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Greetings

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The newsletters are falling further and further behind schedule. This one should have been mailed out ten days ago and I'm still working at it. I might have to skip an issue entirely to catch up! Too much work, too many books, the cottage is too enticing, the golf courses are calling, other commitments, but, most critically, have not found our new Wendy. We're working on it. David has been with us for a few weeks and he looks like a keeper, but we could still use a lifelong mystery addict who is not afraid of computers.

It seems that China is in my near future. My younger brother (Mr. Medium) is being posted to Beijing for the foreseeable future and I plan to take advantage of the free room and board that has been offered. Marian has wanted to run the Great Wall of China Marathon and is making plans to do that. My youngest brother (Mr. Junior) wants to do some trekking and hiking in this or that part of China, so is making his own plans. My plans? I'm just going to piggy back on all their plans, let them do the planning, and go along for the ride. Yuk yuk. China is going to explode with tourism in the next decade, from some accounts, so I'll get my visits in sooner rather than later.

I guess my rebuking you for not showing up for author signing seems to have paid off. **Harlan Coben**, **Lee Child**, **John Connolly**, and the **McArthur Eight**, **Louise Penny**, **Quintin Jardine**, **Ann Granger**, **Phyllis Smallman**, **Michael Rose**, **David Gibbins**, **John Brady** and **James Nichol** were by in June and the signings were well attended. Actually the evening with **Lee Child** and the **McArthur Eight** was a total zoo. Thank you. Needed that. Up next is **GAIL BOWEN**, on Thursday, September 4th, who will be launching her eleventh Joanne Kilbourn novel, Brutal Heart (\$29.99) at the bookstore. **PETER ROBINSON**'s eighteenth Alan Banks, All the Colours of Darkness (\$34.99), will be launched in October. Details, location, and times of Peter's launch to be announced. Do check the website.

Come Meet

Gail Bowen

Thursday, Sept. 4, 6-7 pm. at Sleuth

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Peter Robinson

October, exact date, time, location to come

Please make every effort to attend these events. However, if you cannot but would like a signed or inscribed copy, just call us with the details and we'll make it happen. Check the website for more details.

It came as a surprise to me that Sunnybrook Hospital decided to cancel their fund raising run in May this year. When exactly that decision was taken, I do not know, but, when I enquired in March, it was still a go. Or, so I was told. Not to worry, however. The funds have been delivered to them and you will be getting the donation receipts well before tax time next year.

My cryptic remarks in the May issue about finding the pictures of our last store move, in 1994, and about you expecting a phone call soon when we move again, did seem to set off a little panic in many a breast. Were we moving? When? The answer is that we have no specific plan to move but every plan to move on. Marian and I have been doing this for almost 26 years and where we have loved just about every minute of it, truly, and have been moderately successful, the thought of extended travel and months at the cottage seem very, very enticing. While we still have our health and mobility. We're considering **every** possibility. From changing nothing, to changing everything. Please help us with the decision, give us your thoughts.

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And, finally, postal rates. We're trying really, really hard to keep the rates as low as we can but with the fuel surcharges that Canada Post is imposing, we need to revise the rates a little bit. So do make sure to check out the revised rates, listed on the first page.

Marian's Picks

It's been a really busy summer so far. I mark exams for the Ontario Institute of Chartered Accountants over 3 or 4 weeks in June and July so that means I don't get to my cottage. And that means that **Cottage Lady** has had a head start on the summer martini drinking schedule. Soon to be remedied though. I read in *Cottage Lady's Picks* that it's margaritas we are going to be practicing on next. Oh boy! I'm looking forward to that as I do like tequila. I suggested we start trying different Vodkas and Gins for the regular martinis but **Cottage Lady** doesn't care for gin martinis (although I'm pretty sure that when we run out of vodka, gin works fine!). Me, both work well. And a special thank you to Maryse who suggested a drop of blue curacao in a gin martini. I've tried it, and it shows promise, but more testing is needed before a verdict is reached.

Paddington is still being his wonderful self, thanks to everyone who asks after him. He's always boxing himself into corners and will howl until he's shown the way out. And, off he goes again. I think I should have bought shares in a paper towel factory. Poor fellow has completely forgotten where the kitty box is.

The store has been busy with customers stocking up on their summer reading. Lots of great books have arrived over the last couple of months, so the choosing is good. In fact, it's been tough picking out books to read but I found some really great new authors that I hope you will give a try.

Expert in Murder (\$26.95) by **NICOLA UPSON** is a wonderfully original mystery set in 1930s London. It features mystery writer Josephine Tey and her friend Detective Inspector Archie Penrose. Together they solve the murder of a young woman, someone Josephine had befriended while traveling down from Scotland to London by train. It's difficult when a likeable character is murdered and I was upset when this vibrant woman met her end. By the way, this happens in the first chapter so I haven't given much away. The whole novel is written with such style and grace, and the sense of place is such that you are in London, at the theatre watching Ms. Tey's play, *Richard of Bordeaux*. I can hardly wait for the next one in the series but that won't be for another year. Yikes!

Another new writer is **DAN WADDELL**. His debut novel is a British police procedural, with a twist. The Blood Detective (\$28) introduces Detective Chief Inspector Grant Foster, Detective Sergeant Heather Jenkins and family historian Nigel Barnes. The clues to a series of murders in the Notting Hill area of London are knife wounds carved into the body of the victims. It turns out that the wounds are reference numbers to files of archives containing notices of births, deaths and marriages. That's where Nigel Barnes comes in. Nigel searches through documents and census lists to discover who his client's ancestors are and I found that part of the story fascinating. In this case he follows the trail of a murder more than a hundred years old. It's almost like two stories are being told: the police and how they are using current day clues to search for the murderer and Nigel with his research into genealogy. An excellent story.

I have not been overly fond of the Scandinavian translations; I find the books a bit morose, it's always cold and dark, and the people in them never seem to smile. **Cottage Lady** had been after me to read Ice Princess (\$28.95 trade paperback) by **CAMILLA LACKBERG** since she reviewed it in the March 2008 newsletter. Rather reluctantly, I finally got around to it. Well, what a read! I can hardly wait for the next one. It's basically a police procedural, but, with a bit of a twist. The main character is writer Erica Falack but equally important is the policeman, Patrik Hedstrom. The two end up working together to find the killer of Erica's childhood friend, Alex. I loved the complicated plot, the interaction between the two main characters, and even the secondary characters were well drawn. It's not a cheery book, it's winter and it's cold but there was a style to it that I couldn't resist. Steven T. Murray, the translator, did an excellent job. The next time **Cottage Lady** tells me to read a book, I'll jump right to it.

I was pleased to see Die With Me (\$10.99) by **ELENA FORBES** arrive in paperback. We are introduced to Detective Inspector Mark Tartaglia and his murder squad as they investigate the death of a fifteen-year-old girl. At first, it seems it may be suicide but, as you can imagine, it turns into a murder investigation. How it gets to that stage is one of the things I like about the book. It shows that good old police work still produces results. I am looking forward to the next novel, Our Lady of Pain, to be released sometime in the fall. We're hatching a plan to bring **Ms. Forbes** to the bookstore later on this fall, so keep an eye on the website for details. I've been told that she's an entertaining speaker, you'll enjoy meeting her and chatting with her.

J.D.'s Picks

Read some great books recently, many old favourites, but there are a couple of new authors, and I'd love to tell you about them.

PETER LOVESEY is a delight. His newest novel The Headhunters (\$34) is wonderful. You are probably most familiar with his Bath Chief Superintendent Peter Diamond, who has appeared in novels such as The Last Detective or Diamond Solitaire, or perhaps, one of his finest efforts, The False Inspector Dew (all \$16 each), (*I think The False Inspector Dew is magnificent. Marian*) a stand alone, that won the CWA Gold Dagger in 1982. But not to be overlooked are the novels that feature Insp. Henrietta Mallin, The House Sitter and Circle (\$16 each). Ever wanted to do away with your boss? "I could cheerfully murder my boss" says Gemma to her best friend Jo. Well, of course, it only a joke. In fact, it's kinda fun fantasizing about the people that would "best be underground", and putting together their "little list." Except that some of the people on the list start meeting some ignoble ends, quick ones. What's going on? **Peter Lovesey** has been writing mysteries for almost four decades and in that time has been nominated for, and won, just about every major mystery writing award. Try one or two, and you'll quickly understand why. He is one of my favourites.

A debut novel that was first published in Australia in 2006 is Moonlight Downs (\$29) by **ADRIAN HYLAND**. This one won the Ned Kelly Award, the Australian Edgar or Ellis, for Best First Novel, read it and you'll understand why. Emily Tempest has come back to Moonlight Downs, the community where she grew up, half in the Aboriginal world, half in the white. She's been away for a long time, going to university, traveling, working dead-end jobs, but the pull of home has never been as strong. The leader of this little rag tag community is killed and into sharp focus comes the conflicting demands and needs of the whitefellers, land and water for the ranchers and ac-

cess to the natural resources for the mining interests, and the needs of the blackfellers, control of what is their land and their very survival. This is a witty debut novel, a good mystery and a terrific look at contemporary life in the Australian Outback. And if you want to read another leading, award winning, Australian writer try **PETER TEMPLE**. Bad Debts and Black Tide (\$21 each), the first two Jack Irish novels, and three stand alones, Broken Shore (\$19.95), Iron Rose (\$21), and Identity Theory (\$21) are now available in Canada. They are all excellent. I think he's won the Ned Kelly award five times, not bad for the author of nine novels.

The American of this bunch is **CARL HIAASEN** and his newest offering The Downhill Lie (\$25). Now every mystery fan knows **Hiaasen** as the author of eleven very dark, very funny, crime tales, from Tourist Season (1986 I think) to Nature Girl (2006) but one of his funniest has got to be this one. Some thirty-odd years after he gave up the game of golf, wisely so, as it had dealt him only failure, angst and exasperation, the author takes up the game once again. And recognizing a good thing when he sees one, he decided to chronicle his comeback and the result is this hilarious account of his two-year long shaky return to that "most ruinous sport". Being a hacker of about the same skill level as Mr. H., I know all too well the trials and tribulation of this most vexing, absolutely stupid game that so many of us just could not survive without.

REGINALD HILL has graced us with two offerings this year. Lucky us. Although, technically speaking, only Roar of the Butterflies (\$32.95), the fifth Joe Sixsmith novel, has been published in North America yet. Cure For All Diseases (#21), the most recent entry in the Dalziel and Pascoe series, was a March release in the UK and will be published in Canada this October. No matter how you count them, one **Hill** makes for great rejoicing, two, well, that's just an embarrassment of riches. In Roar shocking allegations of cheating have been directed at, Chris Porphyry, one of the leading members of the Royal Hoo Golf Course. Surely, the only reason Joe is being asked to help must be to set him up for a fall, or perhaps as a joke. The Hoo is, after all, a bastion of old, old, very white money, and Joe is, well, anything but. Joe, the bumbling, Columbo-ish character does not fail to entertain in this sparkling, witty read. I know, I know it's not Dalziel and Pascoe, that's coming very soon, but it is **Reginald Hill**, and he's always fun.

A debut novel, Eight in the Box (\$28) by **RAFFI YESSAYAN** has been getting some very good reviews of late. In Boston, a number of professionals have disappeared and the police have very little to go on; a pretty standard police procedural. But this is only half of the novel. The rest is the inner workings of the DA's office whose job, of course, is to prosecute the killers and drug dealers the cops do apprehend. (The author spent eleven years as an assistant district attorney so he couldn't write a crime novel without bringing in all that experience and knowledge, now could he?) It is a fast-paced story, lots of short chapters keep the action flowing, and a good look at the inner workings of the judicial system. The author seems to have the need to explain the obvious, regularly—something I could have done with a little less of—but, all in all it turned out to be a good story with a satisfying, surprising ending.

Have you read **PATRICIA HIGHSMITH**? In particular, her Ripley series? I forget what made me want to reread The Talented Mr. Ripley (\$15.50), perhaps the forthcoming reissue of the entire series, but I'm glad I picked it up. Reminded me how brilliant this novel is.

Cottage Lady's Picks

Some of you have been asking about **Barney**, my much-loved Golden. Not to worry, he's still around and bouncy as ever. Marian and I usually do a 6 to 10k early morning walk at the cottage so we work up plenty of appetite for evening cocktails and dinner. We are fortunate in that our cottage country has not become rural suburbia. It still abounds with wildlife. We have yet to sight a bear (which is a good thing) but we have come across the occasional lone wolf (four legged) on its way to water. Barney doesn't accompany us because although he is perfection personified in the cottage, his enthusiasm for the outdoors has led to some unexpected interactions with raccoons, porcupines and a really malodorous episode with a skunk. And his fascination with a small herd of white tailed deer gave Marian quite a fright one late January afternoon. In addition, extra morning supervision is required as Barney is keen to make contact with our very own Reddy Fox as he trots across our front deck on his morning perimeter check. But never fear, Barney gets many walks and lots of catch and fetch playtime. Mostly, though, he is as content as I am to curl up with a good book - me on the Lazy Boy and Barney under the footrest. Truly a dog's life!

But I digress. **Martini Update** – Even with Marian's busy schedule during the spring, we have soldiered on with our research. I can report that lemon stuffed olives, while delicious, leave an oily residue that doesn't enhance a martini. The almond stuffed olive, while cool and crunchy, was distracting. The olive stuffed with feta cheese was yummy. We did try a brand of olive stuffed with onion called "Olive-it" - a little pricey but a very tasty stand-alone combo. But frankly, in the end, for the perfect martini there is still no olive that can displace the Loblaw's No Name Sweet Pickled Onions. For our next round, now that summer is officially here, Marian has an exceptional margarita recipe so I expect we will alternate our experiments between margaritas and martinis. However, there is a possible new path fermenting. During one of our walks, we began reminiscing about cocktails from an earlier era. One nostalgic story led to another and we discovered a shared fond memory for one of the classics - the whiskey sour. As ever, mystery readers, opportunities are endless. When one door closes, another opens.

All the spring rain gave me an excuse to read even more than I usually do. And the Sleuth crowd has plenty to offer. **LAURA WILSON**'s Stratton's War (\$37.95 hardcover, \$24.95 trade paperback) caught my interest immediately as I am a huge fan of the British TV series, *Foyle's War*. **Wilson**, a well-known British author of psychological thrillers, has launched this new series of police stories featuring DI Ted Stratton set in 1940s London. It is too long but **Wilson** should be forgiven as she is trying to lay a solid foundation that will take the reader through Stratton's entire career ending with his retirement in the 1970s. Our Ted is a lower middle class Londoner. Unlike almost every other fictional policeman, he is just an ordinary bloke trying to make his way - a good and kind man, honest and level headed. He has his local pub, a garden hut, irritating in-laws and a dodgy nephew. He has no sidekicks, no bad habits and appears faithful to his spouse (although he seems to have a healthy admiration for blondes which may be indicative of future plots - we shall see). His one sorrow is the evacuation of his two young children because of the blitz. The story begins with the death of a silent film star. She is found impaled on an iron railing outside her London flat. It was first thought to be a suicide but Stratton's instincts kick in and he pushes for an investigation despite discouragement from superiors. The story

and the detecting become entwined with MI5, organized crime and a blonde, Diana Calthrop, who has been newly recruited to investigate a group of Nazi sympathizers. His approach says much about the strength and determination of his character. The storyline is solid but understated and in keeping with the low-key character of Ted. We shall see if an ordinary London policeman can hold our interest. I am betting that he will.

I picked up L'Assassin (\$27.95) because I was attracted to the title and the eye-catching red cover. **PETER STEINER**, famous for his New Yorker cartoons, has written a political thriller and a complex mystery story. The tale keeps you guessing until the very end. Terrorism, counter terrorism, exotic locales and a complex plot create an exciting saga. The story features former CIA operative, Louis Morgon, and his sidekick, Jean Renard, the gendarme of their small French Village, Saint-Leon sur Deme. **Steiner** paints a rich life for this tiny French village, in some ways reminiscent of St. Mary Mead. The mystery begins with a burglary at Morgon's house but the motive is not as simple as it seems. The consequences lead Louis on an international chase as he realizes this is not a one-off but part of a master plan by an old enemy, the former US Secretary of State, Hugh Bowes. **Steiner** is a very skilled writer and provides dramatic thriller moments and altercations, as well as some really scary times for Morgon and his family. Nonetheless, I need to read more to see whether this whole business of combining quaint village life with international killers works for me. While awaiting his third tale, I may well check out his first work, Le Crime aka A French Country Murder (15.50).

Close your eyes and picture a warm summer day, a light breeze and you are sitting on the dock or the beach – the perfect setting for Madman on a Drum (\$27.95) by **DAVID HOUSEWRIGHT**. It's the fifth mystery to feature St. Paul Minnesota ex-cop Rushmore McKenzie. On the surface, it appears to be a straightforward whodunit. Mac's best friend, Bobby Dunstan, who happens to be the city's homicide chief, has a crisis – one of his daughters, Victoria, has been kidnapped. Mac's job is to deliver the million dollar ransom. During the negotiations, Mac and Bobby realize that the criminal is someone from their past and the abduction is somehow connected to revenge. Victoria is returned early in the story. But then the real action begins as Mac searches for the kidnappers. Excitement grows when a 50k bounty is put on Mac's head, which entices a collection of criminals to go after the booty. **Housewright** succeeds in maintaining your interest with sustained action and the expected twists and turns of any good mystery. The motivators in this novel are good old-fashioned hate and greed but with an underlay of justice, loyalty and love. Mac is tough, flawed and smart, making him a likeable hero. A refreshing plus is that the book is actually suitable for teens or anyone else who prefers effective dialogue without the use of foul language. But dog lovers be forewarned, there is a sad episode with pit bulls.

I read the Last Embrace (\$29.99 hard cover, \$17.50 trade paperback) by **DENISE HAMILTON** while recovering from an attack of bronchitis and discovered that it is a read suitable for those times when you are not up to total concentration. In fact, it would be a perfect summer holiday escape. It is a period piece with twists and turns, good writing, a touch of romance, a little grittiness and even some glamour. It's not entirely chick lit but at the dockside, it would lend itself nicely to chatty breaks with a companion without losing track of the happenings. (*Would that companion be drinking martinis? Marian*). The story is straightforward - Lily Kessler, a former stenographer and spy for the OSS, returns to the United States in 1949 to learn that her deceased fiancé's little sister, Kitty, has gone missing from a Hollywood boarding house. Lily puts her military skills to work when Kitty's body turns up under the famous "Hollywood"

sign. Frustrated by the lack of local Police interest, Lily begins her own investigation. She stays at Kitty's boarding house and meets and lives with Kitty's aspiring actress friends while she works out the details of the young woman's life leading up to her disappearance and murder. **Hamilton** does a fine job at describing this period in Hollywood's history. Lily is an early feminist, a woman who has traveled the world and done important work in the war effort – a little bit of a tough cookie having to deal with the old style cops of the 40s. **Sue Grafton** readers will see some similarities with her character, Kinsey. I suspect this may be the first in a series. And I look forward to the next one.

Hardbacks

ALEXANDER, TASHA ashton FATAL WALTZ (#3) (\$25.95) (Morrow) At her friend Ivy's behest, Emily, Lady Ashton, reluctantly agrees to attend a party at the sprawling English country estate of Lord Fortescue, a man she finds as odious as he is powerful. But her host has also invited Kristiana von Lange, an Austrian countess who was once linked romantically with her dear friend Colin Hargreaves. When Lord Fortescue is murdered, Ivy's husband Robert Brandon, is suspected. From London's glittering ballrooms to Vienna's sordid back streets, Emily searches for answers to prove Robert's innocence. The first two in the series are And Only To Deceive (\$17.50) and A Poisoned Season (\$16.50).

