



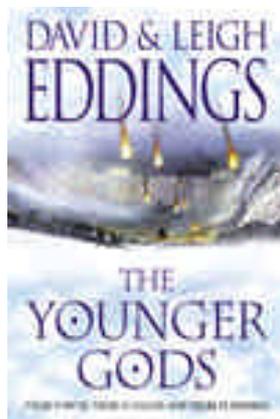
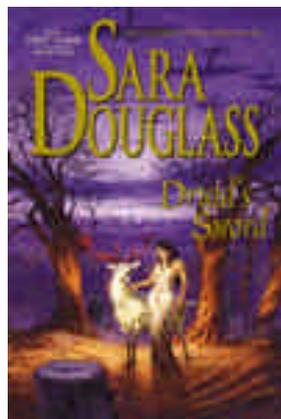
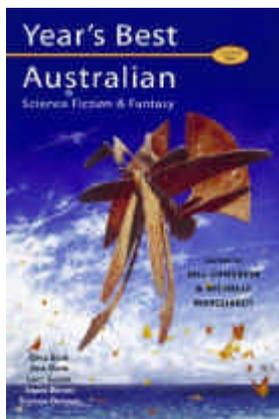
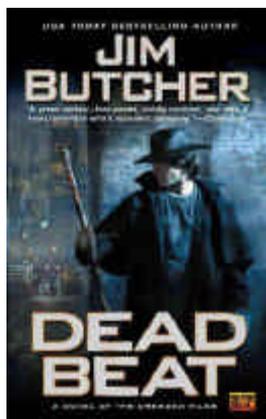
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Featured Books



Dead Beat by **Jim Butcher** Dresden Files 7 in paperback.

The Year's Best Australian Science Fiction & Fantasy Volume Two edited by **Bill Congreve and Michelle Marquart**.

Druid's Sword by **Sara Douglas** in hardcover.

The Younger Gods by **David and Leigh Eddings**, dreamers 4 in trade paperback and hardcover.

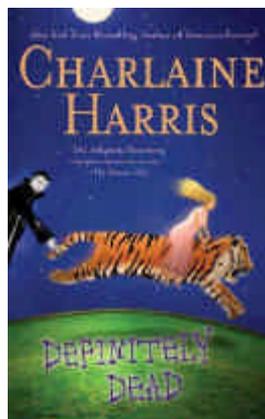
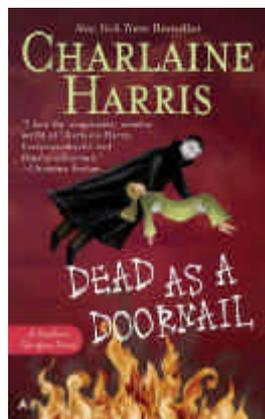
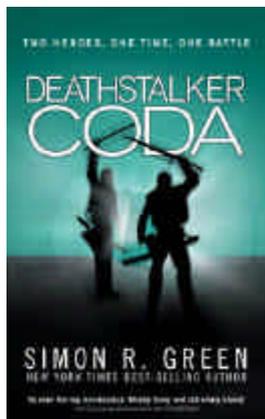
Oakleaf Bearers by **John Flanagan**.

Deathstalker Coda by **Simon R Green** in paperback.

Dead as a Doornail, Sookie Stackhouse 5 in paperback and 6 in hardcover, *Definitely Dead* by **Charlaine Harris**.

The Gold Dragon by **Katharine Kerr** 4th in the Dragon Mage series in trade paperback and hardcover.

Building Harlequin's Moon by **Larry Niven and Brenda Cooper** in paperback.



Award News

It is awards season:

M.M. Buckner has won the Philip K. Dick Award with *War Surf*. This award is for "distinguished science fiction published in paperback" during 2005 in the US.

Geoff Ryman has won the British Science Fiction Association Award with his novel *Air*, it has also won the Sunburst Award (Canadian), the James Tiptree award and the 2006 Arthur C Clarke award.

Ditmar Awards were announced at Conjure in Brisbane. Best novel went to *Geodesica Acsent* by Sean Williams and Shane Dix. Best collected work went to *Daikaiju!* edited by Robert Hood and Robin Pen. A full listing is available at <http://splints.customer.netspace.net.au/ditmar1024res/winners.html#2006>

Bram Stoker Awards finalist have been listed for horror writing published in 2005.

<http://www.horror.org/stokerballots.htm>

General News

Angus Wells, British fantasy writer died in a house fire early April.

Dr Who news: There are several old episodes of Doctor Who which the BBC does not have a copy. The lost episode hunt has just been encouraged with the BBC now offering a replica Dalek for anyone who can supply a lost episode. Start searching your archives! For those without old episodes on tape, we do have several different types of remote controlled Daleks in store. In other news, our ABC has acquired series 2 of Doctor Who but is yet to schedule it for broadcast.

Reward Vouchers are currently being prepared. Ask us if or how many vouchers you have earned from the past six months. Vouchers will initially be at the counter then posted to those of you we do not see soon. Vouchers are valid for use on Blokey Stuff stock (check out <http://www.blokeystuff.com.au/>) as well as our books.

Infinitas Flash Fiction

Breakfast With Edith by Kathryn Adams

Quieter than what?

Pardon?

Quieter than what? Five letters, begins with t.

Quieter than a mouse; it should begin with an m.

But I'm sure that latent is right. Mmm, quieter than....?

Quieter than the cold drifting of snowflakes. Quieter than an incompatible couple at the dinner table. Quieter than years of distilled anger and frustration. Five letters is surely not enough, thought Mabel. Her sister Edith had attempted the crossword every Sunday and after fifty years you would think she would have been more able. But Mabel does able, not Edith.

Mabel slowly unwound herself from her chair and held the doorframe to steady herself. With vague surprise she noticed the oily smudges where her fat fingers had pressed this same spot many times in the past months. Why is it that you can look at the same spot for weeks and not see the slow accumulation of personal contact and then one day there it is, a soft greasy smudge.

Turning her back on her sister, Mabel made her way to the kitchen sink to rinse the breakfast things. Plates, teacups and saucers; the pattern of pink cabbage roses was faded but she still loved it. Cutlery. Looking out of the kitchen window she noticed the wilting impatiens. There was still time to water them before the heat totally finished them. Hanging the tea towel behind the door with neat satisfaction, Mabel turned to the laundry and then hesitated. Looking back over her shoulder she waited a moment for her brain to re-engage and reveal to her what she was about to do.

You've forgotten again haven't you.

I have not. I was just thinking what to do for dinner.

Pah. You have no idea, have you.

How's that crossword coming along?

I've had enough for now. I'm off.

Off with the pixies. Off with the fairies. Off over the wall and up the garden path. The garden, that's right. Mabel reached for her straw hat and gardening gloves and lurched down the back steps to deal with the sad impatiens. After a brutal pruning she sprayed the limp stems, flooding the path beneath her feet. With a start, Mabel heard the doorbell ring.

Bugger.

Discarding the still dripping hose, Mabel made her way back up the stairs. She stood in the entrance hall, pulling off her gloves and hat, sighing deeply in annoyance. She recognized the blurred images of her brother's slouch and her niece's eagerness.

Morning. Come in, come in.

Hi Aunty Mabel, Dad and I thought we'd drop in for a cuppa. How have you been?

Fine, just fine, how are you both. I'll put the kettle on.

Thanks. Dad and I were just admiring the roses. That red one is huge, how old would it be now?

I'm not sure love.

I remember, we bought it for you just after Aunty Edith passed on, it must be nearly five years old by now.

Five years? Are you sure it's been that long?

This story was the second place winner of the Magic Casements 2006 Flash Fiction competition.

Reviews

Time After Time edited by Denise Little reviewed by Steven Cavanagh

<http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780756403102>

"Time Travel". The words conjure up DeLoreans, blue police boxes, terminators. HG Wells wrote *The Time Machine* in 1898 and we haven't stopped reading about time travel since. Surely the concept has wound down by now, an overdone trope to be tossed onto the pile with sleek silver spaceships and ray guns?

Not on any of your previous lives. *Time After Time*, an anthology of fifteen short stories edited by Denise Little, proves that time travel is not a trope. It's a whole genre unto itself, skipping across the barriers of science fiction, fantasy and horror.

For some stories presented here, the attraction is how time travel is achieved- what if that old song on the juke box really did take you back? Others take the reader down new paths in much loved territories, venturing into the Arthurian, ancient Egyptian and yes, the vampiric. Many of the stories also deal with our world, and offer alternative explanations to why our world is as it is. Celebrities even pop in to say hello, from John Glenn to John Lennon.

It isn't a perfect anthology. Laura Resnick's Jesus H. Christ is downright puerile, and Jody Lynn Nye's *Wait Until Next Year* may only appeal to baseball fans, but *Time After Time* is a nice grab bag of stories that show how broad the concept is. Dare I say you'll read it again and again?

Strange Attractions by Emma Holly reviewed by Karen Maric

<http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780425205037>

Strange Attractions is erotic fiction with a smattering of quantum physics thrown in to provide explanations for a couple of light, vaguely paranormal events that occur within the story.

Charity Wills is a gorgeous young woman? although, in her own words, practically trailer trash: always late to work, clad in cheap clothes, unable to hold down a job. Then B.G. Grantham, a rich, handsome, world-famous physicist, offers to reward her with a fully-funded college education if she agrees to take part in one of his sex games. During the course of the game, she must live in B.G.'s secluded mansion and follow the rules he has invented. When Charity finds herself falling for both B.G. and his childhood best friend and lover, Eric, the game starts to get complicated.

A Tree Like Rain by Samar Habib reviewed by Michael Corbin

<http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780975802106>

In reading this book I felt it promised a great deal. The blurb on the back cover seemed interesting, and the initial scenes were intriguing. Unfortunately it did not meet the promise. The plot was limited, in as much as we only had two "worlds" within which to view the writer's story. So much more could have been done if the scope had been expanded to a third. The original premise is a good one, worthy of Asimov in my view. As indicated however, the execution was flawed. I felt this story would have benefited from more in depth examination of the premise, its effect on those in the story, and its consequences. As a novella (which is how I class this) it does what a shorter novel ought to do. The writer had done themselves a disservice however, and I felt could have done much more with a greater word length.

I recommend this book to those who either prefer their sci fi slightly harder core, (or perhaps "outer limits" style) or those who have a philosophical bent, regularly wondering "what if...". I would like to see another novel from this author, preferably a longer one.

Victory by Susan Cooper reviewed by Dan

<http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780370328911>

Victory is a young adult novel set in two periods of time. The contemporary setting deals with Molly Jennings, a young British girl who is coping with moving to America when her step-father is relocated for work from London. The historical setting focuses on Sam Robbins, a farm boy who is press-ganged into service on HMS *Victory* shortly before Lord Nelson takes it as his flag ship. In each time the child is coping with new experiences in an unwanted setting. Molly is somehow experiencing some of Sam's life through the reading of a book she finds on a day trip, and eventually they lead to an amazing discovery for her.

This story deals with many of the issues that early teens face with the way that life is changing around them and how they must learn to deal with it. Each of the halves to the story is written generate interest in the setting without overwhelming detail. While all the crew mentioned on *Victory* were really there, the encounters described here fall under historical fiction.

I enjoyed the settings and styling of this book. The writing drew me in, allowing me to experience how it may have felt to be on board *Victory*. Susan Cooper weaves fact and fiction wonderfully to create an enjoyable read.

The Nymphs of Rocky Flats by Mario Acevedo reviewed by Tim

<http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780060833268>

Felix is a US soldier returned from the current Iraq war. His war experiences have left him disturbed and angst filled, but more significantly, he is now a vampire. Armed with new found supernatural abilities, he restarts his now undead life as a private detective, landing the job to investigate the outbreak of nymphomania amongst the female staff at a nuclear facility. Yes, this is not an attempt at serious literature.

In spite of the title, this is not another soft porn romantic vampire erotica chic lit novel. Throughout, the story is a private eye detective mystery, with grimy secrets, conspiracies, fights, murders and seductions. Prepare to suspend your understanding of the vampire myth. Acevedo's vampires have different characteristics than most vampires appearing in novels by other authors. The supernatural side to the story is always presented quite fantastically, as magic trick abilities of the characters.

The Iraq battle scene is well rendered and believable, but for the rest of the story Felix seems to have forgotten basic soldiering survival skills, but then, vampires can be expected to get arrogant. There is a fabulous sex scene, which is fabulous for its comedy, not the sex, and well worth reading out loud among friends. There are other surprise twists in the plot. In this it reads as a first novel, for some of the ideas perhaps deserved a book of their own. It is very American. The possibility of more novels to come is left open.

This is a boys' own vampire book which is neither horror nor romance, a tongue in cheek fun romp of a PI versus a government conspiracy.



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Legend: PB = paperback, HC = hardcover, TP = trade paperback, Cass = cassette, CD = CD, GN = Graphic Novel, APB = mass market paperback, BPB = paperback approx 20cm x 13cm

Information on the Infinitas Groups

New members always welcome at all the groups, if interested just come along.

SF Discussion Group: Meets on the first Thursday of each month (excluding January) at 6.30pm in the shop. A topic is chosen each month by the attendees of the group for the following meeting. Contact the shop for the next topic. Always a lively discussion of science in the news, films, books and ideas. See our website for more info. Newcomers welcome

Thursday May 4th: Science Fiction and the internet.

Review Group: The review group meets on the third Thursday of each month at 6.30pm. Two books (usually one science fiction, one fantasy) are chosen by group members for each meeting with participants encouraged to have read at least one prior to the meeting and bring their review/s along for discussion. The discussion is generally serious and insightful. All welcome.

May 18th: Fiona McIntosh *Myrens Gift* (Fantasy)
Philip K Dick *Do Androids Dream of Electric Sheep?*(SF)

June 15th: Katharine Kerr *Daggerspell* (Fantasy)
Polar City Blues (SF)

Writers' Group: The group is for people who are currently writing (or even trying to write) science fiction, fantasy and horror related stories and pieces. If you think this might describe you, and you'd like to get involved in a group with others who understand what the genre is about, why not come along. Meetings are the 3rd Saturday of each month. Check out the website for more details.

Bestsellers for April

General Release

Against the Tide	John Ringo
First Warning	Anne McCaffrey & Elizabeth Ann Scarborough
Cally's War	John Ringo & Julie Cochrane
Descent	Sean Williams & Shane Dix
Alector's Choice	L E Modesitt Jr
Dates From Hell	Kim Harrison et al
Bump in the Night	J D Robb et al
Master of Wolves	Angela Knight
Descent	Sean Williams & Shane Dix
Dead and Loving It	MaryJanice Davidson

Media and Games Related Titles

Siren Song	Star Gate
Stone Rose	Doctor Who
Faith and Fire	Warhammer 40K
Feast of the Drowned	Doctor Who
Resurrection Casket	Doctor Who
Triple Zero	Star Wars
Rosetta	Star Trek Enterprise
Reliquary	Stargate Atlantis
Horus Rising	Warhammer 40K
Reliquary	Stargate Atlantis

Science Fiction, Fantasy and Horror

Fantasy and Science Fiction May 2005

Magazine \$9.95

Locus 543 April 2006

Magazine \$16.00

Vampires: The Immortal Damned

Seductive and mysterious, VAMPIRES have the power to fascinate and horrify us. This anthology brings together some of the most beguiling and terrifying vampires from literary history. **HC \$24.95**

Mario Acevedo

Nymphos of Rocky Flats

For fans of Christopher Moore's bestselling novels and Robert Rodriguez and Quentin Tarantino's film FROM DUSK TIL DAWN, here is a cool new vampire novel - the first in a new series.

Felix Gomez went to Iraq a soldier. He came back a vampire. Now he finds himself pulled into a web of intrigue when an old friend prompts him to investigate an outbreak of nymphomania at the secret government facilities in Rocky Flats. He'll find out the cause of all these horny women or die trying. But to do so, he must contend with shadowy government agents, Eastern European vampire hunters, and women who want him just for his body. Action-packed and full of humor, THE NYMPHOS OF ROCKY FLATS is the perfect read for anyone who likes vampires, detective stories, or just a wonderful read filled with tongue-in-cheek humor and attitude. **TP \$24.95**

Poul Anderson

Tau Zero (Science Fiction Masterworks 64)

Fifty men and women set out in the twenty-third century from Earth aboard an interstellar craft to travel to a planet some thirty light-years away. The ship will approach the speed of light and so (as Einstein predicted) subjective time on board will slow and so the journey of several decades will be of much shorter duration for the crew. But the ship's deceleration system is irreparably damaged when it hits a cloud of interstellar dust and acceleration continues towards light speed, tau zero. Soon the ship is speeding through galaxies and eons are passing on board the ship in the blink of an eye... **BPB \$19.95**

Roderick Anscombe

The Secret Life of Laszlo, Count Dracula

An erotic reimagining of the myth of Dracula presents an all-too-human count, a beloved Hungarian doctor obsessed with possessing and destroying young women, whose self-loathing only drives him on to bloodier outrages. Reader's Guide included. **TP \$30.95**

Kelley Armstrong

Broken

Unsettled by her pregnancy, werewolf Elena Michaels is given the task of retrieving a stolen letter allegedly written by Jack the Ripper, but she soon discovers that the letter contains a portal to Victorian London's underworld, allowing the vicious killer access to the twenty-first century, where he and a pair of zombie thugs are searching for Elena. **PB \$17.95**

James Axler

Rim of the World (Outlanders 37)

As the nine barons evolve into ancient overlords, determined to conquer the human race, the Cerberus rebels must stop an ancient artifact that has the power to restore the dormant control of a Sumerian god from being unearthed. **PB \$16.95**

Kage Baker

Mendoza In Hollywood (Company 03)

Twenty-fourth-century cyborg botanist Mendoza is sent back in time to Cahuenga Pass, California, in 1862 in order to gather and save rare plants bound for extinction. **TP \$30.95**

J G Ballard

The Drowned World

Set in the future, Ballard imagines a world in which global warming has melted the ice-caps and primordial jungles and swamps have returned to a tropical London. As various members of an expedition to the city busy themselves with more or less futile schemes like draining Leicester Square in hope of loot, the central character Kerans moves to a strange acceptance of and assimilation by this lushly transformed world, vanishing into a final epiphany of heat and light. The Drowned World is a potent, sensual mood-piece – jewelled and unforgettable. **PB \$22.95**

Nina Bangs

Wicked Nights

At the Castle of Dark Dreams, a popular adult amusement park attraction where women make their fantasies come true in erotic role-playing games, a female talk-show host gets more than she had bargained for in the arms of Eric McNair, the castle's resident vampire. **PB \$17.95**

A Taste of Darkness

Forced to preserve the bloodlines of the despicable Werewolves and the Werecoats, a menacing vampire, with the help of some cosmic troublemakers, falls in love with a sexy werecat, who is his enemy. **PB \$17.95**

Lee Battersby *Australian Author*

Through Soft Air

There are places where the world you know, and the worlds you don't, swap, or merge, or disappear entirely. These are the soft places, the transparent moments. The ghosts of World War One will steal your future. Masons will carve the date of your death before your gaze. Those versions of yourself from every universe there is will meet, and haunt you for the rest of days. You will find no safe footing, and the ice beneath you is cracking . . . Lee Battersby is one of Australia's fastest rising speculative writing stars, and here, for the first time, are collected twenty-five journeys into the pop-culture melting pot he calls a mind. **TP \$24.95**

Elizabeth Bear*Chains That You Refuse*

Elizabeth Bear's science fiction trilogy (Hammered, Scardown and Worldwired) have received widespread popular acclaim, but it is her short fiction which has really been turning heads. Routinely defying genre boundaries and exhilarating her readers, Elizabeth Bear's short fiction demonstrates why she is one of the most exciting young writers in the genre.

Whether the inspiration is Ragnorok, Stagger Lee, Elizabethan Drama, John Lennon, or matters even further a field, Bear proves to be up to the task of taking recognizable icons and settings, and making them her own. The stories in *The Chains We Refuse* range from recognizable SF and fantasy, to contemporary-fantastic stories, to forms not quite so easily described. The twenty-two tales in this collection are sure to please. **TP \$30.95**

Curt Benjamin*Lords of Grass and Thunder (Seven Brothers 04)*

After the death of his father at the hands of a demon, Prince Tayyichiut is groomed by his uncle to one day become the Khan of the Qubal clans, but his enemies foresee a very different future and release a dark magic to stop his rise to power, placing his fate in the hands of his destined bride.

PB \$19.95

David Bishop*The Blood Red Army (Fiends of the Eastern Front)*

One of the bloodiest conflicts in WWII is the backdrop for all out zombie war as Lord Constanta and his elite cadre of Rumanian vampire warriors continue to sow unholy terror among the allies. **PB \$16.00**

Lucy Blue*The Devil's Knight (Bound In Darkness 02)*

A dangerous destiny. . .

On the battlefields of Norman Britain, Tristan DuMaine cheated death countless times. Now he only wants to live a quiet life at his borderlands manor. But it will take an otherworldly power -- the bite of a vampire -- to unleash his fiercest appetite for revenge after a band of brigands forces him into a sham marriage with a rebel spitfire.

A heart of fury. . .

She watched Norman invaders murder her father; now beautiful Siobhan vows to avenge him. At Castle DuMaine she imprisons her sworn enemy in a marital power play designed to betray his allegiance to his cousin, Henry II. But the insatiable bloodlust that flows through Tristan's veins will soon ensnare them both in a hungry passion that inhabits a dark haven where secret desires live forever. . . . **PB \$14.95**

Chaz Brenchley*Bridge of Dreams*

In the city of Maras-Sund, where magic has been outlawed, children are being born with raw magical talents, including Issel, a young water-seller from the poorest part of the city, who could hold the key to rescuing his people from the conquerors who have oppressed the people. **HC \$51.95**

Noel-Anne Brennan*Daughter of the Desert*

When a chance encounter causes her to investigate her past, Forentel, the first daughter of a noble family, stumbles upon dark secrets and new powers, leading her on a quest across the desert to find a mythical city--a perilous journey that leads her to Prince Erba of Tیرهرا. **PB \$19.95**

Simon Brown Australian Author*Troy*

Diomedes, Paris, Helen, Achilles, Agamemnon, Cassandra and Odysseus all feature in this collection of Simon Brown's acclaimed "Troy stories". Since the early 1980s Simon Brown has engaged readers with a series of alternate takes on the Trojan War. "Love and Paris", "Imagining Ajax", "Why My Wife Left Me, and Other Stories, by Diomedes" and the brilliant "The Masque of Agamemnon" are collected here for the first time, alongside lesser known tales and the original novella, "The cup of Nestor". Ten stories. One legend. **TP \$24.95**

Jim Butcher*Dead Beat (Dresden Files 07)*

The only professional wizard in Chicago, Harry Dresden finds himself cast in the role of savior when black magic and necromancy threaten the city. **PB \$19.95**

Proven Guilty (Dresden Files 08)

The only wizard in the Chicago phone book, Harry is given the task of investigating rumors of black magic in the Windy City, while, at the same time, protecting the daughter of an old friend, whose boyfriend has been accused of an attack on an old man, and searching for some malevolent entities that feed on fear who have been set loose on Chicago. **HC \$49.95**

Dennis Calero*You're Not the Captain of Me*

Having set out with their families on an advanced starship in search of the legendary planet Earth, ten young people from the distant future awoken from stasis to discover that their parents are gone, their ship is orbiting a black hole, and their government has conspired to hide the truth. **TP \$22.95**

Trudi Canavan Australian Author*Last of the Wilds (Age of The Five 02)*

The Circlians have secured victory over the Pentadrian army, but Auraya's sleep remains filled with nightmares of war. And the one person she once loved and trusted, Leiard, has disappeared. When a sickness sweeps through the tribes of the Siyee, the White send Auraya to help them. It is there that she begins to learn the truth about Leiard. And far to the south, the Pentadrians lick their wounds and set about finding a new leader. Their faith unshaken, they are still resolved to convert the heathens of the north. In the aftermath of war, the Priestess is forced to make a terrible choice - the consequences of which could change the world forever. **PB \$20.95**

Steve Cash*Time Dancers (Meq 02)*

As the Time of Remembering approaches and the Meq begin to gather to learn of their past and their future, one Meq, the Fleur-du-Mal, launches his plans to wipe the rest of his people from the planet, in the sequel to *The Meq*. **TP \$30.95**

Stephen Coonts

Saucer: The Conquest (Saucer)

Rip Cantrell and former Air Force test pilot Charley are back! When Charley takes a job flying space-planes to the moon for the French lunar base project, she finds an anti-gravity beam generator, a weapon that the crazed project director intends to use to make himself ruler of the earth. Charley steals the plane and returns to base. In retaliation, the French kidnap Rip's uncle and force him to fly the saucer hidden in Area 51 to the moon - and the only thing capable of catching it, is the original Sahara saucer, now stored in the National Air and Space Museum. The chase is on! **APB \$19.95**

Julie E Czerneda

Migration (Species Imperative 02)

Forced to go on the run after her Field Base is attacked by an unknown enemy and a fellow scientist is kidnapped by a race known as the Ro, Dr. Mackenzie Connor and Brymn, an alien, arrive on the world of Dhryn, where they search for an ally to help them in their quest to save Earth from destruction. **PB \$18.95**

James F David

Footprints of Thunder

A freak natural phenomenon called the Time Quilt transforms the world into a patchwork mixture of the past and present, where cities are replaced by primeval forests and prehistoric monsters stroll down the street. **PB \$19.95**

MaryJanice Davidson

Drop Dead, Gorgeous

When someone tries to kill her best friend's husband-to-be during the wedding ceremony, assistant hairdresser and bridesmaid Jenny Branch is in pursuit of the prime suspect, Kevin Stone, a sexy undercover agent who takes her on a wild ride filled with super spies, danger, and passion.

