



# The Merchant of Menace

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Greetings

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Another month and Sleuth will be thirty. Thirty! Twenty-seven, twenty-seven! under Marian's and my care! An awful lot has changed in the book business—big box stores, on-line book sales, electronic books, print on demand, the Kindle. Many, many bookstores and publishers have gone but, thanks to y'all, we sail along. Thank you for all your support and friendship. Here's to the next thirty. (Even if I did ponder out loud in these pages recently about the future of Sleuth—that every option from changing nothing to changing everything was on the table!) Both Marian and I would happily do this for another long while yet. Given that we do need to be gainfully employed. A few small changes and we're good to go.

That pondering did cause some panic. You might have noticed the lack of further pondering since then! I may not be the sharpest chisel in the tool box, but I'm not the dullest, either! However, it is true that Marian and I are thinking seriously about moving the bookstore and we are actively looking for a suitable building. Where the thought of moving all these books is daunting, it is pretty clear that move we should. I mention this for two reasons. First, here's your chance to lobby us to move to your neighbourhood. Bribes, large ones, like, say, a suitable building, will certainly be considered favourably. And, second, we'll need to recruit a small army of you to help—remember the fun we had fifteen years ago?—so, we are getting prepared.

We need your e-mail address. You all have one, but our records are woefully incomplete and I'd like to make a real push to correct that. So, before you do anything else, just send us a quick e-mail (to [sleuthbooks@sympatico.ca](mailto:sleuthbooks@sympatico.ca)) and that's it.

For some time now I've wanted to get a new atlas of the world—you know, just basic maps of the world, up to date, of course—but had not gotten around to getting one. Then I got a special order for the Na-

Come meet

## LOUISE PENNY

author of the Chief Inspector Armand Gamache novels.

And get your copy of  
The Brutal Telling (\$34.95/\$24.95),  
the fifth in the series, autographed.

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tional Geographic Atlas of the World (\$238.95) and I decided, I might as well order two. Talk about magnificent! I've spent some time playing around with it. Although I have a basic idea of where Singapore, Indonesia and Malaysia are, it was useful to have this atlas as I read Inspector Singh Investigates a Most Peculiar Malaysian Murder (\$21) by SHAMINI FLINT. Now I know I could have gone to Google Earth, and I did, and Google Earth is fascinating, don't get me wrong—I've certainly wasted hours walking my way around the globe, drilling down as closely as the free version will allow—and this atlas is huge and unwieldy, but there is just something about maps, in glorious colour, on paper, that does it for me. The two are not mutually exclusive, of course, there is a place for both, but for us book lovers, nothing will ever replace the printed version. (Has anyone bought the full version of Google Earth? Is it worth the \$400?) This same customer, he was a geography teacher in an earlier life, came in a few days later to give me a snap geography quiz—what is the capitol of Ulan Bator, and, of course, I failed, drat, but it was a trick question. I'll try to be ready the next time, John.

## The Merchant of Menace,

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## Marian's Picks

Sir Percival is amazing. If you had told me that I would go head over heels for a dog, I would not have believed you. But I have. He is quite a smart dog and I'm considering taking him to agility training. I think he'd be good at it, but, it might also tire him out and give me some rest! He is getting bigger every day and I have recently started taking him with me on my longer walks. It will make it much easier when I can take him on all my walks because I won't have to do my workout first and then come back and take him for his! Speaking of workouts, I'm going to walk the New York City Marathon this November 1<sup>st</sup>. I had balloted for three years and not made it—it's by lottery—but their rules are that after three unsuccessful tries you get in automatically the fourth year. So New York City here I come.

Cottage Lady and I have finished our Sangria Marathon (see *Cottage Lady's Picks* for the final say on Sangria) and now we are contemplating what to "practice" drinking this fall. Cottage Husband suggested reviewing wines that cost under \$12. That's sounds like a plan, so I think that's what we might do this Fall.

Speaking of wine, The Riesling Retribution (\$32.99) by **ELLEN CROSBY** is excellent. Set in Virginia wine country, full of wine history and information about wine and winemaking, Riesling is a fast paced mystery that will keep wine and mystery lovers reading till the wee hours. Cottage Lady was going to pick this title as well but I decided that this newsletter we were each going to pick different books. A tornado rips through a part of Montgomery Estate Vineyard and not only destroys some of Lucie Montgomery's newest grapevines but it also unearths the remains of a body in a nearby field. As the police investigate it seems that her father, now deceased, may have been a murderer. Such a good read; I can hardly wait for the next one. Congratulations **Ellen**, this is your best yet. The others in the series are The Merlot Murders (\$8.99), The Chardonnay Charade (\$7.99) and The Bordeaux Betrayal (\$8.99).

I've been waiting impatiently for **DAN WADDELL**'s second novel. His first novel was The Blood Detective (\$16) and it was excellent. Finally, I get my hands on Blood Atonement (\$32) and it too is excellent. Although set in the present day, these two Scotland Yard police procedurals have an interesting historical twist. Detective Chief Inspector Grant Foster works with genealogist Nigel Barnes and delves into the victim's past to see if that is where the motive for the murder might be. The research, the plot, the twist and the characters all make for a very fine read. Alas, now another year to wait.

I always enjoy a good, captivating spy story so I'm always on the lookout for more. I've read **Henry Porter** and **Stella Rimington**, along with all the oldies but goodies, and then I stumbled upon Dead Spy Running (\$29.95 hardcover and \$22.95 trade paperback) by **JON STOCK**. I guess I was hoping that with 'Spy' in the title it might actually turn out to be a spy novel. It did, and it was so good! MI5 is upset with MI6, or maybe it's the other way around? I can't remember. The CIA suspects our good guy, Daniel Marchant, is a traitor just like they did Marchant's late father who was the former head of MI6. Great action, great twists and a very likeable cast of characters. I want more, now. There are two earlier books and we are trying to track them down. One, at least, Cardamom Club (\$19.50), seems to be available and I'll let you know how it turns out. British and Indian intelligence, from one blurb I read.

I have enjoyed reading about Ian Rutledge and Hamish in the books written by the mother and son team of **CHARLES TODD**. So, I was quite happy to sample their new book, A Duty to the Dead (\$32.99 hardcover, \$22.99 trade paperback), even though it is not Rutledge and Hamish. I read it, it was very different, and I liked it. Yet, I'm sitting here typing this and I'm at a loss to tell you how I feel about the story. I want to use the word "heartbreaking" but that may make you not want to read it. But if you have enjoyed the earlier **Todd** novels you will also enjoy this, although in a different way. Set during World War I we are introduced to Bess Crawford, a young upper-middle-class British woman who volunteered for the nursing corps and was serving on the hospital ship, *Britannic*. (*Titanic fans will, of course, recognize the name. Built as a replacement for the Titanic but, with the outbreak of WWI, it was converted to a hospital ship and never entered commercial service. She was sunk by a mine in the Aegean Sea in 1915—J.D.*). One of her patient's dying wish was for her to relay a message to his brother, back in England. When the *Britannic* sinks and Bess is injured, it's a while before she returns to England and is finally able to meet Jonathan Graham and deliver the message carefully relayed to her by Arthur on his deathbed. Unhappy by his response to his brother's last wish, Bess takes it upon herself to fulfill the duty she feels is owed Arthur. The tragedies of war make this a sad novel for me but one that I couldn't put down.

In the May 2009 newsletter I told you that I had read **CARO PEACOCK** for the first time. I devoured A Foreign Affair (\$14.95) and then A Dangerous Affair (\$17.99) and lamented that I would have to wait for ages for the third Liberty Lane novel to be published in North America. It seems that J.D. is good for something; he found the third novel published in a UK trade paperback edition, A Corpse in Shining Armour (\$24), and smuggled in some copies. So it's an "expensive British import", but worth every penny. (I suspect when it is published in North America it will have a different title, probably be another "Affair"). I think Corpse is even better than the first two. Now, that's saying a lot as I so enjoyed them. Liberty Lane is engaged to determine whether the son of Lord Brinkburn is really his son. Brinkburn's wife is claiming otherwise. Set in the late 1830s, I loved it.

Finally, come out to meet **Louise Penny** on the 22nd of October. She's a delightful person and I know you'll enjoy meeting her. Her new novel, The Brutal Telling (\$34.95 hardcover, \$24.95 trade paperback), the fifth in the Chief Inspector Armand Gamache series, is an October release. I have not had a reading copy yet, but I'd bet dollars to doughnuts that it will be as wonderful as the first four have been.

## J.D.'s Picks

**JON TALTON**'s David Mapstone series is really good. I'm embarrassed to say that it has taken me so long to get to the series, but get to it I have. I noticed a month or so ago that the five novels in the series were available in trade paperback and I ordered them and I started reading them. A couple of the early ones had been *Wendy's Picks* years ago, and I can now add the first one, Concrete Desert (\$20), to my list of favourites. David Mapstone has come home to Arizona after years teaching history in California. Jobless, without many resources, he starts working as a part-time Deputy for the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office, looking into cold cases. He's the History Detective. His first case is the forty-year-old murder of a young woman, related to a very prominent local political family, which was never solved. Or, rather, never solved officially. He starts digging. At the same time a girlfriend from his undergrad days comes back into his life and asks

him to look into the disappearance of her younger sister. Well done, well worth the read. I'm on to the second one.

A customer mentioned **MICK HERRON** to me in quite glowing terms, so I decided to have a look. Mick, who lives in Oxford and works in London, says that he gets some writing done on the commute, a structure that works well for him. He is the author of five novels, and I have read the first one, Down Cemetery Road (\$18), a fine novel featuring Sarah Tucker. One quiet evening in Oxford, Sarah Tucker and her husband, an important or, maybe, self-important, financier, are entertaining an important client of his and a house nearby explodes. A gas leak, it's said, and a child goes missing, although this we learn later. Gerard Inchon, the guest, is a difficult guest, and Sarah decides that he's responsible for the explosion; he was fifteen-minutes parking the car and he's ruthless enough to not let anything stand between him and his objectives. Sarah is also suffering from BHS, Bored Housewife Syndrome, an affliction that Gerard is quick to point out, so perhaps she needs a project. What starts off as an obsessive search for a missing child story in South Oxford ends up on a remote and hostile Scottish Island, with Sarah up against "official" forces, missing soldiers, experimental weapons....His work comes highly recommended by many in the biz, I was just late in catching on. There are four more books by this author and Sarah and old sparring partner, Gerard, make another appearance in Smoke and Whispers (\$35), published this year.

I enjoyed **DAVID FULMER's** Blue Door (\$18.95). There was very much the feel of **Walter Mosley** and **George Pelecanos** about this novel, which made it very easy to like. From the author of the Valentin St. Cyr novels, Chasing the Devil's Tail, Jass, Rampart Street (\$19 each) and Lost River (\$33.95), which dealt with the New Orleans jazz and blues scene of the early 20<sup>th</sup> century comes this novel centered in the rhythm and blues scene of South Philly of the 1960s. Music is very important, it would seem, to this writer! Our hero is welterweight boxer Eddie Cero who has gotten beat up one time too many and decides that, maybe, he should hang up the gloves before he gets killed. As luck would have it, Eddie rescues a guy from a beating who turns out to be a Private Investigator and ends up accepting his offer of a job with his PI agency. His job is mostly "sitting on suspects", following them, keeping them under observation, but being a music lover—one of his most prized possessions is a record player and a large collection of 45s—he often ends up at a particular bar where he begins to notice a beautiful singer. As it turns out she, Valerie, and her brother, Johnny, were the lead singers in a very popular local band that was going to be as big as any. Until her brother went missing three years earlier. Just disappeared. The word on the street is that there was a contract out on him, although the reasons why are unclear. Race? Money? Cuckolded husband? Eddie, who had been a big fan of the group, decides to investigate even though Valerie has made it very clear that this is no business of his. Very good in a quiet, literate way.

Here's a quote from the book: Every fifth or sixth doorway gave us music from a radio or record player, so they walked in and out of little clouds of rock and roll, rhythm and blues, and gospel. Soon would come doowop, Italian crooners, then Irish tenors. A typical South Philly selection; it was the world's biggest jukebox.

A debut novel that I should have paid more attention to was **PETER GRIMSDALE's** Perfect Night (\$14.95). I started it but did not get very far and put it down and forgot about it. A year later the paperback edition is released and I started it again, cannot put it down, and need to tell you about it. This is as **Michael Connelly** puts it "The perfect thriller." A decade ago film-maker Nick Rocker is sent to Sri

Lanka on a dream assignment with one of the most influential (and hot!) reporters to film a documentary about the war. An explosion, just when he is about to meet one of the key individuals on the Tamil Tigers side, almost kills him, destroying his memory. A decade later, Nick is hiding out, keeping his head down, working as a film archivist. Bits and pieces of his memory have been coming back, and some of the remembered events are troubling. What exactly happened? Others, the shadowy secret services wallas, also want to know. The chase is on. And what a chase. Terrific. The author's second novel, Just Watch Me (\$34.95 cloth, \$24.95 trade paper) has just been released and it's on my TBR pile.