ALPERT, MARK FINAL THEORY (\$28) (Touchstone) Columbia University professor David Swift is called to the hospital where he hears the dying words of his mentor, a physicist who was brutally attacked. He gives David a seemingly random string of numbers that could hold the key to Einstein's last and greatest secret: The Theory of Everything. Within hours, David is arrested by the FBI and taken to a secret interrogation centre. But the FBI is not the only one pursuing Einstein's long-hidden theory. On the run for his life, David teams up with an old girlfriend, a brilliant Princeton scientist, and frantically, they try to piece together Einstein's theory to reveal its staggering consequences.

ANDREWS, DONNA COCKATIELS AT SEVEN (\$26.95) (Thomas Dunne) When her old friend Karen drops by with her two-year-old son, Timmy, Meg Langslow reluctantly agrees to babysit. But by the next morning, Karen has still not shown up to get Timmy. Retracing her friend's steps Meg begins to suspect that Karen's disappearance is tied to at least one serious incident. All the usual characters are back in this very funny series. If you want laughter with your mystery try the first one: Murder With Peacocks (\$8.99).

BALDACCI, DAVID WHOLE TRUTH (\$29.99) (Grand Central) A rising threat has many countries getting their armies ready to fight and a series of events is set in motion that could change the world as we know it. Billed as his first international thriller.

BATTLES, BRETT DECEIVED (#2) (\$28) Sequel to Cleaner (\$8.99) Jonathan Quinn is called in to "clean" up the mess.

BLACK, CARA MURDER IN THE RUE DE PARADIS (#8) (\$26.50) An Aimee Leduc investigation.

BLOCK, LAWRENCE keller HIT AND RUN (#4) (\$26.95) (Morrow) Keller is set up to take the fall when someone kills the charismatic governor of Ohio. He's stranded halfway across the country, every cop in America has just seen his picture, his ID and his credit cards are no good, and he's just spent most of his cash on collectible stamps. The first three in the series are: Hit Man, Hit List and Hit Parade (\$10.99 each).

BLUNDY, ANNA VODKA NEAT (#3) (\$27.95) (Thomas Dunne) The UK title was Neat Vodka. War correspondent Faith Zanetti is the

new Moscow correspondent for a leading newspaper but the minute she steps off the plane she is arrested in connection with the murders, fifteen years before, of a couple who lived in a neighbouring apartment. The only way she can prove her innocence is to find the charming Russian black marketer she married as a nineteen year old. Lots of vodka. (Marian says she and Cottage Lady may start testing the different brands of Vodka to use in their martinis). The other two in the series were Bad News Bible and Faith Without Doubt, now both out of print.

BOWEN, RHYS royals ROYAL PAIN (#2) (\$26.50) (Berkley) It's London in the 1930s and Lady Georgiana, thirty-fourth in line to the throne, is working as a maid (in disguise, of course) because her brother Binky has cut off her allowance. The Queen has asked her to entertain Bavarian Princess Maria with the hope that the Princess will attract the attention of the playboy prince, in the further hope that he might marry her. The Queen didn't take into account that Georgiana has absolutely no money. The first in this delightful new series is Her Royal Spyness (\$8.99).

BOX, C J BLOOD TRAIL (#8) (\$27.50) (Putnam) Game wardens have found a hunter dead at a camp in the mountains: strung up, gutted and flayed. The Governor cancels hunting season for the first time in state history and turns to Joe Pickett to investigate.

BRANDRETH, GYLES wilde OSCAR WILDE AND THE RING OF DEATH (\$45) (John Murray) At the height of his fame and fortune Oscar Wilde proposes a game of "Murder", in which each of his dinner guests must list a name of those they would most like to kill. It's only a game, but within hours the fourteen victims begin to die. Wilde and his confidants, Robert Sherard and Arthur Conan Doyle, realize that the murderer is among their party. The North American title will be Oscar Wilde and the Game Called Murder (\$28 hardcover and \$16 trade paperback scheduled for September).

BRETT, SIMON BLOOD AT THE BOOKIES (#9) (\$34.95) (Macmillan) Jude loves a bit of a thrill but her friend Carole thinks the local betting shop is a den of iniquity. When Jude stumbles upon the body of Polish immigrant Tadeusz Jankowski the race is on to find his killer. A Fethering mystery.

BROOKS, GERALDINE PEOPLE OF THE BOOK (\$28.50)

BROPHY, GRACE DEADLY PARADISE (#2) (\$28) (Soho) In the peaceful Umbrian village of Paradiso the shocking murder and mutilation of an elderly German woman, a retired cultural attaché, is barely credible. That is, until Inspector Alessandro Cenni of the State Police discovers that the victim was not only a difficult tenant according to her landlady but also a bisexual swinger with a female African lover recently in residence, and a blackmailer. She had grown up in occupied Venice and some of her secrets may have originated then. The first in the series is The Last Enemy (\$14.50).

CAMERON, KENNETH FRIGHTENED MAN (\$37.95) (Orion) London in 1900 is perfect for Denton, an American with a violent past seeking the anonymity of an outsider. When a clearly disturbed man shows up one evening and says he has just seen Jack the Ripper, Denton dismisses him. But when the mutilated body of a teenage prostitute named Stella Minter is found the same night, Denton has to think again. As Denton investigates, he discovers that Stella Minter was not the dead girl's real name, but who she was and why she was murdered exposes a monstrosity far worse than the tabloid headlines about another killing in the city's sexual underbelly.

CHILD, LEE NOTHING TO LOSE (#12) (\$30) (Delacorte) Jack Reacher goes up against the town of Despair, which first wants him gone and then wants him dead. His only ally is a policewoman from the town of Hope, twelve miles away. Classic Child. **Autographed copies while supply lasts.**

CLARE, ALYS PATHS OF THE AIR (#11) (\$34.99) (Severn House) A secretive stranger arrives at New Winnowlands and Sir Josse d'Acquin, guessing that he is the servant of a returning Cru-

sader, allows him to stay in an outhouse. After the sick man disappears, d'Acquin seeks the assistance of Abbess Helewise of Hawkenlye Abby. When three Knights Hospitallers arrive on the trail of a runaway monk, Josse realizes that his mysterious guest has brought with him danger and a terrible secret.

CLEEVE, ANN WHITE NIGHTS (\$24.95) (Macmillan) When Shetland detective Jimmy Perez finds a body in a fisherman's hut, it seems to be a straightforward case of suicide. He recognizes the victim, a stranger with amnesia who had disrupted a local party the night before his death. But this is no desperate case of anguish, but the work of a cold and calculating killer. Sequel to Raven Black (\$9.99).

COFFEY, THOMAS BLOOD ALLEY (\$24.95) (Toby) A young woman is found in a seedy part of New York City in November 1946 and the watchman who found her is arrested for her murder. Not convinced that he is guilty, Patrick Grimes, a World War II veteran who works the graveyard shift for the New York Examiner, starts his own investigation into the life and death of Amanda Price, the eldest daughter of one of Manhattan's wealthiest men.

COMPTON, JULIE TELL NO LIES (\$27.95) Jack Hilliard has a perfect life and is just about to be elected District Attorney of St. Louis but his feelings for old friend and colleague, Jenny Dodson, turns into an obsession that he can't control. When Jenny is accused of the murder of one of her clients, and Jack is her only alibi, he has a tough choice to make. A debut novel.

CONNOLLY, JOHN REAPERS (\$29.99 hardcover, \$19.99 trade paperback) (Atria) Someone is hunting Louis, targeting his home, his businesses, and his partner Angel. The instrument of revenge is Bliss, a feared assassin, a Reaper, a lethal tool with a personal vendetta. Both hardened by their past, Louis and Angel decide to strike back. When the two of them disappear a group of their friends, led by private detective Charlie Parker, are forced to band together to find them. **Autographed copies while supply lasts.**

COOK, THOMAS H MASTER OF THE DELTA (\$27.95) (Harcourt) Jack Branch returns to his father's Delta estate, Great Oaks, to teach at the local high school. Conducting a class on historical evil, he is shocked to discover that one of his students, Eddie, is the son of the Coed Killer, a notorious local murderer. When Jack suggests that Eddie examine his father's crime he doesn't know what he is unleashing.

COOPER, NATASHA POISONED MIND (\$28.95) (St. Martin's) QC Trish Maguire can't understand how her boss, Antony Shelley, can accept a case defending the corrupt Clean World Waste Management company. So when the brilliant and cynical Antony is nearly killed in an accident, Trish is faced with a painful dilemma: does she take over the company's defense, or threaten her hard-won career by refusing to appear in court against Angie Fortwell, the impoverished widow of a hard-working farmer? As Trish investigates further, she suspects the explosion that killed Angie's husband was not an accident but the result of sabotage.

CORNWELL, PATRICIA FRONT (#2) (\$25) (Putnam) This is the second in the At Risk (\$10.99) series featuring Massachusetts investigator Win Garano, District Attorney Monique Lamont and Garano's grandmother. A short novel at 180 pages.

CRAIS, ROBERT CHASING DARKNESS (\$29.99) (Simon & Schuster) Lionel Byrd is found dead, an apparent suicide. Three years earlier he was brought to trial accused of murdering a prostitute. Elvis Cole was hired to investigate and discovered evidence that set Byrd free. Now it appears that Byrd was the killer and he's killed two more women after he walked free. Shut out of the investigation by a special LAPD task force determined to close the case, Elvis and Joe desperately fight to uncover the truth about Byrd. Marian **loved it.**

CROMBIE, DEBORAH WHERE MEMORIES LIE (#12) (\$26.95) (Morrow) Erika Rosenthal has always been secretive with her friend and neighbour, Detective Inspector Gemma James, about

her past, except for the detail that she and her long-dead husband, David, came to London as refugees from Nazi Germany. A unique piece of jewelry stolen from her years ago has mysteriously turned up at a prestigious London auction house and Erika believes the theft may be tied to her husband's death, which has always been assumed a suicide. **Autographed copies while supplies last.** Also available in a large print edition (\$26.95).

CUMMING, CHARLES TYPHOON (\$34) (Michael Joseph) Hong Kong 1997, only a few short months of British rule remain before the territory returns to the Chinese. So when an elderly man emerges from the sea of the New Territories, claiming to know secrets he will share only with the Governor himself, a young MI6 officer, Joe Lennox, sees an opportunity to make his reputation. But when the old man, a high-profile Chinese professor, is spirited away in the middle of the night by Joe's superiors, in collusion with the CIA, it's clear that there is a great deal more than the young spy's career at stake.

CUSSLER, CLIVE PLAGUE SHIP (#5) (\$29.50) (Putnam) With **Jack Du Brul**. The Oregon is a covert ship, completely dilapidated on the outside, but on the inside bristling with sophisticated weaponry and intelligence-gathering equipment. Captained by the rakish, one-legged Juan Cabrillo, and manned by a crew of former military and spy personnel, it is a private enterprise, available for any government agency that can afford it. The crew has just completed a top secret mission against Iran in the Persian Gulf when they come across a cruise ship adrift at sea with hundreds of bodies littering its decks. Sequel to The Oregon Files are Golden Buddha (\$10.99), Sacred Stone (\$9.99), Dark Watch (\$23) and Skeleton Watch (\$20).

CUTLER, JUDITH harman STILL WATERS (\$39.95) (Allison & Busby) The water where Detective Chief Inspector Fran Harman lives has been tainted by something in the local reservoir. Then, a dramatic discovery leads her case to becoming a full-blown murder investigation. Sequel to Life Sentence (\$12.95) and Cold Pursuit (\$10.95).

DAVIDSON, MARY JANICE UNDEAD AND UNWORTHY (\$26.50) (Berkley) Betsy Taylor thought marriage would be a breeze. After all what could be more challenging than becoming a vampire? But the fun and games get even worse when a pack of formally feral vampires, hungry for blood and power, pay Betsy and her husband, Sinclair, a visit. Earlier books in the series are Undead and Unwed (\$10.99), Undead and Unemployed (\$10.99), Undead and Unappreciated (\$9.99), Undead and Unreturnable (\$9.99), Undead and Unpopular (\$10.99) and Undead and Uneasy (\$7.99).

DEAVER, JEFFERY W rhyme BROKEN WINDOW (#8) (\$29.99) (Simon & Schuster) When Lincoln Rhyme's estranged cousin, Arthur Rhyme, is arrested on murder charges, the evidence is too perfect. As Lincoln and his partner Amanda Sachs investigate, they uncover a string of similar murders and rapes with the perpetrators claiming innocence and ignorance, despite ironclad evidence at the scene of the crimes. The Bone Collector (\$10.99) was the first.

DEUTERMANN, P T MOONPOOL (\$27.95)

DICKINSON, DAVID DEATH ON THE HOLY MOUNTAIN (#7) (\$29.95) (Soho/Constable) The year is 1905 and Lord Francis Powercourt is sent to Ireland to investigate a series of art thefts from stately homes. But were these robberies merely for financial gain? Bizarrely, a number of Old Masters have been left untouched, while those stolen were mostly ancient family portraits of aristocratic Protestant gentry. Could the thefts be related to Ireland's troubled politics?

DOHERTY, PAUL roman MURDER'S IMMORTAL MASK (#5) (\$34.95 hardcover, \$24.95 trade paperback) (Headline) September 314 AD and two prostitutes are found viciously murdered in the streets of Rome. It is feared that the notorious killer Nefandus has returned. Desperate to retain order, the Empress Helena turns to her most trusted agent, Claudia, and commands her to discover the true identity of Nefandus and bring the killing spree to an end.

DOWNING, DAVID SILESIAAN STATION (\$26.50) (Soho) Returning home to Berlin in July 1939, British journalist John Russell learns that his girlfriend Effi has been arrested by the Gestapo. Having agreed to work for American intelligence in exchange for an American passport, Russell hoped he could stay in Germany with Effi and his son if war broke out with England, but now he's being blackmailed. The Gestapo will only free Effi if Russell will work for Nazi intelligence. Zoo Station (\$15.50) is the first Russell novel.

[DOYLE]SPRINGER, NANCY THE CASE OF THE BIZARRE BOUQUETS (\$16.50) Young adult Sherlockian mysteries featuring Enola Holmes. From the author of TCOT Left Handed Lady (\$16) and TCOT Missing Marquess (\$15.50).

DOYLE, GERRY FROM THE DEPTHS (\$25.95)

DUBUS, ANDRE III GARDEN OF LAST DAYS (\$27.50) (Norton) A stripper brings her three-year-old daughter to work when the regular baby sitter ends up in hospital. She has a very unusual client that night who is very free with his cash and she doesn't want to miss her shift. Meanwhile, another man, AJ, has been thrown out of the club for holding hands with his favourite stripper. All these elements come together to give us a novel over 500 pages in length, about sex, parenthood, honour and masculinity.

DUNLAP, SUSAN HUNGRY GHOSTS (#2) (\$27.50) Sequel to Single Eye (\$14.50). Featuring Darcy Lott, a Buddhist stuntwoman.

ECCLES, MARJORIE lamb LAST NOCTURNE (\$39.95)

ELKINS, AARON oliver UNEASY RELATIONS (#15) (\$26.50) (Berkley) Buried ceremoniously in a cave, the skeleton of a human woman lies clutching to her breast the skeleton of a part-Neanderthal child. Like much of the world, Professor Oliver finds Gibraltar Woman and Gibraltar Boy fascinating and jumps at the chance to attend a conference celebrating the anniversary of the discovery. But not everyone is in a festive mood as death stalks the excavation site.

ELLIS, KATE peterson BLOOD PIT (#12) (\$44.95) Detective Inspector Wesley Peterson investigates the murder of two men whose bodies have been drained of blood, and the discovery of a skeleton believed to be that of a sex offender who disappeared twenty years ago. Meanwhile, Wesley's archaeologist friend Neil Watson is alarmed when he starts getting anonymous letters written in gory detail about macabre events at a medieval abbey. Neil fears his letters are being sent by the killer Wesley is looking for.

EMERY, ANNE BARRINGTON STREET BLUES (#3) (\$24.95) (ECW) Helped by his friend, Father Brennan Burke, and hindered by his femme fatale law partner, Melicia Morgan, lawyer Monty Collins explores the dark side of Halifax society. A rich man and a poor man are found dead of gunshot wounds outside a bar and the police say it's a murder suicide. Monty, hired to represent the victims, suspects it's a double homicide. Sequel to Sign of the Cross (\$14.95), won the Arthur Ellis award for Best First Novel and Obit (\$28.95).

ENGER, LEIF SO BRAVE YOUNG AND HANDSOME (\$26.50) By the author of Peace Like A River (\$15.99).

ERIKSSON, KJELL lindell DEMON OF DAKAR (#3) (\$27.95) Sequel to Princess of Burundi (\$15.95) and Cruel Stars of the Night (\$14.50). A Cottage Lady's Pick in the May issue.

ESTLEMAN, LOREN FRAMES (\$26.95) (Forge) Valentino, a mild-mannered UCLA film archivist, buys a decrepit movie palace and uncovers a skeleton in the secret Prohibition basement. He also discovers long-lost priceless reels of film of Erich von Stroheim's infamous *Greed*. The LAPD wants to take the film as evidence, jeopardizing the precious old film, which leaves Valentino only seventy-two hours to solve the murder. Helping him are his mentor, the film scholar Broadhead, and Fanta, a feisty but flaky young law student.

EVANOVICH, JANET plum FEARLESS FOURTEEN (#14) (\$30.95) (St. Martin's) The gang is back, although Marian said she wished there was more of the Plum family featured in this one. Stephanie has to look after Zoot, the son of Loretta, who, that's

Loretta not Zoot, was in jail because she couldn't make bail. Loretta is Joe Morelli's cousin, by the way. Joe was left Aunt Rose's house in the will, instead of Dan, who is Loretta's brother. Dan has just gotten out of jail for stealing nine million dollars and everyone assumes that the money is buried in Joe's basement. Wacky as usual.

FISTER, BARBARA IN THE WIND (\$27.95) When Chicago policewoman Anni Koskinen testified against a fellow cop, she lost the only job she ever wanted in the aftermath. When she helps a gentle church worker by giving her a ride out of town Anni finds out that she has helped a fugitive escape. It seems that Rosa Saenz was once involved with a radical faction of the American Indian Movement and was responsible for the murder of an FBI agent in 1972. A close friend in the Bureau urges Anni to work with Rosa's defense team in order to find out what happened all those years ago.

FITZPATRICK, KYLIE NINTH STONE (\$37.95) (Weidenfeld & Nicolson) Amen Corner, London 1864. Orphan Sarah O'Reilly has disguised herself as a boy so that she can work in the offices of a newspaper, the London Mercury. There she meets Lily Korechnya, a wealthy widow who writes a column on 'exceptional women' for the paper, and who takes Sarah under her wing. Lily has been enlisted by Lady Cynthia Herbert to help catalogue her magnificent collection of jewels, among which are several large gems belonging to the Maharajah of Benares, which Lady Herbert has promised to have made into a special charm called a navaratna. Two murders take place, the gems disappear and the trail leads to India.

[FLEMING] FAULK, SEBASTIAN fleming DEVIL MAY CARE (#1) (\$29.95) (Doubleday Canada) An Algerian drug runner is savagely executed in the desolate outskirts of Paris. This leads to the recall of Agent 007 from his sabbatical in Rome. The start of the new James Bond series. The UK edition, from Penguin, apparently was published in a first printing of only 1,500 copies so firsts are very thin on the ground. We do have a small quantity of Penguin reprints. If you must have a UK first, then call and we'll find you one.