TP \$28.95

Undead and Unappreciated (CD) (Undead 03)

CD \$46.95

Undead and Unreturnable (CD) (Undead 04)

CD \$46.95

Charles de Lint

Widdershins

A stand-alone work that brings readers back into the bohemian fairy courts of "Timeskip's" Jilly Coppercorn and Geordie Riddell finds Jilly's sister taken captive in a sinister world based on her most terrifying memories, and Geordie, in his attempts to help, plunged into an even more dire situation. **HC \$56.95**

Stephen Dedman Australian Author

Never Seen By Waking Eyes

Drawing on inspiration from such diverse sources as Japanese mythology, European folklore, modern urban legends and ancient native Australian and American traditions, as well as the literature of Shakespeare, TS Eliot, Bram Stoker, Lewis Carroll and Edgar Allan Poe - the author tells stories of humanity's deepest desires and the most dreadful nightmares. Dedman journeys into the past, present and future. . . To the jungles of Malaysia, outback ghost towns, and modern metropolises. . . To places both familiar and unfamiliar to give comfort. **TP \$24.95**

Paul Di Filippo

Shuteye for the Timebroker: Stories

A collection of science fiction and fantasy short works that are representative of the author's concerns, themes, and styles includes such pieces as "The Secret Sutras of Sally Strumpet," "Captain Jill," and "Walking the Great Road". **TP \$30.95**

Philip K Dick

A Scanner Darkly (Film Tie-In)

Substance D - otherwise known as Death - is the most dangerous drug ever to find its way on to the black market. It destroys the links between the brain's two hemispheres, leading first to disorientation and then to complete and irreversible brain damage. Bob Arctor, undercover narcotics agent, is trying to find a lead to the source of supply, but to pass as an addict he must become a user, and soon, without knowing what is happening to him, he is as dependent as any of the addicts he is monitoring. **PB \$19.95**

John Donohue

The Stolen Child

Stolen by changelings from his family and home, Henry Day is given the name Aniday by the ageless and magical beings, who replace him with another child who takes his place with his parents, a young boy who possesses an extraordinary gift of music but whom is haunted by persistent memories of a life in another time and place. A first novel. **HC \$49.95**

Sara Douglass Australian Author

Darkwitch Rising (Troy Game 03)

Out of a city devastated by plague and fire rises the most powerful Darkwitch in history.

Restoration London becomes the field of the most desperate battle yet for the players of the Troy Game. Asterion lurks in a nightmarish lair built against the rear wall of the bone house of St Dunstan's-in-the-East. Here he traps Cornelia-reborn Noah Banks, and Genvissa-reborn Jane Orr, and plots to obtain the kingship bands, the Troy Game and Noah.

But no one could have anticipated an ancient Darkwitch rising from the dead with a secret so terrible it will not merely tear both Game and land apart, but devastate any chance that Noah and her lover, Brutus, can be together. **PB \$20.95**

Druid's Sword (Troy Game 04)

As Hitler unleashes his bombs on London, another, more ancient, terror emerges...

It is the early days of the Second World War. Grace — daughter of Asterion and Noah — remains bound in agony to Catling, her wrists cruelly scarred by the otherworldly restraints. There are none, it seems, who can help Grace. Certainly not her mother or father.

Jack Skelton, Brutus-reborn and the love of Noah's life, is the only one able to break through Grace's carefully constructed barriers. It may be that Grace is not entirely helpless after all ...And while Genvissa-reborn and Coel-reborn attempt to identify exactly how to deal with the grip of a malevolent Troy Game, a killer stalks the streets of London creating terror upon terror as the bombers shadow the land.

Druid's Sword is the final stunning instalment of The Troy Game, a fabulous labyrinthine journey through the secrets of the ancient world. To enter The Troy Game is to enter the imagination of one of the world's greatest storytellers in this epic series spanning 3000 years and the story of an incomparable city — London. **HC \$49.95**

Helen Dunmore*The Tide Knot (Ingo 02)*

Sapphy, Conor, and their mum have moved away from the cottage by the cove, away from the memories of their father, who disappeared two years ago, to the town of St Pirans. Ever since, Sapphy has felt withdrawn; she can't adjust to her new home and new life, and can't suppress the memories of her father and his mysterious disappearance. **HC \$34.95**

David & Leigh Eddings*The Crystal Gorge (Dreamers 03)*

The Dreamers are children teetering on the brink of divinity. They have the power to change the world with their dreams. But they only look like children. They are, actually, sleeping gods. They're an apparition designed to fool the Lord of the Wasteland, a gender unspecific enemy that plans to use the moment of the divinities' waking to get rid of them and the other divinities that are already awake. There are eight divinities altogether, and four of them are awake while the other four sleep for alternating periods of 25,000 years. The time for a switchover is approaching fast. There will be battle. There will be trickery and deception. Tribes of humans, the sea and the earth, the weather and creatures of the deep will all play their part in the epic struggle against the hive mentality of the Lord of the Wasteland. But the world is out of kilter, it is being dreamed, and the awakening of gods is no simple transition. **PB \$20.95**

The Younger Gods (Dreamers 04)

The Dreamers are children teetering on the brink of divinity. They have the power to change the world with their dreams. But they only look like children. They are, actually, sleeping gods. They're an apparition designed to fool the Lord of the Wasteland, a gender unspecific enemy that plans to use the moment of the divinities' waking to get rid of them and the other divinities that are already awake. There are eight divinities altogether, and four of them are awake while the other four sleep for alternating periods of 25,000 years. The time for a switchover is approaching fast. There will be battle. There will be trickery and deception. Tribes of humans, the sea and the earth, the weather and creatures of the deep will all play their part in the epic struggle against the hive mentality of the Lord of the Wasteland. But the world is out of kilter, it is being dreamed, and the awakening of gods is no simple transition. **HC \$59.95 TP \$32.95**

Kate Elliott*In the Ruins (Crown of Stars 06)*

The world of Liath and Alain is breaking apart as King Henry's kingdom is savaged by earthly and supernatural forces, which they alone have the power to understand. The Eika warriors thirst for the King's land and power, their enmity sealed by generations of blood. Bitter in-fighting within King Henry's court and the ceaseless attrition of raiders also weaken his reign. Those who remain true must stay strong as the shadow of the Cursed Ones falls, and the spell holding the exiled from the planet fails. Liath must force her wild sorcery to maturity and Sanglant, her husband and King Henry's heir, must struggle to hold the realm together.

The twin destinies of Liath and Alain may yet avert the destruction written in the stars. **PB \$22.95**

Steven Erikson*Bonehunters (Malazan Book of the Fallen 06)*

There's nothing like sweeping up tag-ends to change the world. The Seven Cities Rebellion has been crushed. Sha'ik slain by Tavore, the Malazan forces pacifying city after city on the troubled subcontinent, and one last rebel army, under the reluctant, embittered command of Leoman of the Flails, is pursued to the ancient and infamous city of Y'Ghatan by Tavore and the Fourteenth Army. Y'Ghatan, where the Malazan Empire's greatest champion of long ago, Dassem Ultor, was slain, where more Malazan blood has been spilled than anywhere else in Seven Cities. Dogged by self-doubt and ill omens, the 14th must lay siege to the city, and Adjunct Tavore must seek to outwit Leoman of the Flails, the deadliest foe she has ever faced. Elsewhere on the subcontinent, agents of a far larger conflict have made their opening moves. The prize: nothing less than existence itself, for the Crippled God is now sanctioned, granted a rightful place in the pantheon, and the ground-rules have changed, irrevocably. Elder and new, dark and light, wild and ordered, a schism threatens and sides must be chosen. And whatever each god decides, rest assured that the first blood spilled will be in the mortal world. Into this fraught scenario come characters new and familiar. Among the latter are Heboric Ghost Hands, journeying to redress an old wrong; Apsalar, haunted by possession and now the principal agent of Cotillion, Patron of Assassins, marking a trail with blood and dripping daggers; Cutter, the killer who had once been a thief in Darujhistan, fleeing a shattered heart; Karsa Orlong, a warrior hunting his destiny. And two old friends, traveling companions, Mappo and Icarium, wandering the ravaged wastelands: Icarium seeking the ancient truths of his own life, Mappo seeking to keep those truths from him, at all costs. All, searching for such fates as they might fashion with their own hands, guided by their own will. If only the gods would leave them alone. Alas, the gods are disinclined to be kind, now that knives have been unsheathed. There shall be war, war in the heavens... **HC \$69.95 TP \$39.95**

Christine Feehan*Magic In the Wind (Drake Sisters)***PB \$8.95****Eric Flint & Virginia DeMarce***1634: The Ram Rebellion (Ring of Fire 04)*

As the Thirty Years War continues to ravage seventeenth-century Europe, the West Virginians from twentieth-century America enter into an alliance with Gustavus Adolphus, King of Sweden, to promote a revolution among the peasants who seek freedom from the tyrannical nobility of the period. **HC \$51.95**

David Forbes*The Amber Wizard*

Taking his place as the Crown Prince of Khedesh when his father ascends to the throne, Gerin Atreyano suddenly finds himself taking on the dual role as the prophesied amber wizard, but dark enemies place him under an enchantment that could lead to the destruction of everything around him as he prepares to take on an old enemy, Asankaru, the terrible Storm King. **PB \$19.95**

William R Forstchen & Newt Gingrich*Grant Comes East (Gettysburg 02)*

Recounts the dramatic events that followed the capture of Vicksburg by General Ulysses S. Grant, tracing the northern army's journey to Gettysburg and the confrontation that would prove pivotal to the war's outcome. **PB \$19.95**

W D Gagliani*Wolf's Trap*

Wisconsin police officer and werewolf, Nick Lupo uses his heightened senses to unleash the creature within to stop a bloodthirsty serial killer in his tracks. **PB \$17.95**

Neil Gaiman*Anansi Boys*

Fat Charlie Nancy is not actually fat. He was fat once but he is definitely not fat now. No, right now Fat Charlie Nancy is angry, confused and more than a little scared - right now his life is spinning out of control, and it is all his dad's fault. If his rotter of an estranged father hadn't dropped dead at a karaoke night, Charlie would still be blissfully unaware that his dad was Anansi the spider god. He would have no idea that he has a brother called Spider, who is also a god. And there would be no chance that said brother would be trying to take over his life, flat and fiance, or, to make matters worse, be doing a much better job of it than him. Desperate to reclaim his life, Charlie enlists the help of four more-than-slightly eccentric old ladies and their unique brand of voodoo - and between them they unleash a bitter and twisted force to get rid of Spider. But as darkness descends and badness begins is Fat Charlie Nancy going to get his life back in one piece or is he about to lose it? **BPB \$22.00**

R Garcia Y Robertson*Firebird*

Having come of age in the house of the dreaded Bone Witch, young orphan Aria saves the life of foreign knight Sir Roye de Roye, who carries a precious Firebird egg that Aria becomes determined to restore to its nest. **HC \$51.95**

David Gemmell*Lord of the Silver Bow (Troy 01)*

Three lives will change the destiny of nations. Helikaon, the young prince of Dardania, haunted by a scarred and traumatic childhood. The priestess Andromache, whose fiery spirit and fierce independence threatens the might of kings. And the legendary warrior Argurios, cloaked in loneliness and driven only by thoughts of revenge. In Troy they find a city torn apart by destructive rivalries - a maelstrom of jealousy, deceit and murderous treachery. And beyond its fabled walls blood-hungry enemies eye its riches and plot its downfall. It is a time of bravery and betrayal; a time of bloodshed and fear. A time for heroes. **PB \$21.95**

Ian Graham*Blood Echo*

The bleak medieval world of Candarigge is ruled by the Coadrix, a tyrant of vast cruelty and unwavering ruthlessness. In a bid for freedom, rebels plan an audacious and bloody Midsummer's Night's reprisal. But the unthinkable happens and the rebellion fails.

In the bitter aftermath, the rebellion's leader Tredegan is captured, tortured and left more dead than alive. He is rescued but his recovery is arduous - and incomplete. The torture-master Baericollis has left him physically and mentally scarred, a victim of mood-swings, flashbacks and nightmares.

The Coadrix has plans to further increase his power at terrible cost to Candarigge, and escaped rebel Ellearne urges Tredegan to start a new rebellion. She convinces him but Tredegan has changed - no longer an idealist, he is twisted by a lust for vengeance. This may jeopardise the rebellion itself...and bring a far worse fate to the world than anything spawned by the Coadrix. **PB \$19.95**

Sara Gran*Come Closer*

Her happy marriage to Ed challenged by odd noises, petty squabbles, and the onset of disturbing blackouts with no medical source, Amanda begins to dream about a woman from her past and accidentally receives a mail-order book on possession, the arrival of which coincides with increasingly bizarre events. **TP \$26.95**

Simon R Green*Deathstalker Coda (Deathstalker 08)*

Deathstalker Coda: the final volume of the great Deathstalker Saga. Two Deathstalkers must fight for the survival of Humanity: Lewis Deathstalker, in the present, and Owen Deathstalker in the past. While Lewis Deathstalker and his companions lead rebel forces against the evil usurper, Emperor Finn, the exiled King Douglas raises an army from the downcast and oppressed peoples of the Rookery. And Owen Deathstalker has his own mission: to seek out the dread secret that has turned his lost love Hazel d'Ark into the terrifying Terror. To do that, he must travel back in Time, further and further, visiting the Empire at different levels of its development, searching for the truth behind Hazel's transformation - before the Terror really does destroy everything... **APB \$19.95**

Samar Habib Australian Author*A Tree Like Rain*

The narrative of A Tree Like Rain takes place in two seemingly disparate yet interrelated worlds.

In the first world, forty-something Liberty Parker is attempting to write her first novel, Fever, while her husband Daniel and best friend Denise are embarking on an illicit adventure of their own.

In the second world, young scientist is attempting to capture the imaginations of research institute colleagues with a bold new idea that is set to revolutionise reality as they all know it.

A contemplation of the cosmos and our role within it, A Tree Like Rain weaves between the two worlds, leaving fibrous trails of interconnection behind. **TP \$21.95**

Tate Hallaway*Tall, Dark and Dead*

A recovering witch and manager of Wisconsin's premier occult bookstore, Garnet Lacey finds herself drawn to her gorgeous customer, Sebastian Von Traum, despite the troublesome fact that he is dead. **TP \$28.95**

Charlaine Harris*Dead As A Doornail (Sookie Stackhouse 05)*

Cocktail waitress Sookie Stackhouse turns sleuth to investigate a mysterious sniper who has set his sights on the local changeling population, especially when her brother Jason becomes the prime suspect in the deadly attacks. **PB \$19.95**

Definitely Dead (Sookie Stackhouse 06)

In the sixth Sookie Stackhouse novel, the supernaturally gifted cocktail waitress heads for New Orleans, where she is forced to contend with her own family's dark legacy and a variety of potentially lethal characters. **HC \$49.95**

Alexa Hayes*Vampire Beach*

Prosperous businesswoman Lexi Hart battles would-be nightclub owner and family man Rafe O'Neil for control over her beachside property, a conflict waged in letters and paperwork until their eventual meeting sparks romantic feelings and the revelation of Rafe's vampiric nature. **PB \$17.95**

Barb & J C Hendee*Sister of the Dead (Dhampir 03)*

Magiere the dhampir--a half-human, half-vampire sired for the purpose of killing the undead--and her half-elf partner, Leesil, journey to the village of Chemest k, where Magiere searches for the secrets of her past, and confront an evil creature of unimaginable power that holds the inhabitants of the town in the grasp of a terrible curse. **PB \$19.95**

Tom Holt*Earth, Air, Fire and Custard*

J.W. Wells seemed to be a respectable establishment, but the company now paying Paul Carpenter's salary is in fact a deeply sinister organisation with a mighty peculiar management team.

Paul thought he was getting the hang of it (particularly when he fell head over heels for his strangely alluring colleague Sophie), but death is never far away when you work at J.W. Wells. Unlike the stapler - that's always going awol. Our lovestruck hero is about to discover that custard is definitely in the eye of the beholder. And that it really stings.

Tom Holt's exceedingly comic fantasies are populated with evil goblins, annoying sprites and people like us. However, it's not always possible to tell the difference. **PB \$22.95**

Michel Houellebecq*The Possibility of An Island*

A future world in which humankind as we know it has vanished is seen through the eyes of Daniel, a writer who has made a fortune with his comedies capturing the follies and foibles of humankind, and his subsequent clones. **HC \$51.95**

P D James*The Children of Men*

In 2021, with the human race becoming extinct because of the infertility of all males, Oxford historian Theodore Faron is drawn into the schemes of an unlikely group of revolutionaries out to save society. **TP \$28.95**

Stephen Graham Jones*Demon Theory*

After an unsettling telephone call from his diabetic mother on Halloween night, Hale and six of his medical school classmates return to the house from which his sister had vanished years earlier and where they discover a terrifying force that has been waiting for a long time, in a haunting novel written as a literary film treatment. **HC \$49.95**

Lloyd Kaufman*The Toxic Avenger*

The cult filmmakers of such B-movie classics as Surf Nazis Must Die and Class of Nuke 'em High present a whimsical tale based on their iconic character as depicted in four films, an animated feature, comic books, a Saturday morning cartoon series, and action figures. **TP \$30.95**

Brian Keene*The Conqueror Worms*

As the never-ending rain causes floodwaters to rise, engulfing coastal cities and towns, a new threat from below emerges, devouring everything in its path and placing humankind on the brink of extinction. **PB \$17.95**

Steven L Kent*The Clone Republic*

In 2508, Private First-class Wayson Harris discovers that it is deadly to be different in a military unit of clones when he staves off a rogue general's attack, which gains him a promotion and garners some negative attention from hostile Unified Authority leaders. **PB \$19.95**

Katharine Kerr*The Gold Falcon (Dragon Mage 04)*

Intricately interweaving human and elvish history over several hundred years, the Deverry Cycle is epic fantasy on truly a grand scale. The Gold Falcon is the twelfth novel in this bestselling Celtic fantasy series. The powerful dweomermaster Nevyn has been reincarnated, but young Neb knows nothing of his previous life. Soon, though, his wyrd will lead him old friends, and enemies, and the depth of his abilities will become apparent just as they are most needed. **HC \$59.95 TP \$29.95**

Greg Keyes*The Blood Knight*

"Something was coming for her. It began as an insect, but it grew, its many eyes fastened greedily on her. Something had followed her back. But back from where? Where was that place of dark waters?"

A season of darkness and horror has fallen upon the Kingdom of Crotheny. Now countless breeds of unspeakable monsters roam the countryside. After her husband's murder, Queen Muriele finds herself at the mercy of Robert Dare who plans a strategic marriage for his hostage to secure his own power in Crotheny. Muriele's fiancée is Berimund Reiksbaug, heir to the throne of Hansa and descendant of the legendary Blood Knight, who once drank the blood of a waurm to gain the beast's power. But will Dare's plans really work out even?

Meanwhile, Princess Anne awakes from a deep, trancelike sleep after a bloodthirsty battle with the monsters the Briar King has unleashed. Her guardian Sir Neil MeqVren and their escort are nowhere to be seen and Anne embarks on a perilous journey desperate to track down her travel companions. **HC \$59.95**

Stephen King*Salem's Lot: Expanded and Illustrated edition*

Upon its initial publication in 1975, SALEM'S LOT, with its 'intended echoes of Dracula'. was recognized as a landmark work. The novel has sold millions of copies in various editions. Now, with the addition of fifty pages of material deleted from the 1975 manuscript as well as material that has since been modified by King, an introduction by him, and two short stories related to the events of the novel, this edition represents the text as the author envisioned it. It also features lavishly creepy photographs by acclaimed photographer Jerry Uelsmann, printed interior endpapers, and a stunning page design. **HC \$65.00**

LT's Theory of Pets (CD)

This is a huge exclusive. King fans will be chomping at the bit to get hold of a copy.LT'S THEORY OF PETS has not been published before, and is only available on audio. Read by the author. **CD \$35.00**

Susan Krinard*Call of the Wolf (Wolf)*

Two sensuous werewolf romances come together in an omnibus edition containing Secret of the Wolf, in which a tormented Quentin Forster, plagued by spells of amnesia, comes to hypnotist Johanna Schell for help, and To Catch a Wolf, in which crippled Denver socialite Athena Munroe attends a traveling circus and finds herself drawn to werewolf Morgan Holt, who holds the key to her own incredible destiny. **TP \$28.95**

Allen Kupfer*The Journal of Professor Abraham Van Helsing*

The personal diary of the legendary vampire hunter describes his early years, his studies in blood research and mysticism that led to fame in academia, his wife's madness and the death of their only child, his discovery of the threat of vampirism, and his obsession with eradicating the world of the dark evil of vampires. **PB \$17.95**

Mercedes Lackey*Sanctuary (Dragon Jousts 03)*

Kiron discovers that the world of Alta has a dark side when he attempts to enter into Altan noble society and, with the help of Lord Ya-tiren's daughter Aket-ten, who possesses special gifts, exposes a plot orchestrated by the Magi to take over Alta with a powerful weapon called the Eye of Light. **PB \$19.95**

Rosemary Laurey*Keep Me Forever*

Refusing to believe in love, vampire and art gallery owner Antonia Stonewright gets more than she bargains for when she becomes involved with reclusive and sexy potter Michael Langton, whose true nature is more than she can handle. **PB \$17.95**

Richard Laymon*Beast House Trilogy: Cellar / Beasthouse / Midnight Tour (Beasthouse omnibus / Laymon Collection 01)*

In one volume, Richard Laymon's acclaimed Beast House Trilogy - in a fantastic new package. Visitors flock to see the beast house with its blood-soaked corridors. But the worst part of the house is actually THE CELLAR. Bestselling author Gorman Hardy is looking for ideas for his next novel. Petite Tyler and her sexy friend Nora are looking for a wild time. But in fact they find pain, bestiality and death in... THE BEAST HOUSE. Horrific events have made the Beast House infamous. For the full story, take THE MIDNIGHT TOUR. Saturday nights only. Limited to thirteen tourists. It begins on the stroke of midnight. You'll be lucky to get out alive... **BPB \$18.95**

Richard Laymon Collection Volume 2

Two classic Laymon novels in a fantastic new package. THE WOODS ARE DARK: In the woods are six dead trees. The Killing Trees. That's where they take them. Innocent travellers on the road in California. Seized and bound, stripped of their valuables and shackled to the Trees. To wait. In the woods. In the dark. OUT ARE THE LIGHTS: The Vampire movie came first, then the story of the Axeman. This was the horror movie series to end them all. Cinema buffs admired the grainy, amateur camera work - it suggested the action was the real thing. But it couldn't be - could it? **PB \$18.95**

Rachel Lee*Shadows of Prophecy*

As prophecies echo... the stones of Anahar sing
What will happen when the assassins are defeated...?

