



The Merchant of Menace

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Greetings

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First the weather report. Although spring of 2011 was an awfully wet one, summer of 2011 is turning out to be simply glorious. Lots of sunshine, only a few very hot days, mostly really pleasant. I probably still have not caught up to 2010's tally of rounds of golf, but I'm going to keep trying. My younger brother who has been living in Beijing for the last two years, almost as big a golf nut as I am, is moving back to Ottawa and I'm going to take a week off as soon as this newsletter is dealt with and go play!

The new location is working out well, I'm pleased to report, although both of us are noticing different traffic patterns. Fortunately all you regulars are still finding your way to our new location, thank you. What we do not get is the parade of the curious, the lost, the tire kickers, the ones just killing time, Percy's admirers, and the one-book-a-year types who used to wonder in on Bayview. Where all that traffic used to make the store look busier, it did not make an appreciable difference to the business of the bookstore. There are days when, well, like last Sunday, when no one came in during the first hour and a half, then I was rushed off my feet for the next three. Percy misses his admirers greatly, but otherwise, things are working out as we had anticipated.

In conversations with bookselling colleagues, the outlook for bookstores like Sleuth looks pretty unstable for the near future. E-book sales are surging and that, duh, is having a huge impact on the printed book and the health of bricks-and-mortar bookstores. The suggestion is that this trend will continue to accelerate for the next while and when or where it might end is quite uncertain. Our colleagues at the children's bookstore, up the street from our old Bayview location, have pulled the plug and are no more. Colleagues who sell rare and out of print books mention hefty sales declines. Presumably the e-book is not what is doing it to them, maybe just the general malaise

Come meet

STEVE HAMILTON

Saturday July 23, noon to 1pm, at Sleuth

LOUISE PENNY

Monday August 29, 6pm to 7:30pm, at Sleuth

MAUREEN JENNINGS

Saturday September 17, 7pm to 10pm
At the Tranzac Club on Brunswick Ave

about the economy, and their fortunes will improve as the economy does. As I keep saying to Marian, I'm really glad we got into the book business when we did, some 29 years ago, and had the time to accumulate a modest nest egg. Because you certainly could not do it now in the book business. Ok, enough of that. As my momma used to say, if all you have is lemons, then by golly, get yourself some Corona, sit under some shade and watch the world go by. (*Your tee-totaling momma? Whose lips have never touched alcohol?*—Marian)

Come meet **STEVE HAMILTON**. He is going to drop by the store Saturday July 23, 2011 between noon and 1pm for a very informal chat and we'd love it if you could drop by and say hi. We'll have copies of his newest novel, Misery Bay (#8) (\$28.99), and, of course, if you can't make it but would like a signed copy, just let us know.

And, then, come meet **LOUISE PENNY**. Louise is going to launch the next Insp. Gamache novel, Trick of the Light (#6) (\$27.99), Monday August 29, from 6pm to 7:30pm. And yes, that is a Monday, a day that we are normally closed, but for Louise, no problem. She's one our favourite people and a terrific writer.

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And, finally, **MAUREEN JENNINGS** tells us that her WW2 trilogy was sold to Canadian Publishers McClelland and Stewart. Great stuff, congratulations Maureen. The first book in the trilogy, [A Season of Darkness](#) (#1) (\$24.99), is set in Shropshire 1941, in and around an internment camp on Prees Heath, and will be published in trade paperback next month. The launch will take place **Saturday September 17**, from 7pm to 10pm at the **Tranzac club on Brunswick Ave.** Tom Craig from the Murdoch Mysteries TV series will be there to do a reading with Maureen, and crew from both television series are going to be invited, so it's going to be a big party. Come by if you can. (www.tranzac.org for more details.) Again, if you can't be there, but want a signed copy, just let us know.

Marian's Picks

My goodness, it's been quiet at the store. Is it because you are all away on summer holidays? Or you don't like all the terrific parking we now have? Or god forbid, you are using those e-reader machines? Percy feels like he is not earning his pay because he has so many fewer folks to meet and greet. I haven't really minded too much, as I must admit that, it has been a terrific summer to get away to the cottage, for those of us lucky enough to be able to do that. Percy is on leash at the cottage all the time now and he is having a tough time coping with that. I, on the other hand, never want to go through the eight days he was missing. It was a miracle that he was found! He has fully recovered and gained back the weight he lost and an extra 1.7 pounds. I may have to put him on a diet!

As Cottage Lady mentions in her "*Picks*" section, we tried the rum cocktails but didn't much care for them. As most you know I love to cook and was looking through a very old cookbook my dad had given me (as a "very special prize", in his words). His uncle, who was in the catering business many, many years ago had given it to him. One section of the book listed some popular drinks of the time and one of them was a rum based drink called an X.Y.Z.. So my nephew and I tried it, I liked it but he did not. Too sour he said; yummy, I said, as it reminded me a little bit of a Whiskey Sour. You make it using 1 oz of light rum, ½ oz of Triple Sec and 1 tablespoon of fresh lemon juice. Shake the ingredients with ice and strain into a cocktail glass. It is the only rum based drink that I liked of all those we tried.

I'm not quite sure how I managed to choose only Canadian writers for my "*Picks*" this time, but I did. I was very impressed with these books and I know I will read more. Please give them your support. Getting published is very difficult, so encourage them.

JILL EDMONDSON did a great job with her first mystery featuring Toronto private investigator Sasha Jackson, [Blood and Groom](#) (\$11.99). It was fun, fast paced and, when I made it one of my *Picks* a few newsletters ago, I said that if you liked **Janet Evanovich's** Stephanie Plum novels, then you would love this one as well. Her second book, [Dead Light District](#) (\$11.99), has been around for a few months but I have only just now gotten around to reading it. It too is an excellent read although much tougher and darker, and, I'd almost say, sad. This second outing for Sasha deals with prostitution and has her searching for a young Mexican woman, Mary Carmen, who was lured to Canada under false pretenses and then forced into a life of prostitution. When things go bad for the young woman, they go bad big time. There is still the wise cracking Sasha that was present in the first book, along with a cast of interesting characters, but it deals with a much more difficult topic. It certainly opens your eyes to the abuse,

degradation and exploitation that life as a prostitute entails. Sasha's search for Mary Carmen takes her, and you, all over the city, so, especially for those of you who don't live in Toronto, you are taken on a terrific tour. I am looking forward to the next book.

[Dire Threads](#) (\$8.99) by **JANET BOLIN** is a must read for those of you who love mysteries with a "craft" theme. It made me want to start my crocheting again. I have great admiration for people who can create beautiful things from wool or fabric or thread or whatever is close to hand. Willow Vanderling is a former Manhattan investment counselor who leaves the big city to open an embroidery shop in the small Pennsylvania town of Elderberry Bay, nicknamed Threadville. Since the small town is full of other shops that cater to women who love to sew, knit, crochet and quilt, (among other things), there is a daily tour that drops off like-minded women who spend a good part of their day pursuing crafty activities. The story is full of slightly eccentric people who help Willow solve the murder of the town's dastardly planning commissioner who refused her a building permit to renovate a small cottage at the back of her property. Throw in a couple of dogs, Sally-Forth and Tally-Ho, who Sir Percival has actually been corresponding with, and you have the makings of a light hearted mystery full of eccentric women who have a great time turning their hobbies into a livelihood. Sort of like what JD and I do!

I have been meaning to read [Tainted](#) (\$14.95) by **ROSS PENNIE** for over a year now. I heard **Mr. Pennie** speak at an event and was intrigued. Dr. Zol Szabo, assistant medical officer of health for Hamilton, Ontario, gets a call late one night from his friend, Dr. Hamish Wakefield, an infectious disease expert. It seems that a number of brain autopsies indicate that there may be an outbreak of Mad Cow Disease in the Hamilton area. I was quite taken with this story. I loved the characters and the story really makes you think about what you are eating and how it is prepared. The medicalese is translated into English so that even I could understand all that is happening! You won't feel like you are being lectured to, nor will you feel like it's all been dumbed down. These are, of course, complicated issues, but you come away with an understanding of them. The process of how a medical investigation is undertaken is fascinating. How they determine what specific food, eaten at a certain event, is the one that made folks sick (or die) is really interesting. You feel for the investigators as another promising clue leads to a frustrating dead end and the pressure to sort things out before more people get sick mounts quickly. There were times when I couldn't read fast enough because I wanted to know what was going to happen next. Would they find the culprit? Would they get there in time? I'm onto [Tampered](#) (\$24.95), just as soon as I finish [The Witch of Babylon](#) (\$26) by **D. J. MCINTOSH**.

Speaking of witch, sorry, I mean which, I have just started [Witch](#). Trouble is, getting the newsletter finished is interfering with my reading. **Ms. McIntosh** was shortlisted for the UK's Debut Dagger Award and won Canada's Arthur Ellis Award for Best Unpublished Crime Novel. The first few chapters, as far as I have gotten, are terrific.

Although [Trick of the Light](#) (\$27.99) by **LOUISE PENNY** will not be available until the night of her signing here at Sleuth (**Monday August 29th from 6 pm to 7.30 pm**) I just had to tell you how I felt about it: it's sensational. I don't know a better word to describe it. I could say terrific or some word similar but those of you who are a fan of **Ms. Penny** know what I mean when I say that this writer keeps getting better with each book. There is the usual cast of characters in [Trick](#) as in the previous titles and most of the "action" takes place in Three Pines but what we read about now, maybe even more so than in [Bury Your Dead](#) (\$14.99), is the anguish that continues to run

through the mind of Chief Inspector Gamache and his colleague Inspector Beauvoir. There are some tough issues covered here but I don't want to spoil anything so I won't say any more. Just read it.

J.D.'s Picks

Read the latest **LAWRENCE BLOCK** novel [A Drop of the Hard Stuff](#) (\$28.99) and **thoroughly** enjoyed it. This novel takes us back to Matt Scudder's early days of sobriety; he's just coming up to his one-year anniversary. He's left the force, is separated from his wife and family, and is living in a hotel and working as an unlicensed private investigator. His days are filled with AA meetings, keeping in close touch with his sponsor, and getting together with Jan once a week. Not being a licensed investigator, he cannot hang out his shingle, but he can do "favours" for his friends. His friends, of course, are grateful, and to show their gratitude, they give him money. He gets enough to pay the rent. Things are going along at their one day at a time pace—just keep sober today—when he runs across a childhood friend, "High-Low" Jack Ellery. The two had known each other as kids, but their lives had taken very different turns. One became a career criminal, the other, a police officer. Ellery, too, has found sobriety. One of the steps in the AA approach to getting sober, the ninth step, requires one to acknowledge the wrongs one has done and try to make amends. And that's the step Jack is at. He's making the list, and offering restitution where he can. But, he may have also woken up a sleeping dog. Someone kills him and his death looks to be an execution. Why? Could it be someone on the list of people that Ellery wronged who now feared exposure? And, so, had to shut him up? His sponsor thinks that that's likely. But what to do with the list? The list has to be treated with confidentiality—it's like going to confession—but not handing it to the cops might mean letting the killer get away. So, what to do? Oh, yeah, get Matt to investigate. Although the whole novel takes place in the AA world—the entire Scudder series is deeply involve with alcohol and AA and sobriety, and you can get a pretty good education as to what it takes to become, and stay, sober—it's pretty compelling stuff. Almost makes you want to start the series all over again, all seventeen of them!

Of course, you know of my affection for **CRAIG JOHNSON**'s Walt Longmire novels. The seventh entry in the series, [Hell is Empty](#) (\$30), is now available and I gulped it down in one sitting. This man is truly one of the masters working the mystery field. The characters, good and bad, are real, genuine, three-dimensional. I love the regulars, Walt, Henry, Ruby, Sancho, and, perhaps, most of all, Victoria! (Who would not lust after this entertainingly foul-mouthed babe?) The setting, the vast outdoors, the snow covered peaks of the Bighorn Mountains, the Cloud Peak Wilderness Area, the high plains, the Powder River (a mile wide and an inch deep)...is as central to the stories as any of the two-legged characters. The mysticism of the Native way of life, an element that some may not like, is an essential aspect to the stories, never overdone, just enough that even the cynics won't be overwhelmed. But you know all that, I've gone on and on about how much I love this series. And [Hell is Empty](#) is marvelous. I'll stop blathering. Just read the dam books. You won't get much finer. Start with [The Cold Dish \(#1\)](#) (\$15.50). And, last year's novel is now in paperback, [Junkyard Dogs \(#6\)](#) (\$16.50).

TOM FRANKLIN's [Crooked Letter, Crooked Letter](#) (\$16.99) is also marvelous. Born and raised in Alabama, he now lives in Oxford, Mississippi. All of his novels and short stories are set in the South, and deal with race, poverty, lack of education, elements that are still a

potent aspect of live in the US South. This story is, at a most superficial level about the disappearance of two women, twenty-five years apart, and the boy/man who was implicated in one disappearance, and thus has lived a solitary life shunned and ostracised by all, and, now, the natives are quite happy to conclude, must the involved in the other. But it's a lot more than that. In his review in the *Washington Post*, last fall, Ron Charles says "Franklin is a master of subtle withholding, revealing lines of culpability and sympathy in this small town one crooked letter at a time. Some sins are too late to atone for, but others aren't...The author manages to make the women's disappearances the crux of the plot, but not the center of his story. He's a lot more interested in the collateral damage of those crimes." **Franklin** won the Edgar for his short story [Poachers](#), included in the collection called [Poachers](#) (\$16.99), and was nominated for the Edgar for Best Novel for this one. He is an awesome writer and deserves a wide audience. Make it happen.

HARRY DOLAN's [Bad Things Happen](#) (\$18.50) is a delightful debut novel. I knew the book had a good chance to be great when I read that the author had studied fiction-writing with **Frederick Busch**. (**Busch**'s [Girls](#) (\$21) has long been a favourite of mine.) Well, [Bad Things Happen](#) turned out to be every bit as wonderful and funny and fun as I had hoped it might be. This story is about a man who calls himself David Loogan and who has just moved to Ann Arbor. One day he picks up an abandoned copy of *Gray Streets*, a locally published short-story magazine, and begins to read. Inevitable, and because he has lots of time on his hands, he starts to write a story of his own. It takes him a while, lots of drafts, before he's happy enough to sneak it, anonymously and late at night, into *Gray Street's* offices. But he's not done with the story. He starts tinkering with it, revising it, cleaning it up, tightening it, making it better. This refined, edited, version he also delivers, anonymously, late at night. This pattern repeats itself, as he finds improvements he can make. Each version gets delivered, the same way, until, of course, on one such visit the editor of the magazine, Tom Kristoll, recognizing his skill, is waiting for him. One thing leads to another, Tom hires David to be the magazine's editor, and the two soon become friends. But, as the saying goes, plans go wrong, bad things happen, people die. This is an intricately plotted novel—yes you'll need to pay attention—with a delightful sense of humour, and full of interesting, complicated characters. I loved it. The sequel, [Very Bad Men](#) (\$30) has just been published and it's on my TBR pile.

And, finally, **GEORGE PELECANOS**. He is a favourite of mine, especially the Nick Stefano novels and I'm so pleased that they are starting to become available again. The first two, [Firing Offense](#) (#1) and [Nick's Trip](#) (#2) (\$16.50 each) are now reprinted and I would urge you to read them.

Cottage Lady's Picks

Cocktail Update – As promised, we have completed our tour of rum cocktails. Our inspiration came from the LCBO's [The Trend Report](#), which seems to be promoting spiced rums this season. This can get very complicated as there is such a variety of rums and mixes and also this time, we had several tasters. To keep it simple, we used two brands – Captain Morgan and Appleton. The recipes vary but basically consist of 3 ice cubes, 2 oz. rum, 3 oz. mix (coke, ginger ale or ginger beer) and a slice of lemon or lime. Marian's tasters included her Cottage Brother and Cottage Nephew (her dock installation crew) and I brought along Cottage Husband (I was able to entice him out of

his boat for dinner one evening). First the consensus – forget mixing ginger ale and rum of any kind. Marian summed it up, "... uninspiring and a waste of alcohol." As for rum and coke (a drink with a long track record), spiced rum just doesn't work. The cola flavour simply knocks it over – stick with traditional dark rums. The only dissenting opinion came from Cottage Nephew who loves 1 1/2 oz. Captain Morgan's spiced with 3 oz. of coke. For us more seasoned tasters, we agreed that he will outgrow this view when he realizes that one only buys Mateus (we suspect one of his favourite wines) for the bottle (to put candles in – remember the 60s?). So far, not so good. To chart another course, we decided to test the merits of ginger beer with Appleton (a quality traditional rum that compliments any cola mix), although the outcome was certainly not unanimous. Cottage Nephew summed it up for the majority – "It would taste good if you had a sore throat." Cottage Brother – "where's the rum ... it's okay if you like ginger beer." On the other hand, Cottage Husband found it to be a "... drink with a purpose ... for example, if a Sea-Doo was racing around your favourite fishing holes and you needed to count to ten or have a slap in the face, this would be the drink to have." Hmm. The bottom line, none of us got where the LCBO is coming from with its promotion of spiced rum cocktails. Our recommendation, drink spiced rum straight – it's not meant to be mixed. If you want a rum cocktail, stick with old fashioned original rums and coke is probably the best mix – or go the fruit punch route (but we didn't progress that far). As for all the leftover rum we had, I delivered it to Cottage Neighbour who is a superb baker and we are all looking forward to wonderful rum cakes!

