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Greetings

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Friends, spring has arrived. Officially at 9:30am on the 19th of April, by the way, although you can be excused for not knowing this. The weather has been wonderful and the sun has been shining, and I have never seen so many happy faces wandering Bayview Ave. Winter had not been all that hard around here, yet, it seemed to have been endless. Maybe it was just the way it teased us, a nice warm week in early April and then two sunless, cold weeks. People were walking around with these big goofy grins on their faces, the patios were crammed full, and, well, all the thoroughbred cars were out for a workout. You'd think all was well with the world.

Why did spring arrive at 9:30am on the 19th? Simple. That was the moment when the summer tires went back on the car! And, not a moment too soon, neither. I had just enough time to run some errands—**Lyn Hamilton** was going to launch her newest Lara McClintoch novel The Chinese Alchemist (\$30, signed firsts) that evening—and get to my 10:32 tee-off time! The first of the season at home!

One of those goofs, out and about, was me. A few nights ago I was out with some friends and, fancying myself a bit of an astronomer, I pointed out this very bright object just to the right of the sliver of the moon. Although I did not know what it was, some astronomer indeed, I did know that it could not be a star. So, I looked it up and learned that it was the planet Venus. In the process I came across this wonderful website, www.fourmilab.ch/ which has a ton of fun stuff on it, including Your Sky. As if I don't already have a million ways of avoiding the newsletter.

Wendy's and *David's Picks* are missing from this issue as Wendy has been off for the month of April and David's been busy with his second novel. With any luck both will be back next time. And, a big thank you to all who have donated money for the Manulife Run for

COME MEET

John Connolly
Author of the Charlie
Parker novels

Alafair Burke
Author of the Samantha
Kincaid novels

Sunday, June 10, 2007 from 2 to 3pm. Come meet them, have a sammy, wash it down with a soft drink and schmooze. Keep an eye on the website for more.

Research coming up on the 27th of May. Thank you. Thank you.

It's the last of the Harrys, dude. Harry Potter #7, the last one, The Deathly Hallows (\$45), goes on sale at the stroke of midnight, Saturday, the 21st of July. As we did two years ago, on the occasion of #6, we're going to celebrate. Paddington has decreed that we do it right. So, calling wizards, witches, goblins and muggles of all ages. Join us at 11pm, Friday the 20th July, for draws, contests, refreshments and lots more Potterish fun. We'll even have a prize for the best costume and let you decide the winner! Keep in mind that the Fire Marshall has asked that firebreathing dragons be left outside for the safety and comfort of others, so we'll have some valet grooms. Hypogryphs, cereberi and magical beasts over 1 metre 8 must enter from the Diagon Alley entrance. Howlers will be refused entry, no exceptions. Keep an eye on the website for more details. Actually fun's fun, but Marian and I have decided to donate 10% of the sales that evening to The Children's Wish Foundation. So order multiples.

Finally...that giant of Canadian Letters, **MICHAEL ONDAATJE**, author of The English Patient and In the Skin of a Lion has written a "remarkable new novel of intersecting lives that ranges across continents and time", Divisadero (\$34.99 McClelland & Stewart) and we have scored a small quantity of **signed copies**.

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J.D.'s Picks

Although I had expressed some trepidation in reading the new **REGINALD HILL** *Death Comes for the Fat Man* (\$34.95) you knew that I would not be able to resist. Not going to say too much, except that it was, as usual, a fine read. Some of the reviewers have mentioned that it was “over plotted” and “digressed a lot,” well, they know not what they say. Read it. It is perfectly enjoyable.

A colleague mentioned how much he had enjoyed *The Broken Shore* (\$32) by Australian writer **PETER TEMPLE**. So I took a copy home and, boy, was my friend spot on. I quickly consumed it and then grabbed *Bad Debts* (\$21), equally consumable, and then it was on to *Black Tide* (\$21). I do not usually act this compulsively, but this guy is good. Now, talk about complicated plots and casts of hundred! It was work keeping the story straight. At least it taxed my faculties. Two more things. I could have used an Australian to English dictionary, the slang made it akin to reading **John Brady** or *A Clockwork Orange*. And, if the “C” word, you know the one that rhymes with bunt, is offensive to your eye and ear, then **Peter Temple** is likely not for you. I suspect that Australians use this word in much the same way that many North Americans use that “F” word—sprinkled throughout, liberally. But, get past that, and boy, he's entertaining. As best as I can ascertain, **Temple** is the author of eight novels, four stand alones and four, including *Bad Debts* and *Black Tide*, featuring Jack Irish, a lawyer who doesn't practice much law anymore. Jack works, instead, doing odd jobs--investigating, debt collecting for a local businessman and woodworking and reading to relax. *The Broken Shore* is a police procedural set in a small, coastal town, with their own set of racial problems. Really, really, good stuff. Can't wait to get to *Identity Theory* (\$17.95) (aka *In the Evil Day*).

A debut novel that came highly recommended is *Collaborator of Bethlehem* (\$29.95) by **MATT BEYNON REES**. And rightfully so. The New York Times called it an astonishing first novel. The hero of this novel, hopefully in his first of many appearances, is Omar Yussef, a Muslim who teaches history at the school in the refugee camp. Bethlehem has become a very dangerous and lawless place. The Intifada has left his town in the hands of armed gangs who rule by might and are not above extorting money and confiscating property to continue the fight against the enemy. That they are making the lives of their brothers and sisters much more difficult and dangerous by engaging a vastly superior army is of little consequence. The fight must go on. When a local fighter is killed by sniper fire it seems that there must be an Israeli collaborator in their midst and a convenient collaborator is found. That he is Christian is a bonus. The accused is a much-loved student and friend of Omar's and the penalty for collaborating with the enemy is a kangaroo court trial and summary execution. Omar, distressed that this has happened, races against time and makes very dangerous enemies to save his friend. Fearing all the while that this is futile. Excellent.

Another debut novel is the fabulous *Borkmann's Point* (\$17.95 signed trade paperback) by **HAKAN NESSER**. Debut in that this is the first of the Inspector Van Veeteren investigations, not the author's first published book, and the first of his novels to be translated into English. It was originally published in Swedish in 1994. The second in the Van Veeteren series, *Return* (\$29.95), was published in English very recently. *Borkmann's Point* is a delight. The second ax murder has taken place in a small Swedish coastal town and the local authorities do not have the expertise to deal with this particularly gruesome serial killer. Time to call in the big guns, and that's Insp. Van

Veeteren and his staff. Like a chess game, something, incidentally, that both our hero and his inept, local counterpart, Chief of Police Bausen, are students of, the action unfolds slowly and deliberately. This novel did not have the dark, brooding atmosphere that many Scandinavian novels can have and that made for a thoroughly entertaining read. I can't wait to get to the second one. The author has won a number of crime writing awards in Sweden, so again, I'm not the only one who thinks he's very, very good. Oh yeah, the author was in the store recently and signed whatever stock we had. So signed copies of both titles, but limited supply, so be sure to specify.

I seemed to have managed to read quite a bit recently so I'll tell you about another fine debut. **JULIA POMEROY's** *Dark End of Town* (\$19). Our heroine, Abby, is a thirty-something woman who had moved back to the small town of Bantam, NY, with her husband. When he dies, by his own hand, her guilt is immense and the best she can hope for is to just survive another day. Her dogs are a big help and so is the job she takes in a small restaurant. This is a small-town story, and the author gets the small-town stuff right. Abby has the intelligence and the empathy to make a fine, amateur detective and the multiple story lines unfold slowly, but intelligently. The writing is skillful, the suspense builds nicely and I can't wait for the sequel. Read this now and you'll be able to say that you knew her when. And, oh yeah, if you've ever had an ambition to run a restaurant in a small town, then read this. It'll be an entertaining primer.

If I'm ever asked who are the best of the best I usually rattle off three names immediately. **Hill, Dexter** and **Lovesey**. **PETER LOVESY** is the author of nine superb novels featuring Bath Chief Superintendent Peter Diamond and scores of others in various series and stand alones. *The False Inspector Dew* (\$16), one of the stand alones, winner of the CWA Gold Dagger in 1982, is a masterpiece, (*I also thought it was brilliant. Marian*) But it's the Diamond novels that makes his name spring forth with the aforementioned two giants of the field. The most recent in that series is *The Secret Hangman* (\$54 expensive British import, \$31 US edition due June) and I enjoyed it tremendously. Don't want to give too much away, and it's hard not to do, so I'll just leave it at this: Peter is directed by his boss, that imbecile, to track down a missing woman, the daughter of one of his friends in the choir. She soon turns up, hanged, a suicide. To keep Peter's personal life interesting, it seems that he's picked up a secret admirer. Or is it a stalker? Great fun. If you have missed this series, despite my best efforts, start with *The Last Detective* (\$18). And don't forget *The False Inspector Dew*. It's a classic even if **Shephard** and **Rennison** exclude both it and **Lovesey** in their *100 Must-Read Crime Novels*.

And that segues very nicely to an elegantly smart little book (roughly 4” by 6”) that all fans of crime fiction are going to want, *100 Must-Read Crime Novels* (\$12.95) by **RICHARD SHEPHARD** and **NICK RENNISON**. As the authors point out their mandate was not to provide a list of the 100 'best' because that's nearly impossible, but to choose 100 books to read in order to gain an overview of the rich and diverse writing to be found in crime fiction. (So, I'll forgive them for not including **Lovesey**. They were smart enough to include the other two and **Michael Malone, Peter Robinson** and **George Pelecanos**, three more of my favourites). They have also ignored where necessary the restriction of “novels” and included some short stories. Short stories by **Poe, Doyle** and **Chesterton** are important to the field. For each of the 100 there are suggestions along the “if you want more like this one” line and 20 themed lists, along the “if you want to read more about Miami novels” line. Just the right size to slip into your pocket or purse and take shopping.

Marian's Picks

With the weather being as nice as it has been, all I want to do is to be at my cottage or go out walking. Training for my next marathon will begin soon and I am starting to get both my attitude and my body into shape. I am not running, at least not at the moment, but am concentrating on walking. It is easier on the body but I'd love to be running. If I ever get my knee back in shape... However, I am walking almost as fast as I was running so you can imagine how slow a runner I was. One of these year's I would love to qualify for the Boston Marathon but, at the moment, that is just a fantasy

Paddington is doing well, thanks for all your concern. Since we turned off the fireplace at the back of the store—his sleeping spot all winter long was directly in front of the fireplace—he has been a bit unsettled and a lot annoyed, so I went out and bought him a heating pad. I felt stupid leaving the fireplace on, but he just wouldn't shut up. So, under his bed it went and he just loves it. Spoiled brat. I suppose the warmth helps with his arthritis. He's just so wonderful.

I have read loads of books since the last newsletter but when it comes to making picks I have trouble remembering what I read. Of course, I remember the four or five vampire and werewolf books that I read and loved but probably not much point in listing them here. I suspect most of you wouldn't be really interested. If you do read that genre and have suggestions for me to try, please tell me. I love the escape to that fantasy world on occasion.

I am part way through The Secret of Lost Things (\$29.95) by **SHERIDAN HAY** but I am so enjoying it that I must tell you about it now. The story is about an Australian woman, Rosemary Savage, who comes to New York City and gets a job in a big, old, used bookstore. The store manager's eyesight has deteriorated so much that he asks her to read some of his correspondence. The letter she reads suggests that someone has possession of an unpublished manuscript written by Herman Melville. The beauty of the book is the cast of wacky, eccentric, co-workers, each so different one from the other that you suspect the author had real life counterparts. Good thing **Hay** didn't apprentice at Sleuth, she would have had no grist for that eccentric mill of hers. None of us four would be the models of such eccentricities. Can't wait to finish reading. Damn this newsletter.

UPS willing, by the time you get this newsletter the North American edition of **LEE CHILD**'s latest book will be in stock. Bad Luck and Trouble (\$34) gives us a look into Jack Reacher's past but not as detailed a one as **ROBERT CRAIS** did with Joe Pike in The Watchman (\$29.99, still a great read though!). When a member of Reacher's old Army unit finds a way to get in touch with him, Reacher knows it must be serious. (Don't forget Reacher only carries around a toothbrush with him, he doesn't have a home or a phone or a car). The Special Investigators always watched each others' back and now one of them has shown up dead in the California desert and the other six can't be found at all. What a terrific read, what nasty bad guys. Who wouldn't want a guy like Jack Reacher watching out for them? The previous Reacher novel, The Hard Way (\$10.99), has just arrived in paperback and that's a wonderfully gritty read as well.

I've loved the **TIM COCKEY** novels featuring Hitchcock Sewell, the Baltimore funeral home director, so I was very interested to learn that he has started a new series under the pseudonym **RICHARD HAWKE**. Speak of the Devil (\$10.99) introduces Fritz Malone who was a former police commissioner in New York City. The bad guy

opens fire into the crowds watching the Thanksgiving Day parade and Malone gives chase. More action and adventure, more of a thriller and certainly edgier than the light-hearted Hitchcocks, but equally enjoyable. I haven't read the second book yet, Cold Day in Hell (\$30.00), but I have it on my ever increasing pile. Don't you wish there were more hours in the day?

A number of hardcover books have just been released in paperback so I'll just quickly mention them. I've read these but have not yet gotten around to reading the next one in the series. Again, where can I find the time to read everything I want to? Maybe I'll just retire and do nothing but read. That sounds like fun for a while but I suspect I'd get bored rather quickly.

The second novel by **TORI CARRINGTON**, Dirty Laundry (\$8.99), is just as funny as the first one, Sofie Metropolis (\$9.99). In Dirty Laundry, Sofie's mom is concerned that her husband is having an affair so she sets Sofie on the case. Meanwhile, Sofie is searching for a missing dry cleaner who left behind a brand new Mercedes and a not-so-brand-new-wife. Remember the mysterious, charming Australian bounty hunter we met in the first novel? Well, he's back. And just as mysterious and charming as ever. Foul Play (\$29.95), the third in the series is due any day.

If you want to learn about antiques and furniture then you should give Consigned to Death (\$8.99) by **JANE CLELAND** a read. It's the printed version of the TV program, Antiques Roadshow. After a price-fixing scandal at a prestigious New York auction house, Josie Prescott starts over in New Hampshire. When a new client is stabbed to death, and Josie's fingerprints are all over the murder weapon, she has to prove her innocence, while trying to run her new auction business. Fun to read and lots of interesting tidbits about antiques.

Sometimes I'm in the mood for tea and sometimes I crave coffee. (I'm always up for a glass of wine!). So I enjoy **LAURA CHILDS'** tea mystery series as much as I do **CLEO COYLE**'s coffee shop series. The latest tea mystery in paperback is Blood Orange Brewing (\$9.99), which I loved, and the new hardcover is Dragonwell Dead (\$30.00). I was about two thirds through Dragonwell, and loving it, when I had to sell my copy because it was the last one around and, well, customers always come first. Lots more stock around now, but I have not finished it. I'll let it sit for a bit and then start again.

