumane treatment afforded the so-called "shell-shocked" survivors of that war, and both authors offer, as well, thoughtful and well-plotted mysteries. Farther back in time, Deanna Raybourn's *Silent On the Moor* is the third in the Nicholas Brisbane-Lady Julia Grey series, with a mysterious gypsy, a more mysterious family, some even more mysterious mummies, and attempted murder. Something for everyone? If not, Arianna Franklin's *Grave Goods*, third in her "Mistress of the art of death" series, gives us Henry II, Arthur and Guinevere, justice for a bereaved widow, and a mortal enemy for Adelia Aguilar, one of the more appealing heroines in mystery literature.

From Greece, author Jeffrey Siger debuts in *Murder In Mykonos*, where a serial killer is kidnapping young blond tourists. The book is fast-moving and suspenseful, with an engaging cop and a truly resourceful heroine. And out in Botswana, Mma Precious Ramotswa is solving problems, if not mysteries, in Alexander McCall Smith's *Tea Time For the Traditionally Built*. She is as endearing, and the book is as charming, as ever.

Then, back here, I read all over the place, starting with Tennessee, with Jefferson Bass's *Bones Of Betrayal*, once more featuring his "Body Farm" forensic anthropologist, Bill Brockton. The mystery here goes back to the past, and the days of Oak Ridge and its part in the development of the atomic bomb--which casts its long shadow into the present. Up in Alaska, Dana Stabenow's Kate Shugak makes her 16th appearance, in *Whisper To the Blood*, and as always, she was worth waiting for. Along with Mutt, her part-wolf dog, she confronts not only the aunties, but some Park bandits and some murderers, both old and new. Nice series! And so is Donis Casey's engaging Alafair Tucker series, set in turn of the century Oklahoma. The latest installment is *The Sky Took Him*, and Alafair manages to help her sister through a grief-filled time, counsel her own oldest daughter through an emotional time, and--oh, yes!--solve a murder.

Back down in Minnesota, Monica Ferris's *Thai Dye* is the 12th appearance of stitchery shop owner Betsy Devonshire, who this time finds herself involved with smuggling from overseas; she also manages to save her own life in a most unusual way! And speaking of unusual, in *Honestly Dearest, You're Dead* Jack Frederickson's hero, Dek Elstrom, lives in a five-story (unheated) limestone turret, sans castle, but manages to solve a mysterious death and close a chapter from his own past. Eccentric, but agreeable. Then there was one that was lighter than air: Livia Washburns' *Frankly, My Dear, I'm Dead*, first in a "literary travel agency" series, in which the travel agent and a friendly cop solve a murder at a fake Tara with a counterfeit Rhett Butler. [Sorry

'bout those similar titles!] Over in Oklahoma, meanwhile, Sheriff Milt Kovak returns, in Susan Rogers Cooper's *Shotgun Wedding*, which melds two plot lines: one in Oklahoma, with murder and bank robbery, and one in the Caribbean, with pirates and a hurricane and a black sheep CIA agent. Just read it--you'll see!

Linda Feinstein's *Lethal Legacy*, #11 in her Alexandra Cooper series, set in New York City, gives us lots of details about the venerable New York Public Library, from its guardian lions, Patience and Fortitude, to its inner workings. And Louise Ure's *Liars Anonymous*, set in Tucson, Arizona, traces a path of guilt and expiation, along with some absolute villainy. Then Joe Gores, in Spade and Archer, presents a convincing "prequel" (awful word!) to *The Maltese Falcon*. The prose style approaches Hammett's very closely.