JOHN VERDON's *Shut Your Eyes Tight* (#2) (\$27) is a fascinating multi-layered story - a first-rate sequel to the debut mystery *Think of a Number* (#2) (\$9.99) which I called "...dazzling suspense filled..." in my review about a year ago. In this new, equally dazzling tale, retired New York cop Dave Gurney is again pulled out of retirement to help the police solve a mystery that is just too tempting to resist - a beautiful young bride is decapitated at her wedding reception, her head severed with a machete. Even though there were video cameras everywhere, the murderer seems to have avoided detection and vanished. The original investigators become convinced that the Mexican gardener did it but they simply can't find him. Frustrated, the bride's wealthy mother wants vigilante justice and calls in Dave four months later. He quickly discovers many flaws and gaps in the original investigation. Then the plot thickens because what seems to be a pointless murder by an unhinged individual proves to be part of a complicated and menacing conspiracy. To make matters worse, Dave finds himself and his family in danger yet again as he becomes immersed in a world of sexual abuse riddled with extremely nasty villains. And as in his first novel, there is a running sub-plot with respect to Dave's marriage and home-life (his therapist keeps telling him - he has drive and determination in his professional life but he is like a ship without a rudder in his personal life). I found the inventive plot, the intricate relationships and complicated twists gripping. However, what makes this book really exceptional is the writing. Even though the tale deals with horrifying facts and brutality, **Verdon** is able to strike a brilliant balance between the clinically/dispassionate aspects of the violence while still allowing the reader to see and feel the workings of evil in plain sight. And another plus is that you don't have to read the first story to get the full benefit of this one. But be warned, there are many difficult clues to follow so don't approach this tale as a quick read. *(I have also read and loved both of the Verdon mysteries and think they are terrific. They are both complicated but with intriguing plots although in Shut Your Eyes Tight there is a disturbing and uncomfortable sub-plot. That aside, both are well worth reading. Marian).*

ELLY GRIFFITHS is one of my favourite authors. I am totally hooked on her Ruth Galloway series. In my 2009 review of the first, *The Crossing Places* (#1) (\$18.99), I admitted to bonding straight-away with Ruth, a forensic archaeologist and academic at Norfolk University whose duties include working with the police whenever they need to identify old, dead bodies. She is a 40-year-old single woman totally comfortable in her own skin, has a brilliant mind, and stopped wearing jeans when she hit size sixteen. In this third of the series, *The House at Sea's End* (#3) (\$29.99), she still lives in her remote cottage on the salt marshes with her cats and books but with one very significant addition, a baby daughter, Kate, conceived during an emotional one night stand with Detective Harry Nelson. So with a new twist, Ruth struggles to juggle a demanding career with motherhood. She has been avoiding Harry but as the story unfolds, she must work with him when an archaeological team investigating seaside erosion discovers six old skeletons buried below the ancient home of an eccentric MEP (Member of European Parliament). Ruth determines that the bodies are probably German soldiers and date back to World War II. But then things get complicated when three more people are killed - it soon becomes clear that someone is willing to kill to maintain old secrets. **Griffiths** is a good storyteller with a wonderful way of developing her characters, making them more inviting, deeper and personable as the series moves on. The compelling charm of these novels is the relationship between Harry and Ruth. And the best way to experience that is to read the stories in order. As with first two books, *The Crossing Places* (#1) (\$18.99) and the *Janus Stone* (#2) (\$15.99), the author leaves me wanting more as she ends off on a high emotional note. I can't wait for the next installment.

Hardbacks

ABBOTT, JEFF capra *ADRENALINE* (#1) (\$27.99) Sam Capra is living the life of his dreams. He's a brilliant young CIA agent, stationed in London. His wife Lucy is seven months pregnant with their first child. They have a wonderful home, and are deeply in love. They have everything they could hope for...until they lose it all in one horrifying moment. On a bright, sunny day, Sam receives a call from Lucy while he's at work. She tells him to leave the building immediately. He does...just before it explodes, killing everyone inside. Lucy vanishes, and Sam wakes up in a prison cell. As the lone survivor of the attack, he is branded by the CIA as a murderer and a traitor. How did Lucy know? Is she a traitor? Or is someone pulling the strings and is out to get Sam?

ABBOTT, MEGAN *END OF EVERYTHING* (\$26.99) Thirteen-year old Lizzie Hood and her next door neighbor Evie Verver are inseparable. They are best friends. To Lizzie, the Verver household, presided over by Evie's big-hearted father, is the world's most perfect place. And then, one afternoon, Evie disappears. The only clue: a maroon sedan Lizzie spotted driving past the two girls earlier in the day. As a rabid, giddy panic spreads through the Midwestern suburban community, everyone looks to Lizzie for answers. Was Evie unhappy, troubled, upset? Had she mentioned being followed? Would she have gotten into the car of a stranger? Lizzie takes up her own furtive pursuit of the truth, and uncovers secrets and lies that make her wonder if she knew her best friend at all.

AIRD, CATHERINE sloan *PAST TENSE* (#22) (\$30.99) DCI Sloan and Constable Crosby are on the case again. A young girl has been murdered, found dead in the river. But what connection does she have to the recently deceased Josephine Short?

ALBERT, SUSAN W china *MOURNING GLORIA* (#19) (\$32.50, \$32.99 large print) After a woman is killed in an arson-

homicide, Jessica Nelson, an intern-reporter at the local paper, is assigned to cover the story. When Jessica disappears, China Bayles is determined to find her.

ATKINS, ACE quinn RANGER (#1) (\$30) To Quinn Colson northeast Mississippi is rugged and notorious for outlaws since the Civil War, but it's changed since he left for Afghanistan. Now an Army Ranger, he returns to a place overrun by corruption, and finds his uncle, the county sheriff, dead—a suicide, he's told, but others whisper murder. In the days that follow, Colson discovers the truth, not only about his uncle, but about his family, his friends, his town, and not least about himself. Seems like the beginning of a new series.

BERRY, STEVE malone JEFFERSON KEY (#7) (\$30) Four United States presidents have been assassinated—in 1865, 1881, 1901, and 1963—each murder seemingly unrelated and separated by time. But what if those presidents were all killed for the same reason: a clause in the United States Constitution—contained within Article 1, Section 8—that would shock Americans? This question is what faces former Justice Department operative Cotton Malone. When a bold assassination attempt is made against President Danny Daniels, Malone risks his life to foil the killing only to find himself at dangerous odds with the Commonwealth, a secret society of pirates first assembled during the American Revolution. To catch the bad guys, Malone and Cassiopeia Vitt must break a secret cipher originally possessed by Thomas Jefferson, unravel a mystery concocted by Andrew Jackson, and unearth a centuries-old document forged by the Founding Fathers themselves, one powerful enough, thanks to that clause in the Constitution, to make the Commonwealth unstoppable.

BOOTH, STEPHEN DEVILS EDGE (#11) (\$34.99 hardcover, \$24.99 trade paperback) Detective Constable Ben Cooper and Detective Sergeant Diane Fry investigate a series of terrifying and lethal home invasions in the Peak District. After Cooper's brother shoots a burglar, Fry takes the reins, and Cooper must watch his rival pursue the case to its bitter end, even as he unearths evidence linking the crimes to the nearby city of Sheffield.

BURKE, ALAFAIR LONG GONE (\$26.99) After a layoff and months of struggling, Alice Humphrey finally lands her dream job managing a new art gallery in Manhattan's trendy Meatpacking District. Everything is perfect until the morning Alice arrives at work to find the gallery gone, the space stripped bare as if it had never been there, and Drew Campbell's dead body on the floor. Overnight, Alice's dream job has vanished, and she finds herself at the centre of a police investigation, with the evidence mounting against her. The phone number Drew gave her links back to a disposable phone. The artist whose work she displayed doesn't seem to exist. And the dead man she claims is Drew has been identified as someone else.

BURKE, JAN irene kelly DISTURBANCE (#11) (\$28.99) Despite her reporter's nose for trouble, Irene Kelly's life has almost returned to normal—the Las Piernas News Express wobbles along in defiance of its financial woes, and with the help of her husband, Frank, and a good therapist, she's recovered from the debilitating post-traumatic stress disorder that haunted her after her near-fatal encounter with notorious serial killer Nick Parrish. Then she receives some bad news: Parrish, once thought permanently paralyzed by the injuries he sustained fleeing recapture, is walking again. And the rumour among the Moths, Parrish's online fan club, is that he's coming after Irene. Suddenly Irene is on the other end of the microphone, being hounded by the media for interviews and plied with questions she'd hoped never to have to answer again. She tries to believe that she is safe from Parrish, who is imprisoned in a maximum security facility, and that the growing stream of threats from the Moths is all just talk. But when a young woman's body turns up in the trunk of a car near her home, naked, frozen solid, and decorated from head to toe in elaborately painted moths, it becomes clear that Irene will once again find herself pitted against a brutal murderer.

CARTER, MAUREEN quinn QUESTION OF DESPAIR (#1) (\$33.95) When a baby is snatched from outside a Birmingham news-agent's, 'Ice Queen' DI Sarah Quinn and feisty TV reporter Caroline King clash head-on in the desperate search to find her. Quinn's cool investigative methods contrast with those of the fiery King, who'll stop at nothing in pursuit of a good story. But as the investigation stonewalls, it soon becomes clear that the two enemies will have to work together if there is to be any chance of success.

CASTILLO, LINDA amish BREAKING SILENCE (#3) (\$28.99) Police Chief Kate Burkholder is called to the scene of a horrific tragedy on a peaceful Amish farm. Solly and Rachel Slabaugh, and Solly's brother, Abel, have drowned in the hog pit leaving the four children as orphans. As the investigation progresses, it seems that the Slabaugh deaths were not an accident and the case suddenly becomes a murder enquiry. Agent John Tomasetti and Kate have worked together before, and now he is called back to Painter's Creek to help seek out the perpetrators of what appear to be serious hate crimes against the Amish.

CHILDS, LAURA SCONES AND BONES (#12) (\$32.50) Indigo Tea Shop owner Theodosia Browning is lured into attending the Heritage Society's "Pirates and Plunder" soiree. But it's an antique diamond skull ring that gets plundered by someone who also murders a history intern in the process. Tea info and recipes...

CLANCY, TOM AGAINST ALL ENEMIES (\$33.50) A terrorist bombing in Pakistan wipes out Max Moore's entire CIA team. As the only survivor, the former Navy SEAL plunges deeper into the treacherous tribal lands to find the terrorist cell, but what he discovers there leads him to a much darker conspiracy in an unexpected part of the globe: the US/Mexico border. Here a drug war rages between the Juarez and Sinaloa cartels. The landscape is strewn with bodies, innocents and drug dealers alike, but is there an even deadlier enemy lurking in background? Into this deadly brew, Moore leads a group of specially selected agents whose daring actions reveal shocking answers and uncover a plan to strike against the very heart of America.

CLARE, Alys ROSE OF THE WORLD (#13) (\$34.95) Autumn, 1210. A year ago, King John was excommunicated and now his men have come to Hawkenlye Abbey to take it over. Abbess Caliste, Helewise's successor, worries how she is going to feed the nuns under her care, let alone conduct her usual good works. Meanwhile, Helewise has moved into Hawkenlye Manor with Josse and their lives are full of family and warmth. But after a visit to St Edmund's Chapel, Helewise's eleven-year-old granddaughter, Rosamund, goes missing and soon all that they hold dear is threatened.

CLEMENTS, RORY REVENGER (\$28.95) In the first book, Martyr (out of print), we are introduced to John Shakespeare, chief intelligencer to Queen Elizabeth I and older brother to Will. Now, five years later, the Queen needs Shakespeare's services once more. Not only is England still at war with Spain, but her court is riven by savage infighting among ambitious young courtiers. Shakespeare is summoned by Elizabeth's cold but deadly Privy Councillor Sir Robert Cecil and ordered to undertake two linked missions: to investigate the mystery of the doomed Roanoke colony in North America, Sir Walter Raleigh's folly, and to spy on Cecil's rival, the dashing Earl of Essex. When Shakespeare enters Essex's dissolute world, he discovers not only that the Queen herself is in danger, but that he and his family are also targets. With a plague devastating the country, Catholics facing persecution and martyrdom at the hands of an infamous torturer, and John's own wife, Catherine, possibly protecting a priest, Shakespeare has his own survival to secure, as well as that of his fading but still feisty Queen.

COLE, JULIAN FELICITY'S GATE (#2) (\$29.99) After Jane's body is found, the chief suspect is her lover, Moses Mundy. Chief Inspector Sam Rounder soon discovers there is more to this murder than meets the eye. To make matters worse, his own brother, Rick, a

private eye, has been hired to prove Moses' innocence. Sequel to The Amateur Historian (\$28.99).

CORLEONE, DOUGLAS corvell ONE MAN'S PARADISE (#1) (\$29.99) Hotshot New York criminal defense lawyer Kevin Corvelli had all the right connections to get way ahead. Guilty? Innocent? It didn't matter so long as he won, got in the papers and got paid. That's until he loses, and loses big, when a client, who was convicted and then killed in jail, is later proven innocent. The media has a field day and he bolts for Hawaii. Committed to being a lawyer if only because of the debts he accumulated becoming one in the first place, he sets up shop in paradise and swears to handle only misdemeanours this time around---no felonies, no murders, no media attention, no high stakes, no real responsibility. But his first case turns out to be exactly that: law student Joseph Gianforte, Jr., is accused of chasing his ex-girlfriend to Hawaii and killing her. He's innocent, same as Corvelli's last case, only this time Corvelli knows it, and with that knowledge comes the chilling realization that the killer is still out there with plenty of incentive to make sure that any proof of Gianforte's innocence doesn't go any further than the three of them. This book is the winner of the Minotaur Books/Mystery Writers of America First Crime Novel Competition.

DEAVER, JEFFERY CARTE BLANCHE (\$29.99) James Bond, in his early thirties and already a veteran of the Afghan war, has been recruited to a new organization. Conceived in the post-9/11 world, it operates independent of MI5, MI6 and the Ministry of Defense, its very existence deniable. Its aim: To protect the Realm, by any means necessary. A Night Action alert calls Bond away from dinner with a beautiful woman. Headquarters has decrypted an electronic whisper about an attack scheduled for later in the week: Casualties estimated in the thousands, British interests adversely affected and Agent 007 has been given carte blanche to do whatever it takes to sort this out.

DELANY, VICKI molly smith AMONG THE DEPARTED (#5) (\$31.95) Fifteen years ago Mr. Nowak went for a walk and was never seen again. Autumn has arrived on the mountains above Trafalgar, B.C., and the promise of winter is in the air. Constable Molly Smith is cuddled by the fireplace with Adam Tocek of the RCMP when Tocek and his dog Norman are called to a wilderness camping ground to join the search for a little boy who snuck away from his family looking for bears. The child is found, dirty, terrified, weeping, but unharmed. Then the inquisitive Norman digs up something else: human bones. The ID isn't positive, but it is enough to have Sergeant John Winters of the Trafalgar City Police pulling old boxes from the basement to re-open the Brian Nowak investigation. He finds a family shattered beyond recognition by the disappearance of their husband and father. As the investigation into the life and disappearance of Brian Nowak grows, old secrets are brought to light and new ones struggle to remain hidden.

DIETRICH, WILLIAM BLOOD OF THE REICH (\$27.99) On the eve of World War II, explorer Kurt Raeder receives orders from Reichsführer-SS Heinrich Himmler to set out from Berlin in search of a legendary energy source hidden among the mountains of Tibet, one that could bring victory to the Nazis. Only one man can stop Raeder and his team of SS officers: wealthy American zoologist Benjamin Hood. Together with aviatrix Beth Calloway, he must race to the Buddhist kingdom before the tides of history run red with blood. Decades later, in present-day Seattle, software publicist Rominy Pickett is saved from certain death by a mysterious journalist who claims to know the truth about her family. Rominy's history and courage hold the key to defeating, once and for all, the evil forces again on the rise.

DOIRON, PAUL bowditch TRESPASSER (#2) (\$28.99) On a fog-shrouded road in Maine, a young woman disappears after hitting a deer with her car. The game warden called to investigate uncovers a web of lies and deceit that leads to a killer who may have already

gotten away with murder.

DOLAN, HARRY loogan VERY BAD MEN (#2) (\$30) David Loogan is now living (in Ann Arbor) with Detective Elizabeth Waishkey and her daughter, Sarah. He's settled into a quiet routine as editor of the mystery magazine *Gray Streets* until one day he finds a manuscript outside his door. It begins: "I killed Henry Kormoran." Do read Bad Things Happen (#1) (\$18.50) first, so that you are properly introduced to David, Elizabeth, Sarah and Henry. You'll love it. See *J.D.'s Picks*.

[DOYLE]RICCARDI, TED BETWEEN THE THAMES AND THE TIBER (\$31) After a thrilling jaunt in the far east (The Oriental Casebook of Sherlock Holmes (\$18.50)), Holmes and Watson return to England to address an inheritance left by one of Watson's relatives in Cornwall, half of which he gave to his dear friend, Sherlock Holmes. Financially secure, the two are now free to spend as much time on Baker Street and the Continent as they please, and the duo find themselves as comfortable in Rome on the banks of the Tiber as the Thames. Holmes takes on case after case and it's all in a day's work, until clues surface that his great nemesis, Professor James Moriarty, might still be alive.

DUGONI, ROBERT sloane MURDER ONE (#4) (\$28.99) A year after the devastating murder of his wife, attorney David Sloane has returned to Seattle after three months in Mexico. At a black-tie dinner where he's been persuaded to give the keynote address, Sloane reconnects with Barclay Reid, opposing counsel in his most prominent case. Barclay is suffering from her own personal tragedy: the death of her teenage daughter from a drug overdose. In the aftermath, Barclay has begun an intense crusade against the Russian drug traffickers she holds responsible for her daughter's death, pursuing them with a righteousness that matches Sloane's own zeal for justice. Despite their adversarial past, Sloane is drawn to Barclay and for the first time since his wife died, he finds himself beginning to have romantic feelings again. But when Barclay's crusade stalls and a Russian drug dealer turns up dead, she stands accused of murder, and Sloane is her chosen defender. Amid the swirling media frenzy, in his first criminal case, Sloane finds himself once again in harm's way, while mounting evidence suggests that Barclay is a woman with many secrets and may not be quite as innocent as she seems.