FLEMING, IAN 2006 being the 100th anniversary of Fleming's birth, his UK publisher, Penguin, have re-issued his fourteen Bond books in hardcover—actually, there are new trade paperback and mass market paperback editions as well. The covers on the three editions are not the original Jonathan Cape ones, however. For the hardcovers, Michael Gillette was commissioned to paint new covers and he's created a fine unified look. The covers work really, really well; there's very much a 60s look to his creations. The fourteen books, from CASINO ROYALE (#1) to OCTOPUSSY & LIVING DAY-LIGHTS (#14) (\$25 each) are really attractive volumes and would make a fine addition to any Fleming collection.

FLORA, KATE kozak STALKING DEATH (#7) (\$28.95) (Crum Creek) Crisis specialist Thea Kozak is called to the campus of an elite New Hampshire school to help the administration deal with an angry African-American basketball player who claims she is being stalked.

FURST, ALAN SPIES OF WARSAW (\$28) War is coming to Europe. At the French embassy in Warsaw, the new military attaché, Colonel Jean-Francois Mercier, a decorated war hero of the 1914 war, is drawn into a world of abduction, betrayal, and intrigue in the diplomatic salons and back alleys of Warsaw.

GALLOWAY, STEVEN CELLIST OF SARAJEVO (\$29.95) Special orders only.

GARDNER, LISA SAY GOODBYE (\$28) (Bantam) The story prostitute Delilah Rose tells Kimberly Quincy, FBI Special Agent, is too horrifying to be true. Prostitutes are disappearing and no one believes Delilah. Kimberly is five months pregnant so has other things on her mind. But since her own mother and sister were killed by a serial killer, she starts an investigation into the lunatic who uses spiders to do his dirty work. Very chilling, but unputdownable. Unless, of course, you are an arachnophobe!

GEAR & GEAR BETRAYAL: THE LOST LIFE OF JESUS

(\$27.95) (Forge) The year is 325 C.E. and Brother Barnabas is an ardent student of the ancient holy texts, books that paint a portrait of Jesus that is radical, heretical and irresistible. In these writings of Mary Magdalen, Philip and James, Barnabas finds clues to the truth about Christ that he vows to protect at all costs. But the ecumenical council of bishops has declared his books 'a hotbed of manifold perversity' and Emperor Constantine has decreed that the documents must be burned and anyone found copying them will be executed as a Christian heretic. When Barnabas' monastery is silently attacked he and a few trusted companions flee.

GENELIN, MICHAEL SIREN OF THE WATERS (\$26.95) (Soho) Jana Matinova entered the Czechoslovak police force as a young woman and has now risen to the rank of commander. She liaises with colleagues across the continent to track a master criminal whose crimes include extortion, murder, kidnapping and the operation of a vast human trafficking network. **Thomas Perry** says: "A terrific novel by a man who knows crime, knows Europe, and knows how to write. Sirens of the Waters is a genuine pleasure".

GOLDSTEIN, PAUL seeley PATENT LIE (#2) (\$25.95) (Doubleday) Forced out of his high-powered Manhattan law firm and stuck in a dead-end solo practice, Michael Seeley, the tough but wounded hero of Errors and Omissions (\$17.95), cannot say no when his estranged brother-in-law, Leonard, head of research at upstart biotech Vaxtek, Inc., flies in from California to beg him to take over the company's lawsuit for patent infringement of its pathbreaking AIDS vaccine after the sudden death of the lead trial lawyer.

GOODEN, PHILIP SALISBURY MANUSCRIPTS (\$30) (Soho/Constable) In the fog-shrouded autumn of 1873 a man dies violently while searching a burial chamber near Salisbury. At the same time Tom Ansell, a young lawyer, arrives from London to receive a manuscript from one of the cathedral canons. Felix Slater wants the compromising memoirs of his late father to be locked away until after his own death. But Slater's death arrives much sooner than expected, and it's Tom who discovers the clergyman's body and comes under suspicion for his murder. The manuscript has disappeared.

GORDON, ALAN MONEYLENDER OF TOULOUSE (#7) (\$27.95) (St. Martin's) In A.D. 1204, Theophilos, jester and agent for the Fool's Guild, is sent to Toulouse with his jester wife, infant daughter, and young apprentice to get the current bishop to quietly resign so that the position can be filled with someone more sympathetic to the Guild's goals. When the local moneylender is found dead after arguing with the bishop, Theo has to find out who did it. This is such a witty series, full of interesting characters and great historic detail. Still in print are Thirteenth Night (#1), A Death in the Venetian Quarter (#3), and The Lark's Lament (#6) (\$16.95 each).

GORDON-SMITH, DOLORES MAD ABOUT THE BOY? (#2) (\$30) (Soho/Constable) It is midsummer 1923 and Isabella's parents are celebrating their silver wedding anniversary with a fabulous ball at their country house in Sussex. Isabella has two men in love with her but that's nothing compared to the suspected suicide of one of the guests. Jack Haldean, (A Fete Worse than Death (\$18)), believes it was murder, and further complications ensue when a group of Russian revolutionaries become involved in the affair.

GOULD, HEYWOOD LEADING LADY (\$35) A motley group of strangers are thrown together on a cold winter's day in New York. Their lives collide when Jerry Lang, a high-class burglar, breaks out of jail intent on avenging the murder of Gloria Pavlich, his partner and "leading Lady".

GRABENSTEIN, CHRIS CROSSROADS (young adult novel) (\$19.99) (Random House) Zack Jennings is an average kid with a hardworking father, a new step-mom, and a new dog. Then there's that really nasty ghost who kills people and Zack is on his list. Previous adult mysteries are Tilt-A-Whirl (\$16), Mad Mouse (\$18.50) and Whack a Mole (\$26.95 hardcover).

GRANGER, ANN ross MORTAL CURIOSITY (#2) (\$34.95 hardcover, \$24.95 trade paperback) (Headline) It's 1864 and Lizzie Martin is leaving London, and her friend Inspector Ben Ross from Scotland Yard, to become a companion to Lucy Craven, who is recovering from the tragic death of her baby. Events take a darker turn when a rat-catcher is found murdered on the grounds of Shore House and Lucy is discovered beside the body, crying and covered in blood. Not knowing where to turn, Lizzie calls on Ben to investigate. Sequel to A Rare Interest in Corpses (\$10.99). **GREENLAW, LINDA bunker** FISHERMAN'S BEND (#2) (\$26.95) (Hyperion) The first in this series, Slipknot (\$7.99), got raves reviews from customers and critic alike. Former Miami homicide detective Jane Baker now lives in Green Haven, Maine and hopes for a more peaceful life. But she discovers a lobster boat in serious trouble with no crew on board and an owner who has vanished without a trace.

GREGORY, SUSANNA bartholo DEVIL'S DISCIPLES (#14) (\$34) (Sphere) It's been ten years since the Black Death hit Cambridge, but now, in the stifling summer of 1357, a more sinister visitor is at large. He claims that he can save the people of the town if the plague ever comes again and he calls himself the Sorcerer. Physician Matthew Bartholomew needs to unmask this stranger.

GUTERSON, DAVID OTHER (\$26) (Knopf) John William Barry has inherited wealth and a pedigree; his friend Neil Countryman is blue-collar Irish. They met at sixteen and have been friends ever since. Now John William enlists Neil to help him disappear completely and Neil finds himself drawn into a web of secrets. From the author of Snow Falling on Cedars (\$21).

GUTHRIE, ALLAN SAVAGE NIGHT (\$27.95) (Harcourt) Andy Park thinks he's discovered a way to make his enemies pay, but it backfires. A masked man, known only as Mr. Smith, is blackmailing Tommy Savage, for what, he has no idea. After an attempt to gain the upper hand has near-fatal results, Tommy and his brother, Phil, find themselves heading to a graveyard with only a couple of swords and a bag of cash for company. Will they survive the night? Set during a six hour time period in Edinburgh.

HAINES, CAROLYN WISHBONES (#8) (\$26.95) (St. Martin's) Southern girl, Sarah Booth Delaney, heads to Hollywood for a screen test for a racy remake of *Body Heat*. The only downside is she has to leave behind her family's ancestral home in Mississippi, her closest friends, and the possibility of settling down with her long-time love.

HALLINAN, TIMOTHY FOURTH WATCHER (\$26.95) (Morrow) Travel writer Poke Rafferty is ready to let go of his *Looking For Trouble* series of travel books and the dangerous lifestyle that goes with it, and settle down in Bangkok with his fiancée, Rose, and his newly adopted daughter, Miaow. But trouble doesn't let go of Poke as someone from his past shows up with a box of rubies, a wad of fraudulent identity papers, with, hot in pursuit of those things, one of the most dangerous gangsters in China.

HAMILTON, DENISE LAST EMBRACE (\$29.99) (Scribner) Los Angeles, 1949. Lily Kessler, a former stenographer and spy for the OSS, is asked by her late fiancé's mother to find out what happened to his sister Kitty, an actress who is missing from her Hollywood boardinghouse. Although the starlets at the house insist that Kitty is off somewhere furthering her career, her body is found the next day in a ravine below the Hollywood sign. Unimpressed by the local police, Lily decides to investigate on her own. Based on a true, unsolved crime. See *Cottage Lady's Picks*.

HAMILTON, LAURELL K blake BLOOD NOIR (#16) (\$28.50) (Berkley) Jason Schyler is a werewolf. He's also one of Anita Blake's best friend and sometime lover. He needs her to travel with him to his hometown because his father is dying. Marmee Noir, ancient mother of all vampires, picks this weekend to make a move.

HANDLER, DAVID SOUR CHERRY SURPRISE (\$27.95) (Thomas Dunne) A straight arrow high school student has started

throwing wild sex parties on Sour Cherry Lane. The distinguished professor across the lane has gone missing and his estranged wife, a popular author of children's books, is strung out on crystal meth. Throw in a murder and it's all in a day's work for trooper Desiree Mitry. Except, she and Mitch Berger have called it quits. Desiree has taken up again with her ex-husband, U.S. Attorney Brandon Stokes, and Mitch has moved onto a new high-profile TV career. But as Desiree gets drawn into the case, she needs Mitch's help.

HANIF, MOHAMMED CASE OF EXPLODING MANGOES (\$29.95) (Bond Street) **John Le Carre** says of this debut novel: "Witty, elegant and deliciously anarchic. Hanif has a lovely eye and an even better ear." Why did the plane carrying Pakistan's military dictator, General Zia ul-Haq, go down on 17th August 1988? Under Officer Ali Shigri is the narrator and as he moves from a mosque hall to his military barracks before ending up in a Mughal dungeon, there are questions that plague him.

HARRIS, CHARLAINE FROM DEAD TO WORSE (\$27.50) (Ace) The supernatural community in Bon Temps, Louisiana, is reeling from the natural disaster of Hurricane Katrina and the man-made horror of the explosion at the vampire summit the month before. Sookie Stackhouse still doesn't know what happened to her weretiger boyfriend, Quinn.

HARRISON, CORA MICHAELMAS TRIBUTE (\$34.95) (Macmillan) In 1509, in the kingdom of the Burren, people lived according to the ancient customs and Brehon laws of their ancestors. But at the Michaelmas Fair, tempers run high when the steward of the MacNamara clan demands more tribute. When he's found dead, Mara tries to piece the puzzle together but she is distracted by the King's surprise offer of marriage. Sequel to My Lady Judge (\$16.95).

HEMON, ALEKSANDAR LAZARUS PROJECT (\$27.50) (Riverhead) On March 2, 1908 nineteen-year-old Lazarus Averbuch, a Jewish immigrant from Eastern Europe, knocked on the front door of Chicago Chief of Police George Shippy. When Shippy came to the door, Lazarus offered him what he said was an important letter. Instead of taking the letter Shippy shot Lazarus twice, killing him, then released a statement casting Lazarus as a would-be anarchist assassin and agent of foreign political operatives. A century later, a young writer in Chicago, Brik, also from Eastern Europe, becomes obsessed with Lazarus's story: what really happened and why?

HERRON, MICK RECONSTRUCTION (\$27.50) (Soho/Constable) When a man with a gun breaks into her school, nursery teacher Louise Kennedy knows there is not likely to be a happy ending. But Jamie isn't there on a homicidal whim, and is as scared as his hostages. While an armed police presence builds up outside, he'll only talk to Ben Whistler, an MI6 accountant who worked with his lover, Milo. It seems Milo has gone missing, along with a huge sum of money. Jamie doesn't believe Milo's a thief, though he certainly had secrets. But, then, so does Louise.

HILL, REGINALD sixsmith ROAR OF THE BUTTERFLIES (#5) (\$32.95) (Doubleday, Canada) Shocking allegations of cheating have been directed at Chris Porphyry, one of the leading members of the Royal Hoo Golf Course. Chris asks Joe Sixsmith, private investigator ordinaire, for help. See *J.D.'s Picks*.

HILL, SUSAN serrailer VOWS OF SILENCE (#4) (\$34.95) (Knopf, Canada) Detective Chief Superintendent Simon Serrailer falls back on questioning neighbours and house-to-house searches in his bid to find gunmen who are targeting young women in the Cathedral town of Lafferton. The first three in this brilliant series are: The Various Haunts of Men (\$10.99), The Pure in Heart (\$11.99) and The Risk of Darkness (\$10.99).

HOUSEWRIGHT, DAVID rush MADMAN ON A DRUM (#5) (\$27.95) (St. Martin's) The fifth in the Rushmore McKenzie series. Terrific. See *Cottage Lady's Picks*.

HOWELL, DOROTHY HANDBAGS AND HOMICIDE (\$26.95)

HOWELL, LIS norbridge CHORISTER AT THE ABBEY (#2) (\$27.50) (Soho/Constable) The shocking discovery of a body at the local music college causes members of the Norbridge Abbey Chorus to panic and the harmony of the ancient Cumbrian market town is threatened. Sequel to The Flower Arranger at All Saints (\$30.95).

HUTCHINSON, ROBERT ELIZABETHS SPY MASTER (\$39.95)

IGGULDEN, CONN & HAL POCKET DANGEROUS BOOK THINGS TO KNOW (\$19.95) The next installment in the Dangerous Book for Boys franchise, sequel to Things to Do (\$19.95).

JACKSON, LEE (LM) tanner MESMERIST'S APPRENTICE (#2) (\$34.95) sequel to Most dangerous Woman (\$21.95).

JARDINE, QUINTIN AFTERSHOCK (#18) (\$34.95 hardcover, \$24.95 trade paperback) There's something familiar about the way the body of a young woman is found "laid out" in exactly the same way as the corpses of three young women in a previous case, a case that was solved. But now DCC Bob Skinner wonders if it is a coincidence, the work of a copycat or the possibility that the previous case isn't quite as closed as he thought.

JOHANSEN, IRIS QUICKSAND (\$29.95)

JOHNSON, CRAIG walt ANOTHER MAN'S MOCCASINS (#4) (\$27.50) (Viking) The long awaited fourth novel featuring Sheriff Walt Longmire, his friend Henry Standing Bear and Deputy Victoria Moretti is here. When the body of a young Vietnamese woman is found at the side of the interstate in Absaroka County, Wyoming, Longmire is determined to discover the identity of the victim and is forced to confront the horrible similarities of this murder to his first homicide case as a Marine investigator in Vietnam. Terrific, as were Cold Dish, Death Without Company (\$15.50 each) and Kindness Goes Unpunished (\$14).

KELBY, N M jimmy ray MURDER AT THE BAD GIRLS BAR & GRILL (#2) (\$25.95) (Shaye Areheart) A slasher-movie actress, a Scottish circus clown, an FBI school dropout, a blind heiress, a junk-food-loving millionaire developer, a Buddha-quoting bluesman and a couple of murders in a normally sedate retirement community in south Florida...Sequel to the equally frantic Whale Season (\$17).

KELLERMAN, JESSE GENIUS (\$24.95) (Putnam) Ethan Muller is struggling to establish his reputation as a dealer in the cutthroat world of contemporary art when he stumbles onto a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity: in a decaying New York slum, an elderly tenant named Victor Cracke has disappeared, leaving behind an enormous trove of original artwork. It may not be totally legal but Ethan mounts a wildly successful show and sells a lot of Victor's art. But suddenly, the police are interested. It seems that Victor had a nasty past and the drawings hanging in the Muller Gallery are beginning to look a lot like evidence. Earlier books are: Sunstroke and Trouble (\$10.99 ea).

KERR, PHILIP berlin QUIET FLAME (#5) (\$45) The fifth in the "Berlin Noir" trilogy. Special order only.

KLAVAN, ANDREW EMPIRE OF LIES (\$27.95) (Harcourt) Jason Harrow has built a stable life but a phone call changes all that. A woman he once shared a life of violence with claims her daughter is missing and he is the only person who can find her. Returning to New York City, Jason finds himself entangled in a murderous conspiracy. Hunted by terrorists and the police, Jason has only hours to prevent a savage attack on his country.

KNIGHT, BERNARD MANOR OF DEATH (\$29.99) (Simon & Schuster, UK) April 1196. When an unidentified body is discovered in the harbour town of Axmouth, twenty miles from Exeter, Sir John de Wolfe, the county coroner, is summoned to investigate. The manner of the young man's death is a matter of some dispute. But, as Sir John soon discovers, it was no accident. The victim did not drown, as the manor reeve alleges, but was strangled to death.

KNOPF, CHRIS sam aquillo HEAD WOUNDS (#3) (\$29.95) Sequel to Last Refuge and Two Time (\$17.95 each).

KONRATH, J. A. FUZZY NAVEL (\$25.95) (Hyperion) Jacqueline

"Jack" Daniels of the Chicago Police Department gets word that Alex Kork, one of the most dangerous criminals that Jack ever arrested, killed herself in jail. But a group of vigilantes on a murderous spree decide to take down a cop and all she cares about and things get worse when Jack discovers that Kork may not be dead after all. The earlier books are Whiskey Sour (\$9.99), Bloody Mary (\$9.99), Rusty Nail (\$10.99) and Dirty Martini (\$8.99).

LAKE, DERYN DEATH IN HELLFIRE (#12) (\$39.95) (Allison & Busby) John Rawlings is asked to investigate an infamous club, so, in disguise, befriends Sir Francis Dashwood and gains access to his home and family. Despite Rawlings concern over his flimsy disguise, Sir Francis appears to be taken by the fictitious Irish nobleman and John is invited to attend a meeting with the Hellfire Club.

LAWSON, MIKE joe demarco HOUSE RULES (#3) (\$25.95) (Atlantic Monthly) After two attempted terrorist attacks, a US senator proposes a bill which would run extensive background checks on all Muslims and deport any who are not US citizens. John Mahoney, larger-than-life Speaker of the House, knows this is a knee-jerk response and he calls on Joe DeMarco to investigate. The earlier two are Inside Ring (\$9.99) and Second Perimeter (\$10.99).

LEONARD, PETER QUIVER (\$27.95) (Thomas Dunne) With reviews from **Michael Connelly**, **Thomas Perry**, **Westlake** and **Pelecanos**, it certainly gives this debut novel a lot of credibility. Being the son of **Elmore Leonard** probably doesn't hurt either. Kate McCall's husband has been killed by her son, Luke, in a tragic bow-hunting accident and as she struggles to cope her first love, Jack, an ex-con, reappears along with a crew of his former "colleagues". While Jack must convince his partners that he really did lose the heist money, his appearance sets into motion a series of events culminating in the life-and-death confrontation with a gang of killers.

LEVINE, LAURA KILLING BRIDEZILLE (#7) (\$26.95)

LEWIS, ROY GUARDIANS OF THE DEAD (\$34.95) (Allison & Busby) When Colonel Delamere dies at the hands of two burglars, his solicitor Eric Ward is given the responsibility of handling the estate. He finds the will contains very unusual instructions as to how he should dispose of an Anubis statuette. Unfortunately, the statue was stolen by the burglars. Rumoured to be cursed, the statue was discovered in an ancient necropolis in the Valley of the Kings by Howard Carter in 1922, and has since been passed through the hands of many wealthy families leaving a trail of death in its wake.