Finally, two short story anthologies, a re-reading, and some retro reading. First, *On a Raven's Wing: New Tales In Honor of Edgar Allan Poe*, edited by Stuart Kaminsky, eighteen stories inspired by Poe's own characters and tales; and then, *Death By Dickens*, edited by Anne Perry, with tales involving some of Dickens' most unforgettable characters. The re-reading was Jane Langton's *The Deserter*, her next to last Homer and Mary book, set in Massachusetts and Gettysburg; Mary Kelly sets out to find out why an ancestor was not included in the Civil War memorial at Harvard's Memorial Hall, and she and Homer solve an old mystery along the way. There's much about the awfulness of war, here, as well. And then, for the pure pleasure of it, I read the first five "Miss Seeton" mysteries, by Heron Carvic: *Picture Miss Seeton*, *Miss Seeton Draws the Line*, *Witch Miss Seeton*, *Miss Seeton Sings*, and *Odds On Miss Seeton* (1968 - 1975). These are wonderfully humorous, but capture the atmosphere of a small village down to the smallest detail; they also present a serious look at wickedness. Happily, Miss Seeton is there as nemesis.

Happy reading! And P.S.--for a nice, feel-good read, try *The School Of Essential Ingredients*, by Erica Bauermeister.

## June

Lovely, leafy June is here, along with some leftover April showers and May blossoms, and while it may not be hammock time, it's certainly time to sit out on the deck and look (over the top of one's latest book) at the latest thing in flowers. So that's what I've been doing, in between visits to the nursery and sessions in the dirt. One gardening mystery, and plenty of foreign travel, and some vintage crime, and an auspicious debut. So, let's get started!

Starting with England, and with the vintage titles, Leo Bruce's *Case For Three Detectives* (1936) is a clever mystery, with "guest appearances" by Lord Simon Plimsoll, M. Amer Picot, and Monsignor Smith, all of whom solve a locked room mystery in their own individual manners--but incorrectly. Sgt. Beef steps in, examines the evidence, and names the guilty party. Michael Gilbert's admirable *Smallbone Deceased* (1950) is a classic, wherein a man is killed and his body placed in an attorney's deed box. Inspector Hazlerigg investigates, with assistance from a young, talented, and insomniac lawyer in the firm. Gilbert is an author to seek out, who writes nothing but the best--happily, he produced a lot of titles for us to seek.

Patrick Ruell's *Red Christmas* (1972) was a re-read, a suspense thriller set in the land of Dickens, an English inn at Christmas time. Then the holiday ambience is overturned, but an unlikely duo manage to restore a new version of order. It's early Reginald Hill, in disguise, and it's very good. Peter Lovesey's *On the Edge* (1989) is a variation on Highsmith's *Strangers On a Train*, deeply psychological and very dark--on the edge, indeed. Ruth Dudley Edwards' *The English School Of Murder* (1990), on the other hand, is a wickedly witty look at the misuse of an educational facility, and then murder. It's the third in the Robert Amis series, and (again) well worth looking for.

A classic series continues, in Peter Robinson's *All The Colours Of Darkness*, eighteenth in this very good series. Inspector Banks is investigating an apparent mur-

der-suicide and its connection to a performance of Shakespeare's Othello, when M16 steps in, and the dirty tricks begin. It's rich in sense of place and character, and-of course--Banks' ever-present music.

Finally, the promised debut: Alan Bradley's *The Sweetness At the Bottom Of the Pie*, first in a projected trilogy featuring Flavia de Luce, precocious (but not cloying) 11-year-old aspiring chemist with two older sisters and a widowed father, during the reign of George VI. The mystery has to do with murder--past and present--and rare postage stamps, and family relations. It's nicely done--like a light and (somewhat) flaky pastry.

Elsewhere in the United Kingdom, Cora Harrison's *A Secret and Unlawful Killing* is the second in a very good historical series starring Mara, a female judge in 1509 Ireland who must solve two murders with the help of her law students. She does so, but not without breaking a heart along the way. Then, in Australia, Kerry Greenwood's Phryne Fisher surfaces in Sydney, at a cricket weekend, where she is persuaded to investigate a theft from the university Dean's office. She solves everything, of course, makes some interesting acquaintances, and appears in (fabulous) costume at the University ball. Does it all, does our Phryne!