For Tess Birdsong and her companions there will be no warm homecoming. The death of one evil exposed the beating, seething heart of another far more dangerous power. Together they must go to Anahar, to help free the Anari people from their enslavers, and purge the darkness in their own hearts. But that ancient city holds more than the key to Anari liberation. In its temple lie the secrets of the Ilduin, women of almost godlike power. Tess, who remembers nothing of her past, is terrified by the power of her Ilduin blood. But her mind conceals more than fear. There is war, and pain, and death, and grief. And somehow she must face it all again, guided only by the shocking secrets of a temple as old as time itself... **PB \$19.95**

C S Lewis*Out of the Silent Planet (Cosmic Trilogy 01)*

In the first novel of C.S. Lewis's classic science fiction trilogy, Dr Ransom, a Cambridge academic, is abducted and taken on a spaceship to the red planet of Malacandra, which he knows as Mars. His captors are plotting to plunder the planet's treasures and plan to offer Ransom as a sacrifice to the creatures who live there. Ransom discovers he has come from the 'silent planet' - Earth - whose tragic story is known throughout the universe... **PB \$19.95**

Perelandra (Cosmic Trilogy 02)

In the second novel in C.S. Lewis's classic science fiction trilogy, Dr Ransom is called to the paradise planet of Perelandra, or Venus, which turns out to be a beautiful Eden-like world. He is horrified to find that his old enemy, Dr Weston, has also arrived and is putting him in grave peril once more. As the mad Weston's body is taken over by the forces of evil, Ransom engages in a desperate struggle to save the innocence of Perelandra... **PB \$19.95**

That Hideous Strength (Cosmic Trilogy 03)

The story surrounds Mark and Jane Studdock, a newly married couple. Mark is a Sociologist who is enticed to join an organisation called N.I.C.E. which aims to control all human life. His wife, meanwhile, has bizarre prophetic dreams about a decapitated scientist, Alcasan. As Mark is drawn inextricably into the sinister organisation, he discovers the truth of his wife's dreams when he meets the literal head of Alcasan which is being kept alive by infusions of blood. Jane seeks help concerning her dreams at a community called St Anne's, where she meets their leader - Dr Ransom (the main character of the previous two titles in the trilogy). The story ends in a final spectacular scene at the N.I.C.E. headquarters where Merlin appears to confront the powers of Hell. **PB \$19.95**

Tom Lloyd*The Stormcaller*

Isak is a white-eye, feared and despised in equal measure. Trapped in a life of poverty, hated and abused by his father, Isak dreams of escape, but when his chance comes, it isn't to a place in the army as he'd expected. Instead, the Gods have marked him out as heir-elect to the brooding Lord Bahl, the Lord of the Farlan. Lord Bahl is also a white-eye. Their magnetic charm and brute strength both inspires and oppresses others. Now is the time for revenge and the forging of empires. With mounting envy and malice, the men who would themselves be king watch Isak, chosen by Gods as flawed as the humans who serve them, as he is shaped and moulded to fulfil the prophecies that are encircling him like scavenger birds. The various factions jostle for the upper hand, and that means violence, but the Gods have been silent for too long and that violence is about to spill over and paint the world the colour of spilled blood and guts and pain and anguish. A first novel **TP \$32.95**

Morgan Llywelyn

The Greener Shore (Druids of Hibernia 02)

Fleeing the destruction of the Sacred Grove by the invading Roman army, Ainvar the druid and the remnants of his clan flee Gaul to settle in Hibernia, where they find other Celts and other druids, and, along with his wife, Briga, a powerful druid in her own right, sets out to rebuild their lives in a new homeland, in the sequel to *Druids*. **HC \$51.95**

Katie MacAlister

Even Vampires Get the Blues

Vampire Paen Scott, in order to save his mother's soul, must find a relic known as the Jilin God with the help of half-elf Samantha Cosse, who has a knack for finding things, especially a way into his heart. **PB \$17.95**

Jeff Mariotte

Winds of the Wild Sea (Conan Hyborian Adventures Marauders 02)

With rumors swirling that King Conan is sending an army to crush the presumed Pictish rebellion, Pictish warrior Kral, along with Alanya and Doniel, must follow the trail of the Teeth of the Ice Bear where they will face their greatest battle yet. **PB \$17.95**

Jeff Mariotte & Steve Niles

Rumors of the Undead (30 Days of Night)

FBI Special Agent Andy Gray used to have a grip on things. But that was before the violent confrontation with the terrifying creature that had once been his former partner and friend turned his world upside down. Now Gray is looking for some answers, and finding only more questions, all of which seem to lead straight to the backwater town of Barrow, Alaska -- a place that has seen its own share of horror. Andy Gray has no idea what he's gotten himself into -- and he's about to find out just how dangerous the stuff of legend can actually be.... **PB \$14.95**

Sophia McDougall

Romanitas

In 2756 AC (2003 AD in Christian terms), magnetic railways span Roman territory from Persia to Terranova, and mechanised crucifixes are ranked along the banks of the Thames. As volume one of *Romanitas* opens, Marcus Novius Faustus Leo, heir apparent to the Imperial throne, is mourning the death of his parents following a tragic accident. However, as information about the last days of his father's life becomes known to him, Marcus realises that his father's death was no accident and that his own life is in danger. Meanwhile, an escaped slave girl called Una, who possesses the power to look inside others' minds, struggles to save her brother, Sulien, from a London prison ship. In a fortune teller's stall in a Gallic flea-market, Marcus, Una and Sulien's paths cross, and the fate of the Empire rests on their shoulders. *Romanitas* takes you into an amazing world which is recognisably contemporary and yet also far removed from our own. **PB \$22.95**

Fiona McIntosh Australian Author

Odalisque (Percheron 01)

The first novel in an exciting new series from the bestselling author of *The Quickening* trilogy. The old Zar is dying and everyone but his heir has reason to wish him dead. Herezah, his elegant wife, can finally take her yearned-for position as Valide Zara and rule through her son, Boaz, whilst the ambitious Vizier seeks to ingratiate himself with this scheming woman. Salmeo, the cruel Grand Master Eunuch, will gain more power through an alliance with the Valide, if only she can forget his vile treatment of her in earlier years. It seems that only Pez, the demented, deformed court clown, and Lazar, head of Percheron's security, truly care about Boaz. Lazar, charged with restocking the palace harem for Percheron's new young ruler, purchases the beautiful Ana. She is headstrong and gifted, and Pez and Lazar find themselves being helplessly drawn into the claustrophobic palace politics and a wider web of intrigue concerning an ancient, cyclical battle between the demon, Maliz, and the Mother Goddess. **PB \$20.95**

Dennis L McKiernan

Once Upon a Summer Day

Borel, Prince of the Winterwood, embarks on a perilous journey through the land of Faery toward a confrontation with the dark forces of evil, drawn by his all-too-real dreams of a beautiful young woman in terrible danger. **PB \$19.95**

Robert A Metzger

Cusp (Picoverse 02)

In 2051, a mysterious entity plots to control human evolution by taking over CUSP, the powerful supercomputer designed to run on the software of the human mind. **PB \$19.95**

Sarah Micklem

Firethorn

A foundling child, Luck named for the colour of her god-favoured copper hair, is fortunate to be taken in by one of the Blood. She remembers little of her past, her parents a vague and teasing memory, but service in the Dame's household is better than that of most mud folk. She is beaten rarely and is fed well, and, under the Dame's watchful eye, Luck is even permitted to learn herb lore. But her comfortable world is turned upside when the old Dame dies, and her nephew arrives to claim his inheritance. Choosing to remain with her friends rather than claim her freedom and strike out alone, Luck's life is calm until her new exotic looks attract the attentions of her new master. **PB \$22.95**

Walter M Miller

A Canticle For Leibowitz

First published in 1959 to critical acclaim and enduring popularity, a new edition of the landmark novel follows the struggle of the Monks of the Order of Saint Leibowitz to preserve the remnants of civilization after a nuclear war and to protect them against tyranny. **TP \$28.95**

Kazuya Minekura Illustrator

Saiyuki Reload 3 **TP \$22.95**

Larry Niven & Brenda Cooper

Building Harlequin's Moon

When the terraforming crew of the interstellar starship John Glenn accidentally lands on the giant gas planet of Harlequin, they are forced to shape a nearby moon into a temporary home, a situation that tests the leadership capabilities of the lead terraformer Gabriel and changes everything that slave girl Rachel Vanowen and her people have ever known. **PB \$19.95**

Andre Norton*Moonsinger*

In Moon of Three Rings, Krip Vorlund, a junior crew member of a galactic trade ship is kidnapped and transformed into a wolflike creature by a mysterious combine that seeks control of the planet Yiktor, while in Exiles of the Stars, back in a human body on the planet Thoth, he and the crew of the Lydis become caught in the middle of a battle of ancient evil, in an omnibus volume. **HC \$51.95**

Quag Keep

Swordsman Milo Jagon, who cannot recall where he acquired the metal bracelet with miniature gem-set dice that he wears on his wrist, meets six strangers with similar bracelets that make them pawns in a game. **TP \$28.95**

Naomi Novik*Throne of Jade (Temeraire 02)*

British naval officer Will Laurence's partnership with Temeraire, a rare Chinese imperial dragon, is threatened when Temeraire is summoned to the imperial court by the powerful Chinese emperor, who had intended the dragon to be a gift for Napoleon Bonaparte, not the companion of a lowly English pilot. **PB \$18.95**

Juliene Osborne-McKnight*Song of Ireland*

A tale based on the mythical race of the Danu traces the arrival of the Celts in the land of Eire and their discovery of a mystical small people who apply their magical powers and knowledge of the land to protect it from would-be conquerors. By the author of Bright Sword of Ireland. **HC \$51.95**

Michael Paine*The Night School*

An abandoned high school becomes the setting for terror when a private corporation transforms the charred ruins into an exclusive academy, stirring up the ghosts from the past and awakening the evil that lives in the basement. **PB \$17.95**

K J Parker*Devices and Desires (Engineer Trilogy 01)*

When an engineer is sentenced to death for a petty transgression of guild law, he flees the city, leaving behind his wife and daughter. Forced into exile, he seeks a terrible vengeance - one that will leave a trail of death and destruction in its wake.

But he will not be able to achieve this by himself. He must draw up his plans using the blood of others . . .

In a compelling tale of intrigue and injustice, K. J. Parker's embittered hero takes up arms against his enemies, using the only weapons he has left to him: his ingenuity and his passion - his devices and desires. **PB \$21.95**

M A C Petty*The Dangerous Place*

A second installment of the series that began with Thin Line Between finds curator Alice Waterston's efforts to reclaim her life at the Hardison Museum challenged by two deaths and a search for answers about her mysterious father. **TP \$23.95**

Stobie Piel*Prince of Ice*

Would-be sorceress Cahira, burdened with the fate of the world on her shoulders, searches for the man prophesized to save her people to give him the Dragonfly Sword, a quest that leads her to Aren, a barbaric rogue who lays siege to her heart. **PB \$17.95**

Christopher Priest*Affirmation*

Peter Sinclair is tormented by bereavement and failure. In an attempt to conjure some meaning from his life, he embarks on an autobiography, but he finds himself writing the story of another man in another, imagined, world, whose insidious attraction draws him even further in. The Affirmation is a disturbing thriller that roots into the dark nature of schizophrenia. **BPB \$22.95**

John Ringo*East of the Sun And West of the Moon*

After the world is plunged from high-tech utopia to medieval nightmare, Herzer Herrick and Megan Trevante are assigned the mission to capture the spaceship that supplies the fuel for the whole world. **HC \$49.95**

Jennifer Roberson*Novels of Tiger and Del Volume 3 (Sword Dancer 05, 06)*

In Sword Born, Del, a beautiful "sword-singer" of the North, and her guide, Tiger, a mysterious "sword-dancer" of the South, set out to find Tiger's true home, and in Sword Sworn, Tiger and Del continue their quest to uncover the mysteries of Tiger's origins and discover that he is heir to a powerful magic that could hold the key to his ultimate fate. **TP \$32.95**

James Rollins*Map of Bones (Sigma Force)*

When a group of parishioners is burned to death during the theft of a treasured religious artifact, commander Gray Pierce, a new member of the U.S. SIGMA force, pursues a clandestine aristocratic fraternity of alchemists who would use the artifact to establish a new world order. **PB \$19.95**

Stephanie Rowe*Date Me, Baby, One More Time*

Having served as guardian of Desdemona's Temptation (Mona), the key to eternal youth, for the past two centuries, Justine Bennett is confronted by Derek LaValle, a low-carb pretzel mogul, who accuses her of having put a curse on his family, but when they investigate, they discover that Satan's disgruntled son, Satan, Jr., is responsible and join forces to save the LaValle dynasty and protect the Fountain of Youth from would-be thieves.

PB \$16.95

Fred Saberhagen*Ardneh's Sword*

One thousand years after humanity is saved by the transcendent being, Ardneh, from a vicious arch-demon, Chance Rolfson, a nightmare-plagued descendant of one of Ardneh's followers, joins a forest expedition to find a great vault prophesized to contain secrets about Ardneh's wisdom.

HC \$51.95

Gena Showalter*Awaken Me Darkly*

In a time and place not too far away, Mia Snow is an alien huntress for the New Chicago Police Department, and she's the perfect girl for the job. Tough and sexy, she's earned each of her scars battling the elusive enemy among us. Now, investigating a series of killings, she is shaken to the core when a burst of violence leaves her partner Dallas fighting for his life. A tall, erotic stranger holds the power to heal the injured agent -- and to bind Mia in an electrifying and dangerous seduction. He is Kyrin en Arr, of the deadly Arcadian species -- an alien, a murder suspect -- who has Mia walking a knife's edge, risking her badge and even her life. . . and edging closer to a shocking revelation that will shatter everything she's ever believed. **PB \$14.95**

Susan Squires*The Burning*

In 1821, beautiful Ann Van Helsing, overwhelmed by her powerful psychic gifts, lives as a recluse, seeking an elusive peace amid the forests and caves surrounding her country estate, until she meets Stephen Sincai, a vigilante vampire who hunts those whom other vampires have created, whom she joins in a battle against a pervasive evil. **PB \$17.95**

Allen Steele*Coyote Frontier (Coyote 03)*

Two decades have passed since the revolution that won Coyote's independence from Earth. The colony may be free, but its aging computers, aircraft, and medical equipment are badly in need of replacement. The colony's survival is now in question, and help from Earth is imminent. But there are those who fear that aid from the mother world may be more hindrance than help. . .

As the second generation of colonists prepare to face the prospect of another battle with Earth's forces, a larger question looms: can humanity settle a new planet without repeating the problems of the world it left behind? An answer must be found soon. Coyote's future hangs in the balance. . .

PB \$19.95

Charles Stross*Hidden Family (Family Trade 02)*

In a second installment of the series beginning with *The Family Trade*, Boston journalist Miriam, known as Lady Helge to her alternate timeline family, applies modern business and scientific practices to three other worlds, with unexpected consequences. **PB \$19.95**

The Clan Corporate (Family Trade 03)

A third installment of the series that began with *The Family Trade* and *The Hidden Family* finds young business journalist Miriam Beckstein struggling with the belief systems of her chauvinistic, mafia-style alternate-reality family; a situation that is challenged when she is targeted as a prospective bride for a brain-damaged prince. **HC \$51.95**

Mark Swartz*H2O*

A dystopian tale set in a near-future world in which drinking water has been rendered scarce by shortages and contaminants, lowly filter and drains engineer Hayden Shivers is offered a promotion by his mega-corporation employer when he stumbles on an unproven method for synthesizing artificial water. **TP \$28.95**

Shanna Swendson*Once Upon Stilettoes (Enchanted 02)*

In the sequel to *Enchanted, Inc.*, Katie finds herself in deep trouble when her magical immunity goes awry and men begin falling at her feet, literally, but she begins to wonder whether she has really become irresistible, or it is the result of her stunning new red shoes. **TP \$28.95**

Travis S Taylor*Warp Speed*

When talented physicist Neal Anson Clemons and his team come up with a groundbreaking warp drive and an innovative energy source to power it, he joins forces with astronaut Tabitha Ames when dark forces blow up a space shuttle and attempt to kill Neal and Tabitha in an attempt to steal the warp technology to use it to destroy the United States. **PB \$19.95**

Vernor Vinge*Rainbows End*

In a near-future western civilization that is threatened by corruptive practices within its technologically advanced information networks, a recovered Alzheimer's victim, his military son and daughter-in-law, and his middle school-age granddaughter are caught up in a dangerous maelstrom beyond their worst imaginings. By the Hugo Award-winning author of *A Deepness in the Sky*. **HC \$52.95**

David Weber*Bolo! (Bolos)*

A collection of four short novels about the intelligent robot tanks called "Bolos" comprises an omnibus volume dealing with such questions as the limits of artificial intelligence and the nature of honor and is accompanied by the author's own technical history of the Bolo. **PB \$19.95**

Scott Westerfeld *Australian Author**The Risen Empire (Succession omnibus)*

The undead Emperor has ruled the Eighty Worlds for sixteen hundred years. His is the power to grant immortality to those he deems worthy, creating an elite class known as the Risen. Along with his sister, the eternally young Child Empress, his power within the empire has been absolute. Until now. The empire's great enemies, the Rix, hold the Child Empress hostage. Charged with her rescue is Captain Laurent Zai. But when Imperial politics are involved the stakes are unimaginably high, and Zai may yet find the Rix the least of his problems. On the homeworld, Zai's lover, Senator Nara Oxham, newly appointed to the Emperor's War Council, must prosecute the war with the Rix while holding the inhuman impulses of the Risen councillors in check. If she fails at either task, millions will die. And at the centre of everything is the Emperor's great lie: a revelation so shattering that he is willing to sanction the death of entire worlds to keep it secret. . . **PB \$21.95**

Young Adult

Justin Ball & Evan Croker *Australian Authors*

Space Dogs

Space Dogs is an intergalactic adventure in your backyard. When the planet Gersbach faces destruction by a mysterious Disturbance of Gravity, the Gersbacians send two of their finest astronauts to Earth to destroy the terrifying threat to their planet!

Chock full of absurd, slapstick humour, it's impossible to read this book and not be in a great mood afterwards!

Blast off! The Soviet Space Program's first dog in space, a terrier named Laika, is sucked through a wormhole onto Planet Gersbach - home to tiny but intelligent people. Naturally, the Gersbacians assume Laika represents Earth's dominant species.

The danger: years later, a mysterious Disturbance Of Gravity (D.O.G.) emanates through the wormhole from Earth and threatens to destroy Gersbach.

The mission: Galactanaut Commanders Belka and Strelka are sent to Earth to find and destroy the terrifying threat to their planet.

The spacecraft looks exactly like a terrier! Blending in with the locals should be no problem.

The challenge: Belka and Strelka must stop the diabolical Gersbacian Colonel Bars who, along with his squad of killer fleas, has hijacked a Dachshund craft to control the D.O.G. for his own evil purposes. But with the help of the Buckleys - a loveable Earth family with big problems of their own - the two brave Galactanauts may still prevail . . . **PB \$15.95**

Anita Bell *Australian Author*

Project Apocalypse

A floating Fort Knox, a network of modern-day knights and a desperate plot to save a cruise liner full of VIP hostages... Exploited by a 3000-year-old alliance, Corporal Locklin undertakes a dangerous mission. But with enemies everywhere, he's blackmailed and ambushed into a darker conspiracy, then smuggled aboard The Lady Peacemaker as she's escorted to her doom. He's young, he's trained for battle, but fighting means losing everyone he's dear to him. **PB \$17.95**

Derek Benz & John S Lewis

The Revenge of the Dragonking

While playing a magical card game called Round Table, Max Sumner and his friends discover that the game's evil characters have set themselves free on their town with an evil plan to destroy everything in their sight and so now the group must quickly find a way to undo their actions, put the culprits back in the box, and make things right once again. **HC \$19.95**

Isabelle Carmody *Australian Author*

A Fox Called Sorrow (Legend of Little Fur 02)

A half-starved fox was limping towards the outskirts of the sprawling grey city over which the storm spread its black and ragged wings. It stopped to sniff at the wind and read the warnings and signals. But its anguish was so great that if the world were to end it would not have minded. It limped on. The fate of the elf troll Little Fur, becomes entangled with the mysterious fox, Sorrow, who longs only for death. Together they must travel to Underth, the troll king's underground city, on a dangerous quest to uncover his evil plans. The wise Sett Owl has foreseen that the future of the earth spirit, and perhaps all living things, depends on the success of this quest. Led by a greedy, devious rat, how can they succeed? But how can they fail, when so much is at stake? **HC \$19.95 CD \$24.95**

Isabelle Carmody & Declan Lee *Australian Author*

The Wrong Thing

A Wrong Thing flies into the house while everyone is sleeping. Hurricane, the cat, is the only one that sees it. What could it be, this flittery, skittery thing? Where does it come from, the Wrong Thing? Where does it belong? It is up to Hurricane to solve the mystery. A luminous, magical tale from the incomparable Isabelle Carmody and Declan Lee. **Picture Book \$26.95**

Sherryl Clark *Australian Author*

Pirates of Quentaris (Quentaris)

The Quentaris Chronicles is a collection of stand-alone fantasy books from some of Australia's finest authors. Each book is independently set in the magical fantasy city of Quentaris created by series editors Michael Pryor and Paul Collins.

Kiall and Eena are twins. Their father, Paolo, arrived in Quentaris years ago and set up his own trading business. Their mother, Kea, was a member of the Thieves Guild but renounced her Guild membership when she married Paolo, estranging herself from the Guild for good.

When Paolo is thrown in prison for failure to repay the Archon for goods he had bought and never received, Kiall and Eena are desperate to save him. They consider approaching the Thieves Guild, but their mother forbids it. The only other option is to go fortune hunting in the rift caves - but they can't afford a guide.

The sky pirates begin flying over the city again and Kiall has an idea. If he can get onto a pirate ship and sneak through the caves on it, he might be able to steal gold from the pirates and bring it back... **PB \$14.95**

Stephen Cole

The Space Ghosts (Astrosaurs 06)

Captain Teggs is no ordinary dinosaur - he's an astrosaur! On the incredible spaceship DSS Sauropod, along with his faithful crew, Gypsy, Arx and Iggy, Teggs rights wrongs, fights evil and eats a lot of grass! The Sauropod crew are sent on a mission to a planet where a team of diplodocus are mining for a very valuable space mineral. But their work is being disrupted - by space ghosts! The mysterious spectres keep appearing and scaring their workers off. Are they the ghosts of a team of miners who disappeared fifty years ago? Teggs and his crew begin to investigate but then strange things begin to happen to them too... **PB \$14.95**

Eoin Colfer

Artemis Fowl Book and Radio Set (Artemis Fowl 1, 2, 3)

Follow teenage criminal mastermind, Artemis Fowl, on his first three amazing adventures in this fantastic box set, complete with high-tech, Artemis style radio pen. **PB \$39.95**

Paul Collins *Australian Author*

The Forgotten Prince (Quentaris)

The Quentaris Chronicles is a collection of stand-alone fantasy books from some of Australia's finest authors. Each book is independently set in the magical fantasy city of Quentaris created by series editors Michael Pryor and Paul Collins. Thieves Guild apprentice Crocodile Sal is sitting her prac exam, Deceit and Daring: 101. Her goal is to get a legitimate job and stay in it for at least three months. During this time, she has to steal something really valuable and use it in a successful, diabolical crime. Simple right? But she hasn't reckoned on royal and political intrigue, assassins, shape-shifters, betrayal, kidnapping gypsies, rift-world travel, trolls and murderous swamp creatures. Can anything else go wrong? The answer is yes...

PB \$14.95

Susan Cooper

Victory

Two children cross an ocean, two hundred years apart. One is Sam Robbins, a powder monkey aboard H.M.S. Victory, the ship in which Lord Nelson will die a hero's death at the Battle of Trafalgar in 1805. The other is Molly Jennings, a present-day English girl transplanted from London to America, fighting a battle of her own against loss and loneliness. This extraordinary time-shifting adventure tells the interwoven stories of Sam and Molly, linked by a mystery. Sam is a farm boy, kidnapped by the "press gang" to serve in the Royal Navy. At first terrified and seasick, he is transformed gradually into a sailor. In the rowdy, dangerous world of a warship enduring the Napoleonic Wars, he meets both cruelty and kindness, and survives a fearsome battle whose echoes reach through the years to involve Molly as well. Like him, she has lost her childhood but will find her future, with help from a very unexpected source. Separate yet together, Sam and Molly struggle through fear and excitement to a final ordeal which terrifyingly tests their courage. And the moving climax of the book shows two lives joined forever by the touch of Nelson, one of the greatest sailors of all time. **HC \$27.95**

D M Cornish

The Foundling (Monster Blood Tattoo 01)

Set in a world of tri-corner hats, frockcoats and flintlock pistols, Monster Blood Tattoo is a world of monsters, chemical potions and surgically altered people. In the first book, Foundling, David Cornish begins the journey of a young boy called Rossamünd, a boy with a girl's name, who is about to begin a life as a lamplighter in the service of the Haacobin Emperor. What begins as a simple journey is threatened by encounters with monsters – and people, who may be worse. Learning who to trust and who to fear is neither easy nor without its perils, and Rossamünd must choose his path carefully. This is a truly original story – highly unusual among the vast array of fantasy novels available today. Lavishly illustrated by the author, an accomplished artist. **HC \$24.95**

Joe Craig

Jimmy Coates: Target (Jimmy Coates 02)

"Jimmy's fingers were slipping. Smearred with blood, he had hardly any grip. He had to hold on. Mitchell chopped his hand down hard into Jimmy's shoulder, cutting off the nerves to his fingers. Staring up into Mitchell's ice-cold eyes, Jimmy fell into the shredder." Jimmy Coates is still on the run - and this time NJ7 are pulling no punches. They're out for blood, and even though Jimmy has gone into hiding in France, they still track him down. Jimmy might think that life could hold no further surprises for him - but he's very, very wrong. **PB \$14.95**

Alison Croggon *Australian Author*

The Crow (Pellinor 03)

IN THE DARKNESS THE LIGHT SHINES MORE BRIGHTLY.

The earth is poisoned by a deep wrongness and the forces of the Nameless One grow ever stronger. The Treesong - the key to restoring peace - is lost, and only Hem's sister, Maerad, can unravel its mysteries. While she seeks answers in the north, Hem is sent south to Turbansk with his guardian, Saliman. Troubled and unhappy, Hem is haunted by his bitter past and uncertain of his future, as evil forces threaten to destroy the city. But his destiny may be linked to the Treesong more closely than he knows . . .