Speaking of wine, **ELLEN CROSBY**'s The Merlot Murders (\$8.99) will be out in paperback in August (currently in hardcover at \$33). This one was real fun and I learned a great deal about the wine business in Virginia. I've read the advance copy of The Chardonnay Charrade (\$28.99, also August) and it, too, was both full of wine lore and good fun. Wouldn't it be fun to go visit Virginia and sample the locally produced wines?

Hardcovers

ABRAHAMS, PETER NERVE DAMAGE (\$31.50) (Morrow) While checking into his obituary, well-known sculptor Roy Valois reads that his wife, Delia, worked for the United Nations. She has been dead for fifteen years but he had always thought she had worked for a private think tank. While trying to clear up the mistake he discovers that her former colleagues deny ever knowing her, the building that housed the think tank has supposedly served as the offices for another organization for decades and Roy can't find any evidence of its existence. Who was Delia? Who did she work for? How did she really die? Is she really dead?

ALBERT, SUSAN W china SPANISH DAGGER (#15) (\$30.00) (Berkley) China Bayles stumbles across a body while she is gathering yucca in Pecan Springs to use in her paper making class. Should you just happen to want an entertaining story and want to learn about herbs, then you're in luck. This series is for you. Start with the first, Thyme of Death (\$9.99) and work your way up to this one.

ALEXANDER, TASHA POISONED SEASON (\$29.95) (Morrow) London's social season is in full swing and the Victorian aristocracy can't stop whispering about a certain gentleman who claims to be the direct descendant of Louis XVI and Marie Antoinette. The cat burglar on the loose who is stealing anything related to Marie Antoinette is also cause for much drawing room and ballroom gossip. When the owner of one of the pilfered treasures is found murdered, the mysterious thief switches obsessions to Lady Emily Ashton. Sequel to And Only to Deceive (\$17.50 trade paperback). "I loved them both," says Marian, "especially all the stuff about Greek and Roman Antiquities at the British Museum".

ANSCOMBE, RODERICK VIRGIN LIES (\$31.00) (St. Martin's) On a blistering Boston summer day, a nine-year-old girl disappears while crossing a public park. The only witness is a homeless schizophrenic woman who believes she is under surveillance and whose memory may not be reliable. Dr. Paul Lucas, an expert at interrogating violent criminals and the insane, is called in to help evaluate the woman's testimony. In real life, **Dr. Roderick Anscombe** is a forensic psychiatrist who is an expert in the detection of deception and teaches interview techniques at Harvard Medical School.

ARMSTRONG, VIVIEN ROLL OVER PLAY DEAD (\$36.95) (Severn House) Det. Superintendent Roger Hayes is disenchanted by his secondment to the Met's intelligence unit, designed to tackle high profile cases involving national security. When Suzie Brigham's naked body was found at the bottom of the stairs, it was first assumed that the beautiful redhead had simply tripped. But she was the wife of Sir William Brigham and the case will require sensitive handling.

BALDACCI, DAVID SIMPLE GENIUS (\$33.99) (Warner) A three hour drive from Washington, D.C., two clandestine institutions face each other across a heavily guarded river. One is the world's most unusual laboratory, whose goals and funding are a mystery. The other is an elite CIA training camp shrouded in secrecy. Former Secret Service agents, now private investigators, Sean King and Michelle Maxwell, have seen their lives splinter around them. Michelle is in hospital and Sean takes on a thankless investigation into the murder of a scientist just inside the CIA's fence. The two find themselves involved in a furious struggle to exploit a world-shattering discovery.

BARCLAY, ALEX CALLER (#2) (\$34.95) (Harper Collins, UK) "Unlock the door to a twisted mind". So reads the jacket blurb. A killer is locked in a dark fantasy world that comes crashing into reality with devastating results. Back on the job after a year off, NYPD Detective Joe Lucchesi becomes the reluctant lead in the high-profile, high-body count investigation. Sequel to Darkhouse (\$10.99).

BEAR, GREG QUANTICO (\$29.95) (Vanguard) It's the near future and the FBI is waging war against a homegrown terrorist. With the FBI under political assault there is a good chance agents William Griffin, Fouad Al-Husam and Jane Rowland will be part of the last class at Quantico. The threat of plague targeted at Jews and Muslims has the potential to wipe out entire populations so the team joins up with bio-terror expert Rebecca Rose to try to uncover the plot.

BLACK, BENJAMIN quirke CHRISTINE FALLS (#1) (\$31) Sorry, don't have a copy to annotate but *The Globe and Mail* gave this novel a great review. AKA **John Banville**, which might have a lot to do with the positive review.

BOWEN, RHYS IN DUBLIN'S FAIR CITY (#6) (\$29.95) (St. Martin's) Molly returns home to Dublin to look for the missing sister of a rich client. Can she avoid the arrest warrant out for her?

BRADSHAW, GILLIAN BLOODWOOD (\$35.95) (Severn

House) When Antonia Lanchester is told she only has months to live she decides to blow the whistle on her employers who have links to an atrocity committed by illegal loggers in Borneo.

BROWN, RITA MAE PUSS N CAHOOTS (#15) (\$30) (Bantam) The newly re-married "Harry" and Fair Haristeen head to Shelbyville, Kentucky, site of the famous saddlebred horse show. Soon after they arrive, events turn mysterious and murderous. On the case, as usual, is Mrs. Murphy and her four-legged friends.

BYRNES, MICHAEL SACRED BONES (\$29.95)

CANNELL, DOROTHY WITHERING HEIGHTS (#11) (\$28.95) (St. Martin's) Ellie Haskell, her husband, three kids and her co-conspirator in crime, housekeeper Mrs. Roxie Malloy, head to Cragstone House to investigate some strange goings on. Remember how funny the first one in this series, The Thin Woman (\$10.99) was?

CARCATERA, LORENZO apach CHASERS (#2) (\$32.00)

CHILD, LEE BAD LUCK AND TROUBLE (#11) (\$45) The expensive UK edition. The much more reasonable price US edition will be out soon, so go ahead and pre-order one. See *Marian's Picks*.

CHILDS, LAURA tea DRAGONWELL DEAD (#8) (\$30) An author that Marian likes and reads. See *Marian's Picks*.

CLARK, MARY HIGGINS I HEARD THAT SONG BEFORE (\$29.99) (Simon & Schuster) The jacket blurb on this book is so long and detailed that it feels like you are reading the book itself. Kay Lansing, who marries into a wealthy family, looks into the disappearance of a young woman many years earlier and the death of her husband's former wife and child. Her husband, a sleepwalker, has been under suspicion for many years.

CLEEVES, ANN HIDDEN DEPTHS (\$24.95) Insp. Vera Stanhope investigates.

CLELAND, JANE DEADLY APPRAISAL (\$29.95) (St. Martin's) Josie Prescott's antiques business is booming and she is enjoying her new life in New Hampshire after leaving her job as an expert in a New York City auction house. Josie is sponsoring the Portsmouth Womens' Guild's Annual Black and Gold Gala in her company's auction hall when the guild's representative, Maisy Gaylor, is murdered. Seems everyone had access to the wine Mary drank, so Josie helps the grumpy Detective Rowcliff investigate. Learn about antiques while you enjoy a good read. Sequel to Consigned to Death (\$8.99). See *Marian's Picks*.

CLEMENT, BLAIZE DUPLICITY DOGGED THE DASCHUND (\$29.95) (Thomas Dunne) Pet sitter Dixie Hemingway is on the case again when one of her charges, Mame the Dachshund, finds a dead body. Marian says: "I really enjoyed this book as well as the first in the series, Curiosity Killed the Cat Sitter (\$8.99), as had Wendy. Actually, Wendy suggested I give it a go. There were two parts in the second book that I had to skip over, dealing with cruelty to the animals, but otherwise the story was great".

COBEN, HARLAN WOODS (\$33.50) (Dutton) Twenty years ago, four teenagers at a summer camp walked into the woods at night. Two were found murdered and two were never seen again. Two decades later, County Prosecutor Paul Copeland is still mourning the loss of his sister. When a homicide victim is found, evidence suggests he could be one of the two missing teens. Could Paul's sister be alive?

CONANT, SUSAN & CONANT-PARK, JESSICA SIMMER DOWN (#2) (\$28.50) (Berkley) Chloe Carter's boyfriend, Josh Driscoll, is preparing for the opening of Boston's hottest new restaurant, Summer, which means he doesn't have much time for her. To make matters worse, at a local fund raiser, a trendy club owner is bashed on the head with Josh's food processor. Chloe would love to pin the murder on Josh's ex-girlfriend but the list of suspects doesn't stop at one. The first in the series is Steamed (\$9.99).

COOPER, NATASHA EVIL IS DONE (#8) (\$31) (St. Martin's) Trish Maguire has put her early career defending abused children be-

hind her and is now a top corporate lawyer. But when Sam Foundling, her first client, comes back into her life, she's forced to revisit those painful times. Sam, now a brilliant sculptor, is married to Trish's colleague Cecilia and they are expecting their first child. When Cecilia is found beaten to death, the police believe Sam is to blame. Is Sam a distraught husband trying to hold it together for his newborn daughter or was the horror of his past too much for him?

CULHANE, PATRICK BLACK HATS (\$31.50) (Morrow) AKA **MAX ALLAN COLLINS**. April 1920. The Prohibition era has just begun and legendary lawman Wyatt Earp is spending his golden years in Los Angeles as a private detective. Bored and restless, he jumps at the chance to help the son of his old friend Doc Holliday. He heads to Manhattan where Johnny Holliday has just opened up a glitzy nightclub and is having trouble with Brooklyn's young, brash, and brutal Alphonse Capone and his boss Frankie Yale, who have targeted Johnny's nightclub.

CUTLER, JUDITH COLD PURSUIT (\$39.95) (Allison & Busby) When a colleague becomes seriously ill, Chief Superintendent Frances Harman has to delay her retirement to oversee an investigation into "happy-slappings" and minor assaults in the Kent area.

DAHEIM, MARY ALPINE SCANDAL (#19) (\$29.95) Have you ever noticed that this series of novels featuring Washington State journalist, Emma Lord, is, like **Sue Grafton's** Kinsey Milhone series, being published in alpha order? So this one is the Sth in the series.

DAVIS, LINDSEY SATURNALIA (#18) (\$34.95) (Century) It is the Roman holiday of Saturnalia. A general has captured a famous enemy of Rome and brings her home to adorn his Triumph as a ritual sacrifice. But she escapes and Falco is pitted against his old rival, the Chief Spy Anacrites, in a race to find the fugitive.

DIAMOND, SUSAN WHAT GOES AROUND (\$31.50) (Morrow) Set in the monied, golden hills of Southern California, five feisty women are convinced that the death of Ginger Pass, a member of their self help group, was murder. Ginger, a high-priced call girl, was found dead on a path outside the summer retreat of the most exclusive men's club in California. Their amateur sleuthing leads them to a trio of rich, powerful men who, hidden behind walls of money, connections and respectability, seem to be untouchable. The jacket blurb quotes one review as saying: "The book gives new meaning to the phrase 'Don't get mad, get even.'"

DONACHIE, DAVID AWKWARD COMMISSION (#3) (\$39.95) His surprising promotion means John Pearce is now free to finally follow his own wishes instead of being pressed into service in King George's Navy. However the same does not apply to the trio of his closest friends who, with Pearce as their leader, call themselves the Pelicans. While Pearce is indulging himself in London, his friends are being shipped off to the Mediterranean. Riddled with guilt over leaving them, and still haunted by his father's execution at the guillotine, Pearce vows to liberate the men who stuck with him through thick and thin. The two earlier novels in this series, assuming our information is correct, are **By the Mast Divided** (#1) (\$21, expensive UK paperback) and **A Shot Rolling Ship** (#2) (\$15.95).

EGGERS, DAVE WHAT IS THE WHAT (\$32.50)

ESTLEMAN, LOREN AMERICAN DETECTIVE (#19) (\$31.00) Darius Fuller, former pitching great for the Detroit Tigers and a buddy of Amos Walker, asks him to break up the engagement between his daughter, who will inherit a \$2 million trust fund at the age of twenty-five, and Hilary Bairn. When Amos goes to Bairn's apartment he find that Fuller's daughter has been killed and Bairn missing.

FALCONER, DUNCAN PROTECTOR (\$22.00) (Sphere, UK) Disillusioned after serving in Iraq, Bernie Mallory left the Royal Marines. Now he is working in private security, watching the backs of journalists and civilians in war zones around the world.

FIELDING, JOY HEARTSTOPPER (\$29.95) (Doubleday, Canada) In Torrence, Florida, population 4,100, Sheriff John Weber has

to deal with the abduction and murder of a runaway teenage girl.

Then the popular and pretty Liana Martin disappears. Sandy Crosbie, the town's new English teacher, finds the pattern chilling. With a marriage on the rocks, thanks to her husband's online affairs, and a beautiful teenage daughter to protect, Sandy wishes she'd never come to the seemingly quiet town with shocking depths of scandal, sex and brutality roiling beneath its surface.

FOWLER, EARLENE TUMBLING BLOCKS (\$31) (Berkley) San Celina's most exclusive club suddenly has an opening due to the death of one of its member. "49 Club" is an upper-crust, women only, club that is restricted to exactly 49 members and Benni Harper's boss, Constance Sinclair, wants Benni to investigate the death when answers from the police are not forthcoming. But with a famous artist about to put Benni's quilting museum on the map and her daunting mother-in-law arriving soon, Benni's holiday is already hectic.

FRASER, ANTHEA ROGUE IN PORCELAIN (\$39.95) (Severn House) Journalist Rona Parish is continuing her series of articles on old family businesses when she learns that Curzon, local manufacturers of bone china, are about to celebrate their 150th anniversary. Rona approaches the firm and almost at once is caught up in the intricacies of the Curzon family, little realizing that her involvement will precipitate a tragedy.

FREEMANTLE, BRIAN NAMEDROPPER (\$38.95) (Severn House) Harvey Jordon is The Namedropper, a multi-millionaire who steals people's ID to strip them of their assets. He only uses his real name when he goes on vacation in the South of France. It is there he meets Alyce Appleton, wife of New York commodity dealer and millionaire Alfred Appleton. And that's when the tables get turned!

FRENCH, TANA IN THE WOODS (#1) (\$37.95 hardcover, \$24.95 trade paperback) (Hodder & Stoughton) Twenty years ago three best friends were playing in the woods during their summer holidays when something happened; only one came back. Rob Ryan, the one who came back, is now a detective on the Dublin police force. He's changed his name and no one knows about his past. Even he has no memory of what happened that day. Then a little girl's body is found at the site of the old tragedy and Rob is drawn back into the mystery. For him and his DI partner Cassie, every lead comes with its own sinister undercurrents. And talking about sinister...the physical book is a very striking package with its atmospheric cover and all three edges painted black.

FRIEDMAN, KINKY CHRISTMAS PIG (\$19.99) Not a Kinky Friedman novel but a fable. As only the Kinkster could manage.

FULMER, DAVID DYING CRAPSHOOTERS BLUES (\$29.95) Atlanta 1920.