**SOPHIE LITTLEFIELD's** Bad Day for Sorry (\$31.99) was a surprisingly fun, addictive read. I say surprising as every book published is, according to it's publisher, the next great novel—and why not, why would any one publish anything but the next great novel?—but it's a rare treat, a rare surprise, when a book turns out to be something different, something fun, something recommendable, and this one is such a treat. Our heroine is a forty-something woman, living in poor, rural mid-west America, Missouri if I remember correctly, who decided that the years of abuse that she had suffered at the hands of her husband was enough, and the only one who could sort out the problem was her. And, so, she did. This epiphany teaches her what her life's purpose is: to help other women, less capable than she, sort out their abusive men. And that's what she does. Stella is unique, at least in my reading experience, and I'm so looking forward to the next one in the series. A good day for readers.

I had started **TOM ROB SMITH's** Child 44 (\$9.50) as it has come highly recommended by many. You know my distaste for long novels—this one tops in at 493 pages—so was quite happy to surrender the book to a friend who was casting about looking for something to read. It was at hand. The cost was the following review. Now, first, let me tell you that I had gotten to about page 150, found the book to be a compulsive read, and, dang, do need to finish it. I'm likely going to have to start all over again, making this an even longer read! Oh well.

Longlisted for the Man Booker Prize, Child 44 (\$9.50) sets a series of disturbing murders against the backdrop of a brutal and murderous Stalinist Russia. The murders fall into the path of Leo Demidov, an engaging main character despite his role as an agent of the Soviet security forces. Demidov's journey in uncovering the truth behind the murders triggers a simultaneous personal discovery - of both the treacherous and arbitrarily violent nature of the regime as well as his own social and moral imperatives. Child 44 is riveting and absorbing historical fiction. It vividly describes the Orwellian terror of life in the Soviet Union during the last days of Stalin's rule through the experiences and observations of the main characters and the supporting cast. As a mystery it offers a somewhat unlikely take on the serial killer genre.

Our new part-timer, **Elizabeth**, Percy walker and book packer extraordinaire, who has been with us for about three months, contributed the following review of **KATHY REICHS's** 206 Bones (#12) (\$32 Scribner, a few signed copies on hand). Temperance Brennan, a forensic anthropologist who splits her time between Montreal and South Carolina, and her Montreal police liaison officer, Andrew Ryan, are asked to transport the body of an elderly Chicago woman home to her family. When they arrive, they find out that Tempe has been accused of mishandling the autopsy by an anonymous caller. Soon after, Tempe and Ryan are recalled to Montreal because of the discovery of a body believed to be that of an elderly woman who was brutally murdered. I loved this latest addition to the Temperance saga. I found the introduction to be very intriguing and I had to race to finish it so I

could find out how Tempe resolves these seemingly unconnected mysteries.

## Cottage Lady's Picks

Cocktail Update – For several reasons, it has been difficult for us to charge along with our Sangria research. For one thing, it's almost been a 'non-summer' weather wise and on top of that, Marian's cottage schedule and ours have not fully synchronized this season (it seemed one of us has always had to return to the city for appointments). Also, I've been coping with a grumpy Cottage Husband for two months because of the weather (interferes with fishing time) and a new boat motor that hasn't met expectations. To quote – "... if that #!%&@! motor leaves me at the dock one more time, I'm going to throw it in the #!%&#! lake". Rolling my eyes does not help - need I say more. However, in spite of the challenges and actually thanks to Cottage Husband, we have stumbled onto a treasured find that makes for a different but tasty Sangria – Vernors ginger ale. For those of you not familiar with Vernors, it claims to be the oldest surviving soft drink. Invented by a Detroit pharmacist in the 1860s, it's darker than regular ginger ale, probably due to its caramel flavouring and three year oak barrel aging. Cayenne pepper is another ingredient, giving it an interesting edge – you may sneeze at first sip. We've tried it with both the red and white wine recipes with equal success (for recipes see the July 2009 Newsletter). Not every store carries Vernors but you should be able to find it without too much trouble as we did at the local cottage grocer (cans only). So, if you're looking for a 'secret' ingredient to tantalize your friends into wondering what makes your Sangria intriguingly special, Vernors may be the answer.

Now on to the reviews.

Even though J.D. reviewed The Crossing Places (\$29.99) by **ELLY GRIFFITHS** in the July 2009 Newsletter, I simply had to add my two cents. One of my best reads this summer! I devoured it in one sitting, bonding straightaway with heroine Ruth. Her personality leaps off the page - a forensic archaeologist and academic, with a brilliant inquiring mind, at times socially self-conscious, single, living in isolation near a Saltmarsh in East Anglia. Ruth refuses to be "... defined by my weight, fat is a state of mind". What a kindred spirit! "She used to wear jeans until she hit size sixteen". I have been there! But there is more - she has cats, and most importantly she is comfortable in her own skin, utterly in love with her desolate marshland surroundings. Furthermore, Ruth is a reader, a true eclectic with books covering every available genre - books on archaeology, murder mysteries, cookery, travel guides, doctor-nurse romances and even children's stories. This is my kind of independent, multi-dimensional and caring female. She involves herself with the police, becoming an amateur sleuth applying her professional skills to find the bones of a long ago abducted child. I can hardly wait for the next in this new series. If Griffiths stays true to form, I expect it will be gripping with absorbing characterizations and wonderful atmosphere. And no doubt Ruth's fascinating interpersonal relationships will further unfold. A special thanks to **J.D.** for his recommendation.

I would put Bad Things Happen (\$31), a first novel by **HARRY DOLAN**, in the category of a classic whodunit. There is a manuscript at the centre of a story packed with characters and plot twists. The main character, David Loogan, moves to Ann Arbor and gets a job as an editor of a mystery magazine. He becomes friends with the publisher, Tom Kristol, and almost immediately starts an affair with Kristol's wife, Leslie. One night, Kristol calls and asks Loogan to help him

bury a body. Loogan agrees, bringing equipment and supplies, which encourages the reader to believe that he might have done this kind of thing before. Shortly thereafter, Kristol appears to commit suicide. Detective Elizabeth Waishkey enters stage left. She begins a curious bantering kind of relationship with Loogan. When yet another murder is committed, Loogan realizes he is a suspect and decides to do his own investigation. And his chief suspects are the magazine founders, writers and interns. The characters and their behaviour are a bit of a stretch but Dolan keeps things believable. I enjoyed the lean writing style with its dry academic humour. And frankly at times, it's simply 'nice' to read a good old-fashioned story where all the author's efforts are directed to whodunit. A comfortable escape.

Unlike the previous two new authors, **JOHN HARVEY** is very much a grandmaster of British crime fiction with nearly one hundred books to his credit. His most famous series, with policeman Charlie Resnick, dates back to the 1980s. Far Cry (\$37.95 hardcover, \$25.00 trade paperback) (*stock of this title is a little problematic as the Canadian distributor does not keep any in Canada, choosing, instead, to import it from the UK as orders are placed. Just means a little delay, that's all, so go ahead and order away.—J.D.*) is his second novel to feature Cambridge police partners Will Grayson and Helen Walker. (The first is Gone to Ground (\$11.99). The former is a well-rounded family man whereas the latter has a muddled personal life including an affair with a colleague. The bond and interaction between these two is a key aspect of this story. The opening scene has Ruth Pierce still trying to come to terms with the death and disappearance of her daughter Heather. Heather was on holiday and disappeared one foggy Cornwall night in 1995. The death was ruled "open". The investigator at the time disagreed but could not prove foul play. Fast forward to today. Ruth has remarried to Andrew and their daughter Beatrice disappears, presumed abducted. A parent's worst nightmare - twice in a lifetime! How could this happen? To further complicate her life, Ruth's first husband, Simon, unbalanced and fixated with Heather's death, re-enters the story. Grayson and Walker are called in to investigate. As part of a subplot, Grayson's obsession with a convicted paedophile, combined with Walker's personal life, threatens to impair the detectives' ability to solve Beatrice's disappearance. The book is perhaps too long at 500 pages - I found the first half a bit slow. But the pace does improve. Overall, **Harvey** fans will not be disappointed with this tale. He has taken the very painful and emotional subject of child abduction and produced a compelling story with great sensitivity and compassion. On the other hand, **Harvey's** presentation of parental suffering and anguish does not overpower and he succeeds in keeping the reader focused on the crime solving skills of Grayson and Walker. Be prepared for a disturbing but valuable read.

## Hardbacks

**ABBOTT, JEFF** TRUST ME (\$32.50) (Dutton) Luke Dantry who works for his stepfather's Washington think tank who goes undercover from the anonymous safety of his computer and seeks out a wide spectrum of extremists who vent and organize online. He calls this group the "Night Road". When he is kidnapped and left for dead in an isolated cabin deep in the woods, he realizes his work has made him a target and the Night Road is far more organized than he thought. He escapes and must quickly decipher a complex, murderous, and global web of connections that takes him to Chicago, New York and Paris.

**ABEL, KENNETH** chaisson DOWN IN THE FLOOD (#3)

(\$31.99) (Minotaur) Surrounded by death and the destruction of New Orleans as Katrina rages, former prosecutor Danny Chaisson is searching for the man whose identity he vowed to protect when he agreed to testify before a US Federal grand jury investigating corruption in the city's construction industry. But the man's identity has been leaked and a pair of corrupt policemen have been hired by the wealthy defendants in the case to find him. The first two in the series, Cold Steel Rain and Burying Field, are out of print.

**AIRTH, RENNIE** DEAD OF WINTER (#3) (\$35.00 US hardcover, \$24.00 Canadian trade paperback) We annotated this in the July 2009 newsletter. This is a US edition hardcover.

**ALBERT, SUSAN W** beatrice TALE OF APPLEBECK ORCHARD (#6) (\$30) (Berkley) When Mr. Harmsworth barricades a common path through Applebeck Orchard, Tabitha Twitchit and her Cat Council are curious enough to seek answers from Fritz the ferret. It seems that a ghostly specter set fire to Mr. Harmsworth and now he wants to protect his land. Miss Beatrice Potter and her friends take matters into their own hands to discover the truth. The other five in the series are The Tale of Hill Top Farm (\$9.99); Holly How (\$9.99); Cuckoo Brow Wood (\$9.99); Hawthorn House (\$7.50) and Briar Bank (\$9.99).

**ALEXANDER, TASHA** TEARS OF PEARL (\$31.99) Newlyweds Lady Emily and Colin Hargreaves, diplomats of the British Empire, set out for Turkey for an exotic honeymoon. But on their first night in Constantinople, a harem girl is found murdered. Sir Richard St. Clare, an Englishman who works at the embassy, is present and recognizes the girl as his own daughter who was kidnapped twenty years earlier. Emily, being a woman, is given access to the forbidden world of the harem and quickly discovers that its mysterious sheltered walls offer no protection against a murderer.

**ALFIERI, ANNAMARIA** CITY OF SILVER (\$31.99) (Minotaur) In Potosi, the silver-rich Spanish-ruled city of the seventeenth-century, Inez de la Morada, the bewitching, cherished daughter of the rich and powerful Mayor, mysteriously dies at the convent of Santa Isabella de los Santos Milagros, where she had fled in defiance of her father. It looks like suicide, but Mother Abbess Maria Santa Hilda believes her innocent and has her buried at the convent in sacred ground. The local Commissioner of the Inquisition has been keeping an eye on the Abbess, who is too "Protestant" for his tastes, and this action may be just what he needs to convince the lazy, cowardly Bishop to punish her. With her life at stake, Maria Santa Hilda finds herself in a race against time to prove the true cause of Inez's death, aided by her fellow sisters, a Jesuit priest with a dark secret from his past, and a tomboyish girl who has run to the convent to avoid an unwanted marriage. At the same time, the King of Spain sends his top prosecutor and the Grand Inquisitor to Potosi to determine who has been circulating coins that are not made of pure silver.

**ALLEYN, SUSANNE** CAVALIER OF THE APOCALYPSE (#3) (\$31.99) (Minotaur) Set in Paris, 1786. Aristide Ravel, a penniless writer, must discover who left the body of a man with his throat cut and surrounded by strange Masonic symbols, lying in a churchyard. Already suspected of stirring up the people's anger by writing against the Royal Court, Ravel must now evade the ever-present police and clear his name of murder. His search leads him in a tangle of conspiracy, secret societies, royal scandal and imminent revolution. The first two in the series are Game of Patience (\$26.95) and A Treasury of Regrets (\$27.95).

**ANDERSON, LIN** FINAL CUT (#6) (\$34.95 hardcover, \$24.95 trade paperback) (Hodder & Stoughton) When Claire regains consciousness after a car crash, she is frantic to discover her nine-year-old daughter Emma missing from the back seat. Emma is found safe in the woods nearby, unharmed but cradling a child's skull. She claimed it 'called to her'. Meanwhile, forensic scientist Rhona MacLeod is trying to discover the identity of a corpse found badly

burned. The body is wearing a soldier's ID tag but DNA tests show it's not him. When DS Michael McNab asks for her help in identifying the remains Emma found, they discover the two cases are related. The others, all set in Scotland, are Driftnet, Torch, Deadly Code, Dark Flight and Easy Kill (\$10.99 each)

**ANDREWS, DONNA** langslow SWAN FOR THE MONEY (#10) (\$31.99) (Minotaur) Meg Langslow's eccentric parents have taken up growing roses and entering them in highly competitive shows. Meg even volunteers to help when the Caerphilly Garden Club sponsors its first annual rose show. But Meg is worried when she realizes the competitors are even crazier than her folks. Even though she wants to concentrate on helping her parents win the coveted Black Swan trophy she soon finds herself compelled to solve the crime before any more rose growers die.