EDWARDS (ED), MARTIN ORIGINAL SINS (\$34.95) A collection of stories from, among others, **Peter Lovesey, Barbara Nadel, Simon Brett, Ann Cleeves, Reginald Hill...**

ELLIS, KATE peterson JACKAL MAN (#15) (\$34.99 hardcover, \$24.99 trade paperback) Wesley faces a serial killer with an ancient Egyptian connection When Clare Mayers is almost killed on her way home by a man she describes as having a "dog's head," it's up to DI Wesley Peterson and his team to try and unravel this strange case. Meanwhile, archaeologist Neil Watson has been commissioned to examine the wealth of Egyptian artifacts amassed by the late Frederick Varley. But as Neil gets closer to uncovering the truth surrounding some sinister allegations of the past, he discovers the shocking secrets that someone is desperate to keep hidden from the prying eyes of the community. As the Jackal Man continues to torment the women of Tradmouth, is it a case of history repeating itself? And can Wesley Peterson stop him before it's too late?

ELLIS, KATE plantagenet KISSING THE DEMONS (#4) (\$33.95) Thirteen Torland Place is a house with a disturbing past. When a student living there is found murdered, DI Joe Plantagenet wonders whether her death has anything to do with its grim history. Then other, similar deaths come to light and he fears that a ruthless serial killer is at work. Could the deaths be connected to Obediah Shrowton, an executed murderer whose presence still seems to linger in the house? Or is there a yet more sinister explanation?

EVANOVICH, JANET plum SMOKIN' SEVENTEEN (#17) (\$29.95) Dead bodies are showing up in shallow graves on the empty

construction lot of Vincent Plum Bail Bonds. No one is sure who the killer is, or why the victims have been offed, but what is clear is that Stephanie's name is on the killer's list. Short on time to find evidence proving the killer's identity, Stephanie faces further complications when her family and friends decide that it's time for her to choose between her longtime off-again-on-again boyfriend, Trenton cop Joe Morelli, and the bad boy in her life, security expert Ranger. Stephanie's mom is encouraging Stephanie to dump them both and choose a former high school football star who's just returned to town. Stephanie's sidekick, Lula, is encouraging Stephanie to have a red-hot bou-doir "bake-off." And Grandma Bella, Morelli's old-world grandmother, is encouraging Stephanie to move to a new state when she puts "the eye" on Stephanie.

FINDER, JOSEPH heller BURIED SECRETS (#2) (\$29.99) Private spy, Nick Heller has returned to his old home town of Boston to set up his own shop when he's urgently summoned by an old family friend, hedge fund titan Marshall Marcus, who desperately needs his help. His eighteen-year-old daughter, Alexandra, has just been kidnapped. Her abduction was clearly a sophisticated, professional job, done with extraordinary precision, leaving no trace evidence. Alexandra, whom Nick has known since she was an infant, is now buried alive, held prisoner in an underground crypt, a camera trained on her, her suffering streaming live over the internet for all to see. She's been left with a limited supply of food and water and, if her father doesn't meet the demands of her shadowy kidnappers, she'll die. As Nick begins to probe, he discovers that his old friend Marshall Marcus seems to have been running a Ponzi scheme. His fund has collapsed, the FBI has arrested him, and now he's become the most hated man in America. He has a lot of powerful enemies who may have the motivation to go after his daughter. But to find out who's holding Alexandra Marcus hostage, Nick has to find out why. And once he does, he uncovers an astonishing conspiracy that reaches up to the highest levels of government. If he's going to find Alexandra, he has to flush out and confront some of the most deadly opponents ever before time runs out.

FOWLER, EARLENE benni SPIDER WEB (#15) (\$30) The Memory Festival is a celebration of recollections and loved ones through crafts. But when a local cop is wounded by a mysterious sharpshooter who seems to have a vendetta against the police, Benni fears for "her" loved ones, especially her police chief husband.

FRANCOME, JOHN STORM RIDER (\$34.99 hardcover, \$24.99 trade paperback) The discovery of a corpse after a violent storm sends shockwaves through a close-knit racing community in Berkshire. Antiques dealer and ladies' man Glyn Cole went missing two years ago and now his skeletal remains have been found in a very unlikely place. Until his mysterious disappearance, Cole brought chaos in his wake and his absence had been a relief to many. So many had reason to want Glyn out of their lives. In death, it seems, the local bad boy has not yet finished causing trouble. But who among his enemies was cunning enough to remove him for good?

GHELFI, BRENT BURNING LAKE (#4) (\$31.95 hardcover, \$18.95 trade paperback.) Another prominent journalist is found murdered in Putin's Russia, shot to death on the banks of the Techa River near the radioactive village of Metlino. Katarina Mironova, known around the world as Kato, could simply fade from the public eye, one more journalist killed during Putin's war on the free press, one more statistic in a grim tally. But to Russian agent Alexei Volkovoy, Kato's murder evokes far more emotion. It summons too many memories, haunts him in too many ways for him to allow her death go un-avenged. Volk's investigation takes him from Moscow to Mayak, the site of a nuclear reprocessing plant where a massive explosion occurred in 1958, then to Las Vegas. All the while the life he has known with his long-time lover, Valya, and his patron, the General, slowly unravels as details about his secret ties to Kato begin to emerge.

GRAN, SARA claire CLAIRE DEWITT AND THE CITY OF THE DEAD (\$29.95) Claire DeWitt is not your average private investigator. She has brilliant skills of deduction and is an ace at discovering evidence. But Claire also uses her dreams, omens, and mind-expanding herbs to help her solve mysteries, and relies on *Détection*, the only book published by the great and mysterious French detective Jacques Silette before his death. The tattooed, pot-smoking Claire has just arrived in post-Katrina New Orleans, the city she's avoided since her mentor, Silette's student Constance Darling, was murdered there. Claire is investigating the disappearance of Vic Willing, a prosecutor known for winning convictions in a homicide-plagued city. Has an angry criminal enacted revenge on Vic? Or did he use the storm as means to disappear?

GRAY, ALEX lorimer SLEEP LIKE THE DEAD (#8) (\$34.99) Everyone is searching for Billy Brogan and his sister, Marianne. Marianne's ex-husband Kenneth Scott is gunned down in his home and two men are found dead in Billy's West End flat. But Billy is on the run to Spain, with the money that was meant to pay the hit man who killed Kenneth. Now the hit man remains in Glasgow, seeking not just his fee for his job but the elusive Marianne. DCI Lorimer better find her before time runs out for her.

GRONER, CARY EXILES (\$28.95) Fleeing the messy dissolution of his marriage, cardiologist Peter Scanlon decides to take a risk and move with his seventeen-year-old daughter to Kathmandu, where he will volunteer in a free health clinic. But once there, he finds that he failed to anticipate the hardships and dangers: austere living conditions; a chronic shortage of medical supplies; diseases he has never encountered before; the sexual trafficking of young girls; and political instability and an encroaching civil war. At the same time, his friendship and philosophical discussions with a Tibetan Buddhist lama challenge and invigorate Scanlon, and his contentious relationship with the Nepali nurse who works with him gives way to deeper feelings. His daughter, in the meantime, flourishes as she quickly adapts to the new culture and falls in love for the first time. But when Scanlon is summoned to the scene of an accident on Mt. Annapurna, their lives become a nightmare of violence and fear. A debut novel.

HAGBERG, DAVID macgarvey ABYSS (\$28.99) Twenty-five miles off Hutchinson Island on Florida's east coast, NOAA scientist Dr. Eve Larsen is about to prove she has the answers to global warming, and the solution to stopping killer storms across the planet. She is a part of a multi-trillion dollar, multinational project to farm clean, endless energy from the oceans' currents and alter the planet's weather for the better. At that moment, contract killer Brian DeCamp walks into the Hutchinson Island Nuclear Power Station, aiming to cause a meltdown so catastrophic that it will make Chernobyl seem like child's play. Security cam footage leads to an intervention by legendary former CIA director Kirk McGarvey, who manages to thwart the catastrophe but the failed sabotage sets off a chain of events more terrifying than McGarvey could ever have imagined.

HAINES, CAROLYN bones BONES OF A FEATHER (#11) (\$28.99) A missing necklace worth \$4 million makes for high stakes for PI Sarah Booth Delaney when its wealthy owner is also snatched.

HAMILTON, STEVE macknight MISERY BAY (#8) (\$28.99) On a frozen January night, a young man loops one end of a long rope over the branch of a tree. The other end he ties around his neck. A snowmobiler finds him 36 hours later, his lifeless eyes staring out at the endless cold water of Lake Superior. It happens in a lonely corner of the Upper Peninsula, in a place they call Misery Bay, a good 250 miles west of Paradise. Alex McKnight does not know this young man, and he won't even hear about the suicide until two months later, when the door to the Glasgow Inn opens and the last person Alex would ever expect comes walking inside to ask for his help. What seems like a simple quest to find a few answers turns into a nightmare of sudden violence and bloody revenge, and a race against time

to catch a ruthless and methodical killer. **Come meet Steve Hamilton, Saturday, July 23, noon to 1 pm.**

HAMRICK, JANICE shore DEATH ON TOUR (#1) (\$28.99) After a member of an Egyptian tour group is found dead, Texas high school teacher and fellow traveler Jocelyn Shore learns that no one is what they seen.

HARRIS, ROSEMARY SLUGFEST (#4) (\$28.99) When Paula Holliday agrees to act as exhibit manager for a reclusive artist she's expecting a laidback weekend picking up gardening tips. She doesn't expect to be knee-deep in horticultural sabotage, beheaded gnomes, homicide, and something called The Javits Curse. Then an overeager attendee is found floating in the river and Paula realizes she accidentally holds a clue to his murder. That's when the garden gloves come off and this flower show turns into a real Slugfest!

HEALD, TIM bognor DEATH IN THE OPENING CHAPTER (#11) (\$33.95) On the eve of the Flanagan Fludd Literary Festival, the Reverend Sebastian Fludd is discovered gently swinging from the end of a rope in his own church. While Sebastian's cousin and lord of the manor, Sir Branwell Fludd, is keen to wrap up the affair with the minimum of fuss, Branwell's friend, Sir Simon Bognor, is more concerned to get to the truth. Did the mild-mannered vicar really take his own life – or was his unexpected demise something more sinister?

HILTON, MATT joe hunter BLOOD AND ASHES (#5) (\$34.99) Brook Reynolds died in a car crash. Tragic accident, the police say. But her father knows otherwise. And he wants Joe Hunter to find the men responsible. "If you like Jack Reacher you'll adore Joe Hunter" says the star burst on the dust jacket.

HOUSEWRIGHT, DAVID rush HIGHWAY 61 (#8) (\$29.99) Rushmore McKenzie is a former cop, current millionaire and an occasional unlicensed P.I. who does favours for his friends. Yet he has reservations when his girlfriend's daughter asks him to help her father Jason Truhler—and McKenzie's girlfriend's ex—a man in serious trouble. En route from St. Paul to a Canadian blues festival on Highway 61, he met a girl, blacked out, and awoke hours later in a strange motel, with the girl's murdered body on the floor. Slipping away unnoticed and heading home, he thought he'd got away until he started getting texts with photos of the body and demands for blackmail payments he couldn't pay. McKenzie soon finds that Truhler was set up in a modified honey trap, designed to blackmail him. But Truhler's version wasn't exactly the truth either. And McKenzie now finds himself trapped in the middle of a very dangerous game with some of the most powerful men in the state.

ISON, GRAHAM HARDCASTLE'S OBSESSION (\$32.95) September 1916. A Zeppelin with a deadly payload is aimed at Victoria station, but when the bombs miss their mark and instead destroy a nearby house in Washbourne Street, the body of a woman is discovered, who was not only unknown to the tenants of the building but also appears to have died before the bombs were even dropped. Detective Inspector Hardcastle investigates.

JANES, DIANE WHY DIDN'T YOU COME FOR ME? (\$28.95) Sometimes Jo still wakes up suddenly, thinking she can hear Lauren's cry. Although twelve years have passed since her baby daughter was abducted, photos of the child continue to arrive by post with the words *I still have her* scrawled on the back. The police think it's a hoax, but Jo has always believed them to be genuine and until there is some hard evidence to the contrary, she will always hold on to the belief that Lauren is still alive. But if the pictures really do come from the kidnapper, it means they have been keeping track of Jo's movements all these years. Recently Jo has begun to feel as if she is being watched and that whoever has her daughter is getting closer. Is Jo's husband right to dismiss her fears as paranoia, or might Jo herself be in danger?

JARDINE, QUINTIN LONER (\$34.99 hardcover, 24.99 trade paperback) A stand-alone thriller from the author of the Bob Skinner

and Oz Blackstone novels.

JOHNSON, CRAIG walt HELL IS EMPTY (#7) (\$30) Raynaud Shade, an adopted Crow Indian, has just confessed to murdering a boy ten years ago and burying him deep within the Big Horn Mountains. After transporting Shade and a group of other convicted murderers through a snowstorm, Walt is informed by the FBI that the body is buried in his jurisdiction and the victim's name is White Buffalo. Guided only by Indian mysticism and a battered paperback of Dante's Inferno, Walt pursues Shade and his fellow escapees into the icy hell of the Cloud Peak. Just wonderful. See *J.D.'s Picks*.

JOSS, MORAG AMONG THE MISSING (\$28.95) When a bridge collapses in the Highlands of Scotland, dozens of commuters vanish into the freezing river below, swept by the currents toward the sea, and only an amateur video and the bridge's security camera record their last moments. A woman tourist, whose car was filmed pulling onto the bridge seconds before it fell, is assumed to be among the missing. But in desperate need of money, she had sold the car only hours before. Now she can begin life over. Her path leads her to a spartan cabin on the bank of the river where, as Annabel, she is reborn, free from her past. Here she lives with Silva, an illegal immigrant whose predicament is compounded by the disappearance of her husband and their child. She waits for them each day, clinging to hope against overwhelming evidence. The two women are befriended by the boatman Ron, and together they create a fragile sanctuary in the shadow of the bridge that has changed their lives. They keep secrets from one another, yet also connect in ways none of them expects. Lost souls all, they struggle to survive, to trust, and to love even as the consequences of the past prove inescapable.

KORYTA, MICHAEL RIDGE (\$27.99) In an isolated stretch of eastern Kentucky, on a hilltop known as Blade Ridge, stands a lighthouse that illuminates nothing but the surrounding woods. For years the lighthouse has been considered no more than an eccentric local landmark—until its builder is found dead at the top of the light, and his belongings reveal a troubling local history. For deputy sheriff Kevin Kimble, the lighthouse-keeper's death is disturbing and personal. Years ago, Kimble was shot while on duty. Somehow the death suggests a connection between the lighthouse and the most terrifying moment of his life. Audrey Clark is in the midst of moving her large-cat sanctuary onto land adjacent to the lighthouse. Sixty-seven tigers, lions, leopards, and one legendary black panther are about to have a new home there. Her husband, the sanctuary's founder, died scouting the new property, and Audrey is determined to see his vision through. As strange occurrences multiply at the Ridge, the animals grow ever more restless, and Kimble and Audrey try to understand what evil forces are moving through this ancient landscape, just past the divide between dark and light.

LARSON, ERIK IN THE GARDEN OF BEASTS (\$30) The time is 1933, the place, Berlin, when William E. Dodd becomes America's first ambassador to Hitler's Germany in a year that proved to be a turning point in history. A mild-mannered professor from Chicago, Dodd brings along his wife, son, and flamboyant daughter, Martha. At first Martha is entranced by the parties and pomp, and the handsome young men of the Third Reich with their infectious enthusiasm for restoring Germany to a position of world prominence. Enamoured of the "New Germany," she has one affair after another, including with the surprisingly honourable first chief of the Gestapo, Rudolf Diels. But as evidence of Jewish persecution mounts, confirmed by chilling first-person testimony, her father telegraphs his concerns to a largely indifferent State Department back home. Dodd watches with alarm as Jews are attacked, the press is censored, and drafts of frightening new laws begin to circulate. As that first year unfolds and the shadows deepen, the Dodds experience days full of excitement, intrigue, romance and ultimately, horror, when a climactic spasm of violence and murder reveals Hitler's true character and ruthless ambi-

tion. This is non-fiction written by the author of the wonderful The Devil in the White City (\$17.95).

[LARSSON]GABRIELSSON, EVA THERE ARE THINGS I WANT YOU TO KNOW (\$26.95) Eva Gabriellsson and Stieg Larsson shared everything, starting when they were both eighteen until his untimely death thirty-two years later at the age of fifty. In this book, Eva Gabriellsson accepts the daunting challenge of telling the story of their shared life steeped in love and sharpened in the struggle for justice and human rights. She chooses to tell it in short, lyrical chapters, like snapshots, regaling Larsson's readers with the inside account of how he wrote, why he wrote, who the sources were for Lisbeth and his other characters, graciously answering Stieg Larsson's readers' most pressing questions, and at the same time telling us the things we didn't know we wanted to know, about love and loss, death, betrayal, and the mistreatment of women.