GABBAY, TOM LISBON CROSSING (\$31.50) (Morrow) It's the summer of 1940 and Europe is in the grip of the Nazi war machine. Jack Teller arrives in neutral Lisbon on the arm of international screen legend Lili Sterne to help her search for her childhood friend, Eva Lange. Having escaped Germany, Eva is believed to be hiding among the thousands of refugees who have descended upon Lisbon. Sequel to **The Berlin Conspiracy** (\$10.99).

GOMEZ-JURADO, JUAN GOD'S SPY (\$31.00) (Dutton) When a Cardinal is found brutally murdered in a chapel in Rome, his body horribly disfigured, police inspector Paola Dicanti is called in to investigate the grisly case. She discovers this is the second Cardinal to be murdered in such a way. Desperately trying to find the killer before the third one is dispatched to his heavenly reward, Paola's investigation is joined by Father Anthony Fowler, an American priest and former Army intelligence officer examining sexual abuse in the church, who knows far more about the killer than Paola could possibly imagine. A debut novel translated from Spanish.

GREEN, TIM AMERICAN OUTRAGE (\$31.99) (Warner) Jake Carlson, a correspondent for the TV news show American Outrage, is asked by his adopted son to find his birth mother. Jake is stunned by

the ugly secrets he uncovers: an international crime syndicate, a horrifying child trafficking ring and a corrupt politician, the patriarch of an old New York financial dynasty.

GREGSON, J M REMAINS TO BE SEEN (\$38.95) (Severn House) The 11th novel in the Insp. Peach series from the writer who has also given us some 20 Superintendent John Lambert and Sergeant Bert Hook investigations. Now, if only they were available in mass market paperback we could start to build a following for him.

GRUBER, MICHAEL BOOK OF AIR AND SHADOWS (\$29.95) (Morrow) Jake Mishkin's seemingly innocent job as an intellectual property lawyer has put him at the centre of a deadly conspiracy and a chase to find a priceless treasure involving William Shakespeare. A fire in an antiquarian bookstore revealed the hiding place of letters containing a shocking secret concealed for four hundred years.

HAINES, MAX SPITTING CHAMPION OF THE WORLD (\$30.00) (Viking, Canada) Max Haines, one of Canada's best known true crime writers, leads you back to the Nova Scotia of the 1930s, 40s and 50s. There are no traffic lights, no mail delivery, no numbers on doors, and if you want to call, Max's family's phone number is 9. An enjoyable collection of stories from a simpler time recounting Max's "Memories of Antigonish". **Autographed copies.**

HALL, JAMES W MAGIC CITY (#9) (\$31.00) (St. Martin's) Based on real events. A simple black and white photograph taken during the 1964 Cassius Clay-Sonny Liston fight on Miami Beach may hold the key to a horrific, politically motivated crime. When the photo suddenly appears forty-two years later on display at a trendy Miami gallery opening, it is burned in an act of arson that sets off a modern-day murder spree. What the killer doesn't know is that there is one remaining copy of the photograph. When it falls into Thorn's hands, he and everyone he loves becomes the target of trained killers.

HALL, PATRICIA thackery DEATH IN A FAR COUNTRY (#13) (\$57.00) (Allison & Busby) The most recent Detective Chief Inspector Michael Thackeray investigation.

HALL, STEVEN RAW SHARK TEXTS (\$34.95)

HAMILTON, LAURELL K MISTRAL'S KISS (#5) (\$31.95) A special order. Fifth in the Meredith Gentry series.

HAMILTON, LYN CHINESE ALCHEMIST (#11) (\$30) (Berkley) Antiques dealer Lara McClintoch is asked by a friend to purchase a silver box from the eighth century T'ang dynasty at a New York auction. Etched with an alchemical formula for immortality, the extremely rare box may sell for a ton of money. But the box is pulled from the auction at the last minute and when it comes up for sale in China a few months later, Lara is once more sent to bid on it. But the box is stolen and the thief is murdered and Lara lands herself in the middle of another mystery. Lara's story is beautifully interwoven with a love story from the eighth century when the box was created.

Signed copies while supply lasts.

HAMMOND, GERALD DEAD QUESTION (\$39.95) (Allison & Busby) Detective Inspector Honey Laird is two weeks away from giving birth when her boss sends her to investigate Dr. McGordon, her next door neighbour. Not sure why she feels suspicious about his answers, she spends time using the computer, researching bank statements and interviewing a slew of colourful neighbours, none of whom is allowed to know that the doctor is under investigation.

HARPER, KAREN HOODED HAWKE (#9) (\$29.95) Queen Elizabeth I and her continuing adventures as amateur sleuth.

HART, CAROLYN SET SAIL FOR MURDER (#7) (\$29.95) When retired newspaper reporter Henrietta O'Dwyer Collins, Henrietta O to her friends, receives a call for help from an old lover, she finds she can't refuse him. Jimmy Lennox wants her to join him and his wife Sophia, on a cruise because he fears for Sophia's safety.

HARVEY, JOHN GONE TO GROUND (#1) (\$34.95) (Heinemann) Police detectives Will Grayson and Helen Walker believe, at first glance, that the death of Stephen Bryan, a gay academic,

was the result of an ill-judged sexual encounter gone wrong. But the more they look into Bryan's life, their initial assumptions change. Is he another victim of a spate of homophobic attacks which are plaguing the East Midlands? Or could the murder be connected to a biography he was writing on the life and mysterious death of fifties screen legend Stella Leonard? The first in a new series.

HAWKE, RICHARD COLD DAY IN HELL (#2) (\$30) (Random House) PI Fritz Malone teams up with NYPD detective Megan Lamb to search for a killer who leaves his victims in Central Park. Late-night TV personality Marshall Fox is arrested for the murders but when more victims show up, the police wonder if there is a copycat killer or if they have the wrong man in custody. Sequel to Speak of the Devil (\$10.99) about which Marian said "I really enjoyed this fast moving, private eye novel set in NYC". See *Marian's Picks*.

HAY, SHERIDAN SECRET OF LOST THINGS (\$29.95) (Doubleday) An Australian woman takes a job at a large and chaotic used book store in New York City. When the store manager's eyesight begins to fail, Rosemary becomes his assistant and it is she who first reads the letter from someone seeking to authenticate a lost manuscript by Melville. See *Marian's Picks*.

HENRY, SUE REFUGE (#3) (\$30.00) (NAL) After nine months on the road, RV'er Maxie McNabb wants nothing more than to sit on the deck of her Alaska home with her miniature dachshund, Stretch, at her feet and sip a little whiskey. But a phone call from her old acquaintance, Karen Bailey, has her on a plane to Hawaii and Stretch left behind. The first two in this series are The Serpent's Tail and The Tooth of Time (\$9.99).

HESS, JOAN DAMSELS IN DISTRESS (#16) (\$31) (St. Martin's) A Renaissance Fair is coming to the quiet college town of Farberville, Arkansas, and Claire Malloy volunteers to help. One of the volunteers falls victim to arson, her body found burned in the wreckage of her rental home. Even stranger, none of the members of the local chapter of the Association for Renaissance Scholarship and Enlightenment (ARSE), the group putting on the fair, has ever met the woman, and none can provide any information about who she is or where she came from. What's up with that?

HILL, REGINALD DEATH COMES FOR THE FAT MAN (#20) (\$34.95) (Doubleday, Canada) Caught in the blast of a huge explosion, Detective Superintendent Andy Dalziel lies in a hospital bed on life support while Chief Inspector Peter Pascoe searches for those responsible. Terrific. See *J.D.'s Picks*. We still have a few copies left of the UK edition, with its slightly different title, Death of Dalziel (\$54 HarperCollins).

HOAG, TAMI ALIBI MAN (\$32.00) (Bantam) The Palm Beach elite go to great lengths to protect their own, and their own no longer includes Elena Estes, the street-smart heroine of Dark Horse (\$11.99). Once a child of wealth and privilege, Elena turned her back on that life and became an undercover cop. Then a tragic, haunting mistake ended her career and now she exists on the fringes of her old life, training horses for a living. When she finds the body of an old friend, her investigation discovers ties to the Russian mob and to a group of powerful and wealthy Palm Beach bad boys known for giving each other alibis to cover a host of sins.

HOCKENSMITH, STEVE ON THE WRONG RACK (#2) (\$29.95) (St. Martin's) Cowboys Gustav "Old Red" Amilingmeyer and his brother, Otto "Big Red", sign on to protect the luxurious Pacific Express as it travels to San Francisco. On board the train is a baggage car full of deadly secrets and a vicious killer hidden among the colourful passengers. Old Red wants to try his hand at "detectifying" just like his hero Sherlock Holmes. Sequel to the delightful Holmes on the Range (\$15.95).

HOLT, ANNE WHAT IS MINE (\$31.00) (Warner) In a matter of days, two children in Norway have been kidnapped, by whom and for

what reason, no one knows. And now one child is dead, packed like a piece of furniture, and delivered to his parents' home with a horrifying note. Stumped and desperate, Norwegian police inspector Adam Stubo hopes former FBI profiler Johanne Vik can come up with some answers. Translated from Norwegian.

HOWELL, LIS FLOWER ARRANGER AT ALL SAINTS

(\$30.95) (Carroll & Graf) In the picturesque northern parish of Tarnfield, feuds and rivalries lie hidden behind a genteel facade. The arrival of a new vicar with modern, reforming ways soon shakes things up. When the flower arranger at the church is found decoratively slain amidst her work, is her murder a direct challenge to the rule of the new vicar?

HUNT, JAMES PATRICK BETRAYERS (\$29.95)

HUNT, STEPHEN COURT OF THE AIR (\$28.95) (Harper/Voyager, UK) When streetwise Molly Templar witnesses a murder at the brothel she has been apprenticed to, her first instinct is to run to the poorhouse where she grew up. But she finds all the orphans there murdered and she realizes that whoever did it was looking for her. Oliver Brooks is framed for the murder of his only relative and is forced to flee for his life. The two find themselves battling a grave threat to civilization, an ancient power thought to have been quelled millennia ago.

IGNATIUS, DAVID BODY OF LIES (\$31.00) (Norton) Roger Ferris is one of the CIA's soldiers in the war on terrorism. He has come out of Iraq with a shattered leg and an intense mission: to penetrate the network of a master terrorist known only as "Suleiman".

ISON, GRAHAM DRUMFIRE (\$34.95) (Severn House) One Saturday night, a masked gunman walks into a jazz club and murders the drummer with a sawn-off shotgun. Detective Chief Inspector Brock and Detective Sergeant Poole investigate.

JACOBS, KATE FRIDAY NIGHT KNITTING CLUB (\$28.50) (Putnam) Not so much a mystery as a lovely story about a little yarn shop on Manhattan's Upper West Side and the women who gather there on Friday nights. Through thick and thin they realize that they have not just joined a knitting club but have formed the bonds of a strong sisterhood.

JEFFRIES, RODERIC MURDER NEEDS IMAGINATION

(\$36.95) An Insp. Alvarez novel.

JOHANSEN, IRIS STALEMATE (\$32.00)

JOHNSON, CRAIG KINDNESS GOES UNPUNISHED (#3) (\$30) (Viking) Walt Longmire and Henry Standing Bear are in Philadelphia for an art exhibition that Henry is involved with and to visit Cady, Walt's daughter. What should have been a great, fun trip turns awful when Cady is attacked and left near death. With Henry, Deputy Victoria Moretti, the entire Moretti clan of Philadelphia police officers, and Dog as backup, Walt intends to introduce a little Western justice to the City of Brotherly Love. J.D. has been ranting and raving about this series since day one and he'd tell you to be sure to start with Cold Dish and Death Without Company (\$17.50 each) before you tackle this one. All three are terrific. You will rarely find better.

KANE, ANDREA DARK ROOM (\$29.95) (Morrow) Seventeen-years-ago, Morgan Winter discovered the bodies of her parents murdered in a Brooklyn basement. Shocking new evidence overturns the killer's conviction and now she is confronted with the realization that the killer is still out there. She hires Pete "Monty" Montgomery, the former NYPD detective who first investigated the murders, to investigate further. Now a private detective, Monty has an old case file, some crime scene photos and the help of his son, Lane, a photojournalist whose job is a perfect cover for the clandestine image analysis he conducts for the CIA.

KEELER, HARRY STEPHEN RIDDLE OF THE TRAVELING SKULL (\$26) A special order.

KELLERMAN, JONATHAN OBSESSION (\$34.95) The 21st Alex Delaware novel. What more do you really need to know?

KELLOGG, MARNE FRIENDS IN HIGH PLACES (#4) (\$31) The fourth Kick Keswich novel. Brilliant, Priceless (\$9.99 each) and Perfect (\$16.95) are the first three,

KIRINO, NATSUO GROTESQUE (\$30.00) (Knopf) Tokyo prostitutes Yuriko and Kazue have been brutally murdered, their deaths leaving a wake of unanswered questions about who they were, who the murderer is, and how their lives came to end. The story goes back to their time in a prestigious girls' high school, where a strict social hierarchy decided their fate, and follows them through the years as they struggle against rigid societal conventions. Translated from Japanese. Out (\$18.95 trade paperback) was her first book translated.

KLEIN, MATTHEW CON ED (\$31.99) (Warner) Kip Largo, just out of prison, is trying to keep his nose clean and not get into further trouble with the law. But, his son owes ton of money to the mob and the blonde's scheme looks pretty enticing. She tells him she has a slap-happy billionaire husband and a big score in her head. All Kip has to do is what he does best: lie, cheat, fake, steal and, as she says, watch both the money and the girl fall into his lap.

KLING, CHRISTINE WRECKER'S KEY (#4) (\$30) Surface Tensions, Cross Current (\$10.99 each) and Bitter End (\$8.99) were the first three in this series featuring salvage boat captain Seychelle Sullivan. A series that Wendy has liked.

LEATHER, STEPHEN shepherd HOT BLOOD (#4) (\$37.95) Undercover cop Dan "Spider" Shepherd's continuing adventures.

LECARD, MARC VINNIE'S HEAD (\$29.95) (St. Martin's) Life has not gone smoothly for lowlife Johnnie LoDuco but all that's gonna change. And soon. He's moving to Paraguay to help his friend Vinnie make millions in the perfect scam. However, while fishing from the town dock to supplement his meager hideout diet of ramen noodles, Johnnie snags a severed head: Vinnie's. Now everyone is interested in Johnnie. Why, he's not sure. A debut novel. The starred review in Publishers Weekly said: "Endlessly entertaining...sure to appeal to Elmore Leonard fans...."

LEON, DONNA SUFFER THE LITTLE CHILDREN (#16)

(\$31.95 Atlantic Monthly (US) or \$48 William Heinemann (UK)) Summoned in the middle of the night to the hospital bed of a senior pediatrician, Commissario Brunetti is confronted with a puzzle. Three men broke into the doctor's apartment while the family were sleeping, attacked him so viciously that he's left a mute, and took away his eighteen-month-old boy. What could have been the motivation? As Brunetti delves into the case his colleague, Inspector Vianello, discovers a moneymaking scam between pharmacists and doctors in the city. Eleven of the first fifteen novels in the series are now available in inexpensive North American paperback editions while four remain in the expensive British editions. There are only two copies of the UK edition on hand and be sure to specify which edition you want.