LOVESEY, PETER mallin HEADHUNTERS (\$34) (Sphere, UK) Over coffee, Gemma and her friend Jo joke about how they could murder Gemma's boss. It becomes a game, with their friends Jake and Rick also dreaming up some fantastic ways to kill people. But then Gemma and Jo find a body which DCI Hen Mallin and her team have trouble identifying. When Gemma and Jo find another body, and Gemma's boss goes missing, things begin to look spooky. DCI Mallin has appeared in The House Sitter (\$15.50) but her first full time appearance is in The Circle (\$15.50). Terrific. See *J.D.'s Picks*.

MCGILLOWAY, BRIAN devlin GALLOW'S LANE (#2) (\$24.95) (Macmillan) It's summertime in the Irish borderlands and as temperatures rise, so does the death count. Garda Inspector Benedict Devlin's enquiries point to a local body-builder, but when born-again ex-con James Kerr is found nailed to a tree, Devlin realizes that the case is more complex, and more sinister, than he imagined. Sequel to the brilliant Borderlands (\$9.99).

MCINTOSH, PAT ROUGH COLLIER (#5) (\$27.50) (Soho/Constable) 1493. When the peat-cutters report a dead man, Gil Cunningham tries to determine who the man is and why he was killed.

MCKEVETT, G A POISONED TARTS (#13) (\$26.95) (Kensington) Voluptuous private eye Savannah Reid delves into the disappearance of a trio of very thin, and very rich women. But it turns out that the one missing was neither thin nor rich.

MCMAHON, NEIL davoren DEAD SILVER (#2) (\$26.95)

(Harper) Hugh Davoren receives a distraught call from the daughter of a famous professor when she finds a wooden box containing disturbing photos and an earring that belonged to her stepmother, murdered after protesting the opening of a silver mine. The first in the series is Lone Creek (\$16.25).

MALCOLM, JOHN CHIPPENDALE FACTOR (\$34.95) Justin Harrington, the controversial TV presenter of the antiques show *How Old Is It?*, is found dead in his car in Yorkshire, in suspicious circumstances. His old school friend and fellow antiques dealer Bill Franklin is bemused by the death and wonders if his shady past is to blame. But when another mutual friend, also in the antiques business, is shot dead by hired assassins, Bill finds himself caught up in a mystery in which he is the prime suspect.

MARGOLIN, PHILLIP EXECUTIVE PRIVILEGE (\$27.95)

MARTINI, STEVE SHADOW OF POWER (\$28.95) (Morrow) Terry Scarborough is a legal scholar who hints at a missing letter of Thomas Jefferson that threatens to divide the nation. During a publicity tour, he is murdered in his hotel room and a young man with dark connections is charged. What looks like an open-and-shut case to most people doesn't to defense attorney Paul Madriani.

MEYER, STEPHENIE HOST (\$28.99) (Little, Brown) The world has been invaded by an unseen enemy. Humans become hosts for these invaders, their minds taken over while their bodies remain intact and continue their lives apparently unchanged. Most of humanity has succumbed. When Melanie Stryder, one of the few remaining "wild" humans is captured, she is certain it is the end. Wanderer, the invading soul who has been given Melanie's body, was warned about the challenges of living inside a human, especially one who has refused to relinquish possession of her mind. When Wanderer probes Melanie's thoughts to find the whereabouts of the remaining resistance, her mind is filled with visions of the man Melanie loves: Jared, a human who still lives in hiding. Wanderer begins to yearn for the man she has been tasked with exposing. An adult novel from the author of the tremendously popular young adult vampire series: Twilight, New Moon (\$11.99 each), Eclipse (\$21.99) and the new one expected in early August, Breaking Dawn (\$23.99).

MOSBY, STEVE CRY FOR HELP (\$37.95 hardcover, \$24.95 trade paperback) (Orion) Dave Lewis is haunted by his brother's murder when they were children, scarred by his parent's grief and now trying to get over his lost love, Tori. Detective Sam Currie also has a past. A long shadow of grief lies over his marriage and his career. He's directed his hatred toward the man he sees as responsible but he has other priorities right now. A killer is stalking the city, abducting girls and sending text messages and emails to their families before he kills them. When Dave Lewis appears to connect both investigations, it's an opportunity Currie can't resist.

NABB, MAGDALEN VITA NUOVA (#14) (\$26.50) (Soho) The last Marshal Guarnaccia novel? **Ms. Nabb** died in 2007. Daniela, a studious single mother studying for her doctorate in chemistry, is found dead in her bedroom. Guarnaccia is initially summoned by a neighbour who knows him. But to his surprise, the prosecutor, who has disparaged his ability in the past, asks him to stay on the case.

NESSER, HAKAN MIND'S EYE (#3) (\$26.95) (Pantheon) Published in 1993, this is the very first novel in the Inspector Van Veeteren series, although it is the third to be translated. With only the flimsiest excuse as a defense, Janek Mitter is found guilty of murdering his wife in a drunken crime of passion and imprisoned in a mental institution. But Van Veeteren's suspicions about the identity of the killer are borne out when Mitter also becomes a murder victim.

OWEN, JOANNE PUPPET MASTER (\$19.95)

PARKER, ROBERT RESOLUTION (\$28.50) (Putnam) Everett Hitch is back, (Appaloosa (\$10.99)). This time he takes a job as a lookout at Amos Wolfson's Blackfoot Saloon in Resolution, an Old West town so new the dust has yet to settle.

PATTERSON, JAMES SAIL (\$30.99 or \$32.99 for large print) (Little, Brown) Katherine Dunn had hoped the family vacation would bring the family together after the death of her husband four years earlier. But someone wants the Dunne family dead and no one to return from their ocean holiday.

PEARCE, MICHAEL mamur MARK OF THE PASHA (#16) (\$26.95) Mamur Zapt.

PERSONS, TERRI BLIND RAGE (#2) (\$27.95) (Doubleday) A string of troubled young women committing suicide is haunting the Twin Cities but FBI Agent Bernadette Saint Clare has a hunch that these women didn't die by their own hand. To prove this theory she needs the help of an uncooperative psychiatrist but when she resorts to using her second sight, she discovers secrets in the doctor's past as complex as they are disturbing. Sequel to Blind Spot (\$7.99).

PRESSFIELD, STEVEN KILLING ROMMEL (\$27.95) (Doubleday) Autumn 1942. In North Africa, Field Marshal Rommel and his Panzers have routed the British Eighth Army and stand poised to overrun Egypt and the oilfields of the Middle East. The Long Range Desert Group, an elite British special forces unit, is sent in to stop him. Based on the true exploits of this very secret unit.

RAICHEV, R T ASSASSINS AT OSPREYS (#3) (\$27.50) (Soho/Constable) When one of detective novelist Antonia Darcy's admiring readers becomes too friendly, Antonia and her husband, Major Hugh Payne, think at first it's just a bit of a bore. But then they are persuaded to pay a visit to Beatrice Ardleigh and they begin to suspect something more sinister is going on. The first two in this 'country house crime series' are The Hunt for Sonya Dufrette (\$17.50) and The Death of Corinne (\$17).

REEMAN, DOUGLAS GLORY BOYS (\$36.95) (Century) Bob Kearton is a Glory Boy, already a veteran and survivor of close action in the English Channel and North Sea. In January 1943 he is ordered to the Mediterranean and beleaguered Malta, only sixty miles from occupied Sicily. Unexpectedly promoted to lieutenant-commander, he is given charge of a newly formed, and, as yet, incomplete flotilla of motor torpedo boats.

REHDER, BEN HOLY MOLY (#6) (\$27.95) (St. Martin's) When TV evangelist Peter Boothe decides to build a megachurch on the banks of the Pedernales River, he doesn't count on the backhoe operator Hollis Farley unearthing a rare fossil that could lead to plenty of embarrassing Darwinian publicity. When Farley is shot dead, with an arrow to the back, game warden John Marlin gets involved.

REICH, CHRISTOPHER RULES OF DECEPTION (\$27.95) (Doubleday) Dr. Jonathan Ransom, world-class mountaineer and surgeon for Doctors Without Borders, is climbing in the Swiss Alps with his wife Emma, when a blizzard sets in. In their bid to escape the storm, Emma is killed when she falls into a hidden crevasse. Twenty-four hours later Jonathan receives an envelope addressed to his wife, containing two baggage-claim tickets. Puzzled, he journeys to a remote railway station, only to find himself in a life and death struggle for his wife's possessions. In the aftermath of the assault he finds that his attackers were actually Swiss police officers. Suddenly the subject of an international manhunt and the target of a master assassin, Jonathan is forced on the run.

RIORDAN, RICK percy BATTLE OF THE LABYRINTH (#4) (\$19.99) (Hyperion) This is a wonderful Young Adult series which has captured the hearts of many of our not-so-young customers. Percy Jackson is a Half-Blood, one of his parents is a god while the other is human. He didn't expect his grade nine orientation to be any fun but when a mysterious mortal shows up on campus, followed by demon cheerleaders, things go from bad to worse. Time is running out as war between the Olympians and the evil Titan Lord Kronos draws near. The first three in the series are The Lightning Thief, The Sea of Monsters and Titian's Curse (\$8.99 each).

ROLLINS, JAMES LAST ORACLE (\$28.95 hardcover, \$21.95

trade paperback) (Morrow) SIGMA Force battles a group of rogue scientists who've unleashed a bioengineering project that could bring about the extinction of humankind.

ROLLINS, JAMES INDIANA JONES AND THE KINGDOM OF THE CRYSTALL SKULL (\$30) (Ballantine) This is exactly as it sounds. Indiana Jones is doing what he does best: find lost artifacts and beat the bad guys.

ROMANCE, TRISHA STAR FOR CHRISTMAS (\$26.99) (Tundra) We have no idea why we have this book but it's quite lovely. It's a short story about a curious reindeer who befriends a gentle old carpenter, full of the author's beautiful illustrations.

ROTENBERG, DAVID SHANGHAI (\$36) (Viking, Canada) With his last breath, China's First Emperor, Q'in She Huang, entrusts three followers with a sacred task. Scenes intricately carved into a narwhal tusk show the future of China. The three are to bring these prophecies to life. The secrets foretold in the tusk are to be passed on to their descendants. The tusk itself is to be closely guarded and hidden, its very existence denied. Thus, the story of how Shanghai came to be.

SANTLOFER, JONATHAN MURDER NOTEBOOK (#2) (\$26.95)

SAUMS, MARY MIGHTY OLD BONES (#2) (\$26.95) (St. Martin's) Tullulah, Alabama is a sleepy little town but when a thunderstorm knocks down a tree on Jane Thistle's property and uncovers a pile of skeletal remains, Jane, and her best friend Phoebe Twigg, have a mystery on their hands. Sequel to Thistle and Twigg (\$8.99).

SCHENKEL, ANDREA MARIA MURDER FARM (\$30)

SEFTON, MAGGIE kelly flynn DYER CONSEQUENCES (#5) (\$24) (Berkley) All Kelly Flynn wants to do is fix up the alpaca ranch she has just bought. But when the local wool shop, House of Lamb-spin, is trashed and a woman's body is found in the basement, Kelly suspects it's more than just a robbery gone wrong. The earlier four in the series are: Knit One, Kill Two (\$9.99), Needled to Death (\$9.99), A Deadly Yarn (\$9.99) and A Killer Stitch (\$7.50).

SHARP, ZOE fox THIRD STRIKE (#7) (\$60) This is the UK edition, Allison & Busby, and we still have one copy in stock. The US edition, St. Martin's, is due this October at a much more reasonable price (\$27.95). Charlie Fox.

SIEGEL, SHELDON JUDGMENT DAY (\$30) (Macadam) Ex-spouses, Mike Daley and Rosie Fernandez, partners in San Francisco's most tenacious law firm, are called in at the last minute to try to stop the execution of Nathan Fineman, a former mob lawyer convicted of murdering three people. With tons of forensic evidence pointing to Fineman's guilt, they will have a tough job. Then they discover that Mike's father, a San Francisco cop who was one of the first officers on the scene on the night of the murder, may have been involved in a police cover-up.

SIMMS, CHRIS HELL'S FIRE (#4) (\$37.95) (Orion) The deliberate torching of a church creates outrage across Manchester. And when a charred corpse and satanic symbols are found in the smoking ruins, Detective Inspector Jon Spicer and the city's Major Incident Team are called in. The three earlier books are Killing the Beast (\$12.99), Shifting Skin (\$14.95) and Savage Moon (\$24.95 trade paperback).

SMITH, TOM ROB CHILD 44 (\$27.99 and large print \$29.99) (Grand Central) Stalin's Soviet Union strives to be paradise for its workers, providing for all of their needs. Defending the system is the MGB, the State Security Force. And no MGB officer is more courageous, conscientious or idealistic than Leo Demidov. A war hero, with a beautiful wife, Leo lives in relative luxury in Moscow and his only ambition has been to serve his country. For this greater good, he has been arrested and interrogated. When the impossible happens, a serial killer is on the loose, Leo is demoted and denounced and the only way to save his life is to uncover this murderer.

STARK, RICHARD DIRTY MONEY (#24) (\$26.99) In Nobody Runs Forever (which is now only available as a Print on Demand title at \$40), Parker and two cohorts stole the assets of a bank in transit,

but the police heat was so great they could only escape if they left the money behind. In this follow up novel, Parker and his associates plan to reclaim their loot.

TANNENBAUM, ROBERT ESCAPE (#20) (\$27.95)

THOMPSON, VICTORIA MURDER ON BANK STREET (#10) (\$26.50) (Berkley) Out of his affection for midwife Sarah Brandt, Detective Sergeant Frank Malloy decides to investigate the death of her husband four years ago. With Sarah's wealthy father providing unlimited resources, Frank discovers what he believes to be the truth but the shocking revelation may destroy Sarah and any hopes he may have of a future together.

TWINS, MULGRAY UNDER SUSPICION (\$39.95) (Allison & Busby) When an HM Revenue & Customs agent is murdered, DJ Smith, undercover investigator, is sent to Tenerife to infiltrate a money-laundering organization run by Ambrose Vanheusen. Her way in is through her trained drug sniffing cat, Gorgonzola. Vanheusen has a weakness for his pedigree Persian cat, Samarkand Black Prince, but what DJ finds as her greatest danger is his desire to get his hands on a mate for Samarkand. The first in this funny, quirky series is No Suspicious Circumstances (\$10.95).

UNGER, LISA BLACK OUT (\$25.95) (Shaye Areheart) Annie Power's happy and idyllic life is about to be shattered. In a previous existence she was Ophelia March, a young girl who fled a troubled home only to find herself in the thrall of a killer. Now it seems the killer has returned. She must piece together her fractured memory if she is to save herself and her daughter.

UPSON, NICOLA tey EXPERT IN MURDER (#1) (\$26.95) (Harper) A wonderful new series set in 1934 London. Josephine Tey is travelling from Scotland to London for the final week of her celebrated play Richard of Bordeaux. She is upset to learn that a young woman she met on the train is murdered. Detective Inspector Archie Penrose, a long time friend, is convinced the killing is connected to the play. See *Marian's Picks*.

VARIOUS/CONNELLY, MICHAEL BLUE RELIGION SS (\$27.99)

VARIOUS/RANDISI, ROBERT J HOLLYWOOD AND CRIME (\$30)

VIDAL, BILL CLAYTON ACCOUNT (\$39)

VON DITFURTH, CHRISTIAN PARAGON OF VIRTUE (\$24.95)

VYLETA, DAN PAVEL AND I (\$29.95)

WADDELL, DAN BLOOD DETECTIVE (\$28) See *Marian's Picks*.

WALKER, MARTIN BRUNO, CHIEF OF POLICE (\$27.95 due soon) (Harper Collins) Captain Bruno Courreges is the Chief of Police, though in fact he's the only municipal policeman in the small French town of St. Dennis in the beautiful Perigord region of south west France. He has a gun but he never wears it; he has the power to arrest but hopes he never has to use it. When an old man, head of an immigrant North African family, is found murdered, suspicion falls on the son of a St. Denis family. But Bruno suspects the murder has roots in World War II. The atmosphere created in the novel is very reminiscent of that created by Alexander McCall Smith in his Precious Ramotswe, Botswana, series. We have two **autographed copies** of the UK edition left at \$55 each.

WELLS, SHIRLEY jill kenne INTO THE SHADOWS (#1) (\$26.95)

WELLS, SHIRLEY jill kenne DARKER SIDE (#2) (\$27.50)

WINSLOW, DON DAWN PATROL (\$26) (Knopf) Every morning PI Boone Daniels is out in the break off Pacific Beach with other members of The Dawn Patrol: four men and one woman, as single minded about surfing as he is. Boone is obsessed with the unsolved case of a young girl named Rain who was abducted back when he was on the San Diego police force. He blames himself, just as almost everyone in the department does, for not being able to save her. Now, when he can't say no to a gorgeous, bossy lawyer who wants his help investigating an insurance scam, he's unexpectedly staring at a chance to make some amends, and take some revenge, for Rain's disappearance.

WOODS, STUART SANTA FE DEAD (#3) (\$25.95) An Ed Egel story, sequel to Santa Fe Rules (\$10.99) and Short Straw (\$13.50).
YESSAYAN, RAFFI EIGHT IN THE BOX (\$28) (Ballantine) The bizarre rampage of a serial killer sends shockwaves through Boston, igniting a harrowing police chase. Newly promoted homicide detective Angel Alves wants to make his mark in the department but juggling the needs of a family and the demands of his relentlessly driven partner test his commitment. Meanwhile, assistant District Attorney Conrad Darget has his own hands full. See *J.D.'s Picks*.