LIEBMAN, RON JERSEY LAW (\$28.99) Mickie Mezzonatti and Salvatore "Junne" Salerno of Camden, New Jersey, are a pair of cops-turned-attorneys who defend New Jersey's worst of the worst. Set in the streets and courtrooms of Camden, this is the story of their attempt to spring long-time client Slippery Williams, a charismatic drug lord who rules the local underworld, from jail. Junne and Mickie owe Slippery big time. He once saved their lives, literally, after a previous client tried to have them murdered. But this case turns out to be much more complicated and far more perilous than Junne and Mickie imagined, and, they'll be lucky if they survive to hear the verdict.

LITTLEFIELD, SOPHIE BAD DAY FOR SCANDAL (#3) (\$28.99) When Priss Porter returns to town with a body in her trunk, she expects vigilante Stella Hardesty to dispose of it for her. But Stella refuses to cooperate, only to hear later that Priss has gone missing and Stella is implicated. The first two in this terrific series are A Bad Day For Sorry (\$16.99) and Bad Day for Pretty (\$15.99).

LOEHFELM, BILL DEVIL SHE KNOWS (\$29.95) Maureen Coughlin is in a rut. At twenty-nine, the strong Staten Island native fears she may become a 'lifer' at the Narrows, the faux-swank bar where she waits tables five nights a week. Nursing a strained relationship with her mother, she tries to find ambition in the little things - a gym membership, a plan to return to school, a dash of cocaine before work - but there's no denying that she's stuck. Then, leaving work one night, Maureen walks in on a tryst between her coworker Dennis and Frank Sebastian, a silver-haired aspiring politician. Fearing repercussions, Sebastian forces her into silence, and Maureen is more than happy to forget what she's seen - until Dennis turns up dead on the train tracks the next morning.

MCCLEARY, CAROL BLY ILLUSION OF MURDER (#2) (\$28.99) The intrepid Nellie Bly, the world's most famous reporter, sets sail around the world on a dazzling adventure and becomes embroiled in international intrigue with the fate of nations at stake. She has taken up Jules Verne's challenge to beat the eighty days it took his fictional hero to race around the world. Her official account of the journey, however, omits one shocking occurrence: in the bustling harbour city of Port Said, Nellie witnesses a mysterious death and this makes her a target for a killer. On board the luxurious ships that take Nellie from the land of Pharaohs to the exotic Orient are the most famous magicians in the world, but a killer stalks the decks. The first in the series is The Alchemy of Murder (\$9.99).

MARSHALL, MICHAEL KILLER MOVE (\$26.99) Bill Moore already has a lot, but he wants more. He's got a lucrative job selling condos in the Florida Keys, a successful wife, a good marriage, a beautiful house. He also has a five-year plan for super success, but that plan has begun to drag into its sixth year without reaping its intended rewards. Then one morning Bill arrives at work to find a card waiting for him, with no indication who it's from or why it was sent. Its message is just one word: modified. From that moment on, Bill's life begins to change. At first, nothing seems very different. But when

things begin to unwind rapidly, and one after another, people around Bill start to die, it becomes increasingly clear that someone somewhere has a very different plan for Bill's future. Confused and angry, Bill begins to fight against this unseen force until he comes to a terrifying, inescapable realization: *Once modified, there's no going back.*

MARSTON, EDWARD BLOOD ON THE LINE (\$34.99) The year is 1855, and on the Birmingham express train a criminal is being escorted to his appointment with the hangman. But the wily Jeremy Oxley, con-man, thief and murderer, has one last ace up his sleeve: a beautiful and ruthless accomplice willing to do anything to save her lover. A daring rescue is about to take place and cold-blooded murder is on the cards. Another puzzling case for the Railway Detective Robert Colbeck and his trust deputy Victor Leeming, which will see them travelling across the UK and to New York in their attempts to capture their Oxley.

MARTINI, STEVE TRADER OF SECRETS (#12) (\$29.99) Defense attorney Paul Madriani is embroiled in a case that involves an angry killer who will stop at nothing short of vengeance, and two missing NASA scientists who are holding secrets that a hostile government desperately wants to purchase in blood if they must. Madriani's daughter, Sarah, has evaded the man known as Liquida, who has stalked her all the way across the country. For her own safety, she is being kept under armed guard on a farm in Ohio. But one morning, itching for a predawn run to shake off the tension that has grown in the hours she's spent waiting for word from her father, Sarah slips from her ring of protection. What she doesn't know is that at the same moment her assailant is outside, waiting patiently in the dark. Meanwhile in California, two men in a parked car argue over millions in cash that could be slipping through their fingers and a scheme involving government technology for sale that could rock the world.

MERCER, KEN macgowan EAST ON SUNSET (#2) (\$29.99) Will Magowan, terminated by the LAPD, has become the police chief of Haydensville, in rural Northern California. You first met him in Slow Fire (\$31). In his second outing, he's battling the evils of his past after a killer is released from jail at the worst possible moment.

MICHAELS, ANNA TENDER MERCY OF ROSES (\$26.99) While the body of rodeo star Pony Jones lies motionless in the northern Alabama woods, her spirit is on a mission to find her killer. Invisible to the eye but not to the sixth sense, the only thing Pony can do is guide the living to the truth. Her grief-stricken father, Titus, wants nothing more than retribution for his daughter's death, so when former police detective Jo Beth Dawson comes to town, something compels him to seek out her help. But when Jo Beth and Titus team up to track down Pony's murderer, it turns loose a whirlwind of intense emotion and unexpected encounters. As they uncover more and more clues leading them to the killer, dark family secrets are revealed and the two must search their souls for redemption.

MITZNER, ADAM CONFLICT OF INTEREST (\$29.99) Alex Miller is a criminal defense attorney and, at thirty-five, the youngest partner in one of the most powerful law firms in New York City. He's a man at the top of his game with the life he's always dreamed of. At his father's funeral, Alex meets Michael Ohlig, a mysterious and nearly mythic figure in the Miller family history, who wants Alex to represent him in a high-profile criminal investigation: an alleged brokerage scam that has lost hundreds of millions of dollars for investors. Wealthy beyond words, Ohlig insists he's done nothing wrong, and Alex, who's experienced enough to know that clients always lie, uncharacteristically believes him. But as the facts come out, secrets are revealed that threaten everything Alex believes in. A debut novel.

MORSON, IAN falconer FALCONER AND THE RITUAL OF DEATH (#6) (\$38.95) Oxford, January 1273. When Regent Master William Falconer receives a cryptic message from Friar Roger, an old friend whose experimental scientific ideas the church consider heretical, he travels to Paris to find him. He discovers his friend has been

incarcerated in a friary and he must work to ensure that his scientific theories are not lost forever. But, unbeknownst to Falconer, King Edward has a task for him, one that will test even the Regent Master's legendary powers of deduction.

MYERS, AMY car detective CLASSIC IN THE BARN (#1) (\$32.99) The first in a new mystery series featuring classic cars detective Jack Colby. When he sees a 1938 Lagonda V12 lying uncared for in a Kentish country barn, he has to have a closer look, which brings him face to face with its angry owner, Polly Davis. Is it the car or Polly that captivates his heart? He decides to find out more about both, but his enquiries are abruptly cut short when Polly is murdered. Convinced that the Lagonda is somehow involved, he is determined to bring her killer to justice, even at the expense of his own safety.

NESSER, HAKAN van veetere INSPECTOR AND SILENCE (#5) (\$30) It's a hot summer in Sweden and Chief Inspector Van Veeteren is long overdue for a holiday when a secretive and dubious religious sect comes under investigation. One of its members, a young girl, is found dead in the forest near their holiday camp, brutally raped and strangled; the discovery of her body has been phoned in by an anonymous caller. The members of the sect, the Pure Life, are led by Oscar Yellinek, a charismatic but unnervingly guarded messiah figure. In an act that mystifies and infuriates Van Veeteren and his associates, the members of the Pure Life choose to remain silent about the incident rather than defend themselves. But an unidentified woman is continuing to assist the authorities, and her knowledge suggests she's more than just a passing Good Samaritan. Her tips become more perplexing as a new string of increasingly horrifying crimes defy everything Van Veeteren and his team thought they knew about the case.

PALMA, FELIX J MAP OF TIME (\$29.99) H.G. Wells is called upon to investigate purported incidents of time travel and thereby save the lives of an aristocrat in love with a murdered prostitute from the past; of a woman bent on fleeing the strictures of Victorian society; and of his very own wife, who may have become a pawn in a 4th-dimensional plot to murder the authors of Dracula, The Time Machine and The War of the Worlds, in order to alter their identities and steal their fictional creations. But, what happens if we change history? Fictional characters are mingled in with real ones and readers are transported to a fascinating Victorian London for their own taste of time travel.

PINTOFF, STEFANIE ziele SECRET OF THE WHITE ROSE (#3) (\$28.99) The murder of a judge sets off a hunt that only Detective Simon Ziele and criminologist Alistair Sinclair can stop. The first two in the series are In The Shadow of Gotham (\$17.99) and Curtain Falls (\$16.99).

PRESSFIELD, STEVEN PROFESSION (\$28.95) The year is 2032. The third Iran-Iraq war is over; the 11/11 dirty bomb attack on the port of Long Beach, California is receding into memory; Saudi Arabia has recently quelled a coup; Russians and Turks are clashing in the Caspian Basin; Iranian armoured units, supported by the satellite and drone power of their Chinese allies, have emerged from their enclaves in Tehran and are sweeping south attempting to recapture the resource rich territory that had been stolen from them, Even nation states enlist mercenary forces to suppress internal insurrections, hunt terrorists, and do the black bag jobs necessary to maintain the New World Order. Force Insertion is the world's mercenary monopoly. Its leader is the disgraced former United States Marine General James Salter, stripped of his command by the president for nuclear saber-rattling with the Chinese and banished to the Far East. A grandmaster military and political strategist, Salter deftly seizes huge oil and gas fields, ultimately making himself the most powerful man in the world. Salter's endgame is to take vengeance on those responsible for his exile and then come home...as Commander in Chief. The only man who can stop him is the novel's narrator, Gilbert "Gent" Gentilhomme, Salter's most loyal foot soldier and as close to him as

the son Salter lost. Gent launches his personally and professionally most desperate mission: to take out his mentor and save the United States from self destruction.

PRONZINI, BILL nameless CAMOUFLAGE (#36) (\$28.99) Nameless may not like David Virden, but the case is simple enough: find his ex-wife, deliver some papers to her and it's all done. But she refuses the papers, sends a message to Virden to never contact her again, and slams the door. His colleague, Tamara, tells Nameless that Virden threatens to sue, stops payment on his checks, and claims that the woman they located isn't his wife. Then he disappears and his fiancée hires Nameless to find out why. The investigation that Nameless's partner, Jake Runyon, has to undertake is personal...and urgent. His girlfriend Bryn's son, a pawn in a bitter divorce settlement, is being beaten and every indication is that his father is responsible.

RICHARDS, DAVID ADAMS INCIDENTS IN THE LIFE OF MARKUS PAUL (\$32.95) When a terrible accident unsettles the peace in a small, tight-knit community, who will pay the price? The book tells an intricate story about the miscarriage of justice in the case of one man's death in a shipping yard in New Brunswick in 1985. The novel is a meticulous study of the various half truths, political machinations and outright lies that lead to the unfair incrimination of one man, Roger Savage, in the death of Hector Penniac, a promising young Micmac man from a local First Nations reserve.

RIGGS, CYNTHIA BEE BALM MURDERS (#10) (\$28.99) After her new boarder finds a body while laying fiber-optic cable across the island, Victoria is hired by the dead man's sons to investigate.

ROBERTS, LES CLEVELAND CREEP (#15) (\$30) A missing-person case gets complicated when Milan Jacovich discovers that 28-year-old Earl Dacey left behind a strange collection of voyeuristic videos in his mother's West Side Cleveland house. Was Earl just a pervert shadowing Catholic schoolgirls in Northeast Ohio shopping malls with his hidden camera or had he become entangled with unsavoury characters in the local adult film business? When Milan uncovers a possible link to organized crime, the FBI gets interested and Milan's "well connected" friend, Victor Gaimari, gets angry. After a dead body turns up, the Cleveland Police take over, and Milan figures he's off the case. So why does crusty Lieutenant McHargue ask him to lend a hand? Still feeling the effects of a recent concussion and well aware of his aging body, Milan takes the advice of a colleague and hires an assistant. Kevin O'Bannion is young and eager to learn the P.I. business. An Army veteran with combat experience and a juvenile-crime record, he definitely won't shy away from a fight.

ROBERTSON, IMOGEN ISLAND OF BONES (#3) (\$34.99 hardcover, 24.99 trade paperback) London, 1781. Harriet Westerman waits for news of her husband who was gravely injured at sea. After a body is dragged out of the Thames, reclusive anatomist Gabriel Crowther is persuaded to advise on the man's death. The two follow a trail of secrecy to the opera house where the dead man worked. Behind the curtain a much darker plot is being played out which will lead them into great danger. Sequel to Instruments of Darkness (#1) (\$14.99) and Anatomy of Murder (#2) (\$24.99).

ROLLINS, JAMES DEVIL COLONY (\$29.99 hardcover, \$19.99 trade paperback) Deep in the Rocky Mountains, a gruesome discovery hundreds of mummified bodies stirs international attention and controversy. Despite doubts about the bodies' origins, the local Native American Heritage Commission lays claim to the prehistoric remains, along with the strange artifacts found in the same cavern: gold plates inscribed with an unfathomable script. During a riot at the dig site, an anthropologist dies horribly, burned to ashes in a fiery explosion in plain view of television cameras. All evidence points to a radical group of Native Americans, including one agitator, a teenage firebrand who escapes with a vital clue to the murder and calls on the one person who might help: her uncle, Painter Crowe, Director of Sigma Force. To protect his niece and uncover the truth, Painter will ignite a

war among the nation's most powerful intelligence agencies. Yet an even greater threat looms as events in the Rocky Mountains have set in motion a frightening chain reaction, a geological meltdown that threatens the entire western half of the U.S.

RUTHERFORD, ALEX moghul RULER OF THE WORLD (#3) (\$34.99) This is the third novel in a series telling the story of the Moghul Emperors, chronicling the rise and fall of one of the most powerful, opulent and glittering dynasties in history. Akbar, the third great Moghul Emperor, is the focus of this one.

SEDLEY, KATE chapman MIDSUMMER CROWN (#20) (\$34.95) In the summer of 1483, as Richard of Gloucester begins his bid for the English crown, Roger returns home to Bristol, glad to be out of the capital. But almost immediately, the Duke recalls him to London to investigate the mysterious disappearance of a young boy whose tutor has been found murdered, apparently in a locked room. It is an investigation which has as its background an ancient British legend, and which will imperil Roger's life as never before.

SEFTON, MAGGIE kelly flynn UNRAVELED (#9) (\$29) Spring is in the air of Fort Connor, Colorado, and it's a time of new beginnings for the House of Lambspun knitters. But for fellow knitter Jennifer's new real estate client, it is his end. He's been murdered and Kelly Flynn is left unraveling a tangle of clues.

SIMMONS, DAN FLASHBACK (\$30.99) The United States is near total collapse. But 87% of the population doesn't care: they're addicted to flashback, a drug that allows its users to re-experience the best moments of their lives. After ex-detective Nick Bottom's wife died in a car accident, he went under the flash to be with her; he's lost his job, his teenage son, and his livelihood as a result. Nick may be a lost soul but he's still a good cop, so he is hired to investigate the murder of a top governmental advisor's son. This flashback-addict becomes the one man who may be able to change the course of an entire nation turning away from the future to live in the past.

SLAUGHTER, KARIN both FALLEN (#3) (\$30) There's no police training stronger than a cop's instinct. Faith Mitchell's mother isn't answering her phone. Her front door is open. There's a bloodstain above the knob. Her infant daughter is hidden in a shed behind the house. All that the Georgia Bureau of Investigations taught Faith Mitchell goes out the window when she charges into her mother's house, gun drawn. She sees a man dead in the laundry room. She sees a hostage situation in the bedroom. What she doesn't see is her mother. When the hostage situation turns deadly, Faith is left with too many questions, not enough answers. To find her mother, she'll need the help of her partner, Will Trent, and they'll both need the help of trauma doctor Sara Linton. But Faith isn't just a cop anymore, she's a witness and she's also a suspect.

SMITH, APRIL ana grey WHITE SHOTGUN (#4) (\$29) Even on leave from the FBI, Special Agent Ana Grey can't kick old habits: when she witnesses a drive-by shooting at an Italian restaurant in London, she helps the injured and gives testimony to the police. Still, it comes as a shock when, soon after, the Bureau contacts her, not because they want her to investigate the shooting, but because they want her to investigate the half sister she never knew she had, Cecilia, who lives in Siena and is married to Nicosia, a coffee mogul with some suspicious connections. Settling into their home under false pretences is the least of the complications Ana encounters. The entire city of Siena is gearing up for its legendary horse race, the Palio, the dazzling annual culmination of ancient rivalries between the city's many wards. But when her nephew is stabbed and her sister goes missing, Ana understands with painful clarity that there's more than a horse race at stake here. And for Ana herself, it will mean an almost impossible choice between duty and family.

SMITH, DAN DARK HORIZONS (\$34.99 hardcover, \$24.99 trade paperback) Set in the lush landscape of Sumatra, seemingly a paradise on earth, but there's trouble brewing there as well. By the

author of Dry Season (\$14.99).

STARR, JASON PACK (\$30) After losing his job, Simon Burns takes on the role of stay-at-home dad. Things take a turn when he meets a tight-knit trio of dads at the playground. They are different from other men Simon has met, stronger and more confident, more at ease with the darker side of life and soon Simon is lured into the mix.