LEWIS, ROY ward DEATH SQUAD (\$39.95) (Allison & Busby) Tyneside solicitor Eric Ward has a new client: Dieter Barschel, an ex-professional footballer charged with dealing drugs at a Newcastle racecourse. Whilst defending Barschel, Eric manages to annoy one of the prosecuting witnesses, DCI Charlie Spate.

LIESCHE, MARGIT LIPSTICK AND LIES (\$29.95) (Poisoned Pen) Woman Air Force Service Pilot and undercover agent Pucci Lewis goes to jail to help uncover a spy ring thought to be working in the USA during WWII. This debut novel has garnered a lot of attention for its interesting telling of the role of women in fighting the war.

LINDSAY, FREDERIC TREMOR OF DEMONS (#7) (\$39.95) Edinburgh Detective Inspector Jim Meldrum.

LIPPMAN, LAURA WHAT THE DEAD KNOW (\$29.95) Excellent reviews for this one and for the author in general. Thirty years ago two sisters disappeared from a busy shopping mall without leaving behind a clue or a witness. Now a clearly disoriented woman involved in a rush-hour hit-and-run claims to be one of the sisters. Author of the Tess Monaghan series.

LOVESEY, PETER SECRET HANGMAN (#10) (\$54) (Sphere) An expensive British import. Peter Diamond, the Bath detective, is having women troubles. His boss wants him to find the missing daughter of one of her friends in the choir. Another woman, who calls herself his Secret Admirer, wants to set up a meeting at a local pub. Sexy Ingeborg Smith, the ex-journo detective constable is distracting the murder squad from their duties and then the body of a woman is discovered hanging from a playground swing in Sydney Gardens. The less expensive US edition (\$31 Soho) should be available in June. See *J.D.'s Picks*. An excellent series.

LUTZ, LISA SPELLMAN FILES (\$29.99) (Simon & Schuster) Part Nancy Drew, part Dirty Harry. Twenty-eight-year-old Izzy Spellman walks an indistinguishable line between Spellman family member and as a licensed investigator with the family firm, Spellman Investigations. Duties include: completing assignments from the bosses, aka Mom and Dad; appeasing her chronically perfect lawyer brother (often under duress); setting an example for her fourteen-year-old sister, Rae, (who's become addicted to "recreational surveillance"); and tracking down her uncle (who randomly disappears on benders dubbed "Lost Weekends"). But when Izzy's parents hire Rae to follow her, for the purposes of ascertaining the identity of her new boyfriend, Izzy snaps and decides that the only way she will ever be normal is if she gets out of the family business. A debut novel. Marian says: "For some reason I was expecting it to move along a little faster. The first half was slowish, a lot of laying down the foundation, but the second half did pick up."

MC GEE, JAMES RESURRECTIONIST (#2) (\$21.95) (Harper Collins, UK) Yes, it is only \$21.95 for this hardcover. A new term at London's anatomy schools stokes demand for fresh corpses and the city's "resurrection men" vie for control of the market. Their rivalry takes an ugly turn when a grave robber is brutally murdered and his body displayed as a warning to other gangs. Bow Street Runner Matthew Hawkwood is on their trail. Sequel to Ratcatcher (\$10.99).

MCKEOWEN, DAVID TRAPPED (\$34.95) (Hodder & Stoughton) Michael Hughes is a successful lawyer who, more than anything, wants to win back the woman who left him. Viktor is also a lawyer, but he's reduced to working as a cleaner. His happy life and career were destroyed in the former Yugoslavia and now he is an illegal immigrant in London. His only consolation is provided by his daughter, Suzana, and his girlfriend Mila. But Mila has disappeared and, meeting Michael by accident, in despair, Viktor begs him to help. His first novel, Grip (\$10.99), was nominated for the CWA John Creasey Memorial Dagger Award for best first debut crime novel.

MCKINTY, ADRIAN BLOOMSDAY DEAD (#3) (\$28.99) (Scribner) Lying low in South America, Michael has been running security for the Miraflores Hilton in Lima. His colourful life comes to a crashing halt when two Columbian hit men show up and force him to take a call from Bridget Callaghan in Ireland. Michael and Bridget used to be lovers and Michael killed Bridget's fiance but now she needs him to help find her daughter. After arriving back in Ireland, in the span of a single day, he penetrates the heart of an IRA network, is kidnapped, escapes, then worms his way into a criminal underground in search of the missing girl. Dead I Well May Be (\$9.50) and The Dead Yard (\$9.99) are the first two in the series.

MCMAHON, NEIL LONE CREEK (\$31.50) (Harper Collins) After a failed career and marriage in California, Hugh Davoren is back in Helena, Montana, as a construction hand at the old Pettyjohn Ranch, home of many childhood memories, including the seemingly accidental death of his teenage first love, Celia. When Hugh discovers two dead stallions on the ranch, his probe pushes him into danger, as he finds that the ranch's slick new owner, his beautiful wife, and even old Mr. Pettyjohn have terrible secrets to keep.

MCMANUS, PATRICK F AVALANCHE (#2) (\$28.99) (Simon & Schuster) When the call comes in that Mike Wilson, the unlikeable

owner of West Branch Lodge in Blight County, Idaho, has gone missing, Sheriff Bo Tully imagines himself enjoying a few evenings in the hot tubs and drinking single malt scotch at the Lodge. But an avalanche cuts him and the guests off from the rest of the community and the discovery Wilson's body turns the case into a murder investigation. Then it is discovered that the avalanche was not an accident. Sequel to Blight Way (\$17.99 trade paperback).

MALLINSON, ALLAN MAN OF WAR (#9) (\$38.95) (Bantam, UK) England, 1827, and Matthew Hervey is fighting for the honour of the Light Dragoons. Captain Sir Laughton Peto has been given the command of HMS Prince Rupert and is on his way to meet the fleet of Admiral Codrington in its attempt to evict the Turks from Greek waters.

MARSTON, EDWARD PAINTED LADY (\$39.95) The sixth in the Restoration series, set in London after the Great Fire of the mid-1660s.

MARTIN, NANCY CRAZY LITTLE THING CALLED DEATH (#6) (\$27.50) (NAL) The crazy gang is back. Libby's trying to plan Nora's wedding, Emma's setting up late night appointments with men for cash and Nora's trying to solve the disappearance, presumed dead, of Penny Devine, an ex-Hollywood starlet. And, of course Michael Abruzzo, dashing handsome and still part of the "family" business, trying to cope with all the sisters. "Fun" says Marian.

MARTINEZ, MICHELE COVER UP (#3) (\$29.95) (Morrow) Television reporter Suzanne Shepard was a ruthless celebrity scandal-monger with a roster of high-profile enemies. But which one left her mutilated, lifeless body in the dark recesses of New York's Central Park? Federal prosecutor Melanie Vargas needs to find out.

MAY, PETER EXTRAORDINARY PEOPLE (\$29.95) A new series, set in France. One of *Marian's Picks* in the March 2007 newsletter.

MOONEY, CHRIS MISSING (\$29.99) From the author of Deviant Ways (\$10.99) and Remembering Sarah (\$11.99).

MORRELL, DAVID SCAVENGER (\$29.95) (Vanguard) Frank Balenger, the damaged hero of Creep (\$9.99), is back in this desperate high-tech scavenger hunt for a 100-year-old time capsule. **Auto-graphed copies while supplies last.**

MORRIS, R N GENTLE AXE (\$31.95) (Penguin) St. Petersburg, Russia, 1866. An elderly woman comes across the body of a peasant hanging from a tree by a rope around his neck, a bloody axe tucked into his belt. Nearby, packed neatly into a suitcase, is the body of a dwarf, his skull split in two. Police investigator Porfiry Petrovich's suspects that the truth of the matter is more complex than the crime scene suggests. Why do so many roads lead to the same house of prostitution and the same ring of pornographers? Why do so many powerful interests seem intent on blocking his efforts? See also the paperback section.

MOSLEY, WALTER THIS YEAR YOU WRITE YOUR NOVEL (Little, Brown) (\$24.99) This tiny book is just over 100 pages but tells you how to turn a novel idea into a first draft in only three months. Mosley shows you how to create a daily writing regime that will fit your schedule and gives you the motivation and inspiration to succeed. He guides you through the art of revision and has tips, tools and practical advice for you to finish your novel.

NADEL, BARBARA PASSION FOR KILLING (#9) (\$37.95) (Headline) A serial killer is stalking the streets of Istanbul and Inspector Mehmet Suleyman is assigned to the case. Things get a little bizarre when the Turkish Secret Service tells him he'll be killed if he tells anyone about his findings. Meanwhile, a young carpet dealer, about to sell a carpet belonging to Lawrence of Arabia, is found shot to death. Inspector Cetin Ikmen investigates this case. Are the two cases related? Also available in trade paperback at \$24.95.

NESSER, HAKAN RETURN (\$29.95) (Doubleday, Canada) While on a field trip through the woods on the outskirts of Behren, a young girl finds a decomposing body wrapped in a carpet. From the hospital

bed where he is recovering from surgery, Chief Inspector Van Veeteren begins to piece together the clues. With the assistance of his colleagues, Van Veeteren faces the prospect of taking the law into his own hands in the face of a flawed justice system. Sequel to Borkmann's Point (\$17.95 trade paperback). Translated from Swedish. See *J.D.'s Picks*. **Autographed copies available while supplies last.**

NONAMI, ASA HUNTER (\$34.95)

OWEN, CHARLIE HORSE'S ARSE (\$37.95) (Headline) Quote from the jacket: This is a story about a fictional sub-divisional police station, set in a fictional town in the mid-70s. (Somewhere near Manchester, UK). The sub-division is phonetically known as Hotel Alpha, but such is the disdain the police feel for the town, it is generally known as Horse's Arse. It is not a popular posting, and is mostly reserved for the more aggressive and unruly officers of the force....

PERRY, ANNE ww1 AT SOME DISPUTED BARRICADE (#4) (\$27.95) (Ballantine) In England during World War I, there is a desperate search to find the sinister figure known as the Peacemaker, an obsessed genius who has committed murder and treason in an attempt to stop Britain from winning the war. Meanwhile Joseph Reavley, a chaplain, and his sister Judith, an ambulance driver, are bone weary as they approach the fourth year of the war.

PERRY, ANNE ww1 WE SHALL NOT SLEEP (#5) (\$27.95) (Ballantine) This is the final book in the World War I series. Matthew, the third Reavley sibling and an intelligence expert, suddenly arrives on the front with startling news: the Peacemaker's German counterpart has offered to come to England and expose his co-conspirator as a traitor. But with war still raging and prejudices inflamed, such journey would be fraught with hazards.

PERSONS, TERRI BLIND SPOT (\$29.95) (Doubleday) The FBI has never known what to do with agent Bernadette Saint Clare. Not always easy to work with, she's been assigned and reassigned to FBI offices all over the USA. She has the gift of second sight and her latest assignment is to view the personal effects found at the crime scene along the sandy banks of the Mississippi River. A debut novel.

PHILLIPS, ARTHUR ANGELICA (\$32.00) (Random House) A Victorian ghost story with a literary and psychological puzzle. In the dark of night, a chilling sexual spectre is making its way through the Barton house in London of the 1880s. It hovers over the sleeping girl and terrorizes her fragile mother. Are these visions real, or is there something more sinister and more human to fear?

PICKENS, CATHY HOG WILD (#3) (\$29.95) (Thomas Dunne) Lawyer Avery Andrews has returned to her home town where the most exciting bit of news is that of a runaway pig. Her new office is still in disorder when Maggy Avinger arrives, clutching a copy of her dead husband's letter to his lawyer. He's made arrangements for an enormous stone angel to be erected at his grave and for the angel's plaque to read that Maggy murdered him. His doctor says her husband died of lung cancer. Avery investigates. The first two in the series are Southern Fried and Done Gone Wrong (\$9.99 each).

PICOULT, JODI NINETEEN MINUTES (\$29.99) A lot can happen in nineteen minutes... From the author of the wonderful, highly recommended Plain Truth (\$22).

PIKE, CHRISTOPHER FALLING (\$31.00) FBI agent Kelly Feinman is recovering from an attack by a serial killer called the "Acid Man", when her husband leaves her. Not only is she cut off from her husband and child, but also from her fellow FBI agents, who see her as a rogue for going after the Acid Man alone. Matt Connor is devastated when his girlfriend leaves him and his revenge makes him a wanted man. Kelly is ordered to go after Matt.

RANKIN, IAN KNOTS AND CROSSES (#1) COLLECTOR'S EDITION (\$20.00) (Orion) It's been twenty years since this book was originally published and it includes a forward by the author. Issued without jacket.

RESTREPO, LAURA DELIRIUM (\$29.95)

RIPLEY, MIKE LEGEND OF HEReward (\$38.95) (Severn House) England, AD 1066: William the Conqueror has his eye on the wealthy Anglo-Saxon monasteries and religious houses in the East of England, but the Abbey of Ely finds itself an unlikely champion in the brave yet unpredictable Hereward. Who was this Hereward, whose resistance to the Norman invaders leads to murder, deceit, robbery, rebellion and open war? More than a century after the siege of the Isle of Ely and the end of Anglo-Saxon England, a learned monk finds himself writing a family history for a minor nobleman and in doing so discovers the truth about Hereward and the legend.

ROBERTS, DAVID DANGEROUS SEA (\$35.00) A special order.
ROSE, JOEL BLACKEST BIRD (\$34.95) From the author of Kill Kill Faster Faster (out of print).

ROSETT, SARA mom zone STAYING HOME IS A KILLER (#2) (\$31) Sequel to Moving is Murder (\$9.99).

RYAN, ROBERT DYING DAY (\$37.95) (Headline) It's 1948 London, and Laura McGill is waiting on a street corner in Piccadilly with a colt .32 in her handbag. She is desperate to find out what happened to her sister Diana and she'll kidnap her target from the Home Office if he won't give her more information. Both Laura and Diana were Special Operation Executive spies during WWII. One night in 1944, Diana was flown into occupied France and has never returned. Marian has taken a copy of this to read but has not yet reported back. Inspired by true events. Also available in trade paperback at \$24.95.

SANTLOFER, JONATHAN ANATOMY OF FEAR (\$31.50) From the author of the three novels featuring ex-NYPD cop, art historian, Kate McKinnon.

SAYLOR, STEVEN ROMA (\$31.95) (St. Martin's) Marian said this novel has the feel of an **Edward Rutherfurd** epic: long and full of historical detail and colour. Spanning a thousand years of Rome's history, this novel follows two families from their founding of Rome to its becoming the capital of the most powerful empire in history.