Then, in Italy, Donna Leon's Commissario Guido Brunetti makes his eighteenth appearance in *About Face*, looking into a case which involves the Carabinieri, and the transport of hazardous waste, along with some

connections to an apparent botched face-lift, and other complications. The title is wonderfully apposite. Italy then becomes the starting point for David Hewson's *Dante's Numbers*, seventh in the Nic Costa series, which pits Nic against the Carabinieri in a murder plot which reaches from Rome to San Francisco, with overtones of Alfred Hitchcock's *Vertigo*. And finally, Roderic Jeffries' Mallorcan Inspector Alvarez makes his thirty-third appearance, in *An Artful Death*, in which a man meets an ugly death in his boat but Alvarez, with the help of many cognacs, finds the guilty party, despite his choleric boss and an arrogant Englishman.

Here on our own shores, Judy Clemens' Stella Crown, Pennsylvania dairy farmer and amateur detective, is traveling down some *Different Paths*, paths that will lead her into some danger and then into a new way of life. Susan Wittig Albert's China Bayles, Texas herbalist and new stepmother to a little girl, visits a Kentucky Shaker community and finds arson, embezzlement, and murder, both past and present. *Wormwood* is the herbal title for this seventeenth appearance of China and her family. Rosemary Harris's garden guru Paula Holliday makes her second appearance in *The Big Dirt Nap*, digging into tribal business at a Connecticut casino--where a corpse plant (titan arum) is getting ready to bloom. And Diane Mott Davidson's Goldy Schulz is cooking up some bridal fare for a real bridezilla, in *Fatally Flaky*, fifteenth in this delicious series. Radine Tree Nehring's

*A Valley To Die For* introduces widowed Carrie McCrite and detective partner Henry King, a retired policeman, looking into a suspicious death--and then some!

Jon Talton's *The Pain Nurse* introduces a new series set in Cincinnati, where a pain management nurse and a post-spinal surgery patient team up to solve an old serial murder, and Janet Evanovich's *Plum Spooky* takes Stephanie Plum to the New Jersey Pine Barrens, where she meets (what else?) the Jersey Devil and some other spooky characters. Fun for all, of course. And finally, J. M. Hayes's *Server Down* brings back half-Cheyenne shaman wannabe Mad Dog, and his half-brother, Sheriff English (Englishman), one in Tucson and one in Kansas. Mad Dog's being framed by an on-line war game, and the novel itself is framed by the game--it's inventive, scary, well-characterized, and another rattling good tale from Hayes, who's one of my favorite authors.

In conclusion, one lone paperback: Jeffrey Cohen's *A Night At the Operation*, the third appearance of movie theater owner Elliott Freed, whose ex-wife has disappeared and whose theater is falling to pieces. There's also a suspicious death, and some overtones of "King Lear" and the Marx brothers' "A Night At the Opera." Nice light reading, nice people, and nice things (except for the occasional murder) happen.

Happy reading!

## True Crime

### **Beauty Sleep - A Glamorous Mother, a Woman from Her Past, and Her Mysterious Death**

Michaela Ballard - 6.99

On April 10, 2001, Sandra Baker, a recently separated, 45-year-old mother of two, went for a facelift--and a new lease on life. But the nurse anesthetist was a woman from her past. Five hours later, Sandra was dead. Ballard chronicles the shocking true story of a 30-year-old grudge and its tragic outcome.

### **Language of Evil**

Robert Beattie - 7.99

From the bestselling author of "Nightmare in Wichita" comes the chilling true story of Tom Murray, a brilliant linguist, charming university professor in Kansas City, and renowned writer who brutally murdered his young wife--and was convinced he had committed the perfect crime. Includes photos. Original.

### **The Ice Man - Confessions of a Mafia Contract Killer**

Philip Carlo - 7.99

Carlo presents a harrowing account of Richard Kuklinski, a seemingly ordinary husband and father who was also a cold-blooded killer for hire--the man the Mafia called on when they wanted a special kind of hit.

