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Greeting

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What progress we humans have made! A record 69 hot dogs were chomped down by this year's July Fourth hot-dog eating contest winner at Coney Island. The winner, a Californian, out swallowed his long-time rival, a Japanese, by almost four dogs to retain his title. What progress, you ask? Only three years ago, the Japanese rival had been the winner, but having to only consume 49 dogs. In fact, only 13 dogs were required to win in 1916, the year the contest was first held, and only 25 in 2000. Just goes to show what dedication and training can do! You go boy! I wonder if the contestants had to submit to a doping test? Although, I wonder if there is a test that could measure such stratospheric levels of nitrates!

Talking about dogs...Percy the Magnificent is truly magnificent. If he were a she, I'd even say hot. I'm starting to feel less and less jealous of all the attention he gets because, well, he deserves it. So many friends and customers have offered to walk him that Marian is starting to worry about his paws and his bladder. She's thinking that she'll have to go to some sort of a lottery to meet the demand. He's the best dog I've ever had! (*Isn't he the only dog you've ever had JD?—Marian*)

It's been a number of years since we last had a "garbage strike" in Toronto, but we are in the midst of one now. Two locals of CUPE, Canadian Union of Public Employees, have been off the job since the 22nd of June, and, the lack of garbage collection having the most visible effect, we call it a garbage strike. The garbage is piling up in parks and hockey rinks and, silver lining, a good thing that we are having a cool, wet summer. Everyone around here is doing their best to keep the garbage contained; the only problem being the public garbage bins are now stuffed to the top and beginning to overflow.

Ok, that's enough of the kvetching. On to books.

Marian's Picks

Sir Percival is certainly keeping me busy. Or, maybe, that should be busier than I normally am. Pre-Percy, I'd be at the cottage, in my favourite chair, and I wouldn't budge for hours, reading and watching the humming birds until 5pm when Cottage Lady, Cottage Husband and I would tinker with our latest drinks project. By the way, this summer's project is Sangria, and more about that later. Post-Percy, every couple of hours or so Percy needs to be walked and off we go. Barnie, Cottage Lady's golden retriever, often comes with us. It's really too bad that I didn't get Percy a few years ago. Although Barnie, an old guy at ten years of age, does a remarkable job of keeping up with Percy, a young pup (ha, ha) of just seven months, there are times when it's obvious that the old guy has had enough of his puppy antics! What a pure delight Sir P. is; a great little pup. A little stubborn mind you, but I'm hoping he'll grow out of that.

Not sure whether to be dismayed or pleased that Cottage Lady and I ended up wanting to Pick so many of the same titles for our recommendations this newsletter. When JD received her file and told me I had to change my picks because three of them were the same as Cottage Lady's, I let him know in no uncertain terms that maybe Cottage Lady should be the one to change her picks. He looked at me like I had two heads. I suspect it's because Cottage Lady has a way with words that I don't, (my background being a degree in mathematics, the furthest thing from writing eloquent prose). But, I do own the store after all, and I can throw my weight around. I kept my picks. (And Cottage Lady gets to keep hers). I hope you enjoy both.

And so, to our Sangria marathon. I read Cottage Lady's recipe and I agree that it was truly enjoyable, but not having been to the cottage

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lately—my brother and his family are enjoying it for a few weeks—I’ve had to practice Sangria making (and drinking) at home on my own. Well, of course, JD has had to participate. My recipe for Sangria is very similar, only different.

One bottle of white wine (I used Fuzon Chenin/Chardonnay, because it’s only \$7.45 a bottle)

¼ cup of Triple Sec (because of its orangey flavour)

1 lime, juice and skin

1 lemon, juice and skin

1 orange, juice and skin

½ apple, sliced

1 can of ginger ale (I used diet ginger ale)

Marinate everything, except the ginger ale, overnight preferably, but for an hour at the very least. Just before serving add the ginger ale. Ice cubes in the glass actually make it taste a bit better, but if you don’t have ice cubes, that’s okay. Yummy, yummy, yummy.

One of my most favourite writers is **MICHAEL CONNELLY** and he never disappoints. This man writes circles around most everyone else! His new offering is The Scarecrow (\$30.99) featuring Jack McEvoy who first appeared in The Poet (\$9.50). It has been such a long time since I read Poet that I wondered if I should reread it, not wanting to miss out on the full enjoyment of Scarecrow. But, not to worry, I didn’t re-read it and it didn’t seem to matter; I enjoyed Scarecrow tremendously all on its own. The story is as much a mystery as a comment on the death of newspapers in this internet age. Jack has been given his notice—two weeks and he is out—and he decides to write “the definitive murder story of his career” which leads him to the discovery of a series of murders that the police have not connected. It seems as though there is a serial killer on the loose but how he targets his victims is a puzzle. Great writing, great detecting, and just a fantastic read.

The Case of the Missing Servant (\$29.99) by **TARQUIN HALL** is the first in a series featuring Vish Puri, India’s Most Private Investigator. Known for his discretion and backed by his team of slightly offbeat undercover operatives, he is hired by a litigator who is accused of murdering one of his servants. The girl disappeared three months ago and all that her employers know about her is her name: Mary. How does one find a Mary in a country with a billion people? Fear not, Puri and his operatives are very resourceful. As reviewers are fond of saying, if Sherlock Holmes and Precious Ramotswe had had an offspring, it would be Puri. As interesting and fun as the plot is, I really enjoyed the visit to India as the gang travels around looking for Mary. And, of course, there’s a glossary of Indian terms and expressions just in case you are not familiar with them.

Another new writer is **IMOGEN ROBERTSON** with her book Instruments of Darkness (\$34.95 hardcover, \$24.95 trade paperback). I’m not sure whether the main character in this new series, set in the eighteenth century, is Harriet Westerman, who finds a dead man on her estate, or Gabriel Crowther, a reclusive anatomist who, along with Harriet, solves the murder. I liked both characters and want the next in the series right away. Lots of history, some of it relating to the US Revolutionary War in 1775, as well as civil unrest in London and the surrounding countryside. **Ms. Robertson** won the Telegraph’s ‘First thousand words of a novel’ competition in 2007 with the opening of Instruments of Darkness.

What a joy to discover that **ANDREW GRANT**, the brother of **LEE CHILD**, can tell a tale as fast moving and addictive as his brother. I loved Even (\$31.95), his first novel. David Trevelyan works in Royal

Navy Intelligence and is in New York City doing some kind of job that I don’t think we are ever told about. (It’s been a month or so since I read the book so I can’t remember). He is set up to take the rap for a murder and the British Consulate has told him he’s on his own. Telling David or Jack Reacher (**Lee Child**’s bad boy) ‘you are on your own’ is like waving a red cloak in front of a bull. Better get the heck out of the way or you’ll get gored. Full of action, improbable situations, and nasty bad guys (or girl in this instance)...I can hardly wait for the next book.

It seems like this is my newsletter for telling you about some new writers. The Physick Book of Deliverance Dane (\$33.99) by **KATHERINE HOWE** caught my attention when we received a box of advance reading copies. The ARC of Physick looked a little different from the other ARCs, so of course I picked it up. And the flyleaf’s promise that the story was partially to do with the Salem witch trails, well, I was hooked. Harvard graduate student Connie Goodwin needs to do some research to complete her doctoral dissertation, but, first, at her mother’s request, she has to handle the sale of her grandmother’s abandoned house near Salem. Hidden inside a seventeenth-century bible Connie finds an ancient key, and, inside the key, a fragment of paper with the words “Deliverance Dane” written on it. Hooked, Connie starts her search into the meaning of “Deliverance Dane” and that leads her to a physick book, its pages a secret repository for lost knowledge. Just an absolutely terrific read; current day intertwined with the past, and just enough historical detail about the Salem Witch Trials to whet my appetite. And, interestingly, the author is the descendant of a couple of women who were tried at the Trials.

J.D.'s Picks

Planning a trip to Venice any time soon? Then consider taking a copy of Brunetti’s Venice, Walks with the City’s Best-Loved Detective (\$23.95), by **TONI SEPEDA**, with an introduction by **Donna Leon**. There are twelve different walks, complete with maps, estimated walk times, and you get to follow in the footsteps of Commissario Guido Brunetti, and see the churches, markets, bars, cafés, palazzos that make the novels the joys that they are. Take along Café Life, Venice (\$25) A Guidebook to the Cafés and Bacari of La Serenissima and if you need a rest stop during your walks, you’ll know which cafés to hit and which ones to avoid. Going to Florence or Rome instead or as well? Then there are also the companion volumes, Café Life Florence (\$22.50) and Café Life Rome (\$25). Even if you are not going there—because who, after all, really wants to get their pockets picked—then these volumes will “get” you there without any of those hazards. A very, very smooth-talking, handsome gentleman picked my sister’s purse clean when she visited Rome, so do be cautious.

CRAIG JOHNSON’s fifth Walt Longmire novel Dark Horse (\$31) was released recently. I’ve often ranted and raved about this writer—he’s, like, the best, dude—and a new offering from him is always a real treat. I usually try to hold off reading the latest knowing that I’m going to gulp it down in one sitting, and then there’s that whole year to wait for the next one. But could not do that this time. Been there, read that. Even though Henry Standing Bear, Victoria Moretti and the others are mostly missing from this one, Dog is around to help Walt as he goes undercover, as an insurance investigator, to look into a fire that destroyed a barn and house and killed a number of horses. Walt gets involved because he is temporarily housing a female prisoner, Mary, who is accused of, actually has confessed to, the killing of her husband. It seems that he, Wade Barsad, a man with a dubious past,

locked his wife's horses in their barn and set the barn on fire. In return, Mary shot Wade in the head six times—or so the story goes. Walt doesn't believe Mary's confession, and he's determined to dig deeper. Posing as an insurance claims investigator, Walt soon discovers other people who might have wanted Wade dead, including a beautiful Guatemalan bartender and a rancher with a taste for liquor, but not for honesty. Just wonderful. And, [Another Man's Moccasins](#) (\$17.50) is now available in paper.

One of the real pleasures of my job is finding wonderful new writers. I have the joy of “discovering” them and I look real good by turning you on to them. Of course, selling lots and lots of copies and being able to pay my bills is pretty sweet, too. One such new writer is **Zoe Ferraris**, the author of [Finding Nouf](#) (\$18.95). (Confession time, this one was less a “discovery” of mine and more a “read this one, idiot, cause it's really good” heads up from a customer. But I'm still expecting to sell a lot of copies and I'm going to want the kudos for telling you, m'kay?) This novel offers, like no other mystery that I know of, a glimpse into the lives and loves of men and women in Saudi Arabia. This is a very closed, gender-segregated society, and, despite the glare of the spotlight on that region for the past few decades, there is a lot that you'll read in this book that'll have you wondering, is this really how things are done over there? Well, yes. The author moved to Saudi Arabia in the aftermath of the first gulf war to live with her then husband and his extended family of Saudi-Palestinian Bedouins. My understanding of the country, the climate, the culture, the religion, was limited and this book was quite an education. When sixteen year old Nouf goes missing, along with a truck and her favourite camel, Nayir al-Sharqi, a desert guide, is asked by her family to find her. Ten days later her body is discovered by anonymous desert travelers. But when the coroner's office determines that Nouf died not of

dehydration but from drowning, and her family does not seem entirely committed to finding out what happened, Nayir takes it upon himself to find out what really happened. Well written, and very interesting. Pious, gentle Nayir, a Palestinian orphan raised by his bachelor uncle, is having a real problem dealing with a woman who is bold enough to bare her face in public, and very uncomfortable at the thought of being alone with an unmarried woman...this is not how things are done! Read this for the same reasons that you read Tony Hillerman: an excellent mystery, good writing and an interesting setting.

You know my disdain for lengthy novels but one massive tome that I had no trouble staying the course with was **STIEG LARSSON's** [Girl With the Dragon Tattoo](#) (\$32 hardcover, \$13.50 paperback). The author, a crusading liberal journalist, wrote three novels then died suddenly of a massive heart attack, at the young age of fifty. All three novels were published posthumously in Sweden to massive success and the first one, this one, was finally translated and released in English last year. The story is about financial journalist Mikael Blomkvist who has made his living uncovering the corrupt and crooked practices of Stockholm's leading financiers in his magazine. But one exposé backfires and the resulting lawsuit ends in a huge financial hit and his resignation from his magazine. Knowing that he is at loose ends, a wealthy and powerful businessman offers him a commission: find out who murdered his niece forty years ago. A terrific story, one that had me hooked from front to back. My only distress now is that this was only the first third of the story! I have another thousand pages to go! The second volume, [The Girl Who Played With Fire](#) (\$32) is due by the end of July.

ELLY GRIFFITHS's debut mystery [The Crossing Places](#) (\$29.99)

is a fine read. “An exciting new voice on the crime scene”—**Louise Penny**. I picked this one up because a good customer was singing its praises and turns out, she was right. The novel is set on the northern coast of East Anglia, in the saltmarsh that fringes the sea, home to thousands of birds. It was here that Iron Age man once made human sacrifices, and where modern man still finds it convenient to bury his victims. Forensic archaeologist Ruth Galloway is often found working on the marsh, digging up bones, but mostly they are very ancient ones. DCI Harry Nelson is afraid that the bones of a child uncovered by a dog are those of a girl missing now for ten years and he’s very happy to have Ruth around to help in determining if that is the case. Fortunately, these turn out to be very ancient bones and that seems that, but not so. This was a compelling read, even if it is written in the present tense (*Not for me, I have trouble with the present tense.—Marian*). Both Ruth and Harry are believable characters, warts and all, and the archaeological angle is actually pretty interesting. I’m hoping this is the first of a series. By the way, although this is a first mystery, this is not the pseudonymous author’s first book.

Remember about a year ago I told you about **JON LOOMIS**’s debut novel High Season (\$8.99) which featured big, tough, Baltimore homicide detective Frank Coffin? Who returns home to Cape Cod to become one of Provincetown’s finest because he was starting to get panic attacks at homicide scenes, and couldn’t stand to see corpses? P’town, where the biggest crimes were usually against fashion, and that he figures he can deal with, without losing his cookies? Well, the second Frank Coffin novel, Mating Season (\$27.95), is now out and it’s even more fun, funnier and raunchier still. This one will have you laughing out loud. I actually stopped reading Mating to reread High because I wanted to remind myself, not so much of the story, but of the locals and the hangouts, the bars and all that. And that made reading Mating that much more fun. So, get the pair and have a whale of a time reading them.

And finally, **REGINALD HILL**. The new Dalziel and Pascoe novel, Midnight Fugue (\$54 HarperCollins, UK first edition) is out in the UK but won’t be in North America until near the end of the year and we have a small quantity on hand. It is fabulous. Mostly, this is a Dalziel novel—Peter doesn’t make an appearance until half way through the book—and the Fat Man is in fine fettle. He’s still recovering—whole days go missing on him—but assume that he’s addled at your own peril. The whole novel takes place over a period of a day or so, although it won’t take you nearly as long to finish it.