**ATKINSON, MICHAEL** hemingway HEMINGWAY DEADLIGHTS (#1) (\$31.99) It is 1956, and world famous author, Ernest Hemmingway, has landed, booze dazed and weary, at his home in Key West, hiding out from his fourth wife and struggling with writer's block. But the violent death of one of his many drinking companions awakens Hemingway's sense of purpose. A debut novel.

**BAANTJER, ALBERT CORNELIS** DEKOK AND THE MASK OF DEATH (\$31.50) (Speck) Originally published in 1987. Women are checking in to Slotervaart Hospital, but not checking out. And according to hospital files, they were never there. Inspector DeKok and his partner Vledder are called on to investigate this alarming disappearing act. Translated from the Dutch.

**BALMASEDA, LIZ** SWEET MARY (\$32.99) (Atria) Dulce Maria "Mary" Guevara is woman with nothing left to lose. Wrongly accused of being a cocaine queen, she has lost her job, her reputation and custody of her son. Even after the charges are dropped, suspicion lingers. Desperate to get it all back, she decides to go on a hunt for the real cocaine queen. But the only person who can help her is her ex-fiancé, Joe Pratts, whose connections to the drug world once ended their relationship. **Carl Hiaasen** says: "Sweet Mary shimmers with authentic Florida heat".

**BARCLAY, LINWOOD** FEAR THE WORST (\$29.95) (Doubleday, Canada) Tim is concerned when his daughter, Sydney, does not return from her summer job. When he goes looking for her, he finds that she has never been working there. Where had she been going every day? From the author of the highly acclaimed No Time For Goodbye (\$9.99) and Too Close To Home (\$10.99).

**BELL, JAMES SCOTT** ty TRY FEAR (#3) (\$23.99) (Center Street) For Ty Buchanan, defending suspected drunk driver Carl Richness seems routine enough until the simple DUI becomes a homicide. As Ty and his assistant, Sister Mary Veritas, dig deeper, they uncover tentacles of corruption that reach right into the citadel of city power.

**BLACK, LISA** EVIDENCE OF MURDER (#2) (\$32.99) (Morrow) Forensic investigator Theresa Maclean takes on the worst kind of murder case—one without clues—in this sequel to Takeover (\$10.99). Jillian Perry has been found dead in the woods, leaving behind a husband of three weeks and a young daughter. There are no marks on her body and the autopsy reveals nothing suspicious. The author, by the way, is a latent fingerprint examiner in Florida and a former forensic scientist for the Cleveland coroner's office.

**BROWNLEE, NICK** BAIT (\$32.99) (Minotaur) Ex-Flying Squad cop Jake Moore's career was cut short by a bullet; ten years later, he runs a game-fishing business that is about to go under. When bookish Mombassa detective Daniel Jouma, seemingly the only honest policeman in a city where corruption is king, asks for Jake's help in solving a baffling murder case, he cannot help but get involved.

**CAIN, CHELSEA** EVIL AT HEART (\$31.99) Serial killer Gretchen Lowell is still on the loose and Portland detective Archie Sheridan is still in hospital months after their last encounter. [The two

earlier books are Heartsick and Sweetheart (\$9.99 each)]. But they have entered a détente of sorts: Archie agreed to not kill himself if she agreed not to kill anyone else. But when a new body is found with Gretchen's trademark heart, all bets are off. Has the Beauty Killer returned to her gruesome ways, or has the cult surrounding Gretchen created a whole new evil?

**CAMERON, KENNETH denton** BOHEMIAN GIRL (#2) (\$34.95) Sequel to Frightened Man (\$14.95). Edwardian Londson setting, featuring American novelist Denton.

**CHARLES, KATE anson** DEEP WATERS (#3) (\$33.95) (Poisoned Pen) In a culture obsessed with celebrity, baby Muffin's death is big news. The celebrity parents live in curate Callie Anson's parish and despite the disapproval of her Vicar, Callie becomes involved in the funeral arrangements. But the police are also concerned the baby's death may be something more sinister. Evil Intent (\$20) and Secret Sins (\$14.95) are the first two featuring Callie Anson.

**CHESTERTON, G K** EVERLASTING MAN (\$35) A special order.

**COEL, MARGARET** SILENT SPIRIT (\$31) (Berkley) In 1923, Arapahos and Shoshones from the Wind River Reservation were recruited to appear as extras in a silent movie noted to be Hollywood's first western to use real Indians. Charlie Wallowingbull, never returned home, leaving people to believe he abandoned his new wife and son. Now, his great-grandson, Kiki, travels to Hollywood to uncover the truth behind his great-grandfather's disappearance. But when he is murdered, attorney Vicky Holden and Father John O'Malley look for the connection between the two mysteries.

**COTTERILL, COLIN** MERRY MISOGYNIST (#6) (\$33.99) (Soho) When the corpse of a village beauty turns up in Dr. Siri's morgue, his curiosity is piqued. How could there be a serial killer in Buddhist Laos?

**CROSBY, ELLEN wine countr** RIESLING RETRIBUTION (#4) (\$32.99) (Scribner) A tornado rips through Montgomery Estate Vineyard destroying some of Lucie Montgomery's newest grapevines and unearthing a grave in an abandoned field. Turns out someone in her family may be responsible for murder. The others in the series are Merlot Murders (\$8.99), The Chardonnay Charade (\$7.99) and The Bordeaux Betrayal (\$8.99). Marian says "I've very much enjoyed the characters, plots and wine lore of Ellen's Virginia in the earlier books, but this novel is heads and shoulders above the others". See *Marian's Picks*.

**DOLAN, HARRY** BAD THINGS HAPPEN (\$31) (Putnam) The man who calls himself David Loogan is leading a quiet, anonymous life in the college town of Ann Arbor, Michigan. He's hoping to escape a violent past he would rather forget. But when he accepts a job as editor of a mystery magazine, and the publisher is murdered, he and Elizabeth Waishkey, of the Ann Arbor Police Department, navigate their way through a myriad of people with motives for murder.

**DOUGLAS, CAROLE NELSON** CAT IN A TOPAZ TANGO (#21) (\$31.99) (Forge) Temple Barr's latest job is promoting a weeklong televised charity event: Dancing with the Celebs. When accidents begin to happen it becomes clear that a killer is stalking the dance floor. Temple resurrects her teen persona, Zoe Chloe Ozone, and becomes a contestant on the show. Midnight Louie has also finessed his way onto the set to make sure his humans don't get hurt.

**[DOYLE]THOMAS, DONALD** SHERLOCK HOLMES AND THE KING'S EVIL (\$31) (Pegasus) Five novellas length tales featuring Sherlock Holmes.

**EASTERMAN, DANIEL** SPEAR OF DESTINY (\$41.95) (Allison & Busby) May, 1942. Entrenched in the searing sands of Libya, a group of soldiers uncover a tomb. Buried in the ancient dust they find a macabre crown of thorns and the devastatingly powerful Spear of Destiny. They've discovered the last resting place of Christ. Sixty years later, the grandfather of Detective Chief Inspector Ethan

Usherwood is left to piece together the mystery of his grandfather's death. He was found nailed to a wall in a crude impersonation of the crucifixion, with his old friend suffering a similar fate. Punishment for stealing the treasures they've kept hidden for many years?

**ELIAS, GERALD** DEVIL'S TRILL (\$32.99) (Minotaur) Daniel Jacobus is a blind, reclusive, crotchety violin teacher living in self-imposed exile in rural New England. He is drawn back into the world he left behind when he decides to attend the Grimsley Competition at Carnegie Hall. The young winner of the competition is granted the honour of performing on the Piccolino Stradivarius, a violin that has brought misfortune to all who possessed it over the centuries. But after the concert, the violin is found missing from its case backstage and Jacobus is the prime suspect. With the help of his friend and former musical partner, Nathaniel Williams, his new student, Ymui, and several quirky sidekicks, Jacobus sets out to prove his innocence. A debut mystery written by a concert violinist.

**ELKINS, AARON** SKULL DUGGERY (\$31) (Berkley) Gideon Oliver and his wife, Julie, travel to the charming little Mexican village of Teotitlan del Valle where Julie's expatriate relatives operate a dude ranch. As you can guess, their quiet vacation is anything but. Gideon is first asked to examine a mummified corpse, then to examine the skeletal remains of a child killed thirty years ago. Never a dull moment.

**ETCHELLS, OLIVE** DEVIL AT THE CROSSROADS (#3) (\$35) (Soho Constable) DCI Channon and his abrasive Sergeant Bowles face one of their most difficult cases when a young man is found stabbed, propped up against an ancient standing stone, at the crossroads of two narrow lanes overlooking the water, a place where legend says a gibbet once stood. Set in the small Cornish seaside village of Falmouth.

**FERRARIS, ZOE** FINDING NOUF (\$32.95) (Houghton Mifflin) This was such a hit in trade paperback (\$18.95) that we decided to bring in a few copies of the hardcover edition. First printings, while supply lasts. See *J.D.'s Picks* in the July 2009 newsletter.

**FERRIGNO, ROBERT epps** HEART OF THE ASSASSIN (#3) (\$34) (Scribner) The year is 2045 and time is running out for the Islamic Republic and the Bible Belt, the two warring nations that arose when the former United States split apart after an economic collapse. The only solution to prevent the super power of Mexico from encroaching further into what was once the US, is to unite the two countries and regain America's former power and global standing. The only man to do this is Rakkin Epps, genetically enhanced shadow warrior and hero of the two previous books in the Assassin Trilogy: Prayers for the Assassin and Sins of the Assassin (\$9.99 each).

**FESPERMAN, DAN** ARMS MAKER OF BERLIN (\$32) (Knopf) When Nat Turnbull, a history professor who specializes in the German resistance, gets the news that his estranged mentor, Gordon Wolfe, has been arrested for possession of stolen World War II archives, he's hardly surprised that, even at age eighty-four, Gordon has gotten himself in trouble. When Gordon is found dead in jail, the FBI dispatches Nat to track down missing material from the archives. But others want that material.

**FINDER, JOSEPH heller** VANISHED (#1) (\$32.99) (St. Martin's) Lauren and Roger Heller are out for dinner one night when they are brutally attacked. When Lauren wakes up in hospital she discovers that her husband has vanished. The only one who has a chance of finding him is his brother Nick. Trained in the Special Forces, Nick specializes in digging up secrets that powerful people would rather keep hidden. As he begins the search for Roger he discovers that Roger worked for a giant defense contractor. In order to keep Lauren and her son safe, Nick must take on a powerful and deadly conspiracy that will stop at nothing to protect its secrets.

**FLYNN, GILLIAN** DARK PLACES (\$28) (Shaye Areheart) Libby Day was seven years old when her mom and two sisters were

murdered. Her testimony convicted her fifteen-year-old brother, Ben. Twenty-five years later, Ben sits in prison and Libby lives off the dregs of a trust fund created by well-wishers who've long forgotten her. The Kill Club is a macabre secret society obsessed with notorious crimes. They want to pump Libby for any details that may free Ben. Seeing a chance at making some money, Libby agrees to reconnect with all the players from that dreadful night and report her findings to the club. Will she discover her testimony wasn't so solid after all? The author's first novel, Sharp Objects (\$18), remains one of J.D.'s favourite novels.

**FRASER, ANTHEA** THICKER THAN WATER (\$37.95) (Severn House) What links three very different people and who is the stranger whose appearance in their lives seems to cause such terror?

**FREY, STEPHEN** HELL'S GATE (\$32.99) (Atria) Thirty-five-year-old star litigator Hunter Lee has decided to pack it in, leave New York City, and head west. Settling in the beautiful but isolated town of Fort Mason, Montana, he wants to start a new life. But the rash of forest fires in the surrounding areas seems to be anything but accidental and could, in fact, be serving a more sinister purpose. As Hunter follows his instincts, he takes on the burden of exposing the guilty while saving those he cares about most.

**GEORGE, ELIZABETH ed** TWO OF THE DEADLIEST (\$33.99) (Harper) A collection of twenty-three short stories from **Nancy Pickard, Marcia Muller, Dana Stabenow, Elizabeth George** among others.

**GHELFI, BRENT** VENONA CABLE (#3) (\$32) (Henry Holt) The past erupts into the present when the Moscow police arrest Alexei Volkovoy, covert agent of the Russian Army and major player in Russia's vicious underworld, and take him to a murder scene. Volk discovers the dead man is a famous cinematographer whose reputation was destroyed in 1995 when the CIA released decrypted documents from the Venona project, the top-secret American and British cryptanalysis of Soviet messages that implicated the Rosenbergs, Alger Hiss, Kim Philby and hundreds of other Soviet spies. Hidden among the dead American's possessions are a Venona intercept with a clue to the identity of a World War I-era Russian spy and a photograph that suggests Volk's father was a traitor. The first two are Volk's Game (\$15.50) and Volk's Shadow (\$28.00 hardcover, trade paperback release scheduled for early 2010).

**GOODKIND, TERRY** LAW OF NINES (\$35.95) (Doubleday, Canada) For Alex, a struggling artist living in the US Midwest, turning twenty-seven is cataclysmic. Inheriting a huge expanse of land should make him a happy man, but something about this particular birthday, and the beautiful woman whose life he has just saved, has suddenly made him, and everyone he loves, into a target. A target for an extreme and uncompromising violence.