The Crow is an amazing tale filled with extremes of horror and beauty, set against the unforgettable landscapes of Edil-Amarandh. This third book in the highly acclaimed Pellinor sequence, follows Hem's perilous journey - aided by his pet crow, Irc - as he spies on the child armies of the Dark.

PB \$24.95

David Cunningham

Cloud World

Imagine a planet entirely covered in clouds...Imagine an ocean of cloud, stretching away as far as the eye can see, forever shifting, changing...This is the world of Heliopolis - a prosperous citadel that sits on the peak of the clouds, divided into five layers, its rigid social structure ensuring that it is run efficiently and the citizens know their place. But there is one uncertainty that all Heliopolitans share. What lies beneath the impenetrable sea of cloud? 14-year-old Marcus is about to find out. Isolated and lonely Prince Marcus lives in the soulless palace at the very top of the citadel. When his father fails to return from a diplomatic mission, Marcus mounts on an expedition across the cloudscape in search of him. But he discovers too late that danger lies closer to home - somebody wants him dead. And when his flying vessel is sabotaged, Marcus finds himself plunged into a terrifying new world beneath the clouds. . . **BPB \$15.95**

Annie Dalton

The Divine Collection (Mel Beeby, Agent Angel 07, 08, 09) **PB \$17.95**

Cameron Dokey

Golden (Once Upon a Time)

"One so fair, let down your hair. Let us go from here to there."

Before Rapunzel's birth, her mother made a dangerous deal with the sorceress Melisande: If she could not love newborn Rapunzel just as she appeared, she would surrender the child to Melisande. When Rapunzel was born completely bald and without hope of ever growing hair, her horrified mother sent her away with the sorceress to an uncertain future.

After sixteen years of raising Rapunzel as her own child, Melisande reveals that she has another daughter, Rue. She was cursed by a wizard years ago and needs Rapunzel's help. Rue and Rapunzel have precisely "two nights and the day that falls between" to break the enchantment. But bitterness and envy come between the girls, and if they fail to work together, Rue will remain cursed . . . forever. **PB \$12.95**

John Flanagan *Australian Author*

Oakleaf Bearers (Ranger's Apprentice 04)

Just as spring approaches and Will and Evanlyn can finally escape Skandia, Evanlyn is carried off by mysterious horsemen. Will sets out after them, but one boy against six fierce Temujai warriors is impossible odds - even for a Ranger's apprentice. Halt and Horace arrive just in time to rescue them, and the four are overjoyed to be reunited. But there is no time to celebrate as Halt realises that the Temujai they discovered are only the scouts for a massive invasion force. The Skandians don't have a chance, unless they accept the help of their sworn enemies from Araluen. **BPB \$14.95**

Catherine Forde

Firestarter

When Reece - strange, blue-haired, fire-obsessed Reece - moves in next door, Keith is worried. Not least because Annie, his three-year-old sister, really likes him. Funny Boy, she calls him.

Reece is clearly trouble but the problem is, Keith feels sorry for him. So he doesn't make him go away. And he doesn't tell his dad what's going on. Not even when Reece burns Annie's doll Raggy beyond recognition.

Keith knows he should ignore Reece, but he's like smoke. He pervades everything, every aspect of Keith's life. Then one night Keith wakes up choking on thick black smoke... **PB \$16.95**

Matt Hart

The Black Sphinx

A fast-paced and anarchic young fantasy adventure filled with dastardly villains and a brave young hero.

Set in an alternate world of a Britain where London is only a small outlying village, this rirproaring fantasy begins with the murder of a gentleman and as young Crispin is whisked off on a search for the famed black sphinx, the pace rarely lets up as he joins forces with a stage magician and his assistant (who happens to be a werewolf). As the evil Jasper (who is also as mad as a mackerel!) summons up a demon, Crispin and his friends must face both him and the god Anubis down in the dread Halls of the Dead - and the Devourer of Souls is not prepared to go away hungry... **PB \$18.95**

Robert Inghen

The Dreamkeeper

The Dreamkeeper is a special character whose job is to catch and return the creatures of our dreams, that sometime escape into reality, to The Great Dreamtree where they belong. To achieve this neverending task, The Dreamkeeper has the help of Tally, a useful goblin, and his sister, a wise lady who lives in a strange far away kitchen.

Robert Inghen created this magical story for his granddaughter. This wonderful tale will both fascinate and delight children of all ages and will also ensure peaceful and happy sleep as they rest with the knowledge that The Dreamkeeper is always at work to help the creatures of nightmares fade away. **HC \$24.95**

Ben Jeapes

New World Order

The civil war that has torn England apart between King Charles I and Parliament is nearing its bloody conclusion - and in the English countryside, a stranger seeks his old love and finds there is a son whom he has never seen... You would be excused, perhaps, for thinking that this the introduction to a thrilling historical novel. And you'd be dead right. Yet this is not the history you know, for the world has turned on to a new and deadly path. With breathtaking imagination, Ben Jeapes has wrenched the familiar flow of English history out of its course and made it into something else, something entirely other. There is a third force, an entirely alien force - the Hoplekhor - who have martial powers of their own, religious leaders who command mysterious and strange forces, and who bring with them technology that should not have been seen in England for another three hundred years... This is an extraordinary and thrilling novel, entirely original, and based in one of the most interesting periods of English history. Read about what MIGHT have happened in the seventeenth century - life could have been very different for us all. Prepare to be astounded. History will never be the same again. **PB \$18.95**

Catherine Jinks *Australian Author*

Pagan's Daughter

At sixteen, Babylonne has endured six bloody sieges and a lifetime of violence at the hands of her rigid, heretical aunt and grandmother. When at last she decides to run away, her goal is to fight - and perhaps die - in the continuing war between France and her native Languedoc. But who is the mysterious priest spying on her? What secrets can he tell her about the father she never knew? And can he really be trusted, in a world of intrigue and combat where no young woman is safe no matter where her allegiance lies? Full of energy and life, this novel is peopled with hugely appealing characters, a sense of mystery and drama and a brilliantly evoked sense of time and place. A tour de force from an exceptional writer and storyteller. **BPB \$19.95**

Jane Johnson

The Shadow World (Secret Country 02) **TP \$19.95**

Diana Wynne Jones

Conrad's Fate (Chrestomanci 06)

Conrad is young, good at heart, and yet is apparently suffering from the effects of such bad karma that there is nothing in his future but terrible things. Unless he can alter his circumstances - well, quite frankly, he is DOOMED. Conrad is sent in disguise to Stallery Mansion, to infiltrate the magical fortress that has power over the whole town of Stallchester, and to discover the identity of the person who is affecting his Fate so badly. Then he has to kill that person. But can any plan really be that simple and straightforward? Of course it can't! And things start to go very strangely for Conrad from the moment he meets the boy called Christopher... This is trademark DWJ - packed with laugh-aloud humour, insane logic, spot-on observations, organised chaos, and all wrapped up in a rattling good adventure which oozes magic from every seam. Literally. **PB \$15.95**

James Mayhew & Martin Waddell

Boneless and the Tinker (Ghostly Tales) **PB \$9.95**

Soft Butter's Ghosts and Himself (Ghostly Tales) **PB \$9.95**

Death and the Neighbours and Little Bridget (Ghostly Tales) **PB \$9.95**

Gallows Hill and the Ghotsly Penny (Ghostly Tales) **PB \$9.95**

Geraldine McCaughrean

King Arthur

The myth of King Arthur and the round table is as much a part of our cultural heritage as the tales of Robin Hood. This title tells the story of King Arthur and the round table. Who pulls the sword from out this anvil is the true and rightful King of England. **PB \$15.95**

Andy McNab & Robert Rigby*Avenger (Boy Soldier 03)*

Danny and Elena are now working for the Firm, desperately attempting to track down the vengeance-seeking Black Star before more 'Angels of Death' suicide bombers are despatched. Elena is the key to discovering the bomb-master's whereabouts as she has already made Deep Web contact. The plan is simple - locate Black Star and kill him - at whatever cost. While Fergus is forced to remain in England, confined to a wheelchair as he recovers from his injuries, the hunt takes Danny and Elena to New York on a covert mission led by Marcie Deveraux. Despite Black Star's trickery and deception, the net gradually closes. Fergus travels to the US to help, but Elena is drawn into terrible danger, and only Danny can save her. Using the skills his grandfather has taught him and his own initiative, he must penetrate Black Star's fortified lair and stop the avenging bomb-master from wreaking further destruction... **HC \$37.95 TP \$27.95**

Garth Nix Australian Author*Seventh Tower vol 4-6 (Seventh Tower 04, 05, 06)*

The dark world is in danger, for the Veil protecting it is vulnerable. A car is brewing among the Underfolk rebels, the fierce Icecarls and a hidden, shadowy evil that is just now letting itself be known. As the shadows rage, ancient spells return, illusion reigns, and corruption threatens, and the search for hope is the bravest quest. It is up to two young heroes, Tal and Milla, to fend of their own darkness in order to save their world from destruction. There is mystery, magic and imagination at work here. And the seventh tower is the key to it all. **HC \$24.95**

Sir Thursday (Keys to the Kingdom 04) 7 CD set. **CD \$39.95****Francine Pascal***Kill Game (Fearless FBI 01)*

The greatest weapon against a serial killer? A girl with no fear. Gaia Moore isn't like anyone else in the world. She's trained in ten different martial arts. She has a sharp mind, and an even sharper tongue. As a teenager she cut class to bust gang members and drug dealers on the streets of New York City. And now Gaia's been recruited to join the world's leading crime-fighting organization. At FBI training camp in Quantico, Gaia will become a part of an unparalleled team. She'll learn the strict codes and procedures of the FBI. She'll be pushed to her body and mind's utmost limits. She'll learn how to hunt serial killers. And she will catch one. **PB \$14.95**

Live Bait (Fearless FBI 02)

It isn't part of some FBI training exercise. Late one night, in the middle of a rainstorm, Gaia and her roommate stumbled upon an actual killing. Since they were the only ones to glimpse the perp, headquarters has granted Gaia and Catherine temporary FBI badges to solve the case. Way to hit the ground running. But the investigation is not like a TV show. It's gruesome. It's frustrating. It's real. When the killer strikes again, they realize this isn't a one-shot deal either. Gaia tries to piece together some clues, but there's no real lead to go on. And without a profile, the next victim could be anyone. Anyone at all. **PB \$14.95**

Agent Out (Fearless FBI 03)

Catherine is dead. At least that's what the FBI claims. They say there's no point investigating the strange disappearance any further. Instead they want Gaia to stay in Quantico to carry on the search for the Lollipop Murderer. Gaia is convinced her partner is still alive -- and that she needs help. Even if it means putting the murder case on hold, Gaia must go after her. But going AWOL means losing the support of the FBI. Gaia will be completely on her own and heading into danger. Because Catherine's abduction is far more complicated -- and more sinister -- than she realized. In fact, it's a whole new mystery. **PB \$14.95**

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Carla Banks

The Forest of Souls

The cries of the innocent echo through the years... Her obsession with history has cost Helen Kovacs her life. Helen's research into the Nazi occupation of Eastern Europe was a secret she kept from even her closest friend, Faith Lange. Now Faith, retracing Helen's last steps, is convinced that the man the police have arrested is not the killer. Journalist Jake Denbigh's investigations have led him to the same conclusion. Faith is disturbed by Denbigh's digging. Among the refugees from the concentration camps of Minsk were war criminals masquerading as victims. Could Faith's beloved grandfather Marek be hiding such a secret? And does the reason for Helen's murder lie in the mass graves of the Kurapaty Forest - or much closer to home? **PB \$19.95**

Alex Barclay*Darkhouse*

From a broken childhood comes an unbreakable and deadly bond. In 1985 in a North Texas backwater, two teenage boys made a chilling pact that would unite them forever in a dark and twisted loyalty. Now one lies dead. And the man responsible is going to pay. When a routine investigation comes to a violent and tragic end, Detective Joe Lucchesi takes leave from the NYPD and moves with his wife and son to a quiet village on the south east coast of Ireland. They're happy. They're safe. And they're about to enter a nightmare more terrifying than the one they left behind. When a young girl goes missing and the village closes ranks, Detective Lucchesi sets out to find the truth and uncovers a sinister trail that leads from the other side of the Atlantic and cuts directly to the very heart of his family. His wife is lying. His son is lying. And a killer is lying in wait. **PB \$19.95**

Linwood Barclay*Bad Guys*

Back on the job as a features writer for the city paper, Zack Walker stumbles into a murder that may be linked to a gang that has been terrorizing the city's high-end shopping district, finds himself on a path to confrontation with ruthless criminal "Barbie" Bullock, and must protect his daughter from a possible stalker. **PB \$17.95**

Robert Barnard*Dying Flames*

Attending a reunion at his childhood home in Colchester, novelist Graham Broadbent is astonished to meet a nineteen-year-old girl who claims to be his daughter from a torrid affair years earlier, a situation that unwittingly draws him into the girl's mother's bizarre fantasy world. By the author of *The Graveyard Position*. **HC \$49.95**

Linda Barnes*Heart of the World (Carlotta Carlyle Mystery)*

When she receives word that Paolina, the fourteen-year-old girl with whom she had been paired in a Boston mentoring program, has vanished, private detective Carlotta Carlyle embarks on her own search for the missing teen, following a trail that takes her from Boston, to Miami, and to Bogota, Colombia, and a confrontation with Paolina's birth father, drug lord Carlos Roldan. **HC \$51.95**

Michael Baron*The Mourning Sexton*

Struggling to revive his tattered career, attorney David Hirsh takes on a product liability case for an elderly man at his synagogue, only to discover that the seemingly simple lawsuit conceals murder and a high-level conspiracy. **PB \$19.95**

Karen Grigsby Bates*Chosen People*

While tracking down leads for her latest column, Los Angeles Standard columnist Alex Powell is plunged into the middle of a series of shocking murders and launches an investigation that threatens to bring to light long-held secrets of several elite members of L.A. society. **TP \$26.95**

Cynthia Baxter*Hare Today, Dead Tomorrow (Reigning Cats & Dogs Mystery)*

When the heir to one of North Fork's most prestigious wineries is found murdered and one of her closest friends becomes the prime suspect in the crime, veterinarian Jessica Popper turns sleuth to find the killer, all the while dealing with her menagerie of pets and her live-in boyfriend Nick Burby. **PB \$17.95**

James Scott Bell*Presumed Guilty*

Pastor Ron Hamilton's 8,000-member church is thriving, and his book on pornography in the church has unexpectedly become a best seller, but all of his success ends abruptly when a young female porn star's body is discovered in a sleazy motel room and all of the murder evidence points to him. **TP \$26.95**

Elizabeth Benedict*The Practice of Deceit*

The author of *Almost* chronicles a particularly nasty divorce that pits a quintessential "nice guy" against his ex-wife, a manipulative lawyer who will stop at nothing to conceal her own sordid past and destroy his credibility. **TP \$28.95**

Mark Billingham*Buried*

Luke Mullen, sixteen year old son of a former, high-ranking police officer has disappeared, presumed kidnapped. While no-one quite dares to voice the fear that he could also be presumed dead, Detective Inspector Tom Thorne is brought in to beef up the squad dedicated to locating the missing boy. The first thing the team looks for is anyone with a grudge against Luke's father, a man who'd put a lot of tough villains away in his time. A list quickly emerges, but Thorne discovers that ex-DCI Tony Mullen has omitted the name of the most obvious suspect ; a man who'd once threatened him and his family, and who, after serving time for his original crime, is now the main suspect in a murder which has been unsolved for four years. Is this a simple oversight - understandable considering the trauma of his son's disappearance? Or is it something more telling? Aware that he does not have the luxury of time, Thorne searches desperately for connections and leads, but learns that secrets are as easily buried as bodies, and that assumptions are the enemy of truth. **TP \$32.95**

Ruth Birmingham*Feet of Clay (Sunny Childs Mystery)*

When her flighty cousin, a documentary filmmaker, invites Sunny Childs along during an interview with a convicted rapist and murderer, the private detective suddenly discovers that a cover-up may be hiding the truth about the killings of two girls for which the accused man has been sentenced to die. **HC \$49.95**

Jaid Black*Deep, Dark and Dangerous*

Fleeing the cutthroat competitiveness of her Hollywood career, actress Madalyn Simon visits her sister in the Alaskan wilderness, along with whom she is kidnapped by an underground neo-Viking civilization out to replenish their dwindling numbers by marrying breedable women. **TP \$24.95**

Alice Blanchard*Life Sentences*

Driven to find a cure for the rare genetic disease that killed her brother, Boston scientist Daisy Hubbard finds her progress interrupted by the disappearance of her unstable sister Anna, a situation that is further complicated by a serial killer's confession to the sister's murder and clues that suggest that Anna is still alive. **PB \$18.95**

Lawrence Block Editor*Manhattan Noir (Noir)*

Mystery writing titan Lawrence Block takes a bite into Manhattan crime. Brand new crime fiction stories from Jeffery Deaver, Lawrence Block, Charles Ardai, Carol Lea Benjamin, Thomas H. Cook, Jim Fusilli, Robert Knightly, John Lutz, Liz Martinez, Maan Meyers, Martin Meyers, S.J. Rozan, Justin Scott, C.J. Sullivan, and Xu Xi. **TP \$24.95**

Larry Bond*Dangerous Ground*

Assigned a final mission aboard a dilapidated submarine, tyrannical commander Lowell Hardy alienates his suffering crew by conducting an illegal search through Russian coastal waters, where they must survey hidden nuclear fuel containers housing enough material to destroy most of America's major cities. **PB \$19.95**

Hilary Bonner*A Moment of Madness*

When rock superstar Scott Silver is found murdered, with the alleged perpetrator lying next to his victim, supposedly killed by Silver's wife Angel in self-defense, journalist John Kelly falls under the spell of the seductive widow, despite the warnings of DCI Karen Meadows. **HC \$51.95**

C J Box*In Plain Sight*

Pursuing suspicions that a wealthy local ranch owner was murdered by one of her own sons, game warden Joe Pickett finds the case and his career threatened by a man who holds Joe responsible for the death of his brother.

Set in Wyoming, USA. **HC \$51.95**

Robert Brace*Iron Butterfly*

Ex-special ops Marine Lysander Dalton is hired by a mysterious D.C. power player to find the group responsible for buying black market plutonium before they make an A-bomb out of it--a dangerous mission that leads him to the world's wealthiest recluse who has a penchant for all things nuclear. **PB \$19.95**

Simon Brett Editor*The Detection Collection*

Honoring the seventy-fifth anniversary of The Detection Club, a collection of original short stories by some Britain's finest crime writers features eleven tales by Lindsey Davis, P. D. James, Robert Barnard, Colin Dexter, John Harvey, Reginald Hill, Peter Lovesey, and others. **HC \$51.95**

Dale Brown*Act of War*

International terrorists, funded by a corrupt petroleum company, are attempting to destabilise the Global economy and profit from rocketing oil prices. Responsibility for tracking down the terrorists lies with one man, Jason Richter. But how effective can one man be? **PB \$19.95**

Edge of Battle

With tensions escalating along the U.S.-Mexican border, thanks to battles between rival drug lords and the flow of illegal immigrants, the U.S. launches Operation Rampart under the command of Major Jason Richter and his Task Force TALON, who find themselves targeted by drug kingpin Enrique Fuera and a nationalist Mexican president out to regain control of the U.S. Southwest. **HC \$52.95**

Dan Brown*The Da Vinci Code (Film Tie-In)*

Harvard professor Robert Langdon receives an urgent late-night phone call while on business in Paris: the elderly curator of the Louvre has been brutally murdered inside the museum. Alongside the body, police have found a series of baffling codes. As Langdon and a gifted French cryptologist, Sophie Neveu, begin to sort through the bizarre riddles, they are stunned to find a trail that leads to the works of Leonardo Da Vinci - and suggests the answer to a mystery that stretches deep into the vault of history. Unless Langdon and Neveu can decipher the labyrinthine code and quickly assemble the pieces of the puzzle, a stunning historical truth will be lost forever. **PB \$19.95**

The Da Vinci Code (CD) **CD \$49.95**

Simon Cox*The Dan Brown Companion*

With its 108 page full colour gazetteer section, this work is a travel guide for the Robert Langdon junkie. Covering the sights and major locations featured within "The Da Vinci Code" and "Angels and Demons", it provides information needed to describe these novels. **TP \$32.95**

Dan Burstein*Secrets of the Code (Da Vinci Code)*

Unauthorised (but authoritative) guide to the mysteries behind the phenomenal bestseller The Da Vinci Code

Readers of Dan Brown's extraordinary bestseller The Da Vinci Code are fascinated by the questions raised in the novel. Was Jesus actually married to Mary Magdalene? Was she one of his disciples and did she write her own gospel? Did they have a child together? Did some geniuses of art and science, people like Leonardo da Vinci and Isaac Newton, belong to secret societies that had the most compelling insider information in history, and did Leonardo convey some of these ideas in The Last Supper and other paintings?

Secrets of the Code is the definitive guide to the novel and provides the curious reader with authoritative explorations into the major themes within The Da Vinci Code. **PB \$19.95**

Maggie Bruce *Editor**Murder Most Crafty*

Blending handicrafts and murder into a delightful collection of whodunits, an anthology of all original short fiction features contributions from Susan Wittig Albert, Monica Ferris, Gillian Roberts, Margaret Maron, Dorothy Cannell, Parnell Hall, Sharan Newman, Judith Kelman, Tim Myers, and other notable authors, accompanied by craft patterns and projects with each story. **PB \$17.95**

William F Buckley*Last Call for Blackford Oakes*

In an eleventh installment of the series featuring dashing CIA agent Blackford Oakes, the master spy crosses swords with Kim Philby, a high-ranking defector to the Cold War-era Soviet Union, a confrontation that is complicated by unsettling news that greets him upon his return to Washington.

TP \$28.95

D W Buffa*Trial By Fire*

When his law partner, Julian Sinclair, is accused of killing Daphne McMillan, a married district attorney, in a fit of jealous rage, Joseph Antonelli takes on both Daphne's powerful and manipulative widowed husband and the real killer to uncover the truth. **PB \$19.95**

Jeff Buick*African Ice*

Geologist Samantha Carlson, hired by the president of Gem-Star, leads a team into the Democratic Republic of Congo to find a diamond formation worth millions, but their trek takes a dangerous turn when another team has a mission of their own--to kill Samantha. **PB \$17.95**

Bartle Bull*China Star*

A prequel to the trilogy that included *CafT on the Nile* is set in 1920s Paris, where a Russian count, Alexander Karlov, and Soviet agent Viktor Polyak hunt each other through a series of grand hotels, sewers, fashion houses, and embassy parties before Karlov and his twin sister, Katerina, set sail for China. **HC \$52.95**

James Lee Burke*The Lost Get-Back Booie*

After spending two years in Louisiana's Angola State Penitentiary for manslaughter, war veteran and blues singer Iry Paret heads for Montana, intending to work on a ranch owned by a fellow convict, Buddy Riordan, only to become embroiled in a dangerous battle against a local pulp mill responsible for polluting the local environment. **PB \$22.95**

Heartwood

Deaf Smith, Texas, a small town with small town problems until the local boy made good Earl Deitrich decides that he isn't prepared to share his kind of good fortune with anybody else.