Paperbacks

AARON, RELENTLESS SUGAR DADDY (\$8.99)
AGUALUSA, JOSE EDUARDO BOOK OF CHAMELEONS (\$13.99)
AKUNIN, BORIS pelagia SISTER PELAGIA AND THE BLACK MONK (#2) (\$16.50) The second novel featuring Sister Pelagia, bespectacled, freckled, woefully clumsy but very resourceful, sequel to White Bulldog (\$15).
ALLEN, SARAH ADDISON GARDEN SPELLS (\$7.50)
ALVTEGEN, KARIN SHAME (\$18) A slightly cheaper edition. When a tragic car accident throws two strangers together, they have no idea how their lives will be transformed. Violent family secrets at the centre of both of their lives threaten to surface, and slowly they are forced to confront the shame they have carried with them. Translated from Swedish. Others by this author are Missing and Betrayal (\$10.99 each). Terrific.
AMES, DELANO SHE SHALL HAVE MURDER (\$18). The first Jane and Dagobert Brown mystery, possibly, the first truly equal male/female detecting partnership. A Rue Morgue Press release.
ANDERSON, LIN DARK FLIGHT (#4) (\$10.99) Inspired by the real-life unsolved murder of 'Adam', the boy whose remains were found floating in the Thames in 2001. A six year-old boy has vanished from his own back garden, his mother and grandmother horrifically murdered. At the scene, forensic scientist Rhona MacLeod finds a chilling African talisman made from the bones of a child. A terrific novel, and series. One of *J.D.'s Picks* a year or so ago.
ANDREWS, DONNA langslow PENGUIN WHO KNEW TOO MUCH (#8) (\$8.99) What a wacky series. It's not the penguins in the basement that are causing a problem, it's the dead body. It seems to be that of the vanished zoo owner. When the zoo went bankrupt, the animals were billeted with well-meaning citizens of Caerphilly until their future could be decided. Now they are worried that they might be stuck with their guests indefinitely. Meg Langslow's dad offers to help out those who can no longer care for their animal and a parade of wild creatures begins to make Meg and Michael's newly renovated house look like Noah's Ark.
ANDREWS, LORI SILENT ASSASSIN (#2) (\$8.99) When a John Doe with a bayonet wound in his chest is discovered in a Washington, D.C., dumpster, geneticist Dr. Alexandra Blake of the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology is pulled away from her bioterrorism work to aid in the investigation. That investigation is just heating up when a political firestorm erupts over the AFIP's possession of human skulls brought back by American servicemen from Vietnam over thirty years ago. Alex is handed the delicate task of managing the restoration and return of these grisly souvenirs. The first in the series is Sequence (\$8.99).
ANDREWS, SARAH walker IN COLD PURSUIT (#1) (\$8.99) Valena Walker is a dedicated master's student in geology headed to Antarctica to study glaciology with the venerable Dr. Emmett Vanderzee. When she finally arrives at McMurdo, she discovers that her professor has been arrested for murder, and what's more, the incident

happened a year ago. Valena quickly realizes that in order to avoid being shipped north and having her grant cancelled, she must investigate the murder and clear her professor. A new series.
BABSON, MARIAN ONLY THE CAT KNOWS (\$7.99) This was originally published as Only the Cat in England, but we never got in any copies so you are safe. Vanessa has been rushed to hospital, having been found unconscious at the foot of the stairs. Was it an accident or something else? Her twin brother Vance dresses up as Vanessa and takes her place to see if he can figure out what happened. The only fly in the ointment is Gloriana, Vanessa's Angora cat, who regards her "mistress" with a dash of suspicion.
BANVILLE, JOHN BOOK OF EVIDENCE (\$17.99)
BARNARD, ROBERT CRY FROM THE DARK (\$22.99) From 1930s Australia to contemporary London, Bettina Whitelaw faces a flood of memories as she works on her memoirs. But why has someone broken into her house and gone through her desk? What does she have that they want to steal?
BARNES, LINDA carlyle FLASHPOINT (#8) (\$8.99) Boston PI Carlotta Carlyle is asked by a friend to burglar-proof the apartment of an elderly recluse. But 24 hours later the woman turns up dead in her ransacked home. Why? Reissue. First published in 1999.
BATTLES, BRETT quinn CLEANER (#1) (\$8.99) Jonathan Quinn is a freelance operative with a take-no-prisoner style and the heart of a loner. His job: Professional Cleaner. His latest job of investigating a suspicious case of arson turns deadly when a dead body turns up where it doesn't belong and Quinn's only hope lies with Orlando, a woman from his past who is reluctant to help. A debut novel that got a ton of advance praise.
BAUER, SYDNEY UNDERTOW (\$8.99)
BAXTER, JEAN LOOKING FOR CARDENIO (\$18.95) Shakespeare scholar Deirdre Gunn has an affair with a student and her tenure is jeopardized. But the discovery of a lost Shakespeare play might go some way to restoring her reputation.
BEAR, GREG QUANTICO (\$8.99) It's the near future and the FBI is waging war against a homegrown terrorist. With the FBI under political assault there is a good chance agents William Griffin, Fouad Al-Husam and Jane Rowland will be part of the last class at Quantico. The threat of plague targeted at Jews and Muslims has the potential to wipe out entire populations so the team joins up with bio-terror expert Rebecca Rose to try to uncover the plot.
BEATTIE, OWEN J FROZEN IN TIME (\$22.95) The story of the Franklin expedition.
BELL, ALEX NINTH CIRCLE (\$24.95) A science fiction thriller.
BISHOP, CLAUDIA mackenzie TCOT ILL GOTTEN GOAT (#3) (\$7.50) The third in the Mackenzie farm series from the author of the Hemlock Falls mysteries.
BLACK, BENJAMIN LEMUR (\$15) A novella, first serialized in the New York Times. Featuring Quirke, the consultant pathologist from Christine Falls (\$15.50) and The Silver Swan (\$28).
BLACK, CARA MURDER ON THE ILE SAINT LOUIS (#7) (\$14) Facing a tight deadline on a computer security contract, Aimée Leduc responds to a telephone call from a stranger that leads her to an abandoned infant in a courtyard on the Ile Saint-Louis. As days pass, no one claims the infant.
BLAIR, J M C EXCALIBUR MURDERS (\$7.50)
BLAKE, VICTORIA SKIN AND BLISTER (#3) (\$12.99) PI Sam Falconer is in Oxford looking into some sinister goings on at St. Barnabas College where her brother Mark teaches. When Mark vanishes and Sam's mother receives a card announcing a funeral mass for him, Sam fears her family's brutal family history has come back to haunt them. The first two in the series are Bloodless Shadow and Cutting Blades (\$10.99). Excellent series says Marian.
BOOTH, STEPHEN DYING TO SIN (#8) (\$9.99) With pressure from a new Superintendent and little forensic evidence to help them,

DI Diane Fry and DC Ben Cooper have only the memories of the local people to piece together the history of Pity Wood Farm. Building work at the farm has unearthed human remains.

BOURNE, SAM LAST TESTAMENT (\$21 expensive British import paperback) From the author of Righteous Men (\$10.99) a debut serial killer novel.

BOWEN, RHYS royals HER ROYAL SPYNESS (#1) (\$8.99) A new series featuring Lady Victoria Georgina Charlotte Eugenie, daughter of the Duke of Glen Garry and Rannoch. She's thirty-fourth in line for the throne, flat broke, with no allowance, and has been asked by the Queen to spy on her playboy son. She's wondering how to do the Queen's bidding when an arrogant Frenchman, who's been trying to swipe the estate that's been in her family for eight hundred years, winds up dead in her bathtub.

BOX, C J FREE FIRE (#7) (\$8.99) Joe Pickett, recently fired from his job as a Wyoming game warden receives a visit from the governor who wants Joe to investigate the murders of four campers in Yellowstone National Park. The lawyer, Clay McCann, who confessed to the crime, was released on a technicality, and public outrage is growing. Joe's promised his job back if he goes to Yellowstone. The previous books are Open Season, Savage Run, Winterkill, Trophy Hunt, Out of Range, and In Plain Sight (\$10.99 each).

BRAND, CHRISTIANNA GREEN FOR DANGER (\$9.99) A classic, first published in 1944. Insp. Cockrill.

BRIGGS, PATRICIA WHEN DEMONS WALK (\$10.99)

BRIGHTWELL, EMILY MRS JEFFRIES HOLDS THE TRUMP (#24) (\$7.50) Housekeeper Mrs. Jeffries and her staff are off on their latest adventure.

BROOKMYRE, CHRISTOPHER ATTACK OF THE UNSINK-ABLE RUBBER DUCKS (\$16) Jack Parlabane did not believe in ghosts until he found himself dead, with an exclusive yet to file. From his position on high, he relates the events leading up to his demise.

BROPHY, GRACE cenni LAST ENEMY (#1) (\$16) Rita grew up in Brooklyn but, after the death of her mother, quit her teaching job and moved back to Assisi to live with her poor but aristocratic relatives, the Count and Countess Casati. Rita is found murdered in the family's mausoleum and Alessandro Cenni, a Commissario with the State Police is assigned to the investigation. Cenni must penetrate the secrets of the Casati family to properly investigate Rita's death but he is blocked by the Count's powerful right-wing connections and by a superior who prefers to arrest a scapegoat rather than risk political suicide. The first in a series.

BROWNE, ROBERT GREGORY KISS HER GOODBYE (\$8.99) In a desperate act of revenge, cult leader Alex Gunderson kidnaps the daughter of ATF Agent Jack Donovan and buries her alive. But just as Jack's team is closing in, fate intervenes in the form of a bullet and the secret of Jessie's location is lost. With only a few precious hours of oxygen left to her and with not a single clue pointing in her direction, Jessie is sure to die. A debut novel.

BUCHANAN, EDNA montero LOVE KILLS (#9) (\$9.50) Sgt. Craig Burch of the Miami Cold Case Squad wonders where Brit Montero has gone. She disappeared after the death of her lover, homicide cop Kendall McDonald, killed three books ago in The Ice Maiden (now out of print). When a bulldozer in the Everglades unearths the skull of an infamous kidnapper, the Cold Case Squad is brought in to investigate. Britt was the last person to see him alive, and the detectives have questions only she can answer.

BUCKLEY, FIONA QUEEN'S RANSOM (#3) us ed (\$16) First published in 2000, the third in this Elizabethan series. In print are also To Shield the Queen aka The Robsart Mystery (#1) and The Doublet Affair (#2) (\$16.99 each).

BUGLIOSI, VINCENT FOUR DAYS IN NOVEMBER (\$20) Non fiction. Drawn from Reclaiming History: The Assassination of President John F. Kennedy (\$60). Oswald did it and he acted alone is the

bottom line according to this. Maybe it is fiction after all.

BURDETT, JOHN BANGKOK HAUNTS (#3) (\$14.95) Sonchai Jitpleecheep, a devout Buddhist Royal Thai Police detective, is sent a video anonymously showing the murder of a woman he once loved. His investigation leads him through the office of his ever-scheming police captain; in and out of the influence of a psychotic wandering monk; and eventually into the most exclusive men's club in Bangkok, whose members will do anything to protect their identity. Sequel to Bangkok 8 (\$18) and Bangkok Tattoo (\$16.95).

BURKE, JAMES LEE robichau TIN ROOF BLOWDOWN (#16) (\$8.99) In the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, Dave Robicheaux must find two serial rapists, a morphine-addicted priest, and a vigilante who may be more dangerous than the criminals looting the city.

BURNS, ANNA LITTLE CONSTRUCTIONS (\$17.95) This sounds a tad weird. An irate woman bursts into a gun shop in the town of Tiptoe Floorboard (where ever that may be!), buys an AK47 and sets off in a taxi on a mission of retribution. So begins this surreal and enigmatic tale of dark deeds in a small town.

BUTLER, RACHEL SCORCHED (#3) (\$8.99) Sequel to Assassin and Deep Cover (\$10.99 each).

BYERRUM, ELLEN ARMED AND GLAMOROUS (#6) (\$7.50) Featuring fashion columnist Lacey Smithsonian.

CAINE, LESLIE POISONED BY GILT (#6) (\$8.99)

CAMERON, KENNETH FRIGHTENED MAN (\$24.95 trade paperback, \$37.95 hardcover) See the Hardcover section for an annotation. Jack the Ripper.

CARCATERRA, LORENZO CHASERS (#2) (\$9.99) From the bestselling author of Sleepers (\$10.99), another novel of renegade New York City cops, first encountered in Apaches (\$10.99). Hard hitting stuff.

CARR, GLYN DEATH FINDS A FOOTHOLD (\$18) Rue Morgue Press reprint. Also from this superb little publishing house, (disclosure: the owners are dear friends of ours), are Death on Milestone Buttress, Death Under Snowdon and Youth Hostel Murders. (\$18 each). Welsh climbing mysteries featuring Abercrombie Lewker.

CARR, JOHN DICKSON CROOKED HINGE (\$18) Another Rue Morgue Press reprint. A Dr. Fell impossible crime.

CARROLL, TERRY SNOW CANDY (#2) (\$17.95) Small town Ontario police story, featuring Sgt. Carol North of the St. Thomas, Ontario, police department. Sequel to Body Contact (\$16.95).

CARTER, STEPHEN L NEW ENGLAND WHITE (\$16.95) A murder begins to crack the veneer that has hidden racial complications in the New England university town of Elm Harbor. From the author of The Emperor of Ocean Park (\$10.99).

CAST, P C MARKED and CHOSEN Two House of Night Novels (\$9.95 each). Fantasy. Special orders.

CHABON, MICHAEL YIDDISH POLICEMAN'S UNION (\$17.25) For sixty years Jewish refugees have prospered in the Federal District of Sitka, a "temporary" safe haven created in the wake of the revelations of the Holocaust and the shocking 1948 collapse of the fledgling state of Israel. Jews of the Sitka District have created their own little world in the Alaskan panhandle. Now the District is set to revert back to Alaskan control. Homicide detective Meyer Landsman of the District police begins to investigate the murder of his neighbour, a former chess prodigy. But the word comes down from on high that the case is to be dropped immediately. Winner of the **Pulitzer Prize** for The Amazing Adventures of Kavalier & Clay (\$22).

CHANCE, MEGAN SPIRITUALIST (\$16.95) New York of the 1850s. When Evelyn Atherton's husband is found dead, she is immediately the prime suspect. How much influence did Michael Jourdain, a renowned, charismatic medium have on her husband? Is he more a charlatan and less a mystic? Evelyn's life depends on the answers.

CHASE, LORETTA YOUR SCANDALOUS WAYS (\$7.99) A romance.

CHERRY, JAMES E SHADOW OF LIGHT (\$18) What was

meant to be a robbery of a prominent black woman by a white gang turns out to be rape and attempted murder. Racial tensions are running very high and the woman's grandson, Police Detective Walter Robinson, has his hands full trying to keep the peace. Tennessee. **CHRISTOPHER, PAUL** AZTEC HERESY (#4) (\$8.99) aka **Christopher Hyde**. Art historian Finn Ryan has a knack for getting into dangerous situations, but manages to use her feminine wiles to save the day.

CHUDLEY, RON DARK RESURRECTION (\$12.95) Sequel to Old Bones (\$12.95). Set in British Columbia.

CLAUDEL, PHILIPPE BY A SLOW RIVER (\$16) As World War I rages on, the daily life of a small town near the front is hardly disturbed, until three deaths shatter its peace. A young woman commits suicide, an eight-year-old girl is found murdered, and the wife of the local policeman dies in labour while her husband is hunting the little girl's murderer. Twenty years later, the policeman still struggles to make sense of these mysteries that torment and sustain him.

CLEMENS, JUDY crown TO THINE OWN SELF BE TRUE (#3) (\$17.95) Halfway through her tattoo at Wolf Ink. Pennsylvania dairy farmer Stella Crown dozes off when her tattoo artist, Wolf, and his wife, Mandy, go into the back room. When she awakes she realizes they are not coming back and goes home. Before long the police arrive and tell her Mandy is dead and Wolf is missing. The first two in this fine series are Till the Cows Come Home (\$19.95) (one of Marian's favourites) and Three Can Keep a Secret (\$18.00).

CLEVERLY, BARBARA TUG OF WAR (#6) (\$15) Joe Sandilands is dispatched by Interpol to Reims where he is to represent the British interests in an unusual case. A glamorous war-widow who runs a champagne house on the Marne, is determined that Joe should support her claim that a mysterious shell-shocked soldier, who has turned up without speech or apparent memory in the local sanatorium, is her husband. But there is a conflict. The patient has also been claimed by four other people and may, in fact, be an English soldier.

COHEN, JEFFREY IT HAPPENED ONE KNIFE (\$8.99) From the author of the Aaron Tucker novels. The trials and tribulations of owning and operating a movie theatre, told in a witty manner. Although, I doubt you would see so much death in real life.

COLLINS, MAX comics STRIP FOR MURDER (#2) (\$15.50) Sequel to Killing in Comics (\$17.50)

CONAN, JAMES CITY OF DARK HEARTS (\$11.99) Reporter Emily Strauss has a difficult assignment: discover what happened to Anna Zemekis, one of the many women who disappeared during the 1893 Chicago World's Fair.

CONNOLLY, JOHN REAPERS (#7) (\$19.99 trade paper, \$29.99 signed hardcover) See the Hardcover section for an annotation.

COOK, THOMAS H CLOUD OF UNKNOWING (\$15.95) David Sears grew up in the shadow of his sister Diana, who was expected to go on to great things. But Diana married, and had a son, Jason, who was schizophrenic. When Jason drowned, Diana's life fell apart and now David fears for his own family's safety. Published in the UK as Murmur of Stones.

COOPER, NATASHA maguire GREATER EVIL (#8) aka EVIL IS DONE (\$21) Trish Maguire has put her early career defending abused children behind her and is now a top corporate lawyer. But when Sam Foundling, her first client, comes back into her life, she's forced to revisit those painful times. Sam, now a brilliant sculptor, is married to Trish's colleague Cecilia and they are expecting their first child. When Cecilia is found beaten to death, the police believe Sam is to blame. Is Sam a distraught husband trying to hold it together for his newborn daughter or was the horror of his past too much for him?

CORLEY, ELIZABETH fenwick FATAL LEGACY (#2) (\$21) A terrific series of novels that is now back in print. This novel is the second in the series, after Requiem Mass (#1) and before Grave Doubts (#3) (\$21) and Innocent Blood (#4) (\$55 hardcover, \$33 trade

paperback). Featuring DCI Andrew Fenwick. Dark and intense. Expensive British imports.

CORNWELL, BERNARD viking SWORD SONG (#4) (\$9.99) The year is 885 and England is at peace, divided between the Danish kingdom to the north and the Saxon kingdom of Wessex in the south. Uhtred, the deposed son of a Northumbrian lord, has a duty given to him by Alfred to hold the frontier on the Thames. But trouble stirs and new Vikings have arrived to occupy London. Their dream is to conquer Wessex, and to do it they need Uhtred's help. Sequel to Last Kingdom, Pale Horseman, and Lords of the North (\$10.99 each).

CORNWELL, PATRICIA scarpetta POINT OF ORIGIN #9 (\$10.99) Reprint. First published in 1998.

CRABBE, RICHARD EMPIRE OF SHADOWS (\$21.95) New York City, August 1889. Jim Tupper, a Mohawk of the Iroquois nation, is seen standing over a man who lies dead on a construction site. Tupper flees back to the vast, unsettled Adirondack wilderness leaving a trail of death behind, a trail leading dangerously close to a luxury hotel deep in the heart of the wilderness where Captain Tom Braddock and his family are vacationing. Worlds collide when Tom's son becomes the prime suspect in the murder of a young maid at the hotel. Tom sets off with the help of his guide to find Tupper.

CUPP, BOB EDICT: A NOVEL FROM THE BEGINNINGS OF GOLF (\$16.95) If Bob Cupp writes as well as he designs golf courses, then this one will please you, confound you, enrage you but keep you coming back over and over again. At least, for as long as you can afford the green fees.

CUSSLER & KEMPRECOS NAVIGATOR (\$10.99) NUMA Files.

DAHEIM, MARY SCOTS ON THE ROCKS (#23) (\$7.99) Innkeeper Mary Flynn flies off to Scotland for a much-needed vacation. Instead, she and prickly cousin Renie find themselves marooned in an ancient castle, perched high above the North Sea, while their husbands go off on a fishing trip with a local police inspector. But when an explosion rocks Grimloch Castle, leaving a dead body in its fiery wake, an ever-curious Judith is once again up to her neck in a murder investigation. Bring on the scotch (but not on the rocks).

DAHL, K O FOURTH MAN (#1) (\$10.99) Detective Inspector Frank Frolich is led by an alluring woman through the underworld of Oslo and through the dark corridors of his own soul. The first of Frolich police procedurals to be translated from the Norwegian. Great sense of place of Oslo – wet, cold, snowy.

DAHL, K O MAN IN THE WINDOW (#2) (\$10.99) And, here's the second. Not sure I can describe it well enough in a few sentences, so you'll just have to read it.

DAVIS, LINDSEY SILVER PIGS (#1), SHADOWS IN BRONZE (#2), VENUS IN COPPER (#3), and IRON HAND OF MARS (#4) (\$21.95 each) Reissues of the first four novels in the Marcus Didius Falco series, now in handsome trade paperbacks.

DE SILVA, DIEGO I WANT TO WATCH (\$23.95) Celeste is a schoolgirl who uses her spare time to make money as a prostitute. One afternoon, she sees a man leaving a rucksack by one of the fishing boats moored along shore. Curious, she decides to follow him. A novella of 196 pages.

DEAVER, JEFFERY dance SLEEPING DOLL (#1) (\$12.99) When Special Agent Kathryn Dance, a brilliant interrogator and kinetics expert with the California Bureau of Investigation, is sent to question Daniel "Son of Manson" Pell, she feels trepidation and intrigue. Pell is serving a life sentence for the murders of a wealthy family in Carmel years earlier but when he escapes from custody and a trail of dead and injured is left behind, Dance is put in charge of his recapture. The first in a planned new series.