### **Cruel Games - A Brilliant Professor, a Loving Mother, a Brutal Killing**

Rose Ciotta - 6.99

Ciotta recounts the chilling true story of University of Pennsylvania economics professor Rafael Robb, an expert in the complex world of game theory, who confessed to the brutal killing of his wife. photos. Original.

### **You'll Never Find My Body**

Ronald E Lasseter / Don Bowers - 6.99

The harrowing true story of a courageous female prosecutor who, 14 years after Ann Racz's disappearance, reopened the case, crusading against Ann's husband John

Racz--a murderer who had left behind no evidence, no witnesses, and no remorse. photos. Original.

### **Father of the Year - Bill Rundle, All-American Jekyll and Hyde**

Glenn Puit - 7.99

Bill Rundle may have won Las Vegas's Father of the Year award, but after his wife's corpse was found, the other side of the all-American dad was revealed: a manipulative con man, professional thief, and savage killer whose crimes went back decades. photos.

### **Nothing But Money: How the Mob Infiltrated Wall Street**

Greg B Smith - 7.99

The eye-opening, untold true story of one of the most elaborate conspiracies to rock Wall Street--a scheme involving the Mafia, murder, and millions of dollars.

## TV and Movie

### **The Taking of Pelham One Two Three**

John Godey - \$ 9.99

Now in a tall Premium Edition, this classic thriller about four men who seize a New York City subway train and hold its passengers hostage is back in time for the new film version directed by Tony Scott and starring Denzel Washington and John Travolta, in theaters in July.

### **Mr. Monk Is Miserable - Mr. Monk 7**

Lee Goldberg - 7.99

Adrian Monk and Natalie are in Paris, touring the shadowy catacombs lined with millions of centuries-old bones. Of course, Monk notices one particular skull, declaring that the person had been killed very recently. Now Monk must catch a cunning killer.

### **The End Game - Burn Notice 2**

Tod Goldberg - 6.99

Based on a TV Series. The second novel based on the hit USA Network series finds Michael Westen hired by a helmsman for a yacht in a winner-take-all race financed by the superrich. The man's family has been taken hostage, and to see them again, he'll have to throw the race. Original.

### **Head Shot - 24 Declassified**

David Jacobs - 7.99

Sent by CTU to Colorado to investigate threats made to a group of America's most powerful industrialists, Jack Bauer is plunged into a maelstrom of treachery, terror, and slaughter as he uncovers a conspiracy that could devastate America's most essential institutions. Original.

### **Ghost Trap - Ghost Whisperer 3**

Doranna Durgin - 7.99

Based on the hit CBS television series, this novel finds Melinda Gordon lured into a ghostly trap set by a spirit so troubled and heartsick that even Melinda wonders if she can help her.

### **The Repossession Mambo**

Eric Garcia - 7.99

This thrilling novel about a bio repo man, an agent who hunts down and repossesses artificial body organs when their recipients fall behind on credit payments, is the basis for the upcoming feature film from Universal Studios, scheduled for a summer 2009 release.

### **Devil Bones - Temperance Brennan 11**

Kathy Reichs - 7.99

Reichs--Bestselling author, forensic anthropologist, and producer of the FOX television drama "Bones"--returns to Charlotte, North Carolina, in her 11th riveting novel in which Temperance Brennan encounters a deadly mix of voodoo and devil worship.

### **A Mind Is a Terrible Thing to Read - Psych Mystery**

William Rabkin - 6.99

Based on the hit series on USA Network. Shawn's high-school nemesis, Dallas Steele, hires him to help choose his investments. Naturally, the predictions turn out to be total busts. Dallas is thrilled that he has completely discredited and humiliated Shawn once and for all--until he's found murdered.

### **Mind Over Magic - Psych 2**

William Rabkin - 6.99

When a case takes Shawn and Gus into an exclusive club for professional magicians, they're treated to a private show by the hottest magic act on the Vegas Strip. But after the wizard seemingly dissolves in a tank of water, he never re-materializes. And in his place is a corpse in a three-piece suit and bowler hat.