Cottage Lady's Picks

Cocktail update – For this summer season, we’ve decided to experiment with the Sangria family of cocktails. This drink is perfect for conducting research because of its versatility and given current economic conditions, it’s easy to stay within a budget. All you need is leftover wine, a neutral carbonated soft drink, some brandy or hard spirit, and whatever fruit you have on hand (fresh or frozen). You’re in business with a little ingenuity mixed with a dash of curiosity! As a starter, the Sangria seems to demand a certain presentation – fun but without pretention. The before dinner aperitif is all about friendship and shared camaraderie rather than the alcohol and with this particular concoction, the vessel is vital to the ritual – a key to attaining the correct ambiance. So, before all this experimentation could begin, Marian and I accompanied the Cottage Husband on one of his daily trips to our local Home Hardware. There we purchased matching acrylic pitchers for \$12.95. As for recipe options, the combinations

are endless so I’ll try to keep our reviews simple as the summer goes on. To begin – for all recipes, our research led to the following must do’s: marinate the fruit with wine overnight in the pitcher, ginger ale seems to be the best soft drink (although we will be trying other carbonated drinks) and adding some brandy (we’ll try a variety) is essential for ‘zip’. Our first attempt centred on red wine, with the following being the most successful:

750ml red Sangria wine from Oak Heights
 1/2 lemon juice and peel
 1/2 orange juice and peel
 1 lime juice and peel
 1/2 apple sliced
 1 cup orange juice
 Add 1/4 cup Triple sec and 1 can ginger ale just before drinking

Fuzon Red is also acceptable but a little heavier. To lighten it up, you can mix with Fuzon Rose. One fruit that does not work – blueberries (simply too overpowering in all recipes). For added ‘zest’, increase ginger ale. More to follow.

I usually avoid the witch/supernatural genre of mysteries but Marian highly recommended **KATHERINE HOWE**’s The Physick Book of Deliverance Dane (\$33.99). I am glad she did. Connie Goodwin, the main character, is searching for a PHD thesis topic when her mother talks her into returning to her grandmother’s old home in Marblehead Massachusetts. The house has been empty for 20 years and needs repair to sell. An intriguing and mysterious place, the house appears hidden in plain sight. An average passer by would fail to notice it. While sorting through some old dusty books, Connie finds a key and a piece of paper with the words “Deliverance Dane” written on it. And so begins the mystery. In the process, we learn about Connie’s background and the history of her mother and grandmother and the secret powers that have been handed down through the generations. To quote the cover, “forget about broomsticks and black cats you’re about to enter a whole new world of witches”. **Howe** alternates the story between the Salem Witch Trials and 1991. This works well as the back-and-forth is accomplished quite smoothly and it also adds credibility to the argument for the supernatural. **Howe**, who actually has ancestors accused of witchcraft, spins a compelling yarn that is both appealing and educational. My only gripe is that the heroine, a PHD candidate, is oft times a bit slow in ‘connecting the dots.’ On the other hand, once I started, this read was very hard to put down.

In Found Wanting (\$24.95), **ROBERT GODDARD** proves once again that he is a master of the thriller with historical roots. Richard Eusden, a long time British Civil Servant, is approached by his ex-wife with the sad news that her other ex-husband, Marty Hewitson, is dying and needs a favour immediately. As Richard and Marty are childhood friends as well as co-ex-husbands, Richard agrees. He immediately departs for Paris only to find that not only is Marty not there but also the so-called favour is not exactly as first presented. The situation quickly turns into a fight for his life, forcing him to pursue a mystery that connects Marty’s long dead grandfather, an Isle of Wight policeman, with the tragic Russian Royal Family. Confused yet? Well don’t be because there’s more. The search takes Richard all across Europe and as with many of **Goddard’s** stories, his hero soon learns that he can trust no one – not even his old friends. To survive, he must pursue a secret that others believe he and Marty have. At certain points in the story, you may be surprised that Richard is often duped. However, this is typical of **Goddard’s** style and the fast paced creativity, the various unexpected plot twists and conspiracies more than make up for his hero’s gullibility. And in spite of the complexity, he skilfully keeps the reader on track. All in all, this is a fine summer read.

MICHAEL CONNELLY never disappoints and his latest, The Scarecrow (\$30.99), is a really shocking story. The reader may never again use the Internet. **Connelly** brings back the hero of The Poet, Jack McEvoy, who has fallen on hard times. As a crime reporter for the LA Times, Jack is about to be laid off and he is determined to go out with bang rather than a whimper. With this aim in mind, he decides to write what he believes could be a Pulitzer Prize winning story of a murder recently committed by an underprivileged drug addicted teenager in L.A.. However, he soon realizes that the police confession is false and the boy may well be innocent. This sets him on the trail of a serial killer. Suspense grows as the reader follows along with the killer who digitally tracks and foils McEvoy at every turn. It gets progressively scarier as we watch the killer manipulate our hero's life via the Internet. The more I read, the more I became paranoid about my own browsing habits - wondering if some unknown evil force was examining my every keystroke. In The Scarecrow, **Connelly** has managed to write a solid mystery while at the same time incorporating some very current themes - uses and abuses of the Internet, the all pervasiveness of technology and the decline of newspapers as "intellectual ghost towns". Another **Connelly** mystery success with the added bonus of some frightening but thoughtful commentary on vulnerabilities in today's technological society. But be prepared to feel your skin crawl the next time you touch your keyboard!

Even (\$31.95) is an impressive debut thriller for **ANDREW GRANT**. I was completely taken with the well-honed, action-packed and tight writing style, particularly in the early chapters. The reader is drawn immediately into the story's drama. The tale begins in New York when a British Naval Intelligence officer, David Trevelyan, finds a dead body. The police arrive. He is arrested and soon finds himself caught up in an international conspiracy. To make matters worse, the British Consul dumps him so he is left alone to clear his name. The action lags somewhat in the middle but still manages to maintain an acceptable pace with sufficient suspense. I am looking forward to more thrillers starring Trevelyan. One word of warning - there is a very brutal torture scene that spreads over several pages. Frankly, I just skimmed it quickly without impacting my enjoyment or understanding. All in all, **Grant** has created a credible beginning for what could be a worthy series.

Hardbacks

AIRTH, RENNIE DEAD OF WINTER (\$51 UK first edition, \$24 trade paperback) (Macmillan) Only two copies of the UK first edition left at the time of writing this. During a blackout on the streets of London on a freezing evening in late 1944, a young Polish girl, Rosa, is brutally murdered. With police resources stretched to the limit, former police inspector John Madden helps his old colleagues Angus Sinclair and Billy Styles. Madden feels personally responsible as Rosa was working on his farm.

ALI, MONICA IN THE KITCHEN (\$34.99) (Scribner) Gabriel Lightfoot is an enterprising man from a northern English mill town, making good in London. As executive chef at the once-splendid Imperial Hotel, he is trying to run a tight kitchen. Until a worker is found dead in the kitchen's basement. Elsewhere, Gabriel faces other complications. His father is dying of cancer, his girlfriend wants more from their relationship and the restaurant manager appears to be running an illegal business under Gabriel's nose.

BATTLES, BRETT quinn SHADOW OF BETRAYAL (#3)

(\$28.95) (Delacorte) Jonathan Quinn is a freelance operative and professional "cleaner". If his clean-up skills are needed it means that something has gone badly wrong. His latest job required his clean-up skills when a hidden assassin killed four people at a meeting in a church in rural Ireland. His next assignment is finding a UN aide worker who has suddenly disappeared from her assignment in war-torn Africa. She was seen with a child she was protecting and that chase leads Quinn and his lethal girlfriend, Orlando, to California. Sequel to The Cleaner (\$8.99) and The Deceived (\$9.99).

BECKETT, SIMON hunter WHISPERS OF THE DEAD (#3) (\$30) (Delacorte) Dr. David Hunter has come to the Knoxville, Tennessee's, legendary "Body Farm", the infamous field laboratory where law enforcement personnel study real corpses, to escape London and the violence that nearly destroyed his life. While there, he is called out to a crime scene in a remote Smoky Mountains cabin. Sequel to The Chemistry of Death and Written in Bone (\$8.99 each).

BLUNDY, ANNA BREAKING FAITH (#4) (\$31.99) (Minotaur) Faith Zanetti, war correspondent, finds doing a story on flight TAA67, the plane the Libyans were accused of blowing up twenty-five years ago, to be a boring assignment. But as the conspiracy theories start seeming less theatrical, Faith realizes she is skating on thin ice. Bad News Bible (\$20), Faith Without Doubt (\$24.95) and Vodka Neat (\$20) are the first three in the series.

BOWEN, RHYS royals ROYAL FLUSH (#3) (\$31) (Berkley) Thirty-fourth in line to the English throne and a penniless heiress, Lady Georgina's housecleaning business has fizzled out as all her clients have gone to their country homes for the summer. After a rather bad experience when she hired herself out as a dinner and theatre companion, she heads home to Castle Rannoch where the Queen has asked her to keep an eye on the divorced American, Mrs. Simpson, and to stop her from seducing the Prince of Wales. Sequel to Her Royal Spyness and Royal Pain (\$9.99 each).

BOX, C J BELOW ZERO (#9) (\$31) (Putnam) Wyoming game warden, Joe Pickett and the rest of his family are shocked when a phone message implies that April, a friend of Joe's daughter's, survived a massacre that took place six years earlier, (Winterkill (\$8.99)). A cruel joke? At the same time a dying Chicago mobster crosses the country on a mission to reconcile with his extreme environmentalist son. Can these two happenings be related?

BRANDRETH, GYLES wilde OSCAR WILDE AND THE DEAD MAN'S SMILE (#3) (\$51) Sequel to Candlelight Murders aka Death of No Importance (#1) (\$16) and Ring of Death aka Game Called Murder (#2) (\$16).

BURKE, JAMES LEE RAIN GODS (#5) (\$32 hardcover, \$19.99 trade paperback). Hack Holland whom you first met, or didn't meet, in Lay Down My Sword and Shield (now out of print but a new edition is due Feb 2010, \$19.99) returns as a Texas sheriff. I'd be lying if I said I had read it and knew Hack's relationship to Billy Bob.

CANTRELL, REBECCA TRACE OF SMOKE (\$31.95) (Forge) Hardened crime reporter Hanna Vogel knows all too well how tough it is to survive in 1933 Berlin. Still, she is devastated when she sees a photograph of her brother's body posted in the Hall of the Unnamed Dead. Ernst, a cross-dressing lounge singer had many secrets, a never-ending list of lovers and plenty of opportunities to get into trouble. The late-night arrival of a five-year-old orphan on her doorstep complicates matters. The child claims that Hannah's dead brother is his father and that, impossibly, she is his mother.

CASTILLO, LINDA amish SWORN TO SILENCE (#1) (\$31.95) (Minotaur) In the sleepy rural town of Painters Mill, Ohio, the Amish and "English" residents have lived side by side for two centuries. But sixteen years ago, a series of brutal murders shattered the peaceful farming community. Kate Burkholder, a young Amish girl, survives the terror of the Slaughterhouse Killer but decides she no longer belongs with the Amish. Now, a wealth of experience later, Kate has

been asked to return to Painters Mill as chief of police. She's certain she's come to terms with her past, until the first body is discovered in a snowy field.

CONNELLY, MICHAEL macevoy SCARECROW (\$30.99) (Little, Brown) Jack McEvoy, the hero in The Poet (\$9.50), is back and with only a few days left on the job at the Los Angeles Times, (he's been downsized) he's going to write the story of his life. A sixteen-year-old drug dealer has confessed to murdering a young woman, but Jack doesn't think he's guilty. This murder connects to an earlier murder in Las Vegas, one which has flown under police radar. See *Marian's Picks*. See *Cottage Lady's Picks*. We have a few copies of the UK edition (\$57).

CONNOLLY, JOHN LOVERS (\$34 hardcover, \$54 UK first edition, \$19.99 trade paperback) (Atria) Deprived of his private investigator's license and under scrutiny by the police Charlie Parker takes a job in a Portland, Maine bar. With time on his hands, he begins an investigation into his father's death who took his own life after apparently shooting dead two unarmed teenagers. **Autographed copies of the US hardcover available while supplies last.**

CROUCH, BLAKE ABANDON (\$32.99) (Minotaur) On Christmas Day in 1893, every man, woman and child in a remote mining town disappears, never to be seen again. One hundred and thirteen years later, two backcountry guides are hired by a leading history professor and his daughter to lead them to the abandoned town so they can learn what happened. This has been done once before, but the people who went in did not come out. Joining them are a psychic and a paranormal photographer as the town is rumoured to be haunted.

DAHEIM, MARY emma lord ALPINE UPROAR (#21) (\$28.95) (Ballantine) Emma Lord has two breaking stories to investigate: a brawl which leaves Alvin De Muth dead and a car accident which leaves two people dead and a local youth on life support. Are the two incidents related?

DEAVER, JEFFERY dance ROADSIDE CROSSES (#2) (\$29.99) A killer leaves roadside crosses, not in memoriam, but as announcements of his intention to kill. And to kill in a particularly horrific and efficient ways: using the personal details about the victims that they've carelessly posted in blogs and on social networking websites. The case lands on the desk of Kathryn Dance, the California Bureau of Investigation's foremost kinesics, body language, expert. An earlier novel featuring Dance is The Sleeping Doll (\$12.99)

DEIGHTON, LEN ACTION COOK BOOK (\$21.95) (Harper, UK) As you know, before Len Deighton became a thriller writer, he trained as a chef. This book, originally published in 1965, contains all the cooking know-how a budding action hero/spy would need to know to create a seductive meal, or not. There are lots of tips on stocking your kitchen as well as your wine cellar, and reproductions of some of his classic 'cook strips' that appeared in the Observer while he was its food writer.

DEPOY, PHILLIP KING JAMES CONSPIRACY (\$28.95) (St. Martin's) In 1605, at Cambridge University, one of the translators working on the new translation of the bible ordered by King James I, is murdered. Deacon Marbury, the man in charge of this group of scholars, seeks outside help to find the murderer and even more important, to protect the ongoing work. Brother Timon, the man sent to investigate, has a secret past and blood on his hands.

DEUTERMANN, P T NIGHTWALKERS (\$31.95) (St. Martin's) Needing a break from his too-eventful detective career, Cam Richter buys a seven-hundred acre antebellum plantation, the perfect location for restful solitude. But almost immediately, Cam finds himself caught up in mischievous pranks around his land, the site of a Civil War-era massacre. When the pranks turn hostile he realizes he's been targeted by a killer who holds him responsible for something Cam is pretty sure he never did.

DOWNIE, RUTH medicus PERSONA NON GRATA (#3) (\$30)

(Bloomsbury, US) When a mysterious note arrives consisting of the words "come home", Gaius Petreius Ruso is forced to give up his career as a military doctor in Britannia and go back to his home in Gaul. But all is not well on the home front and no one admits to having sent for him. Sequel to Medicus and Terra Incognita (\$16.50 each)

[DOYLE] GILBERT, PAUL D CHRONICLES OF SHERLOCK HOLMES (\$34.95) A collection of stories that Watson did not or could not release to the public until just now. Unfortunately, it seems that more stock might be a while in arriving, but feel free to place an order and we'll do what we can. From the author of Lost Files of Sherlock Holmes (#1) (\$37.95), which seems equally elusive.

[DOYLE] ROBERTSON, MICHAEL BAKER STREET LETTERS (\$31.95) (Minotaur) Two brother lawyers lease office space on Baker Street in London. They wondered why the rent was so cheap, until they read the fine print in the lease: they have to answer every letter addressed to Sherlock Holmes that arrives at their office. Intrigued by one of the letter recently received, the younger brother digs through the files and discovers that an eight-year-old girl had sent Sherlock Holmes a letter twenty years ago to say her dad had disappeared. Contrary to the terms of their lease the brothers head to California to find the young woman. Marian is part way through this as we write this and says she is enjoying it.

EGAN, K J WHERE IT LIES (\$27.95) (Minotaur) Jenny Chase, assistant pro at the Harbor Terrace Country Club in the charming town of Poningo, discovers the body of greenskeeper Rick Gilbert hanging from the rafters. The police rule the death suicide, but Jenny has her doubts. With a \$2 million insurance policy at stake and Rick's wife insisting he didn't kill himself, Jenny investigates.