SCOTTOLINE, LISA DADDY'S GIRL (\$32.95)

SEDLEY, KATE THREE KINGS OF COLOGNE (#16) (\$39.95) (Severn House) When a piece of land is turned over to start the building of an almshouse in Bristol, the murdered body of a young woman is unearthed. She is later identified as Isabella Linkinhorne, who disappeared twenty years earlier, and was know to have three secret lovers. Roger the Chapman is hired to discover the identity of these men, and to find out which one killed Isabella.

SEFTON, MAGGIE KILLER STITCH (\$27.50) (Berkley) When an alpaca rancher is found dead in Bellevue Canyon, avid knitter and sometime-sleuth Kelly Flynn investigates. Includes a pattern for knitting a cable knit scarf and a recipe for chocolate mint fudge. (Don't confuse the two!) The first three in the series are Knit One, Kill Two, Needled To Death and Deadly Yarn (\$9.99 each).

SEFTON, MAGGIE DYING TO SELL (\$49.95) This is a special order only and is not one of her knitting series novels.

SHABER, SARAH R SHELL GAME (#4) (\$29.95) (Thomas Dunne) Professor Simon Shaw investigates the murder of his friend, archaeologist David Morgan. Morgan was in the middle of a battle between the Lumbee Indian Nation, who wanted to rebury the corpse of the fourteen-hundred-year-old Uwharrie Man, and the archaeologists who wanted to study and display the corpse.

SMITH, ALEXANDER GOOD HUSBAND OF ZEBRA DRIVE (#8) (\$29.95) (Knopf, Canada) Another delightful entry in the life of Precious Ramotswe and her No. 1 Ladies Detective Agency. Will she be able to explain an unexpected series of deaths at the hospital in Mochudi? And what about the missing office supplies at a local printing company?

SOLE, LINDA MISCARRIAGE OF JUSTICE (\$38.95)

SOMOZA, JOSE CARLOS ZIG ZAG (\$31.50) (Rayo) While an advanced physics graduate student at one of the most prestigious universities in Europe, Elisa was invited to join a select research team

working on manipulating the String Theory, making it possible to view the past in the present. But the team's experiments awoke something horrifying when they meddled with Time and now Elisa is faced with solving the mysterious and gruesome deaths of each member of the team. Translated from Spanish.

SPEDDING, SALLY COME AND BE KILLED (#1) (\$39.95) (Severn House) Frankie was just another dole-grabbing underachiever until she decided to become a care worker. She joined an agency which sent her to look after Merle Scott in her large home near Malvern. But Frankie's agenda is to find the mother she never knew. She is being shadowed by Martin Webb, who has dream of joining the police force. Webb is convinced Frankie has something to do with the drowning death of her step-sister two years ago.

SPENCER, SALLY DANGEROUS GAMES (\$38.95) Chief Insp. Woodend.

STARLING, BORIS VISIBILITY (\$34.95) (Random House, Canada) London, 1952, and a man is found dead in the Long Water in Hyde Park. The victim was a bio-chemist and just hours before he died he had claimed to be in the possession of a secret that could change the world. Scotland Yard Detective Herbert Smith had tried to turn his back on MI5 by joining the police force but now, as he investigates the murder, he's being tailed again as the CIA, the KGB and MI5 all want the dead man's secret. Other books written include: Messiah (\$10.99), Storm (\$9.99) and Vodka (\$10.99).

STOTT, REBECCA GHOSTWALK (\$37.95) (Weidenfeld & Nicolson) Cambridge, 2003: Cameron Brown, the son of a reclusive historian, discovers his mother's body floating in the river that runs through her orchard. In her hand, she clutches an antique prism. The book she was writing, about the seventeenth century and the story of Isaac Newton as an alchemist, remains unfinished. Lydia Brooke, a friend of his mom and his former lover, is asked to finish the book. Soon, Lydia comes to see that the shadow of violence that has fallen across Cambridge may have its origins in the past, with a series of unexplained seventeenth-century deaths, a network of alchemists and a ghostly figure intent on sabotaging her work. Also available in trade paperback at \$24.95.

TAPPLY, WILLIAM G GRAY GHOST (#2) (\$29.95) (St. Martin's) Seven-years-ago, Stonewall Jackson Calhoun woke up in a V.A. Hospital with his memory obliterated by a lightning strike. Since then, Stoney has regained nothing in the way of concrete memories of his life before and has instead started out fresh. Now he works as a part-time fishing guide on Casco Bay in Maine and is part owner of a local bait-and-tackle shop. While taking a client out on a fly-fishing trip, an unscheduled stop at a small uninhabited island reveals the charred body of a recent corpse. Two days later his client turns up dead at his cabin. Stoney, reluctantly, investigates.

TEMPLE, PETER BROKEN SHORE (\$32.00) Excellent. Police procedural set in present day Australia. See *J.D. & Picks*.

THURLO, AIMEE/DAVID TURQUOISE GIRL (\$29.95) (Forge) Navajo Police Special Investigator Ella Clah is called in on the murder of Valerie Tso, who was drowned in her bathtub. A bible verse on a scrap of paper left near the body reminds Ella of a case she worked on a decade ago, when she was still with the FBI. The long gap between killings suggests that the murderer has been in prison. There are eleven other Ella Clah novels.

TIERNEY, RONALD ASPHALT MOON (\$38.95)

TOLKIEN, JRR CHILDREN OF HURIN (\$34.95) (Harper Collins, UK) This is a must for all of you Lord of the Rings fans. The book tells the story of the Elder Days and includes some beautiful colour illustrations, maps, list of names, and two appendices. It has been minimally edited by Tolkien's son Christopher.

TURNBULL, PETER CHELSEA SMILE (#10) (\$35.95) (Severn House) Five years after the vicious attack that left Duncan Percival in a vegetative state, he finally dies. It is now a murder investigation and

Hennessey and Yellich are brought in to review the evidence and re-interview the suspects, along with Detective Sergeant Ventnor who worked on the original investigation. As they delve deeper, bodies start turning up and the links to a criminal gang become clear.

WALLNER, MICHAEL APRIL IN PARIS (\$32.95) (Doubleday, Canada) Set in 1943. Roth, a twenty-one-year-old German soldier, has spent most of his time in occupied Paris working in the army's back office. When his superiors learn he speaks perfect, accent-free French, he is abruptly transferred to Gestapo headquarters to work as an interpreter during the investigation of Resistance fighters. He spends many evening out in the cafes enjoying the local colour where he meets Chantel, the daughter of an antiquarian bookseller, and falls in love. When a bomb smuggled into a popular nightclub kills several high ranking German officers, he discovers Chantel is a member of the Resistance. Decision time. Translated from German.

WALSH, JILL PATON BAD QUARTO (#4) (\$34.95) Not quite sure how to give you the flavour of this one. Imogen Quy, nurse at St. Agatha's College in Cambridge, wonders if and how her three mysteries are interconnected. English lecturer John Tallentire falls to his death in the notorious leap, Harding Folly—which night-climbing Cambridge tradition has claimed many lives over the centuries. How can his death be connected to a chaotic amateur production of an obscure version of Hamlet? Or to the disappearance of an unhappy young scholarship student? Sequel to The Wyndham Case, A Piece of Justice, and Debts of Dishonour (\$14.95 each, trade paperback).

WEIR, CHARLENE EDGE OF MIDNIGHT (#7) (\$31.95) (Thomas Dunne) A heat wave has struck Hampstead, Kansas, and police chief Susan Wren has to cope with her work and a terrible case of the flu. Cary Black is new to town and is hiding from her abusive policeman-husband, Mitch. When the woman she is staying with disappears, Cary assumes her identity.

WESTLAKE, DONALD WHAT'S SO FUNNY? (\$31.99) (Warner) Dortmund is blackmailed into searching for a long-lost gold and jewel-studded chess set once intended as a birthday gift for the last Romanov czar, which unfortunately reached Russia a bit late. As you can guess, nothing goes right for Dortmund.

WHITE, RANDY WAYNE HUNTER'S MOON (#14) (\$31) The latest entry in this terrific series set in Southern Florida and featuring marine biologist Doc. Ford.

WHITE, STEPHEN DRY ICE (#13) (\$32.50) (Dutton) Michael McClelland, the brilliant, determined murderer introduced in the first Alan Gregory novel, Privileged Information (\$10.99), has left the Colorado State Mental Hospital, and is coming after Alan's family.

WHITELAW, STELLA TURN AND DIE (\$36.95)

WILCOX, JOHN LAST STAND AT MAJUBA HILL (#4) (\$37.95) It is 1881, and General George Pomeroy-Colley, commander of the British forces in Natal, is planning to stamp out a rebellion. He is convinced the Boers can pose no serious threat but Captain Simon Fonthill knows the Boers should not be underestimated.

WOODS, STUART FRESH DISASTERS (#12) (\$32.50) (Putnam) A chance encounter with the wrong man sends Stone Barrington into the heart of New York's Mafia underworld.

Paperbacks

ALBERT, SUSAN W china BLEEDING HEARTS (#14) (\$9.99) When her stepson's principal approaches her to conduct a discreet investigation of one of the teachers, ex-lawyer and herbalist China Bayles can't say no.

ALLINGHAM, MARGERY BECKONING LADY, FLOWERS FOR THE JUDGE and MORE WORK FOR THE UNDERTAKER (\$19.95 each). Three more reissues. Elegant large format editions.

ANDERSON, JAMES THE AFFAIR OF THE 39 CUFFLINKS (\$19.95) Do you remember the hilariously funny The Affair of the Blood Stained Egg Cosy (\$19.95) and The Affair of the Mutilated Mink Coat (\$19.99). Well, be ready for another round of laughter with this classic parody of English country house murders. Chief Inspector Wilkins arrives yet again to solve a murder at Alderley, the Burfords' Carolean mansion.

ANDREWS, LORI SEQUENCE (#1) (\$8.99) Dr. Alexandra Blake, a geneticist at the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology in Washington, D.C., has to put her research into the genetics of viruses on hold to concentrate on a case which involves a killer who murders women near military bases across the US and then tattoos their corpses.

ANSCOMBE, RODERICK INTERVIEW ROOM (\$8.99) Working in a maximum security prison for the criminally insane, psychiatrist Paul Lucas has become an expert in detecting lies. He is working on an outpatient basis with Craig Cavanaugh, the scion of a wealthy family, poised, knowing and articulate. Craig is a Harvard man whose obsessive crush on a teaching assistant led him to stalk her and landed him in Paul's care.

ARNOTT, JAKE JOHNNY COME HOME (\$16.95) It's 1972 and the charismatic anarchist Declan O'Connell commits suicide, leaving his boyfriend Pearson and fellow squatter Nina to try to make sense of what has happened.

ARRIAGA, GUILLERMO SWEET SCENT OF DEATH (\$15.99) From the award-winning, internationally acclaimed screenwriter of, among others, 21 Grams and Babel. This is a tale of deception, passion, and violence fused together by the tragic killing of a young girl in a small Mexican village. Per the blurb.

ARTHUR, KERI FULL MOON RISING, KISSING SIN, TEMPTING EVIL and DANGEROUS GAMES (\$8.99 each) The first four in this fantasy series. Special orders for Marian.

ASENSI, MATILDE LAST CATO (\$17.50) This is a story about a race to find the secret location of the True Cross on which Christ was crucified and the ancient brotherhood sworn to protect it from infidel hands. Set in current day. "I liked it," says Marian, "although it was a bit farfetched in spots. It's a good thriller with an interesting plot." Translated from Spanish.

AYLMER, JANET DARCYS STORY (\$17.50) A special order. You do know that we can special order any book for you, mystery or otherwise? Of course you do.

BAGLEY, DESMOND ENEMY, FLYAWAY and WYATT'S HURRICANE (\$21 each) Three reissues.

BARTON, BEVERLY AS GOOD AS DEAD (\$6.99) The victims are all redheads, and all are found dead, naked, with a black satin ribbon tied around their necks.

BAXTER, CYNTHIA RIGHT FROM THE GECKO (#5) (\$8.99) For a vet turned sleuth, solving crime is a matter of animal instinct. But is any detective a match for a killer this cold-blooded?

BEBRIS, CARRIE NORTH BY NORTHANGER (#3) (\$8.99) The Darcys are more than prepared for some peace and quiet at Pemberley so that Elizabeth can settle into her pregnancy but that is not to be. A letter from the long deceased Lady Anne Fitzwilliam Darcy is discovered. A summons to Northanger Abbey involves the couple in intrigues that threaten not just the Darcy legacy but Darcy's freedom as well. The first two in the series are Pride and Prescience and Suspense and Sensibility (\$9.99 each).

BISHOP, CLAUDIA hemlock DINNER TO DIE FOR (#13) (\$9.99) A Hemlock Falls mystery, complete with recipe from the Inn.

BLAUNER, PETER SLOW MOTION RIOT (\$10.99) First published in the early 1990s and winner of an Edgar for Best First Novel.

BLOCK, LAWRENCE LUCKY AT CARDS (\$8.99) First published in 1964 and out of print for almost 40 years, featuring professional cardsharp Bill Mayanrd. At cards and with women, he knew how to cheat.

BLOCK, LAWRENCE rhodenbar BURGLAR IN THE LIBRARY (#8) (\$10.99) A reissue, first published in 1997.

BOWEN, RHYS molly murphy OH DANNY BOY (#5) (\$8.99) When NYPD detective Daniel Sullivan is arrested, accused of taking bribes, and lands in New York's notorious city jail, the Tombs, he begs Molly Murphy to help him.

BRENNAN, ALLISON FEAR NO EVIL (\$8.99) A vicious predator has lured Lucy Kincaid and is now getting ready to execute her while hundreds of heartless viewers watch and vote on the method of her execution on line. Her family's only hope lies with FBI agent Kate Donovan, who took on the killer once before.

BRIGGS, PATRICIA BLOOD BOUND (\$10.99) Auto mechanic Mercy Thompson owes a favour. Since she can shape shift at will, she agrees to act as some extra muscle when her vampire friend Stefan goes to deliver a message to another of his kind. "I know, but I love these type of books", says Marian.

BROWN, RITA MAE SOUR PUSS (#14) (\$9.99) Mrs. Murphy in her 14th outing. Wish You Were Here (\$10.99) was her first.

BRUCE, MAGGIE lili marino GOURDFELLAS (#2) (\$9.99) Brooklyn girl Lili Marino has found herself starting over in the tiny village of Walden Corners, NY, where she has the time and space to cultivate her first love: taking gourds from the garden and transforming them into birdhouses, bowls, and other beautiful works of art. The tranquility of the town is disturbed recently, as the townspeople are violently divided over plans for a casino. Sequel to Gourdmother (\$9.99). Another light and lively series, per Marian.

BRUEN, KEN jack taylor DRAMATIST (#4) (\$15.95) Jack Taylor is called to Mountjoy Prison in Dublin by his supplier of illicit products to investigate the death of his sister.

CAINE, LESLIE KILLED BY CLUTTER (#4) (\$8.99) Another in the Domestic Bliss series featuring decorators Erin Gilbert and Steve Sullivan. Widow Helen Walker, as eccentric a client as they come, might not be too far wrong when she declares that she is being stalked by a serial killer.