**GORDON-SMITH, DOLORES** AS IF BY MAGIC (#3) (\$33.99) (Soho, Constable) George Lassiter is ill, destitute and desperate enough to break into a stranger's house for warmth, food and shelter. And there, on a bitterly cold night in 1922, he witnesses a murder. But what has happened to the body? When the police get there the next day they find nothing. George decides it was an hallucination. So does his friend and rescuer Jack Haldean. But the consequences plunge Jack into a tangle of lies and obsession, as George hunts for his inheritance and Jack hunts for a ruthless killer.

**GRAHAM, MITCHELL** DEAD DOCKET (#2) (\$31.99) (Forge) John Delaney is a streetwise ex-NYPD detective turned lawyer. Katherine Adams is a hotshot Atlanta lawyer who loves New York but thinks the south is great in its own way. The murderous events that threw them together in Majestic Descending (\$9.99) have receded to a surreal memory. When the daughter of his father's police partner is killed in a horrific accident in Atlanta, John takes it upon himself to go down and settle her affairs, and spend some time with Katherine. What he discovers is that the facts surrounding her acci-

dent suggest that her death was anything but accidental.

**GREENWOOD, KERRY chapman** DEVIL'S FOOD (#3) (\$32.99) (Poisoned Pen) Third in the Corinna Chapman series, sequel to Earthly Delights and Heavenly Pleasures (\$20 each).

**GREGORY, PHILIPPA roses** WHITE QUEEN (#1) (\$34) (Touchstone) This is Book One in a story that follow the wars of the Plantagenets as they battle for the ultimate prize: the throne of England. In this novel the famous unsolved mystery of the missing princes in the Tower of London is explored.

**GREGORY, SUSANNA bartholo** VEIN OF DECEIT (#15) (\$36) (Sphere) Life is unsettled in Cambridge in the fall of 1357 and both Michaelhouse and its physician, Matthew Bartholomew, seem to have more than their fair share of misfortune. The college is unexpectedly short of funds and after a woman dies in premature labour, Bartholomew discovers medicinal potions have disappeared from his store, including pennyroyal, a drug known to induce miscarriage.

**GRIMSDALE, PETER** JUST WATCH ME (\$34.95 hardcover, \$24.95 trade paperback) (Orion) Dan Carter, his wife, Sara, and two kids are at Gatwick about to board a plane to take them on a holiday, when, at the check-in desk, Dan finds his passport missing. Exasperated, he tells them to go ahead. He'll catch up. A few hours later, Dan sees a newsflash that the plane has gone down over the ocean. Was it an accident his passport disappeared? Did Sara have an agenda or even a whole other life he was unaware of? Was he the intended target of a terrorist attack connected to his time as a sniper in Afghanistan? By the author of Perfect Night (\$14.95) a J.D.'s Pick.

**HAIG, BRIAN** HUNTED (\$28.99) (Grand Central) In 1987 Alex Konevitch was thrown out of Moscow University for indulging his entrepreneurial spirit and is now, in 1999, worth \$300 million. When top executives in his company start getting brutally murdered one by one, he hires the former deputy director of the KGB to handle his corporate security. Turns out that was not a good idea. Kidnapped, beaten and forced to relinquish his business Alex is now on the run from his own government, who have accused him of stealing millions, and from the FBI. He must elude the bounty on his head and prove his innocence.

**HAMILTON, MASHA** 31 HOURS (\$29.95) (Unbridled) Jonas is in a safe house beneath The Brooklyn Bridge. There, in the belief that he can change the world, he ponders his newfound faith and his specialized training. Over the next 31 hours, he will cleanse his mind and his body, in preparation for the violent action he means to take when the subways are most crowded. Can he be stopped in time?

**HIGHSMITH, PATRICIA riple** COMPLETE RIPLEY NOVELS (\$110) A boxed set of the five Ripley novels. Special order only as it is kinda pricy.

**HILL, SUZETTE A oughterar** BONE IDLE (#3) (\$33.99) (Soho, Constable) Reverend Francis Oughterd, vicar of St. Botolph's and genteel murderer of parishioner Mrs. Elizabeth Fotherington, is caught in the grip of his blackmailing pal, the shady Nicholas Ingaza. He wants the vicar to steal a valuable figurine of a prancing pig from collector Claude Blenkinsop. Naturally the plan backfires and the hapless vicar is plunged into further skullduggery during which someone is murdered.

**HOCKENSMITH, STEVE** CRACK IN THE LENS (#4) (\$31.99) (Minotaur) Brothers, Big Red and Old Red Amlingmeyer, now have time on their hands and money in their pockets with the sales of their stories about their adventures as would be detectives. But Old Red has some unfinished business. Five years earlier he was in love with a "soiled dove" but before they could run off together and get married, the girl was brutally murdered, and the local law swept the case under the carpet. Now Old Red hopes he's got the "deducifyin" know-how to find out what really happened. The others in the series are Holmes on the Range (\$14.50), On the Wrong Track (\$14.50) and The Black Dove (\$16.95).

**JAMES, PETER grace** DEAD TOMORROW (#5) (\$29.95 hardcover, \$19.95 trade paperback) (Macmillan) The body of a teenager, dredged from the seabed off the coast of Sussex, is found to be missing its vital organs. Soon two more bodies are recovered. Detective Superintendent Roy Grace finds himself on the trail of a gang of child traffickers operating from Eastern Europe. Sequel to Dead Simple, Looking Good Dead, Not Dead Enough and Dead Man's Footsteps (\$9.99 each).

**JANCE, J A beaumont** FIRE AND ICE (#19) (\$33.99) (Morrow) The threads of two cases, thousands of miles apart, intertwine as the investigation into the burning deaths of six young women lead J.P. Beaumont into the jurisdiction of Cochise County sheriff Joanna Brady. Partner in Crime (\$10.99) was their first joint venture...

**JENSEN, LIZ** RAPTURE (\$29.95) (Bond Street Books) Gabrielle Fox leaves London for a posting as an art therapist at Oxsmith Adolescent Secure Psychiatric Hospital, home to a hundred of the most dangerous children in England. Among them is the teenage killer Bethany Krall. Despite two years of therapy, Bethany is in no way rehabilitated and remains nonchalant about the brutal death she inflicted on her mother. She's insistent that the electro-shock treatment she receives enables her to foresee natural disasters. As Gabrielle delves further into Bethany's psyche, she begins to see alarming parallels between her patient's fantasies and actual incidents of geological and meteorological upheaval.

**KELLERMAN, FAYE decker** BLINDMAN'S BLUFF (\$33.99) (Morrow) LAPD homicide detective, Peter Decker, investigates the murder of billionaire developer Guy Kaffey, his wife and four employees. They were all gunned down in his exclusive Coyote Ranch compound.

**KOONTZ, DEAN** RELENTLESS (\$32) Special order only.

**KORYTA, MICHAEL perry** SILENT HOUR (#4) (\$31.99) (Minotaur) Alexandra Cantrell, daughter of a notorious Mafia don, and her husband Joshua started a program that was designed to help paroled murderers get a new start in life. It never happened. That was twelve years ago. Now, Joshua's body had been found buried in the woods that surrounded the building designed to house the program. Private investigator Lincoln Perry is hired to try and find Alexandra, but he's not the only one looking for her. Sequel to Tonight I Say Goodbye (\$9.99), Sorrow's Anthem (\$8.99) and A Welcome Grave (\$8.99). A great series.

**KRAMER, JULIE** MISSING MARK (\$29.95) (Doubleday) When TV reporter Riley Spartz sees a want ad saying "Wedding dress for sale, never worn", her news instincts tell her that there is a back story behind the ad. And there is. The first in the series is Stalking Susan (\$9.99).

**KRUEGER, WILLIAM KENT** HEAVEN'S KEEP (#9) (\$32.99) (Atria) When a charter plane carrying Cork O'Connor's wife, Jo, goes missing in a snowstorm over the Wyoming Rockies, Cork must accept the terrible truth that his wife is gone forever. Months after the tragedy, two women show up on Cork's doorstep with evidence that the pilot of Jo's plane was not who he claimed to be. It may not be definite proof, but is it possible that Jo is still alive?

**KUZNESKI, CHRIS** LOST THRONE (\$32.50) (Putnam) Carved into the towering cliffs of central Greece, the Meteora monasteries are all but inaccessible. Holy Trinity is the most isolated, its sacred brotherhood the guardians of a long-forgotten secret. In the dead of night the sanctity of the holy retreat is shattered when a group of warriors, carrying ancient weapons, silently hurl the monks from the cliff top to the rocks below. None of the monks would disclose their secret. Jonathan Payne and David Jones, former members of a top-secret Special Forces unit, get swept up in an adventure of a lifetime, one that will rewrite history and change lives forever.

**LARSSON, STIEG** GIRL WHO PLAYED WITH FIRE (#2) can (\$32) (Viking, Canada) Mikael Blomkvist, crusading journalist and

publisher of the magazine Millennium, has decided to run a story that will expose an extensive sex trafficking operation between Eastern Europe and Sweden, implicating well-known and highly placed members of Swedish society, business and government. He has no idea how explosive the story will be until, on the eve of publication, the two investigating reporters are murdered. And even more shocking for him is that the fingerprints found on the murder weapon belong to Lisbeth Salander, the troubled wise-beyond-her-years hacker who came to his aid in The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo (\$13.50). See *J.D.'s Picks* in the July 2009 newsletter.

**LAWSON, MIKE joe demarco** HOUSE SECRETS (#4) (\$29.50)  
**LENNON, PATRICK** CUT OUT (\$34.95) (Hodder & Stoughton) British TV producer Dan Simmons wants to film British troops on assignment in Afghanistan. He gets himself embedded in a regiment about to be deployed to the Afghan war on a radical anti-heroic operation. He shoots some film and then he shoots himself. The Ministry of Defence spin machine goes into action, and puts Military Police captain Stef Maguire under pressure to file it all away. But Maguire heard the dying man's words and they lead her to someone called Tom Fletcher. Ex-cop, ex-PI, Fletcher is now living the perfect life in a house in the country. A very isolated house. Fletcher doesn't know why the TV man shot himself. But some very dangerous people think otherwise.

**LEVIN, DANIEL** LAST EMBER (\$32.50) (Riverhead) An Italian antiquities squad discovers a woman's preserved corpse inside an ancient column. Pages torn from priceless manuscripts litter the floor of an abandoned warehouse. An illegal excavation burrows beneath Jerusalem's Dome of the Rock, ground sacred to three religions. Young, American lawyer, and former doctoral student in classics, Jonathan Marcus, ties it all together.

**LITTLEFIELD, SOPHIE** BAD DAY FOR SORRY (\$31.99) (Minotaur) Stella Hardesty dispatched her abusive husband with a wrench shortly before her fiftieth birthday. Now she helps other women deal with their own abusive husbands and boyfriends. When young mother Chrissy Shaw asks Stella for help with her no good husband, Roy Dean, it looks like an easy case. But Roy disappears, taking Chrissy's two-year-old son with him. See *J.D.'s Picks*.

**MCDOWALL, IAIN** ENVY THE DEAD (#6) (\$41.95) (Piatkus) DCI Jacobson and DS Kerr investigate the murder of a man who was recently released from prison after spending twenty years there for a crime he did not commit.

**MARON, MARGARET knott** SAND SHARKS (#15) (\$27.99) (Grand Central) Judge Deborah Knott is looking forward to a summer conference but when she discovers the strangled body of one of her less-admired colleagues, she begins her own investigation. Her list of suspects grows to include everyone from her judicial colleagues and friends to local TV personalities and restaurant employees.

**MARSTON, EDWARD** SILVER LOCOMOTIVE (\$41.95) (Allison & Busby) An exquisitely designed silver coffee-pot in the shape of a locomotive is on its way to Cardiff in the care of the young, talented silversmith, Hugh Kellow. But the coffee-pot is stolen and a gruesome murder is committed at the Railway Hotel. Inspector Colbeck and Sergeant Leeming of Scotland Yard are summoned to Wales by telegraph and are soon confronted by additional crimes.

**MARTINI, STEVE** GUARDIAN OF LIES (\$34.99 hardcover, \$25.99 trade paperback) (Morrow) Defense attorney Paul Madriani gets caught up in a web of deceit and murder involving Cold War secrets, a rare coin dealer who used to work for the CIA and a furious assassin.

**MCCREET, JAMES** INCENDIARY'S TRAIL (\$24.95) (Macmillan) Murder is rampant in early Victorian London. Detective Inspector Newsome of the new Detective Force decides to recruit a recently apprehended master criminal to help bring the culprits to justice. A polymath with a mysterious past, the man is no eager volun-

teer. A debut mystery.

**MCKEVETT, G A** BODY TO DIE FOR (#14) (\$26.95) (Kensington) Weight loss diva Clarissa Jardin became a household name after she transformed herself from flabby to fit with an exercise program she designed. Raking in millions of dollars, Clarissa had the whole world in the palm of her hand until her husband, Bill, is found shot to death. Detective Dirk Coulter calls in PI Savannah Reid to the crime scene and it isn't long before Savannah discovers that it was Clarissa's very overweight twin sister who posed for the before shots and that Clarissa was always thin.

**MERCER, PATRICK** TO DO AND DIE (\$28.95) (Harper Collins, UK) Anthony Morgan, a subaltern in the 95<sup>th</sup> Grenadiers fighting in the Crimea, is determined to prove himself amid the more experienced officers and men. He gradually masters his fears, learns to fight fast and ruthlessly, and facing dire consequences on, and off, the battlefield, is tested to his limits.