Wilbur Pickett is a retired rodeo rider with big dreams. Dreams of a secure future for himself and his Native American wife, a blind woman who sees more than a blind woman should thanks to her ancient heritage. When Wilbur happens upon a parcel of land with black gold waiting for the taking he also happens on Deitrich and a whole bunch of violent problems. Only lawyer Billy Bob Holland is prepared to stand up for Wilbur, to stand against the juggernaut that is Deitrich and his corrupting influence. **PB \$19.95**

Bitterroot

In a follow up to *Heartwood* and Edgar-Award-winning Cimarron Rose, America's finest crime writer pitches his hero Billy Bob Holland deep into Montana - Paradise to some, to others a savage wilderness. 'John Steinbeck once said Montana is a love affair. If a person was going to make his troth with any particular place on earth, I don't think he could find a better one than the stretch of road I was now on. Every bridge crossed a postcard stream, every mountain tumbled into one higher and a deeper green than itself. But in the Bitterroot Valley of western Montana, the love affair has a violent side, as ex-Texas Ranger turned lawyer, Billy Bob discovers when he goes fishing with his friend from Vietnam days, Doc Voss. Doc's daughter Maisey is brutally gang-raped and beaten by bikers. Ring leader Lamar Ellison walks free when the DNA samples 'get lost' and Billy Bob wonders whose side the sheriff is on? Then Ellison is burned alive and Doc is arrested. So much for Billy Bob's vacation - Doc needs a lawyer, and fast. Not only that: newly released killer Wyatt Dixon has tracked Billy Bob to Montana, bent on avenging the death of his sister for which he holds Billy Bob responsible. The grotesque Wyatt, 'like a virus that immediately recognises the antibodies in an immune system as its enemy', is only one thread of a tangled web of evil that includes neo-Nazi militias, gold miners who tip cyanide into the rivers, a paedophile ring and the Mob. As the corpses of the guilty and innocent pile up, Billy Bob stands alone. **PB \$19.95**

Jolie Blon's Bounce

Three men are present when Amanda Boudreau is raped and murdered and small-time hustler Tee Bobby Hulin's prints are found at the crime scene. Dave Robicheaux reckons he's innocent, and Tee Bobby pleads so, then attempts suicide in his holding cell. Why? Tee Bobby is released on bail and soon after there is a second murder. When lawyer Perry LaSalle takes on the defence of Tee Bobby, Dave knows his motives are fuelled by guilt. For Tee Bobby's grandmother was seduced by Perry's grandfather, and Amanda Boudreau's death is related to events that happened long before Tee Bobby was born. **PB \$19.95**

Frederick Busch*North*

Returning from his Carolina coast security job to upstate New York, Jack, haunted by memories of his dead wife and child, is hired to search for a lawyer's missing nephew, a search that brings Jack into the dark underworld of his hometown. By the author of *Girls* and *A Memory of War*. Reader's Guide included. **TP \$28.95**

Pete Callahan*Attack by Fire (Armored Corps)*

As the war for the Korean Peninsula rages on, tank commander Lt. Jack Hansen and Charlie Company must fight their way through a Communist stronghold, which will push them all to the limit, as they make their way to the South Korean capitol of Seoul. **PB \$17.95**

Tori Carrington*Sofie Metropolis (Sofie Metropolis)*

Struggling to find her place in working-class Queens, Greek-American private investigator Sophie Metropolis takes on as her first assignments the cases of a missing dog, an elusive vampire, and an attractive bounty hunter. **PB \$17.95**

Dirty Laundry (Sofie Metropolis)

Hired to find a missing Greek dry cleaner who may have been laundering money for the mob, Queens private investigator Sofie Metropolis is warned off by a seductive mafia member, while Jake Porter, an Australian with a mysterious agenda, repeatedly saves Sofie's life in the nick of time.

HC \$49.95

Lee Child

Persuader (Jack Reacher)

Jack Reacher takes an undercover assignment to investigate the disappearance of a federal agent from the home of a notorious drug dealer, but Reacher soon discovers that the dealer has ties to a man from Reacher's own past, one that Reacher supposedly killed. **PB \$19.95**

The Enemy (Jack Reacher)

Former army cop Jack Reacher finds himself questioning the instincts that made him an elite soldier when his latest case forces him to choose between obeying the law and becoming a renegade. **PB \$19.95**

Agatha Christie

The Mirror Crack'd From Side to Side (Miss Marple)

HC \$29.95

A Caribbean Mystery (Miss Marple)

HC \$29.95

When *The Murder at the Vicarage* was published in October 1930, little did the literary world realise that Agatha Christie, already famous for her early Poirot titles, was introducing a character who would become the best-loved female sleuth of all time. The 14 Marple books would appear at intervals over the next 49 years, with *Miss Marple's Final Cases* published in 1979, three years after Agatha's death. To mark the 75th anniversary of Miss Marple's first appearance, and to celebrate her renewed fortunes as a primetime television star, this collection of facsimile first editions will be the perfect way to enjoy these books in their original form – 12 novels and two short story collections. Reproducing the original typesetting and formats from the first editions from the Christie family's own archive copies, these books sport the original covers which have been painstakingly restored from the best available copies, reflecting five decades of iconic cover design.

The Agatha Christie Years: 1940's Omnibus

Agatha Christie's imaginative crime novels and thrillers made her a household name from the 1920s right through to her final books in the early 1970s. Best known as the creator of Hercule Poirot and Miss Jane Marple, her prolific output would bring her publisher William Collins at least one book every year. Twenty of her contemporary crime novels were to feature neither Poirot or Marple, instead a wide range of ingenious plots would be played out by a selection of amateur sleuths, professional detectives, young adventuresses or unwary bystanders caught up in unforeseen events. This collection of five omnibuses gathers together the twenty stand-alone novels, presenting them chronologically and providing a fascinating window on a changing world though six decades of investigation. Presented in this way, recurring characters - including Superintendent Battle, Tommy and Tuppence Beresford, Colonel Johnny Race and Ariadne Oliver - rub shoulders with many who would appear only in one book, and the result is a selection of some of the finest mystery writing ever. Here is the answer to the question of what Agatha Christie might have been had she not invented Poirot or Marple - and the answer undoubtedly is still *The Queen of Crime!* **TP \$39.95**

Mary Higgins Clark

Weep No More My Lady

A thrilling tale of mystery and intrigue from the unstoppable Queen of Suspense.

Elizabeth Lange has arrived at an exclusive spa in Pebble Beach, California, weary of heart and soul. Still grieving for her beloved sister, a famous actress who plunged to her death from her Manhattan penthouse, Elizabeth is determined to unearth the truth about how Leila died.

Accused of the murder is international celebrity Ted Winters, Leila's dashing fiancé. The chief witness for the prosecution is Elizabeth Lange.

Attempting to relax before the trial, Elizabeth is confronted by a cast of characters who all had cause to love -- or hate -- Leila La Salle. And one of them is determined that she will not live to testify... **PB \$18.95**

Cry In the Night

Divorcee Jenny MacPartland's struggle to support herself and her two small daughters is not helped by her irresponsible ex-husband. But suddenly a new man steps into her life. Rich, handsome Erich Krueger sweeps her off her feet and off to his mansion in the country.

Everything seems to be perfect, and Jenny feels like a fairy-tale princess. But gradually the fairy-tale turns into a nightmare. Something is very wrong in the great house that has become her prison. Something that threatens her marriage, her life -- and her children. **PB \$18.95**

Remember Me

A RIVETING TALE OF SUSPENSE, MENACE AND ELECTRIFYING TENSION

Unable to forgive herself for the death of her two-year-old son Bobby in a car accident, Menley Nichols' marriage to Adam starts to fall apart -- until the birth of their daughter Hannah.

Determined to rebuild a life together around their precious baby, Menley and Adam decide to rent a house on Cape Cod for a month, confident that the tranquility of the place will be ideal for Menley and little Hannah. But the peace they crave is disturbed when strange things start to happen -- incidents which make Menley relive the horror of the accident in which she lost Bobby... incidents which make her fear for Hannah.

Step by step, Menley and Adam are drawn into a dark and sinister web of events which threatens their marriage, their child and ultimately Menley's sanity. **PB \$18.95**

A Stranger Is Watching

In this title, a young man is on death row for a crime he didn't commit, while a stranger lurks in the shadows. **PB \$18.95**

Night-Time is My Time

At the award dinner, Jean does not suspect that among the distinguished people she is greeting is the "Owl," a murderer nearing the countdown on his mission of vengeance against the Stonecroft women who had mocked or humiliated him, with Jean his final intended victim. **PB \$18.95**

Where Are the Children

A classic tale of jeopardy and haunting suspense

Nancy Harmon has fled the heartbreak of her first marriage, the macabre deaths of her two little children, the hostile front-page newspaper stories and the shocking charges against her. She has changed her name, dyed her hair and moved house. Now, enjoying a new life with a wonderful husband and two beautiful children, Nancy feels she can at last forget her tragic history and start believing in second chances...

Until the morning she looks outside for her little boy and girl, finds only one red mitten and knows the nightmare is beginning again. **PB \$18.95**

Ann Cleeves*Raven Black*

It is a cold January morning and Shetland lies buried beneath a deep layer of snow. Trudging home, Fran Hunter's eye is drawn to a vivid splash of colour on the white ground, ravens circling above. It is the strangled body of her teenage neighbour Catherine Ross. As Fran opens her mouth to scream, the ravens continue their deadly dance...

The locals on the quiet island stubbornly focus their gaze on one man – loner and simpleton Magnus Tait. But when police insist on opening out the investigation a veil of suspicion and fear is thrown over the entire community. For the first time in years, Catherine's neighbours nervously lock their doors, whilst a killer lives on in their midst.

Raven Black is a haunting, beautifully crafted crime story, and establishes Ann Cleeves as a rising talent in psychological crime writing... **TP \$32.95**

Harlan Coben*Promise Me*

Myron Bolitar returns after 6 years...In the last six years Harlan Coben has gone from being a critically acclaimed, but modest selling, US crime author to being an international bestseller and global brand. He has done this with a searing collection of stand-alone novels.

However, his most recent backlist titles have also been republished in this period and each one of those has entered the charts in their own right. As a result the call has been getting louder and louder for the return of Harlan's series character, Myron Bolitar. So, we are pleased to announce, that the new novel will star Harlan's favourite alter-ego. As *Promise Me* opens, it seems Myron may finally be settling down - he is in a tentative relationship with the widow of a 9/11 victim and life is good. But when a phone rings at 3am and he receives a desperate cry for help - he can't resist getting on his white charger again. **HC \$49.95 TP \$29.95**

Jan Coffey*Silent Waters*

Silent Waters

Their only chance for survival is to go deep...

A fast-attack nuclear submarine cuts silently through the waters of the North Atlantic, hijacked by two dozen armed terrorists. The target: New York City. Fighting for their lives aboard the hijacked submarine, Superintendent Amy Russell and Commander Darius McCann have only one hope for survival: With the lives of millions at stake, they must play a dangerous game of cat and mouse where capture would mean certain death.

On land, Lieutenant Colonel Sarah Connelly and Commander Bruce Dunn are working to learn the details of the hijacking in time to stop the attack... And as mass hysteria paralyses New York City, the two investigators uncover a trail of secrets as dangerous as the silent weapon aimed at the heart of America. **PB \$14.95**

Natalie Collins*Wives and Sisters*

Years after her best friend disappears, Allison Jensen struggles to understand why the leaders of her Mormon community refuse to provide answers, and in the wake of her father's tyranny, a brutal attack, and her neighbors' cover-up of a sexual predator's activities, she struggles to break free.

PB \$17.95

Jodi Compton*The 37th Hour*

A detective specializing in missing persons cases, Sarah Pribek becomes involved in a case that hits all too close to home, the mysterious disappearance of her own husband, a fellow police officer. **PB \$17.95**

Sympathy Between Humans

Still protecting the identity of a killer six months after the death of a small-time criminal, Detective Sarah Pribek keeps her demons at bay by dealing with two very different cases--a missing young man and an unlicensed doctor providing care for the underclass--all the while escaping the attentions of an ambitious D.A.'s investigator. **PB \$17.95**

Michael Connelly Editor*Murder in Vegas: New Crime Tales of Gambling and Desperation*

A collection of twenty-two original short crime and mystery stories includes the tales of a gambler who must win at the roulette table to stay alive and a courier who accepts a package with unexpected consequences, in a volume that includes contributions by such writers as Wendy Hornsby, Michael Collins, and Jeremiah Healy. **PB \$17.95**

Beverly Connor*Dead Secret*

Beverly Connor's thrilling novel proves that the dead do tell tales...In the depths of an unmapped cave, forensic anthropologist Diane Fallon makes an astonishing discovery: the decades-old skeleton of a caving victim. Soon, the remains of two more bodies are found - one in an old car submerged in the waters of an abandoned quarry, another buried in the Georgia woods. At first, with nothing to link the dissimilar victims except desiccated bones, Diane can't fathom the connection. But someone else does. It's the key to a mystery that reaches back seventy years in a heritage of love, greed, and murder - and an unearthed family secret that still holds the power to kill. **PB \$19.95**

Avery Corman*The Boyfriend From Hell*

Her life turned inside out by a new relationship with a dazzling, charismatic man, freelance writer Veronica McBride becomes increasingly perplexed and then fearful of his dual nature, which is by turns loving and supportive or non-committal and manipulative. **HC \$49.95**

Patricia Cornwell*At Risk*

A Massachusetts D. A. who is running for governor looks for a way to employ cutting-edge DNA technology to fight crime, using a twenty-year-old murder in Tennessee as the first guinea pig case, but when a shocking piece of violence intervenes, her state investigator is not so sure it is a random event. **HC \$45.95**

Jennifer Crusie*Don't Look Down*

Recruited to finish a four-day action movie shoot, commercial director Lucy Armstrong finds the job challenged by egomaniacal actors, her stunt director ex-husband, and a would-be killer, a situation that places her at odds with Green Beret J.T. Wilder, who has been hired as a military consultant. **HC \$51.95 MP3 CD \$51.95**

Diane Mott Davidson*Dark Tort*

When caterer Goldy Schulz stumbles upon a dead paralegal while on her latest catering job at a local law firm, she does her own snooping to find the killer, at the behest of the victim's mother, and is soon knee-deep in suspects. **HC \$51.95 CD \$78.00**

Jeffrey Deaver*Praying For Sleep*

Michael Hrubek, a schizophrenic psychopath, escapes from a mental institution. The directors of the hospital, concerned for their reputation, tell the police he's harmless. But Hrubek doesn't need to sleep and is terrifyingly unpredictable, with the quick thinking of the insane. And he's leaving a trail of bodies in his wake. **PB \$18.95**

Lesson of Her Death

New Cover -Stunning jacket makes the most of Deaver branding.Compelling early thriller from the bestselling author.Fascinating background of police procedural detail.Over 3 million Jeffery Deaver titles sold in the UK alone.Jeffery Deaver is now a #1 bestselling paperback author and there is a huge potential audience for this extremely strong backlist book - a bridge between his early crime and the mainstream thrillers. **PB \$18.95**

Speaking In Tongues

Tate Collier is a lawyer who defends death penalty cases in Virginia's Supreme Court. When his teenage daughter goes missing, the signs are that she's run away. But, Tate and his ex-wife feel differently, and set out in search of her. He discovers that Megan is in the hands of a man with no morals. And, Megan's is not the only life in danger... **PB \$18.95**

Genell Dellin*Montana Gold*

Loner Chase Lomax, a five-time bronc-riding champion on the rodeo circuit, meets his match in a beautiful rodeo bullfighter when she saves his life and gives him the strength and courage to love again. **PB \$15.95**

Lori Devoti*Love Is All You Need*

To find an elusive pottery pig, which is worth a considerable fortune, in the Missouri Ozarks for her boss, sassy city girl Del Montgomery attempts to con a sexy local auctioneer into helping her, but the tables turn when he places a bid on her heart, forcing her to come clean. **PB \$13.95**

Eric Jerome Dickey*Chasing Destiny*

Known on the streets for her beauty and impressive motorcycle, Ducati discovers that she is pregnant just before her boyfriend decides to return to his wife, a situation that is complicated by a threat from her boyfriend's wife, the disappearance of her boyfriend's teenage daughter, and an attempt on Ducati's life. **HC \$51.95**

Richard Doetsch*The Thieves of Heaven*

When master thief Michael St. Pierre steals two priceless antique keys--which supposedly protect the secret of salvation--from Vatican vaults, he unwittingly sets in motion a deadly plot that brings him face to face with an insidious enemy and sends him running for his life. **PB \$17.95**

Paul Doherty*Year of the Cobra (Mahu 03)*

The third and final book in this series based upon the memories of Mahu, an ancient Egyptian chief of police from the author hailed as the true heir to Ellis Peters. At the end of THE SEASON OF THE HYENA, the previous book in this trilogy, Mahu had just been recalled to court because the young Pharaoh, Tutankhamun, was suffering from a serious mental illness. THE YEAR OF THE COBRA now resumes Mahu's tale: Tutankhamun is unwell, but there is no heir apparent. Egypt's enemies, the Hittites, are advancing through Canaan, and Ay - First Minister of Akenhaten, father of Nefertiti, brother of Queen Tiye - still plots, like the spider he is. The web is woven, the traps set. **TP \$32.95 HC \$60.00**

Robert Doherty*Bodyguard of Lies*

Discovering that the men in their lives shared a dangerous secret, Neeley, the lover of a murdered spy operative, and Hannah, a housewife whose husband has gone missing, find themselves struggling to survive and working to protect the United States from a deadly terrorist plot. **PB \$17.95**

Philip Donlay*Code Black*

When a blizzard and a terrible accident cause a power failure at Chicago's O'Hare air traffic control facility and a devastating mid-air collision, passenger Donovan Nash, a pilot with a hidden past, fights decompression, oxygen deprivation, and damaged controls to keep the plane from crashing. **HC \$47.95**

Tim Dorsey*Torpedo Justice*

Enjoying life as a fugitive on the Overseas Highway, lovable serial killer Serge Storms decides to find a bride whose spirit matches his own and finds his search marked by an array of scoundrels, hoodlums, and a believed-dead former accomplice. **PB \$19.95**

Nick Drake*Nefertiti*

She is called 'The Perfect One', the most famous and beautiful woman in the world. Nefertiti rules equally with her husband, the Pharaoh Akhenaten, over the richest, most sophisticated and powerful society in the modern world. Yet behind the glorious facades of luxury and pleasure an epic power struggle is taking place; Akhenaten and Nefertiti inaugurate an enlightened new religion, and build a magnificent and mysterious new capital in the desert in which to worship the God of the Sun. The delicate balance of power in Egypt is thrown into confusion; the old priesthood is stripped of its traditional authority and wealth, the army is enraged by the growing turbulence on the country's borders, and the people resent the loss of the ancient Gods. Old alliances are brought into doubt, and generations of inherited power and wealth are suddenly at stake. And then, shortly before the crucial festival to celebrate the new capital, to which rulers and representatives from across the world are invited to attend, Nefertiti suddenly vanishes. Rai Rahotep, the youngest chief detective in the Thebes division, with a rising reputation for his original methods, is secretly assigned by Akhenaten himself to investigate. He has ten days to find the Queen and return her in time for the celebrations. Success will bring glory but if he fails, he and his family will die. **HC \$45.00**

Shannon Drake*Reckless*

Kat Adair leaves London society behind and journeys to Egypt to be with the man she loves, Egyptologist David Turnberry, only to be met with animosity and distrust from David's best friend, archaeologist Hunter MacDonald. **PB \$19.95**

John Dunning*The Sign of the Book (Cliff Janeway Mystery)*

Entreated by partner Erin D'Angelo to help in the case of a friend, who has been accused of murdering her husband, avid book collector Cliff Janeway investigates the whereabouts of the couple's three children during the killing and discovers that the victim possessed a valuable collection of books. **PB \$22.95**

The Bookwoman's Last Fling (Cliff Janeway Mystery)

Traveling to Idaho to look at rare first-edition books, private investigator Cliff Janeway is disturbed by a horse trainer owner's untimely death, a case that brings Janeway to the California Races at Golden Gate Fields and Santa Anita Park. **HC \$51.95**

Ake Edwardson*Sun and Shadow*

Enjoying a satisfying family life and career as Sweden's youngest chief inspector, Erik Winter faces a daunting case involving a double murder and a suspect with possible links to the gothic world and the local police force. **TP \$26.95**

David Ellis*Jury of One*

Shelly Trotter, the daughter of the state governor and a children's rights advocate, comes to the aid of a seventeen-year-old former client accused of killing a police officer, only to discover that the boy had become caught up in an undercover sting to trap corrupt cops. **PB \$19.95**

In the Company of Liars

A thriller told in reverse centers on a woman who is undergoing a murder trial overseen by a prosecutor who is strongly pursuing the death penalty and an FBI agent who would force the defendant to betray her family. **PB \$19.95**

Kate Ellis*Merchant's House***PB \$19.95****Earl Emerson***The Smoke Room*

Hailed as a hero for a daring rescue during a fire at which he had arrived late, rookie firefighter Jason Gum is relieved when two colleagues cover up his dereliction, until they pressure him to reciprocate when they steal more than twelve million dollars in bearer bonds, a theft that leads to the death of Jason's battalion chief. **PB \$17.95**

Firetrap

When an African-American social club burns to the ground, local reporter and firefighter Trey Brown--who had taken part in fire-fighting efforts himself--reluctantly takes on an independent investigation for community leaders, uncovering a long history of fire code violations, cover-ups, and high-level conspiracy in the process. **HC \$51.95**

Janet Evanovich & Charlotte Hughes*Full Scoop*

Beaumont, South Carolina, has become a hotbed of problems for pediatrician Maggie Farnsworth, when her former boyfriend, an escaped convict, arrives in search of Maggie and her young daughter, with handsome FBI agent Zack Madden in hot pursuit, while the other inhabitants of the town are also enjoying their own brushes with romance. **APB \$19.95**

Robert Eversz*Zero to the Bone (Nina Zero)*

Earning legitimacy during her first gallery show, Hollywood photographer Nina Zero receives from an anonymous sender a snuff film recording the untimely murder of one of Nina's young models, a situation that prompts an investigation into the murky world of S&M Web sites, past-life regression therapy, and the LAPD. **HC \$49.95**

Linda Fairstein*Final Jeopardy*

'I sat on my living room sofa at five o'clock in the morning with a copy of the mock-up of the front of the day's New York Post in my hand, looking at my own obituary.' Alexandra Cooper, Assistant DA in New York, had lent her retreat in Martha's Vineyard to a Hollywood star. When a woman is found murdered at the wheels of Alex's car in her own driveway, the police assume it is her. When it turns out to be the house guest, a snake pit of possibilities opens up. If the killer had got the right woman were they an obsessive fan or someone closer to home? Or was the motive entirely unconnected with either of the women's careers? **PB \$19.95**

Likely To Die

A neurosurgeon is sexually assaulted, stabbed and left for dead in her office at the labyrinthine Mid-Manhattan Medical Centre. The police designate her Likely to Die. Alexandra Cooper, head of the district's sex crimes unit, assembles a task force to investigate but finds herself hindered at every turn. Not only has her office prosecuted some of the vast hospital's patients and staff before but the building itself compounds the problem. A vast complex encompassing a medical college and the Stuyvesant Psychiatric Centre, the hospital rises over a network of tunnels now occupied by numberless transients who have easy access to the corridors. Strung out with other cases and mired in the investigation personally, when even the man she has begun to date has a connection to the case, Alex must find the killer - before the killer finds her . . . **PB \$19.95**

The Bone Vault

The glitzy reception at New York's Metropolitan Museum of Art should have been a welcome evening off for Assistant District Attorney Alexandra Cooper. But the occasion is overshadowed by a gruesome discovery: in an ancient sarcophagus bound for a show abroad, customs officials have found the body of a young woman. Katrina Grooten was a hard-working intern at the Cloisters, the foreboding home of the Museum's collection of medieval art. She'd left her job several months earlier, but her eerily preserved body is grisly proof she'd never returned home to South Africa. The white lines on her fingernails are the telltale sign of her killer's modus operandi: arsenic poisoning. As Alex and NYPD Detective Mike Chapman begin their investigations, they encounter an establishment whose culture is as curious as the exhibits they display, and whose secrets and rivalries are as ancient. And then they discover a number of mysterious vaults, whose bones hold the clues to Katrina's murder . . . **PB \$19.95**

Adam Fawer*Improbable*

David Caine inhabits a world of obsession, rich rewards, and rapid, destructive downfalls. A compulsive gambler and brilliant mathematician prone to crippling epileptic seizures, he possesses the uncanny ability to calculate odds of any hand in the blink of an eye. But one night at an underground poker club, Caine makes a costly miscalculation, sending his life spinning out of control. Desperate, he agrees to test an experimental drug with unnerving side effects: inexplicable visions of the past, present, and future. Unsure whether he's perceiving an alternate reality or suffering a psychotic breakdown, Caine embarks on a journey that stretches beyond the possible into the world of the improbable. Gradually, he discovers the extent of his astonishing new ability -- but powerful, shadowy forces know Caine's secret. Now Caine must fight for his survival -- and his sanity . . .

PB \$18.95**Joseph Finder***Killer Instinct*

Lacking the competitive instincts considered necessary to get ahead in his sales job, Jason Steadman meets a recently hired Iraqi war veteran who recruits him for the company softball team and offers him a job in corporate security, a situation that turns ugly when Jason learns his new friend's true agenda. **HC \$51.95**

Company Man

Despised after a massive layoff at his company, corporate CEO Nick Conover struggles to protect his two children from local hostilities but finds things spinning out of control when a stalker begins threatening his family and Nick is blamed for a murder **PB \$19.95**

R Barri Flowers*State's Evidence*

Assistant District Attorney Beverly Mendoza believes that Rafael Santiago is responsible for killing a judge and raping his wife, until a career criminal confesses to the crime, leading her to believe that this might be a case of mistaken identity or two violent men trying to beat the system.

PB \$17.95**Earlene Fowler***The Saddlemaker's Wife*

Inheriting shares in a cattle ranch in Tokopah County from her late husband, Ruby McGavin is stunned to discover that her late husband's family is very much alive and heads for California to find out the truth, encountering handsome saddlemaker Lucas McGavin and a host of secrets along the way. **HC \$49.95**

Kathryn Fox*Malicious Intent*

Pathologist and forensic physician Dr. Anya Crichton joins forces with her friend and colleague, Detective Sergeant Kate Farrer, to uncover the truth about the drug overdose death of a young Lebanese girl, but she soon discovers a strange resemblance between that death and a string of supposedly unrelated suicides. **TP \$28.95**

Without Consent

Forensic Physician Dr Anya Crichton has taken a part-time job at the Sexual Assault Unit. A deranged rapist is attacking women and Anya does all she can to help the victims, some of whom are too distraught to report the attacks to the police.