TANENBAUM, ROBERT K OUTRAGE (\$29.99) Months after a brutal double homicide in uptown Manhattan shocks the city, sensational newspaper headlines herald the arrest and indictment of Felix Acevedo, a shy Bronx teenager who confessed to the horrific crimes. But downtown, in the district attorney's office, Butch Karp is seething. No sooner does he bask in the relief of successfully closing the case on murderous imam Sharif Jabbar than he is thrust into the center of a high-profile prosecution that threatens the integrity of his office. An ambitious young assistant district attorney, seeking career advancement, cuts corners to indict Acevedo, disregarding Karp's fundamental rule: Never charge the accused unless the evidence leads inexorably to proof beyond a reasonable doubt. Now, damned by a coerced confession and a frenzied media bent on lynching him, Acevedo sits in jail while a vicious killer stalks the city. Karp's wife, Marlene Ciampi, one half of the "crime-fighting family" proclaimed by the media, hits the streets for clues that will save the unjustly accused defendant. What she discovers puts her on the trail of the true perpetrator: a drug-addicted psychopath with an ax to grind and a disgruntled police detective who is willing to lie, withhold evidence, and kill to be labeled a hero.

THOMPSON, VICTORIA MURDER ON SISTERS' ROW (#13) (\$29) With the help of a charitable lady of means, midwife Sarah Brandt rescues a young woman and her newborn from the brothel where the mother was forced to prostitute herself. But their success comes at a high price when their benefactor is found murdered.

ULFELDER, STEVE conway PURGATORY CHASM (#1) (\$27.50) The job seems simple. Conway Sax, a no-nonsense auto mechanic with a knack for solving difficult problems, has never liked obnoxious blowhard Tander Phigg. But a promise is a promise. Tander's a Barnburner, a member of the unique Alcoholics Anonymous group that rescued Conway, and when a Barnburner has a problem, Conway takes care of it. Besides, all Tander wants is to get back his vintage Mercedes that's been in a shady auto shop far too long. But Conway soon discovers there's much more to the problem than Tander first let on, especially when Tander turns up dead. Conway was the last person seen with the victim, and on top of that, he has a record, making him the top suspect. He must catch the killer to clear himself, but beyond that, he's a man who honours his promises, even when the guy he made them to is dead.

WEISS, JAN monte THESE DARK THINGS (#1) (\$27) When a beautiful college student is found murdered in the catacombs beneath a monastery, Captain Natalia Monte of the Carabinieri is assigned to investigate. Could the killer be a professor the student had been sleeping with? A blind monk who loved her? Or perhaps a member of the brutal Napali criminal organization, the Camorra? As Natalia pursues her investigation, the crime families of Naples go to war over garbage-hauling contracts and all across the city heaps of trash pile up, uncollected. When one of Natalia's childhood friends is caught up in the violence, her loyalties are tested, and each move she makes threatens her own life and the lives of those she loves.

WILEY, MICHAEL kozmarski BAD NIGHTS SLEEP (#3) (\$28.99) Working late-night surveillance at a luxury condominium development, Chicago private investigator Joe Kozmarski encounters a burglary crew. Two of the crew members show up in a police cruiser dressed in uniform. In the chaos that follows, Kozmarski shoots and kills one of the thieves, who, like the rest of the crew, is one of Chicago's Finest. And just like that Kozmarski finds he's in for many a bad night's sleep. Kozmarski joins the burglary crew, working

as an inside agent for his old friend Lieutenant Bill Gubman. Facing dangerous suspicions from both the criminal gang and the uncorrupted ranks of the police department, uncertain about who wishes to help him stay alive and who wishes to kill him, Kozmarski has his hands full. Sequel to The Last Striptease (which appears to be out of print) and The Bad Kitty Lounge (\$29.99 hardcover).

WOODS, STUART barrington BEL AIR DEAD (#20) (\$32.50) A beautiful Bel-Air widow, already one of the wealthiest women in America, needs Stone's help to become even more cash-rich. At stake is the sale of her investment in, and the resulting dissolution of, Hollywood's world-famous Centurion Studios. Stone is no stranger to the stylish and lucrative world of Centurion and he has more than a passing acquaintance with the lady herself. But when he arrives in Bel-Air to finalize the sale, the tranquility of that famous neighborhood turns out to be no more than a façade. One of L.A.'s most rapacious power brokers has Centurion and its unique real estate in his sights, and he will not be denied. Stone finds himself dragged into a surprisingly complex and high-stakes game, the kind only the truly rich and dangerously ambitious can play and survive.

ZOUROUDI, ANNE TAINT OF MIDAS (#2) (\$26.99) Gabilis Kaloyeros is a bee-keeper on the beautiful Greek island of Arcadia. The ruined Temple of Apollo has been in his care for decades, and he has worked to protect it. But when crooked developers take over the island and the value of the land soars, he is persuaded through unscrupulous means to sign away his interest. Hours later he meets a violent, lonely death. Many stand to gain from Gabilis's death. Det. Hermes Diaktoros resolves to avenge his old friend and find the true culprit, but his methods are, as ever, unorthodox. Sequel to Messenger of Athens (#1) (\$16.50).

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ADAMS, RILEY memphis bbq FINGER LICKIN' DEAD (#2) (\$7.99) When an anonymous food critic blasts several local restaurants—including Aunt Pat's—Lulu Taylor and her customers are biting mad, especially when they learn that Eppie Currian is the pen name of their friend Evelyn's cheating boyfriend. When "Eppie" gets his own fatal review, the list of suspects is long. Includes recipes. Sequel to Delicious and Suspicious (#1) (\$8.50).

AKUNIN, BORIS STATE COUNSELLOR (#6) (\$24) An expensive British import.

ALBERT, SUSAN W darling DARLING DAHLIAS & CUCUMBER TREE (#1) (\$8.99) The country may be struggling through the Great Depression, but the ladies of Darling, Alabama, are determined to keep their chins up. After a treasure trove of sterling silver is found, two of the Darling Dahlias claim ownership, which leads to some very unladylike behavior. First in a new series from the author of the China Bayles mysteries.

ALDEN, LAURA pta mom FOUL PLAY AT THE PTA (#2) (\$7.99) PTA meetings at Tarver Elementary School can get pretty heated. But after parent Sam Helmstetter is strangled in his car following a meeting, mom and PTA secretary Beth Kennedy and her best friend Marina fear there may be a cold-blooded killer in the group. Sequel to Murder at the PTA (#1) (\$8.50).

ANDREWS, DONNA langslow STORK RAVING MAD (#12) (\$9.99) Meg Langslow is pregnant with twins and "looking" after one of Michael's doctoral students. The student turns out to be a partygoer who loves to spend raucous evenings among adoring students...at La Casa Langslow. Into this chaos arrives the dean of the English department, who is conveniently found murdered, and Meg's house has become a crime scene. Now it's up to Meg to help Chief Burke solve the

murders, make sure Michael doesn't lose tenure, and, while she's at it, give birth to twins.

ANTHONY, DAVID SOMETHING FOR NOTHING (\$17.50) It's the 70s, and with the arrival of the oil crisis and gas rationing, Martin Anderson's small aircraft business is tanking, as is his extravagant suburban lifestyle. So when he's given the opportunity to make some money by using one of his planes to make a few drug runs between California and Mexico, Martin accepts the offer . . . only to find his troubles have just begun.

ARMSTRONG, KELLEY woto WAKING THE WITCH (#11) (\$17.95) Women of the Otherworld series.

BALDACCI, DAVID camel club HELL'S CORNER (#5) (\$11.50) Oliver Stone, once the most skilled assassin his country ever had, has been asked by the US President to serve his country again on a high-risk covert mission. Though he's fought for decades to leave his past career behind, Stone has no choice but to say yes.

BARKER, NICOLA BURLEY CROSS POSTBOX THEFT (\$17.99) A small look into the small lives of the people of the small village of Burley Cross, Yorkshire. But, a fun one. A mailbox has been broken into and letters stolen. PC Roger Topping investigates.

BARNEY, JAMES GENESIS KEY (\$11.99) More than three decades ago, Dr. Kathleen Sainsbury's archaeologist parents were murdered at an ancient excavation site in Iraq. Now the gifted biologist stands on the brink of a miraculous breakthrough: the discovery of a gene that could extend a human life by hundreds of years. But at the moment of her greatest triumph, powerful unseen forces are watching . . . and waiting.

BARRETT, LORNA tricia SENTENCED TO DEATH (#5) (\$8.99) After her friend is killed in a freak accident, New Hampshire bookstore owner Tricia Miles must use her sleuthing skills to solve a murder mystery that promises to be much more sinister than the books on her shelves. Sequel to Murder is Binding (#1) (\$8.99) and Chapter and Hearse (#4) (\$9.99)

BATTLES, BRETT quinn SHADOW OF BETRAYAL (#3) (\$9.99) Three jobs, no questions. That's the deal Jonathan Quinn—freelance operative and professional "cleaner"—has struck with his client at the Office. But his first assignment in rural Ireland unexpectedly results in four dead bodies to dispose of—and leads him to an astounding mystery about to spin wildly out of control. A terrific series. Start with Cleaner (#1) (\$8.99).

BEATON, M C macbeth DEATH OF A GREEDY WOMAN (#8) aka death of a glutton (\$7.99) Reissue, re-titled. Don't you hate that!

BELL, TED hawke WARLORD (#6) (\$11.99) Counterspy Alexander Hawke races to stop a madman hell-bent on murdering the British royal family in this latest entry in the Hawke series. Thirty years ago, Mountbatten was blown up, is it now Chuck's turn?

BILLINGHAM, MARK thorne SLEEPY HEAD (#1) and SCAREDY CAT (#2) (\$14.99 each). Reissues to tie-in with the British TV series.

BLACKWELL, JULIET witcher HEXES AND HEMLINES (#3) (\$8.99) Lily is called to give police a witch's take on how the leader of a rationalist society could be murdered, surrounded by superstitions he discredited. Evidence points to dark witchcraft. Lily's determined to use magic of her own to find the murderer. ("I quite like this series" says Marian.)

BLAKE, RICHARD CONSPIRACIES OF ROME (\$14.99)

BOLIN, JANET DIRE THREADS (\$8.99) First in a series by this Canadian writer. Percy has been chatting up the author's dogs and it seems he's quite jealous as the real Sally-Forth and Tally-Ho get to run around their farm without being on a leash! Willow Vanderling's quaint new embroidery shop is not a hit with the local zoning commissioner. After he's murdered, the evidence is stacked against Willow. Includes original embroidery projects. See *Marian's Picks*.

BOLTON, S J BLOOD HARVEST (\$11.99) The Fletchers' beautiful new house is everything they dreamed it would be. Built between two churches in Heptonclough, a small village on the moors that time forgot, it ought to be paradise for this young family of five, but they barely have a chance to settle in before they find that they're anything but welcome. Someone seems to be trying to drive them away, at first with silly pranks but then with threats that become increasingly dangerous, especially to the oldest child, ten-year-old Tom Fletcher, who begins to believe that someone is always watching him. Terrific.

From the author of Sacrifice and Awakening (\$11.99 each.)

BOLTON, S J NOW YOU SEE ME (\$21) Lacey Flint, a London policewoman with a morbid fascination with serial killers, is taken in for questioning when a body is found near her car. Coincidence, or was this a message for Lacey? Suddenly she is at the centre of a terrifying murder hunt, working with the smart but damaged DI Dana Tulloch and the hostile DI Mark Joesbury, another person who seems curiously fascinated with Lacey. Does the team have the skill to outwit one of the nastiest serial killers Londoners have fallen prey to since the killer's infamous role model... Jack the Ripper?

BOOTH, STEPHEN DEVIL'S EDGE (#11) (\$24.99 trade paperback, \$34.99 hardcover) See the hardcover section for an annotation.

BRACKMANN, LISA ROCK PAPER TIGER (\$16) American Iraq War veteran Ellie Cooper is down and out in Beijing when a chance encounter with a Uighur—a member of a Chinese Muslim minority—at the home of her sort-of boyfriend Lao Zhang turns her life upside down. Lao Zhang disappears, and suddenly multiple security organizations are hounding her for information.

BRUEN, KEN DEVIL (\$19.95) The US edition.

BURKE, ALAFAIR hatcher 212 (#3) (\$16.99) When New York University sophomore Megan Gunther finds personal threats posted to a Web site specializing in campus gossip, she's taken aback by their menacing tone. Someone knows her daily routine down to the minute and is watching her—but thanks to the anonymity provided by the Internet, the police tell her there's nothing they can do. Her friends are sure it's someone's idea of a joke, but when Megan is murdered in a vicious attack, NYPD Detective Ellie Hatcher is convinced that the online threats are more than just empty words.

CAMPBELL, KAREN worth TWILIGHT TIME (#1) (\$14.99) Set in the underworld of Glasgow's notorious Drag--the haunt of working girls, drug dealers, and sad, seedy men. Written by a former Glasgow police officer. Also available is After the Fire (#2) (\$14.99).

CARRIGER, GAIL HEARTLESS (#4) (\$8.99)

CAST, P C TEMPTED (#6) (\$10.99) Juvenile science fiction.

CASTILLO, LINDA amish PRAY FOR SILENCE (#2) (\$16.99) The Plank family moved from Lancaster, Pennsylvania, to join the small Amish community of Painters Mill less than a year ago, but one cold October all seven of them were slaughtered. Police Chief Kate Burkholder and her small force have few clues, no motive and no suspects. Formerly Amish herself, Kate is no stranger to the secrets the Amish keep and when she finds a diary that belonged to one of the teenaged daughters, Kate is shocked to learn that the girl kept some very dark secrets and may have been leading a lurid double life. The first in this series is Sworn to Silence (\$9.99).

CHRISTIE, AGATHA poirot CARDS ON THE TABLE

CHRISTIE, AGATHA poirot DUMB WITNESS

CHRISTIE, AGATHA poirot THIRD GIRL

CHRISTIE, AGATHA poirot ONE TWO BUCKLE MY SHOE

CHRISTIE, AGATHA poirot MURDER IS EASY

CHRISTIE, AGATHA poirot AFTER THE FUNERAL

CHRISTIE, AGATHA poirot THREE ACT TRAGEDY

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CHRISTOPHER, PAUL hollida TEMPLAR LEGION (#5)

(\$11.50) Retired Army Ranger Lt. Col. John Holliday is swept into an adventure as deadly as it is secretive when an archaeologist friend makes a bizarre find in Ethiopia. But when he follows a trail of clues through the chaotic and lawless horn of Africa, he finds himself hunted as he comes closer to a priceless treasure that can only be found by those who can solve a riddle from the past.

CLARE, ALYS aelf fen MUSIC OF THE DISTANT STARS (#3)

(\$21) Early one summer morning, Lassair slips out of her Fenland village on a deeply personal mission and discovers the body of a young woman, hidden where it has no reason to be. The girl's identity is quickly discovered but, as she wonders who killed her and why, Lassair swiftly becomes mystified and frightened. Why did a sweet-natured and loveable seamstress have to die? Soon suspicion creeps uncomfortably close to home and points to the strange brother of the exotic foreign girl who is about to become Lassair's sister-in-law. Sequel to Mist Over The Water (\$22).

CONNOLLY, SHEILA fundrais LET'S PLAY DEAD (#2)

(\$8.99) The new exhibit at the Philadelphia children's museum, Let's Play, isn't meant to be shocking--but when one of the installers is zapped with a fatal electrical charge, it's up to Nell to put her detective skills on display.

CONNOR, ALEX OTHER REMBRANDT (\$17.95) Both a *Marian's Pick* and *Cottage Lady's Pick* in the May 2011 newsletter.

CORNTHWAITE, BARBARA GEORGE KNIGHTLEY ESQUIRE (\$22) A special order.

CRANE, FRANCES abbott APPLEGREEN CAT (#4) (\$20) Pat and Jean Abbott are in Britain in this World War II murder mystery. Another reissue from the grand folks at Rue Morgue Press.

CRISP, AIDEN CONSTANTINE COVENANT (\$11.50) 1944: Nazi agents are gathering ancient items that together could turn the tide of the war. Special Agent Matt Harris is ordered to infiltrate the crew of a German U-boat carrying artefacts to a secret location. But what he discovers is a plot that crosses all battle lines.

CRONIN, JUSTIN PASSAGE (\$21) As civilization crumbles, two people flee in search of sanctuary. FBI agent Brad Wolgast is a good man haunted by what he's done in the line of duty. Six-year-old orphan Amy Harper Bellafonte is a refugee from the doomed scientific project, and Brad is determined to protect her. But, for young Amy, escaping is only the beginning of a much longer odyssey--spanning miles and decades--toward the time and place where she must finish what should never have begun in the first place

CULLERTON, BRENDA CRAIGSLIST MURDERS (\$16.95) Working on New York's Upper East Side for phenomenally rich and frighteningly skinny women has driven interior designer Charlotte Wolfe mad. It seems to her that the insatiable pursuit of luxury breeds monsters. As the financial crisis escalates and Charlotte's own resources dwindle, her rage leads her to not only bite the well-manicured hands that feed her, but to do something more—to really clean house.

CURRAN, THOMAS RENDELL DEATH OF A LESSER MAN (#3) (\$19.95) The third Insp. Eric Stride novel, set in Newfoundland of the mid-40s. Sequel to Undertow (#1) and Rossiter File (#2) (\$19.95 each). Excellent stuff.

CUSSLER, CLIVE PACIFIC VORTEX (\$12.99) A reissue.

DELANY, VICKI molly smith AMONG THE DEPARTED (#5)

(\$20 trade paperback, \$31.95 hardcover) Fifteen years ago a man went for a walk and was never heard from again. On the trail of a missing boy, Norman the very inquisitive police dog, has dug up some human bones. Is the missing Mr. Nowak? A cold case is once again hot.