**MIEVILLE, CHINA** CITY AND THE CITY (\$30) (Ballantine) When a murdered woman is found in the city of Beszel, somewhere at the edge of Europe, it looks to be a routine case for Inspector Tyador Borlu of the Extreme Crime Squad. But as he investigates, the evidence points to conspiracies far stranger and more deadly than anything he could have imagined.

**MILLS, JENNI** BURIED CIRCLE (\$34.95 hardcover, \$22.95 trade paperback) (Harper, UK) In 1938, the archaeologist Alexander Keiller, a millionaire playboy with a passion for ritual magic, plans to reconstruct the 5000-year-old stone circle at Avebury. As war looms, Frannie and her boyfriend are among those who fall under his spell, with fatal results. Nearly seventy years later, Frannie's granddaughter, India, returns to Avebury to unearth the truth about her grandparents. But why is Frannie so reluctant to talk about Keiller?

**MORRELL, DAVID** SHIMMER (\$32.95)

**MORROW-CRIBBS, BRIONY** WICKED PLANTS: A BOOK OF BOTANICAL ATROCITIES (\$25.95) Non fiction, actually. An A to Z of of plants that kill, maim, intoxicate, and otherwise offend. You'll learn which plants to avoid (like exploding shrubs), which plants make themselves exceedingly unwelcome (like the vine that ate the South), and which ones have been killing for centuries (like the weed that killed Abraham Lincoln's mother). Menacing botanical illustrations and splendidly ghastly drawings create a fascinating portrait of the evildoers that may be lurking in your own backyard. Drawing on history, medicine, science, and legend, this compendium of bloodcurdling botany will entertain, alarm, and enlighten even the most intrepid gardeners and nature lovers.

**NADEL, BARBARA hancock** SURE AND CERTAIN DEATH (#4) (\$34.95 hardcover, \$24.95 trade paperback) (Headline) 1941, London. Francis Hancock, undertaker and veteran of the Great War, stumbles upon the body of a middle-aged woman in the ruins of a house. It's more shocking than anything he's come across. When the body of a second woman is found a few days later, fear begins to spread through the local community. As a pattern immerses, Hancock's intuition leads him into the desolate corners of blacked-out London when he realizes that someone is closing in on his family.

**NUGENT, ANDREW** SOUL MURDER (#3) (\$32.99) (Minotaur) When Maurice Tyson, housemaster at a top boys' boarding school in Ireland, is found with his throat slit, Superintendent Denis Lennon and Sergeant Molly Power of the Irish Police Force struggle to uncover any probable motive for the brutal killing.

**PATTERSON & PAETRO** SWIMSUIT (\$30.99) A suspense thriller.

**PEREZ-REVERTE, ARTURO** THE CAVALIER IN THE YELLOW DUBLET (#5) (\$32.50) In the cosmopolitan world of seventeenth-century Madrid, with its posh theatres and gleaming palaces, Captian Alatrisme and his protégé Inigo are fish out of water. But the king and courts are keeping Alatrisme on retainer—he has proved use-

ful in the past. But, things take a turn for the worse for our pair. They become unwilling participants in a court conspiracy that could lead them both to the gallows.

**PIERCE, TAMORA cooper** BLOODHOUND THE LEGEND OF BEKA COOPER #2 (\$21) (Random House) This is a fun, YA novel that will appeal to all ages who don't mind their police story set in a fantasy world. Beka is a young policewoman (they call them Dogs) who is sent undercover to ferret out who is counterfeiting coins which appear to be coming from another town. But Beka has some special powers. She can gather information from pigeons (who carry the voices of the dead) and from eddies of dirt and dust that swirl on dust corners. "Pretty good" says Marian, "And I really enjoyed the first one: Terrier (\$12.99)".

**PORTER, HENRY** DYING LIGHT (\$34.95 hardcover, \$24.95 trade paperback) (Orion) Fresh from the murderous pressures of her Manhattan law firm, former British intelligence officer Kate Lockhart joins the congregation of corporate leaders, ministers and spies to mourn David Eyam, former head of Britain's Joint Intelligence Committee. Eyam died in an explosion, captured on film by a tourist. But all is not as it seems and Kate soon finds herself using her skills as a spy to understand the bequest from Eyam and to stay one step ahead of the British government.

**POSADAS, CARMEN** CHILD'S PLAY (\$29.95) (Harper) Luisa, a renowned mystery writer, is beginning her new novel, a story of psychological suspense that centres on the suspicious death of a child at an elite private school. The author has a close familiarity with the setting: her thirteen-year-old daughter, Elba, is about to begin her academic year at the same school that Luisa once attended; a school much like the one in the novel. When Elba is implicated in the accidental death of a classmate, past and present, real life and fiction, become one.

**PYNCHON, THOMAS** INHERENT VICE (\$35) (Penguin) It's been a while since Doc Sportello has seen his ex-girlfriend. Suddenly out of nowhere she shows up with a story about a plot to kidnap a billionaire land developer whom she just happens to be in love with. Set during the tail end of the psychedelic 60s in L.A..

**QUARTEY, KWEI** WIFE OF THE GODS (\$28) (Random House) Detective Inspector Darko Dawson is sent from the capital city of Ghana, Accra, to Ketanu, a small town with long buried secrets, to investigate the murder of a beautiful young med student. The local police have arrested a poor, enamoured teenage boy and are less than thrilled when an outside force arrives from the big city to lead an inquiry into the baffling case. A debut novel.

**RABB, JONATHAN hoffner** SHADOW AND LIGHT (\$32.50) (FSG) Berlin, 1927. It's the heyday of the Weimar Republic and Ufa, home of German cinema, is producing some of the most acclaimed films of the time. When a studio executive is found dead in his office bathtub, the discovery sets in motion an investigation that will expose the darker and more desperate side of a country coming apart at the seams. Assigned to look into the supposed suicide is Herr Kriminal-Oberkommissar Nikolai Hoffner, who is determined to find the truth behind what he firmly believes is murder.

**READ, PIERS PAUL** DEATH OF A POPE (\$29) A special order, but you may have one as well. Just order.

**REICH, CHRISTOPHER** RULES OF VENGEANCE (\$32) (Doubleday) Months after foiling an attack on a commercial jetliner, see Rules of Deception (\$9.99), Doctors Without Borders physician Jonathan Ransom is working under an assumed name in a remote corner of Africa. His wife, Emma, desperate to escape the wrath of Division, the secret American intelligence agency she betrayed, has vanished into the netherworld of international espionage. The two are eager to share a stolen weekend together in London, when an ambush turns their romantic rendezvous into a terrorist bloodbath. In the moments after the attack, Emma disappears and Jonathan is apprehended

by the police and threatened with life imprisonment unless he helps secure his wife's capture.

**REICHS, KATHY** 206 BONES (#12) (\$32) (Scribner) The story opens with Temperance Brennan regaining consciousness and discovering that she is bound, hands to feet, in a very dark, cold and confined space. Is she buried alive? Who wants her dead? The story shifts between Tempe's present terror and her memory of the case she was working on before she lost consciousness. **A few signed copies on hand.**

**RIMINGTON, STELLA carlyle** DEAD LINE (#4) (\$45.00 hardcover, \$21.00 trade paperback) The fourth novel featuring MI5 operative Liz Carlyle. A Middle East peace conference is taking place in Gleneagles, Scotland, and a highly placed source inside Syrian Intelligence claims that two individuals are planning to devastate the conference. The Syrians are intent on stopping these two with no concern for collateral damage. With the future of the whole Middle East at stake, Liz must find her way through lies and misinformation to prevent a catastrophe.

**RIORDAN, RICK percy** LAST OLYMPIANS (#5) (\$22.99) (Hyperion) Scheduled as the final book in the Olympians series, Percy Jackson and an army of young demigods try to stop the Lord of Time, who has started his advance on New York City. Magical and fast paced, these young kids, half mortal and half gods, fight to save the world. A great series for the young and the young at heart. The Lightning Thief, Sea of Monsters, The Titan's Curse and The Battle of the Labyrinth are the first four.

**ROCHA, LUIS** HOLY BULLET (\$32.50) (Putnam) An international journalist, a war-weary Portuguese veteran, a Muslim with visions of the Virgin Mary, a rogue priest, and members of the world's most powerful and secretive organizations come together after the suspicious death of Pope John Paul I.

**ROSENFELT, DAVID carpenter** NEW TRICKS (#7) (\$27.99) (Grand Central) Attorney Andy Carpenter is about to represent a Bernese Mountain dog puppy, whose owner was brutally murdered, in a custody fight. But his playful new pal possesses a secret that a number of people are willing to resort to violence to obtain.

**RUSSELL, CRAIG fabel** VALKYRIE SONG (#5) (\$57) Special orders only.

**RUTHERFORD, ALEX moghul** RAIDERS FROM THE NORTH (#1) (\$34.95 hardcover, \$24.95 trade paperback) This is the first novel in a series telling the story of the Moghul Emperors, chronicling the rise and fall of one of the most powerful, opulent and glittering dynasties in history. It is 1494 when the ruler of Ferghana dies in an extraordinary accident. His only son, twelve-year-old Babur, faces a seemingly impossible challenge.

**SAKEY, MARCUS** AMATEURS (\$32.50) (Dutton) Four friends, who had grand plans for their lives, are finding out that they are not turning out to be who or where they hoped. In a time when CEOs steal millions while their employees watch their savings dwindle, these four are tired of the honest approach. They've decided to stop waiting and start taking. But a supposedly victimless crime has turned into a bloody nightmare. People have been killed. Ruthless men pursue them. As their world unravels, each will have to choose between their life and the lives of others.

**SANGALLI, ARTURO** PYTHAGORAS' REVENGE: A MATHEMATICAL MYSTERY (\$33.95) (Princeton) A slim novel of 170 pages and five Appendices. Jule Davidson, a young American mathematician, answers difficult math riddles on the internet and stumbles upon a neo-Pythagorean sect searching for the promised reincarnation of Pythagoras. Across the ocean, Elmer Galway, a professor of classical history at Oxford, discovers an Arabic manuscript hinting of the existence of an ancient scroll, possibly left by Pythagoras himself. Their two paths collide as each has information the other needs.

**SILVA, DANIEL allon** DEFECTOR (#9) (\$33.50) (Putnam) Six months after the dramatic conclusion of Moscow Rules (\$12.50), Gabriel Allon, art restorer and assassin, has returned to the hills of Umbria to resume his honeymoon and restore a seventeenth century altarpiece for the Vatican. But his idyllic world is once again thrown into turmoil with the news from London that the former Russian Intelligence officer Grigori Bulganov, who saved Gabriel's life in Moscow, has vanished without a trace. British intelligence is sure he was a double agent all along, but Gabriel knows better.

**SLAUGHTER, KARIN** UNDONE (\$30) (Delacorte) The characters from two of her earlier novels, Faithless and Fractured (\$9.99 each), come together to hunt for a killer that is torturing women in the backwoods of suburban Atlanta.

**STARR, JASON** PANIC ATTACK (\$31.99) (Minotaur) Dr. Adam Bloom is woken one night by his twenty-two-year-old daughter, Marissa, when she tells him "Someone's downstairs". He uses his gun to kill one of the intruders but the other escapes. From that moment on, the lives of the Bloom family will never be the same. Adam's marriage begins to fall apart and he doesn't feel safe in the house anymore. When Marissa falls in love with a young talented artist named Xan, Adam feels that something is not right with Xan, but his daughter ignores his warnings. When suspicious things start happening to the Blooms all over again, Adam realizes that his first instinct about Xan was probably dead-on.

**STOCK, JON legoland trilogy** DEAD SPY RUNNING (#1) (\$29.95 hardcover, \$22.95 trade paperback) (Blue Door) Daniel Marchant, a suspended MI6 officer is running the London Marathon when he sees a competitor strapped with explosives. If he drops his pace, everyone around him will be killed, including the US ambassador to London. Marchant tries to thwart the attack, but is he secretly working for the terrorists? This is a classic MI5, MI6 and the CIA spy story. See *Marian's Picks*.

**THOMAS, STEVEN M rivers** CRIMINAL KARMA (#2) (\$28.95) Charismatic small-time crook, Robert Rivers, has dreams of making the big score and the brains to pull it off, if only his partner, Reggie, wouldn't keep getting in his way. He's on the trail of a diamond necklace worth a small fortune. The necklace belongs to beautiful Southern California socialite Evelyn Evermore, but Rivers has a foolproof plan to remedy that. Unfortunately, the plan is not Reggie-proof, and when the dust settles, the necklace is gone and the cops are in hot pursuit. The first in the series is Criminal Paradise (\$8.99).

**TODD, CHARLES** DUTY TO THE DEAD (\$32.99 hardcover, \$22.99 trade paperback) (Morrow) Introducing Bess Crawford, a World War I nursing corps volunteer. Bess promises to deliver the message of a dying soldier, Lieutenant Arthur Graham, to his brother, but it's some time before she can fulfill that promise. When the hospital ship Britannic that Bess is working on sinks, and Bess is wounded, she returns home to England to recuperate. When Bess arrives at the Graham house in Kent and delivers the message, she is surprised at the indifference the family shows. See *Marian's Picks*.