Suspicion immediately falls upon Geoffrey Willard, recently released from prison for the rape and murder of a teenage girl decades earlier. Unravelling the forensic evidence, Anya knows she faces an enormous ethical dilemma.

If her findings are correct, she is about to blow the whistle and ruin a fellow pathologist's career. In the process, Anya realises that she may be helping a rapist and murderer go free... **TP \$32.95**

Dick Francis*High Stakes*

Under the guidance of his trainer, Jody Leeds, wealthy inventor Steven Scott watches as his horses win race after race, a winning streak that could be broken by a troublemaker in his own stable. **PB \$19.95**

Ariana Franklin*City of Shadows*

In a decadent and turbulent Berlin of the 1920s and 1930s, Nick, a scheming cabaret owner, enlists the aid of his secretary, Esther Solomonova, to pass off a woman in a local asylum as the Grand Duchess Anastasia, daughter of the murdered Russian czar, in order to claim the Romanov fortune, only to discover that they have unleashed a nightmare of murderous violence. **HC \$51.95**

Brian Freeman*Immoral*

In Duluth, Minnesota, a young woman, Rachel Stoner, has gone missing. Jonathan Stride, a sharply focused detective despite the stresses of his troubled personal life, is quick to suspect her stepfather of murder. And yet, he has his doubts. Even for a man accustomed to power, the accused seems remarkably convinced he'll go free. Could he be telling the truth? While Stride endeavours to make sense of the conflicting pieces of evidence, a young woman's body lies half-buried deep in the woods. But if it's not the body of Rachel, where is the missing girl? Is she dead, or is the terrible, unexpected fate that awaits Rachel's stepfather one he does not deserve? In this dark, involving mystery, nothing is as it seems, and readers will be gripped to the very last page as the shocking truth gradually emerges. **PB \$19.95**

Shane Gericke*Blown Away*

Working her first homicide case, rookie cop Emily Thompson comes face-to-face with a twisted serial killer who, determined to make her his greatest trophy, forces her into a nightmarish realm of unspeakable horror where she makes a shocking discovery that is linked to her own past.

PB \$17.95

Tess Gerritsen*Never Say Die / Call After Midnight*

NEVER SAY DIE: Willy Jane Maitland travelled to Saigon to find out what had happened to her father—reported missing in action twenty years ago. Instead she found intrigue and murder. Only the rumpled and irreverent ex-soldier Guy Barnard seemed willing to help her. But as Willy was about to discover, even Guy had his hidden motives, his shocking secrets... and Vietnam was a dangerous place to fall in love.

CALL AFTER MIDNIGHT: A ringing phone awakens newly-wed Sarah Fontaine. Instead of her husband calling from London, it's an unfamiliar voice... Nick O'Hara from the U.S. State Department: Geoffrey Fontaine, her husband of two months, has died in a hotel fire... in Berlin. Convinced her husband is still alive, Sarah forces Nick to help her and soon the pair are criss-crossing Europe—unwitting quarry in a clandestine world of international espionage—searching for Geoffrey and risking everything for answers that may prove fatal. From the bestselling author of *Under The Knife* comes a riveting, tense tale of old secrets and betrayal. **TP \$27.95**

Victor Gischler*Shotgun Opera*

Spending decades in hiding after a job for the mob ends in a hail of bullets that claims his brother's life, Mike Foley reluctantly leaves hiding when his nephew Andrew, running for his life with ace assassin Nikki Enders on his trail, enlists his aid to escape. **PB \$17.95**

Robert Goddard*Play to the End*

Struggling actor Toby Flood, formerly of big and small screen but now seldom seen on either, arrives in Brighton on the first Sunday in December with the other cast members and reluctantly takes on a investigation into the sinister stranger who is apparently stalking his estranged wife. By the author of *Into the Blue*. **TP \$24.95**

Never Go Back

Nell knows that she shares a very special past with her cousins, Edmund and Perry. In their young days in Gloucestershire they used to play, quarrel, and perhaps fall in love a little. But when a strange young man arrives in their midst, Nell discovers with a shock that he too, shares some of their mysterious past. **HC \$59.95**

Jason Goodwin*The Janissary Tree*

When the Ottoman Empire of 1836 is shattered by a wave of political murders that threatens to upset the balance of power, eunuch intelligence agent Yashim Togalu conducts an investigation into clues within the empire's once-elite military forces, which had been crushed by the Sultan when they became too powerful. **HC \$51.95**

Heather Graham*The Island*

A slice of paradise in the turquoise waters of southern Florida, the island is a lush, breathtaking sanctuary. Few can resist its allure, or its primitive beauty. Fewer still know its secrets... On a weekend away with her brother and niece, Beth Anderson is unnerved when a stroll on the beach reveals what appears to be a skull—instantly recalling the retired couple who disappeared off the island's coast a few months earlier. Sensing someone approaching, Beth quickly covers the 'evidence'. But when she later returns, the skull is gone. Only her niece is a witness, there is no proof of foul play, and to her brother the missing skull is just a good tale to tell at an island camp-out that night—a tale heard by an eager group of holiday-makers including charismatic Keith Henson, the stranger from the beach. The events are dismissed as the product of an overactive imagination, but when Beth hears someone outside her tent she instinctively knows her fears are justified...

Determined to find solid evidence to bring to the police, Beth digs deeper into the mystery of the skull. Everywhere she goes, Keith Henson seems to be, claiming he is keeping an eye on her safety though Beth senses otherwise. Then a body washes ashore, and Beth begins to think she needs help—because investigating is a dangerous game, and someone wants to stop Beth playing. **TP \$27.95**

Martha Grimes*The Old Contemptibles (Richard Jury)*

When the lady he had hoped to marry is murdered, Richard Jury becomes a suspect in the investigation and sends his friend, Melrose Plant, to Scotland to probe into the sordid history of the victim's family. **PB \$19.95**

James Grippando*The Pardon and Beyond Suspicion*

When his client is sentenced to death, Miami attorney Jack Swyteck's is forced into an uneasy relationship with his estranged governor father when a psychopath threatens the lives of both father and son in *The Pardon*, while in *Beyond Suspicion*, settling into a quiet life, Swyteck is horrified when a former client turns up dead, placing him under suspicion, compromising his marriage, and forcing him to find the real killer before he becomes the next victim, in an omnibus edition. **TP \$23.95**

Michael Gruber*Valley of Bones*

Investigating the murder of an oil tycoon, detective Jimmy Paz interviews an unlikely suspect in pious young Emmylou Dideroff, whose claim about her ability to commune with saints places her sanity in question and tests the belief systems of police psychologist Lorna Wise. **PB \$19.95**

Kevin Guilfoile*Cast of Shadows*

When his daughter is brutally raped and murdered, a grieving Davis Moore, a Chicago fertility doctor specializing in reproductive cloning, comes up with a horrifying idea—to clone the murderer who killed his daughter from a vial of the killer's DNA—in a debut thriller that asks chilling questions about identity and the consequences of duplicating a human life. **TP \$28.95**

Denise Hamilton*Savage Garden (Eve Diamond)*

When the unstable leading lady of a new Los Angeles stage production is found murdered, reporter Eve Diamond conducts a personal investigation to clear the name of her boyfriend, Silvio, who has been charged with the crime, a case that is complicated by the unethical practices of her fledgling protégé, Felice. **PB \$19.95**

The Jasmine Trade

The death of Marina Chang in a supposed carjacking sends Los Angeles Times reporter Eve Diamond on the trail of California's "parachute kids"—wealthy Asian teens living alone while their parents run Hong Kong businesses. **PB \$17.95**

Lyn Hamilton*The Moai Murders (Archeological Mystery)*

While admiring the Moai, giant stone carvings, on Easter Island, now known as Rapa Nui, antiques dealer Lara McClintoch and her best friend Moira find their much-needed vacation interrupted when a rivalry among Rapa Nui experts at their hotel results in murder **PB \$17.95**

Sophie Hannah*Little Face*

Sophie Hannah is a bestselling poet in the Carol Ann Duffy/Wendy Cope vein, and that talent translates to a beautifully written but very accessible style for this psychological crime. Three part mystery (have the babies been swapped? what has happened to Alice and the baby? who killed David's first wife?) keeps the reader propelled through the narrative. Sophie Hannah has been devotee of the crime and thriller genre all her life and is going to continue to write a novel of psychological suspense a year. High concept well written psychological crime is hard to find - this is a real gem.

HC \$55.00 TP \$32.95

Erin Hart*Lake of Sorrows (Haunted Ground 02)*

In a follow-up to Haunted Ground, pathologist Nora Gavin investigates two bodies discovered at the site of an Irish midland industrial site--one ancient, the other recent--and teams up with archaeologist Cormac Maguire, with whom she has fallen in love, for an unexpectedly dangerous case.

PB \$19.95

John Hart*The King of Lies*

When his father is found murdered, the investigation into the crime uncovers dark family secrets that threaten to unravel the life of North Carolina lawyer Work Pickens and those of his troubled sister, her combative girlfriend, his gold-digging socialite wife, and other small-town characters.

HC \$47.95

A J Hartley*The Mask of Atreus*

When the proprietor of an obscure museum is found dead amidst priceless Greek antiquities--one of which is missing along with the bones of a legendary hero thought to exist only in myth--museum curator Deborah Miller enters into dangerous realm of mystery, murder, and vengeance.

PB \$19.95

John Harvey*Darkness and Light*

She wore a gold dress, short-sleeved, its skirt full-length and slightly flared. He could see the faint indentation on her left hand, a pale circle of skin giving away the fact that, until recently, a wedding ring had been there. She looked peaceful, lying there on the bed, her arms resting easily together, the left hand on the right, a slender silver cross and chain encircling her neck, and not a wrinkle, not a fold of her dress out of place. And, perhaps, she truly was at peace. For she was dead. This was the sight that greeted Detective Inspector Frank Elder on his first case with the Serious Crimes Unit. His first case and never solved; no one was ever charged; the murderer never found. At liberty to walk the streets, and to kill again. Eight years later, Elder's estranged wife contacts him in his Cornish hideaway. Her friend's sister Claire - a quiet and withdrawn widow in her fifties - has mysteriously disappeared. Elder, reluctantly, agrees to dig around and see what he can find. Then Claire is found, dead, arranged with meticulous detail on her bed, and it doesn't take long for Elder to make the connection. It's obviously the work of the same unbalanced individual and, to find the killer, Elder must shine a light into the darkest recesses of human behaviour, the dark and twisted recesses of a disturbed human mind. **HC \$45.00**

John Twelve Hawks*The Traveller*

In the shadows of our modern society, an ancient conflict between good and evil is being fought. A life-and-death battle we will never see, between those who wish to control history and those who will risk their lives for freedom and enlightenment... Los Angeles: A city where you have to work hard to live beneath the surface. Gabriel and Michael Corrigan are trying to do just that. Since childhood, the brothers have been shaped by the stories that their mystical father, a man of strange powers and intuition, has told them about the world in which they live. After his violent death, they have been living 'off the grid' - that is, invisible to the intricate surveillance networks that monitor our modern lives. London: Maya, a tough and feisty young woman, is playing at being a citizen, is playing at leading a normal life. But her background is anything but. Trained to fight since she was a young girl, she is the last in a long line whose duty is to protect the gifted among us. When she is summoned to Prague by her ailing father, she learns that Gabriel and Michael's lives are in danger and they are in desperate need of protection. Prague: Nathan Boone, a disciplined and amoral mercenary, watches Maya leave the meeting with her father before brutally killing him. Tasked to hunt down the Corrigan brothers, he tracks Maya as she seeks to fulfil her father's last command. When Maya flies to California to find them, an extraordinary chase begins, the final running battle in the war which will reveal the secret history of our time. **PB \$19.95**

Lynne Heitman*The Pandora Key*

To save her partner, Harvey Baltimore, Alex Shanahan, a former airline operations manager turned private detective, takes on ruthless terrorists responsible for a fatal hijacking, the Russian mob, and a global vigilante group, all of which may be tied to the return of Rachel, the scheming ex-wife of her partner. **PB \$17.95**

Joan Hess*The Goodbye Body (Claire Malloy Mystery)*

Staying at the palatial home of a wealthy customer when her own meager apartment is rendered unlivable, bookstore owner Claire Malloy becomes increasingly convinced that the house's owner is not who she claims to be, a situation that is complicated by the disappearances and reappearances of a dead body. **PB \$17.95**

Joanna Hines*The Murder Bird*

At the heart of every murder, there's a child crying... Kirsten Waller, the acclaimed and well known poet, is found dead in the bath in her remote cottage in Cornwall. The police claim it is suicide, but her daughter Sam refuses to believe her mother would take her own life and sets out to prove it was murder. At the time of Kirsten's death, she was working on her new masterpiece - a poem called 'The Murder Bird'. Only a few people knew of its existence and what it was about. But now the poem is missing together with her journal. As Sam determines to uncover the secrets around her mother's violent death, and risks her own life to get to the truth, she discovers much more than she ever expected. **TP \$29.95**

Naomi Hirahara*Snakeskin Shamisen (Mas Arai Mystery)*

When a close friend is found murdered shortly after winning a half-million dollars from a novelty slot machine, Japanese-American gardener Mas Arai discovers that a snakeskin shamisen, a traditional Okinawa musical instrument, could hold a clue to the killer's identity and follows a trail that leads from the streets of L.A. to Okinawa in pursuit of the truth. **TP \$24.95**

Jane Stanton Hitchcock*One Dangerous Lady*

In Barbados to enjoy her romance with a dashing English lord, Jo Slater is stunned by the disappearance of Russell Cole, a wealthy art collector, from his yacht, and, back in New York, Jo is confronted by the threat of someone from her own past and discovers that neither her urbane lord nor Russell's wife are what they appear to be. **PB \$28.95**

Tami Hoag*Night Sins*

A young boy disappears without a trace save for a cruel, taunting note, and the case goes to an untested but tough-minded investigator and a local cop, who wonder if it is the work of a returned serial killer. **PB \$19.95**

Alice Hoffman*The Ice Queen*

A fairy tale for grown ups, which brings together, as only Hoffman can, the fabulous and the real, chaos theory and the irrational everyday moment, in a compelling, haunting and sexy novel, with a sharp edge. The story begins with a little girl who makes a wish one snowy night and ruins her life. She grows up with a splinter of ice in her heart until one day, standing by her kitchen window, she is struck by lightning. Instead of killing her, this cataclysmic event sparks off a new beginning. She seeks out Lazarus Jones, a fellow lightning survivor. He is her opposite, a burning man whose breath can boil water and whose touch scorches. As an obsessive love affair begins between them, both are forced to hide their most dangerous secrets - what turned one to ice and the other to fire. The Ice Queen is a haunting story of passion, loss, second chances and the secrets that come to define us, if we're not careful. **PB \$23.95**

Thomas Holland*One Drop of Blood*

A veteran forensics recoveries director for the U.S. Army presents the story of Central Identification Lab head Kel McKelvey, who faces his career's most challenging case, which involves a dead Vietnam veteran and an unsolved forty-year-old racial murder from Arkansas. **HC \$47.95**

Jim Hougan*The Magdalene Cipher*

Disgraced when a college professor is ritualistically slaughtered under his watch, CIA agent Jack Dunphy finds his intelligence career going nowhere and embarks on a covert operation to uncover the truth about his demotion, following a twisted trail of lies into the heart of an international secret society that will do anything to protect itself. **PB \$19.95**

David Housewright*Pretty Girl Gone*

Twin Cities P.I. Mac McKenzie is called in by an old girlfriend, now the First Lady of Minnesota, when she receives an e-mail hinting at nasty rumors about her husband, the governor, but as Mac begins sifting through the governor's past, he discovers that he has uncovered a hornet's nest of trouble, lies, decades-old secrets, and violence. **HC \$51.95**

Declan Hughes*Wrong Kind of Blood*

Dublin's answer to Ian Rankin. A gripping crime thriller set in contemporary Dublin featuring private investigator Edward Loy. The start of a terrific new series. John Murray will publish the second Edward Loy thriller in 2007. Will appeal to fans of Ian Rankin and Peter Robinson as well as general crime fiction. **HC \$45.00**

Noel Hynd*The Enemy Within*

It is early summer of 2009, an uneasy time in the American capital. Laura Chapman is a US Secret Service agent assigned to the White House. She is quirky, solitary, and frequently unorthodox. She is sexy and fit, adept with a pistol as well as with a hundred-pound Everlast bag. But she is also a brilliant intelligence analyst. That's why she has been assigned to the Presidential Protection Detail for the past eleven years. The CIA assigns Laura to a case: an assassination plot against the new president within the United States Secret Service. Since the CIA knows that the assassin is male, Laura is not a suspect. The odds are heavily against her locating an alleged assassin within the Service, and even more heavily against her surviving the assignment. As her investigation proceeds, Laura cannot shake the suspicion that there are things she has not been told, that she is being set up... In her increasingly frequent moments of paranoia, she wonders: Am I going to be the new Lee Harvey Oswald? **HC \$45.00**

Lee Irby*7,000 Clams*

When Frank Hearn, a down-on-his-luck bootlegger and tough guy looking to score big in 1920s America, gets his hand on a handwritten IOU for \$7000 signed by Babe Ruth, he embarks on an odyssey from New Jersey to St. Petersburg, Florida, where the Yankees are about to begin spring training, in order to convince the Babe to give him the money. **TP \$22.95**

Liz Ireland*The Pink Ghetto*

When her creatively embellished resume gets her a job at a romance publisher, Rebecca Abbot is immersed in an estrogen-laden environment where, while battling against a rival editor and scouting out new talent, she gets a new outlook on love, life, and "happily ever after." **TP \$26.95**

Lisa Jackson*Shiver*

Detective Reuben "Diego" Montoya must team up with the prime suspect in a murder case to catch a serial killer who, slaughtering his victims in pairs, is keeping the city of New Orleans in the grip of fear, an investigation that leads them to an abandoned asylum where unspeakable evil awaits them. **HC \$40.95**

Jane Jakeman*In the City of Dark Waters*

Fleeing the scandal and rumors that plagued them in Paris following a murder, Claude Money and his wife Alice have escaped to Venice, but the dark secrets of the past continue to haunt them when their fellow guest at a Venetian palazzo, Revel Callender, a London attorney on sabbatical, is hired by the powerful Casimiri family. **HC \$49.95**

Marianna Jameson*Big Trouble*

Computer security consultant Naomi Connor, hired to do a security audit for the company she destroyed years ago as an illegal hacker, vows to breach the defenses of chief technology officer Joe Casey, a conservative and cynical man who doesn't believe in love. **PB \$17.95**

Paul Jaskunas*Hidden*

Maggie Wilson lies on her bedroom floor. She is unconscious, her pulse is slow, she is bleeding from three wounds, but she is still alive. And she knows who attacked her. Now, suddenly Maggie is forced to rethink everything she believed. Her testimony was enough to put her husband behind bars. **PB \$22.00**

Roland S Jefferson*One Night Stand*

Posing for Playboy spreads during her spare moments while working as a public defender, thirty-one-year-old divorcee Myra Cross takes on an unexpectedly tough assignment defending a young gang member who has been in trouble with the law since the age of ten. **HC \$47.95**

Susan Kandel*Not A Girl Detective (Cece Caruso Mystery)*

Obsessed by her childhood memories of Nancy Drew, Cece Caruso, a professional biographer of classic mystery writers, is delighted when she is asked to write a book about Nancy's pseudonymous creator, "Carolyn Keene," but during a trip to L.A. to view a treasure trove of memorabilia, she stumbles upon a corpse and must use her talents to find a killer. **PB \$17.95**

Marshall Karp*The Rabbit Factory*

When an actor portraying the beloved mascot, Rambunctious Rabbit, of Familyland, a theme park associated with Llama Studios, is murdered on park grounds, LAPD detectives Mike Lomax and Terry Briggs are called in to solve the crime as quietly as possible, but additional killings reveal a baffling vendetta and conspiracy against Familyland. **HC \$51.95**

Jonathan Kellerman*Rage*

On a slow chilly Sunday in January, shortly after the Lakers overcame a sixteen point halftime deficit and beat New Jersey, I got a call from a murderer.'

It was a tragic case, and one that psychologist Alex Delaware had hoped he'd never have to think about again. For eight years earlier he'd been asked to evaluate two teenage boys who were charged with the brutal murder of a young child. Now, Rand Duchay, one of those teenage boys, is out of prison, and he wants to meet with Alex. He wants to prove 'I am not a bad person'.

But Rand doesn't make his meeting with Alex - and the next day his body is found in a notoriously dangerous park in LA. A bullet hole through his temple. Has he simply been the victim of a mugging? Or does his violent end have something to do with his terrible crime . . . ?

As Alex and Detective Milo Sturgis dig deeper into the case, they reveal an even more shocking catalogue of deaths - that all began with the murder of a little child all those years ago . . . **PB \$19.95**

Judith Kelman*After the Fall*

A family is torn apart when their son, Danny Magill, a handsome, athletic, studious teenager, is arrested for a shocking crime, in a stunning psychological novel that explores the issues of guilt and innocence and the ties that bind a family together. **PB \$19.95**

Simon Kernick*A Good Day to Die*

When ex-cop Dennis Milne, now living under an assumed identity in the Philippines, hears that his old friend and colleague Malik has been gunned down in a restaurant, he decides to go back to London, the violent city he once called home and bring the murderer to justice, in the sequel to *The Business of Dying*. **HC \$51.95**

Die Twice

Ex-mercenary Max Iversson matches wits with Detective Sergeant John Gallan, who is investigating the poisoning of a nightclub doorman, as both men search for answers about a deadly conspiracy in *The Murder Exchange*, while in *The Business of Dying*, working on the side as an assassin-for-hire, detective Dennis Milne finds himself in over his head when he accidentally kills three innocent men. **TP \$24.95**

Jonathan King*A Killing Night (Max Freeman)*

Joining in the investigation of a former police officer who is suspected in a series of killings in south Florida, Max Freeman is dismayed to learn that the suspect is from his own former precinct and had once had saved Max's life. **PB \$17.95**

Eye of Vengeance

Covering the story of a convicted murderer who has been killed in front of a corrections facility, veteran crime reporter and grieving widower Nick Mullins becomes increasingly alarmed when he realizes that his own news subjects are being targeted by a serial killer. **HC \$51.95**

Laurie R King*The Art of Detection*

San Francisco detective Kate Martinelli receives a lesson in detection from the master sleuth himself when she investigates the murder of a Sherlock Holmes aficionado, who may have been killed for a recently acquired, century-old manuscript purportedly penned by Holmes. **HC \$49.95**

Laurence Klavan*The Shooting Script*

In the sequel to *The Cutting Room*, Roy Milano, a self-described movie detective dedicated to finding arcane information about the world of film, stumbles into the middle of a murder case centered around a copy of Jerry Lewis's famed uncompleted film, *The Day the Clown Cried*, which a dedicated film buff will do anything to possess. **PB \$17.95**

Marshall N Klimasewiski*The Cottagers*

Insinuating himself into the lives of two vacationing couples on Vancouver Island, troubled nineteen-year-old Cyrus Coddington becomes obsessed with their respective situations, and when one of the vacationers disappears, a period of terror and suspicion ensues. **HC \$51.95**

Lynn Kurland*Much Ado In the Moonlight*

Arriving in England to produce *Hamlet* in a real castle, Victoria McKinnon finds her set haunted by the ornery ghost of a highland warrior who refuses to relinquish his stronghold to her until he realizes that she is his destiny. **PB \$19.95**

Linda Ladd*Head to Head*

Former L.A. homicide detective Claire Morgan finds her new life in a peaceful rural town shattered by a brutal celebrity murder at an ultra-exclusive "wellness" resort that leads her into the arms and into the bed of the prime suspect, wealthy Dr. Nicholas Black. **PB \$17.95**

Asa Larsson*Sun Storm*

When a body is discovered in her hometown, a young Swedish lawyer is called back home, only to become trapped in a perilous web of betrayal, suspicion, religious fanaticism, and death, in a suspense novel set against the backdrop of northern Sweden. **HC \$45.95**

David Lawrence*Nothing Like the Night (Stella Mooney Thriller)*

Detective Stella Mooney is back in this gripping novel that brings her face-to-face with a serial killer unlike any other whose never-ending desire for death brings about a shocking truth. **PB \$17.95**

Suzann Ledbetter*Once a Thief*

When her elderly uncles and aunt are released from prison after serving time for robbery, Ramey Burke takes them in and is soon immersed in a murder investigation when a dead body turns up in her front yard, forcing her to guard her family secrets, as well as her heart, from a sexy detective. **PB \$17.95**

Donna Leon*Blood From A Stone (Commissario Guido Brunetti Mystery)*

In a mystery that offers an unexpected take on life in contemporary Venice, Commissario Guido Brunetti plunges into the unfamiliar Venetian underworld of illegal African immigrants as he investigates after a street vendor is killed in a scuffle. **PB \$19.95**

Robert Littell*The Visiting Professor*

Forbidden to leave Russia due to his intimate knowledge of state secrets for more than twenty years, theoretical chaoticist Lemuel Falk receives a surprising exit visa approval and accepts a professorship in New York, where he finds himself entangled in an academic fight, a love affair with a much younger woman, and a serial killer investigation. **HC \$51.95**

Legends

Struggling with disjointed memories about his numerous past identities with the CIA, former field agent-turned-private detective Martin Odum wonders if he can trust his CIA psychiatrist and struggles to retain a hold on his sanity, a situation that is complicated by a young Russian woman who hires him to find her missing brother-in-law. **TP \$28.95**

Gregg Loomis*The Julian Secret (Lang Reilly Thriller)*

While trying to find the truth surrounding the murder of his best friend, an author in the process of writing a controversial book, Lang Reilly becomes caught in a web of mystery and intrigue leading all the way back to the Roman Empire and the founding of the Catholic Church. **PB \$17.95**

Gayle Lynds*The Last Spymaster*

When a legendary spy convicted of Cold War espionage disappears from his maximum-security prison cell, agent Elaine Cunningham is assigned to recapture the man before his disappearance becomes public knowledge, an endeavor that is compromised when Elaine uncovers evidence of a dangerous conspiracy behind his escape. **HC \$51.95**

Cathryn J Lyons*Blink of an Eye*

Emergency room doctor Cassie Hart becomes obsessed with discovering how drugs from her own hospital got out into the street and caused a series of deadly overdoses among young people, while detective Mickey Drake, attracted to Cassie for her dedication, combs through the local underground rave culture in search of answers. **HC \$51.95**

Stuart MacBride*Dying Light (Logan MacRae)*

It starts with a prostitute, stripped naked and beaten to death down by the docks - the heart of Aberdeen's red light district. For DS Logan MacRae it's a bad start to another bad day. Only a few short months ago he was the golden boy of Grampian police. But one botched raid later he's palmed off on a DI everyone knows is a jinx, waiting for the axe to fall with all the other rejects in the 'Screw-up Squad'. Logan's not going to take it lying down. He's determined to escape DI Steel and her unconventional methods, and the best way to do that is to crack the case in double-quick time.