EVANOVICH, JANET plum FINGER LICKIN' FIFTEEN (#15) (\$35.95) (St. Martin's) A celebrity chef is beheaded in front of Lula and now the bad guys are trying to kill her. Stephanie Plum, working overtime at Rangeman, comes to the rescue, with a little help from Grandma Mazur.

FAHY, WARREN FRAGMENT (\$28.95) (Delacorte) The Trident, a long-range research vessel hired by the reality TV show Sea-life, lands near tiny Henders Island. When the scientists reach the island's shores they are unprepared for what they find: creatures unlike any ever recorded in natural history. This is not an island frozen in time but the earth as it might have looked after evolving on a separate path of half a billion years. One life form on the island must be saved at any cost. A debut thriller, which got a starred review from Publishers Weekly.

FUERST, JAMES HUGE (\$17.99)

FULMER, DAVID BLUE DOOR (\$33.95) (Houghton Mifflin) Welterweight boxer Eddie Cero is out of the ring with an injury but it doesn't stop him from stepping in to help an older man being beat up in a Philadelphia alley. The victim, a private detective, buys him a drink and offers him a job.

GABBAY, TOM TEHRAN CONVICTION (\$29.95) (Morrow) Tehran 1953. Jack Teller, a new recruit to the CIA, finds himself in Iran posing as a high-level American oil executive, as part of Operation Ajax, the agency's first attempt to overthrow the government of a sovereign nation. Twenty years later, Jack returns to a very different Iran. The country is in the grip of a religious revolution, and the streets of the capital city are filled with daily rantings against the Great Satan. Jack's attempt to save one man from Islamic justice leads him into the heart of an emerging struggle between the West and a new and dangerous ideology.

GALE, IAIN jack steel BROTHERS IN ARMS (#3) (\$29.95) Sequel to Man of Honour (#1) (\$15.95) and Rules of War (#2) (\$17.95).

GARCIA-ROZA, LUIZ ALFREDO ALONE IN THE CROWD (#7) (\$29.50) (Henry Holt) An elderly lady approaches the front desk at the Twelfth Precinct in Copacabana and demands to speak with the chief. But she leaves before seeing him. Two hours later,

Dona Laureta is dead and witnesses' accounts vary as to whether she was pushed or fell in front of the bus that killed her. Veteran police chief Inspector Espinosa investigates.

GARDNER, LISA NEIGHBOR (\$28.95) (Bantam) A young, pretty mother disappears without a trace leaving behind her four-year daughter and her handsome secretive husband. But from the moment Detective Sergeant D.D. Warren arrives at the Joneses' snug little bungalow, she senses something is not right.

GASH, JONATHAN lovejoy FACES IN THE POOL (#24) (\$39.95) Shame that the early Lovejoys, at the very least, are not still in print. Maybe a job for the Rue Morgues or Felony and Mayhems of the mystery world? Lovejoy has been wrongly imprisoned, again. So when he is offered a way out by visitor Ellen Jaynor, he takes it, although it soon becomes clear that there are conditions attached. He might have been in prison!

GENELIN, MICHAEL DARK DREAMS (#2) (\$33) (Soho) Jana and Sofia were best friends as schoolmates in communist Czechoslovakia. Jana is now a commander in the police force of post-communist Slovakia and Sofia is a fiercely independent political reformer. When Sofia finds herself in trouble she turns to Jana for help. The first in the series is the terrific Siren of the Waters (\$18).

GIBBINS, DAVID TIGER WARRIOR (\$34.95) (Headline) 1879. Lieutenant John Howard of the Royal Engineers witnesses something in an Indian jungle that is so unspeakable it changes him forever. Years later he vanishes, and his disappearance is never solved. Present day marine biologist Jack Howard, diving off the coast of Egypt, uncovers something buried deep in the sea floor. It's an astonishing find that could hold the key to a discovery of earth-shattering proportions. But Jack doesn't know this yet.

GRABENSTEIN, CHRIS ceepak MIND SCRAMBLER (#5) (\$31.95) (Minotaur) Sea Haven, New Jersey, police officers John Ceepak and Danny Boyle are on leave in Atlantic City when Danny runs into his longtime friend and former crush, Katie, who is working as a nanny for a magician. When Katie is found strangled it's up to Ceepak and Danny to find out who did it.

GRANGER, ANN cotswold MUD MUCK AND DEAD THINGS (#1) (\$34.95) (Headline) The start of a new series set in the Cotswold featuring Superintendent Ian Grant and Inspector Jess Campbell. With very few leads the two investigate the murder of a dead girl, found in the middle of nowhere.

GRANT, ANDREW EVEN (#1) (\$31.95) (Minotaur) David Trevelyan is a survivor from the shadowy world of the Royal Naval Intelligence Division, currently in New York City finishing up a job. Finding a dead body on his way back to his hotel, he is arrested by the police and soon handed over to the FBI. It seems he's been set up. Great action, full of twists, nasty bad guys, just a fabulous read. **Andrew Grant** is the brother of **Lee Child** and David Trevelyan could be the brother of Jack Reacher. See *Marian's Picks*. See *Cottage Lady's Picks*.

GRIPPANDO, JAMES INTENT TO KILL (\$33.99)

GUILLOU, JAN ROAD TO JERUSALEM (#1) (\$33.99 hardcover, \$22.99 trade paperback) (Harper) Originally published in Swedish in 1998, this is the English translation of the first in The Crusades Trilogy. Born in 1150 to a noble family in the Kingdom of Western Gotland, young Arn Magnusson is sent by his family to do holy work in the service of God. Observing the boy's talent with horse, sword and bow, Father Henri, trusting in God's will, sends his charge into the world to fulfill a destiny that lies beyond the cloister walls. Huge success in Sweden.

HAINES, CAROLYN bones GREEDY BONES (#9) (\$31.99) (Minotaur) Sarah Booth Delaney, a Southern belle known for abiding by tradition only when it suits her, hurries home to Mississippi when a vicious illness, which begins with burning fevers and delirium, seems to be spreading. The Centers for Disease Control is on the scene but it can find no cure for it or for the boll weevils that are deci-

ating Sunflower County's cotton crops.

HALL, TARQUIN TCOT MISSING SERVANT (\$29.99) (McClelland & Stewart) Vish Puri, India's self-styled Most Private Investigator, is portly, persistent and unmistakably Punjabi. When an honest public litigator is accused of murdering a maidservant he barely remembers, a girl who disappeared three months earlier, he turns to Puri for his help and discretion. See *Marian's Picks*.

HARRISON, CORA STING OF JUSTICE (#3) (\$34.99 hardcover, \$19.99 trade paperback) The year is 1509 and the end of summer see the people of the Burren, in the west of Ireland, getting ready for the winter to come. When Lady judge Mara attends the funeral of a local priest, the last thing she expects to find is a corpse, stung to death by bees, lying dead on the steps of the church. Mara is convinced this was not a tragic accident. The victim was a greedy and feared man, a wealthy silver-mine owner and moneylender, whose list of debtors included the man Mara is about to marry. The other two in the series are My Lady Judge and Michaelmas Tribute (\$14.99 each). **HART, JOHN** LAST CHILD (\$31.95) (Minotaur) Thirteen-year-old Johnny Merriman doesn't believe his twin sister, Alyssa, is dead, even though she vanished over a year ago. Determined to find her, he risks everything to explore the dark side of his hometown. But Johnny is not as alone as he thinks. Detective Clyde Hunt has never stopped looking for Alyssa either, and he has a soft spot for Johnny. He watches over the boy and tries to keep him safe, but when Johnny uncovers a dangerous lead and vows to follow it, Hunt has no choice but to intervene.

HARVEY, JOHN FAR CRY (\$37.95) (Heinemann) Ruth and Simon Pierce are shattered when they hear that their daughter, Heather, has disappeared. The loss destroys their marriage but time does heal and Ruth remarries and has another daughter. The chances that history could repeat itself are next-to-impossible, that is, until years later, a desperate phone call launches DI Will Grayson and his partner, DS Helen Walker, into an investigation which will test their professional and emotional resources to the very limit.

HAYMAN, JAMES CUTTING (\$31.95) (Minotaur) Detective Sergeant Michael McCabe moved to Portland, Maine, from New York City to get away from the violence of the big city. But as you can guess, that doesn't happen. The body of a pretty teenager is discovered with her heart surgically removed and, later the same day, a young businesswoman, also a blonde and an athlete, is abducted while jogging on city streets. With the help of his straight talking partner, Maggie Savage, McCabe begins a race against time to rescue the missing woman and unmask a sadistic killer. A debut novel.

HILL, REGINALD dalzielact MIDNIGHT FUGUE (#22) (\$54) (Harper Collins, UK) Dalziel and Pascoe have twenty-four hours to tie up the loose ends of four stories. "Absolutely brilliant", says JD. See *JD's Picks*.

HILTON, MATT jo hunter DEAD MEN,S DUST (#1) (\$35) Joe Hunter solves problems. Or, as he likes to put, he's "the weapon sent in when all the planning is done and all that's left if the ass kicking." And as a former military operative and ex-CIA agent, he's good at what he does. The first in a five-book deal. . .

HINCHCLIFFE, SALLY OUT OF A CLEAR SKY (\$24.95) (Macmillan) After her lover abandons her, Manda finds solace in bird watching, a hobby her ex-partner introduced her to. The birds provide Manda with an escape from her troubled past, and uncertain future. But then she falls prey to the ever more sinister attentions of another birdwatcher. As the harassment builds up, she is forced to flee. We have a few **autographed copies** of this debut novel at \$50.

HITCHCOCK, JANE STANTON MORTAL FRIENDS (\$33.99) (Harper) When the latest victim of the "Beltway Basher" is found in the woods of Montrose Park, Reven Lynch's favourite jogging spot, her crime-loving antenna goes up. The murder makes Reven and her best friend, Violet Bolton, reconsider their running route but that's

not the only change in her routine. Her chic Georgetown neighbourhood isn't accustomed to brutal slayings, and when the smooth, enigmatic Detective Gunner shows up in her antique shop, asking pointed questions, Reven's left wondering how close to home the killings are. **HOUSEWRIGHT, DAVID** rush JELLY'S GOLD (#6) (\$27.95) (Minotaur) Rushmore McKenzie, a retired St. Paul policeman and unexpected millionaire, often works as an unlicensed P.I. doing favours as it suits him. When two graduate students show up with a story about \$8 million in missing gold from the thirties, McKenzie is intrigued. Turns out that others are looking for the gold as well. **HOWE, KATHERINE** PHYSICK BOOK OF DELIVERANCE DANE (\$33.99) (Voice) Just a terrific read says Marian. See *Marian's Picks*. See *Cottage Lady's Picks*.

IGNATIUS, DAVID INCREMENT (\$33.50) (Norton) An Iranian scientist who calls himself Dr. Ali sends an encrypted message to the CIA. Harry Pappas, chief of Persia House, has to decide if it's for real. Dr. Ali sends more secrets of the Iranian bomb program to the Agency, then panics. He's being followed but he doesn't know who's onto him, and neither does Pappas. To get his agent out, Pappas turns to a secret British spy team known as "The Increment" whose operatives carry the modern version of the double-O 'license to kill'.

ILES, GREG DEVILS PUNCHBOWL (\$29.99) (Scribner) Prosecuting attorney, Penn Cage, returns to his hometown of Natchez, Mississippi, as mayor to restore it to its former glory. It seems, however, that the only way to do this is by turning to casino gambling. Now, five fantastical steamboats float on the river beside the old slave market at Natchez. But one of the steamboats is not what it seems and Cage has to go it alone to find the men responsible for murdering a childhood friend who brings him evidence of the blood sport, and all the vice that goes with it, happening on the steamboat.

JECKS, MICHAEL NO LAW IN THE LAND (#27) (\$34.95) Keeper of the King's Peace, Sir Baldwin de Furnshill, and his friend, Bailiff Simon Puttock, inform King Edward II that his estranged wife, Queen Isabella, is set on defying him. Enraged, Eddie dismisses them. Talk about shooting the messenger.

JOHNSON, CRAIG walt DARK HORSE (#5) (\$31) (Viking) Wade Barsad locks his wife's horses in their barn and burns it down. She, in turn, shoots him six times in the head. Walt Longmire goes undercover as an insurance claims investigator to get to the bottom of the mystery. See *JD's Picks*.

JOHNSON, DENIS NOBODY MOVE (\$24.99)

KAMINSKY, STUART fonesca BRIGHT FUTURES (#6) (\$26.95) (Forge) Lew Fonesca lost his wife four years ago in a tragic hit-and-run and has still not recovered. Now living in Sarasota, he does small-time criminal investigations and if he needs to bend the letter of the law, he does.

KERNICK, SIMON TARGET (\$34.95) When writer Rob Fallon gets drunk one night and ends up joining his best friend's girlfriend, Jenny, back at her apartment in London's West End, he's feeling guilty before anything happened. But guilt quickly turns to shock when two men break into the apartment, abduct Jenny, and try to kill Rob. He escapes, miraculously, but cannot interest the police in the incident. Even Jenny's father doesn't believe him, claiming that she's on holidays abroad. Is he going mad?

KHOURY, RAYMOND SIGN (\$33.50) (Dutton) The world watches as a shimmering sphere of light suddenly appears in the sky and then disappears just as mysteriously. Journalist Gracie Logan and Matt Sherwood chase down the story of a lifetime. From the author of The Last Templar and The Sanctuary (\$10.99 each).

KNOPF, CHRIS sam aquillo HARD STOP (#4) (\$29.95) (Random House, Canada) After finally achieving some measure of peace and contentment on Long Island, Sam Acquillo is yet again an accidental player in other people's dramas. A woman vital to the private life of a very important person has gone missing in the Hamptons

and it looks like the best way to get her back is to extort Sam's corporation. The first three in the series are The Last Refuge, Two Time and Head Wounds (\$17.95 each).

KNOX, TOM GENESIS SECRET (\$33.50)

KONRATH, J A CHERRY BOMB (\$31.50) (Hyperion) You might remember that at the end of Fuzzy Navel (\$9.99) one of Jacqueline "Jack" Daniels's loved one is dead. But who? This novel opens at the funeral. And, the killer, not one to miss such a tender moment, calls Jack and taunts her. Oh, the dastardly villain.

LAKE, DERYN DEATH AND THE BLACK PYRAMID

(\$38.95) (Severn House) Apothecary John Rawlings has been summoned to Devon by his mistress. He sets off for Exeter on board the stagecoach with fellow passengers: a large and talkative German lady; Cuthbert Simms, a dance-master; and Jack Beef, the Black Pyramid, a bare-knuckle fighter. Before the journey's end a man has been found murdered at the Half Moon Inn, and Rawlings is once again drawn into a complex and dangerous intrigue.

LANSDALE, JOE R hap leona VANILLA RIDE (#7) (\$29.95)

The seventh novel featuring Hap and Leonard. Some of my all time favourites novels were the early ones in this series such as Mucho Mojo (#2) (\$15.95) and Two Bear Mambo (#3) (\$16.50) but then they just got silly. So, read the first three, including Savage Season (#1) (\$15.95), and then you are on your own. Set in East Texas, featuring Hap Collins and Leonard Pine. His novel The Bottoms (\$40 trade paperback) won the 2001 Edgar for Best Novel.

LEONARD, ELMORE COMFORT TO THE ENEMY (\$57) A collection of four (three?) stories featuring Carl Wester's crime-fighting career. An expensive British import. Special order only.