**TREMAYNE, PETER** DOVE OF DEATH (#18) (\$34.95) (Headline) Sister Fidelma and her companion, Brother Eadulf, survive the attack of a pirate ship during the summer of 670AD. Her cousin, Bressal, and the captain of the ship, Murchad, were both murdered after they had surrendered. Fidelma is determined to bring the killers to justice, but her only clue is that the attacking vessel was carrying on its sails the symbol of a dove.

**[VARIOUS]GEORGE, ELIZABETH ed** TWO OF THE DEADLIEST (\$33.99) (Harper) A collection of twenty-three short stories from Nancy Pickard, Marcia Muller, Dana Stabenow, Elizabeth George among others.

**WADDELL, DAN** BLOOD ATONEMENT (#2) (\$32.00 US hardcover, \$16 UK trade paperback) (Minotaur/Penguin) Detective Chief Inspector Grant Foster is called to a homicide at the home of a single

mom in Queens Park, London. With nothing in the present to indicate a motive, Foster decides to delve into the dead woman's past, only to find she doesn't have one. He calls on genealogist Nigel Barnes to see if he can find out who she is and where she came from. Sequel to the superb Blood Detective (\$16). See *Marian's Picks*.

**WALL, KATHRYN R** SANCTUARY HILL (#7) (\$26.95) (St. Martin's) Sometime private eye, Bay Turner unleashes more than she bargained for when she opens a cooler that was bobbing along on the incoming tide. What she discovers inside will plunge her into a world of ancient magic where the power of the "root" has held sway since the days of the slave row.

**WHITE, STEPHEN** SIEGE (\$32.50) (Dutton) The sons of both the secretary to the army and newest Supreme Court justice have gone missing. Kidnapping? Terrorism? The high-profile disappearance draws the attention of the CIA and the FBI vaunted Hostage Rescue Team. Suspended Boulder police detective Sam Purdy soon finds himself in New Haven where an unknown enemy starts releasing hostages, one-by-one, out of a building's front door on the Yale campus, to die.

**WHYTE, JACK templar** ORDER IN CHAOS (#3) (\$38) (Viking, Canada) This is the third novel in the trilogy about the rise and fall of the powerful and mysterious Templars. The first two are Knights of the Black and White and Standard of Honor (\$13.50 each).

**WILSON, LAURA stratton** EMPTY DEATH (#2) (\$34.95 hardcover, \$24.95 trade paperback) (Orion) Called on to investigate when a doctor is found dead in suspicious circumstances near Fitzrovia's Middlesex Hospital, DI Ted Stratton soon realizes that someone involved is not who they appear to be. Someone has discarded their own identity and can move and kill freely. Sequel to the hard-to-get, Stratton's War (\$14.95). More are on order and they will get here. Promise.

## Paperbacks

**ABDOH, SALAR** POET GAME (\$20) Written in 1999, this tale of Islamic fundamentalists planning an attack on the World Trade Center certainly got a lot of press after 9/11. Here it is available once again.

**AKUNIN, BORIS pelagia** SISTER PELAGIA AND THE RED COCKEREL (#3) (\$17.50) The third and last, I think, Sister Pelagia mystery has her going to Palestine to solve the attack on the person of Manuila, the messianic leader of a rogue Jewish sect.

**ALBERT, SUSAN W beatrix** TALE OF BRIAR BANK (#5) (\$9.99) When Mr. Wickstead is found dead under a tree limb in Near Sawrey, the villagers are certain his death had to do with the treasure he dug up last spring. But why was he in the woods on such a frigid night? Pickles, his fox terrier, knows what happened, although Bailey Badger, the animals at the Brockery, and the local dragon know important bits too. Beatrix Potter needs the help of the villagers and her animal friends to make head or tails of it all. The other Cottage Tales are The Tale of: Hill Top Farm, Holly How, Cuckoo Brow Wood (\$9.99 each) and Hawthorn House (\$7.50).

**AMES, DELANO** MURDER BEGINS AT HOME (#2) and She Shall Have Murder (#1) (\$20. ea.) The first two adventures of the British detecting couple Dagobert Brown and Jane Hamish. A delightful series that those clever people at Rue Morgue has been smart enough to ferret out and start reprinting for a whole new audience.

**ANDERSON, LIN** FINAL CUT (#6) (\$24.95 trade paperback, \$34.95 hardcover) See the Hardcover section for an annotation.)

**ARTHUR, KERI** DANCING WITH THE DEVIL (#1) (\$10.95) A Special order.

**ATKINSON, KATE** WHEN WILL THERE BE GOOD NEWS (#3) (\$21) Just terrific. If you have somehow missed this exceptional series of novels start with Case Histories (\$19.954 trade paperback, \$10.99 mass market paperback). You will not soon read better.

**ATWELL, SARAH dowell** SNAKE IN THE GLASS (#3) (\$8.50) Glassblower Emmeline Dowell has made a home for herself among the artists of Tucson's Warehouse District. Between teaching her craft and selling her wares, she has plenty to do-not to mention the occasional murder that shatters her routine...

**BAGLEY, DESMOND** FLYAWAY and WINDFALL, GOLDEN KEEL and VIVERO LETTER, RUNNING BLIND and FREEDOM TRAP, and TIGHTROPE MEN and ENEMY (\$10.99 ea.) Reissues, packaged two novels in one binding, and at a very reasonable price. More to come.

**BAIN, WILLIAM** MELROSE SECRET (\$25) A Special order.

**BAKER, SAM** THIS YEARS MODEL (#2) (\$12.99) When hard-hitting investigative journalist Annie Anderson became a fashion editor, her friends were perplexed. Her investigative skills come in very handy, however, when an up-and-comer designer was shot dead right in front of her. It looked like a robbery gone wrong...all that was in the first novel, Fashion Victim (\$12.99). In her second adventure, Lou McCartney, fashion reporter on The Post, asks for Annie's help to track down her missing sister. Scarlet was a promising model whose career stalled and she ends up in Japan, working on the dark and dangerous fringes of the business. Now she has gone missing.

**BALDACCI, DAVID camel clu** DIVINE JUSTICE (#4) (\$12.99) Sequel to Camel Club (\$9.50), Collectors (\$11.99), and Stone Cold (\$11.99).

**BARCLAY, LINWOOD** TOO CLOSE TO HOME (\$10.99) The family next door is shot to death for no apparent reason, and Jim and Ellen Cutter worry if they, and their son Derek, will be next. One of *Marian's Picks* a year ago.

**BARNARD, ROBERT** DYING FLAMES (\$25) A trip back home for well-known author Graham Broadbent brings back the shocking reality of a desperate youthful passion.

**BARNES, ERIC** SHIMMER (\$24.95) In just three years, CEO Robbie Case has grown his data tech company to a \$20 billion company, with 5,000 employees. Their success is based on a technology that no one else can come close to duplicating. Except, it's all a lie. The technology doesn't work. The company's finances are built on a Ponzi scheme of stock sales and shell corporations. And the end is near. Can he fix it?

**BARNES, LINDA carlyle** LIE DOWN WITH THE DEVIL (#12) (\$9.99) Boston P.I. Carlotta Carlyle wants to know what her on-again, off-again boyfriend Sam Gianelli did to earn himself a secret indictment for murder that's keeping him out of the country. Then she takes a case for a nervous bride-to-be who wants to make sure her fiancé is being faithful. Simple enough, but when her client ends up dead, Carlotta catches the wrong kind of break.

**BEATON, M C agatha** SPOONFUL OF POISON (#19) (\$8.99) Agatha Raisin's detective agency is so successful that she has decided to close it on weekends. With all this extra time on her hands, the vicar persuades her to help publicize the church fete. Agatha brings out record crowds but there is more going on than village fun. Some of the jam in the jam-tasting booth is poisoned and the festive family event becomes the scene of two murders.

**BEATON, M C agatha** WALKERS OF DEMBLEY (#4) (\$8.99) An early Agatha Raisin novel, now reissued.

**BENTLEY, E C** TRENT'S LAST CASE (\$15) A classic of the field. Not only is it one of the earliest detective novels published, in 1913, it is also one of the first parodies of the genres. Not only does Trent fall in love with one of the primary suspects, he gets just about everything wrong.

**BIGGERS, EARL DERR chan** HOUSE WITHOUT A KEY (#1),

**CHINESE PARROT (#2), BEHIND THAT CURTAIN (#3), and BLACK CAMEL (#4)** (\$20 ea.) Reissues of the famous Charlie Chan novels, first published in the mid- to late-20s.

**BILLINGHAM, MARK** IN THE DARK (#1) (\$10.99) On a rainy night in London, shots are fired into a car which swerves on to the pavement and ploughs into a bus stop. It seems that an act of casual gang violence has cost an innocent victim their life. But the reality is even more chilling. This is a standalone thriller as only **Mark Billingham** can write.

**BLACK, HOLLY** TITHE: A MODERN FAERIE TALE (\$11.99) and **VALIANT: A MODERN TALE OF FAERIE** (\$10.50) Special orders.

**BLAIR, ANNETTE** **fashion** LARCENY AND LACE (#2) (\$9.99) Sequel to Veiled Deception (#1) (\$7.50). The adventures of vintage clothing shop owner Maddie Cutler. Given that her shop is in what was the town morgue...

**BLUNDY, ANNA** VODKA NEAT (#3) (\$20) The UK title was Neat Vodka. War correspondent Faith Zanetti is the new Moscow correspondent for a leading newspaper but the minute she steps off the plane she is arrested in connection with the murders, fifteen years before, of a couple who lived in a neighbouring apartment. The only way she can prove her innocence is to find the charming Russian black marketer she married as a nineteen year old. Lots of vodka. (Marian says she and Cottage Lady are still testing different brands of Vodka in their martinis). The other two in the series were Bad News Bible and Faith Without Doubt, now both out of print.

**BLUNT, GILES** NO SUCH CREATURE (\$21) Old Max is a master thief and he takes his nephew, Owen, with him on a trip through the American southwest, as a sort of apprenticeship in a life of crime. Pulling heists is scary, though satisfying, and they only rob rich Republicans. But ominous signs soon point to the alarming fact that The Subtractors are on their tail, criminals who stop at nothing to steal from other thieves.

**BOLTON, S. J.** AWAKENING (\$24.95) Veterinary surgeon Clara Benning is young and intelligent, but practically a recluse. Disfigured by a childhood accident, she lives alone and shies away from human contact whenever possible. But when a man dies following a supposed snake bite, Clara learns that the victim's post mortem shows a higher concentration of venom than could ever be found in a single snake. She starts to investigate and unravels links to a barbaric ancient ritual, and a fifty-year-old tragedy. Her own safety is threatened. The author's first novel, Sacrifice (\$11.99), was inspired by the author's fascination with British traditional folklore.

**BOTHAM, NOEL** WORLD'S GREATEST BOOK OF USELESS INFORMATION (\$16) Of course you need one. No modern bathroom should be without one.

**BRANDRETH, GYLES** **wilde** DEAD MAN'S SMILE (#3) (\$18.99) Playwright and raconteur Oscar Wilde embarks on another adventure as he sets sail for America in the 1880s on a lecture tour. But the adventure doesn't truly begin until Oscar boards an ocean liner headed to France and joins a motley crew lead by French impresario Edmond La Grange. All is not as it seems. What begins with a curious death at sea soon escalates to a series of increasingly macabre tragedies once the troupe arrives in Paris to perform *Hamlet*.

**BRETT, SIMON** **paris** RECONSTRUCTED CORPSE (#15) & SICKEN AND SO DIE (#16) (\$45) Two Charles Paris novels, #s 15 and 16, in one binding.

**BRETT, SIMON** **paris** SERIES OF MURDERS (#13) & CORPORATE BODIES (#14) (\$36) Two Charles Paris novels, #s 13 and 14, in one binding.

**BROWN, SANDRA** CRUSH (\$9.50) When Dr. Rennie Newton is summoned to jury duty she brings to the courtroom the same level of competence that she displays in the operating room. But she delivers a not guilty verdict in a murder case against notorious contract kil-

ler Ricky Lozada, and lives to regret it. He wants to possess her and insinuates himself into every aspect of her life. She teams up with Wick Threadgill, a detective on indefinite leave from the Forth Worth PD, who is determined to destroy Lozada.

**BROWN, SANDRA** SMOKE SCREEN (\$12.99) When news-woman Britt Shelley wakes up to find herself in bed with Jay Burgess, a rising star detective in the Charleston PD, she remembers nothing of how she got there or how Jay ended up dead. Jay was the hero of a disastrous fire five years ago that destroyed the Charleston police headquarters and left seven people dead. But that event also ruined the career of firefighter Raley Gannon, a lifelong friend of Jay, who was scandalized and wronged by the people he trusted most. Now, as suspicion against Britt mounts, Raley realizes that Britt may be his only chance to get personal vindication and justice for the seven victims of the police station fire.

**BUCHANAN, EDNA** **new series** LEGALLY DEAD (#1) (\$19.99) U.S. Marshal Michael Venturi of the Witness Protection Program relocates a mobster, now a government witness, to a small rural town after creating a new identity for him. The man proves to be a monster unleashed on an unsuspecting community and the results are tragic. To make amends, Venturi leaves the Marshall Service and assembles a team of close confidants to secretly create new identities for innocent men and women whose lives have been ruined through no fault of their own. To proceed with all of this all these people must be declared "legally dead". But some of them are becoming really dead.