Stuart MacBride's characteristic grittiness, gallows humour and lively characterisation are to the fore in his unputdownable second novel, confirming his status as the rising star of crime fiction. **TP \$32.95 Cassette \$29.95 CD \$39.95**

John D MacDonald*Cape Fear*

After fourteen years behind bars, convicted rapist Max Cady, fueled by rage and his passion for revenge, sets out to destroy Sam Bowden by targeting Bowden's innocent teenage daughter. Originally published as *The Executioners*. **PB \$19.95**

Kinley MacGregor*Sword of Darkness (Lords of Avalon)*

In the wake of the death of Arthur and the rise of a new king, Kerrigan, a fierce and ruthless warrior who for centuries has lived alone in the shadows, plans to barter or kill Seren, a spirited peasant girl destined for greater things, to claim Arthur's Round Table, but Seren's proud lack of fear and true nobility undermine his plans and hold the promise of salvation--or death--for them both. **PB \$17.95**

Myrna Mackenzie*Angel Eyes*

When Sarah Tucker, who has the ability to locate missing things and people, returns home after twelve years to find her sister, she is met with animosity in the form of her mother's next-door neighbor, Luke Packard, who mocks her so-called gift. **PB \$15.95**

Jay MacLarty*Live Wire*

Trapped behind enemy lines with a briefcase filled with incriminating documents, courier Simon Leonidovich, sent to deliver CIA documents to North Korean dissidents, stumbles upon evidence of a vast conspiracy on the part of someone high up in the U.S. government, one of the president's closest advisors, to assassinate the U.S. president. **PB \$19.95**

John Mannoek*War Mountains*

On the run for the ruthless SS Division Handschar, a fanatical band of Muslim warriors fighting with the Nazis, Marshall Tito and his Partisans get help from a commando team sent in by the Allies and they all band together to take down the enemy in the rugged mountains of Yugoslavia. **PB \$19.95**

Peter Maravelis Editor*San Francisco Noir (Noir)*

Brand new stories by: Barry Gifford, Robert Mailer Anderson, Michelle Tea, Peter Plate, Kate Braverman, Domenic Stansberry, David Corbett, Eddie Muller, Alejandro Murguia, Sin Sorracco, Alvin Lu, John Longhi, Will Christopher Baer, Jim Nisbet, and David Henry Sterry. **TP \$24.95**

Rosemary Martin*Twist and Shout Murder (Murder A-Go-Go)*

When her dreamy boss is accused of murdering an up-and-coming model, who has made many enemies during her rise to the top, groovy chick Bebe Bennett is forced to contend with a visit from her parents, a photo shoot in the Virgin Islands, and a date with the Bruma-Shave man, while trying to prove his innocence. **PB \$17.95**

Christine Matthews*Deadly Housewives*

Fourteen critically acclaimed female mystery writers plumb the dark depths of life as a homemaker in a collection of original mystery tales--by Nevada Barr, Sara Paretsky, Marcia Muller, Carole Nelson Douglas, S. J. Rozan, and Nancy Pickard, among others--that explore such dangerous elements as sex, marriage, kids, careers, jealousy, and female friendship. **TP \$28.95**

Val McDermid*The Mermaids Singing (Tony Hill)*

The Bradfield police are desperately hunting a serial-killer. Sexually crazed, coldly methodical, he puts his victims to barbaric torture, but leaves no clues to his identity. Four men have already died. When will he strike again? **PB \$19.95**

The Wire in the Blood (Tony Hill)

Young girls are disappearing around the country, and there is nothing to connect them to one another. Nobody gets inside the messy heads of serial killers like Dr Tony Hill... This thriller features psychological profiler Dr Tony Hill, hero of the successful television series "The Wire in the Blood". **PB \$19.95**

The Last Temptation (Tony Hill)

A twisted killer targeting psychologists has left a grisly trail across Europe. Dr Tony Hill, expert at mapping the minds of murderers, is reluctant to get involved. But then the next victim is much closer to home! This is a psychological thriller featuring clinical psychologist Tony Hill of "The Mermaids Singing" and "The Wire in the Blood". **PB \$19.95**

Cody McFadyen*Shadow Man*

Shocking, heart-wrenching and electrifyingly suspenseful, Cody McFadyen's SHADOW MAN is the most stunning debut thriller for years. FBI agent Smoky Barrett is no stranger to the darker recesses of the human mind. But nothing could have prepared her for the day she had to watch her husband and daughter die at the hands of a serial killer. She bears the scars, mental and physical. Most people would run - from work, from life, from everything associated with the pain of a shattered existence. But Smoky doesn't know how to run - and when the job that has defined her life comes calling once again with the news that her best friend from high school has been brutally murdered, she finds herself back in the firing line, chasing a hidden killer who will stop at nothing to confront her. Face to face. **HC \$35.00 TP \$29.95 CD \$35.00**

G A McKeveatt*Murder a la Mode (Savannah Reid Mystery)*

Voluptuous private detective Savannah Reid is chosen to compete for the affections of handsome Lance Roman on a reality TV show called "Man of My Dreams," but things take a sinister turn when one of the producers is found dead on the set. **PB \$17.95**

Andy McNab*Aggressor*

Ex-deniable operator Nick Stone seems to be living his dream, not a care in the world as he steers his camper van round the surfing and parachuting centres of Australia, a board on the roof, freefall rig behind him, and a beautiful young backpacker at his side. But when he witnesses on TV the massacre of children in a terrorist siege the other side of the world, long-suppressed memories are triggered and Nick finds himself catapulted once more into working for the American secret services - only this time, of his own free will. As events unfold in the bleak, medieval villages of Azerbaijan and teeming streets of modern Istanbul, it isn't long before Nick discovers the true objective of the mission on which he has embarked. His talents are being misused by those who stalk the corridors of power... and he is determined to make a stand. **PB \$19.95**

Deon Meyer*Dead At Daybreak*

Investigating the unusual murder of an antiques dealer, former police officer Zed van Heerden struggles to overcome past demons and the uncertain loyalties of people affiliated with the case in order to identify the killer. By the author of Heart of the Hunter. **PB \$18.95**

Dead Before Dying

In the wake of a series of murders by a killer who has been using a century-old German handgun, Cape Town police captain Mat Joubert struggles with personal demons while trying to identify a link between three victims. By the author of Heart of the Hunter. **HC \$51.95**

Stephen Miller*A Game of Soldiers*

One man, many conspirators, a world on the brink of war, A Game of Soldiers is a brilliant, atmospheric thriller, perfect for all readers of Fatherland. In St Petersburg, beside the glittering court life of the Romanovs, the people are seething. It is not only the Bolsheviks but also the new men, the tycoons grown wealthy in the booming economy and the more vigorous aristocrats who are impatient with their idle, incompetent rulers. Pyotr Ryzkhov, a government agent, is used to keeping his head down, minding his own business. He is providing a bodyguard for a key member of the government, when he witnesses the death of a child prostitute. The immediate cover up and the vulnerability of the girl drives him to probe into what he is sure is murder. But he suddenly finds his enquiries deliberately hampered. As the investigation widens, financiers, policemen, government officers, foreign diplomats, even the Minister of Justice, seem to be involved in an ever larger circle of fraud and violence. Then another brutal killing - this time of a leading banker - gives him the final clue and leads to the desperate journey to Serbia and the incident at Sarajevo that was to reverberate around the world. **TP \$32.95**

Alan Mills *Australian Author**The City of Animals*

At Sydney's Royal Prince Albert Zoo, fear is mounting. First a curator is found dead in a giraffe enclosure, then three endangered animals - part of a controversial shipment from Burma - are brutally slaughtered.

TV producer Nikiya Adams arrives at the zoo to research a new British series and is instantly plunged into a web of danger. Ten years ago she fell in love with the zoo's director, Dr James Rivers - but now the pair must put their feelings aside to face deadly intrigue and an unknown killer.

Trapped in the zoo at night, they find themselves being hunted - and Darwin's 'survival of the fittest' takes on a terrible meaning ...

Against the fascinating background of the operations of a major zoo, Alan Mills crafts an enthralling story of conspiracy, terror and the struggle to protect endangered species. **TP \$29.95**

Kyle Mills*Rising Phoenix & Storming Heaven*

In Rising Phoenix, assigned to track down a shadowy right-wing group poisoning the nation's cocaine, maverick FBI agent Mark Beamon discovers that a fellow agent is behind the sabotage and has trapped him in a deadly conspiracy, and in Storming Heaven, he braves a mysterious campaign of harassment to investigate the head of a littleknown church who may have kidnapped a teenage girl. **TP \$23.95**

Denise Mina*Field of Blood*

In Glasgow, a toddler goes missing, snatched from the front garden of his home. But while the city braces itself for the discovery of a lone sexual predator, the police are led to the doors of two young boys. Paddy Meehan has just started work on the Scottish Daily News where she dreams of becoming an investigative journalist. Although everyone at the paper believes the boys acted on their own, she believes there may be more to it than this, and begins to ask awkward questions. Shunned by those closest to her, Paddy finds herself dangerously alone... **PB \$21.95**

Deborah Morgan*Majolica Murders*

Ex-FBI agent and antiques picker Jeff Talbot is stunned when fellow picker Lanny, whom he had asked to scout out some majolica for his wife's birthday, is arrested for murdering an antiques dealer and discovers that the majolica has a dark history to die for. **PB \$17.95**

Warren Murphy & Richard Sapir*Bad Dog (Destroyer 143)*

When the president of the Institute of Nationalized Humane Health Care, in an effort to save money, trains Swedish Elkhounds to kill disease-carrying people who send premiums skyrocketing, Harold Smith and CURE send Remo in to destroy a sadistic dog handler known as The Foreman.

PB \$16.95

Bill Napier*Summer of the Cicada*

It's 1987 and Joseph Pullman and his parents have just moved to Maritime, Massachusetts. This is white-picket-fence America, but for fifteen-year old Joseph the threat of violence at home is as unrelenting as the punishment he receives at school, and his mother is slowly slipping away from reality. Joseph forms an uneasy friendship with the awkward Dean Gillespie and the boys occupy themselves burying animal corpses at the Killing Tree. This is the summer the cicadas are due to come out of their seventeen-year hibernation and Joseph becomes convinced that their arrival will bring his salvation. Meanwhile, Mother is gone and Joseph's father has retreated to his basement workshop. When a local boy goes missing and is finally found unconscious in the woods, Maritime is shaken. Then a second boy disappears and the residents of the town are forced to confront the secrets of the Pullmans' house. **PB \$23.95**

Carla Neggers*Breakwater*

When Alicia Morrow, a former co-worker at the U.S. Department of Justice, is found dead outside of her bayside cottage, Quinn Harlow, while investigating on her own, finds an ally in Huck McCabe, an undercover agent who is after the same people who murdered her friend. **PB \$14.95**

James W Nichol*Midnight Cab*

Walker, a cab driver, searches for his biological mother and finds support from Krista, a wheelchair-bound dispatcher, who partners with Walker in an increasingly dangerous search that will lead them into the underworld of Toronto. **TP \$26.95**

Mark Nykanen*Search Angel*

Nationally known as "The Orphan's Private Eye," Suzanne Trayle makes her living in tracking down and reuniting birth mothers with their adopted children, until a serial killer known as "The Searcher" enters her life, systematically killing off her clients and threatening to murder her own long lost son and his family if she tries to stop him. By the author of *The Bone Parade*. **PB \$17.95**

James Patterson & Peter de Jonge*Beach Road*

It starts with the rape of a young black girl: Nikki Robinson is cleaning the mansion on Beach Road owned by the Merrick family, when the owner's son assaults her. Then three teenage boys are shot dead on the beach - one is Michael Merrick, and one of the black kids accused of the murders is Nikki's half-brother, Eli. Defending them isn't going to be easy. No witness to the murders can be found. The rich local community don't want any murky secrets revealed about life in the Hamptons. And Tom and Kate, the two lawyers working on the case, haven't exactly been on good terms since their affair broke up. **HC \$55.00 TP \$32.95 CD \$49.95**

George Pelecanos Editor*DC Noir (Noir)*

Brand new stories by: George Pelecanos, James Grady, Kenji Jasper, Jim Beane, Ruben Castaneda, James Patton, Norman Kelley, Jennifer Howard, Richard Currey, Lester Irby, and others. **TP \$24.95**

George Pelecanos*Drama City*

Hoping to start over after serving eight years in prison, Lorenzo Brown returns to the Washington, D.C., neighborhood of his youth to take a job as a Humane Society officer but finds challenges from a local drug boss and former acquaintances who would draw him back into his old world.

PB \$17.95

Joanne Pence*Red Hot Murder (Angie Amalfi Mystery)*

Dilettante chef Angie Amalfi doubts if she'll actually survive her engagement to San Francisco homicide detective Paavo Smith, what with her meddling mum micromanaging the whole affair. So Angie leaps at the chance to spend some time away with her fiancé in the sun-drenched Arizona desert town where he'd spent time as a boy -- and maybe explore the possibility of a Southwestern-themed wedding feast.

But her groom-to-be is going back there to help a friend investigate the murder of a wealthy local -- and it seems this tiny desert community is a hotbed of deadly secrets. And when a second course of murder is served up, suddenly Angie's tasty getaway with her lover is starting to look more and more like her final meal. **PB \$16.95**

Don Pendleton*Triangle of Terror (Executioner 328)*

When Mack Bolan discovers a plan to overthrow the American government that is linked to the deaths of innocent marines, the razing of illegal POW camps in Brazil, and nerve agents, he must race against time to unmask a traitor before a doomsday plot to destroy America is unleashed.

PB \$13.95

Hostile Crossing (Executioner 329)

Going undercover as a Russian arms dealer to infiltrate a Mexican drug-and-people-smuggling ring responsible for mass murder, Mack Bolan stumbles upon a plan to deliver deadly bioweapons to an American group that is determined to overthrow the U.S. government. **PB \$13.95**

Survival Reflex (SuperBolan 107)

When his old friend Dr. Nathan Weiss needs his help, Mack Bolan journeys into the heart of the Amazon jungle where he becomes caught in a civil war between Brazilian tribes and discovers that the government and CIA view Weiss as a liability to the U.S. **PB \$16.95**

Louise Penny*Still Life*

As the early morning mist clears on Thanksgiving Sunday, the homes of Three Pines come to life - all except one. To locals, the village is a safe haven. So they are bewildered when a well-loved member of the community is found dead in the maple woods. Surely it was an accident, a hunter's arrow gone astray. Who could want Jane Neal dead? Chief Inspector Armand Gamache has learned to look for snakes in Eden. Gamache knows something dark is lurking behind the white picket fences, and if he watches closely enough, Three Pines will begin to give up its secrets. **PB \$19.95**

Arturo Perez-Reverte*The Club Dumas*

As Lucas Corso investigates the authenticity of a manuscript by Alexander Dumas--received from a man later found hanged--he becomes embroiled in a search for a rare book of satanic lore, pursued by a sinister stalker and a mysterious woman. **TP \$28.95**

Anne Perry*Angels In the Gloom*

It's March 1916, and Joseph Reavley is on sick leave and finding recovery slow and hard. His sister Hannah is caring for him at home, and it's a delight to them both when Shanley Corcoran, an old friend, comes to visit. Corcoran confides in Joseph that he's come very close to completing an invention that will paralyse the deadly German U-boats. Soon afterwards, however, the leading scientist on that project is found murdered, and it's clear that someone has been betraying secrets to the enemy. Joseph's brother Matthew, of the S.I.S., comes down to investigate, and together the two men embark on a search that will solve the crime and lead them to the spy. **PB \$19.95**

Elizabeth Peters*The Serpent on the Crown*

Enjoying a busy period of excavation in 1921, the Emersons learn of a mysterious death that has been attributed to a curse, a situation that enables Amelia and her family to enter the banned Valley of the Kings in order to return a stolen statue. By the author of *Guardian of the Horizon*. **PB \$22.95**

Nancy Pickard*Virgin of Small Plains*

Seventeen years after the discovery of an unidentified female murder victim, whose brutalized body is found outside Small Plains, Kansas, the young girl's grave has become the source of a series of strange miracles and legends, until the return of prodigal son Mitch Newquist, along with a devastating tornado, threatens to bring old secrets to light. **HC \$49.95**

D B C Pierre*Ludmila's Broken English*

Having accidentally killed her grandfather in war-torn Caucasus, Ludmila Derev sets out on a journey to save her starving family from marauding Gnez troops, while a pair of separated conjoined twins find themselves plunged into a rowdy, unexpectedly dangerous world of new opportunities. **HC \$51.95**

Neal Pollack *Editor**Chicago Noir (Noir)*

Brand new stories by: Neal Pollack, Achy Obejas, Alexai Galaviz-Budziszewski, Adam Langer, Joe Meno, Peter Orner, Kevin Guilfoile, Bayo Ojikutu, Jeff Allen, Luciano Guerriero, Claire Zulkey, Andrew Ervin, M.K. Meyers, Todd Dills, C.J. Sullivan, Daniel Buckman, Amy Sayre-Roberts, and Jim Arndorfer. **TP \$24.95**

Julia Pomeroy*The Dark End of Town*

Having abandoned her modeling career to accompany her new husband to the resort town where she grew up, thirty-year-old Abbey struggles to rebuild her life when her husband subsequently commits suicide, an event after which Abbey takes a job at a friend's trendy restaurant and becomes entangled in the murder case of a troubled local teen. **HC \$49.95**

Sharon Pywell*Everything After*

Unable to forget the suspicious report of a Vietnam soldier who has cast doubt on the reputation of her brother, who died honorably in combat, adopted Iris Sunnaret sets out to find out the truth about her brother's activities, a search that reveals unsettling facts about her biological family. By the author of *What Happened to Henry*. **HC \$51.95**

Amanda Quick*Lie By Moonlight*

During an investigation into a woman's death, gentleman thief turned private inquiry agent Ambrose Wells finds himself at Aldwick Castle - and in the middle of chaos. The building is in flames. Men are dead. And a woman and four young girls are fleeing on horseback. A confirmed loner, Ambrose nevertheless finds himself taking Miss Concordia Glade and her young charges under his wing. With their lives at risk, he insists they must remain in hiding until he is able to unravel the truth behind their recent imprisonment at the castle. Concordia has never met anyone like Ambrose Wells before. He is bold, clever, and inscrutable - even to the perceptive gaze of a professional teacher such as herself. He is also her only hope to protect her pupils from the unscrupulous men who are after them - powerful, shadowy figures who will stop at nothing to get what they want.

PB \$18.95

Second Sight

Venetia Milton earns big bucks photographing the artifacts owned by the brooding Gabriel Jones, whom she also manages to seduce, but when she returns home and hears that reputedly he is dead, you can imagine her surprise when he winds up on her doorstep very much alive and afraid for his life. **HC \$51.95**

Peter Quinn*Hour of the Cat*

Believing that a man who has been convicted for murdering a nurse in 1938 New York City is innocent, private investigator Fintan Dunne pursues leads to Nazi Germany, where he uncovers a conspiracy that will test the loyalties of German admiral Wilhelm Canaris. **TP \$30.95**

Ian Rankin*Bleeding Hearts*

What happens when a killer becomes the target...?

A shot rings out, the woman dies instantly. But she was not alone on the steps of the London hotel. A number of other people could also have been the intended target of the invisible sniper. But the assassin, Michael Weston, knows he has carried out his assignment successfully. One mistake was enough, a long time ago, when a young American girl had accidentally received the fatal bullet. After all those years, the father of the dead girl still had a private eye named Hoffer on a permanent retainer to track him down. Every time Weston completed a job, he knew Hoffer would not be far behind. But why had the police been on the scene so quickly? Weston has to find out - even if it means coming face to face with Hoffer. **PB \$19.95**

Blood Hunt

It begins with a phone call. Gordon Reeve's brother has been found dead in his car in San Diego - the car was locked from the inside, a gun in his hand. In the US to identify the body Gordon comes to realise that his brother has in fact been murdered. What's more, it is soon obvious that his own life is in danger. Once back in Scotland he finds out that there have been more visitors than usual to his house and his home has been bugged by professionals. But Reeve is a professional too. Ex-SAS, he was half of a two-man unit with someone he came to fear, then to hate. It looks like his Nemesis is back. The horror has just begun... **PB \$19.95**

Watchman

Bombs are exploding in the streets of London, but life seems to have planted more subtle booby-traps for Miles Flint. Miles is a spy. His job is to watch and to listen, then to report back to his superiors, nothing more. The job, affording glimpses into the most private lives of his victims, appeals to Miles. He doesn't lust after promotion, and he doesn't want action. He wants, just for once, not to botch a case. Having lost one suspect - with horrific consequences - Miles becomes too involved with another, a young Irishwoman. His marriage seems ready to crumble to dust. So does his home. But Miles is given one last chance for redemption - a trip to Belfast, which quickly becomes a flight of terror, murder and shocking discoveries. But can the voyeur survive in a world of violent action? **PB \$19.95**

Witch Hunt

Interpol have tried and failed to find the terrorist, Witch. Now the combined forces of Scotland Yard and MI5 must try the impossible to prevent a major international incident. Dominic Elder carries her autograph wherever he goes. Witch is his passion, his obsession. And being retired is no bar to his willingness to restart the hunt. MI5 know that the man who wrote the Witch file is the key to catching their quarry. But the truth isn't easy to spot. And it is only when an MI5 novice and his French counterpart piece together the smallest of clues, that Witch suddenly looks vulnerable...

PB \$19.95

Eileen Rendahl

Un-Bridaled

Having dumped her successful fiancé at the altar, Chloe Sachs retreats to her family's rental bungalow, where she works to rescue kittens and discovers a secret cache of letters that reveal surprising truths about her family, a situation that helps her forge new relationships with a former college professor and a handsome local veterinarian. **TP \$26.95**

Ruth Rendell

End in Tears

A lump of concrete dropped deliberately from a little stone bridge over a relatively unfrequented road kills the wrong person. The driver behind is spared. But only for a while... It is impossible for Chief Inspector Wexford not to wonder how terrible it would be to discover that one of his daughters had been murdered. Sylvia has always been a cause for concern. Living alone with her two children, she is pregnant again. What will happen to the child? The relationship between father and daughter has always been uneasy. But the current situation also provokes an emotional division between Wexford and his wife, Dora. One particular member of the local press is gunning for the Chief Inspector, distinctly unimpressed with what he regards as old-fashioned police methods. But Wexford, with his old friend and partner, Mike Burden, along with two new recruits to the Kingsmarkham team, pursue their inquiries with a diligence and humanity that make Ruth Rendell's detective stories enthralling, exciting and very touching. **PB \$19.95**

Cynthia Riggs

Indian Pipes (Martha's Vineyard Mystery)

Ninety-two-year-old police deputy Victoria Trumbull reluctantly becomes involved in the local Native American tribe's internal dispute over a proposed gambling casino, when the argument turns deadly and two people are found dead. By the author of *The Paperwhite Narcissus*. **HC \$47.95**

Steven Rigolosi

Who Gets the Apartment?