LEONARD, ELMORE ROAD DOGS (\$34.99) (Morrow) Jack Foley from Out of Sight (18.99), Cundo Rey from La Brava (\$18.99) and Dawn Navarro from Riding the Rap (appears to be out of print) all appear in this novel.

LESCROART, JOHN T hardy PLAGUE OF SECRETS

(\$33.50) Another novel featuring both defense attorney Dismas Hardy and homicide lieutenant Abe Glitsky. The manager of a popular coffee shop in San Francisco's Haight-Ashbury district is shot dead and it turns out that a cup of joe was not the only fix customers were getting there. Turns out the absentee owner, the niece of the city's mayor, knew nothing of what was going on. Or did she?

LETEMENDIA, CLAIRE BEST OF MEN (\$34.99) (McClelland & Stewart) It is 1642 and Laurence Beaumont has just returned to England after six dissolute years in the European Wars. Having fled home to escape the responsibilities of his noble birthright, he served as a lowly foot soldier with the Spanish, turned coat to fight and spy for the Germans, then ended up a cardsharp in a Dutch brothel. As the clashes between King Charles I and his mutinous Parliament escalate toward full civil war, Beaumont is sucked back into espionage. He finds himself in possession of coded letters revealing a plot to assassinate the king. Marian says: This book has almost 700 pages and I read them all. Just like JD, I don't care for books that are too long but I was intrigued with the times and the history. I loved it and can hardly wait for the next one. Beaumont, for all his faults, has that gentlemanly quality to him that is most intriguing.

LEVIEN, DAVID WHERE THE DEAD LAY (#2) (\$29.95) Can't say I was particularly impressed with the first Frank Behr novel, City of the Sun (#1) (\$9.99), but a number of customers/friends whose opinions I value have disagreed with me and **Lee Child, Robert Crais, Harlan Coben**, all writers whose works I have enjoyed, would also like to disagree, so I'll say no more. In this second novel, the murder of Frank's friend and mentor has him thirsting for retaliation and the search for two missing Indianapolis Private Investigators leads Frank into the recesses of Indianapolis's underworld.

LEVINE, LAURA jaine austen KILLER CRUISE (#8) (\$26.95) (Kensington) Jaine Austen's new teaching job is on board a cruise

ship. But, as you can guess, it's not smooth sailing, especially when she finds her cat, Prozac, who has stowed away in her luggage.

LISS, DAVID weaver THE DEVIL'S COMPANY (#3) (\$28.95) London, 1722. Ruffian for hire, ex-boxer, and master of disguise, Benjamin Weaver finds himself caught in a deadly game of cat and mouse, pitted against Jerome Cobb, a wealthy and mysterious schemer who needs Weaver's strength and guile for his own treacherous plans. Sequel to Conspiracy of Paper (#1) (\$22.95) and Spectacle of Corruption (#2) (\$21). An excellent series.

LOCKE, ATTICA BLACK WATER RISING (\$31.95) (Harper) Houston, 1981. Lawyer Jay Porter saves a woman from drowning one night out on the bayou and opens a Pandora's Box. Her secrets put Jay in danger, ensnaring him in a murder investigation that could cost him his practice, his family and even his life. A debut thriller.

MACBRIDE, STUART logan BLIND EYE (#5) (\$34.95 hardcover, \$22.95 trade paperback) (Harper Collins, UK) Someone is preying on Aberdeen's growing Polish population. The pattern is always the same: men abandoned on building sites, barely alive, their eyes gouged out and the sockets burned. The sarcastic DCI Finnie is running the investigation and he's decided to make Detective Sergeant Logan McRae's life hell.

MARR, MELISSA FRAGILE ETERNITY (\$22.50) (Bowen) The third installment of Seth, Aislinn and Keenan. Seth wants to settle down with Aislinn but that's hard to do when Aislinn is the Summer Queen, made immortal by her Summer King, Keenan. The first two are Wicked Lovely (\$11.25) and Ink Exchange (\$9.99).

MCCAIN, CHARLES HONORABLE GERMAN (\$27.99) (Grand Central) When WWII begins, Max Brekendorf, a proud young German naval officer, fights for his country with honour and courage. As the war progresses and the Third Reich crumbles, Max is forced to choose between his own sense of morality and his duty to the Reich. A debut novel.

MCGILLOWAY, BRIAN devlin BLEED A RIVER DEEP (#3) (\$26.99) (Macmillan) When a controversial US envoy is attacked at the prestigious opening of a Donegal gold mine, Inspector Ben Devlin is blamed for letting the gunman through. Then an illegal immigrant is killed near the Irish border and Devlin has a chance to redeem himself. Sequel to Borderlands and Gallows Lane (\$9.99 each).

MCINTOSH, PAT cunningham STOLEN VOICE (#6) (\$33) (Soho, Constable) In Sir William's remote part of Scotland it seems almost possible that a young boy could have been kidnapped by the fairies and returned forty years later, no older. And if he's not Davie Drummond, who is he? Gil Cunningham and his wife Alys have been sent into Perthshire to investigate.

MOSBY, STEVE STILL BLEEDING (\$34.95) Alex Connor is running away from life. Paul Kearney is a policeman whose job is to look death in the eye. They are united in the murder of Alex's friend Sarah. Although her murderer has been caught, her body has not yet been found. Their search leads to a place where normal rules do not apply, where people trade murder memorabilia, a place where life is only the first thing you lose. From the author of Third Person, 50 50 Killer, Cutting Crew (\$10.99 each) and others.

OCEAN, T LYNN jersey barn SOUTHERN PERIL (#3) (\$31.95) (Minotaur) Jersey Barnes, the South's most unconventional security expert decides to retire, but does one more favour for a judge friend before she hangs up her weapons. It seems the judge's brother, Morgan, is in danger: his apartment has been burgled and someone is watching his every move. It isn't until Morgan has a close call with death that he confides in Jersey. The first two in the series are Southern Fatality (\$8.99) and Southern Poison (\$27.95 hardcover only).

OYEYEMI, HELEN WHITE IS FOR WITCHING (\$32) (Hamish Hamilton, Canada) As a child Miranda Silver developed pica, a rare eating disorder that causes its victims to consume nonedible substances. The Silver House, a converted bed-and-breakfast, manifests a

more conscious malice towards strangers than Dover, a town known for its hostility towards strangers. It dispatches those visitors it despises. Enraged by the constant stream of foreign staff and guests, the house finally unleashes its most destructive power. I don't get it, but hey, you decide.

PARKER, ROBERT B cole BRIMSTONE (#3) (\$32.50) (Putnam) Guns-for-hire Everett Hitch and Virgil Cole head to Brimstone with Allie French, the woman who stole Everett's heart in Appaloosa (\$8.99). The second in the series is Resolution (\$12.50).

PARKER, ROBERT B young CHASING THE BEAR: A YOUNG SPENSER NOVEL (\$18.50) (Philomel) Young Spenser is tough. Being brought up by his father and uncles, he's learnt to fight and he's had to prove it. But his father also taught him that sometimes one needs to walk away from a fight. When Spenser sees his friend Jeannie being taken in a boat down-river by her abusive father, he knows he has a hard decision to make. Should he trust his gut and risk his life to save Jeannie's? And if so, can he overcome such a bear of a man. A quick read at a slim 169 pages.

PATTISON, ELIOT shan LORD OF DEATH (#6) (\$34) (Soho) Former Beijing investigator Shan Tao Yun is on parole from the Tibetan gulag to which he had been consigned. He is leading a mule bearing a corpse over the slopes of Chomolungma, Everest, at the request of a local wisewoman who says the gods have assigned him the task. As he nears a road he comes upon an accident below. A government bus has overturned and illegal monks who were being transported to prison are escaping. Then Shan hears gunfire. Two women in an approaching sedan have been shot. One of them is the Chinese Minister of Tourism; the other, a blond Westerner, is an organizer of climbing expeditions. Though she dies in his arms, Shan is later met with denials that she is dead.

PELECANOS, GEORGE WAY HOME (\$27.99) (Little, Brown) Beneath the floorboards in a house he's remodeling, Christopher Flynn discovers something very tempting and troubling. Summoning every bit of maturity and every lesson he's learned the hard way, Chris leaves what he found where he found it. But when he doesn't come home from work one day, his father suspects that trouble has found Chris. Way good, says JD.

PERSONS, TERRI bernadette BLIND SIGHT (#3) (\$29.95) (Doubleday) FBI Agent Bernadette Saint Claire investigates the murder of a young pregnant woman, the daughter of a high-powered senator. The fetus had been removed from her womb and an inverted pentagram drawn on her forehead.

PHILLIPS, CHRISTI DEVLIN DIARY (\$32.99) (Pocket) Two story lines: one set in London of 1672, where women are not allowed to practice medicine, and the other, in current day Cambridge. Physician Hannah Devlin evades the College of Physicians' wrath by treating London's poor. When two influential courtiers are found brutally murdered, Hannah is drawn into a dangerous investigation by anatomist Dr. Edward Strathern, who believes the murders conceal a far-reaching conspiracy that may include Hannah's late father and King Charles II himself. In Cambridge, teaching history at Trinity College is Claire Donovan's dream come true, until one of her colleagues is found dead on the banks of the River Cam. The only key to the professor's unsolved murder is a seventeenth-century diary written by Hannah Devlin.

PICOULT, JODI HANDLE WITH CARE (\$34.99) (Atria) Every parent wants a healthy baby. Charlotte and Sam O'Keefe would have asked for one as well if they'd been given the chance. Instead, their lives are made up of sleepless nights, mounting bills, the pitying stares of "luckier" parents and, worst of all, the "what-ifs". But it's all worth it as Willow is smart, pretty and, for a five-year-old, an unexpectedly deep source of wisdom. Everything changes after a series of events that forces Charlotte and her husband to confront the most serious what-if of all. What if Charlotte should have know earlier of

Willow's illness?

PRESTON & CHILD pendergas CEMETERY DANCE (#9) (\$29.99) (Grand Central) William Smithback Jr., a prominent New York Times reporter, was killed in a brutal attack in his Upper West Side apartment in New York City. Nora Kelly, his wife, an archaeologist at the Museum of Natural History, was injured. Multiple witnesses identified the killer as a neighbour in the building, Colin Fearing: a man who, by all reports, was dead and buried ten days ago. FBI Agent Pendergast has taken an interest in the case.

RAICHEV, R T LITTLE VICTIM (#4) (\$35) (Soho Constable) A dream holiday on the south-west coast of India turns nasty for Antonia Darcy and Hugh Payne when an uninvited guest embroils them in a mysterious murder involving English landed gentry, local mafia and a high-class call girl.

RIGLER, LAURIE RUDE AWAKENINGS OF A JANE AUSTEN ADDICT (\$32.50) From the author of Confessions of a Jane Austin Addict (\$15.50). This time around Jane Mansfield awakens to find that she's Courtney Stone, in 21st century LA, living in a barred-window urban box of an apartment! How's a 19th century girl to survive? The wit and wisdom of Jane Austen will have to save her.

ROBERTSON, IMOGEN INSTRUMENTS OF DARKNESS (\$34.95) Excellent See *Mania's Picks*.

ROBINSON, PETER PRICE OF LOVE short stories (\$32.99) (McClelland & Stewart) Includes ten short stories, and one novella (which features Inspector Banks).

SANDFORD, JOHN davenport WICKED PREY (#19) (\$35) (Putnam) The Republicans are coming to St. Paul for their convention. Petty thief Randy Whitcomb blames Lucas Davenport for the stray bullet that put him in a wheelchair, and now he wants revenge on Davenport by targeting his adopted fourteen-year-old daughter. And there's a young man with the .50-calibre sniper rifle roaming the city. All in a days work for Davenport.

SCHWEGEL, THERESA LAST KNOWN ADDRESS (\$31.99) A serial rapist is on the prowl in Chicago and Detective Sloane Pearson, new to the Sex Crimes Division but no stranger to being treated like an incompetent blonde by her hardened male co-workers, is working as hard as she can to solve the case. Her superiors are not helping and her father's ill health is not making things any easier. But someone has to take up the fight. From the author of Officer Down (\$9.99), winner of the Best First Edgar 2006, Person of Interest (\$9.99) and Probable Cause (\$8.99).

SEFTON, MAGGIE kelly flyn DROPPED DEAD STITCH (#7) (\$31) (Berkley) Kelly Flynn's friend Jennifer is a top-notch knitter, and a bit of a party girl. As Jennifer recovers from an encounter with a stranger who followed her home one night, she looks to Kelly and her fellow knitters for comfort and support. Deciding on a retreat in the mountains, knitting and talking, the gang heads up to a ranch in picturesque Poudre Canyon. It turns out the owner of the ranch is Jennifer's attacker. The man is found dead a few days later.

SIMS, ELIZABETH farmer EXTRA (#2) (\$32.95) (Minotaur) Rita Farmer, studying to be a lawyer, has scrounged an acting job to keep herself and her son afloat. Decked out in a police uniform as an extra on a low budget movie shoot, she wanders into a rough part of town and is pulled into a vicious assault. The first in the series is The Actress (still no sign of the paperback).

SMITH, TOM ROB SECRET SPEECH (\$27.99) (Grand Central) Soviet Union, 1956. Stalin is dead and a violent regime is beginning to fracture, leaving behind a society where the police are criminals and the criminals are innocent. From the author of Child 44 (\$9.50) which won the (British) CWA's Ian Fleming Steel Dagger Award.

SMITH, WILBUR courtney ASSEGAI (\$34.95) (Macmillan) It is 1913 and Leon Courtney, ex-soldier now a professional big-game hunter, is in British East Africa, guiding rich and powerful men from America and Europe on safaris. One of his clients is German industri-

alist Count Otto von Meerbach, who has a company which builds aircraft and vehicles for the Kaiser's burgeoning army. Just before the outbreak of World War I Leon is recruited by his uncle, Penrod Ballyntyne, Commander of the British Forces in East Africa, to gather information from von Meerbach.

STANLEY, MICHAEL kubu SECOND DEATH OF GOODLUCK TINUBU (#2) (\$33.99) (Harper) Normally a peaceful wilderness retreat, the Jackalberry bush camp in Botswana has become a ghastly crime scene and the details are still emerging when Detective David "Kubu" Bengu is assigned to the case. Zimbabwean teacher Goodluck Tinubu and another tourist have been found bludgeoned to death. A startling piece of forensic evidence from Tinubu's murder adds a complicated twist to the investigation. The first in the series is A Carrion Death (\$18.99).

TANENBAUM, ROBERT CAPTURE (#21) (\$34) The death of a rising starlet from Spanish Harlem has New York District Attorney Butch Karp and his wife Marlene Ciampi working overtime to prove that the "troubled" actress did not commit suicide. Meanwhile, a shadowy international power group called the Sons of Man Kidnap Karp's daughter, Lucy, as she attempts to thwart the latest terrorist threat against New York City.

THOMPSON, VICTORIA MURDER ON WAVERLY PLACE (#11) (\$31) (Berkley) As a mid-wife and a sleuth, Sarah Brandt has devoted her life to helping those in need in the tenements of turn-of-the-previous-century New York, despite the disapproval of her wealthy parents. She is not surprised when her very proper mother, who has never gotten over the death of her older daughter Maggie, asks her to attend a séance. When her mom returns for another séance, one of the attendees is murdered.

UPDIKE, JOHN MY FATHERS TEARS AND OTHER STORIES (\$32) A special order.