DEMILLE, NELSON corey LION (#2) (\$16.50) Khalil, the notorious Libyan terrorist whom you first met in The Lion's Game (\$16.99) has returned to America to make good on his threats and take care of unfinished business. "The Lion" is a killing machine once

again loose in America with a mission of revenge, and John Corey, former NYPD Homicide detective and special agent for the Anti-Terrorist Task Force, will stop at nothing to achieve his own goal -- to find and kill Khahil.

DESILVA, BRUCE ROGUE ISLAND (\$16.99) Liam Mulligan, a newspaper reporter in Providence, Rhode Island, who is searching for a serial arsonist. A *J.D. 's Pick* a year or so ago, that Marian also liked.

[DOYLE]FARMER, PHILIP JOSE SHERLOCK HOLMES AND THE PEERLESS PEER (\$10.95) Holmes and Watson take to the skies in the quest of the nefarious Von Bork and his weapon of dread...

[DOYLE]RICCARDI, TED ORIENTAL CASEBOOK OF SHERLOCK HOLMES (\$18.50) From 1891 to 1894 it is thought that Sherlock Holmes wandered through Asia. These are nine stories that tell of his adventures without the aid of Watson or Scotland Yard.

DWYER, LIAM D OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED (\$20) Maybe the start of another series? His Muskoka mystery series featuring Inspector Murdoch are excellent police procedurals.

ELIOT, GEORGE PENGUIN CLASSICS MIDDLEMARCH (\$13.50) A special order.

EVANOVICH, JANET SIZZLING SIXTEEN (#16) (\$10.99) Vinnie has run up a gambling debt of \$786k with mobster Bobby Sunflower and is being held until the debt is paid. Stephanie, Lula and Connie need to raise the money or Vinnie will be killed and they will be out of a job. "Fun as usual, but not enough Granny", said Marian.

ELLIS, KATE peterson UNHALLOWED GRAVE (#3) (\$14.99)
ELLIS, KATE peterson JACKAL MAN (#15) (\$24.99 trade paperback, \$34.39 hardcover). See the hardcover section.

FALCONER, DUNCAN strattton TRAITOR (#8) (\$14.99) Stratton gets a chance to redeem himself. Doing penance at MI6 after a surveillance mission in Sevastopol gone wrong, he gets his chance when a team of hijackers take over the giant Morpheus oil platform and want two billion dollars. Or the bodies will start falling.

FARROW, JOHN RIVER CITY (#3) (\$24.99) On the night of the Rocket Richard Riot in 1955, the legendary Cartier Dagger is stolen from its protective glass case. The dagger, which once belonged to the explorer Jacques Cartier, has been on loan to Clarence Campbell, the controversial president of the NHL. Many believe the dagger gives whoever possesses it mystical powers; as a result, its journey through history is as spectacular as it is bloodstained. On the night of its theft, a man is found murdered in a nearby park, with a dagger wound to his heart. Detective Armand Touton quickly recognizes the dead man as his friend and informer Roger Clement, a local hoodlum. But who murdered him, and why? Thirteen years later, Pierre Elliott Trudeau is prime minister and the separatist movement is gaining momentum in Quebec. The case is still unsolved. Touton asks Émile Cinq-Mars, a young constable, to continue the investigation, warning him to proceed with caution. Wanting to impress Touton, Cinq-Mars works quickly to wrap his mind around this puzzling case. The other two Cinq-Mars adventures, City of Ice and Ice Lake (\$13.99 each), have recently been reissued.

FORSYTH, FREDERICK COBRA (\$11.50) What if you had carte blanche to fight evil? Nothing held back, nothing off the table. What would you do? For decades, the world has been fighting the drug cartels, and losing, their billions of dollars making them the most powerful and destructive organizations on earth. Until one man is asked to take charge. Paul Devereaux used to run Special Operations for the CIA before they retired him for being too ruthless. Now the man they call the Cobra can have anything he requires, do anything he thinks necessary. No rules, no questions asked.

FOX, KATHRYN crichton DEATH MASK (#4) (\$24.99) Dr Anya Crichton is a forensic physician with an expertise in helping victims of sexual assault. She becomes involved in a case concerning a woman who has returned from her honeymoon with multiple sexu-

ally transmitted diseases even though she claims never to have had sex with anyone other than her husband. When her husband is tested and proves not to be the source of the sexually transmitted diseases it emerges that she has been the unknowing victim of gang rape. Her husband admits to drugging her and participating in her rape with fellow players from his football team.

FRANCOME, JOHN STORM RIDER (\$24.99 trade paperback, \$34.95 hardcover) See the hardcover section for an annotation.

FRANKLIN, ARIANA aguilar MURDEROUS PROCESSION (#4) (\$13.50) The fourth terrific book featuring Mistress of the Art of Death, Adelia Aguilar. King Henry II is sending his ten-year-old daughter off to marry William II of Sicily, so needs to keep her safe. Adelia is sent along to ensure her health is looked after. Sequel to Mistress of the Art of Death (\$13.50), The Serpent's Tale (\$11.99) and Grave Goods (\$13.50). We are sad to tell you that **Ms. Franklin**, (her real name is **Diana Norman**) died earlier this year.

FRANKLIN, TOM CROOKED LETTER CROOKED LETTER (\$16.99) Superb. Terrific. See *J.D. 's Picks*.

FREEMAN, BRIAN bolton BONE HOUSE (#1) (\$14.99) A year ago, accusations of an affair with a student cost Mark his teaching job and made the couple into outcasts on their island home. Now another girl has been found dead, and Mark faces a hostile town convinced of his guilt. Hilary Bradley is determined to protect her husband, but digging into the murdered girl's secrets proves lonely and dangerous. Her only ally is a quirky Florida detective named Cab Bolton. The beginning of a new series from the author of the Lieut. Jonathan Stride novels.

FRENCH, TANA FAITHFUL PLACE (\$14.99) The course of Frank Mackey's life is set by one defining moment when he was nineteen. The moment his girlfriend, Rosie Daly, failed to turn up for their rendezvous in Faithful Place, failed to run away with him to London as they had planned. Frank never heard from her again. Twenty years on, Frank is still in Dublin, working as an undercover cop. He's cut all ties with his dysfunctional family. Until his sister calls to say that Rosie's suitcase has been found. The trade paperback was released in July 2010, so make sure you don't order it twice.

FRENCH, TANA ryan LIKENESS (#2) (\$20) The US trade paperback. Also available in the UK mass market paperback (\$10.99).
FURST, ALAN active SPIES OF THE BALKANS (\$17) Greece, 1940. In the city of Salonika, an ancient port, with its wharves and warehouses, dark lanes and Turkish mansions, brothels and tavernas, a tense political drama is being played out. On the northern border, the Greek army has blocked Mussolini's invasion, pushing his divisions back to Albania, the first defeat suffered by the Nazis, who have conquered most of Europe. But Adolf Hitler cannot tolerate such freedom; the invasion is coming, it's only a matter of time, and the people of Salonika can only watch and wait. At the centre of this drama is Constantine Zannis, a senior police official, head of an office that handles special 'political' cases.

GARDINER, MEG jo beckett LIAR'S LULLABY (#3) (\$10.99) When an on-the-rise-again has-been country star dies in spectacular fashion in front of forty thousand fans, it's up to forensic psychiatrist Jo Beckett to perform a psychological autopsy and see what's what. Complicating matters is the fact that the on-the-rise-again has-been country star is the president's ex, and her rise to fame is due to the lyrics of her new hit song. Did the Pres have her done away with?
GHELFI, BRENT volkovoy BURNING LAKE (#4) (\$18.95 trade paperback, \$31.95 hardcover.) See the hardcover section.

GODDARD, ROBERT BEYOND RECALL (\$19.95), BORROWED TIME (\$19.95) and PLAY TO THE END (\$15.99) Re-issues.

GOLDBERG, TOD BURN NOTICE (#5) (\$8.99) Based on the USA Network TV series.

GOLDENBAUM, SALLY knitter MOON SPINNERS (#3)

(\$16.50) Nell Endicott and the other Seaside Knitters are helping their friend Gracie Santos open the Lazy Lobster and Soup Cafe on Pelican Pier. They do however take a break to attend a special yacht club dinner held to honour Gracie's aunt-wearing their finest knitting creations. But a blood-red Ferrari goes flying off a cliff and onto the granite rocks below and Gracie's aunt was behind the wheel. What's going on? The Seaside Knitters try to figure out a killer's strange pattern.

GOMEZ-JURADO, JUAN MOSES EXPEDITION (\$17) After fifty years in hiding, the Nazi war criminal known as the Butcher of Spiegelgrund has finally been tracked down by Father Anthony Fowler, a CIA operative and a member of the Vatican's secret service. He wants something from the Butcher—a candle covered in filigree gold that was stolen from a Jewish family many years before. But it isn't the gold Fowler is after. It's the missing fragment of an ancient map that's hidden within that might uncovers the location of the Ten Commandments given to Moses.

GRAY, ALEX lorimer FIVE WAYS TO KILL A MAN (#7) (\$14.99) An unpredictable killer is loose on the streets of Glasgow. Black hood up, suddenly appearing out of the shadows, this dark figure is experimenting with murder, again and again. Faced with a string of seemingly unconnected victims, and picking up the case of a horrific fire that murdered a wealthy couple, DCI Lorimer turns to psychologist and friend Solomon Brightman for his insights. As the killer comes to closer to Lorimer himself and his family, can he unmask the killer before the next victim is found too close to home?

GREGORY, PHILIPPA RED QUEEN (#2) (\$18.99) Heiress to the red rose of Lancaster, Margaret Beaufort never surrenders her belief that her house is the true ruler of England and that she has a great destiny before her. This is the story of a proud and determined woman who believes that she alone is destined, by her piety and lineage, to shape the course of history. Sequel to White Queen (#1) (\$17.99)

GRIFFIN, W E B badge VIGILANTES (#10) (\$11.50) There's a sudden spike in murders in Philadelphia, but no one seems to mind much because the victims all seem to be street thugs and lowlifes. As Homicide Sergeant Matthew Payne investigates, he gets a bad feeling there is more going on than just bad guys burning one another. Then comes the unexpected: vigilante groups claiming credit for some of the killings, even though Payne knows it can't be true.

GUILLOU, JAN TEMPLAR KNIGHT (#2) (\$16.99) Book two of the Crusades Trilogy, sequel to Road to Jerusalem (\$18.99). Jerusalem must be saved from the Muslims.

HAINES, CAROLYN bones BONE APPETIT (#10) (\$9.99) For years Jitty, Dahlia House's resident ghost, has dreamed that her Southern descendent PI Sarah Booth Delaney would have a child to inherit the family's ancestral home. Sarah Booth has always had a lot on her plate from her dream to be an actress, to her work as a private investigator, not to mention finding the right man. But when Jitty's dream finally looks like it's going to come true, they are both crushed when it doesn't. Sarah Booth is surprised to find herself so depressed she allows her best friend, Tinkie, to whisk her away for a luxurious week at a posh spa and cooking school. The pampering and food go a long way toward making her feel like her old self, but she finds herself in the midst of a beauty pageant/cook-off to find the spa's next spokesperson, and is hired when one of the contestants is accused of killing another contestant.

HALL, TARQUIN vish puri TCOT MAN WHO DIED LAUGHING (#2) (\$19.99) Vish Puri, head of Delhi's Most Private Investigators, and his team must prove that the goddess Kali didn't just materialize out of thin air and plunge a sword into the heart of Dr. Suresh Jha during a morning yoga class. The doctor was renowned for unmasking fraudulent swamis and godmen. The first in this witty series set in India is TCOT Missing Servant (\$19.99).

HAMILTON, IAN DISCIPLE OF LAS VEGAS (\$19.95) This

time, ingenious global crime investigator Ava Lee must take down an online gambling ring to protect a desperate billionaire. Sequel to Water Rat of Wanchai (#1) (\$19.95).

HAY, ELIZABETH ONLY SNOW IN HAVANA (\$20) A special order.

HELLER, MANDASUE TWO-FACED (\$10.99)

HIAASEN, CARL STAR ISLAND (\$16.50) Twenty-two-year-old pop star Cherry Pye is about to attempt a comeback from her latest drug and alcohol disaster. Ann DeLusia is Cherry's 'undercover stunt double,' who portrays Cherry whenever the singer is too wasted to go out in public. But, one night, Ann, mistaken for Cherry, is kidnapped from a South Beach hotel by an obsessed paparazzo named Bang Abbott. Now the challenge for Cherry's handlers is to rescue Ann while keeping her existence secret from the public and from Cherry herself. Skink, the unhinged former governor of Florida, is heading for Miami to find her. Will Bang achieve his fantasy of a lucrative private photo session with Cherry? Will Cherry sober up in time to lip-synch her way through her concert tour? Will Skink track down Ann before Cherry's motley handlers do? Read it and find out.

HILTON, MATT joe hunter CUT AND RUN (#4) (\$14.99) Joe Hunter's devil is Luke Rickard, a killer who has stolen his identity and committed a vicious double murder. His motive? Revenge. His method? A blade. His mission? Kill anyone Hunter holds dear. It is a deadly duel of wits that takes Hunter from the streets of Miami to the squalid barrios of Colombia to the jungle hideaway of a drug baron. And brings him face to face with his past. Revenge is a dish best served cold and Joe needs a cool head if Rickard is not to cut and run.

HUGHES, DECLAN ed loy CITY OF LOST GIRLS (#5) (\$14.99) In Dublin, private eye Ed Loy is reunited with Jack Donovan, a film director friend from Los Angeles who has a turbulent history. While filming a movie three young female extras fail to show up for work and Loy begins to suspect Jack. Loy flies to LA to liaise with the LAPD on their investigation into the deaths of three film extras who happened to have died at locations that Jack used for his movies. Sequel to The Wrong Kind of Blood, The Colour of Blood, The Dying Breed (\$10.99 each) and All the Dead Voices (\$14.99).

HYLAND, ADRIAN tempest GUNSHOT ROAD (#2) (\$16) The same day that Emily Tempest is supposed to start as Aboriginal Community Police officer for her outback township, her old friend, Superintendent Tom MacGillivray, is hospitalized and she finds herself working for an uptight, by-the-book new sergeant. Sergeant Cockburn thinks the deaths at the Green Swamp Well Roadhouse is a simple matter of two drunks and a hammer but Emily is not convinced. The first in the series, Moonlight Downs (\$18) won Australia's Ned Kelly Award for Best First Novel and was a *J.D.'s Pick*.

HYZY, JULIE marshfield GRACE INTERRUPTED (#2) (\$8.99) On the grounds of Marshfield Manor, Civil War re-enactors have set up camp. And what a dedicated troupe. One of them has really been killed . . . Sequel to Grace Under Pressure (#1) (\$9.99). From the author of the White House Chef series, State of the Onion (#1) (\$9.99) and others.

IFKOVIC, ED LONE STAR (\$18.95) In 1955 Edna Ferber is basking in the success of her blockbuster novel Giant. Director George Stevens and Warner Brothers Studio are in the final days of filming her Texas oil epic, and Edna looks forward to meeting Rock Hudson, Liz Taylor, and especially young James Dean. But there is trouble brewing. James Dean, the new box-office sensation and teen heartthrob, has been accused of fathering a child with an unstable extra. The studio fears the negative publicity will jeopardize the release of the movie. The action heats up when the extra is murdered and Dean is the prime suspect. Edna investigates.

JAMES, MIRANDA librarian CLASSIFIED AS MURDER (#2) (\$8.99) Aging eccentric James Delacorte asks Charlie the librarian to do an inventory of his rare book collection, but the job goes from tedious to terrifying when James turns up dead. Relying on his cat

Diesel to paw around for clues, Charlie has to catch the killer before another victim checks out. The first in the series is Murder Past Due (\$9.99). Marian says that if we don't have the first book in stock you can read the second one without losing any continuity.

JANCE, J A beaumont BETRAYAL OF TRUST (#19) (\$19.99 trade paperback, \$27.99 hardcover). Seattle investigator J. P. Beaumont uncovers a dark and deadly conspiracy that reaches deep into the halls of state government.

JARDINE, QUINTIN LONER (\$24.99 trade paperback, \$34.99 hardcover) See the hardcover section.

JENNINGS, MAUREEN murdoch EXCEPT THE DYING (#1) (\$21) Reissue.

JOHNSON, CRAIG walt JUNKYARD DOGS (#6) (\$16.50) In Durant, Wyoming, owners of a multi-million dollar development of ranchettes want to get rid of the adjacent junk-yard. When a severed thumb is discovered in the yard, conflicts erupt, and Walt Longmire, Dog, life-long friend Henry Standing Bear, and deputies Santiago Saizarborria and Victoria Moretti find themselves in a small town with more going on than meets the eye. One of our best selling series. The others are A Cold Dish, Death Without Company (\$15.50 each), Kindness Goes Unpunished, Another Man's Moccasins and Dark Horse (\$17.50 each). Excellent. See *J.D.'s Picks*.

JOHNSTON, PAUL wells NAMELESS DEAD (#4) (\$9.99) Crime writer Matt Wells hasn't had much time for a career of late—he's been too busy fighting for his life. And now he can't trust anyone, not even himself. His thoughts are not his own—his subconscious has been infiltrated and a single word can trigger hidden orders buried deep within Matt's memory, turning him into a killing machine.

KAVA, ALEX maggie odell DAMAGED (#7) (\$8.99) While the Coast Guard is preparing Pensacola Beach for a severe hurricane, they find an oversized fishing cooler filled with body parts tightly wrapped in plastic floating offshore. Special Agent Maggie O'Dell is sent to investigate, despite the fact that she is putting herself in the projected path of the hurricane

KEATING, H R F PERFECT MURDER (#1) (\$10.99) Reissue.