A real-estate swindler promises four young Manhattanites a luxury penthouse, then skips town with their money. Editor Corinne Jensen, Assistant DA Venice Calderon, aspiring artist Ian McTeague, and computer expert Oliver Pappas must decide whether to compete against one another for the apartment or band together to bring the swindler to justice. **TP \$26.95**

Karen Robards

Vanished

Ten years after her six-year-old daughter disappears from a park outing without a trace, Sarah Mason receives a shattering phone call from a child who inexplicably has her daughter's six-year-old voice, a situation for which Sarah turns in desperation to private investigator Jake Hogan.

HC \$51.95

John Maddox Roberts

A Point in Law (SPQR X)

Decius Caecilius Matellus's ambitions to be elected to the office of Praetor are undermined when a mysterious stranger publicly accuses him of corruption, a case that becomes complicated when his accuser turns up dead and Decius is up against the far more serious charge of murder.

HC \$49.95

Michael Symmons Roberts

Patrick's Alphabet

When a teenage couple are found murdered in their car, a boy called Adam Sligo is the only suspect. Sligo is missing, and a manhunt begins, but the letter A is found blazoned on the wall at the murder scene. When the other letters of the alphabet start appearing in sequence all over town, each immaculately painted in red, a seemingly random act of violence appears to be part of a bigger and more terrifying picture. For the town's inhabitants, it feels like the beginning of a new age of terror, with Adam Sligo still on the loose. What do the letters mean? Is he playing games with the police? Or putting a spell on the town? One man, Perry Scholes, is mixed up in all this from the start: a man haunted by cars and death - and photographic images of both. He trawls the motorways and edgelands listening to police radio so that he can get to the car-crash or the crime scene before the police. Like his hero Weegee - the original ambulance-chaser photographer - he makes a living selling these shots to the papers. He always gets there first - he was the one to find the old BMW with its young corpses; he is the one who spots the painted letters, and begins to document their appearances. As the town is paralysed by fear and paranoia - its inhabitants polarising into a new-age group that gather around a shrine to the murdered couple and a vigilante cult that arm themselves for the battle against evil - Perry finds himself trapped in a nightmare. A killer is at large, and the alphabetical messages he leaves seem to be personal messages for Perry. Who is leaving them, and why, is the centre of this dark, disturbing parable of urban anxiety and primitive fear. **TP \$32.95**

Patrick Robinson

Ghost Force

In 2011, after one of the world's largest oil fields is discovered in the Falkland Islands, Argentina, aided by the Kremlin, invades the island nation and, once again, Great Britain dispatches a battle fleet to the region, unaware that a Russian nuclear submarine capable of annihilating the responding aircraft carrier is awaiting its arrival, unless the U.S. can intervene. **HC \$52.95**

Karen Rose

Have You Seen Her?

Special Agent Steven Thatcher, a widower, searches for a serial killer preying on the teenage girls of a small town and finds himself falling for his alienated son Brad's teacher, Jenna Marshall, unaware that the twisted murderer has now set his sights on Jenna. **PB \$15.95**

I'm Watching You

Still grieving over the death of his murdered wife, police detective Abe Reagan takes on the role of protector for beautiful prosecutor Kristen Mayhew, but they soon discover that they have both been targeted by a serial killer who seems to know Kristen's every move and who is preying on the criminals that she has been unable to convict. **PB \$15.95**

Nothing To Fear

The director of an inner-city shelter for battered women, Dana Dupinsky becomes caught in the middle of a deadly scheme of revenge between security expert Ethan Buchanan and the ruthless woman who kidnapped his godson. **PB \$16.95**

You Can't Hide

Psychiatrist Tess Ciccotelli is confronted by a moral and professional dilemma when someone begins to stalk and torment her patients, pushing them into committing suicide, and she finds herself bound by her medical oath not to expose her patients' privacy despite the growing danger and the efforts of police detective Aiden Reagan. **PB \$16.95**

Nancy Taylor Rosenberg

Sullivan's Justice

When her brother is accused of murdering his girlfriend, Ventura County Probation officer Carolyn Sullivan sets out to clear his name, only to discover that evidence links him to one of the most dangerous criminals she has ever encountered. **PB \$17.95**

David Rosenfelt

Sudden Death

When the Giants's new star running back is accused of murdering a Jets rival, attorney Andy Carpenter works for the athlete's defense, a task that is complicated by the discovery of additional player killings and death threats from a drug mobster. By the author of *Bury the Lead*. **PB \$17.95**

Dead Center

Attorney Andy Carpenter reluctantly returns to the side of his Wisconsin cop ex-girlfriend to assist in the defense of a young man who may be innocent, a case that is complicated by the secrets of a mysterious religious group. **HC \$51.95**

Sara Rosett

Moving is Murder (Mom Zone Mystery)

When Air Force wife and professional organizer Ellie Avery stumbles upon the dead body of an environmental activist on her way home from a barbecue, she follows a trail of alcoholism, blackmail, deceit, debt, and illicit medical treatment that leads to her husband's best friend. **HC \$45.95**

Rosemary Rowe

Roman Ransom

When magistrate Marcus Septimus's beloved wife and child are kidnapped, he turns to Libertus for help. Unless Marcus uses his power to release a certain political prisoner, he will never see his family alive again. Libertus is well aware of Marcus's dilemma: give in and sacrifice his reputation for standing firm against bribery, or refuse and provoke unimaginable consequences. But Libertus has also made a powerful enemy. How can he help his patron - and himself - this time? **HC \$55.00**

John Sandford

Shadow Prey (Lucas Davenport)

Detective Lucas Davenport joins forces with NYPD detective Lucy Rothenburg to solve a series of grisly killings that have terrorized the country, from Minneapolis to New York, following an enigmatic killer whose trail leads to a Native American embodiment of a primal evil known as Shadow Love. **PB \$19.95**

Hidden Prey

On the shore of Lake Superior, a Russian named Rodion Oleshev is found dead - three holes in his head and heart. When it turns out the victim had very high government connections, that's when it really hits the fan. A female Russian cop flies in from Moscow; statewide troubleshooter Lucas Davenport flies in from Minneapolis; law enforcement and press types swarm the scene - and in the middle of it all, there's another murder. Are the two connected? What is the Russian cop hiding from Davenport? Is she really a cop at all? Why was the man shot with fifty-year-old bullets?

To find the answers, Davenport must follow a trail back to another place, another time, and battle the shadows he discovers there - shadows that turn out to be both very real and very deadly . **PB \$18.95**

Dead Watch

Summoned by the White House chief of staff to investigate a series of elected official disappearances, Army intelligence veteran Jacob Winter finds the situation worsening when one of the missing victims is found brutally murdered. By the author of *Broken Prey*. **HC \$54.95**

John Saul

Perfect Nightmare

When her teenage daughter vanishes shortly after Kara Marshall and her husband put their Long Island home on the market, Kara fears the worst despite the suspicions of police that the girl is a runaway and discovers that her daughter has been abducted along with a number of other missing persons and is at the uncertain mercy of a deranged murderer. **PB \$19.95**

Frank Schatzing

Swarm

Frank Schatzing's amazing novel is a publishing phenomenon with translation rights sold around the world, drawing rave reviews for both pulsating suspense and great scientific knowledge. The world begins to suffer an escalating and sensational series of natural disasters, and two marine biologists begin to develop a theory that the cause lies in the oceans, where an entity known as the Yrr has developed a massive network of single-cell organisms. It is wreaking havoc in order to prevent humankind from destroying the earth's ecological balance forever. The Americans, under the ruthless General Judith Lee, take a more pragmatic approach than the scientists, seeking to wipe out the being of the deep. The scene is set for a massive confrontation... **TP \$32.95**

Gerald Seymour

Traitor's Press

When a high-ranked Russian naval officer who has been secretly passing information to British intelligence goes missing, veteran agent Gabriel Locke pursues suspicions that suggest that much more than the officer's life is at stake. By the author of *The Unknown Soldier*. **HC \$51.95**

Jack Shane

Operation Southern Cross (Sky Hunters)

The maverick pilots of the X-Battalion, the top-secret experimental wing of the U.S. military's TF-160 Night Stalkers, suddenly find themselves under attack following a successful mission against a Colombian drug lord by an unexpected enemy, fighter jets from the Venezuelan air force.

PB \$17.95

Zoe Sharp*Road Kill*

If you stay involved with Sean Meyer you will end up killing again,' my father said. 'And next time, Charlotte, you might not get away with it.' Still bearing the emotional scars from her traumatic first bodyguarding job in the States, Charlie Fox returns to her former home to try and work out both her personal and professional future. Instead of the peace she's hoping for, Charlie is immediately caught up in the aftermath of a fatal bike crash involving one of her closest friends. The more she probes, the more she suspects that the accident was far from accidental - and the more she finds herself relying on the support of her troubled boss, Sean, despite her misgivings over the wisdom of resuming their relationship. And Charlie's got enough on her plate trying to work out who suddenly wants her dead. The only way to find out is to infiltrate a group of illegal road racers who appear hell-bent on living fast and dying young... **PB \$19.95**

Susan Richards Shreve*A Student of Living Things*

Struggling with floods and frequent terrorist bombings in their near-future Washington, D.C. home, the eccentric Frayn family is shattered when one of its sons is shot in front of the library, an event that places the victim's sister, Claire, under the influence of an enigmatic stranger who claims to know the killer. **HC \$51.95**

James Siegel*Detour*

When their unsuccessful attempts to have a child begin to threaten their marriage, Paul and Joanna adopt a baby girl from Colombia but find their lives shattered when Joanna and the baby are kidnapped by abductors who demand millions of dollars of cocaine as ransom. **PB \$17.95**

Randy Singer*The Cross Examination of Oliver Finney*

When a judge named Oliver Finney is kidnapped, his rescue depends on the ability of his former law clerk, Nikki Moreno, to decipher clues hidden in a popular theology book titled *The Cross Examination of Jesus Christ*. **TP \$28.95**

David Skibbins*Eight of Swords*

Twenty years after a mysterious crime forces him to change his identity, Warren Ritter works as a San Francisco fortune teller and wonders if he actually has supernatural powers, a suspicion he puts to the test when his tarot deck predicts an acquaintance's death. Winner of the 2004 Malice Domestic/St. Martin's Press Best First Mystery Contest. **PB \$17.95**

Christina Skye*Code Name: Blondie*

Stranded on a desert island with Navy SEAL Max Preston, sassy freelance photojournalist Miki, who, unbeknownst to her, is a suspect in an international high-tech robbery, must place her trust in Max and his canine companion when a hurricane comes their way and with it brings a dangerous enemy. **PB \$17.95**

Ian Spiegelman*Welcome to Yesterday*

A young reporter at New York's hottest gossip column, Leon Koch finds himself at the center of a scandal when a drug-addicted talent agent disgraced by Koch's article turns up dead, and Leon must make his way through the dangerous world of Manhattan gossip, while avoiding both the police and his boss, to uncover the truth behind the death. **PB \$49.95**

Jennifer St Giles*Midnight Secrets*

When her cousin mysteriously disappears, Cassiopeia, disguised as a chambermaid, journeys to the Killdaren estate in England where she, while trying to find clues to her cousin's whereabouts, is drawn into a dark labyrinth of danger and desire. **PB \$17.95**

Domenic Stansberry*The Big Boom*

Following the death of his father, ex-cop Dante Mancuso returns to San Francisco's North Beach to work for a private investigator on a missing persons case, but when the young woman turns up dead, Dante is forced to confront the demons of his own past, as well as all new adversaries, to find out the truth. By the author of *Chasing the Dragon*. **HC \$49.95**

Jason Starr & Ken Bruen*Bust*

When Max Fisher, who is cheating on his wife, hires a psychopath to kill his wife, things go horribly wrong for everyone involved. **PB \$17.95**

Wendy Corsi Staub*The Final Victim*

Returning home to Savannah, Georgia, with her teenaged daughter and new husband, Charlotte Remington Maitland, the sole beneficiary of the vast Remington estate, finds herself the target of a very determined killer who knows her family's darkest secrets. **PB \$17.95**

The Last to Know

After moving to Townsend Heights to embrace motherhood, Tasha Banks and the residents of this seemingly idyllic town are plunged into a world of horror and fear when a psychotic serial killer starts preying upon young, stay-at-home mothers, just like Tasha **PB \$13.95**

James Swain*Deadman's Poker (Tony Valentine)*

Murder is on the menu when cardsharp-turned-detective Tony Valentine teams up with his son to stop a conman with a grudge who is targeting the world's biggest poker tournament in Las Vegas, tangling with the Vegas mob and a killer to save the competition. **PB \$17.95**

Frank Tallis*Mortal Mischief (Dr Max Liebermann)*

It is Vienna at the beginning of the last century, and Dr Max Liebermann is a young psychoanalyst - and disciple of Freud. Psychoanalysis is only just developing and viewed with a mixture of excitement and suspicion. The world of 1900s Vienna is one where philosophy, science and art are at their most exciting and flourishing, with the coffee shops full of men and women debating the latest cultural and political theories. Liebermann's good friend Oskar Rheinhardt is a Detective Inspector - hard working, but lacking Liebermann's insights and forensic eye and so it is through Rheinhardt that Liebermann is called upon to help with police investigations surrounding the death of a beautiful young medium, in what seems at first to be supernatural circumstances. While Liebermann attempts to get to the bottom of the mystery, he also must decide whether he is to follow his father's advice and marry the beautiful but reserved Clara. **PB \$23.95**

Vienna Blood (Dr Max Liebermann 02)

In the grip of a Siberian winter in 1902, a serial killer in Vienna embarks upon a bizarre campaign of murder. Vicious mutilation, a penchant for arcane symbols, and a seemingly random choice of victim are his most distinctive peculiarities. Detective Inspector Oskar Rheinhardt summons a young disciple of Freud - his friend Dr. Max Liebermann - to assist him with the case. The investigation draws them into the sphere of Vienna's secret societies - a murky underworld of German literary scholars, race theorists, and scientists inspired by the new evolutionary theories coming out of England. At first, the killer's mind seems impenetrable - his behaviour and cryptic clues impervious to psychoanalytic interpretation; however, gradually, it becomes apparent that an extraordinary and shocking rationale underlies his actions .. Against this backdrop of mystery and terror, Liebermann struggles with his own demons. The treatment of a patient suffering from paranoia erotica (a delusion of love) and his own fascination with the enigmatic Englishwoman Amelia Lydgate raises doubts concerning the propriety of his imminent marriage. To resolve the dilemma, he must entertain the unthinkable - risking opprobrium and accusations of cowardice. **HC \$36.95**

Wayne Tanner & Bill Gutman*Toxic*

Investigating a suspicious recycling plant fire that has caused the death of his young son, Select Environmental Tactical Analysis agent Damon Alexander is astonished to discover that his son's death is linked to a brutal conspiracy that threatens the greater New York area. **TP \$28.95**

Lou Jane Temple*The Spice Box*

Fleeing the Irish potato famine to build a new life in New York City, Bridget takes a job as a cook for the wealthy, powerful Isaac Gold, but her first day ends in tragedy when she stumbles upon the body of her employer's youngest son. **PB \$17.95**

Peter Temple*Identity Theory*

Three mismatched people--John Anselm, a struggling intelligence dealer; former mercenary Con Niemand; and exposer journalist Caroline Wishart--are forced into an unlikely alliance when they stumble upon a powerful secret that could topple governments and destroy lives. **TP \$27.95**

Jack Terral*Guerilla Warfare (SEALs)*

Brannigan's Brigands, a SEAL unit, is sent into the Bolivian swampland to destroy the Falangist movement, a group of martial factions from Argentina, Bolivia, and Chile that have joined forces with a ruthless dictator to take over South America, and eventually the whole world. **PB \$17.95**

Colleen Thompson*The Deadliest Denial*

When her husband, a police officer, is arrested for attempted murder and skips bail, Claire discovers that she had been the intended target and must decide whether to turn him in when he reappears with a seemingly credible story--or run for her life. **PB \$17.95**

P J Tracy*Dead Run*

Breaking down while en route to Wisconsin, Grace MacBride, Annie Belinsky, and deputy Sharon Mueller stumble upon a nearly deserted town fraught with signs of foul play and are horrified to witness a double murder. **PB \$19.95**

Gary Troup*Bad Twin (Lost)*

Private detective Paul Artisan is called in to investigate the disappearance of one of a pair of adult twins, the scions of a wealthy but tragedy-prone family, but as he follows a trail across the globe in search of the missing man, a poster boy for irresponsible behavior, he discovers that there may be more at stake than a fortune. **HC \$45.95**

Lisa Unger*Beautiful Lies*

What if your name was a lie? What if your whole life was a lie? In the split second freelance writer Ridley Jones saves a small child from being run over, her life changes forever. A newspaper photographer catches everything on film and Ridley becomes an instant media darling. But just as her life seems to be settling back to normal, an unmarked envelope slipped under her door shatters everything. It contains the newspaper article, along with an old photograph of a man, a woman who looks eerily like Ridley, and a little girl. The accompanying note reads simply: 'Are you my daughter?' Forced to question everything she thought she knew about herself and her family, Ridley wanders into a dark underworld she never knew existed. Now she's not sure who is on her side or who has something to hide. even and maybe especially Jake, her new neighbor - a stranger she is irresistibly drawn to who seems to have secrets of his own. **TP \$32.95**

Elaine Viets*Murder Unleashed (Dead-End Job Mystery)*

An employee of the Pampered Pet Boutique, an establishment that sells high-end canine cuisine and couture, Helen Hawthorne becomes the prime suspect in the killing of a trophy wife and the kidnapping of a valuable labradoodle puppy, when she stumbles upon the corpse during a delivery to a client. **HC \$40.95**

Barbara Vine*The Minotaur*

Kerstin Kvist enters crumbling Lydstep Old Hall to live with the Cosways and to act as nurse to John: a grown man fed drugs by his family to control his lunatic episodes. But John's strangeness is grotesquely mirrored in that of his four sisters who roam the dark, mazy Essex country house under the strict gaze of eighty-year-old Mrs Cosway.

Despite being treated as an outsider, Kerstin is nevertheless determined to help John. But she soon discovers that there are others in the family who are equally as determined that John remain isolated, for sinister reasons of their own . . . **PB \$24.95**

Ann Waldron*A Rare Murder in Princeton*

When her friend's body is discovered in an eighteenth-century study, McLeod Dulaney, a veteran reporter and visiting professor at Princeton, launches her own investigation and discovers a connection between this murder and another murder from several years back that places her life in grave danger. **PB \$17.95**

Judith Henry Wall*The Surrogate*

Hoping to finance a college education while performing an altruistic service, penniless twenty-one-year-old Jamie Long is contracted to be a surrogate mother to a famous evangelical couple, a service during which she is isolated on a Texas ranch before making a terrible discovery that forces her to flee to protect her unborn baby. **TP \$26.95**

Kathryn R Wall*Bishop's Reach (Bay Tanner Mystery)*

Bay Tanner, her partner Erik Whiteside, and the Judge head into action when a local escort arrives at their office to accuse one of her clients of rape, but their case is soon complicated by the murder of their client and by the return of handsome local playboy Win Hammond. **HC \$51.95**

Melanie Wallace*The Housekeeper*

A troubled teenage runaway working as a housekeeper for Margaret, a retired photographer, Jamie Hall becomes entangled in the lives and fates of the local inhabitants--including an aged postmaster, an ex-con, a murderous poacher, and a wild boy--when she unwittingly unleashes an evil that will haunt her forever. By the author of Blue Horse Dreaming. **HC \$47.95**

Michelle Wan*Deadly Slipper (Death in the Dordogne)*

Nearly two decades after her sister Bedie vanishes without a trace during a hiking holiday in southwestern France, Mara Dunn, still haunted by the case and seeking answers of her own, journeys to the Dordogne, stumbling upon Bedie's camera in a local junk shop, and enlists the aid of orchid expert Julian Wood to retrace the missing woman's last steps. **TP \$28.95**

Heather Webber*Digging Up Trouble (Nina Quinn Mystery)*

Hired to do a surprise garden makeover for her stepson's aunt and uncle, landscaper Nina Quinn has no idea that she has been directed to the wrong yard, that the real owner of the property will drop dead from a heart attack, that her teenage stepson is up to his ears in possible illegal trouble, and that no one is terribly sorry that a man is dead. **PB \$17.95**

Ellis Weiner*The Big Boat to Bye-Bye (Pete Ingalls PI)*

When would-be blackmailers get hold of obscene outtakes from a popular children's TV show, private investigator Pete Ingalls is called in to find the culprits and save the show, only to confront murder in the wonderful world of puppets. **PB \$17.95**

Randy Wayne White*Everglades*

Meeting a former lover whose real-estate husband has disappeared and been pronounced dead, Doc Ford investigates the woman's suspicions of foul play and finds himself deep in the Everglades, submersed in greed and corruption. **PB \$17.95**

Key West Connection

When his family is brutally murdered by drug runners, ex-Navy SEAL-turned-fisherman Dusky MacMorgan, calling upon his training in the lethal arts, unleashes a deadly campaign of vengeance against the men responsible, including a corrupt U.S. Senator who lives by his own law. **PB \$17.95**

Dead of Night

Asked to check on his friend's brother, a reclusive biologist who has not been answering his phone, Doc Ford interrupts a violent crime and finds himself embroiled in a deadly case involving eco-terrorism and personal revenge. **PB \$19.95**

Stephen White*Higher Authority*

Psychiatrist-sleuth Alan Gregory finds himself in a tangle of sex, sanctions, and sudden death when his girlfriend sues her former employer, a closet lesbian and aide to the first Mormon justice on the Supreme Court, for sexual harassment and job sabotage. **PB \$19.95**

Critical Conditions

Psychologist Alan Gregory befriends a suicidal fifteen-year-old girl and her ill little sister, and when a high-level associate of the HMO that denied the child treatment with an experimental drug is murdered, he realizes that his patient is somehow involved. **PB \$19.95**

Private Practices

Learning that he holds the key to solving a colleague's suspicious death, Alan Gregory and his old flame, Sawyer Sackett, uncover a sinister string of killings, linked to an unsolved mystery, that hits dangerously close to home. **PB \$19.95**

Cold Case

A group of former and current prosecutors, law-enforcement agents, and forensic specialists re-opens a long-forgotten double-murder case only to discover evidence of a third killing and the possible implication of a local celebrity. **PB \$19.95**

Privileged Information

Psychologist Alan Gregory becomes the prime suspect in a murder investigation when one of his female patients is found dead with a diary describing her bizarre sexual infatuation with him, and as more patients turn up murdered, Alan races against time to clear his name. **PB \$19.95**

Missing Persons

When his colleague dies under mysterious circumstances, psychologist Alan Gregory finds himself questioning the integrity of those closest to him, tracking an elusive patient, and looking for clues within the complex mind of a client. **PB \$22.95**

Don Winslow

The Power of the Dog

Drug lord Miguel Angel Barrera is head of the Mexican drug federaciøn, responsible for millions of dollars worth of cocaine traffic into the US and the torture of those who stand in its way. His nephew, Adan Barrera, is his worthy successor. Art Keller is the US government operative, so determined to obtain revenge for a murdered colleague that his pusuit of the cartel veers dangerously towards an obsession outside the law. In a world characterised by its brutality, all of Winslow's incredibly varied cast - including a high class prostitute, an Irish hitman and a charismatic Catholic priest - are searching for salvation. Don Winslow's masterpiece is not only a page-turning thriller but also a rich and compelling novel in the league of Ellroy or DeLillo. **PB \$24.95 TP \$30.95**

Jill Winters

Lime Ricky

Heading eastward to New York to take a plum job at The Cooking Channel, Los Angeles chef Gretchen Darrow suddenly finds herself coping with backstabbing peers, a jaded and jealous diva, and one all-too-fresh corpse, and her only ally is Rick Palucci, the cocky and gorgeous firefighter who rescues her from her burning apartment. **TP \$28.95**

Stuart Woods

Iron Orchid (Holly Barker)

Discovering that ex-CIA tech wizard and political assassin Teddy Fay is still alive, agent Holly Barker joins an elite task force assigned to track him and becomes suspicious in the wake of a series of insider tricks. **PB \$22.95**

A J Zerries

The Lost Van Gogh

Investigating the bizarre appearance of a fifty-million-dollar Van Gogh painting at the Metropolitan Museum of Art, NYPD detective Clay Ryder struggles to protect the painting's owner from escalating attacks that point to a black market operation and a missing SS officer. **HC \$51.95**

Chick Zito

A Habit For Death

Each year the nuns of rural St. Gilbert's College hire a city slicker to help with their summer theater festival, but when Nicky D'Amico trades the heat of New York City for rural Pennsylvania, he finds he has a lot to handle--a truly awful musical and murdered cast members. With a suspenseful plot, lovable characters and laugh-out-loud humor, A Habit for Death is one habit you won't want to break. **TP \$30.95**