VAN LUSTBADER, ERIC BOURNE DECEPTION (#7) (\$30.99) (Grand Central) After Jason Bourne is ambushed and nearly killed during a retreat on the island of Bali, he fakes his own death and takes on a new identity and mission: to find his assassin. Across the globe, an American passenger airplane is shot down over Egypt by an Iranian missile and people are wondering if it was an accident or an act of aggression. A joint-international team, led by Central Intelligence Agency Director Soraya Moore, is assembled to investigate the attack. Bourne's hunt for revenge intersects with Soraya's search for the perpetrators.

VASQUEZ, IAN LONESOME POINT (\$31.95) (Minotaur) The Varela brothers are bound by a decades-old secret surrounding the events of one long-ago night during their childhood back home in their native Belize. Today, Patrick is the Miami-Dade Commissioner and a probable candidate for mayor of Miami, while his brother, Leo, is a sometimes poet and mental health worker. An old friend, recently released from prison, asks Leo to release a patient from the mental hospital where Leo works. He calls it a favour but the threat is clear to Leo, Patrick and, more dangerously, the men with a stake in Patrick's political career.

VIETS, ELAINE KILLER CUTS (#8) (\$28.50) A Dead-End Job Mystery. This time around the dead-end job is cutting hair and Helen Hawthorne is working as a gofer for the famous manager of a chic salon, where a trim can cost as much as a car payment and a blowout can wipe you out. When the salon's most famous client is murdered at his wedding, the salon's owner is implicated. Helen is determined to find out who the real murderer is.

WESTLAKE, DONALD GET REAL (#14) (\$26.99) John Dortmunder in his last caper. This time Dortmunder, Kelp, and the gang are the stars of a reality show. As the cameras roll and filming begins on one of the gang's patented nothing-can-go-wrong-until-it-does-caper, Dortmunder and Kelp, persistent and ingenious, plan a private side enterprise that will put extra money in their pockets.

WRIGHT, SALLY ben reese CODE OF SILENCE (\$39.95) (Severn House) 1947. A female linguist at a high-security US decoding and decrypting facility is murdered while trying to relay vital info. Ten years later, Ben is asked to help in tracking down a murderer guilty of breaching US security.

ZAFON, CARLOS RUIZ ANGEL'S GAME (\$34.95) (Doubleday, Canada) In an abandoned mansion at the heart of Barcelona, a young man, David Martin, makes his living by writing sensationist novels under a pseudonym. The survivor of a troubled childhood he has taken refuge in the world of books. Close to despair, David receives a letter from a reclusive French editor who makes him an offer of a lifetime. He is to write a book unlike anything that has ever existed, a book with the power to change hearts and minds. In return he will receive a fortune, and perhaps more. By the author of The Shadow of the Wind (\$19.50).

Paperbacks

ABBOTT, JEFF COLLISION (\$9.99) Ben Forsberg, a successful corporate consultant who is mourning the murder of his wife, and a shadowy CIA agent known only as "Pilgrim", are thrown together by a violent, unexpected event. Unsure who to trust, and pursued by a brutal and vengeful killer, the unlikely partners have no choice but to work together as they race against time to discover who has targeted them for elimination and why.

ABBOTT, MEGAN BURY ME DEEP (\$19.99)

AIRD, CATHERINE sloan HIS BURIAL TOO (#5) (\$20) The first five DCI Sloan mysteries have now been reissued by those really clever people at Rue Morgue Press.

AIRD, CATHERINE LOSING GROUND (#21) (\$21) The expensive UK mass market paperback edition of the latest Detective Chief Inspector Sloan and Detective Constable Crosby mystery. When an eighteenth-century painting is stolen from the old manor house, moments before it goes up in flames, Sloan and Crosby are called in to investigate. Although we say expensive UK editions, the option is the \$20 US trade paperbacks. What's a dollar? A read is a read.

AIRTH, RENNIE RIVER OF DARKNESS (#1) and BLOOD DIMMED TIDE (#2) (\$17.50 each). The first two John Madden novels, reissued in lovely trade paperback editions to tie in with the release of the third. River was set soon after the end of WW1 and Blood, in 1932, after Madden has retired from the force. And then...

AIRTH, RENNIE DEAD OF WINTER (#3) (\$24) It is now late 1944 and during a blackout on the streets of London on a freezing evening in late 1944, a young Polish girl, Rosa, is killed. For the police, their resources already stretched by war regulations and the thriving black market, this is a random crime. Who would want to murder an innocent refugee? For former police Inspector John Madden the crime hits close to home. Rosa was working on his farm and he feels personally responsible for not protecting her. There will be a US hardcover edition soon (\$34.99) if you would prefer a hardcover.

ALEXANDER, LAWRENCE RUBICON (\$10.99) The unthinkable, a conspiracy to disrupt the US Presidential election, has been uncovered by Bobby Hart, senator from California, who has decided not to run for the presidency.

ALEXANDER, TASHA ashton FATAL WALTZ (#3) (\$17.99) 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 sus-

pected. 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).

ALT, MADELYN maggie oneil WHERE THERE'S A WITCH (#5) (\$9.99) A carnival has rolled into town and Maggie joins in the revelry but comes across a heated argument between a construction worker and a young woman. When the woman turns up dead, the fingers point to the worker. This is the same worker who had part of a crew that unearthed a burial cellar—along with something supernatural. Is this significant?

ALTUN, SELCUK SONGS MY MOTHER NEVER TAUGHT ME (\$18)

ANDREWS, DONNA langslow COCKATIELS AT SEVEN (#9) (\$8.99) 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).

ARELLANO, ROBERT HAVANA LUNAR (\$20)

BAJO, DAVID 351 BOOKS OF IRMA ARCURI (\$18.50)

Through most of his adult life mathematician Philip Masryk has carried on a love affair with Irma Arcuri. Now Irma has disappeared and left Philip what appears to be an inheritance: her entire library of 351 books, gloriously rebound and in five instances written by Irma herself. Buried in the text of the restored library lie the secrets of her disappearance and, in the novels Irma has written, the story of her elusive, romantic past with Philip. Philip, a high math genius who sees equations in every facet of life, reads the novels, but as he does he begins to sense a more profound and troubling design at work.

BALE, TOM SKIN AND BONES (\$24.95) On a cold January morning a deranged young man goes on a rampage in a small Sussex village. He shoots everyone in his path before taking his own life. Everyone believes it was a senseless, tragic event. Only Julia Trent, believed to be the sole survivor, knows that there was a second man involved. But after being shot and badly injured, her account of the massacre is ignored. She cannot let it rest there. Together with Craig Walker, the journalist son of one of the victims, Julia determines to find out the truth. As they peel back the layers of a dark and dangerous conspiracy, they discover the slaughter did not begin on that bitter day in January. And worst of all, it won't end there.

BALLARD, J G EMPIRE OF THE SUN (\$19.99) A special order.

BATTLES, BRETT quinn DECEIVED (#2) (\$9.99) Sequel to Cleaner (\$8.99). Jonathan Quinn is called in to "clean" up messes.

BEATON, M C agatha POTTED GARDENER (#3) (\$8.99) A very early Agatha Raisin mystery, now reissued.

BELL, JAMES SCOTT ty TRY DYING (#1) (\$13.50) Ty Buchanan is a rising star at his LA law firm, but the suspicious death of his girlfriend has the potential to derail all that. He investigates and finds himself the target of a killer.

BELL, TED TSAR (#5) (\$12.99) Alex Hawke, the only counter-terror agent both the Americans and the British can agree on, is the only person likely able to stop the Russian and their new Tsar from bringing the European economy to its knees and murdering Americans on instructions from the Kremlin. Sequel to Hawke (\$12.99), Assassin (\$11.99), Pirate (\$12.99) and Spy (\$12.99).

BENJAMIN, CAROL LEA SEE SPOT SIT: 101 Illustrated Tips for Training the Dog You Love (\$16.95) By the author of the Rachel Alexander and Dashiell the dog mysteries. As you can imagine, training Percy is taking up a lot of Marian's time these days. Not that he's a slow learner—no, no, I wouldn't dream of suggesting that—just that there is a lot to learn.

BENSON, RAYMOND JAMES BOND UNION TRILOGY

(\$26.99) Omnibus edition containing three Bond novels: High Time to Kill, Doubleshot, and Never Dream of Dying. As these are #s 4, 5, and 6 in the series, methinks there may well be another trilogy with the first three. I'll check.

BIDULKA, ANTHONY quant ALOHA CANDY HEARTS (#6) (\$19.95) From the calm Pacific to the storm-tossed prairie, a teasing puzzle turns into a frightening game of cat and mouse for gay PI Russell Quant. A great series.

BLACK, HOLLY IRONSIDE A MODERN FAERY'S TALE (\$9.50) A special order.

BLACK, LISA TAKEOVER (\$10.99) Forensic investigator Theresa MacLean seizes the opportunity to trade places with her injured police detective fiancé who has been taken hostage, along with six others, in a robbery at the Federal Reserve Bank in Cleveland. Once on the inside, she uses her skills to gain control of the situation. But what initially appears to be a bank heist turns into something far more deadly and Theresa must decide how much she is willing to sacrifice in order to save the lives of innocent people as well as her own. A debut novel.

BLACKWELL, JULIET SECONDHAND SPIRITS (#1) (\$8.50) **Juliet Blackwell** is one half of the Hailey Lind sister team who writes the art mysteries set in San Francisco. In this new series, she introduces Lily Ivory who is not your average witch. Lily hopes for a normal life when she opens Aunt Cora's Closet in San Francisco. With her magical knack for vintage fashion, she can sense vibrations of the past from clothing and jewelry, her store becomes a big hit. But when a client is murdered and children start disappearing from the Bay Area, Lily may be the only one who can unravel the crime. "Loved it", says Marian.

BLAKE, NICHOLAS THOU SHELL OF DEATH (\$20) The second Nigel Strangeways novel, sequel to A Question of Proof (\$20), first published in 1936. Both are classics of the genre.

BLOCK, LAWRENCE HIT AND RUN (#4) (\$10.99) 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. Sequel to Hit Man, Hit List and Hit Parade (\$10.99 each).

BODYCOMBE, DAVID PENGUIN POCKET SUDOKU 2 (\$9)

BODYCOMBE, DAVID PENGUIN SUDOKU 2009 (\$10)

BOWEN, RHYS ROYAL PAIN (#2) (\$9.99) It's London in the 1930s and Lady Georgiana, 34th 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. Sequel to the delightful Her Royal Spyness (\$8.99).

BROOKMYRE, CHRISTOPHER NOT THE END OF THE WORLD (\$18) and BOILING A FROG (\$18.50) Re-issues.

BROWN, DAN langdon ANGELS AND DEMONS - MOVIE TIE-IN (\$12.99) Released to tie-in with the movie, and to get you ready for the third in the series, Lost Symbol (\$36.95 due mid-September). Reserve your blockbuster now!

BRUEN, KEN SANCTUARY (#7) (\$11.99) When a letter containing a list of victims arrives in the post, PI Jack Taylor tells himself it has nothing to do with him. A guard and then a judge die, but it's not until a child dies that Jack decides it's time to find the killer.

BURKE, ALAFAIR ANGELS TIP (#2) (\$8.99) NYPD Detective Ellie Hatcher investigates the murder of a young, beautiful college student who spent her last night in the VIP room of an elite New York City club. As Ellie makes a case against Jake Myers, a young hedge fund manager, she begins to see similarities to three other deaths that occurred nearly a decade ago. Sequel to Dead Connection (\$9.99).

BURKE, JAMES LEE robicheau SWAN PEAK (#17) (\$12.99) Sequel to Black Cherry Blues, the third novel in the series.

BURKE, JAMES LEE RAIN GODS (#5) (\$19.99 trade paperback, \$32 hardcover). See the hardcover section for an annotation.

CAINE, RACHEL vampires FEAST OF FOOLS (#4), LORD OF MISRULE (#5) and CARPE CORPUS (#6) (\$8.50 each). Special orders in her vampire series.

CAMPBELL, AIFRIC SEMANTICS OF MURDER (\$24)

CANADEO, ANNE maggie WHILE MY PRETTY ONE KNITS (#1) (\$18.99) When Black Sheep Knitting Shop owner Maggie is accused of murder her knitting club must race to find the real killer. The sequel, Knit Purl Die (#2) (\$18.99), is due December 09.

CARTER, SAMMI abby shaw SUCKER PUNCH (#5) (\$8.50) No visit to Paradise, Colorado, is complete without a stop at Divinity candy shop for a little taste of heaven. Even if Abby Shaw, the owner, has had to give up sweet making for sleuthing. Includes candy recipes. The series debut was Candy Apple Dead (#1) (\$7.50).

CARTER, STEPHEN L PALACE COUNCIL (\$17.50) From the author of the best-selling Emperor of Ocean Park (\$10.99) and New England White (\$16.95), a gripping political thriller set in the era of Watergate and Vietnam.

CHILD, LEE reacher HARD WAY (#10) (\$11.99) A new edition of a Reacher novel that Marian just loved... On the trail of a vicious kidnapper, Jack Reacher is learning secrets about his latest employer he would rather not. He's beginning to realize that Edward Lane is hiding something. Something dirty. Something big.

CHRISTOPHER, PAUL SWORD OF THE TEMPLARS (#5) (\$9.99)

CLARK, MARTIN LEGAL LIMIT (\$17.50) From the author of Many Aspects of Mobile Home Living (\$21) and Plain Heathen Mischief (\$20).

COLES, MANNING FIFTH MAN (#6) (\$20) Another Tommy Hambledon mystery, reissued by Rue Morgue Press. Five English POWs are recruited by the Nazis to be trained as spies and returned to England to work for Germany. Four are quickly "neutralized", leaving... a great read, of course.

CONNOLLY, JOHN LOVERS (\$19.99 trade paperback. \$34 hard cover.) See the Hardcover section for an annotation.

CONNOLLY, SHEILA ROTTEN TO THE CORE (#2) (\$8.50) The first in the Orchard Mysteries series is One Bad Apple (\$7.50), which Marian loved.

COOK, THOMAS MASTER OF THE DELTA (\$18.95) 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, GLENN LIBRARY OF THE DEAD (\$21.99) A debut novel. What ties together the birth of the seventh son of a seventh son on 7/7/777, Winston Churchill being called out of retirement in 1947 to deal with an unprecedented archaeological discover, Area 51 in Nevada, and a serial murderer in present-day New York? You're just gonna have to read this novel to find out!

COPP, RICK FINGERPRINTS AND FACELIFTS (#1) (\$8.49)

CORNWELL, BERNARD AZINCOURT (\$10.99) I'm going to quote from the dust jacket cover: "Azincourt is one of the epic battles of history. It was fought by two badly matched armies that met in atrocious conditions on St. Crispin's Day in 1415, and resulted in an extraordinary victory that was celebrated in England long before Shakespeare immortalized it in Henry V. It has always been held to be the triumph of the longbow against the armoured knight, and of the common man against the feudal aristocrat, but those are history's myths." Nicholas Hook is an English archer who has been trouble since his birth. His headstrong behaviour takes him from England, across the channel to France, and ultimately to Agincourt.

CORNWELL, BERNARD grail The three novels in the Grail Quest series have now been reissued in trade paperback: Harlequin (#1), Vagabond (#2), and Heretic (#3) (\$17.95 each).

CORNWELL, PATRICIA at risk team FRONT (#2) (\$9.99) 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.

COX, MICHAEL GLASS OF TIME (\$21) The subtitle is The Secret Life of Miss Esperanza Gorst Narrated by Herself. In the autumn of 1876, nineteen-year-old orphan Esperanza Gorst arrives at the great country house of Evenwood to be interviewed for the position of lady's-maid by the Baroness Tansor, the former Miss Emily Carteret. But Esperanza is no ordinary servant. She has been sent by her guardian, the mysterious Madame de l'Orme. Her task is to uncover the dark and dangerous secrets her new mistress has sought to conceal, and to set right a past injustice in which Esperanza's own closest interests are bound up. By the author of The Meaning of Night (\$21 trade paperback).