CAINE, RACHEL vampires DEAD GIRLS' DANCE (#2) (\$8.99) By the author of the Weather Warden series, the sequel to Glass Houses (\$8.99). One of the great things about a vampire for a boyfriend is that he tends not to hang around come morning.

CAMERON, CLAIRE LINE PAINTER (\$17.95) Late at night, car breaks down, young girl stranded somewhere north of Lake Superior... "An old B-movie premise...is given a fresh, distinctly Canadian twist in this wicked little first novel."--Andrew Piper. The guy who rescues her is a highway line painter, and as Carrie gets into his truck, she starts to realize that this will be the road trip of her life.

CARR, GLYN DEATH UNDER SNOWDON (\$18.95) The third Abercrombie Lewker Welsh climbing mystery to be reprinted by the clever people at Rue Morgue Press. First published in 1952. The first two in the series are Death on Milestone Buttress (\$17.95) and Youth Hostel Murders (\$18.95).

CHESNEY, MARION SICK OF SHADOWS (\$9.99) Captain Harry Cathcart and Lady Rose Summer have entered into an engagement of convenience; convenient for Rose who does not want to be sent to India with all the other failed debs. Despite her good looks, her sharp intellect and radical ideas have repelled would-be suitors. But even a pretend engagement cannot save Rose from trouble.

CHILD, LEE HARD WAY (#10) (\$10.99) On the trail of a vicious kidnapper, Jack Reacher is learning secrets about his latest employer he would rather not. He's beginning to realize that Edward Lane is hiding something. Something dirty. Something big. Both Wendy and Marian says it's fabulous. See *Marian's Picks*.

CLARK, CAROL HIGGINS LACED (\$19.99 trade paperback, \$28.99 hard cover by special order) PI Regan Reilly and her husband, Jack, head of the Major Case Squad in NYC have just gotten married and head to Ireland for their honeymoon. But it's hardly relaxing: a

ghost, a fire, a thief, all contribute to the excitement.

CLARK, MARY HIGGINS TWO LITTLE GIRLS IN BLUE (\$10.99) Three-year-old twins, Kelly and Kathy, are kidnapped and a note demanding eight million dollars is left behind. The money is delivered but only Kelly is found in a car, with the driver shot dead. At a memorial for Kathy, Kelly tells her mom "Mommy, Kathy is very scared of that lady. She wants to come home now". The FBI start a search for Kathy.

CLARK, ROBERTA GOLD COVENANT (\$8.99) Katherine's search for the truth about her father's death in a plane crash ends up with her being kidnapped and uncovering a smuggling conspiracy

CLARKE, WILL LORD VISHNU'S LOVE HANDLES (\$19.00) This is the story of a man who tries booze, pills, and even golf (*that's probably why JD ordered the book!*) to maintain his sanity, his family and his career. A spy novel, sort of.

CLELAND, JANE K josie CONSIGNED TO DEATH (#1) (\$8.99) Josie Prescott's friends thought she was nuts when she left her high-paying New York auction house job to live on the beautiful and rugged coast of New Hampshire. She had been peripherally involved in a price-fixing scandal and wanted to get out. She sets up her own auction business and is making a success of her new life until she gets mixed up in murder. "A delightful read", says Marian, "It was like learning all about antiques without going to school. I'll definitely read the next one." See *Marian's Picks*.

COLLINS, KATE flower shop ACTS OF VIOLETS (#5) (\$9.99) Abby Knight, owner of Bloomers, a flower shop, actually loves her hometown's corny annual Pickle Fest. She's hoping it'll drum up business for her shop. But when the hired clown is found dead, the festivities screech to a halt...

COLLINS, MICHAEL DEATH OF A WRITER (\$16.95) Unable to produce a second brilliant novel, Robert Pendleton is despairing and suicide seems like a viable option. Failing at that as well, he was rescued, he chances upon a quasi-autobiographical account of a child murder, hidden in his basement, which he publishes as his own. So far so good, except there seems to be an uncanny resemblance to a real, unsolved murder...Someone has some spaining to do.

COLT, JENNIFER VAMPIRE OF VENICE BEACH (#3) (\$14.95) The third adventure for the McAfee twins. A fanged foe is threatening Venice Beach and it's up to the twins to stop him before he drains the city dry. Sequel to The Butcher of Beverly Hills and The Mangler of Malibu Canyon (\$16.95 each)

CONNOR, JOHN karen sharpe CHILD'S GAME (#3) (\$10.99) Marian says: "I read the first in the series, Phoenix (\$10.99), and just loved it. Wendy said she didn't care for the second, The Playroom (\$10.99), as much so I skipped it. This one I did read and I thought it was excellent. I don't want to spoil the plot so I won't say much but Detective Constable Karen Sharpe has been out of the picture for eighteen months and the security services are now looking for her. A murder was committed that somehow connects to her." Great read.

COONTS, STEPHEN TRAITOR (\$9.99) CIA officer, Tommy Carmellini, is assigned to Paris and finds himself working for his old boss, Jake Grafton, the new CIA operations officer in charge in Europe. Grafton believes that the director of the French intelligence service has a secret agent among the leaders of al Qaeda, and the American wants access to that intelligence.

CORBETT, DAVID BLOOD OF PARADISE (\$12.95) Ten years ago Jude McManus' father left the Chicago police force in disgrace, accused of robbing street dealers. Jude is now working as a executive protection specialist in San Salvador when he is approached by one of his father's co-accused asking for a favour.

CORNWELL, BERNARD SHARPE'S PREY (\$10.99) A reissue. First published in 2001. Richard Sharpe and his expedition to Copenhagen, 1807.

CORNWELL, PATRICIA AT RISK (#1) (\$10.99) A fairly short

novel originally created as a fifteen-part serial for the New York Times Magazine. A Massachusetts state investigator is called home from Knoxville, Tennessee, where he is completing a course at the Forensic Academy. His boss, the district attorney, is planning on running for governor; as a showcase she is planning to use a new crime initiative called 'At Risk', its motto "Any crime, any time".

CREED, JOHN BLACK CAT BLACK DOG (\$10.99) Jack Valentine spy thriller #3, sequel to Sirius Crossing (\$19) and Day of the Dead (\$12). "A brutal, complex spy thriller...Valentine lives on the coast of Northern Ireland and tries to keep his nose out of things that go bang in the night. Of course he fails magnificently.—Irish Times.

CULINER, JILL SLANDEROUS TONGUE (\$16.95) Rumours start to collect about the missing Didier Blot and the local vet has good reason to fear that he may become a suspect in Didier's disappearance. He asks a Canadian friend to investigate. Set in a centuries-old pocket of rural France.

DAHEIM, MARY emma lord ALPINE RECLUSE (#18) (\$8.99) Sheriff Milo Dodge suspects arson and murder when the house of newlyweds Tim and Tiffany Rafferty burns and Tim is found dead. Emma Lord shifts into high gear to nail down the story.

DAHL, K O FOURTH MAN (\$20) Detective Inspector Frank Frolich is led by an alluring woman through the underworld of Oslo and through the dark corridors of his own soul. The first of Frolich police procedurals to be translated from the Norwegian.

DANIEL, JOHN M POET'S FUNERAL (#1) (\$17.95) World famous poet Heidi Yamanda is found dead at the American Booksellers Convention in Las Vegas. Bookstore owner Guy Mallon, Heidi's first publisher and discarded lover, feels he owes it to Heidi to investigate.

DANIELS, CASEY pepper CHICK AND THE DEAD (#2) (\$9.99) Sequel to Don of the Dead (\$9.99) Ever since a head-on collision with a headstone left Pepper Marin with the ability to communicate with the disgruntled deceased, they've been communicatin'. In fact, they won't shut up.

DAVIES, MARTIN CONJURER'S BIRD (\$18.95) A special order.

DAWSON, JILL WATCH ME DISAPPEAR (\$16.95) Tina Humber, a marine biologist, returns to Fenland village for her brother's wedding and the trip brings back memories of her friend Mandy Baker who disappeared at the age of ten, never to be found. The more Tina replays the events of thirty years ago, the more she believes she knows what happened to Mandy and who was responsible.

DERESKE, JO miss zukas CATALOGUE OF DEATH (#10) (\$9.99) While inspecting the site that the local philanthropist had set aside for the town's new library, he's blown to bits. His kith and kin think the site would make a rather nice condo. Librarian, Miss Zukas, investigates.

DEVOE, FORREST INTO THE VOLCANO (#1) (\$17.50) An homage to James Bond, Modesty Blaise, and the golden age of the spy thriller. 1962, and a middle-age Dutch spy has met a fiery death. Enter Jack Mallory and Laura Morse, clandestine operatives for the Consultancy.

DONACHIE, DAVID TESTED BY FATE (#3) (\$23.95) The third in the Nelson and Emma trilogy, sequel to On a Making Tide (\$12.99) and Breaking the Line (\$22.95).

DONACHIE, DAVID A SHOT ROLLING SHIP (\$15.99) (#2) Adventure abounds for John Pearce and his comrades aboard the HMS Griffin.

DORSEY, TIM BIG BAMBOO (#8) (\$10.99) Serge A. Storms, a one-man crime spree, is going Hollywood! He's going to convince the movie bigwigs that they must do business in his beloved Florida.

DOUGLAS, CAROLE NELSON CAT IN A QUICKSILVER CA-PER (#18) (\$8.99) Temple Barr has snagged the commission of her career: repping the opening exhibition of the Russian czars' priceless treasures being held in Las Vegas. The hotel has booked an aerial magic act right above the exhibition and when one of the performers

dies right above where the collection will be displayed, the police threaten to shut it down. A priceless jewel-encrusted artifact is stolen from the exhibition and Temple, and Midnight Louie, are on the case. **DOYLE, ARTHUR CONAN** The nine books comprising the Sherlockian canon, the four novels and the 56 short stories, in a new trade paperback edition from Headline at \$10.99 each.

[DOYLE]NORMAN, ANDREW ARTHUR CONAN DOYLE: BEYOND SHERLOCK HOLMES (\$57) A biography. From being a world famous author and qualified doctor to believing in spiritualism. How did this happen? What role did Doyle's alcoholic father play in this strange journey? How to explain the Cottingley fairy affair?

DUBOIS, BRENDAN DEAD OF NIGHT (\$10.99) A crippling terrorist attack against the US has resulted in its cities emptied, its countryside set afire, and the government shaken to its knees. In the aftermath of this attack, civil war broke out, until the UN arrived to establish an uneasy peace.

DUNNING, JOHN janeway BOOKWOMAN'S LAST FLING (#5) (\$12.99) Denver bookman Cliff Janeway is suspicious when he travels to Idaho to assess a collection of very valuable children's books. Valuable titles are missing, replaced by cheap reprints. Other hugely valuable pieces remain. Why would a thief take one priceless book and leave an equally valuable one? Janeway investigates. The others in the series are Booked To Die, Bookman's Wake, Bookman's Promise (\$11.99 each) and Sign of the Book (\$12.99).

EGLIN, ANTHONY LOST GARDENS (#2) (\$8.99) Through a surprise bequest, Californian Jamie Gibson finds herself the new owner of Wickersham Priory. Fired with enthusiasm to restore the gardens to their 1930s glory, she seeks the help of Lawrence Kingston, retired professor of botany. Lawrence unearths an old chapel, which leads to a healing well, which yields a human skeleton. Sequel to The Blue Rose (\$9.99).

ELTON, BEN FIRST CASUALTY (\$10.99) Flanders 1917. A British officer and celebrated poet is shot dead, killed not by German fire but while recuperating from shell shock well behind the lines. A young English soldier is arrested and charged with his murder. Douglas Kingsley, formerly a detective with the London Police, now a conscientious objector imprisoned for his beliefs, is released and sent to France in order to secure a conviction. But Kingsley discovers that the evidence and the witnesses he needs are quite literally disappearing into the mud that surrounds him.

EMERSON, KATHY FATAL AS A FALLEN WOMAN (#2) (\$19.95) and NO MORTAL REASON (#3) (\$22.95) Sequels to Deadlier Than the Pen (\$19.95) the three adventures of journalist Diana Spaulding. From the author of the Susanna Appleton Face Down series.

EVANOVICH, JANET & LEANNE BANKS HOT STUFF (\$9.99) The south side of Boston has never been wilder...

FALK, BERTIL ed LOCKED ROOMS AND OPEN SPACES (\$24.00) A collection of stories.

FLETCHER & BAIN MURDER SHE WROTE: COFFEE TEA OR MURDER (\$9.99) Cabot Cove's own Wayne Silverton invites Jessica and other locals on the inaugural flight of his new airline. They're going to London and Jessica is looking forward to meeting her dear friend, Scotland Yard Inspector Sutherland. But Silverton is murdered, and it's their combined skills that are put to the test.

FRANKLIN, ARIANA CITY OF SHADOWS (\$10.99) Berlin 1922. The smell of money is in Nick's nostrils when he hears of a woman in an asylum claiming to be the Grand Duchess Anastasia, daughter of the Russian Czar, the lone survivor of the Bolsheviks assassinations. By the author of Mistress of the Art of Death (\$35 hardcover, \$26 trade paperback), a recent *Marian's Picks*.

FRENCH, TANA ryan IN THE WOODS (#1) (\$24.95 trade paperback, \$37.95 hardcover) See the Hardcover section for an annotation.

FUCHS, MICHAEL STEPHEN MANUSCRIPT (\$14.99) Two

million dollars in a black bag. The meaning of life hidden on a deviously encrypted web site. And several dozen heavily-armed guys with existential issues. The hunt is on for the Manuscript.

FULMER, DAVID RAMPART STREET (#3) (\$17.95) New Orleans of the early 1900s. Valentin St. Cyr is investigating the murders of two very well-to-do gentlemen and the city's most powerful leaders are pressuring him to drop the investigation, lest he uncover truly damaging scandal. St. Cyr risks his reputation to find the truth.

GADDA, CARLO EMILIO THAT AWFUL MESS ON THE VIA MERULANA (\$21.95) First published in the mid-50s. Melancholy Detective Ciccio is sent in to investigate two crimes committed in central Rome.

GAFFNEY, ED DIARY OF A SERIAL KILLER (\$8.99) A crowded courtroom. A madman with a gun. You've got 45 seconds to live.

GAIMAN, NEIL DAY I SWAPPED MY DAD FOR TWO GOLD-FISH (\$9.99) A delight and a joy, I've been told.

GOFF, CHRISTINE DEATH SHOOTS A BIRDIE (#5) (\$10.99) This "charming"—Tony Hillerman, series has shown readers that birding can be a delightful hobby for many. In this one, a proposed land deal becomes grounds for homicide...

GOODMAN, CAROL GHOST ORCHID (\$17.95) Ellis Brooks, a first time novelist, has come to the Bosco Estate as an artist-in-residence to write a book based on its founder, Aurora Latham, and the infamous summer of 1893, when wealthy, powerful Milo Latham brought the notorious medium Corinth Blackwell to the estate to help his wife contact three of the couple's children, lost the winter before in a diphtheria epidemic. But when the séance turned deadly, Corinth and her alleged accomplice, Tom Quinn, disappeared, taking with them the Lathams' only surviving child.