KNOPF, CHRIS swaitkowski BAD BIRD (#2) (\$19.95) Wise-cracking Southampton attorney Jackie Swaitkowski returns in another riveting mystery, sequel to Short Squeeze (#1) (\$19.95) that brings to life an eccentric cast of characters and the darker side of the Hamp-tons. Just before Eugenie Conklin's plane took a nosedive, she tossed out a camera case that held an unusual set of photos. Witness to the accident, Jackie Swaitkowski immediately becomes embroiled in the mystery surrounding the pilot's death, and sets out to connect the seemingly disparate photos of people and places to Eugenie's past. Jackie soon learns that finding out what really happened to Eugenie Conklin will mean uncovering some of her own family secrets - and putting herself in the path of danger.

KRAMER, JULIE spartz SILENCING SAM (#3) (\$9.99) When a widely despised gossip columnist is found shot to death, Riley Spartz must secretly investigate a case in which she becomes the prime suspect. In the wake of the brutal murder, our heroine discovers that news and gossip have more in common than she ever imagined.

KRUEGER, WILLIAM KENT cor VERMILION DRIFT (#10) (\$17) Cork suffers from a recurring nightmare: his father falling to his death from a great height. Some times he thinks he might have had something to do with the fall. When the Department of Energy puts an underground iron mine on its short list of potential sites for storage of nuclear waste, Cork is hired as a security consultant. In all this, a cave is discovered deep in the mine with six corpses. Five connected to disappearances in the 60s, one very fresh. Two of the bodies, including the fresh, fresh one were killed using Cork's gun. The one handed down to him from his father.

KURKOV, ANDREY DEATH AND THE PENGUIN (#2) (\$16.95) In the widely hailed prequel to Penguin Lost (16.95), aspir-

ing writer Viktor Zolotaryov leads a down-and-out life in poverty-and-violence-wracked Kiev—he's out of work and his only friend is a penguin, Misha, that he rescued when the local zoo started getting rid of animals. Even more nerve-wracking: a local mobster has taken a shine to Misha and wants to keep borrowing him for events.

KUZNESKI, CHRIS PROPHECY (\$11.50) In an adventure that spans two continents and several centuries, Jonathan Payne and David Jones must locate a sacred text that may change everything that is known about the future.

LA PLANTE, LYNDA travis BLIND FURY (#6) (\$17) When the body of a young woman is discovered close to a highway service station, Detective Inspector Anna Travis is brought on to the team of investigators by her former lover and boss, Detective Chief Superintendent Langton. As more evidence is uncovered, the team realizes that they are contending with a triple murder investigation—and no suspect. But then a murderer Anna helped arrest years ago makes contact from prison. Cameron Welsh insists that he can help track down the killer, but he will divulge his secrets only to Anna herself.

LAND, JON STRONG JUSTICE (#2) (\$9.99) Fifth-generation Texas Ranger Caitlin Strong is back, pursuing justice the Ranger way. She takes on the case of a Mexican girl on the run from white slavers. For Caitlin, the case evokes memories of her legendary grandfather's run with the Rangers, even as it brings her face-to-face with a serial killer who's left a trail of bodies along the Mexico border. The first in the series is Strong Enough To Die (\$9.99).

LANGE, RICHARD DEAD BOYS (\$15.50) These are hard-boiled tales of life on the edge in a city where the sun hurts your eyes and dreams die more often than they come true, featuring straight arrows and outlaws, have-it-alls and outcasts, as they take stock of their lives and missteps and struggle to rise above their troubled pasts

LEATHER, STEPHEN shepherd ROUGH JUSTICE (#7) (\$14.99) Villains across London are being beaten, crippled and killed by vigilante cops. Crime rates are falling, but the powers that be want Dan 'Spider' Shepherd to bring the wave of rough justice to an end. He has to go undercover with an elite group of officers who are at the sharp end of policing, risking their lives daily on the toughest streets in the capital. But Shepherd has hard decisions of his own to make when his family is in the firing line.

LEVINE, LAURA DEATH OF A TROPHY WIFE (#9) (\$9.49) Freelance writer and part-time sleuth Jaine Austen becomes immersed in a lethally funny cocktail of murder, mayhem, and dates from hell.

LEWIS, JONATHAN INTO DARKNESS (\$17.95) Sir Tommy Best, adored British actor, has fallen to his death through a hole in a walkway above to the mudflats of the river below. The much loved actor was blind and totally reliant on his brilliant guide dog, Suzy. But she is nowhere to be found. It seems unimaginable that Suzy would have led him into danger, so is it murder? And where is she? Chief Superintendent 'Fatso' and Detective Chief Inspector Ned realise that only one person in the force can possibly help. Kate, police dog handler extraordinaire, known affectionately as the Dog Tart, suggests they find Nick Parsons, who trained Suzy, in the hope that he can get the dog to lead them to the truth. The search for Nick Parsons culminates in a highly unusual plan, in which Ned will become blind for one night and with Suzy the guide dog, re-enact Sir Tommy Best's last fateful walk. The truth, is utterly horrible.

LIESCHE, MARGIT HOLLYWOOD BUZZ (#2) (\$18.95). It's the dark hours of WWII, and Hollywood and Washington bureaucrats are working hand-in-glove to merge entertainment and propaganda. Pucci Lewis, used to ferrying fighter planes and undercover work, has been dispatched to the First Motion Picture Unit, where a documentary on the Women Airforce Service Pilots (WASPs) is underway. But planes are falling out of the skies, people are getting injured. Sequel to Lipstick and Lies (#1) (\$20).

LITTLEFIELD, SOPHIE BAD DAY FOR PRETTY (#2)

(\$15.99) Stella Hardesty, avenger of wronged women, is getting cozy with Sheriff 'Goat' Jones when a tornado blows his scheming ex-wife, Brandy, through the door. Adding to the chaos, the tornado destroys the snack shack at the demolition derby track, pulling up the concrete and unearthing a woman's body. The main suspect for the dumping is Neb Donovan; he laid the foundations, and there's some pretty hard evidence pointing to him. Years ago, Neb's wife asked Stella for help getting him sober. Stella doesn't believe the gentle man could kill any woman, and she promises his frantic wife she'll look into it. Former client Chrissy Shaw is now employed at Stella's sewing shop and she helps with the snooping as Stella negotiates the unpredictable Brandy and the magnetic Sheriff. A Bad Day for Sorry (\$16.99), the first in the series, was a *J.D.'s Pick* some time ago.

MCCLURE, JAMES kramer GOOSEBERRY FOOL (#3) (\$16) The third in this terrific series set in Apartheid South Africa, featuring policemen Tromp Kramer and Mickey Zondi. Steam Pig (#1) and Caterpillar Cop (#2) (\$19 each) are the first two.

MCINTOSH, D J WITCH OF BABYLON (\$26) Caught between his brother's obsession with saving a priceless relic looted from Iraq's National Museum and a deadly game of revenge staged by his childhood friend, John must solve a puzzle to find the link between a modern-day witch and an ancient one. Aided by Tomas, an archaeologist, and Ari, an Iraqi photojournalist—two men with their own secrets to hide—John races against time to unearth the dark history behind the old science of alchemy: Is the notion of turning lead into gold possible after all?

MCKENZIE, GRANT SWITCH (\$13.50) Security guard Sam White's life falls apart when he arrives home to find his house a burnt-out shell with the bodies of his wife and daughter inside. Then he receives a phone call from a man who claims that his wife and child are alive and Sam can still save them. But first, he must complete a few simple tasks. Sam joins forces with Zack Parker whose life has also been ripped apart by the same sadistic kidnapper. Together they plunge into the dark, labyrinthine underworld of Portland, Oregon. And into a race against time to discover the identity of the kidnapper and save their families before it's too late.

MCKINLAY, JENN BOOKS CAN BE DECEIVING (\$8.99) (#1) Lindsey Norris is the director of the Briar Creek Public Library. A New York editor visits town, creating quite a buzz. Lindsey's friend Beth wants to sell the editor her children's book, but Beth's boyfriend, a famous author, gets in the way. When they go to confront him, he's found murdered—and Beth is the prime suspect.

MCPHERSON, CATRIONA dandy DANDY GILVER AND AN UNSUITABLE DAY FOR A MURDER (#6) (\$14.99) Set in 1920s, Edinburgh, and featuring Dandy the maid-cum-detective-protector.

MADISON, ADA knowles SQUARE ROOT OF MURDER (#1) (\$8.99) Dr. Sophie Knowles teaches math at Henley College in Massachusetts, but when a colleague turns up dead, it's up to her to find the killer before someone else gets subtracted. This first installment in a new series includes original puzzles and brain teasers.

MANFREDI, VALERIO MASSIMO LAST LEGION (\$20) Only the Last Legion, a band of seemingly immortal legionaries, can save the Roman world from the barbarians.

MARKS, HOWARD SYMPATHY FOR THE DEVIL (\$18.95) When Detective Catrin Price returns to Cardiff after 12 years of self-imposed exile she is determined to lay to rest the ghosts of her unhappy past. Then her ex-boyfriend Rhys, once a promising young policeman but now a washed-up junkie, is found dead on one of her first nights on patrol. The official verdict is an accidental overdose, but Cat is convinced that there is something more to his death, something that will explain why the man who saved her life was so unwilling to save his own. Rhys had investigated the suicide of a cult rock star some years before. And then there was the serial rapist he put

behind bars, the same serial rapist Cat is convinced is stalking her. What's the connection?

MARSTON, EDWARD RAILWAY TO THE GRAVE (#7) (\$14.99) Yorkshire 1855. Colonel Aubrey Tarleton is a man respected by his neighbours in the small Yorkshire village of South Otterington. So the community is left stunned when Tarleton, deliberately, walks into the path of a speeding train. He is crushed to death on the track, but it is not his broken limbs that attract the attention of the train driver; rather, it is the note pinned to his chest, fluttering in the breeze: 'Whoever finds me, notify Superintendent Tallis of the Detective Department at Scotland Yard'. The famous Railway Detective, Inspector Robert Colbeck, finds his superior officer in great distress when he arrives at the Yard the following morning. Tallis is clutching a letter from his now-deceased friend. In it, Tarleton makes it clear that he no longer wishes to live if he has to do so without his beloved wife, who has disappeared. When the news arrives that a man's body has been found on the track near Thirsk, the coincidence is too great. Was Tarleton responsible for his wife's disappearance, and was his suicide the act of a guilty man? Tallis cannot believe that to be the case and sets out for Yorkshire, accompanied by Colbeck and his trusty Sergeant Victor Leeming, determined to uncover the truth.

MATTHEWS, JEANNE dinah BET YOUR BONES (#2) (\$18.95) An angry goddess, Pele, is rocking the island of Hawaii with earthquakes, a real estate deal has a group of Native Hawaiians very angry, a killer has pushed a wedding guest into the molten lava... perhaps a wedding on the lip of a Hawaiian volcano is as risky as Dinah Pelerin had thought it would be. But, in for a penny, in for a pound. Sequel to Bones of Contention (#1) (\$18.95).

MAY, PETER enzo active BLOWBACK (#5) (\$18.95) When France's top chef, Marc Fraysse, summoned the world's press to make an announcement, rumours abounded that he was about to lose one of his three coveted Michelin stars. Instead, on arrival at his remote restaurant on a volcanic plateau in central France, they were greeted with the news that the troubled genius had been murdered, and the message he intended to deliver was never made. Seven years on, the identity of his killer also remains an enigma. Enzo Macleod takes on his fifth cold case and delves into the big business and high stakes of French haute cuisine.

MINA, DENISE morrow END OF THE WASP SEASON (#2) (\$24.95) What is the connection between millionaire banker Lars Anderson hanging himself from the old oak tree in front of his Kent mansion and the savage murder, in a wealthy suburb of Glasgow, of a young woman? In what appears to be a vicious, random attack. DS Alex Morrow, heavily pregnant with twins, is called in to investigate. **MOFFAT, G J logan finch** FALLOUT (#2) (\$14.99) Logan Finch has made a life for himself with his daughter Ellie. But his blossoming relationship with DC Rebecca Irvine is about to be put to the test when Irvine's old flame, drug-addicted rock star Roddy Hale, enters her life again. And then there's the small matter of a professional killer following Rebecca's every move.

MOODY, BILL horne SHADES OF BLUE (#6) and FADE TO BLUE (#7) (\$18.95 each). Paperbacks of the two latest entries in the Bill Horne series.

MOODY, MARY antiques KILLING IN ANTIQUES (#1) (\$7.99) Treasure hunting is not for the faint of heart. Luckily, Lucy St. Elmo, owner of the Cape Cod antiques shop, St. Elmo Fine Antiques, has more than enough heart. What she needs to improve are her tracking skills—or else the wrong man could be convince of a one-of-a-kind murder.

MOONEY, TED SAME RIVER TWICE (\$17.95) Odile Mével is a French clothing designer, her American husband, Max, an independent filmmaker. When Odile agrees to buy a selection of ceremonial May Day banners in the Soviet Union and deliver the contraband to Paris she earns a new job description: smuggler. Soon her fellow

courier disappears, her apartment is ransacked, and her friend's houseboat is firebombed. While Max has no inkling of Odile's dealings, he finds himself embroiled in a baffling film world mystery of his own. As their escapades deepen and their deceptions multiply, Odile and Max discover their secrets are connected—endangering not only their marriage but their lives.

MORRISON, BOYD VAULT (\$19.99) A combat engineer and linguistics expert try to stop a terrorist cell intent on unearthing King Midas's gold.

MOSBY, STEVE BLACK FLOWERS (\$24.99) This is not a story about a girl who disappears. This is the story of a little girl who comes back. As if from nowhere, she appears one day on a seaside promenade, with a black flower and a horrifying story about where she's been. But telling that story will start a chain reaction of dangerous lies and deadly illusions that will claim many more victims in the years to come.

MOSS, JOHN quin morgan RELUCTANT DEAD (#3) (\$11.99) Murder casts a long shadow, reaching from fabled Easter Island in the South Pacific to the desolate shores of Baffin Island in the Canadian Arctic. Detectives Miranda Quin and David Morgan of the Toronto Police Service are in these very different places, involved in separate investigations. It's only when they both return to Toronto that the stories merge.

OLSON, KAREN brett INK FLAMINGOS (#4) (\$8.99) Dee Carmichael, lead singer of the pop sensation The Flamingoes, has been one of Brett Kavanaugh's most dedicated customers at her tattoo shop. When Dee is discovered dead surrounded by ink pots and needles, Brett is branded a suspect.

PAPE, SHARON rory TO SKETCH A THIEF (#2) (\$8.99) After a stray dog named Hobo leads former police sketch artist-turned-paranormal private eye Rory McCain back to his owner's corpse, Pary finds herself involved in another homicide case..

PARETSKY, SARA warshawski BODY WORK (#14) (\$11.50) V I has been visiting Club Gouge, Chicago's edgiest night spot, where a woman known as the Body Artist turns her naked body into a canvas for the audience to paint on. The show attracts all kinds of people, from a menacing off-duty cop, to Ukrainian mobsters, Iraqi war vets and V I's impetuous cousin Petra. A tormented young painter shows up, too, and the intricate designs she creates on the Body Artist drives one of the vets into a violent rage. When the painter is shot, the cops figure they have an easy case to solve.

PARRIS, S J HERESY (\$13.50) Absolutely super. Set in England of 1583, it introduces us to Giordano Bruno, a monk who had to flee Europe because of his radical thinking. In England, he has attracted the attention of Francis Walsingham, chief spymaster of Elizabeth I. Sent undercover to Oxford University he is charged with finding those who are still faithful to the Catholic faith. This novel takes place not long after those of **C. J. Sansom**, which feature the hunchbacked lawyer, Matthew Shardlake. Another terrific series.

Religious persecution has been a fact of life since the beginning of religions but in Heresy we are given a taste of how brutal the court of Elizabeth I was in ferreting out Catholics. "Fabulous", says Marian.

PATTEN, LOUISE BAD MONEY (\$10.99) Mary Kersey has a high-profile City job giving strategic advice to banks. She's the family breadwinner, a loving wife and a caring mother to Gracie, and she struggles to find the right balance between her work and her home life. Her two worlds collide when the Treasury asks Mary to take on a secret role investigating dirty dealings surrounding ever-more-powerful hedge funds. When matters take a dark turn, Mary discovers just how vulnerable she is. Standing between men and their money is a very dangerous place to be...

PATTERSON & LEDWIDGE WORST CASE (#3) (\$10.99) The son of one of New York's wealthiest families is snatched off the street and held hostage. But this kidnapper isn't demanding money.

Instead, he quizzes his prisoner on the price others pay for his life of luxury...and wrong answers are fatal. Detective Michael Bennett heads the investigation. With ten kids of his own, he can't understand what could lead someone to target anyone's children.

PATTERSON & MARKLUND POSTCARD KILLERS (\$16.50) NYPD detective Jacob Kanon is on a tour of Europe's most gorgeous cities. But the sights aren't what draw him; he sees each museum, each cathedral and each cafe through the eyes of his daughter's killer. Kanon's daughter, Kimmy, and her boyfriend were murdered while on vacation in Rome. Since then, young couples in Paris, Copenhagen, Frankfurt, and Stockholm have been found dead. Nothing connects the murders, other than a postcard sent to the local newspaper that precedes each new victim.

PATTERSON, RICHARD NORTH IN THE NAME OF HONOR (\$11.99) Home from Iraq, a lieutenant kills his commanding officer--was it self-defense or premeditated murder? A novel of suspense about the high cost of war and secrets.

PAWSON, STUART active PICASSO SCAM (#1) (\$14.99) Reissue. A terrific series.