CRASKE, DARREN EQUIVOQUE PRINCIPLE (\$17.95) This is the first in what is advertised as "the Cornelius Quaint trilogy." Dr. Marvello's Travelling Circus has come to Victorian London, and a series of savage murders involves the circus folk. Prime suspect is Promethues, the gentle giant, and it's up to Quaint to clear his name.

CROMBIE, DEBORAH WHERE MEMORIES LIE (#12) (\$10.99) 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.

DAVIDSON, ANDREW GARGOYLE (\$21) When a man crashes his car and is horribly burnt and disfigured, he spends his days thinking about how to commit suicide, should he be discharged from hospital. But then a beautifully and compelling, but clearly unhinged, sculptress of gargoyles, by the name of Marianne Engel, appears at the foot of his bed and insists that they were once lovers in medieval Germany. In her telling, he was a badly injured mercenary and she was a nun and scribe in the famed monastery of Engelthal who nursed him back to health. She renews his desire to live and he falls in love with her again.

DAVIDSON, EILEEN DIAL EMMY FOR MURDER (#2) (\$8.50) The second in the Soap Opera mystery series, sequel to Death in Daytime (\$7.50). The soaps can be a dirty business.

DAVIS, KRISTA DIVA TAKES THE CAKE (#2) (\$8.50) Sequel to Diva Runs Out of Thyme (#1) (\$7.50). Sophie's sister Hannah is getting married. But when the groom's ex-wife is found hanging from a tree, the Domestic Diva fears her sister is about to wed a killer...

DOUGLAS, CAROLE NELSON mi CAT IN A SAPPHIRE SLIPPER (#20) (\$9.99) When Temple Barr's beloved aunt Kit tried to find Mr. Right for Temple, she actually found her Mr. Right. Kit has fallen for one of the Fontana brothers, a silver-tongued reputed ex-mobster with a heart of gold. But the bachelor party goes haywire and the entire party is hijacked and taken to a remote desert ranch where the women are wild and the sex is legal. Ill at ease at the ranch is Temple's own Matt Devine, ex-priest turned talk show host. He stumbles over the dead body of a naked woman, and, well, it's a good job Midnight Louie is along to help.

[DOYLE]PEACOCK, SHANE boy holmes EYE OF THE CROW (#1) (\$11.99) A bitter boy dreams of a better life in the spring of 1867 in a fog shrouded London. He is the son of a Jewish intellectual and a highborn lady, impoverishment the cost of their mixed marriage. The boy's name is Sherlock Holmes. Strangely compelled to revisit the scene of a nasty murder, Sherlock meets the young Arab

wrongly accused of the crime. The rest is history. This is written for young adults but will appeal to all ages.

DRUMMOND, JACK AVALANCHE (\$10.99) The most dangerous and the most exciting ski race in the world has the largest prize, a \$12 million diamond, put up a mysterious Russian billionaire. Can a race be worth that much or does someone have an ulterior motive? When an avalanche strikes, the answer will become known.

DUNS, JEREMY paul dark FREE AGENT (#1) (\$19.99) British agent Paul Dark took part in all sorts of secret missions during the war and was by and large considered to have done a good job. In 1969 a KGB colonel defects and some of the information he has makes Paul look not so good. His arrest seems imminent. Now what? Fight or flight? **William Boyd**, author of the excellent novel, Restless (\$21), says "A wholly engrossing and sophisticated spy novel... Fascinating and compelling."

ERIKSSON, KJELL lindell DEMON OF DAKAR (#3) (\$17.95) Sequel to Princess of Burundi (\$15.95) and Cruel Stars of the Night (\$14.50). and a Cottage Lady's Pick in the May 2008 issue

EVANOVICH, JANET plum FEARLESS FOURTEEN (#14) (\$9.99) 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.

FAULKS, SEBASTIAN DEVIL MAY CARE (#1) (\$19.95 trade paperback, \$10.99 mass market paperback). The first Bond novel from the latest **Ian Fleming**.

FERRARIS, ZOE FINDING NOUF (\$18.95) Terrific. See *J.D.'s Picks*. Can't wait for the next one.

FLEMING, JAMES doig WHITE BLOOD (#1) (\$17.50) The nephew of **Ian Fleming** writing another historical novel, this one set in Russia in the years leading up to the Bolshevik Revolution. Charlie Doig, a naturalist, is living life large—wine, women and more women—finding and collecting animals from all corners of the earth. But events conspire to send him home to Russia and the 1917 revolution. The sequel, Cold Blood (\$19.95), is due November 2009.

FLINT, SHAMINI INSPECTOR SINGH INVESTIGATES: A MOST PECULIAR MALAYSIAN MURDER (\$21) Insp. Singh has been sent from his home in Singapore to Kuala Lumpur to investigate a murder that has him stumped. Chelsea Lew, the famous Singaporean model, is on death row for the killing of her husband. She had the motive and the means, but Insp. Singh is convinced that she is innocent. How to prove it? How to get the Malaysian police to help?

FOWLER, CHRISTOPHER SEVENTY SEVEN CLOCKS (#3) (\$15) Bryant and May of London's Peculiar Crimes Unit... a terrific series. There are six novels in the series now, Full Dark House (\$8.99) and Water Room (\$9.99) being the first two, with #7 due in November.

FOX, ANGIE DANGEROUS BOOK FOR DEMON SLAYERS (#2) (\$9.99) Sequel to The Accidental Demon Slayer (#1) (\$8.99). Our heroine finds out that she's a demon slayer. I think the talking terrier told her so...

FRANCIS, DICK SILKS (\$9.99) Co-written with **Felix Francis**. When defense barrister Geoffrey Mason hears the lenient sentence that his arrogant young client, Julian Trent, is given, he is shocked. And little did he suspect that he would be looking Trent in the eyes again much sooner than he ever imagined. Putting aside his barrister's wig, Mason heads to Sandown to don his racing silks. An amateur jockey, his true passion is steeplechasing. When a fellow rider is brutally murdered, and one of the other jockeys is suspected, he reluctantly finds himself the centre of everything.

FRENCH, NICCI WHAT TO DO WHEN SOMEONE DIES

(\$10.99) One of the things not to do when someone, say, your husband, dies in a car accident with a strange woman passenger is to shout, loudly, that he was murdered. Because then people start thinking “the lady doth protest too much, methinks” and you start to look pretty guilty.

FULLERTON, ALEXANDER SUBMARINER (\$10.99) Malta, 1942. Lieutenant Mike Nicholson commands the Ursa, one of the 10th Submarines Flotilla’s boats who in their time destroyed more than a million tons of war supplies shipped from Italian ports to Rommel’s Afrika Korps in the Western Desert. But Mike is scheduled for one last patrol before his departure back to England, and there is a superstition that’s grown up in the flotilla, effectively that ‘last patrols’ all too often are exactly that.

FULMER, DAVID BLUE DOOR (\$18.95 trade paperback, \$33.95 hardcover) From the author of the Valentin St. Cyr novels—Chasing the Devil’s Tail, Jazz, Rampart Street (\$19 each) which dealt with the New Orleans jazz and blues scene. This stand-alone novel centres on the Philadelphia rhythm and blues scene just before the British invasion. Welterweight boxer Eddie Cero ends up working for a PI, a guy he rescued from a beating, and ends up looking into a cold case involving a missing soul singer.

FURST, ALAN active SPIES OF WARSAW (\$17.50) 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.

GALENORN, YASMINE dartigo DEMON MISTRESS (#4) (\$9.99)

GARCIA MARQUEZ, GABRIEL LOVE IN THE TIME OF CHOLERA (\$19.95) and ONE HUNDRED YEARS OF SOLITUDE (\$16.25) Special orders.

GARCIA-ROZA, LUIZ ALFREDO BLACKOUT (#6) (\$19) Insp. Espinoza, set in Rio.

GARDNER, LISA quincy/rain SAY GOODBYE (#6) (\$10.99) The story prostitute Delilah Rose tells FBI Special Agent Kimberly Quincy, 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!

GENELIN, MICHAEL SIREN OF THE WATERS (#1) (\$18) 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”.

GILSTRAP, JOHN NO MERCY (\$8.49)

GOOLRICK, ROBERT RELIABLE WIFE (\$22.99) A special order.

GRABENSTEIN, CHRIS ceepak HELL HOLE (#4) (\$18.95) John Ceepak, former MP and now Chief of Police of the Sea Haven, New Jersey, police squad, investigates the alleged suicide of a soldier recently returned from Iraq. Ceepak and his wise-cracking partner, Danny Boyle, suspect foul play, but who would want to kill the corporal? Others in the series are Tilt-a-Whirl (\$19.50), Mad Mouse (\$19.50) and Whack a Mole (\$32.50).

GREGORY, PHILIPPA OTHER QUEEN (\$17.95) This is the story of the captive years of Mary Queen of Scots. Mary, in flight from the rebels in Scotland, has trusted her cousin Elizabeth I’s promise of sanctuary. She finds herself imprisoned as the enforced guest of George Talbot, Earl of Shrewsbury, and his dominant wife, Bess of Hardwick. English lords conspire to free Mary from imprisonment, a

plot that will be the greatest threat Elizabeth has ever faced. But then the great spy-master Cecil sets the trap to catch them all, setting the Scots queen on the road to her death at Fotheringhay.

GRIFFIN, W E B honor bound DEATH AND HONOR (honor bound series #4) (\$12.50)

GRIGGS, TERRY THOUGHT YOU WERE DEAD (\$20.95) An unconventional mystery, turns the genre on its head... or so the jacket blurb promises. Our hero is Chellis Beith, researcher and fact-checker for an eccentric novelist named Althena Havlock. When a book reviewer is murdered in a neighbouring town and Althena goes missing, it’s up to our smartie to sort thing out.

HAINES, CAROLYN bones WISHBONES (#8) (\$8.99) 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.

HAINES, KATHRYN WINTER IN JUNE (#3) (\$17.99) WWII era, New York, featuring aspiring actress Rosie Winter.

HALL, DOUG BRITONS PRIDE (\$20) Britons Pride, the most famous stallion in Britain, 18-1 lifetime record, is missing. And there been a murder at the Lancashire farm where he lived.

HALLINAN, TIMOTHY raffert FOURTH WATCHER (#2) (\$17.99) 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 and, hot in pursuit of those things, one of the most dangerous gangsters in China.

HANNAH, SOPHIE LITTLE FACE (\$14.95) Her husband David was supposed to be looking after their two-week-old daughter but when Alice Fancourt walks into the nursery she insists the baby in the cot is a stranger she’s never seen before. With an increasingly hostile and menacing David swearing she must be either mad or lying, how can Alice make the police believe her before it’s too late?

HARE, CYRIL pettigrew WHEN THE WIND BLOWS (\$16) joins Untimely Death and Tragedy at Law (\$17 each) back in the land of the living. Featuring Scotland Yard Detective Inspector Mallett. Elegant, classic examples of English detective fiction.

HARRISON, COLIN FINDER (\$18) Jin Li is running for her life. She is not the woman she claims to be and knows things she should not. Those desperately interested in her fate include an aggressive hedge-fund billionaire; a sadistic goon; a ruthless criminal speculator in the Chinese stock markets; a brilliant NYPD detective lying on his deathbed; and her ex-boyfriend. Reissued in trade paperback.

HARRISON, CORA MICHAELMAS TRIBUTE (#2) aka Secret and Unlawful Killing (\$14.99). Set in 1509 in the Kingdom of the Burren, on the western seaboard of Ireland, and featuring Mara, a woman appointed by the King to be judge and lawgiver to the kingdom. The first in the series, *My Lady Judge* (\$14.99) was a Marian’s Pick when it was first published in 2006.

HARRISON, CORA STING OF JUSTICE (\$19.99 trade paperback, \$34.99 hardcover). See the Hardcover section for an annotation.

HARROD-EAGLES, C slider ORCHESTRATED DEATH (#1) (\$20) The first Bill Slider novel, now reissued by Felony and Mayhem in a handsome trade paperback edition.

HARVEY, JOHN FAR CRY (\$25 trade paperback, \$37.95 hardcover) See the hardcover section for an annotation.

HARVEY, JOHN resnic LONELY HEARTS (#1) (\$19) The first Charlie Resnick novel in a US trade paperback edition as the UK mass market seems no longer to be available in Canada.

HAUGLAND, BILL MOBILE 9 (\$19.95) A Montreal TV news anchor writes a mystery set in Montreal of the late 60s, featuring Ty Davis, a young television reporter. Jean Drapeau (the only man

known to having gotten pregnant), FLQ, Grey Cup...

HECHTMAN, BETTY BY HOOK OR BY CROOK (#3) (\$8.50) Molly Pink's crochet group has a new mystery on their hands when they find a paper bag that contains a note of remorse and a complicated piece of filet crochet that offers an obscure clue in pictures. Sequel to Hooked on Murder and Dead Men Don't Crochet (\$7.50 ea.).

HERRON, MICK The first four Sarah Tucker novels, DOWN CEMETERY ROAD (#1), LAST VOICE YOU HEAR (#2), WHY WE DIE (#3), and RECONSTRUCTION (#4) (\$18 ea.), are now available in paperback. Accomplished writing and interesting twists make these entertaining reads.

HIGGINS, JACK ROUGH JUSTICE (\$12.50) Dispatched by the US president to report on the state of the troubled Kosovo, Blake Johnson runs into a military man named Harry Miller, who has the same task from the British prime minister. The two band together just in time to stop a Russian officer from torching a mosque. Actually, Miller stops him with a bullet to the forehead. This action will have considerable consequences, not only to Miller and Johnson, but also to Britain's Sean Dillon and a great many others.

HILL, REGINALD sixsmith ROAR OF THE BUTTERFLIES (#5) (\$19.95) Joe Sixsmith is going undercover into the very heart of the Royal Hoo Golf Course, a bastion of very old, very white money, to investigate shocking allegations of cheating directed at Joe's client, Chris Porphyry. There are just a couple of, well, delicate, problems: Joe doesn't golf, and Joe is anything but very old, very white money. Great fun.

HILL, SUSAN VOWS OF SILENCE (#4) (\$10.99) Detective Chief Super 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).

HOCKENSMITH, STEVE BLACK DOVE (#3) (\$16.95) In the summer of 1893, Gustav "Old Red" Amlingmeyer and his brother Otto "Big Red", find themselves down and out in San Francisco. Though cowpokes by training, the brothers are devotees of the late, great Sherlock Holmes and his trademark method of "deductifying". When they set out to get jobs as professional detectives, they land themselves in hot water. The first two in the series are Holmes on the Range and On the Wrong Track (\$14.50 each).

HOUSTON, VICTORIA DEAD HOT SHOT (#9) (\$20) The ninth in the Loon Lake Mystery series is a heady mix of murder, mayhem and fishing in the northwoods of Wisconsin. "Loon Lake is a great get-away, even if it does keep me up at night."—**Laura Lippman**.

HOWELL, DOROTHY HANDBAGS AND HOMICIDE (\$8.49) Haley Randolph's insatiable appetite for Louis Vuitton handbags has landed her in big trouble: she's accused of murdering her boss.

IGGULDEN, CONN BONES OF THE HILLS (#3) (\$10.99) Genghis Khan embarks on a journey through present day Iran and Iraq, to the edges of India in this, the third in the Conqueror series. His nation faces enemies as powerful and ancient as any they have known, and Khan has chosen a path that will lead to victory or utter destruction. Sequel to Wolf of the Plains (\$10.99) and Lords of the Bow (\$9.99).