DELALANDE, ARNAUD DANTE TRAP (\$24) Venice 1756 and one of the city's brightest, young actors has been murdered: nailed to a cross, eyes put out and lines of Latin verse carved into his chest. The Doge releases Pietro Viravolta from jail to sort out the murder.

DEUTERMANN, P T SPIDER MOUNTAIN (\$8.99) Summoned by a friend, ex-cop Cam Richter agrees to investigate the assault of a young woman in a remote area of the Great Smoky Mountain National Park. Cam has no idea how dangerous his search will become because in this part of Appalachia, matriarch Grinny Creigh and her extended family destroy those who intrude. The Creighs control the crystal meth trade and own just about everything and everyone else in their neck of the woods.

DEVEREUX, DAVID HUNTERS MOON (#1) (\$14.95) Demons, witches, evil humans, faeries....

DICKSON, CARTER JUDAS WINDOW (\$18) A classic locked-room mystery, from one of the masters of this sub-genre. First published in 1938. Rue Morgue Press.

DISHER, GARRY challis CHAIN OF EVIDENCE (#4) (\$14.50) Inspector Hal Challis, head of Australia's Mornington Peninsula Crime Investigation Unit, has been summoned home to Mawson's Bluff in the Australian Outback. His father is dying. Sergeant Ellen Destry is left to head an investigation into a ring of pedophiles while Challis has an investigation of his own. When a new grave is dug in the town graveyard, an extra corpse is found. It turns out to be his sister's husband, who had been missing but was presumed to be off on an excursion of his own.

DOHERTY, PAUL roman MURDERS IMMORTAL MASK (#5) (\$24.95 trade paperback, \$34.95 hardcover) See the Hardcover section for an annotation.

DONACHIE, DAVID pearce AWKWARD COMMISSION (#3) (\$14.95) His surprising promotion means John Pearce is now free to finally follow his own wishes instead of being pressed into service in King George's Navy. However the same does not apply to the trio of his closest friends who, with Pearce as their leader, call themselves the Pelicans. While Pearce is indulging himself in London, his friends are being shipped off to the Mediterranean. Riddled with guilt over leaving them, and still haunted by his father's execution at the guillotine, Pearce vows to liberate the men who stuck with him through thick and thin. The two earlier novels in this series, assuming our information is correct, are By the Mast Divided (#1) (maybe reprinting) and A Shot Rolling Ship (#2) (\$15.95).

DOWNING, DAVID ZOO STATION (\$15.50) Anglo-American journalist John Russell wants to stay in Germany as long as possible so he only writes human interest pieces for the British and American newspapers because he doesn't want to get deported. But he is approached by an acquaintance who asks him to write some articles for the Soviets. Soon British and Nazi intelligence become aware of Russell's involvement with the Soviets. All three want to use him and he is dragged into the murky world of warring intelligence services.

DOYLE, ARTHUR CONAN EXPLOITS AND ADVENTURES OF BRIGADIER GERARD (\$10.99) A new edition.

DUFFY, STELLA martin MOUTHS OF BABES (#5) (\$17.95) Saz is trying to adjust to parenthood and trying to not take on any more PI gigs, but when you're good at what you do...

DUNLAP, SUSAN darcy lott SINGLE EYE (#1) (\$14.50) A new series featuring Darcy Lott, a stuntwoman and a Buddhist.

DUNN, CAROLA dalrymple REQUIEM FOR A MEZZO (#3) (\$8.49) A reissue.

DUNNETT, KAITLYN KILT DEAD (#1) (\$8.49) Lisa MacCrimmon was a professional Scottish dancer until a knee injury cut her career short. Returning home to Moosetookalook, Maine, (what a great name for a town), she decides to help her aunt run her Scottish emporium. But a nosy neighbour is murdered, found dead under a bolt of the Flower of Scotland fabric in the stockroom, and Lisa becomes the prime suspect. The first in a series and an earlier *Cottage Lady Pick*.

EDWARDS, MARTIN lake dist ARSENIC LABYRINTH (#3) (\$10.95) Ten years ago a woman left her cottage and never came back. Police at the time were unable to establish whether she left of

her own accord or was the victim of suicide, accident or murder. The unresolved case has always irked DCI Hannah Scarlett, who heads the local Cold Case Review Team.

EICHLER, SELMA MURDER CAN CRASH YOUR PARTY (#15) (\$7.50) Zaftig Manhattan PI Desiree Shapiro.

ELKINS, AARON oliver LITTLE TINY TEETH (#14) (\$8.99) When Gideon Oliver is invited to join an Amazon riverboat expedition with a group of research botanists, he anticipates a relaxing getaway from his academic and forensic duties in an exotic locale. But relaxation is not on the itinerary.

ELLIS, ROBERT CITY OF FIRE (\$8.99) The elite Robbery-Homicide Division of the Los Angeles Police Department responds to the murder of a young woman who was found in her bed, carved from belly to throat with a very sharp knife. Detective Lena Gamble wishes it was as easy as pinning the murder on the husband but as more young women are found murdered, it appears there is a serial killer on the rampage.

ELTON, BEN BLIND FAITH (\$19.95) A post-apocalyptic London. A chilling version of what's to come? Or, something rather closer to what we call reality?

EMERSON, KATHY diana LETHAL LEGEND (#4) (\$19.95) The fourth novel featuring journalist Diana Spaulding.

EMERY, ANNE SIGN OF THE CROSS (\$14.95) A debut legal thriller set in Halifax that won Ellis for Best First Novel.

ENGEL, HOWARD EAST OF SUEZ (#12) (\$24) Oh joy. All the Benny Cooperman novels, from Suicide Murders (#1) to Memory Book (#11) (\$13.50 ea.), have now been reissued in handsome mass market paperbacks to coincide with the publication of this new one.

ERIKSSON, KJELL lindell CRUEL STARS OF THE NIGHT (#2) (\$14.50) When thirty-five-year-old Laura Hindersten goes to the police to report that her father, a local professor, is missing, Inspector Ann Lindell and her colleagues can find no motive for the man's disappearance. And when the corpses of two elderly men do turn up, neither of the dead men is the missing academic. The first in the series is Princess of Burundi (\$15.95).

EVANOVICH, JANET plum LEAN MEAN THIRTEEN (#13) (\$9.99) Yup, #14, Fearless Fourteen (\$30.95) is out in hardcover...

EVANS, JON INVISIBLE ARMIES (\$9.99) When Danielle agreed to deliver a passport as a favour to her friend, legendary hacker Keiran Kell, she had no idea what she was getting into. From the mines of Karnataka, India, to the streets of Paris and the lights of Las Vegas, Danielle and Keiran grow more involved in a conflict of corporate exploitation vs. the extreme edge of anti-globalization activism.

EVANS, MARY ANNA RELICS (#2) (\$17.95) Faye Longchamp is back in school fulfilling her dream of becoming an archaeologist. She is asked to run a project to uncover the origins of a mysterious ethnic group of people called the Sujosa who have lived in Alabama's remote hills for centuries. When the project historian dies in a house fire and a young man commits suicide, Faye suspects that the past will hold the answer to the two mysterious deaths. The first in the series is Artifacts (\$18.00).

EVANS, STANLEY SEAWEED ON THE STREET (#1), SEAWEED ON ICE (#2) and SEAWEED UNDER WATER (#3) (\$12.95 each). Coast Salish Aboriginal detective Silas Seaweed.

FATE, ROBERT BABY SHARK'S HIGH PLAINS REDEMPTION (\$18) Sequel to Baby Shark and Beaumont Blues (\$18 each).

FLACCO, ANTHONY HIDDEN MAN (#2) (\$16.50) Sequel to Last Nightingale (\$16), set in San Francisco at the time of the Great Earthquake, in which a serial killer was responsible for uniting Sgt. Randall Blackburn and Shane Nightingale. This story takes place nine years later, at the time of the World's Fair.

FLEMING, IAN 2008 being the 100th anniversary of Fleming's birth, his UK publisher, Penguin, have re-issued his fourteen Bond books in trade paperback and mass market paperback editions. The

fourteen books in mass market are priced at \$10.99 each and in trade range from \$14 to \$19.50.

FLYNN, VINCE mitch rapp PROTECT AND DEFEND (#4) (\$19.99) Israel launches a daring espionage operation against Iran which leaves a radioactive tomb and environmental disaster in the middle of Iran's second largest city. An outraged Iranian government publicly blames both Israel and the USA for the attack and demands retribution. Enter Mitch Rapp, America's top counterterrorism operative. Mitch has twenty-four hours, no questions asked, to do whatever it takes to stop Hezbollah terrorist Imad Mukhtar and avert an unthinkable catastrophe.

FOSSUM, KARIN sejer BLACK SECONDS (#5) (\$10.99) Young Ida Joner has disappeared, gone from the face of the earth, and Inspector Sejer is puzzled. Usually, missing children are found within forty-eight hours. A terrific series. Translated from the Norwegian.

FOWLER, EARLENE TUMBLING BLOCKS (#13) (\$8.99) San Celina's most exclusive club suddenly has an opening due to the death of one of its member. "49 Club" is an upper-crust, women only, club that is restricted to exactly 49 members and Benni Harper's boss, Constance Sinclair, wants Benni to investigate the death when answers from the police are not forthcoming. But with a famous artist about to put Benni's quilting museum on the map and her daunting mother-in-law arriving soon, Benni's holiday is already hectic.

FOX, KATHRYN kate farrer SKIN AND BONES (#1) (\$9.50)

FRANCIS, DICK DEAD HEAT (\$9.99) Co-written by Felix Francis. The night before the 2,000 Guineas at Newmarket, a grand and gala black-tie dinner is held with top chef Max Moreton cooking the evening's meal. When his food is suspected of putting twenty-four of the dinner guests in hospital and his Michelin-starred restaurant closed, his reputation teeters on the brink of ruin. But Max soon finds himself fighting for more than just his livelihood.

FRASER, MACDONALD REAVERS (\$17.95) 17th century Scottish mayhem, from the author of the Flashman novels.

FRENCH, NICCI UNTIL ITS OVER (\$10.99)

FRIMANSSON, INGER SHADOW IN THE WATER (#2) (\$22)

FROST, MARK SECOND OBJECTIVE (\$16.25) In 1944, as a last ditch effort to halt the advance of the Americans, Hitler dispatches a company of English-speaking commandos on a secret assignment of assassinations that could change the course of history. In a chain of furious action during the Battle of the Bulge, his assassins are killed or executed, all but two were never accounted for. There ends the historical record. The rest of the book is what could have happened. On the trail of the two assassins is a veteran NYPD homicide detective turned military police investigator who finds himself with an impossible choice on which the outcome of the entire conflict depends.

FROST, SCOTT alex delillo NEVER FEAR (#2) (\$10.99) Seventeen years ago, three young women were killed, their bodies dumped in the L.A. River. The killer was never found and the case was mysteriously closed. Detective Alex Delillo receives a call about a death outside her Pasadena jurisdiction, the body of an unidentified man is found and Alex was the last person he tried to contact before he died. When she goes to identify the body, she comes face to face with the spitting image of her father: a half-brother she never knew she had. Reconstructing her brother's final hours, she discovers he had investigated the old LAPD serial killer case: the River Killings. The first in the series is Run the Risk (\$10.99).

GAGLIANO, ANTHONY STRAITS OF FORTUNE (\$8.99) Ex-cop Jack Vaughn has moved from New York City to Miami to work as a personal trainer. When he becomes involved with millionaire businessman Colonel Patterson, he realizes his newfound peace is short-lived. The Colonel offers Jack a hundred grand to do a seemingly simple favour. But getting involved with the Colonel also means getting involved with his daughter, the exotic and wild child Vivian, who once broke Jack's heart.

GAGNON, MICHELLE jones BONEYARD (#2) (\$6.99)

GALE, IAIN jack steel MAN OF HONOUR (#1) (\$15.95)

GALENORN, YASMINE DRAGON WYTCH (#4) (\$8.99)

GARDNER, LISA dodge HIDE (#2) (\$10.99) In an underground chamber of an abandoned Massachusetts mental hospital, the gruesome discovery of six mummified corpses resurrects the worst nightmare for Bobby Dodge: the return of a killer he thought dead and buried. Dodge teams up with his former lover, partner and friend D.D. Warren from the Boston P.D.

GHELFI, BRENT volkovoy VOLK'S GAME (#1) (\$15.50) Volk is a major player in the black market and covert agent for the Russian military. Valya is an exotic beauty who's charged with protecting her love from his unsavoury associates. Her diminutive frame belies her ferocious instincts, she is the most dangerous weapon in Volk's arsenal. Together they are commissioned to steal a long lost Da Vinci painting called Leda and the Swan from a hidden chamber in St. Petersburg's Hermitage Museum.

GLAZER, MELISSA CRACKED POT (#2) (\$7.50)

GOLDMAN, MARY ELIZABETH TO LOVE AND DIE IN DALLAS (\$8.99) The story unfolds through the pages of an ill-gotten diary that recalls the teenage years of four best friends in the 1960s. Cut to the present where those carefree teenagers are power players in Dallas. The death of one of the friends turns Dallas high society upside down. The funeral brings the three surviving friends together and they vow to find out what really happened to their friend. But some stones are best left unturned.

GORDON, ALAN R LARK'S LAMENT (#6) (\$16.95) In 1204 A.D. to save the Fools' Guild against a Papal threat, Theophilos, along with his jester wife Claudia, their apprentice Helga, and their daughter Portia, travel to the medieval cities of Marseille and Montpellier to recruit a former troubadour turned abbot back to the cause. Upon arrival at the monastery, Theo finds that the abbot is unwilling. Later that night, a monk's body is found in the library, his throat slit and his blood used to scrawl a cryptic message on the walls. As one reviewer says, and with which we agree: "This series is a standout in the crowded field of historical mysteries". Of the earlier titles, only Thirteenth Night (#1) and A Death in the Venetian Quarter (#3) (\$16.95 each) are available in trade paperback. The Widow of Jerusalem (#4) (\$33.95) and An Antic Disposition (#5) (\$34.95) are showing limited availability in hardcover. Jester Leaps In (#2) is out of print. One of *Marian's Picks* a year or so ago.

GORDON, NADIA MURDER ALFRESCO (#3) (\$14.95) Returning from a party late one night, chef Sunny McCoskey is the first to discover the body of a murdered woman left outside a winery. Set in the Napa and Sonoma Valleys. Sequel Sharpshooter (\$16.95) and Death by the Glass (\$17.95), both trade paperback.

GORDON-SMITH, DOLORES FETE WORSE THAN DEATH (\$18)

GOWDY, BARBARA HELPLESS (\$17.95)

GRACE, MARGARET MURDER IN MINIATURE (\$9.99)

GRAHAM, MITCHELL MAJESTIC DESCENDING (\$9.99)

Katherine Adams is taking a cruise on a luxurious ocean liner, a much needed break from her demanding legal practice. On-board ship, she meets John Delaney, a streetwise ex-NYPD detective who is now a lawyer. Romance is in the air but all is not quite right aboard the ship. Katherine witnesses a violent argument between two men, one of whom ends up dead. After Katherine and Delaney narrowly escape a disaster, she must quickly learn how to survive in the dark and dangerous world of international conspiracy and terrorism. From onboard ship, to the beautiful countryside of Italy, to the streets of New York City, Katherine finds herself in a desperate race against a ruthless hit man. She and Delaney must unmask the sinister cabal behind the killings before it's too late..

GRANGER, ANN fran varady RATTLING THE BONES (#7) (\$10.99) Fran Varady is walking through Camden when she sees

'mad Edna' shuffling ahead of her. Edna was the bag lady who had been Fran's neighbour when she was living in a squat in Rotherhithe a few years ago. Edna is still roaming the streets but before Fran can talk to her she becomes agitated and hurries away. What spooked her? Surely the old man watching them could not possibly be interested in this homeless old lady? "I think I prefer this series to the Mitchell and Markby series", says Marian. The others are Asking for Trouble, Keeping Bad Company, Running Scared, Risking It All, Watching Out (\$9.99 each) and Mixing With Murder (\$10.99).

GRANGER, ANN MORTAL CURIOSITY (#2) (\$24.95 trade paper, \$34.95 hardcover) See the Hardcover section for an annotation.

GRAY, ALEX lorimer PITCH BLACK (#5) (\$36 an expensive British import trade paperback).

GREENLAW, LINDA SLIPKNOT (#1) (\$7.99) When Jane Bunker trades in her career as a big city homicide detective for a new job as a marine insurance investigator in Green Haven, Maine, little does she suspect that her desire for a quiet life will put her in the middle of a murder. When the town drunk washes up dead, with the back of his head smashed in, she can't resist the lure of the hunt for the murderer.

GREGORY, SUSANNA bartholo TO KILL OR CURE (#13) (\$10.99) It's 1357 and Richard Arderne, a new healer with 'magical' properties, has to come to Cambridge cutting the workload of Matthew Bartholomew, fellow of Michaelhouse College. When a number of murders occur, Matthew must determine whether the killer is the new healer or one of the landlords who are demanding huge rent increases from their student tenants.

HAINES, CAROLYN bones HAM BONES (#7) (\$8.49) A touring production of *Cat on a Hot Tin Roof* comes to Zinnia. When the female lead is found dead, someone had laced her lipstick with cyanide, Sarah Booth Delaney is the number one suspect. She finds it difficult being investigated by the potential love of her life. Of course, Jitty, the mansion's resident ghost, doesn't help either.

HAINES, KATHRYN MILLER WINTER OF HER DISCONTENT (#2) (\$14.95) WW2 era, featuring aspiring actress Rose Winter. Sequel to *War Against Miss Winter* (\$17.50).

HAMILTON, DENISE LAST EMBRACE (\$17.50) See *Cottage Lady Picks*.

HAMILTON, LAURELL K blake HARLEQUIN (#15) (\$8.99) Malcolm, head of the vampire Church of Eternal Life, is no friend of Anita Blake, but when he shows up in her office asking for help, she realizes something serious is going on. The flow of power that connects Blake with Jean-Claude, vampire Master of the City, and with Richard, Ulfric of the werewolves, has been growing and changing. Their power has attracted the attention of the Harlequin. And to be contacted by the Harlequin is to be under sentence of death.

HAMPSON, JUNE DAMAGED GOODS (\$24.95)

HARRIS, CHARLAINE teagard JULIUS HOUSE (#4) (\$8.99)

HARTMAN, HONOR bridge UNKINDEST CUT (#2) (\$7.50)

HAWKE, RICHARD malone COLD DAY IN HELL (#2) (\$9.99) PI Fritz Malone teams up with NYPD detective Megan Lamb to search for a killer who leaves his victims in Central Park. Late-night TV personality Marshall Fox is arrested for the murders but when more victims show up, the police wonder if there is a copycat killer or if they have the wrong man in custody. Sequel to Speak of the Devil (\$10.99) about which Marian said "I really enjoyed this fast moving, private eye novel set in NYC".

HAWKS, JOHN TWELVE DARK RIVER (#2) (\$11.99) This is the second of the Fourth Realm Trilogy, the first being The Traveler (\$10.99). A frantic race to save a long-lost traveler. Gabriel and Michael are two brothers whose power puts them on a collision course with each other as they search for Gabriel's father.

HECHTMAN, BETTY HOOKED ON MURDER (#1) (\$7.50) A mystery with a crochet theme.

HELWIG, MAGGIE GIRLS FALL DOWN (\$20.95) A special order.