**BUEHLER, LUISA** ROSARY BRIDE (#1) A CLOISTERED DEATH (\$16) and LIGHTHOUSE KEEPER (#5) A BECKONING DEATH (\$18) Two of the six titles in the Grace Marsden series. Special orders, but all six are available and can easily be ordered. Her series follows "the 'cold case' of bygone crimes using a blend of charming savvy, romance, a touch of the supernatural and of course, murder." According to the author.

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

**CAIN, CHELSEA** SWEETHEART (#2) (\$9.99) When the body of a young woman is found in Portland's Forest Park, Det. Archie Sheridan is reminded of the last time the police found a body there. It was the Beauty Killer's first victim, and Archie's first case. But this can't be the work of the Beauty Killer because she's in prison (Heartsick, \$9.99). Archie has trouble focusing on the new case when he gets news that the Beauty Killer has escaped.

**CAINE, RACHEL** **weather** CAPE STORM (#8) (\$9.99)

**CAMERON, LINDY** **kit** THICKER THAN WATER (#3) (\$17) In Kit O'Malley's favourite bar, owned by her friend Angie, a bloodless corpse is found. Kit is on the scene and determined to do what she can. But Detective-Sergeant Parker is in charge, which does nothing to reassure Kit that the real killer will be found. Sequel to Blood Guilt and Bleeding Hearts (\$17 each).

**CASEY, ELIZABETH** **tori** SEW DEADLY (#1) (\$8.50) If you like a Southern setting for your mystery, throw in some sewing, then this is for you.

**CASTILLO, LINDA** WHISPER IN THE DARK (\$10.99) A special order.

**CHARLES, KATE** **anson** SECRET SINS (#2) (\$14.95) Curate Callie Anson faces professional challenges when a new parishioner worries about her granddaughter, Alex, who spends too much time on the internet. Meanwhile, Detective Inspector Neville Stewart is investigating the disappearance of Trevor Norton who went jogging along the Paddington canal and did not return. Trevor and his wife Rachel were expecting the birth of their first baby within days. Then Alex goes missing.

**CHERCOVER, SEAN** **dudgeon** TRIGGER CITY (#2) (\$10.99) What begins as a routine investigation for PI Ray Dudgeon escalates

out of control as he finds himself facing assassins and covert intelligence agencies while investigating the death of a woman. He should have known it was too good to be true when retired Army Colonel Isaac Richmond paid him \$50,000 to help him put closure to the murder of his daughter. Action, heartbreak, murder, you name it, and it's here. This man can write. Marian said "It was unputdownable. Fast and furious. This is the kind of book I like. If you're in the mood for a fast moving private eye novel then this is it. And, if you haven't read his first book, Big City Bad Blood (\$8.99), start with that. It is also excellent".

**CHILD, LEE reacher act** ENEMY (#8) (\$11.99) A new edition. First published in 2004.

**CHILD, LEE reacher act** BAD LUCK AND TROUBLE (#11) (\$11.99) A new edition.

**CHRISTIE, AGATHA marple** 4:50 FROM PADDINGTON (\$9.99) A re-issue.

**CLARE, CASSANDRA** CITY OF ASHES (#2) (\$11.50) Clay Fray just wishes her world would get back to normal. But what is normal when you are a demon-slaying Shadowhunter, your mother is in a magically induced coma and you can suddenly see werewolves, vampires and faeries? Sequel to City of Bones (\$11.50). Written for Young Adults, but older adults who love a paranormal mystery will also enjoy this.

**CLEAVE, CHRIS** LITTLE BEE (\$21.95) A special order. By the author of Incendiary (\$33, trade paperback, the true first edition.)

**CLEEVES, ANN shetland quartet** WHITE NIGHTS (#2) (\$9.99) When Shetland detective Jimmy Perez finds a body in a fisherman's hut, it seems to be a straightforward case of suicide. He recognizes the victim, a stranger with amnesia who had disrupted a local party the night before his death. This is no desperate case of anguish, but the work of a cold and calculating killer. Sequel to Raven Black (\$9.99).

**CLEVERLY, BARBARA sandila** FOLLY DU JOUR (#7) (\$16.50) Paris 1927. Joe Sandilands is in Paris attending an Interpol conference but ends up trying to sort out a friend's problems with the local police. It seems that Sir George Jardine, has stabbed someone at a performance of the Folies Bergere.

**COEL, MARGARET mcLeod** BLOOD MEMORY (#1) (\$9.99) Catherine McLeod is an investigative reporter for one of Denver's major newspapers. Her recent coverage of the Arapaho and Cheyenne tribes filing to reclaim twenty-seven million acres of their ancestral lands has made her a target for assassination. After narrowly escaping an assailant's bullet in her own home, Catherine is convinced by her ex-husband to stay at his family's ranch in the mountains outside Denver until the gunman is caught. She continues to follow the land claim story only to uncover an unsettling conspiracy. A new series.

**COFFEY, JAN** BLIND EYE (\$8.99) Counting down to a Chernobyl-scale disaster, the clock starts now... Scientist Marion Kagan is the sole survivor after gunmen attack the facility where her team was working on a top secret project. Wounded and trapped in a collapsed building, Marion must stop radioactive test samples from leaking out and killing millions.

**CONNELLY, MICHAEL haller** BRASS VERDICT (#2) (\$12.99) Defense attorney Mickey Haller is back (The Lincoln Lawyer \$10.99) in this brilliant story which also has an appearance by Harry Bosch. When a former colleague is murdered, Haller inherits the biggest case he's ever had: defending a prominent Hollywood producer of murdering his wife and her lover. Obviously Bosch and Haller don't see the law in quite the same way but it becomes clear that the best way to solve the murders is to work together. Brilliant and more brilliant, yet again. One of *Cottage Lady's Picks* a year or so ago.

**CONNOR, BEVERLY** DUST TO DUST (#7) (\$9.99) FBI agent turned PI Ross Kinglsey comes to Diane Fallon, Forensic Investiga-

tor, for help after his client's family suffers a double tragedy. Nine years ago the client's son went to prison for rape and murder. Now his daughter is dead under suspicious circumstances, and the client believes that she was killed uncovering evidence of her brother's innocence.

**COONTS, STEPHEN** ASSASSIN (\$11.99) Ruthless al Qaeda leader Abu Qasim has escaped from the grasp of the Americans and is plotting his next move.

**CORNWELL, PATRICIA** SCARPETTA (#16) (\$12.50) Leaving behind her private forensic pathology practice in Charleston, South Carolina, Kay Scarpetta is asked by the NYPD to examine an injured patient in Bellevue Hospital's psychiatric prison ward. The handcuffed and chained patient, Oscar Bane, says his injuries were sustained in the course of a murder that he did not commit. Is Bane a criminally insane stalker who has fixated on Scarpetta?

**COTTERILL, COLIN** CURSE OF THE POGO STICK (#5) (\$19.95) Laos, 1977. Dr. Siri Paiboun, the spry seventy-three-year-old reluctant national coroner of Laos, is forced to go on a road trip with Judge Haeng and the Justice Department to a Communist party meeting in the north. On the way back, they are ambushed and Dr. Siri is kidnapped by Hmong insurgents. His only route to freedom is to exorcise the village of its demon, a task he has no idea how to accomplish. The others in the series are The Coroner's Lunch (\$15), Thirty-Three Teeth, Disco for the Departed and Anarchy and Old Dogs (\$17.95 each). An excellent series.

**COULTER, CATHERINE** DOUBLE TAKE (\$8.99) A special order.

**CRAWFORD, ISIS** CATERED HALLOWEEN (#5) (\$8.49) Bernadette and Libby Simmons, who run A little Taste of Heaven catering business, are hired to cater a fundraiser at the old Peabody School. The gothic building, complete with towers and turrets, is the perfect setting for a haunted house fundraiser. It's also the perfect setting for murder.

**CROSBY, ELLEN wine countr** BORDEAUX BETRAYAL (#3) (\$8.99) . In this third novel, sequel to The Merlot Murders (\$8.99) and The Chardonnay Charade (\$7.99), a bottle of wine that Thomas Jefferson is thought to have bought for George Washington, is being auctioned off for charity and it's drawing lots of interest. Throw in a murder, an ex-lover and controversial fox hunting and you have a mix of ingredients that is sure to please, (well, maybe not the fox hunting part for some of us, but no fox gets hurt in the book so that's okay). See *Marian's Picks*.

**CUTLER, JUDITH harman** STILL WATERS (#3) (\$10.95) The water where Detective Chief Inspector Fran Harman lives has been tainted by something in the local reservoir. Then, a dramatic discovery leads her case to becoming a full-blown murder investigation. Sequel to Life Sentence (\$12.95) and Cold Pursuit (\$10.95).

**DAHL, K O** LAST FIX (#3) (\$10.99) Katrine's past as a prostitute makes her easy prey to a series of men. So when her corpse is discovered on the shores of a lake, Oslo Detectives Frank Frolich and Gunnarstranda, have lots of suspects to consider.

**DEAVER, JEFFERY** BODIES LEFT BEHIND (\$12.99) An epic cat-and-mouse chase, told nearly in real-time, and filled with Deaver's patented twists and turns.

**DEXTER, COLIN** LAST BUS TO WOODSTOCK (#1) ... RE-MORSEFUL DAY (#13) (\$16.99 each). One of the best series of English police procedurals ever, now available in trade paperback. Should you be one of the lucky ones who has never come across Insp. Morse, count your blessings and start reading.

**DILLON, EILIS** DEATH AT CRANE'S COURT (\$20) George Arrow, a bachelor of independent means who, when diagnosed with a weak heart, is urged to live out his days at Crane's Court, a comfortable hotel on the Bay of Galway, Ireland. On the train he chances to meet the hotel's new owner, John Burden, who has just inherited the

property and announces his intentions to shake things up a bit. Turns out Burden shakes things up too much and is murdered. Inspector Mike Kenny soon finds himself with a hotel full of suspects. Originally published in 1953 the good folks at the Rue Morgue Press tell us that this is quite a witty and charming mystery.

**DOHERTY, PAUL corbett** NIGHTSHADE (#16) (\$10.99) January, 1304 and Hugh Corbett is sent to Mistleham in Essex, to retrieve a priceless ornate cross stolen from the Templars by Scrope, an unscrupulous manor lord. Scrope has also massacred as heretics fourteen members of a religious order whose bodies now lie in the nearby woods.

**DONACHIE, DAVID pearce** (#4) (\$10.95) September, 1793. Firebrand John Pearce has come a long way since he and his three friends were press-ganged into King George's Navy. Pearce is entrusted with escorting five thousand radical French sailors to a port on the Atlantic coast where they are to be set free. But when their assignment goes awry, it is up to Pearce and his fellow Pelicans to prevent judicial murder.

**DOS SANTOS, JOSE RODRIGUES** CODEX 632 (\$18.99) Who was Christopher Columbus, exactly? And why has his true identity been covered up for centuries? Thomas Noronha, expert cryptographer and professor of history is drawn into one of the greatest mysteries of all time, a shocking revelation that will alter everything we've always believed about one of the world's most celebrated adventurers.

**DOWD, SIOBHAN** LONDON EYE MYSTERY (\$8.50) Young adult novel. When their cousin Salim disappears from a sealed pod on the London Eye, Ted and Kat overcome their sibling rivalries to become sleuthing partners.

**[DOYLE]ASHLEY, MIKE ED** MAMMOTH BOOK OF NEW SHERLOCK HOLMES STORIES (\$19)

**[DOYLE]ASHLEY, MIKE ED** MAMMOTH BOOK OF NEW SHERLOCK HOLMES STORIES (\$19) First published in 1997, this revised and updated edition published in 2009. Twenty-six "newly discovered" cases are presented in the precise order in which Holmes solved them. Stories by **L B Greenwood, Hoch, Keating, Tremayne** among others.

**DUNANT, SARAH** IN THE COMPANY OF THE COURTESAN (\$18) Escaping the sack of Rome in 1527 with their stomachs churning on the jewels they have swallowed, the courtesan Fiammetta and her companion dwarf Bucino head for Venice. As their fortunes rise, this perfect partnership comes under threat from the passions of a lover who wants more than his allotted nights to the attentions of an admiring Turk in search of human novelties for his sultan's court.

**DUNNETT, KAITLYN** SCONE COLD DEAD (#2) (\$8.49) A knee injury forced Scottish dancer Liss MacCrimmon to give up her professional dancing career and move back to her hometown of Moosetookalook, Maine. She has been able to keep busy by offering dance lessons to a few local children and running the Scottish Emporium with her aunt. When her former dance company goes on tour she is instrumental in bringing them to her hometown. But the company's manager dies at the opening reception and Liss has her hands full. The first in the series, Kilt Dead (\$8.49), was a Cottage Lady's Pick a year or so ago.

**EGELAND, TOM** GUARDIANS OF THE COVENANT (\$24.95) When a young archaeologist finds ancient Viking parchments containing runes and riddles, his mundane life is changed for good. These codes lead him on a quest for clues in mysterious places, from Egyptian tombs to antiquarian bookshops.

**ELKINS, AARON oliver** UNEASY RELATIONS (#15) (\$9.99) Buried ceremoniously in a cave, the skeleton of a human woman lies clutching to her breast the skeleton of a part-Neanderthal child. Like much of the world, Professor Oliver finds Gibraltar Woman and Gibraltar Boy fascinating and jumps at the chance to attend a confer-

ence celebrating the anniversary of the discovery. But not everyone is in a festive mood as death stalks the excavation site.