INC, TIME JUMBO SUDOKU BLOWOUT (\$12.99)

IZNER, CLAUDE legris MARAIS ASSASSIN (#4) (\$24) Fin-de-siecle Paris. Expensive British imports. Victor Legris to the rescue.

JACKSON, LEE (LM) tanner MESMERISTS APPRENTICE (#2) (\$21.95), sequel to Most dangerous Woman (\$21.95). Set in 1850s London, and feature lady detective Sarah Tanner.

JANCE, J A DAMAGE CONTROL (#12) (\$12.99) An elderly couple's car goes off the side of a mountain and into oblivion; and a severe thunderstorm reveals two garbage bags containing human remains. Two cases that will keep Sheriff Joanna Brady busy as she copes with a new newborn baby, a teenage daughter, a writer husband

and a difficult mother. The first four in this series have now been reissued: Desert Heat (#1), TOMBSTONE COURAGE (#2), SHOOT DON'T SHOOT (#3), and DEAD TO RIGHTS (#4) (\$12.99 each). **JARDINE, QUINTIN** AFTERSHOCK (#18) (\$11.99) 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 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. **JENKINS, EMYL** BIG STEAL (\$18.95) Hired to assess the value of the broken and missing antiques at Wynderly, intrepid appraiser and amateur sleuth Sterling Glass can't understand why there would be so many fakes among the extremely valuable antiques in the manor house?

JOHNSON, CRAIG walt ANOTHER MAN'S MOCCASINS (#4) (\$17.50) 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 (\$17.50). Magnificent, all of them. And, wait, we're not done yet. See *J.D.'s Picks* for the fifth in the series, Dark Horse (\$31).

JOHNSON, JANE TENTH GIFT aka CROSSED BONES (\$19.95) Based on true events, although well fictionalized, this was a Marian's Pick a year ago. Two stories, 400 years apart, connected by a seventeenth-century embroidery book. Julia Lovat is given the book belonging to a woman named Catherine Ann Tregenna and finds the faintest diary entries in the margins. (She is actually given the book by mistake and that's where the thriller aspect of the story comes in. The bad guy is trying to get the book back). These entries tell of Cat and others who were kidnapped from their Cornish church in 1625 by Muslim pirates and taken to Morocco to be auctioned off as slaves. Fascinated by this, Julia heads off to North Africa to determine the authenticity of the book.

KANE, CORNELIUS UNSCRATCHABLES (\$18.99)

KILLIAN, DIANA poetic dea DOCKETFUL OF POESY (#4) (\$20)

KLAVAN, ANDREW EMPIRE OF LIES (\$18.95) 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.

KONRATH, J A FUZZY NAVEL (#5) (\$9.99) 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 that's all she cares about. Things get worse when Jack discovers that Kork may not be dead after all. The earlier books are Whiskey Sour (\$9.99), Bloody Mary (\$10.99), Rusty Nail (\$10.99) and Dirty Martini (\$8.99).

KOZAK, HARLEY JANE DEAD EX (#3) (\$17.99) When David Zetrakis, the producer of a popular soap opera is found shot to death, Wollie Shelley, the dating correspondent on a talk show called Soap-Dirt, investigates. She's required to dine and dish with the stars and quickly discovers that the behind-the-scenes intrigues of TV soaps are as highly charged as the on-screen shenanigans. Sequel to Dating Dead Men and Dating is Murder (\$17.95 each, trade paperback).

KRAMER, JULIE STALKING SUSAN (\$9.99) Investigative reporter Riley Spartz. Inside the desperate world of TV news, a reporter discovers a serial killer is targeting women named Susan.

KUZNESKI, CHRIS PLANTATION (\$9.99) One by one, people are being abducted. But these aren't random kidnappings. They're precisely planned crimes with a singular objective: revenge.

LA PLANTE, LYNDA DEADLY INTENT (\$19.99)

LAND, JON SEVEN SINS (\$9.99) ... a globe-spanning saga of one man's spectacular rise from rags to riches, the sins that brought him there, and the insidious vendetta that may cost him everything.

LANGFIELD, MARTIN SECRET FIRE (\$24) Sotheby's, London, 1936. A paper by Sir Isaac Newton is sold at auction to a bookseller's agent, and within minutes of leaving the auction house he is killed and the paper stolen. For the Nazis are desperate to get their hands on a Newton formula that will unleash the Secret Fire—a weapon beyond all imagining that can wipe their enemies off the face of the earth. And this document is the key.

LARSSON, STIEG GIRL WITH THE DRAGON TATTOO (#1) (\$13.50) By now, everyone has surely heard of this literary sensation, so I need not say too much more. The second in the series, *Girl Who Played with Fire* (\$32), is due July 2009 in the Canadian hardcover edition and if it's half as good as *Tattoo*, then it'll be well worth the time. See *JD's Picks*.

LARUE, FRANK FINDING CARRIE GEORGE (\$18.95)

LE CARRE, JOHN SPY WHO CAME IN FROM THE COLD (\$19) A reissue in trade paperback of the best spy story ever written.

LEHANE, DENNIS DRINK BEFORE THE WAR (#1) (\$19) A trade paperback reissue of the first Kenzie and Gennaro. Still superb.

LEONARD, ELMORE COMPLETE WESTERN STORIES OF ELMORE LEONARD (\$19.95) A special order.

LEONARD, ELMORE OUT OF SIGHT and LA BRAVA (\$18.99 ea.) Two reissues in trade paperback.

LESCROART, JOHN SUNBURN (\$12.50) The author's debut novel, first published in 1981, now resurrected. Set on Spain's Costa Brava. Franco is teetering on the edge of death, and huge change is in store for Spain.

LISS, DAVID WHISKEY REBELS (\$17.50) Set in America in the years after the Revolutionary War. Ethan Sanders, once among George Washington's most valued spies, now lives in disgrace, an accusation of treason having cost him his reputation. He is recruited by his old enemy, Treasury Secretary Alexander Hamilton, to find the husband of the woman he loved and lost. Hamilton is in a bitter power struggle with political rival Thomas Jefferson over the creation of the fragile young nation's first real financial institution, The Bank of the United States. Meanwhile, Joan Maycott is a young woman married to another Revolutionary War veteran. They move to the western Pennsylvania frontier and develop a new method for distilling whiskey. Whiskey is more than a drink: it is wealth and power and Hamilton's men threaten to destroy all Joan holds dear. By the author of *Conspiracy of Paper* (\$22.95).

LOEHFELM, BILL FRESH KILLS (\$18.50) Publishers Weekly called this "a thriller with a sensitive heart." At first, John Sanders, Jr. couldn't care less about his father's murder but as funeral arrangements are made his anger at his father for a lifetime of violence and abuse are matched only by his need to seek vengeance for the man's death. Two detectives assigned to the case, one a childhood friend of Junior, the other a veteran cop who knew John Sr., are simply roadblocks to his path of justice.

LOVESEY, PETER ABRACADAVER (#3) and MAD HATTERS HOLIDAY (#4) (\$19 ea.) Two more Sgt. Cribb reissues.

LOVESEY, PETER mallin HEADHUNTERS (\$18). 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's 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 mys-

teries 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. Try his Chief Superintendent Peter Diamond novels—*The Last Detective* or *Diamond Solitaire* (\$18 each)—or, one of his finest efforts, *The False Inspector Dew* (\$18), a stand alone, that won the CWA Gold Dagger in 1982.

MACBRIDE, STUART BLIND EYE (#5) (\$22.95 trade paperback, \$34.95 hardcover). See the Hardcover section for an annotation.

MCGEE, CHAZ DESOLATE ANGEL (\$8.50) This was a bit of a strange story. It's about the ghost of a cop who drank too much in real life and is now "back", but as a ghost, to make things right. Interesting story line, says Marian, but the ghost cop couldn't really do anything to help the cops find the serial killer so I wasn't really sure of where it was all going.

MCGILLOWAY, BRIAN devlin BLEED A RIVER DEEP (#3) (\$19.95 trade paperback, \$26.99 hardcover). See the Hardcover section for an annotation.

MACHALE, D J PENDRAGON (#1) THE TRAVELERS (\$7.99) A special order.

MCINTOSH, PAT cunningham ROUGH COLLIER (#5) (\$18) 1493. When the peat-cutters report a dead man, Gil Cunningham tries to determine who the man is and why he was killed.

MACLEAN, ALISTAIR RIVER OF DEATH, first published in 1981, and SEAWITCH, first published in 1977. (\$10.99 each)

MANOTTI, DOMINIQUE LORRAINE CONNECTION (\$12.95) The third novel from this writer of *Dead Horsemeat* (\$24.95) and *Rough Trade* (\$19.95). The battle for the takeover of the ailing electronics giant Thomson is heating up. First a strike, then arson... head of security, Charles Montoya investigates.

MARGOLIN, PHILLIP FUGITIVE (#4) (\$22.99 trade paperback, \$34.99 hardcover). The fourth Amanda Jaffe novel. Criminal Lawyer Jaffe, who first appeared in *Wild Justice* (\$10.99) has her work cut out for her. Wanted in connection with the death of a US congressman a dozen years ago, Charlie Marsh is back in the US to face the music. But many others want him out of the way and it's in Amanda's interest to keep him safe.

MARON, MARGARET knott DEATH'S HALF ACRE (#14) (\$9.50) With major development heading to Colleton County, a tide of corruption seems to be rising in Judge Deborah Knott's seemingly peaceful town. At the same time, the murder of a controversial high-profile woman commissioner pulls Deborah and her husband, Sheriff's Deputy Dwight Bryant, into the shadows of the past, where everyone has something to hide.

MARTIN, ANDREW stringer DEATH ON A BRANCH LINE (#5) (\$16) One Friday evening in the sweltering summer of 1911, a special train rolls into York station. It carries a young aristocrat recently found guilty of murdering his father. Briefly entrusted into the care of railway detective Jim Stringer, he warns of yet another murder about to happen in his home village. Jim and his strong-willed wife, Lydia, take the train along the near-deserted branch line. They seek out the intended victim, who despite their attempt to warn him, stubbornly refuses to leave on the next train.

MARTIN, NANCY blackbird MURDER MELTS IN YOUR MOUTH (#7) (\$7.50) While her sister, Libby, run over by a Roll-Royce, is recuperating at the Ritz, Nora is having a minor breakdown looking after Libby's five kids. To make things a bit more stressful, Nora's husband-to-be has suggested some time apart. And to top things off, the sudden appearance of their scheming parents sends off warning bells. What are they up to now? A delightful series set in Philadelphia that debuted with *How to Murder a Millionaire* (\$7.50).

MEESE, EUGENE MAGPIE'S SMILE (\$13.95) When the scalped remains of a Jane Doe are discovered within the rubble of a demolished house, Detective Jake Fry is assigned the task of hunting

down Calgary's most disturbed murderer.

MELTZER, BRAD BOOK OF LIES (\$9.50) The world's most famous murder could arguably be Abel's death at Cain's hands. But what weapon was used? And what happened to it? Read and find out.

MICHAELS, KASEY BOWLED OVER (#6) (\$8.49) The hunky hero of mystery author Maggie Kelly's novels, Alexandre Blake, has miraculously come to life and is talking of sweeping her straight down the aisle! Good thing someone dies. I'm confused.

MILLS, KYLE DARKNESS FALLS (#5) (\$9.95) The fifth FBI Special Agent Mark Beamon novel. A bacteria is consuming the world's oil supply and destroying drilling equipment and it's up to Erin Neal and Mark Beamon to sort it all out.

MILLS, SARA MISS FORTUNE (#1) and MISS MATCH (#2) (\$19 each). Two novels featuring PI Allie Fortune, set in the Cold War era, 1950s US, when the Rusksies were the bad guys and the FBI fought the good battle for mom and apple pie.

MITCHELL, GLADYS SALTMARSH MURDERS (\$21.95) A very early Mrs. Bradley novel, first published in 1932. Witty, eccentric, competent, that was Mrs. Beatrice Adela Lestranger Bradley, whose sixty or so adventures were very much part of the Golden Age of detective fiction.

MORGAN, KAYE liza kelly KILLER SUDOKU (#4) (\$8.50) The fourth in the series with sudoku puzzles.

MOSBY, STEVE STILL BLEEDING (\$24.95 trade paperback, \$34.95 hardcover) See the hardcover section for an annotation.

MOSLEY, WALTER TEMPEST TALES (\$18.99) Tempest Landry, an ordinary African American, is mistakenly shot and killed by a cop. So, there he is, in front of Saint Peter, having his transgressions read out and awaiting the verdict: heaven or hell. Denied heaven because of the weight of his sins, Tempest refuses to go to hell. Stymied, Saint Peter—who has never encountered this kind of aggro—sends him back to Harlem, where a guiding angel tries to convince him to accept Saint Peter's judgment, and even the Devil himself tries to win over Tempest's soul.

MYERS, TAMAR den POISON IVORY (#15) (\$8.99) Antiques dealer Abigail Washburn had no idea that her online purchase of an exquisite, seventeenth-century rosewood linen chest would place her in federal custody, accused trafficking in illegal ivory! See the dangers of on-line purchases. Stop, before it's too late.

NABB, MAGDALEN MARSHAL AT THE VILLA TORRINI (\$17) First published in 1993. Up at the Villa Torrini, a well-known writer lies dead without a mark on her body. In Florence, Marshall Guarnaccia struggles in vain with a tough new legal system and the hunger pangs of a strict diet.

NABB, MAGDALEN VITA NUOVA (#14) (\$18) The last Marshall 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 van veetere MIND'S EYE (#3) (\$20) 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.

NEWMAN, SHARAN OUTCAST DOVE (#9) (\$20.50) The ninth in this series set in twelfth-century France. The main focus of the story is on Edgar, husband of Catherine Le Vendeur, and Catherine's cousin, Solomon. The two men travel to Spain to conduct business but Solomon is drawn into a scheme to rescue a Jewish girl taken by Christians during the conquest of the Spanish city of Almeria. To complicate matters Solomon encounters his father who rejected his

Jewish faith and is now Brother James, preparing his own trip to Spain to ransom Crusader knights taken by the Moslems.

NOEL, ALYSON BLUE MOON: THE IMMORTALS (\$12.75) A young adult novel.

NOEL, ALYSON EVERMORE (\$10.95) A young adult novel.

NOORT, SASKIA BACK TO THE COAST (\$20) By the author of the excellent psychological thriller The Dinner Club (\$20). Maria is a bit of a mess; children from different fathers, depressed, financial worries... When she becomes pregnant again she decides to have an abortion without telling the father, things take a turn for the sinister. Threatening letters, from pro-life activists she thinks at first, start to arrive. The undertaker arrives for the fetus. Someone is messing with her mind, trying to drive her crazy. Her boyfriend?

OLSON, KAREN brett MISSING INK (#1) (\$8.50) Brett Kavanaugh, tattoo artist, Las Vegas.

OWEN, CHARLIE HORSES ARSE (#1) (\$21), FOXTROT OSCAR (#2) (\$16.95) and BRAVO JUBILEE (#3) (\$14.95). Three police thrillers from this 30-year veteran of the police services.

PADURA, LEONARDO HAVANA FEVER (\$20) Mario Conde has retired from the police force and makes a living trading in antique books. In the library of a rich Cuban who fled after the fall of Batista, Conde discovers an article about Violeta del Rio, a beautiful bolero singer of the 1950s who disappeared mysteriously. A murder soon follows. Obviously, someone has not forgotten.