GREEN, TIM KINGDOM COME (\$10.99) As ye sow, so shall ye reap... Thane and his wife are reaping the rewards of a convenient little murder, but the seeds that were sown are now starting to germinate. The son of the murdered man has revenge on his mind...

GRIPPANDO, JAMES GOT THE LOOK (\$10.99) Jack Swytec's new girlfriend is keeping secrets, including the fact that she has a husband. When she's kidnapped and the ransom request is "Pay me what she's worth" and the husband has decided that the unfaithful wife is worth nothing...well, it's up to you, Jack.

GROSS, ANDREW BLUE ZONE (\$21.95) His solo debut. A novel of the Witness Protection Program. Kate Rabb's perfect existence is irrevocably changed when her beloved father gets into trouble with the law. The whole family has to be placed under protection.

GRUBER, MICHAEL NIGHT OF THE JAGUAR (#3) (\$10.99) Retired Miami detective Jimmy Paz is coaxed out of retirement to solve another impossible-to-solve series of murders. The closer he gets to the truth, the stranger the truth seems. The first two in the series are Tropic of Night and Valley of Bones (\$10.99 each).

HALL, LINDA BLACK ICE (#2) (\$15.99)

HALTER, PAUL NIGHT OF THE WOLF (\$15.95) A collection of locked room or impossible crime stories, by this "natural successor to John Dickson Carr." Some of the stories have previously been published in EQMM.

HAMILTON, DENISE diamond PRISONER OF MEMORY (#5) (\$9.99) Los Angeles Times reporter Eve Diamond comes across the body of a young boy, shot to death execution style, as she is investigating the sighting of a mountain lion in L.A.'s Griffith Park. The son of a Russian émigré scientist, the victim was an exemplary student with no ties to gangs or drugs. Was this a random act of violence, the result of a teenage love triangle or the work of the Russian Mafia?

HAMILTON, LAURELL K blake DANSE MACABRE (#14) (\$10.99) Vampire hunter Anita Blake may have a more pressing problem than chasing vampires. She may be pregnant and she's not sure if the father is Jean-Claude, Master Vampire of the City, Richard, the volatile werewolf, or someone else.

HAMPSON, JUNE TRUST NOBODY (\$10.99) It is 1962 and Daisy Lane, whose husband Kenny is in jail for robbery, lives above the family café which she runs. Also sharing the house with her is Eddie, Kenny's older brother, a handsome, resourceful villain with a streak of viciousness that leads him to commit terrifying acts of violence to get his way. There is Suze, a pretty sixteen-year-old who helps in the café. Raped by her stepfather, she is petrified of sex and a magnet for predatory men. And there is Vera, the prostitute, Daisy's lodger, friend and confidante. A debut novel.

HARPER, TOM demetrius SIEGE OF HEAVEN (#3) (\$11.99) August 1098. After countless battles and sieges, the surviving soldiers of the First Crusade are at last within reach of their ultimate goal: Jerusalem. But rivalries fester and new enemies are massing against them in the Holy Land.

HARRIS, CHARLAINE sookie DEFINITELY DEAD (#6) (\$10.99) Louisiana cocktail waitress Sookie Stackhouse never guessed that her cousin Hadley, a consort of the vampire queen of New Orleans, would die, since he was already dead. As heir to Hadley's estate, she finds it comes with a risk. Someone doesn't want her looking too closely into Hadley's past or his possessions.

HARROD-EAGLES, C slider BILL SLIDER OMNIBUS vol. 3 (\$14.99) Containing Shallow Grave (#7) and Blood Sinister (#8).

HART, CAROLYN death on de DEAD DAYS OF SUMMER (#17) (\$9.99) Annie and Max Darling are thrilled to be visiting Golden Silk, the luxurious private island of wealthy Jeremiah Addison. But Addison won't be there to greet them personally. He's dead.

HART, JOHN KING OF LIES (\$8.99) A year after his mother's death and his father's mysterious disappearance, Jackson Workman Pickens, known as "Work", is still fighting the fallout from his past. His law practice is in a shambles, but when his father is found murdered, and a vast fortune left in his wake, the police suspect Work and his sister, Jean, of the murder. A debut novel. One of *Wendy's Picks* in a previous newsletter.

HARVEY, JOHN elder DARKNESS AND LIGHT (#3) (\$10.99) The first case for Det. Insp. Frank Elder with the Serious Crimes Unit was the murder of a woman, found laid out on her bed with not a wrinkle nor a fold in her dress. The case was never solved. Eight years later, Elder's estranged wife contacts him when her friend's sister, Claire, a quiet and withdrawn widow in her fifties, disappears. She is found dead, arranged with meticulous detail on her bed and it doesn't take long for Elder to make the connection. Excellent.

HARVEY, KENNETH J INSIDE (\$19.95) When Myrden returns to his tough St. John's, Newfoundland, home after fourteen years in prison, wrongfully convicted, he is swarmed by old friends and enemies and a wife who has not exactly been waiting for him. Old scores are not so easily left unsettled.

HAYDER, MO PIG ISLAND (\$22.95) Journalist Joe Oakes makes a living exposing supernatural hoaxes. He is on Pig Island, a remote Scottish island, trying to determine why the community has been accused of Satanism. Another one that Wendy really liked.

HENRY, SUE maxie mcnabb TOOTH OF TIME (#2) (\$9.99) Maxie McNabb and her canine companion, Stretch, are headed to Taos, New Mexico where she plans to learn how to weave. But everything changes in the sleepy town when a local woman attempts suicide. Maxie is determined to help the woman.

HESS, JOAN malloy POISONED PINS (#8) (\$8.99) Reissue of a Claire Malloy novel which was first published in 1993.

HIGGINS, JACK FINE NIGHT FOR DYING (\$13.50) Reissue.

HOAG, TAMI PRIOR BAD ACTS (\$10.99) It was a brutal crime and everyone agrees that Karl Dahl is the killer. Only Judge Carey Moore seems to be standing in the way of keeping him in custody. Her ruling, that Dahl's criminal record is inadmissible, raises a public outcry—and makes the judge a target for revenge.

HUGHES, DECLAN ed loy WRONG KIND OF BLOOD (#1)

(\$10.99) John Connolly says: "Irish crime fiction has come of age". Michael Connelly says: "This thrilling ride of deception brilliantly teaches us that the past is never far behind us, that it can come out and grab us at any time." Ed Loy returns home to Dublin after twenty years to bury his mother. While home an old friend asks him to look for her missing husband. He reluctantly agrees and finds himself thrown into the world of organized crime, long-hidden secrets, corruption, violence, and murder. Another of Wendy's favourites.

HUNT, ARLENE VICIOUS CIRCLE (\$14.95) A novel set in the very dangerous, shady Dublin underworld. From the author of Black Sheep and False Intentions (\$10.99 each).

HURLEY, GRAHAM faraday ONE UNDER (#7) (\$24.95) A body is torn apart under the wheels of the first morning train to leave Portsmouth for London and Detective Inspector Joe Faraday must try to unravel the most gruesome of crime scenes. The earlier books in this great series are Turnstone, The Take, Angel's Passing, Deadlight, Cut To Black, and Blood and Honey (\$10.99 each).

HYDE, PATRICK ONLY PURE THING (\$19.95)

IGGULDEN, CONN EMPEROR: GODS OF WAR (#4) (\$8.99) Caesar's campaign against Pompey will test his military genius as the two are pitted against each other in this, the concluding book in the series. (We think). The other three in the series are: Emperor: Gates of Rome, Emperor: Death of Kings (\$10.99 each), and Emperor: Field of Swords (\$9.99).

ISLEIB, ROBERTA butterman DEADLY ADVICE (#1) (\$9.99) As a clinical psychologist and author of an online advice column, Dr. Rebecca Butterman is supposed to help people resolve their internal conflicts—not stir up her own. The first in the Advice Column Mystery series from the author of the Cassie Burdett Golf Pro series. "I liked it", says Marian.

JACKSON, LEE LAST PLEASURE GARDEN (#3) (\$21.95) A sinister figure stalks the gas-lit groves of Cremorne Gardens, the last pleasure-ground on the banks of the Thames. His weapon, a sharp pair of scissors. His victims, young women. His crime, merely to remove a lock of their hair. But obsession turns to murder and Inspector Decimus Webb investigates. The first two are Metropolitan Murder and Welfare of the Dead (\$19.95 each, trade paperback).

JACKSON, LISA SHIVER (\$10.99) A serial killer is turning the Big Easy into his personal playground. The victims are killed in pairs—no connection, no apparent motive, no real clues. It's a very sick game, and it's only just beginning.

JACKSON, STEVE MENTOR (\$10.99) London is the victim of an explosive and horrifying attack and Paul Austin, a young MI6 agent, is sent to investigate. As he tears away at layers of corruption, betrayal and murder, he reveals someone who will not stop until his enemies are brought to their knees.

JARDINE, QUINTIN LETHAL INTENT (#15) (\$10.99) Four ruthless Albanian gangsters have infiltrated Edinburgh's underworld and MI5 is on the case. But is there a more threatening objective? This is only one of the cases DCC Bob Skinner is dealing with.

JEFFERSON, ROLAND S ONE NIGHT STAND (\$16.99) Myra Cross, a thirty-one-year-old beauty with a take-no-prisoners reputation as a public defender, also poses for Playboy spreads in her spare time. But she wins acquittal after acquittal for her clients and her latest assignment is Napoleon T. Booker, aka Little Dog Nine, who's charged with another homicide.

JENNINGS, GARY AZTEC RAGE (\$9.99) This latest adventure, set in Central and South America of the early 1800s with journeys back in time to the days of the Aztec empires, is actually written by Robert Gleason and Junius Podrug and it is a sequel to the novels written by Jennings: Aztec, Aztec Autumn, Aztec Blood etc..

JENNINGS, MAUREEN JOURNEYMAN TO GRIEF (\$22.95 trade paperback, **signed**) When the owner of a livery stable is found dead, horsewhipped and left hanging by his wrists in his tack room,

suspicion falls on the black stable hand who found him. When the former owner of the stable is also murdered and his body strangely tied as if he were a rebellious slave, Murdoch has to determine if Toronto's small black community has a vicious murderer in its midst.

JOHNSON, CRAIG Walt DEATH WITHOUT COMPANY (#2) (\$17.50) Sheriff Longmire investigates the death of a woman at the Durant Home for Assisted Living. Both *J.D.'s* and *Marian's Picks* in an earlier newsletter. So good, so good, so good... The first in this excellently, brilliant series is Cold Dish (\$17.50).

JOSS, MORAG PUCCHINI'S GHOST (\$10.99) The fading Lila DuCann returns to Burnhead to bury her father and remembers the summer of 1960 when, aged fifteen, she sang in her first opera, Puccini's *Tornado*. As she revisits that summer, her grasp of the present loosens.

JUDSON, DANIEL DARKEST PLACE (\$8.99) Deacon Kane, a local college professor, is implicated in a series of drowning in a small Hamptons community. Trouble is, he is still recovering from the drowning death of his son years ago by drowning himself in alcohol. So now he doesn't remember much of what's happening.

KALLA, DANIEL RAGE THERAPY (\$10.99) Distinguished psychiatrist Stanley Kolberg was not just murdered; his lifeless body was battered and broken almost beyond recognition. The Seattle police are not short of suspects as Kolberg specialized in anger management and often treated violent offenders. For Dr. Joel Ashman, who consults as a profiler for Seattle Homicide, the crime hit close to home. Kolberg was his former partner and mentor. By the author of Pandemic and Resistance (\$10.99 each).

KELLERMAN, JONATHAN delaw GONE (#20) (\$10.99) Two young acting students disappear, to be found three days later in the remote mountains of Malibu, battered and terrified after a harrowing ordeal at the hands of a sadistic abductor. But forensic tests prove the abduction was a hoax and the two are charged as criminals. One is ultimately sent to Dr. Alex Delaware for assessment. When she is murdered, Delaware and Milo Sturgis investigate.

KENNER, JULIE GIVENCHY CODE (\$8.99) As if a recent breakup, scrounging for rent money, and lusting after designer shoes wasn't enough, Melanie Prescott starts receiving obscure codes and clues from a menacing stranger. She attempts to solve the puzzle, with high hopes for the multimillion-dollar reward guaranteed at the end. That is, if she can survive the deadly game.

KENT, ALEXANDER adam boli SECOND TO NONE (#1) (\$21.95) A new edition of the first Adam Bolitho novel.

KING, ROSS BRUNELLESCHI'S DOME (\$21.95) The story of the great cathedral in Florence: Santa Maria del Fiore. Not a mystery, not even a novel, but hugely fascinating all the same, explaining how to this day the dome on the cathedral is still the highest and widest masonry dome ever built. And it was built over five hundred years ago! By the author of Domino (\$21.95) and Ex-Libris (\$17.99).

KIMBER, STEPHEN REPARATIONS (\$14.95) One of *David's Picks* a year or so ago. A hard-hitting and complex novel of two boyhood friends who grew up in Halifax's Africville district and who, twenty-five years later, face off as lawyer and judge in a trial about the demolition of Africville.

KING, STEPHEN EVERYTHINGS EVENTUAL (\$10.99) A collection of fourteen dark short stories.

LANE, VICKI ART'S BLOOD (\$9.99)

LANGFIELD, MARTIN MALICE BOX (\$24) An arcane weapon that could wipe the Western world from the face of the planet is set to go off in seven days. Robert Reckless must undergo a quest—a series of trials around Manhattan—in order to track the keys vital to prevent detonation.

LARSON, LESLIE SLIPSTREAM (\$18.00)

LAURIE, VICTORIA WHAT'S A GHOUL TO DO (#1) (\$9.99)

From the author of the Abbie Cooper, *Psychic Eye*, series, the first in the M.J. Holiday, *Ghost Hunter*, series. M.J. is a medium whose business is helping lost souls cross over to the other side. But what if the ghosts want to stay put? "Fun", says Marian.

LAWRENCE, DAVID DOWN INTO DARKNESS (#4) (\$24) The naked body of a young woman is found hanging from a tree on a London roadside. Scrawled across her back: DIRTY GIRL. A man is found on a bench by the river, his throat cut. This time: FILTY COWARD. Det. Sgt. Stella Mooney investigates. By the author of Dead Sit Round in a Ring (\$11.99), Nothing Like the Night and Cold Kill (\$10.99 ea.). An excellent series.

LEBLANC, MAURICE ARSENE LUPIN GENTLEMAN-THIEF (\$17.50) A classic.

LEON, DONNA THROUGH A GLASS DARKLY (#15) (\$10.99) Commissario Guido Brunetti delves into the secrets of the island of Murano, home of the world-famous glass factories, as he investigates the murder of a cantankerous glass-factory owner.