HEWSON, DAVID PROMISED LAND (\$9.99) Bierce was a hap-

pily married cop with a bright future until he was convicted of beating his family to death. He has no memory of that day. Languishing on Death Row, twenty-three years later, literally seconds away from execution, he is suddenly released. The world has moved on and he no longer recognizes his home town of Owl Creek. He meets the beautiful and feisty, half-Chinese Alice Loong, who guides him through the confusing new world, but it soon becomes clear that Alice is hiding dark secrets of her own. After the horrifying discovery of a corpse nailed to a post outside his house, the pair go on the run, pursued by dangerous enemies. Bierce now knows for certain that he was released to be a pawn in a deadly game of cat and mouse.

HIGHSMITH, PATRICIA TALENTED MR RIPLEY (#1) and RIPLEY'S GAME (#3) (\$15.50 ea.) All five novels in this terrific series will soon be back in print in trade paper. Of course, there is always the hardcover omnibus edition (\$39). See *J.D.'s Picks*.

HIGSON, CHARLIE bond jr HURRICANE GOLD (#4) (\$10.99) The further adventures of Bond Jr.

HILLHOUSE, RAELYNN OUTSOURCED (\$9.99)

HIRAHARA, NAOMI GASA GASA GIRL (#2) (\$9.99) Sequel to Summer of the Big Bachi (\$18). When Mas Arai's estranged daughter asks for his help—her boss has been found dead at the bottom of her koi pond—he rushes to help.

HOLDEN, CRAIG JAZZ BIRD (\$16) Cincinnati, 1927, and lawyer George Remus, after being released from prison for bootlegging, discovers his wife has left him and his bank accounts are empty. On the morning of their divorce, he runs her car off the road and then shoots her to death. Reissue.

HOLDEN, CRAIG NARCISSIST'S DAUGHTER (\$16)

"Excellent" said David. A reissue.

HOUGH, ROBERT CULPRITS (\$19.95) After Hank Wallins narrowly misses death after being pushed in front of a subway train, he vows to change his life. On a Russian website he meets Anya and soon sends her a plane ticket to Toronto. When a troubling letter from St. Petersburg arrives on their doorstep, Hank unwittingly, and out of love for Anya, finds himself funding a terrorist scheme.

HOWARD, LINDA UP CLOSE AND DANGEROUS (\$10.99)

HUFF, TANYA BLOOD BANK (\$8.99) A short story collection.

HUGELSCHAFFER, DAVE DAY INTO NIGHT (#1) (\$21.95)

HUGHES, DECLAN ed loy DYING BREED (#3) (\$24.95) Hardcover annotated in the May 2008 newsletter.

HUGHES, DECLAN ed loy COLOUR OF BLOOD (#2) (\$10.99)

Emily Howard is nineteen years old and her father has just been sent photos of her naked body. He hires Ed Loy, a private investigator who knows the streets of Dublin better than most. Locating her turns out to be only the beginning. Within hours, Emily's boyfriend is found murdered, and Loy finds himself in a race against time. The first in the series is Wrong Kind of Blood (\$10.99).

HUGHES, MARY ELLEN craft PAPER THIN ALIBI (#3)

(\$7.50) #3 in the Craft Corner Mystery series featuring Jo McAllister.

HUOT, CLAIRE PRISON TANGRAM (\$17.95)

HYNES, CHARLES J TRIPLE HOMICIDE (\$8.99) This novel from longtime Brooklyn district attorney Charles "Joe" Hynes, is the gritty saga of two generations of New York City officers fighting to stay on the right side of the law. A debut novel that has garnered tons of great reviews.

IGNATIUS, DAVID BODY OF LIES (\$13.95) Roger Ferris is one of the CIA's soldiers in the war on terrorism. He has come out of Iraq with a shattered leg and an intense mission: to penetrate the network of a master terrorist known only as "Suleiman".

ILES, GREG THIRD DEGREE (\$19.99) As the blurb on book says: an unforgettable plunge into a world of sex, violence, marital betrayal, medical malpractice, and Southern intrigue...all of which takes place in the span of one furious terrifying day.

INNES, ROY WEST END MURDERS (\$12.95)

ISAACS, SUSAN PAST PERFECT (\$17.50) Fifteen years ago, Katie Schottland was in the CIA and loved her job. Yet, just when she seemed in line for a promotion, she was escorted off the premises and no one would tell her why she was expelled from the Agency. Now, Lisa Golding, a former Agency colleague, calls her and asks for her help on a matter of national importance. In return Lisa will tell Katie why she was fired from the CIA. But Lisa goes missing.

JAKUBOWSKI, MAXIM MAMMOTH BOOK OF BEST BRITISH MYSTERIES (\$14.95)

JANCE, J A beaumont JUSTICE DENIED (#18) (\$11.50) J.P. Beaumont is investigating, under strictest confidence, the murder of an ex-drug dealer, gunned down on his mother's doorstep. Meanwhile his lover, policewoman Mel Soames, is given her own hush-hush investigation. As both investigations become intertwined, a nightmare conspiracy unfolds.

JARDINE, QUINTIN AFTERSHOCK (#18) (\$24.95 trade paperback, \$34.95 hardcover) See the Hardcover section for an annotation.

JECKS, MICHAEL THE TEMPLAR, THE QUEEN AND HER LOVER (#24) (\$10.99) Isabella, Queen of England, is troubled by court intrigue. Her jealous husband, King Edward II, has removed all her privileges, her regal status, and even her children. When she is dispatched to France to negotiate peace with the French king, Sir Baldwin de Furnhill travels with her to ensure her safety.

JOHANSEN, IRIS PANDORAS DAUGHTER (\$9.99)

JOHNSTON, LINDA DOUBLE DOG DARE (#6) (\$7.50)

JONES, LLOYD MISTER PIP (\$21)

JOSEPH, ALISON SHADOW OF DEATH (#8) (\$10.95) Agnes, sorting through the library of the nearly defunct Order in Bermondsey, comes upon the seventeenth-century Hawker archive, a collection of beautifully preserved books on spells and magic as well as hand-written journals telling the story of Alice, her husband Nicolas and their son who died in infancy. Alice's story seems to haunt the present as a young woman and her daughter seek refuge in the Nation Health Services building from the men in their lives.

KANE, ANDREA DARK ROOM (\$8.99) Seventeen-years-ago, Morgan Winter discovered the bodies of her parents murdered in a Brooklyn basement. Shocking new evidence overturns the killer's conviction and now she is confronted with the realization that the killer is still out there. She hires Pete "Monty" Montgomery, the former NYPD detective who first investigated the murders, to investigate further. Now a private detective, Monty has an old case file, some crime scene photos and the help of his son, Lane, a photojournalist whose job is a perfect cover for the clandestine image analysis he conducts for the CIA.

KENNER, JULIE CARPE DEMON (#1) (\$10.99), CALIFORNIA DEMON (#2) (\$10.99), DEMONS ARE FOREVER (#3) (\$8.99) and DEJA DEMON (#4) (\$15.50). Special orders.

KENT, REBECCA HIGH MARKS FOR MURDER (#1) (\$7.50)

KERRIGAN, GENE LITTLE CRIMINALS (\$20)

KIMBERLY, ALICE haunted GHOST AND THE FEMME FATALE (#4) (\$7.50)

KING, JONATHON ACTS OF NATURE (#5) (\$8.99) Max Freeman and Detective Sherry Richards retreat to Max's secluded shack deep in the Florida Everglades to spend some quiet time together. But when a violent hurricane rips through South Florida obliterating everything in its path, Max and Sherry's peaceful getaway turns into a dangerous fight for survival. And the hurricane is only the beginning of the nightmare.

KONRATH, J A DIRTY MARTINI (#4) (\$8.99) A brilliant sociopath known as the Chemist is poisoning Chicago's food supply killing hundreds of people. Homicide lieutenant Jacqueline "Jack" Daniels is assigned to catch him. "Full of action and a great description of Chicago, a city I really love reading about", says Marian. One of *Marian's Picks* a year or so ago.

KOONTZ, DEAN GOOD GUY (\$10.99)

KORYTA, MICHAEL perry WELCOME GRAVE (#3) (\$8.99) Once a rising star on the Cleveland police force, Lincoln Perry ended his career when he left one of the city's prominent attorneys, Alex Jefferson, bleeding in the parking lot of his country club, retribution for his affair with Perry's fiancée. Now Jefferson is dead, the victim of a brutal murder, and his widow has called upon Perry to find Jefferson's estranged son, partial beneficiary to the dead man's fortune. But Perry becomes the number one suspect in the murder. The first two novels in this fabulous series are Tonight I said Goodbye (\$9.99) and Sorrow's Anthem (\$8.99).

KOSTOVA, ELIZABETH HISTORIAN (\$11.99) Late one night, exploring her father's library, a young woman finds an ancient book and a cache of yellowing letters all addressed to "My dear and unfortunate successor." The letters provide a link to a centuries-long quest to find the truth about Vlad the Impaler, the medieval ruler whose barbarous reign formed the basis of the legend of Dracula. A debut.

KRUEGER, WILLIAM KENT cork THUNDER BAY (#7) (\$8.99) Cork O'Connor is happy with his new life as a private investigator but his newfound calm is interrupted when Henry Meloux, an Ojibwe medicine man and Cork's spiritual advisor, makes a request. Will Cork find the son that Henry fathered long ago? His search leads him to Thunder Bay, Ontario, where he locates Henry Wellington, a wealthy and reclusive industrialist. When a murder attempt is made on old Meloux's life, all clues point to Thunder Bay.

KURLAND, LYNN MUCH ADO IN THE MOONLIGHT (\$10.99)

LANE, VICKI IN A DARK SEASON (\$8.99)

LAVENE, JOYCE & JIM peggy PERFECT POISON (#4) (\$8.99)

LE CARRE, JOHN LITTLE DRUMMER GIRL (\$19), OUR GAME (\$9.99), and SECRET PILGRIM (\$17) Some reissues.

LECKBERG, CAMILLA ICE PRINCESS (#1) (\$28.95) See *Marian's Picks*. Both Marian and *Cottage Lady* have raved about this one.

LEON, DONNA SUFFER THE LITTLE CHILDREN (#16) (\$8.99) Summoned in the middle of the night to the hospital bed of a senior pediatrician, Commissario Brunetti is confronted with a puzzle. Three men broke into the doctor's apartment while the family were sleeping, attacked him so viciously that he's left a mute, and took away his eighteen-month-old boy. What could have been the motivation? As Brunetti delves into the case his colleague, Inspector Vianello, discovers a moneymaking scam between pharmacists and doctors in the city.

LESCROART, JOHN T glitsky CERTAIN JUSTICE (#1) (\$10.99) A reissue of the first Abe Glitsky novel, 1995.

LEVINE, ALLAN EVIL OF THE AGE (\$23.95) In the sizzling summer of 1871, New Yorkers talk about only two things: a murdered woman cruelly stuffed into a trunk and Tammany Hall's insidious corruption. Journalist Charles St. Clair investigates both stories.

LEVINE, LAURA jaine austre DEATH BY PANTYHOSE (#6) (\$8.49) This time around freelance writer Jaine Austen is writing jokes for Dorcas, a standup comic. When the comic's male rival is murdered with her pantyhose and Dorcas is arrested, Jaine jumps into action. Sequel to This Pen for Hire, Last Writes, Killer Blonde (\$7.99 each), Shoes to Die For (\$9.99) and The PMS Murders (\$9.99).

LEWIS, ROBERT SWANSEA TERMINAL (\$18)

LINDQUIST, MARK KING OF METHLEHEM (\$15.50) Detective Wyatt James is a veteran police officer with the Meth Lab team in Pierce County, Washington and epicenter of methamphetamine production. He is hunting the elusive and self-proclaimed "King of Methlehem" who moves from shelter to shelter, relying on the kindness and desperation of women. As the hunt becomes an obsession for Wyatt, it threatens to destroy his personal life. Mr. Lindquist's earlier books are out of print.

LOOMIS, JON HIGH SEASON (\$8.99)

LOVESEY, PETER diamond SECRET HANGMAN (#9)

(\$15.50) Peter Diamond, the Bath detective, is having women troubles. His boss wants him to find the missing daughter of one of her friends in the choir. Another woman, who calls herself his Secret Admirer, wants to set up a meeting at a local pub. Sexy Ingeborg Smith, the ex-journo detective constable is distracting the murder squad from their duties and then the body of a woman is discovered hanging from a playground swing in Sydney Gardens. One of *J.D.'s Picks* a year or so ago. An excellent series. This guy is really, really good.

LUCARELLI, CARLO de luca VIA DELLE OCHE (#3) (\$14.95)
LUDLUM, ROBERT JANSON DIRECTIVE (\$11.99) Reissue.

LUSTBADER, ERIC VAN BOURNE BETRAYAL (#5) (\$11.99)
The latest in the Bourne series.

MACALISTER, KATIE LAST OF THE RED HOT VAMPIRES (\$10.99), PLAYING WITH FIRE (\$8.99), SEX LIES AND VAMPIRES (\$8.99) and AIN'T MYTH BEHAVING (\$7.99) Special orders. Want some?

MACBAIN, ED 87TH precinct FIDDLERS (#54) (\$16) The last 87th Precinct novel? Which I seem to have neglected ordering, so here it is now. Steve Carella and his colleagues search for a serial killer who has struck five times in two weeks.

MCBRIDE, STUART logan FLESH HOUSE (#4) (\$22.95) Aberdeen is the setting for this fine series. Sequel to Cold Granite, Dying Light, and Broken Skin (\$10.99 each). Although a hardcover edition was announced, it has yet to appear.

MACDOWALL, IAIN MAKING A KILLING (#2) (\$21) Expensive British import.

MCFETRIDGE, JOHN DIRTY SWEET (\$14.95) This was reviewed by cottage lady but the review was not used as the book wasn't available until now. But now I can't find her review and she is away at her cottage. So, look for it in the next issue.

MCINTOSH, PAT NICHOLAS FEAST (#2) (\$16). Harper's Quine (#1) and Merchant's Mark (#3) (due October, \$14.50 each) are the others in this series about murder in medieval Glasgow.

MACLEAN, NATALIE RED WHITE AND DRUNK ALL OVER (\$22) Not a mystery but recommended to Marian by a customer. A wine soaked journey from grape to glass. Maybe this is why Marian has been buying more wine lately.

MCMAHON, NEIL davoren LONE CREEK (#1) (\$16.25) After a failed career and marriage in California, Hugh Davoren is back in Helena, Montana, as a construction hand at the old Pettyjohn Ranch, home of many childhood memories, including the seemingly accidental death of his teenage first love, Celia. When Hugh discovers two dead stallions on the ranch, his probe pushes him into danger, as he finds that the ranch's slick new owner, his beautiful wife, and even old Mr. Pettyjohn have terrible secrets to keep. The second Davoren, Dead Silver (\$26.95) is now available. Can't say I was totally engrossed by Lone Creek, but many others would disagree with me. Hoping to get to the second one soon.

MCNAY, MARK FRESH (\$18.95)

MADINGER, JOHN DEATH ON DIAMOND HEAD (\$9.95)

MARGOLIN, PHILLIP EXECUTIVE PRIVILEGE (\$19.95 trade paperback, \$27.95 hardcover)

MARSTON, EDWARD PAINTED LADY (#6) (\$14.95) The Restoration series, set in London after the Great Fire of the mid-1660s.

MARTIN, ANDREW BOBBY DAZZLERS (\$18.99)

MARTIN, WILLIAM LOST CONSTITUTION (\$11.99)

MARTINEZ, GUILLERMO OXFORD MURDERS (\$16) The murderer's methods seem clearly designed to appeal to mathematicians; he seems to know something of logic. And that's enough to intrigue Arthur Seldom, one of the leading minds in logic and his Watson, the young South American mathematician who arrives to study in Oxford.

MCDERMOTT, ANDY HUNT FOR ATLANTIS (\$21)

MEIER, LESLIE lucy stone STAR SPANGLED MURDER (#11)

(\$9.99) Reissue. First published in 2004.

MEYER, STEPHENIE NEW MOON (#2) (\$11.99) Marian can hardly wait for Breaking Dawn, (\$23.99), to be released August 2nd.

MILLER, STEPHEN ryzhkov FIELD OF MARS (#1) (\$10.99) Ryzhkov is a disaffected officer in the Okhrana, Russia's dreaded secret police. He is investigating the death of a little girl, a child prostitute thrown from the window of a brothel frequented by the city's elite. Set in 1913.

MILLER, STEPHEN ryzhkov LAST TRAIN TO KAZAN (#2) (\$24)

MILLS, JENNI CROW STONE (\$15.95) Kit Parry is a successful engineer who takes a job shoring up the ancient quarries under her hometown of Bath, England. When she stumbles across evidence of what could be the archaeological discovery of the decade, a lost Roman temple dedicated to the mystery cult of the Mithras, the enigma of her past becomes tangled with a present day race to discover the secret at the heart of the stone mines, a quest that turns into a dangerous obsession. A debut.

MILLS, MARK SAVAGE GARDEN (\$15.50) Adam Strickland, a somewhat aimless young scholar at Cambridge University, is called into his professor's office one afternoon and assigned a special summer project: to write a scholarly monograph about the famous Docci garden in Tuscany. Dedicated to the memory of a fifteenth century nobleman's young wife, the garden is a mysterious world of statues, grottoes, meandering rills and classical inscriptions. But Adam comes to suspect that something sinister lies behind the garden's strange iconography. What if her memorial garden is filled with pointers to both the method and the motive of the crime?

MITCHELL, GLADYS TOM BROWN'S BODY (\$18) A Rue Morgue Press re-issue.

MOLIST, JORGE RING (\$16)

MORRELL, DAVID SCAVENGER (\$10.95) Frank Balenger, the damaged hero of Creeper (\$9.99), is back in this desperate high-tech scavenger hunt for a 100-year-old time capsule.

MORTIMER, JOHN SUMMER'S LEASE (\$18) A reissue.

MOSBY, STEVE CRY FOR HELP (\$24.95 trade paperback, \$37.95 hardcover) See the Hardcover section for an annotation.

MOSLEY, WALTER KILLING JOHNNY FRY (\$16.95)

MURRAY, SABINA FORGERY (\$14.50)

MYERS, TAMAR den DEATH OF A RUG LORD (#14) (\$7.99)

NICHOL, JAMES TRANSGRESSION (\$24.95)

OAKES, ANDY CITIZEN ONE (\$10.99)

O'CONNOR, ED underwood PRIMAL CUT (#3) (\$10.95) Eight years ago, the national tabloids had a feeding frenzy over the 'Primal Cut' killings. The Garrod brothers, East End London butchers, had turned their expertise to rendering human flesh. The case made Det. Sgt. Alison Dexter notorious. She identified the killers and ended the orgy of killings but in the process one of the brothers was killed. With her personal safety in jeopardy, Dexter was transferred to Cambridge-shire. Now she finds herself drawn into an investigation of bare-knuckle boxing, dog fights and murder. As she gets closer to the truth, it is clear that the surviving Garrod hasn't forgotten. A very gritty serial killer book.

O'FLYNN, CATHERINE WHAT WAS LOST (\$22)

OWEN, CHARLIE FOXTROT OSCAR (#2) (\$16.95)

PADURA, LEONARDO HAVANA GOLD (#4) (\$18)

PARKER, ROBERT B randall SPARE CHANGE (#6) (\$10.99)

When a serial killer dubbed "The Spare Change Killer" by the Boston press surfaces after thirty years in hiding, the police immediately seek out the cop, now retired, who headed the original task force: Phil Randall. Phil calls on his daughter Sunny Randall to help.

PATTERSON & LEDWIDGE STEP ON A CRACK (\$11.99) The most powerful people in the world gather in New York City for the funeral of a beloved former first lady when they are taken hostage.

Detective Michael Bennett faces the devastating death of his wife and

the worry of how to raise their ten children while trying to gain the release of the thirty-four hostages.