PAN, MACMILLAN LIMITED DAILY TELEGRAPH HOLIDAY SUDOKU (\$12.99)

PEARSON, RIDLEY fleming KILLER VIEW (#2) (\$12.50)

When a skier goes missing at Sun Valley's Galena Summit, Sheriff Walt Fleming quickly assembles his crack Search and Rescue team. Within minutes of heading out something goes horribly wrong and one of the team members is dead. By morning, Walt's best friend, Mark Adler, has disappeared. Torn between the desperate urge to find his friend and his professional responsibility, Walt is also challenged by an unexplained illness at a local water-bottling plant that sends workers to hospital and sets off biohazard warnings.

PELECANOS, GEORGE NIGHT GARDENER (\$16.99) A terrific stand-alone novel from one of JD's favourite writers. Now reissued in trade paperback, although the mass market paperback edition (\$8.50) is still available.

PELECANOS, GEORGE TURNAROUND (\$16.99) On a hot summer day in 1972, three white teenagers, looking to cause mischief, drive into an unfamiliar black neighbourhood and get into a fight. One is killed, one damaged, and six lives are changed forever. Thirty-five years later, one survivor reaches out to another, opening a door that could lead to salvation and reconciliation. Not everyone, of course, is interested in peace. One other, the one who did the serious time, has a different plan. He has a burning need for retribution, and seizes the moment to claim reparation in any form he can find. A terrific writer. One of J.D.'s favourites.

PEREZ, HENRY KILLING RED (\$8.49) Serial killer Lee Grubb, on death row, has six days to live, and he has a secret that he wants to tell: someone is carefully repeating his past crimes. What should have been a dream assignment for reporter Alex Chapa turns out to be a nightmare.

PERRY, ANNE monk DANGEROUS MOURNING (#2) and DEFEND AND BETRAY (#3) (\$17.50 each). Two more Monk titles reissued in trade paperback; they join Face of a Stranger (#1) (\$16.50), in the new format.

PERRY, ANNE pitt CALLANDER SQUARE (#2) and PARAGON WALK (#3) (\$17.50). Two more Pitt titles reissued in trade paperback; they join Cater Street Hangman (#1) (\$16.50), in the new format.

PERRY, THOMAS FIDELITY (\$19.95) When Phil Kramer is shot dead on a deserted suburban street, his wife, Emily, is left with

an emptied bank account and lots of questions. Jerry Hobart has questions of his own. It's none of his business why he was hired to kill Kramer, but now that he's been ordered to kill Emily also, he figures there is a bigger secret at work and maybe a bigger payoff.

PIERCE, TAMORA cooper TERRIER THE LEGEND OF BEKA COOPER #1 (\$12.99) Fantasy based police procedural set in a medieval time period. The story follows Beka Cooper as she enters the Provost Guard in the Kingdom of Tortall as a new trainee and becomes involved in the investigation into possible mass murders and child kidnappings. Written in a diary style for young adults. Elizabeth (our new staff person) says: "I loved this book and couldn't wait for the next one to find out how Bekka is doing".

POLLERO, RHONDA KNOCK 'EM DEAD (#2) (\$8.49) Paralegal Finley Tanner tries to help her friend Jane who is suspected of killing her date. She went out on a blind date with Paolo and when she woke up found herself next to his corpse. To prove the theory that the two were drugged, Finley will have to work with sexy private eye Liam McGarrity, who has offered his services for a discounted rate. The first in the series is Knock Off (\$9.99).

PRATT, SCOTT IN GOOD FAITH (#2) (\$9.99) A family is slaughtered in rural Tennessee and two goth teens are the principal suspects. Prosecutor Joe Dillard is out to nail them to atone for his having defended way too many people he knew were guilty. But, are the boys really guilty? Sequel to An Innocent Client (#1) (\$8.99).

PRESSFIELD, STEVEN KILLING ROMMEL (\$19.95) 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.

PRYCE, MALCOLM FROM ABERYSTWYTH WITH LOVE (#5) (\$36 trade paperback). Aberystwyth's only PI is on his way to the legendary replica of Abersystwyth built in the Ukraine by some crazy 19-century Czar. If you've read all the Jasper Ffordes, you might give this guy a shot. Expensive and an import, so do not always have a huge stock on hand, but we'll get them. Just ask.

RAICHEV, R T ASSASSINS AT OSPREYS (#3) (\$18) When one of detective novelist Antonia Darcy's admiring readers becomes too friendly, Antonia and her husband, Major Hugh Payne, think 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).

RANKIN, IAN rebus DEAD SOULS (#10) (\$10.99) Reissue.

REICH, CHRISTOPHER RULES OF DECEPTION (\$9.99) 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. But 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.

REICHS, KATHY DEVIL BONES (#11) (\$12.99) In a house under renovation a plumber uncovers a cellar no one knew about, and make a grisly discovery: lots of animal parts and the skull of a teenage girl. Meanwhile, on a nearby lakeshore, the headless body of a boy is found. Was the skull brought to the cellar or was the girl murdered there? Why is the body of the boy so well preserved? Forensic anthropologist Temperance Brennan is called in to investigate.

RENDELL, RUTH wexford VEILED ONE (#14) (\$9.99)

RENDELL, RUTH wexford WOLF TO THE SLAUGHTER (#3) (\$18) Just a reminder that if you are missing any Ruth Rendell titles, just give us a call and we'll order them.

ROBB, J D SALVATION IN DEATH (#27) (\$9.99)

ROBERTSON, IMOGEN INSTRUMENTS OF DARKNESS (\$24.95) In the year 2060, cutting-edge investigative tools can help catch a killer. Det. Lieut. Eve Dallas investigates.

ROBINSON, PETER banks ALL THE COLOURS OF DARKNESS (#18) (\$11.99) Why would a successful and well-liked man take his own life? That's the question DI Annie Cabbot asks herself when the body of Mark Hardcastle, set and costume designer of the Eastvale Theatre's current production of Othello, is found hanging from a tree. DCI Alan Banks is called back from a weekend in London with his new girlfriend to help investigate. Someone wants the investigation closed but by refusing to accept the obvious about Hardcastle's death, Banks and Cabbot awaken a monster that isn't going to stop at intimidation.

ROLLINS, JAMES DOOMSDAY KEY (\$24.95) Three deaths on three continents and all three corpses are branded with a Druidic pagan cross burned into their flesh. SIGMA force to the rescue.

ROLLINS, JAMES LAST ORACLE (\$8.99) SIGMA Force battles a group of rogue scientists who've unleashed a bioengineering project that could bring about the extinction of humankind.

SAYLOR, STEVEN gordianus TRIUMPH OF CAESAR (#11) (\$18.99) Essentially retired from his profession of "finder" Gordianus can't refuse Calpurnia, Caesar's wife, when she ask him to help protect Caesar. She's troubled by dreams foretelling disaster.

SEFTON, MAGGIE kelly flynn DYER CONSEQUENCES (#5) (\$9.99) All Kelly Flynn wants to do is fix up the alpaca ranch she has just bought. But when the local wool shop, House of Lambspun, 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, Needled to Death, A Deadly Yarn (\$9.99 each) and A Killer Stitch (\$7.50).

SEVERIN, TIM hector lynch SEA ROBBER (#3) (\$19.99) The third Hector Lynch novel, sequel to Corsair (#1) (\$9.99) and Buccaneer (#2) (\$14.99). Adventures on the high seas. Late 17th century.

SEYMOUR, GERALD TIMEBOMB (\$11.99) Fired from a top-secret Soviet nuclear base in the chaotic last days of the communist regime, a KGB security man steals a suitcase bomb, smuggles it out and buries it in his backyard. Sixteen year later, he's going to put it on the market. It's as lethal as on the day it was manufactured, capable of wiping out a major city. The Russian will sell to the highest bidder: a Mafia gangster who has no conscience for the consequences. The chance of the transfer being intercepted will depend on the skill and luck of a small MI6 team, who have only the sketchiest idea of what's going on, and on the nerve of an undercover police officer who has infiltrated the criminal gang.

SHEREZ, STAV BLACK MONASTERY (\$23)

SHUMAN, GEORGE moore LOST GIRLS (#3) (\$9.99) While rumours of slave girls being trafficked around the Caribbean have circulated for years, little credible evidence has been uncovered about these "lost girls". When Detective Inspector Rolly King George recovers the body of a young blond women, he knows that she may hold the key to toppling this criminal underworld. The beautiful, blind psychic, Sherry Moore, known for being able to see the last eighteen seconds of a deceased person's memory, arrives in Kingston, Jamaica, to help with the case. Sequel to 18 Seconds (\$9.99) and Last Breath (\$8.99).

SILVA, DANIEL allon MOSCOW RULES (#8) (\$12.50) Former Mossad agent and art restorer, Gabriel Allon heads to Moscow to stop Ivan Kharkov, a former KGB colonel who has built a global investment empire on the rubble of the Soviet Union, from delivering Russia's most sophisticated weapons to al-Qaeda. The others in the series

are: Kill Artist, English Assassin, Confessor, Death in Vienna, Prince of Fire, Messenger and Secret Servant (\$10.99 each). Terrific reads. One of Marian's favourites.

SJOWALL & WAHLOO beck Bit by bit all ten novels in the Martin Beck series are being reprinted in trade paperback editions (\$16 to \$21). Eight of the ten are now on hand and Abominable Man (#7) (\$16.99) is due this October. Only Terrorists (#10) is yet to have a re-issue date announced. By the way, Cop Killer (#9) (\$24) is in print in the UK only, so we smuggled in some copies.

SLADE, MICHAEL wyatt rook CRUCIFIED (#1) (\$10.99) From the writing team that brought you the Special X squad of the RCMP, a new series. The chance discovery of a WW2 bomber in Germany sends lawyer/historian Wyatt Rook all the way back to the crucifixion of Jesus.

SMILEY, PATRICIA tucker COOL CACHE (#4) (\$9.99) Business builder Tucker Sinclair is helping a new chocolate shop flourish. How dangerous can that be? Besides, there's an endless amount of truffles. Hah...

SMITH, ALEXANDER scotland UNBEARABLE LIGHTNESS OF SCONES (#5) (\$24). Just a couple of copies of the UK trade paperback edition remain in stock. The Canadian edition will be available in January 2010.

SMITH, L J VAMPIRE DIARIES vol. 1 AWAKENING AND THE STRUGGLE (\$9.99) and Vol. 2 FURY AND DARK REUNION (\$11.25) Two special orders.

SOLANA, TERESA NOT SO PERFECT CRIME (\$20)

SPILLANE, MICKEY and **MAX ALLAN COLLINS** GOLIATH BONE A MIKE HAMMER NOVEL (\$18.95) In the midst of a Manhattan snowstorm, Mike Hammer halts the violent robbery of a pair of college sweethearts who have stumbled onto a remarkable archaeological find in the Valley of Elah: the perfectly preserved femur of what may have been the biblical giant Goliath. **Spillane** died July 2006 and this novel was completed by **Max Allan Collins** who, no doubt, will continue the series.

STANTON, MARY ANGEL'S ADVOCATE (\$9.99) Sequel to Defending Angels (#1) (\$8.99). Being a lawyer has its challenges, but defending a long list of ethereal clients is getting downright otherworldly. Inheriting Savannah's haunted law firm is a career choice that is beginning to haunt Bree. "I like this series" says Marian.

STEINER, PETER L'ASSASSIN (#2) (\$17.99) Former CIA operative Louis Morgon and his partner-in-crime-solving, Jean Renard, the gendarme of their small French village, are back. (Le Crime (\$15.50), aka A French Country Murder is the first). Louis Morgon is living a quiet life of good food, good wine and good friends. When his house is burglarized, he thinks nothing of it. But the burglar and the motive for the burglary are not as simple as they seem.

STRANGE, MARC BODY BLOWS (#2) (\$11.99) Someone has murdered Joe Grundy's boss's live-in housekeeper and not-so-secret lover, and Grundy has to get to the bottom of the incident in order to clear his boss's name. Sequel to Sucker Punch (#1) (\$11.99).

THOMPSON, VICTORIA MURDER ON BANK STREET (#10) (\$9.99) 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.

THOR, BRAD LAST PATRIOT (\$12.99) The prophet Mohammed's final revelation is still having repercussions fourteen centuries later. Now it's up to Scott Harvath to uncover that ancient secret with the power to stop militant Islam.

TREASE, GEOFFREY CUE FOR TREASON (\$21) An expensive British import. Every so often this book is on a school's reading list so we have one copy on hand just in case you need it.

UPSON, NICOLA **tey** EXPERT IN MURDER (#1) (\$17.99) A wonderful new series set in 1934s 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. One of Marian's Picks in hardcover.

[VARIOUS] CORTEZ, SARAH (ED) HIT LIST THE BEST OF LATINO MYSTERY (\$27).

VITTACHI, NURY **feng shui** SHANGHAI UNION OF INDUSTRIAL MYSTICS (\$24) All hell's breaking loose in Shanghai. Sleuth and feng shui master C F Wong and his over-enthusiastic assistant Joyce are busy setting up a new branch of the Union of Industrial Mystics when a group of vegan terrorists threatens to blow up the city and two visiting presidents. The oriental, occidental and accidental collide as Wong and Joyce must save the city, the presidents, and one explosive white elephant.

VITTACHI, NURY **feng shui** FENG SHUI DETECTIVE'S CASEBOOK (\$30) The itinerary for the dynamic duo's business trip around Asia didn't mention a missing Thai film idol, grand theft auto in Singapore, an escaped tiger in a supermarket or a Sydney gym where they seem to be exercising their elderly clients to death.

WALLACE, EDGAR FOUR JUST MEN (\$24) Reissue.

WAN, MICHELLE TWIST OF ORCHIDS (#3) (\$19.95) Winter in France's rustic Dordogne: delicious food, ruggedly beautiful scenery, unscrupulous orchid hunters, illegal drugs, a serial housebreaker and three mysterious deaths. For Canadian interior designer Mara Dunn and British orchidologist Julian Wood living there together, life is very busy. A beautifully written series set in a part of the world, the Dordogne, that the author knows well. Sequel to Deadly Slipper (\$10.99) and Orchid Shroud (\$19.95).

WILSON, F PAUL **repairman** LEGACIES (#1) (\$8.99) and CONSPIRACIES (#2) (\$9.99) The first Repairman Jack novels.

WILSON, LAURA STRATTON'S WAR (#1) (\$14.95) A silent film star is found impaled on an iron railing outside her London flat. It was first thought to be a suicide but DI Ted Stratton's instincts kick in and he pushes for an investigation despite discouragement from his superiors. The story and the detecting become entwined with MI5, organized crime and a blonde—Ted likes blondes—Diana Calthrop, who has been newly recruited to investigate a group of Nazi sympathizers. A *Cottage Lady's Pick* in hardcover a while ago.

WINSLOW, DON DAWN PATROL (\$16.50) 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, all 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 revenge, for Rain's disappearance.

WISHART, DAVID **marcus** GERMANICUS (#2) (\$20) Reissue of the second Marcus Corvinus story, to tie in with the first Ovid (#1) (\$20), from those really clever folk at Felony and Mayhem Press.

WOLFF, JOSEPH CAFE LIFE: VENICE (\$25), CAFE LIFE: FLORENCE (\$22.50) and CAFÉ: LIFE ROME (\$25) Guides to some of the more interesting cafes found in these Italian cities. See *JD's Picks*.

WOODS, STUART **barrington** HOT MAHOGANY (#14) (\$12.50) Stone Barrington finds himself in New England and the genteel but cut-throat world of priceless antiques, historic homes and lavish country estates.