LITTLE, CONSTANCE & GWENYTH BLACK IRIS (\$18.50) The twentieth and penultimate Little book to be published by Rue Morgue Press.

MABANCKOU, ALAIN AFRICAN PSYCHO (\$17.50) Selected by the French magazine *Lire* as one of the fifty writers to watch out for in the coming century, winner of many awards, this is the American debut of a remarkable new African voice.

MCFADYEN, CODY SHADOW MAN (\$8.99) Once, Special Agent Smoky Barrett hunted serial killers for the FBI, until a madman killed her husband and daughter, and left her face scarred and her soul brutalized. A killer has videotaped his latest crime, an act of horror that left a child motherless, and sent it to Smoky. It was enough to shock her back to work. A debut novel. One of *Wendy's Picks* in a previous newsletter.

MCGOWAN, KATHLEEN EXPECTED ONE (\$19.99) Two thousand years ago, Mary Magdalene hid a set of scrolls in the foothills of the French Pyrenees, a gospel that contained her own version of the events concerning Jesus and John the Baptist. An ancient prophecy predicts the arrival of The Expected One, a woman who is destined to bring Mary Magdalene's gospel to the world. When journalist Maureen Pascal stumbles into a dangerous and secret world of people who will fight to the death to keep, or destroy, one of the world's most powerful secrets, she discovers that the ancient prophecy points directly to her. Marian says: "I really liked this although I suspect many readers will want it to be as fast moving as *The Da Vinci Code* (\$10.99). I was fascinated by the twist this writer put on events that happened two thousand years ago. It was also interesting to get more information about Mary Magdalene and her life in France after the crucifixion of Jesus. If you believe that's what happened!"

MACKEN, JOHN DIRTY LITTLE LIES (\$24.95 trade paperback)

MCKEOWEN, DAVID TRAPPED (\$24.95 trade paperback, \$34.95 hardcover) See the Hardcover section for an annotation.

MCKEVETT, G A CORPSE SUZETTE (#11) (\$9.99) Voluptuous and proud of it, California PI Savannah Reid is playing host to her assistant's cranky cousin, who won an extreme makeover at a local spa. When the spa's renowned plastic surgeon goes missing, Savannah is hired to investigate. The first in this series is Just Desserts (\$8.99) and then there are nine others.

MCMAHON, JENNIFER PROMISE NOT TO TELL (\$17.50)

Forty-one-year-old nurse Kate Cypher has returned home to rural Vermont to care for her mother who's afflicted with Alzheimer's. The night she returns, a young girl is murdered—a horrific crime that eerily mirrors another from Kate's childhood. "Well-plotted, suspenseful fun."--Kirkus Reviews.

MARTIN, ANDREW NECROPOLIS RAILWAY (#1) (\$18.50)"A brilliant murder mystery set in Edwardian London about a railway line that runs only to a massive cemetery." --Mirror. When railway-

man Jim Stringer takes a job on the mysterious graveyard line, in the garish and tawdry London of 1903, it seems that he has also gotten a one-way coffin ticket.

MARTIN, NANCY blackbird HAVE YOUR CAKE AND KILL HIM TOO (#5) (\$9.99) The witty Blackbird sisters are back. This time Nora, who won't say who the father of her unborn child is, helps a friend accused of killing the tycoon owner of Cupcakes, a tacky Philadelphia sports bar. "As good as usual", says Marian.

MEADE, GLENN DEVIL'S DISCIPLE (\$10.99) The day before FBI agent Kate Moran is due to marry, her fiancé and his twelve-year-old daughter are kidnapped and murdered by Constantine Gamal, The Devil's Disciple, a serial killer obsessed with black magic and ritualistic double killings. Moran tracks him down and brings him to trial. But two years later, just before his execution is carried out, he promises to return. Then the double killings start again. Did Gamal escape execution?

MELTZER, BRAD BOOK OF FATE (\$10.99) Wes Holloway, a once-cocky and ambitious presidential aide, put Ron Boyle, the chief executive's oldest friend, into the presidential limo with the US president. By the time the trip came to an end, Wes was permanently disfigured and Boyle was dead, the victim of a crazed assassin. Eight years later, Boyle is spotted, alive and well, in Malaysia. Trying to figure out what happened takes Wes back to a decade-old presidential crossword puzzle, mysterious Masonic history and a 200-year-old code invented by Thomas Jefferson.

MILLER, SUSAN macfarlane QUARRY (\$10.99) An unknown assailant is preying on high-profile geologists. Two members of Frankie MacFarlane's dissertation defense have been attacked and she may well be next. Could this be her ex-fiancé's handiwork? He who was expelled from the university for plagiarizing Frankie's research? The one whose remains were found in the desert?

MILLS, KYLE SECOND HORSEMAN (\$10.99) Brandon Vale is a career thief, the best there is, until he is thrown in prison for a jewel heist gone bad. And even more embarrassing, he had nothing to do with it. Everything is going okay until the night he is broken out against his will by Richard Scanlon, the now-retired FBI agent who framed him in the first place. Scanlon, who still has ties to the US intelligence community, has discovered that a Ukrainian crime organization is auctioning off twelve nuclear warheads to the highest bidder, but he can't convince the US government that the sale isn't a hoax. He needs Brandon to steal \$200 million to take the warheads off the market. Scanlon also insists on choosing the team to help Brandon make the heist, and to make matters worse, not a single one of the former government operatives he picks has so much as shoplifted a pack of gum in their lives.

MIYABE, MIYUKI SHADOW FAMILY (\$15.95) Internet chat rooms may be great fun—be whoever you want to be, hidden behind your firewall—but what if some of your correspondents emerge from the chat rooms and start meeting up offline? A novel set in the Tokyo of ordinary people, not in the "sleek, electronic metropolis" as is often depicted in the movies.

MOORE, CHRISTOPHER DIRTY JOB (\$17.50) Charlie Asher is a pretty normal guy with a normal life, married to a bright and pretty woman, and about to have their first child. Charlie's doing okay—until people start dropping dead around him. Charlie, it seems, has been recruited for a new position: as Death. It's a dirty job, but, hey, somebody's gotta do it.

MORRELL, DAVID CREEPERS (\$9.99) Creepers: urban explorers with a passion for investigating abandoned buildings and their dying secrets. On a cold October night, five such people gather in a run-down motel on the Jersey shore and prepare to break into the Paragon Hotel. The once-magnificent structure is now boarded up and marked for destruction. With them is reporter Frank Balenger who wants to profile this highly illegal activity for the Times.

MORRIS, R N GENTLE AXE (\$26 trade paperback, \$31.95 hardcover.) See the hardcover section for an annotation. A sequel to Fyodor Dostoevsky's Crime and Punishment (19.50). Eighteen months have gone by and the inquiries of Porfiry Petrovich continue.

MRAZEK, ROBERT J DEADLY EMBRACE (alternate title TRAITOR'S KISS) (\$16.00) Trained as a forensic pathologist, Lieutenant Elizabeth Marantz joins the security command of the Supreme Headquarters Allied Expeditionary Command. She is assigned to the staff of Major Sam Taggart, a troubled former NYC homicide detective, whose mission is to prevent the plans for the D-Day invasion of Europe from being compromised by German agents. One of *Wendy's Picks* a while back.

MYERS, TIM candlemaking MOLD FOR MURDER (#3) (\$9.99) Benjamin Perkins is going to put his family's specialty soap store on the map by inviting prima donna soapmaking queen and author, the Contessa New Berne, to visit. But she's not a prima donna for nothing. Only a blow to the back of the head shuts her up. Not such a bad thing, expect that Benjamin's girlfriend is being fitted up as the supplier of the blow.

NADEL, BARBARA AFTER THE MOURNING (#2) (\$10.99) Undertaker Francis Hancock is no stranger to death and, during the London Blitz of 1940, he has seen the worst humanity can do to itself. Why does the murder of a young gypsy girl in Epping Forest move him so much? The first in this series is Last Right (\$10.99).

NADEL, BARBARA ikmen DANCE WITH DEATH (#8) (\$10.99) When the body of a young woman is discovered in a cave in the remote rural region of Cappadocia, Inspector Ikmen is summoned from Istanbul to investigate. Her corpse has lain undisturbed for twenty years and Ikmen fears that she may be the same woman who once captured his heart.

NADEL, BARBARA ikmen PASSION FOR KILLING (#9) (\$24.95 trade paperback, \$37.95 hardcover) See the Hardcover section for an annotation.

NEALE, TOM COPPER KISS (\$10.99) FBI agent Vincent Piper is back in London and determined not to screw up this time. But the woman he loves, high-class call girl Celeste Young, is in danger. Her brother has been putting together an on-line sex blog and one by one, the girls involved are being murdered. Celeste is terrified that she could be next so Piper starts his own investigation. The first in the series is Steel Rain (\$10.99).

NEMIROVSKY, IRENE SUITE FRANCAISE (\$22.00) The trade paperback of this exceptional novel.

NESSER, HAKAN BORKMANN'S POINT (\$17.95) An ex-con is brutally murdered in Kaalbringen. Then the body of a wealthy real estate mogul is found, also the victim of a violent attack. There appears to be a serial killer on the loose and Chief Inspector Van Veeteren is called in to help the local police. Translated from Swedish, this novel won the Best Novel Award from The Swedish Crime Writers' Academy in 1994. See *J.D.'s Picks*.

NEWMAN, SHARAN le vendeur HERESY (#8) (\$8.99) The eighth in this twelfth-century France series featuring Catherine Le Vendeur. Raised a devout Catholic, she knows that if her family's Jewish roots are exposed, all she loves will be destroyed. How far will she go to protect that secret? When her dearest friend, Astrolabe, the son of fabled theologian Peter Abelard and Heloise, flees wrongful persecution for the vicious murder of a young woman, Catherine's family takes him in to hide.

OATES, JOYCE CAROL FEMALE OF THE SPECIES (\$16.95) The author demonstrates, convincingly, why the female of the species—be they six-year-old girls, seemingly devoted wives, or aging mothers—is by nature deadlier than the male. A collection of stories.

ORCZY, BARONESS ELUSIVE PIMPERNEL (\$14.95) A classic. From the author of The Old Man in the Corner (\$13.50).

- OSBORNE, DENISE** EVIL INTENTIONS (#4) (\$18.95) A Japanese-American Feng Shui practitioner, her ex-husband, a mystery writer, and their friend, an African-American PI—a mod squad for the new age—must combine their skills to bring down an underworld figure whose evil intentions have destroyed countless lives—and threatens their own.
- OWEN, CHARLIE** HORSE'S ARSE (\$24.95 trade paperback, \$37.95 hardcover) See the Hardcover section for an annotation.
- PARRISH, P J** kincaid DARK THE MOON (#1) (\$8.99) A reissue of the first Detective Louis Kincaid novel. Seven in total now.
- PARSONS, JULIE** HOURLASS (\$17.99) Beyond high iron gates fastened with a length of chain lies stark, Beautiful Trawbawn. Inhabited by the frail and mysterious Lydia Beauchamp, her existence is interrupted when a stranger arrives who becomes her contact with the outside world. When Lydia sets him a challenge, he accepts. He must travel to Dublin to find her estranged daughter.
- PATTERSON & GROSS** JUDGE AND JURY (\$12.99) Andie DeGrasse, an aspiring actress and single mom, tries to get out of being on a jury by saying she learned her law by curling around a stripper's pole in *The Sopranos*. But she still ends up as juror number 11 in a landmark trial against a notorious mob boss nicknamed the Electrician. The FBI have an ironclad case against him but as the jury is about to reach a verdict, the Electrician makes one devastating move no one expected and Andie's world is shattered.
- PATTERSON, JAMES** womens 5TH HORSEMAN (#5) (\$18.99) The Women's Murder Club faces their latest case as people are dying in a San Francisco hospital for no apparent reason.
- PAWSON, STUART** SHOOTING ELVIS (#11) (\$12.95) Charlie Priest and his team at Heckley Police Headquarters investigate a murder that leads to the discovery of low-tech industrial espionage. All of his previous ten novels are now in paperback at \$12.95 each. What a delightful read, witty, fun, wonderful camaraderie amongst the people working in the department, at least in the first ten novels! But please be patient if we run out of stock. The Canadian distributor does not keep any in Canada and it may take a while to get more in.
- PENCE, JOANNE** DA VINCI COOK (#14) (\$9.99) The Amalfi girls have joined forces in Rome, as Catherine has been accused of murder and Angie comes to the rescue.
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written. 100 titles are fully reviewed and a further 500 recommended. It also includes a list of the Edgar winners for Best Novel and the CWA Gold Dagger winners. How many have you read? This is really a neat little book to have. See *J.D.'s Picks*.

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SHORT, SHARON toadfern MURDER UNFOLDS (#5) (\$9.99) Josie Toadfern's big 3-0 is approaching and the laundromat owner, stain removal expert, and confirmed snoop's local stain-busting column has gone regional and she's become a true small-town celeb.

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TEMPLETON, ALINE fleming DARKNESS AND THE DEEP (#2) (\$10.99) The wreck of the Knockhaven lifeboat with the loss of all three of its crew is a hard blow for the small Scottish town. But it's harder still when DS Tam MacNee discovers it isn't just an accident. DI Marjory Fleming and her team investigate. With a whole

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THURLO, AIMEE&DAVID MOURNING DOVE (\$8.99) What seems to be a carjacking gone wrong leads to the death of Jimmy Blacksheep, a Navajo member of the New Mexico National Guard who's recently returned from Iraq. When Navajo Police Special Investigator Ella Clah receives a mysterious package in the mail, she begins to suspect that Jimmy's death is part of something larger.

When the FBI experts can't figure out the dead man's message, Ella realizes that she must use Navajo lore, not cryptology, to decode it.

TROW, M J MAXWELL'S MASK (\$21.00)

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WALKER, ROBERT W SHADOWS IN THE WHITE CITY (#2) (\$9.99) Sequel to City for Ransom (\$9.99) Chicago of 1893, the summer of great Exposition, and a killer is loose.

WALKER, SUE RECKONING (\$10.99) It's been thirty years since Miller's father was arrested for the murder of three young girls on the Scottish island of Fidra. Miller has always believed that his father was guilty. Now that his father has died and the file comes into his hands, he's not so sure.

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WESTLAKE, DONALD WHAT I TELL YOU THREE TIMES IS FALSE (\$18.50) The third novel featuring TV detective Sam Holt, written under the Sam Holt pseudonym.

WHITE, KATE OVER HER DEAD BODY (#4) (\$9.99) Bailey Wiggins is now on staff at Buzz magazine, a weekly filled with sizzling gossip. She covers celebrity crime and she doesn't have to look too far when her unpopular boss, Mona Hodges, is found bludgeoned to death. The first three in the series are If Looks Could Kill, A Body to Die For, and 'Til Death Do Us Part (\$9.99 each).

WHITE, RANDY WAYNE dusky CUBAN DEATH LIFT (#3) (\$9.99) The third Dusky MacMorgan adventure in which Dusky is sent by the CIA to Cuba to see what has become of the other CIA agents that were sent in only to disappear without a trace.

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