PEARSON, RIDLEY fleming KILLER WEEKEND (#1) (\$10.99) Walt Fleming, county sheriff in Sun Valley, has his hands full when New York State attorney general Elizabeth Shaler attends a conference of business tycoons with the intention of announcing her candidacy for president. Eight years earlier, Walt stopped a knife-wielding assassin from killing her. He's back too.

PEREZ-REVERTE, ARTURO SUN OVER BREDA (#3) (\$16.50)

PERRY, THOMAS SILENCE (\$15.95) Six years ago, Jack Till helped Wendy Harper disappear. But now her ex-boyfriend, Eric Fuller, is being framed for her presumed murder in an effort to smoke her out, and Till must find her before tango-dancing assassins Paul and Sylvie Turner do. Terrific. Classic Perry.

PRICE, SUZANNE DIRTY DEEDS (#2) (\$7.50)

PURSER, ANN meade SORROW ON SUNDAY (#7) (\$7.50)

RAICHEV, R T HUNT FOR SONYA DUFRETTE (#1) (\$17.50)

RAICHEV, R T DEATH OF CORINNE (#2) (\$17)

RAYBOURN, DEANNA SILENT IN THE SANCTUARY (#2)

(\$16.95) A great follow up to Silent in the Grave (\$8.50).

RAYMOND, DEREK HE DIED WITH HIS EYES OPEN (\$18)

REHDER, BEN GUN SHY (#5) (\$8.99) The National Weapons Alliance rally is being hosted by its newest spokesman, handsome country superstar Mitch Campbell. What nobody suspects is that the Stetson-wearing, gun-toting, bull-riding Campbell is a fraud. He's really Norman Kleinschmidt, a pill-popping, snowboarding, former rock and roller from Vermont. To Campbell's dismay, someone from his past is about to make that secret a big, big, problem. On top of all that, local game warden John Marlin, is poking around the questionable death of an illegal immigrant.

REICHS, KATHY BONES TO ASHES (#10) (\$12.99) Tempe's childhood friend, the exotic Evangeline, disappeared, haunting Tempe for the rest of her life. So much so that when a child's skeleton is found in New Brunswick, Tempe immediately thinks of her. And for Tempe, the solving of her friend's disappearance begins anew. Of course, there is much in this story for loyal Reichs fans. It moves along at a solid pace, has many good teaching moments with lots of forensic work and explanations, computer wizardry, even ventures into handwriting analysis. In short, an entertaining, nostalgic read. So said *Cottage Lady* a couple of newsletters ago.

RHOADES, J D jack keller SAFE AND SOUND (#3) (\$8.99)

RIGLER, LAURIE CONFESSIONS OF A JANE AUSTEN AD-DICT (\$15.50) After nursing a broken engagement with Jane Austen novels and Absolut vodka, Courtney Stone wakes up and finds herself not in her Los Angeles bedroom nor even in her own body, but inside the bedchamber of a woman in Regency England. Who but an Austen addict like herself could concoct such a fantasy? Not only is she stuck in another woman's life, she is forced to pretend she is that woman. And, despite knowing nothing about her, she manages to fool even the most astute observer. But not even her level of Austen mania has prepared her for the chamber pots, and filthy coaching inns of 19th-century England, let alone the realities of being a single woman who must fend off suffocating chaperones, condom-less seducers and marriages of conveniences. Enter the enigmatic Mr. Edgeworth.

ROBB, J D THREE IN DEATH (\$10.99)

ROBERTS, NATALIE partridg POINTE AND SHOOT (#3) (\$7.50)

ROLLINS, JAMES JUDAS STRAIN (\$9.99) A Judas strain is an organism that drives an entire species to extinction. From the depths of the Indian Ocean, a horrific plague has arisen to devastate humankind—a disease that's unknown, unstoppable, and deadly. The only hope lies hidden in the language of angels. From the author of BLACK ORDER, ICE HUNT, MAP OF BONES (\$10.99 ea).

ROLLINS, JAMES LAST ORACLE (\$21.95 trade paperback, \$28.95 hardcover) See the Hardcover section for an annotation.

ROSE, MICHAEL TSUNAMI FILES (#3) (\$24.95) From the author of Mazovia Legacy and Burma Effect (\$10.99 ea.). Frank Delaney, investigative journalist and sometime spy, is on assignment in Phuket, Thailand, helping identify the dead in the aftermath of the tsunami disaster. But, someone is trying to prevent identification of one body in particular. Is this somehow related to child sex trade?

RUSSELL, CRAIG fabel ETERNAL (#3) (\$10.99) Two high-profile victims, a former left-wing radical turned environmental campaigner and a geneticist researching the possibility of inherited memory, are found murdered within 24 hours of each other. Both men had been scalped. Jan Fabel and his murder team find themselves under huge political pressure. Set in Hamburg. The first two in the series are Blood Eagle and Brother Grimm (\$10.99 each).

RUTTAN, SANDRA WHAT BURNS WITHIN (\$9.99)

SAGE, ANGIE SEPTIMUS HEAP BOOK THREE PHYSIK (\$8.75)

SAINTCROW, LILITH kismet NIGHT SHIFT (#1) (\$8.50)

SANDFORD, JOHN davenport INVISIBLE PREY (#17)

(\$10.99) In the richest neighbourhood of Minneapolis, two elderly women are murdered in their home, killed with a metal pipe, the rooms tossed, only small items stolen. It looks like the work of someone looking for drug money. But as Lucas Davenport looks more closely, he begins to wonder if the items are actually so small or the victims so random.

SAPKOWSKI, ANDRZEJ LAST WISH (\$8.50)

SCARROW, SIMON CENTURION (#8) (\$24.95) Between the great powers of Rome and her old foe Parthia lies the desert kingdom of Palmyra. Parthia plans to gain control of Palmyra so that it can launch an invasion of the Roman provinces. The Second Illyrian cohort, with Prefect Marco and Centurion Cato in charge, prepare to defend Palmyra.

SCHWEIZER, MARK MEZZO WORE MINK (#6) (\$14.95) A very funny series.

SCOTT, MANDA CRYSTAL SKULL (\$24.95)

SCOTT, MICHELE wine lover VINTAGE MURDER (#4) (\$7.50)

SEFTON, MAGGIE kelly flyn KILLER STITCH (#4) (\$7.50)

SEWELL, KITTY ICE TRAP (\$14.99) Welsh surgeon Dafydd Woodruff's life is blown apart by the arrival of a note from the daughter he never knew he had. He knows he cannot be the father, but he apparently fathered twins and DNA tests don't lie. He returns to the sub-Arctic town of Moose Creek to investigate. Who could hate him enough to seek to destroy him?

SHORTZ, WILL WILL SHORTZ PRESENTS BEACH BLANKET SUDOKU, FAST AND FUN SUDOKU, and FUN IN THE SUN SUDOKU (\$5.99 each) Marian can't seem to get enough...

SHRIER, HOWARD BUFFALO JUMP (\$19.95)

SHUMAN, GEORGE LAST BREATH (#2) (\$8.99) A ruthless serial killer with an unthinkable MO has left a trail of tortured, murdered women in western Maryland. With no leads, investigators call on the now-famous blind psychic, Sherry Moore. When put in contact with the hand of a dead body, she relives the memory of the departed's final experience. However, because the killer is aware of her methods, he keeps his identity just beyond her reach until she resolves to put herself directly in harm's way. Sequel to 18 Seconds (\$9.99).

SIERRA, JAVIER LADY IN BLUE (\$16) In Los Angeles, Jennifer Narody has been having a series of disturbing dreams involving images of a lady dressed in blue. What she doesn't know is that this same spirit appeared to the leaders of the Jumano Native American tribe in New Mexico 362 years ago, and was linked to a Spanish nun capable of being in two places at once. Meanwhile, young journalist Carlos Albert is driven in a blinding snowstorm to the little Spanish town of Agreda, where he stumbles upon a nearly forgotten seventeenth-century convent founded by this same legendary woman. Intrigued by her rumoured powers, he delves into finding out more. From the author of The Secret Supper (\$16.99 trade).

SILVA, DANIEL SECRET SERVANT (#7) (\$10.99) Master art restorer and sometime officer of Israeli intelligence, Gabriel Allon is summoned to Amsterdam to purge the archives of a murdered Dutch terrorism analyst who also happened to be an asset of Israeli intelligence. Once there, he discovers a plot to kidnap the daughter of the American ambassador to England. Arriving too late to save her, Gabriel hurls himself into a desperate search for the missing woman as the clock ticks down towards her execution. The first six in this exciting series: Kill Artist, English Assassin, Confessor, Death in Vienna, Prince of Fire (\$10.99 ea) and Messenger (\$13.50).

SILVER, MITCH IN SECRET SERVICE (\$9.99) A young woman inherits Ian Fleming's long-hidden account of spying during WWII and must finish it to find out why people are trying to kill her.

SIMMS, CHRIS jon spicer HELL'S FIRE (#4) (\$24.95 trade paperback, \$37.95 hardcover) See the Hardcover section.

SLADE, MICHAEL KAMIKAZE (\$10.99) Genjo Tokuda, a Hiroshima survivor and head of the yakuza crime syndicate, finally gets his chance to satisfy the bushido oath he made to his ancestors. He's going to be in Vancouver for a Vets convention and so will be one of the crewmen from the *Enola Gay*.

SLADE, MICHAEL wyatt rook CRUCIFIED (#1) (\$24)

SMALLMAN, PHYLLIS MARGARITA NIGHTS (#1) (\$24.95) See *Marian's Picks* in the May 2008 newsletter. Excellent.

SMILEY, PATRICIA tucker SHORT CHANGE (\$7.50) Earlier titles are False Profits and Cover Your Assets (\$9.99 each). Short Change does not seem to be part of the series but because we have sold out at the moment, more coming, we can't tell you for sure.

SMITH, CAROL HIDDEN AGENDA (\$10.99)

SMITH, MARTIN CRUZ STALIN'S GHOST (#6) (\$17.50) Investigator Arkady Renko, the pariah of the Moscow prosecutor's office, has been assigned to the thankless job of investigating late night subway riders' reports of seeing the ghost of Joseph Stalin on the platform of the Chistye Prudy Metro station. And to tie in, the trade paperback edition of Havana Bay (\$17) has been reissued.

SOOS, TROY STREETS OF FIRE (\$8.49)

SOUTHIN, GWENDOLYN DEATH IN A FAMILY WAY (#1), IN THE SHADOW OF DEATH (#2), and DEATH ON A SHORT LEASH (#3) (\$12.95 each). Margaret Spencer.

SPENCER, WEN TINKER (\$9.50)

STARK, RICHARD FLASHFIRE (#19) (\$21) The latest in the series featuring Parker, master thief. Good stuff.

STEPHEN, MARTIN gresham DESPERATE REMEDY (#1), CONSCIENCE OF THE KING (#2), GALLEONS GRAVE (#3) (\$21 each) and REBEL HEART (#4) (\$24).

STOCKWIN, JULIAN KYDD: THE ADMIRAL'S DAUGHTER (#8) (\$10.99) 1803. Commander Kydd is about to discover that the most dangerous waters can be closest to home.

STOUT, REX FER DE LANCE & LEAGUE OF FRIGHTENED MEN (\$17) Reissue, two titles in one binding.

SWANN, LEONIE THREE BAGS FULL (\$19.95) The detectives in this novel are sheep and they are determined to discover who killed their shepherd. On a hillside near the cozy Irish village of Glennkill, the members of the flock gather around their shepherd, George, whose body lies pinned to the ground with a spade. George cared for the sheep, reading them a plethora of books every night. The daily exposure to literature has made them far savvier about the workings of the human mind than your average sheep. The flock engage in nightlong discussions about the crime, wild metaphysical speculations and embark on reconnaissance missions into the village, where they encounter likely suspects.

TANENBAUM, ROBERT MALICE (#19) (\$10.99)

TAYLOR, ANDREW BLEEDING HEART SQUARE (\$22)

TAYLOR, SAM AMNESIAC (\$16)

TERRELL, HEATHER CHRYSALIS (\$8.99) Haarlem, Holland,

seventeenth century: The city's chief magistrate commissions a family portrait from Dutch master painter Johannes Miereveld. But when the artist sees the magistrate's daughter, Amalia, an illicit love affair begins. Miereveld creates a captivating masterpiece, The Chrysalis, a stunning portrait of the Virgin Mary, full of Catholic symbols, that outrages his Protestant patron and signals the death of his career.

New York City, present day: Mara Coyne is one high profile case away from making partner at her law firm and the client that is sure to seal the deal has just fallen into her lap. The prestigious Beazley's auction house is about to sell a lost masterpiece, The Chrysalis, at an auction that is destined to become legendary. Standing in the way is the shocking accusation the painting belongs not to Beazley's client but to Hilda Baum, the daughter of a Dutch collector who lost his paintings, and his life, to the Nazis.

THOMAS, WILL BLACK HAND (#5) (\$16)

THOMPSON, VICTORIA MURDER IN CHINATOWN (#9) (\$8.99) In turn-of-the-last-century New York City midwife Sarah Brandt helps a young mother search for her missing fifteen-year-old, half Chinese, half Irish niece. When the girl turns up dead, the police want nothing to do with it, so Sarah turns to Det. Sgt Frank Malloy.

THOR, BRAD FIRST COMMANDMENT (\$8.99) Six months ago, five of the most dangerous detainees in the war on terror are pulled from their cells in Guantanamo Bay and set free. Now, covert counterterrorism agent Scot Harveth is ordered by the US president to keep out of the investigation into the workings of a sadistic assassin. But of course, he can't do that.

THOR, BRAD LAST PATRIOT (\$19.99)

THURLO, AIMEE TURQUOISE GIRL (#12) (\$8.99) Navajo Police Special Investigator Ella Clah is called in on the murder of Valerie Tso, who was drowned in her bathtub. A bible verse on a scrap of paper left near the body reminds Ella of a case she worked on a decade ago, when she was still with the FBI. The long gap between killings suggests that the murderer has been in prison.

TORGOV, MORLEY MURDER IN A MAJOR (\$20.95)

TRINCHIERI, CAMILLA PRICE OF SILENCE (\$14.50) Emma Perotti took a young Chinese artist under her wing. Now she finds herself on trial for the girl's murder. A new direction from the author of the "Trouble With" mysteries, written under the Camilla Crespi name and, unfortunately, all out of print.

TURSTEN, HELENE GLASS DEVIL (#3) (\$15.95) Detective Inspector Huss of the Goteborg crime force and her boss drive out to a remote cottage in snowbound southern Sweden as a favour to his cousin, a school principal. They have been asked to look into a teacher's absence from school. In the cottage, they find the body of a man, killed by two shotgun blasts. When they go to the rectory to break the news to his elderly parents, they find the couple dead in their beds. Each had been shot between the eyes. The first two in the series are Detective Inspector Huss (\$17.95) and The Torso (\$17). Translated from Swedish.

TWINS, MULGRAY NO SUSPICIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES (\$10.95) A drug sniffing cat!!!

UNGER, LISA BEAUTIFUL LIES (\$9.99). Inconsequential decisions lead Ridley Jones to perform a good deed that puts her in the right place at the right time to unleash a chain of events that brings a mysterious package to her door, a package which informs her that her entire world is a lie.

VARIOUS TORONTO NOIR s/s (\$17.50) Includes stories by **Gail Bowen, Peter Robinson, Andrew Pyper, Michael Redhill...**

VARIOUS LAS VEGAS NOIR s/s (\$17.50)

VARIOUS HELL OF A WOMAN An Anthology of Female Noir. (\$20) Contains stories by **Zoe Sharp, Ken Bruen, Daniel Woodrell, SJ Rozan, Vicki Hendricks...** intro. by **Val McDermid**.

VARIOUS/CONNELLY, MICHAEL BLUE RELIGION Short Stories (\$17.99) See *Cottage Lady Picks* in the May 2008 newsletter.

VARIOUS/DE CATALDO, GIANC CRIMINI (\$18)

VARIOUS/ROBINSON, PETER ed PENGUIN BOOK OF CRIME STORIES (\$13.50)

VIETS, ELAINE MURDER WITH RESERVATIONS (#6) (\$7.50) Living life on the lam and working wherever she can find work, Helen Hawthorne keeps a low profile. Working at Sybil's Full Moon Hotel in Fort Lauderdale keeps her fit and with money in her pocket. But cleaning rooms in a hotel is not quite like cleaning a house. It's so much worse, especially if you have to clean the dreaded Room 323. When a maid goes missing the day after a disastrous mess in 323, the rest of the cleaning staff think Rhonda just got fed up with the cleaning. But then Rhonda turns up dead and another body surfaces, and Helen becomes worried the cops will find her.

VINE, BARBARA CHIMNEY SWEEPER'S BOY (\$16) Reissue.

WALTON, JO HA'PENNY (\$9.99) A story about a world that could have been. In 1949, eight years after "Peace with Honor" was negotiated between Great Britain and Nazi Germany by the Farthing Set, England has completed its slide into fascist dictatorship. When the vile Mark Normandy takes advantage of a political murder in order to arrange his election as Prime Minister, and promptly enacts draconian measures, the last hope of democracy seems extinguished. Then a bomb explodes in a London suburb. The brilliant but politically compromised Inspector Carmichael of Scotland Yard is assigned the case. What he finds leads him to a conspiracy of peers and communists, of staunch king-and-country patriots and hardened IRA gunmen, to murder Normandy and his new ally, Adolf Hitler. Sequel to Farthing (\$8.99).

WARD, J R LOVER ENSHRINED (\$8.99)

WATSON, JULES BOAR STONE (#3) (\$12.95) Roman England, 366AD. Minna, a Roman serving girl, has been flung out into the brutal world to fend for herself. Desperate to reach her soldier

brother at the northern frontier, she falls in with acrobat Cian, a tribeless youth with no loyalty to anyone but himself. A terrible mistake leads them into the wilds of Scotland and eventually to Dunadd, King Cahir's fort. Compelled by an ancient prophecy, Minna's visions of battles and bloodshed reveal a destiny that she shares with the wounded King Cahir, as seer and lover. Sequel to White Mare (\$10.99) and Dawn Stag (\$12.99).

WESTLAKE, DONALD E SOMEBODY OWES ME MONEY (\$8.99)

WHITE, DAVE jackson donne EVIL THAT MEN DO (#2) (\$15.95)

WHITE, KATE bailey wigginn LETHALLY BLOND (#5) (\$15.50) Crime journalist Bailey Weggins investigates the disappearance of a character on a new TV show called Morgue. The more she digs, the more she realizes that something strange is going on. The four others in the series are If Looks Could Kill, A Body to Die For, 'Til Death Do Us Part and Over Her Dead Body (\$9.99 each).

WILHELM, KATE PRICE OF SILENCE (\$8.50)

WILHELM, KATE holloway WRONGFUL DEATH (\$6.99)

WILLOCKS, TIM RELIGION (\$9.99) Spectacular. This is the first of a planned trilogy set in 1565 and features the siege of the Island of Malta by the Muslims who are trying to overthrow the Knights of St John the Baptist. One of *Marian's Picks* a year ago.

WIMBERLEY, DARRYL ROCK AND A HARD PLACE (#1), DEAD MAN'S BAY (#2), STRAWMAN'S HAMMOCK (#3), and PEPPERFISH KEYS (#4) (\$12.95 each). The four novels in the Barrett Raines series. Barrett is a black detective on an isolated police force in Deacon Beach, Florida.

YODER, ERIC ONE MINUTE MYSTERIES: 65 SHORT MYSTERIES (\$11.95) These are kind of fun and are geared to young adults. You solve each of the mysteries by using science.

ZIGAL, THOMAS INTO THIN AIR (#1), HARDROCK STIFF (#2), and PARIAH (#3) (\$9.95 each.) Reissues.