PELECANOS, GEORGE stefano FIRING OFFENSE (#1) and **NICK'S TRIP (#2)** (\$16.50 each.) Love this writer, love his Nick Stefanos series, great to see them being reissued. See *J.D.'s Picks*.

PENNY, LOUISE active BURY YOUR DEAD (#6) (\$14.99) A terrific novel in a terrific series. Featuring Chief Insp. Gamache of the Surete du Quebec. Part of this story is a follow on from the previous entry in the series, The Brutal Telling (\$14.99) (#4), so be sure to read that one first. The next Gamache novel, Trick of the Light (\$27.99) (#7), is due late August and Louise will be at **Sleuth to launch it on Monday, August 29th from 6.00 pm to 7.30pm.**

PEPPER, ANDREW pyke BLOODY WINTER (#5) (\$24.99) A kidnapping in Wales, a dead vagrant wearing a Saville Row suit, the potato crop failing for the second year and thousands of Irish dying of hunger, and Pyke's need to get out of Scotland Yard...all come together in Wales as Pyke is enticed by a hefty fee to investigate.

PEPPER, ANDREW pyke DETECTIVE BRANCH (#4) (\$14.99) Drury Lane, 1844. A robbery has been committed at a pawnbroker's, leaving three people dead. The man called in to investigate is Pyke, head of the Metropolitan Police's newly formed Detective Branch at Scotland Yard. He must find the culprit quickly, as the identity of one of the victims threatens to expose his own criminal past.

RUBY-SACHS, EMMA WATER MAN'S DAUGHTER (\$22.99 trade paperback) The violent death of a Canadian water company executive in a black township of Johannesburg throws together a South African anti-privatization activist and the water executive's daughter, Claire, who arrives suddenly from Canada desperate to understand her father's death. The murder investigation -- led by an officer who is finding her own loyalties increasingly unclear -- and Claire's personal quest become entwined, and the young Canadian's involvement with the activist brings her ever closer to a shocking truth she might not be able to bear.

PINTOFF, STEFANIE ziele CURTAIN FALLS (#2) (\$16.99) A moody and evocative tale of detective Simon Ziele and his partners who scour the dark streets of early-20th-century New York City in search of a true fiend. Sequel to the Edgar Award-winning debut In the Shadow of Gotham (\$17.99).

QUINN, SPENCER chet berni TO FETCH A THIEF (#3) (\$17) Peanut, the headlining pachyderm of the old-fashioned traveling circus that has arrived in town, has gone missing, along with her trainer, Uri DeLeath. Stranger still, no one saw them leave. How does an elephant vanish without a trace? At first there's nothing Bernie and Chet can do - it's a police matter and they have no standing in the case. But then they're hired by Popo the Clown, who has his own reasons for wanting to find out what has become of the mysteriously missing duo. After Chet takes a few sniffs in Peanut's trailer and picks up her one-

of-a-kind scent, he and Bernie are in hot pursuit, heading far away from the bright lights of the traveling show and into the dark desert night. This series is a real hoot! **Dog On It** (\$19.99) and **Thereby Hangs a Tail** (\$17) are the first two.

RAMSAY, FREDERICK botswana **PREDATORS (#1)** and **REAPERS (#2)** (\$18.95 each). A new series set in Botswana. Contemporary settings, and the background to the stories is the corruption, violence, greed...

RAYBOURN, DEANNA grey **DARK ENQUIRY (#5)** (\$17.95) Partners now in marriage and in trade, Lady Julia and Nicholas Brisbane have finally returned from abroad to set up housekeeping in London. And return for their fifth Victorian adventure.

RICHERS, ANTHONY **ARROWS OF FURY (#2)** (\$14.99) The Battle of the Lost Eagle saved Hadrian's Wall, but the new Roman governor of Britannia must stamp out the rebellion of the northern tribes or risk losing the province. Rampaging south with sword and flame under the command of their murderous chieftain Calgus, they have stretched his forces to the limit. For Marcus, now simply Centurion Corvus of the 1st Tungrian cohort, the campaign has become doubly dangerous. As reinforcements flood into Britannia he is surrounded by new officers with no reason to protect him from the emperor's henchmen. Death could result from a careless word as easily as from an enemy spear. Worse, one of them is close on his heels. Sequel to **Wounds of Honour** (\$10.99)

RIMINGTON, STELLA carlyle **DEAD LINE (#4)** (\$15.99) The fourth novel featuring MI5 operative Liz Carlyle. A Middle East peace conference is taking place in Gleneagles, Scotland, and a highly placed source inside Syrian Intelligence claims that two individuals are planning to devastate the conference. The Syrians are intent on stopping these two with no concern for collateral damage. With the future of the whole Middle East at stake, Liz must find her way through lies and misinformation to prevent a catastrophe.

ROBERTSON, IMOGEN **ISLAND OF BONES (#3)** (\$24.99 trade paperback, \$34.99 hardcover) See the hardcover section.

ROBINSON, PATRICK **DIAMONDHEAD** (\$9.99) Navy SEAL Mack Bedford and his trials and tribulations against the dastardly Iraqi insurgents and the unprincipled French arms merchants.

ROBINSON, PETER banksacti **BAD BOY (#19)** (\$19.99) Detective Chief Inspector Banks is on vacation in California when the police raid the home of the DoYLES back in Eastvale. Tracy Bank's best friend is Erin Doyle and Erin got herself into major trouble by stealing a gun from bad boy Jaff and hiding it in her parents' house. By the time Banks gets back to Eastvale, Tracy is missing; there's an internal investigation going on; his home is a crime scene. And that's not the worst of it.

ROLLINS, JAMES **DEVIL COLONY** (\$19.99 trade paperback, \$29.99 hardcover). See the hardcover section.

ROSENFELT, DAVID carpente **DOG TAGS (#8)** (\$8.99) A German Shepherd police dog witnesses a murder and if his owner, an Iraq war vet and former cop-turned-thief, is convicted of the crime, the dog could be put down. Few rival Andy Carpenter's affection for dogs, and he decides to represent the poor canine. As Andy struggles to convince a judge that this dog should be set free, he discovers that the dog and his owner have become involved unwittingly in a much more dangerous case than the one they've been charged with. Andy will have to call upon the unique abilities of this ex-police dog to help solve the crime and prevent a catastrophic event from taking place.

ROSS, ADAM **MR PEANUT** (\$17.99) David Pepin has loved his wife since the moment they met, and after thirteen years of marriage he still can't imagine living without her -- yet he obsessively contemplates her demise. Soon she is dead, and he's both deeply distraught and the prime suspect in her possible murder. The officers investigating her death are intimately familiar with conjugal enigmas. Detective Ward Hastroll was happily married until his wife became inexplicably

bly and militantly bedridden. And Detective Sam Sheppard is especially sensitive to marital guilt, having decades before been convicted and then declared innocent of his wife's brutal murder. A fine debut. **SEEBER, CLAIRE** **FRAGILE MIND** (\$15.99) When a bomb explodes outside the Royal Academy of Ballet in the heart of London, the police initially suspect a terrorist group. But the pieces don't fit and DCI Silver is struggling to find any suspects.

SEFTON, MAGGIE kelly flyn **SKEIN OF THE CRIME (#8)** (\$8.99) After a university student is found dead on the river trail near Kelly Flynn's house, she's compelled to investigate. Kelly finds herself following a path that twists more easily than the yarn with which she knits. Includes knitting patterns and recipes.

SHEVCHENKO, A K **BEQUEST** (\$14.99) Loosely based on the legend of lost Cossack gold, deposited in the Bank of England in the 18th century, which becomes the property of a future independent Ukraine. As you can imagine, few want the money handed over and the resulting tilt in power. Certainly not the Russians or British security services, nor the bank. A debut novel from the Ukrainian born author.

SILVA, DANIEL allon **REMBRANDT AFFAIR (#10)** (\$11.50) Determined to sever his ties with the Office, Gabriel Allon has retreated to the cliff of Cornwall with his beautiful wife, Chiara. In the ancient city of Glastonbury, an art restorer is brutally murdered and a long lost portrait by Rembrandt is mysteriously stolen. Gabriel is persuaded to use his unique skills to search for the painting and those responsible for the crimes.

SMITH, ALEXANDER freddie **CORDUROY MANSIONS (#1)** (\$21) Corduroy Mansions is the affectionate nickname given to a genteel, crumbling mansion block in London's vibrant Pimlico neighbourhood and home to a captivating collection of quirky characters and a smart dog. According to Selma, one of our customers, she couldn't stop laughing while reading about the situations that the characters got themselves into. In fact, she thought this series was more humorous than the 44 Scotland Street series.

SMITH, DAN **DRY SEASON** (\$14.99) On the banks of a sprawling Brazilian river lies Sao Tiago. A place poised between the old ways and the new, fought over by gangsters and big business. It's a town for people with nowhere else to run; a place where Sam, a former priest, has ended up. He left England to help people, but what he's seen has scarred him, and now he cares about nothing except drinking and fishing on the great river. But one night changes all that. When a man lies bleeding on a dirt floor, what starts as a fight to save a life becomes a battle with Sao Tiago's dark heart. Caught between friends and enemies, and entangled in the affections of an ex-prostitute and a predatory landowner's wife, Sam realises that in a place where life is cheap, love can be deadly.

SMITH, DAN **DARK HORIZONS** (\$24.99 trade paperback, \$34.99 hardcover). See the hardcover section.

SPECHT, DOUGLAS **NOKOMIS** (\$14.95)

STEVENS, CHEVY **STILL MISSING** (\$16.99) On the day she was abducted, Annie O'Sullivan, a thirty-two-year-old realtor, had three goals: sell a house, forget about an argument with her mother, and be on time for dinner with her ever-patient boyfriend. The open house is slow, but when her last visitor pulls up in a van as she's about to leave, Annie thinks it just might be her lucky day after all. Interwoven with the story of the year Annie spent as the captive of a psychopath in a remote mountain cabin, which unfolds through sessions with her psychiatrist, is a second narrative recounting events following her escape, her struggle to piece her shattered life back together and the ongoing police investigation into the identity of her captor and the disturbing sense that things are far from over.

SWIERCZYNSKI, DUANE hardie **FUN AND GAMES (#1)** (\$16.50) Charlie Hardie, an ex-cop still reeling from the revenge killing of his former partner's entire family, fears one thing above all

else: that he'll suffer the same fate. Languishing in self-imposed exile, Hardie has become a glorified house sitter. His latest gig comes replete with an illegally squatting B-movie actress who rants about hit men who specialize in making deaths look like accidents. Unfortunately, it's the real deal. Hardie finds himself squared off against a small army of the most lethal men in the world: The Accident People. It's nothing *personal*—the girl just happens to be the next name on their list. For Hardie, though, it's *intensely* personal. He's not about to let more innocent people die. Not on his watch. The first in a trilogy.

TANENBAUM, ROBERT ACT OF REVENGE (#11) (\$11.99) Reissue.

TAYLOR, KATE MAN IN UNIFORM (\$19.95) At the height of the Belle Époque, Parisian lawyer Francois Dubon lives a well-mannered life in the bourgeois quarters in the eighth arrondissement. But when a mysterious widow arrives at his office, his complacent existence turns into a harrowing one. The woman claims that only Dubon can rescue her innocent friend, an army captain named Dreygus, wrongfully convicted, maybe even setup, of espionage and exiled to Devil's Island.

TELLER, JOSEPH GUILTY AS SIN (\$9.99) Did career criminal Alonzo Barnett, in and out of prison since age fifteen, commit the latest drug deal he's accused of? Yup, he's guilty as charged. But is he guilty as sin? That's the question criminal defense attorney Harrison J. Walker, the maverick known as Jaywalker, has to answer as he takes the court-appointed case. As Jaywalker is well aware, one wrong move, even for the right reason, can derail your life—and land an otherwise redeemed ex-con back in the slammer for years.

TEMPLETON, ALINE Fleming CRADLE TO GRAVE (#6) (\$14.99) Accused of murdering the baby in her care, seemingly cold and measured nanny Lisa Stewart maintains her innocence. But when she changes her name and tries to run away, the terrifying threats always find her. Is she an innocent victim of public anger? Or a calculating murderer on the run? Can DI Fleming, dogged by her own past, uncover the truth?

THOMPSON, JOHN MILLIKEN RESERVOIR (\$17.95) On an early spring morning in Richmond, Virginia, in the year 1885, a young pregnant woman is found floating in the city reservoir. It appears that she has committed suicide, but there are curious clues at the scene that suggest foul play. The case attracts local attention, and an eccentric group of men collaborate to solve the crime. Based on a true story, the novel centers on a guilty and passionate love triangle composed of two very different brothers and one young, naive girl hiding an unspeakable secret.

THOMPSON, VICTORIA MURDER ON LEXINGTON AVENUE (#12) (\$8.99) When a wealthy businessman is murdered, Det. Sgt. Frank Malloy is assigned to investigate even though the crime is outside his jurisdiction. The reason he was assigned to the case is that the man had a deaf daughter and Malloy's own son attends the New York Institution for the Deaf and Dumb. The victim had sent his daughter to a rival school with different views on teaching the deaf and was an influential supporter of their program.

TREMAYNE, PETER CHALICE OF BLOOD (#21) (\$14.99) Ireland AD 670. When an eminent scholar is found murdered in his cell in the abbey of Lios Mor, fear spreads among his brethren; his door was secured from the inside, with no other means of exit. How did the murderer escape? And what was the content of the manuscripts apparently stolen from the scholar's room? Abbot Iarnla insists on sending for Sister Fidelma and her companion Brother Eadulf to investigate the killing. But even before they reach the abbey walls, there is an attempt on their lives. As the mystery deepens, Fidelma and Eadulf must also wrestle with problems of their own, which threaten to separate them for ever...

VAN GELDERMALSEN, MARGUER MARRIED TO A BEDQUIN (\$16.99) A special order.

VARIOUS/PENZLER, OTTO ed. BIG BOOK OF ADVENTURE STORIES (\$28.95) Some of the best adventure stories of all time, collected in one mammoth volume. With stories by **Jack London, O. Henry, H. Rider Haggard, Alastair MacLean, Talbot Mundy, Cornell Woolrich**, and many others, this volume contains some of the best characters from the most thrilling adventure tales, including The Cisco Kid; Sheena, Queen of the Jungle; Bulldog Drummond; Tarzan; The Scarlet Pimpernel; Conan the Barbarian; Hopalong Cassidy; King Kong; Zorro; and The Spider.

WAMBAUGH, JOSEPH HOLLYWOOD HILLS (\$8.99) A circle of teenage burglars that the media has dubbed "The Bling Ring" has taken to pillaging the homes of Hollywood celebrities like Paris Hilton and Lindsay Lohan, putting the rich and famous on high alert. Enter LAPD "Hollywood Nate" Weiss who would gladly trade the Hollywood Station beat for the Hollywood Walk of Fame and who has recently become friendly with a B-list movie director. Nate agrees to take care of the director's opulent estate while he is away but Nate doesn't know that an art dealer is planning to steal two paintings from the mansion and make off with lots of money. When a pair of drug-addled young copycats stumbles upon the heist, Hollywood Nate, surfer cops Flotsam and Jetsam, and the rest of the team at Hollywood Station have a deadly situation on their hands.

WATSON, COLIN purbright HOPJOY WAS HERE (#3) (\$20) A reissue. A terrific series. Sequel to Coffin Scarcely Used (#2) and Bump in the Night (#2) (\$20 each).

WATSON, S J BEFORE I GO TO SLEEP (\$21.99) Christine wakes up every morning in an unfamiliar bed with an unfamiliar man. She looks in the mirror and sees an unfamiliar, middle-aged face. And every morning, the man she has woken up with must explain that he is Ben, he is her husband, she is forty-seven years old, and a terrible accident two decades earlier decimated her ability to form new memories. A terrific debut novel.

WATSON, WENDY a la mode PARFAIT MURDER (#3) (\$7.99) After Tally's cousin Bree spots her deadbeat ex-husband strolling the Lantana County Fair with a fat wallet and a vixen on his arm, she immediately files for back child support. But when his lawyer is found dead, things get a little sticky. Includes recipes.

WELLS, MELINDA della PIE A LA MURDER (#4) (\$8.99) Della Carmichael's sweetie pie Nicholas drops a bomb--he has a teenage daughter, now living with him. When the daughter's friend is found murdered, the protective Nicholas is a suspect, and Della must find the real killer before they all get burned. Includes recipes.

WILCOX, JOHN SHANGANI PATROL (#7) (\$14.99) It is 1889 and the great powers of Europe are scrambling for territory in Africa. The last prize is the kingdom of Matabeleland and Mashonaland, ruled by the benevolent tyrant King Lobengula and policed by his *impis* of 20,000 warriors. The British do not want another colonial war, but the South African millionaire Cecil John Rhodes wants the land at any price in order to extend the British Empire.

ZETTEL, SARAH CHEF TASTE OF THE NIGHTLIFE (#1) (\$8.99) Charlotte Caine isn't called "the Vampire Chef" because she's a member of New York's undead community--she just cooks for them at her restaurant Nightlife. But when a drunk customer later winds up dead on Nightlife's doorstep, Charlotte's brother is under suspicion. "Okay, so I liked this..." says Marian.

ZOUROUDI, ANNE MESSENGER OF ATHENS (#1) (\$16.50) When the battered body of a young woman is discovered at the foot of a cliff on the remote Greek island of Thiminos, the local police are quick to close the case, dismissing her death as an accident. Then a stranger arrives, uninvited, from Athens, announcing his intention to investigate the crime he believes has been committed. His methods of investigation are unorthodox. Who has sent him to Thiminos, and on whose authority is he acting, and how does he know of dramas played out decades ago?