**ELLORY, ROGER JON** SIMPLE ACT OF VIOLENCE (\$10.99) There have been four victims. As Det. Robert Miller investigates he discovers that the victims do not officially exist; there are no records of them.

**ELROD, P N** vampire files DARK ROAD RISING (#12) (\$18.50) Vampire PI Jack Fleming's wounded partner is on the critical list, his starstruck girlfriend is tempted by the siren song of Hollywood, and he's got his hands full running the Nightcrawler Club. The last thing he needs is to play babysitter to Gabriel "Whitey" Krown, a dangerously unstable mobster—and newly created vampire—with deadly secrets to hide.

**ESLER, GAVIN** POWER PLAY (\$22.95 trade paperback, \$34.95 hardcover by special order only)

**FALCONER, DUNCAN** MERCENARY (\$22 trade paperback, \$35 hardcover) As a favour to a CIA officer, maverick elite operative Stratton agrees to carry out a routine task in Central America. Burned out after months away from home, he parachutes into the jungle for the op – and encounters a group of rebels planning to bring down the region's legendary feared and hated leader, Neravista.

**FINCH, CHARLES lenox** SEPTEMBER SOCIETY (#2) (\$17.99) Early one fall day in 1866, a widow visits detective Charles Lenox telling him her son, George, has disappeared. When Lenox visits George's room at Oxford, he discovers a series of bizarre clues, including a dead cat, (yuk), and a card cryptically referring to the September Society. The first in the series is A Beautiful Blue Death (\$15.50), which was named one of the Library Journal's Best Books of 2007. Marian says: "I read The September Society first to see if it made a difference by not having read Beautiful Blue Death first. It didn't. I loved it and have taken the first to read. For those of you who love historical mysteries then don't miss out on this writer."

**[FLEMING, IAN] KINDERSLEY, DORLING** BOND ON SET: FILMING QUANTUM OF SOLACE (\$22) A special order, but you can have one as well. Just ask.

**FLETCHER & BAIN** MURDER SHE WROTE: SLAYING IN SAVANNAH (\$8.50) Jessica is surprised to learn that her old friend, Tillie Mortelaine, has bequeathed her one million dollars—as long as she solves a decades-old mystery.

**FOSSUM, KARIN** BROKEN (\$12.99) A woman wakes one night to a strange man in her bedroom. She lies there in terrified silence unable to move. The woman is an author and the man one of her prospective characters. So desperate is he to have his story told that he has resorted to breaking into her house to make her tell it. Interspersed with the story she tells are his encounters with its author.

**FOSSUM, KARIN** WATER'S EDGE (\$24.95) The body of a child is found in the trees near the water's edge and the man seen nearby has disappeared. A once peaceful community is deeply shaken, and the children lose the sense of complete freedom they had enjoyed. Then a second boy goes missing. Insp. Sejer investigates.

**FOWLER, CHRISTOPHER bryan** FULL DARK HOUSE (#1) and WATER ROOM (#2) (\$15.00 each) Reissues in trade paperback.

**FREY, STEPHEN** FORCED OUT (\$9.99) Sarasota, Florida: Forced to retire as a scout for the New York Yankees, Jack Barrett spots a natural talent in Mickey Clement, a young player in the local minor league. But Mickey's amazing talent is overshadowed by his bad attitude and solitary habits. In Queens, New York, Johnny Bondano is the premier hit man for the Lucchesi crime family. Ruthless and cold blooded but with a strict moral code, Johnny is given instructions to find and kill a man who took the life of a crime boss's only grandson. He suspects the family isn't telling him everything about his assignment, but to question his orders is suicide.

**FYFIELD, FRANCES** BLOOD FROM STONE (\$16) Why would a stylish and highly successful criminal barrister commit sui-

cide by jumping out of a sixth-floor hotel window? She was successful, rich, and seemingly had everything to live for. And why was she wearing an exquisitely expensive silk dress when she jumped?

**GABALDON, DIANA lord john** LORD JOHN (#1) PRIVATE MATTER (\$10.99) Major Lord John Grey, from her *Outlander* novels, is hoping to avoid a scandal that may destroy his family. But his efforts to do so are interrupted by something more urgent: he is appointed by the Crown to investigate the murder of a commander-in-arms who may have been a traitor.

**GALCHEN, RIVKA** ATMOSPHERIC DISTURBANCES (\$19.99) When psychiatrist Leo Liebenstein's wife, Rema, disappears she leaves behind a single, confounding clue: a woman who looks, talks, and behaves exactly like her—and even claims to be her. But Leo is not fooled. He knows something is very wrong. With the help of his psychiatric patient Harvey—who believes he is a secret agent with the power to control the weather—Leo sets off on a quixotic journey to find true love. A *New York Times* Notable Book and a finalist for Governor General's Award, among others.

**GERRITSEN, TESS rizzoli** KEEPSAKE (#7) (\$10.99) For many years the perfectly preserved mummy had lain forgotten in the dusty basement of Boston's Crispin Museum. Now its sudden rediscovery by museum staff is an attention grabbing mystery. Dubbed "Madame X", to all appearances an ancient Egyptian artifact seems a ghoulish godsend for the financially struggling institution. But medical examiner Maura Isles soon discovers a macabre message hidden within the corpse, horrifying proof that this centuries old relic is instead a modern-day murder victim. To Maura and Boston homicide detective Jane Rizzoli, the forensic evidence is unmistakable, its implications terrifying. And when the grisly remains of yet another woman are found in the hidden recesses of the museum, it becomes chillingly clear that a maniac is at large.

**GIBBINS, DAVID** TIGER WARRIOR (\$10.99) Lieutenant John Howard of the Royal Engineers witnesses something in an Indian jungle that is so unspeakable it changes him forever. Years later he vanishes, and his disappearance is never solved. Present day marine biologist Jack Howard, diving off the coast of Egypt, uncovers something buried deep in the sea floor. It's an astonishing find that could hold the key to a discovery of earth-shattering proportions. But Jack doesn't know this yet.

**GIMENEZ, MARK** PERK (\$21) An expensive British import special order.

**GIUTTARI, MICHELE** DEATH OF A MAFIA DON (\$36) Chief Superintendent Ferrara is being targeted for assassination for having imprisoned notorious Mafia boss Salvatore Laprua, but is it the Mafia after him, or someone even the Mafia fears? This is a fabulous series set in Italy. Only available as "Expensive British import." The first two in the series are A Florentine Death and Death in Tuscany (\$24.00 each)

**GLADSTONE, WILLIAM** THE TWELVE (\$19.95) At age fifteen, Max has a near-death experience during which he has a vision that reveals the names of twelve unique individuals. While he cannot discern the significance of the twelve names, he is unable to shake the sense that they have deep meaning. After completing his schooling at Harvard and Yale, eight years pass before Max meets the first of the Twelve. As he strives to uncover the name of all Twelve, he is certain that they are all connected and have an important role to play in the ancient Mayan prophecy about the "end of time", foretold to occur on December 12, 2012.

**GRAF, CHRISTINE** CAFE LIFE PARIS (\$25) Same idea as Café Life Venice (\$25) A description of those little out of the way cafes that we would all love to know about.

**GRAFTON, SUE** F IS FOR FUGITIVE (\$9.99) A new edition.

**GRAFTON, SUE** C IS FOR CORPSE (\$9.99)

**GRAHAM, CAROLINE** MURDER AT MADINGLEY GRANGE

(\$14.95)

**GRANGER, ANN cotswold** MUD MUCK AND DEAD THINGS (#1) (\$24.95) The start of a new series set in the Cotswold featuring Superintendent Ian Grant and Inspector Jess Campbell. With very few leads the two investigate the murder of a dead girl, found in the middle of nowhere.

**GREENWOOD, KERRY** URN BURIAL (\$20) Originally published in 1996, Phryne Fisher is holidaying at Cave House, a Gothic mansion in the heart of Australia's Victorian mountain country. When the parlour maid is strangled, Phryne investigates.

**GREENWOOD, KERRY fisher** QUEEN OF THE FLOWERS (#14) (\$20) The circus is in town for St. Kilda's first Flower Festival, which includes a parade. And, who should be queen of said Flowers but the Honourable Phryne Fisher? She has dresses to purchase, cinemas to visit, and agreeable cocktails to drink. But one of her flower maidens is unstable and has disappeared.

**GREGORY, PHILIPPA** BOLEYN INHERITANCE (\$10.99) Three women, one dangerous prize: Henry VIII and the crown of England. The year is 1539 and Henry must take another wife.

**GREGORY, PHILIPPA** WISE WOMAN (\$17.99)

**GREGORY, SUSANNA bartholo** DEVIL'S DISCIPLES (#14) (\$16) It's been ten years since the Black Death hit Cambridge, but now, in the stifling summer of 1357, a more sinister visitor is at large. He claims that he can save the people of the town if the plague ever comes again and he calls himself the Sorcerer. Physician Matthew Bartholomew needs to unmask this stranger.

**GRIMSDALE, PETER** JUST WATCH ME (\$24.95 trade paperback, \$34.95 hardcover) See the Hardcover section for an annotation.

**GRIMSDALE, PETER** PERFECT NIGHT (\$14.95) A debut novel that **Michael Connelly** calls "The perfect thriller." An explosion and ambitious, young film-maker Nick Roker almost died. His memory if gone, his career wiped out. Years later, a single frame of film, that somehow survived, might help Nick understand what happened that night. Terrific. See *J.D.'s Picks*.

**GRISHAM, JOHN** TIME TO KILL (\$11.99)

**HAIG, BRIAN sean drummond** MAN IN THE MIDDLE (#6) (\$9.50) For newly promoted Army Lieutenant Colonel Sean Drummond, his latest assignment seems simple enough: find out if the demise of an influential defense official was murder or suicide. But the case soon leads Drummond and Bian Tran, the attractive Army Military Police officer investigating the death, into the labyrinthine channels of American intelligence and the war in Iraq.

**HALE, SHANNON** GOOSE GIRL (\$10) A young adult novel that the good folks at The Flying Dragon bookstore said Marian might like.

**HARDIE, TITANIA** ROSE LABYRINTH (\$19.99) A novel that Marian originally picked up because the packaging was exquisite. But she finished reading the story because it was just wonderful. One of *Marian's Picks* a year or so ago.

**HARTLEY, A J** WHAT TIME DEVOURS (\$8.99) A woman who recently claimed to be in possession of a long-lost—and now priceless—literary treasure, Shakespeare's *Love's Labour's Won*, is dead and Thomas Knight is involved. The police aren't interested in old plays, especially one that many scholars don't believe ever existed. But Thomas is convinced that the play is real and out there.

**HARVEY, JOHN resnicactive** CUTTING EDGE (#3) (\$18) While the UK edition seems to be unavailable, we'll stock the US edition...

**HEANEY, WILLIAM** MEMOIRS OF A MASTER FORGER (\$12.95) This is a sophisticated horror-fantasy written by either a first-timer of uncommon ability or an experienced hand using a pseudonym. The narrative is split between a 1980s Derby teacher-training college and present-day London. While a student, narrator Heaney penned a tome about how to summon demons, which was used by a

fellow student with unforeseen consequences: all the girls Heaney had loved met terrible fates. He's lived with the guilt and the haunting presence of demons ever since, and atones for his sins by forging first editions of rare books and donating the proceeds to charity. He's also a charming closet alcoholic, and when he finds himself falling in love against his will he is forced to confront his demons, both literal and metaphoric. The novel is an ultimately uplifting feat of storytelling which grips the reader to the very last page.—*The Guardian*.

**HEWSON, DAVID** DANTE'S NUMBERS (\$9.99) The death mask of the poet Dante is to be exhibited at the premiere of a controversial new film, *Inferno*. But at the grand unveiling this priceless artifact is replaced by a macabre death mask of the film's star. Minutes later the leading actress, Maggie Flavier, is threatened before her attacker is shot. Nic Costa and his team follow the movie to its next showing in San Francisco, hoping to recover the stolen mask.

**HICKMAN, KATIE** AVIARY GATE (\$19.95) The kind of novel that Marian loves: two different time lines, one contemporary and the other historical, this time Constantinople, 1599. This came to Marian's attention because she had been told that if she liked The Tenth Gift (\$19.95) by **Jane Johnson**, she'd like this one. Marina loved Tenth. She has promised to read it and report back.

**HORNSBY, WENDY macgowen** IN THE GUISE OF MERCY (#6) (\$20) It has been over a decade since the previous Maggie MacGowen mystery, Hard Light (op) was published, and, well, welcome back to the two of them. Set in LA.

**HOUSTON, VICTORIA loon** DEAD CREEK (#2) (\$20) Loon Lake, Wisconsin, is the setting for this series of novels of hunting and fishing. First published in 2000, this is a trade paperback reissue. Unfortunately, the series debut, Dead Angler is not in print.

**HUNT, GABRIEL** HUNT AT THE WELL OF ETERNITY and HUNT THROUGH THE CRADLE OF FEAR (\$8.99 each) Indiana Jones clone Gabriel Hunt and his numerous adventures. About as cheesy as the cover art is...macho adventures in far-flung places.

**HUNTER, ERIN** WARRIORS #1 INTO THE WILD (\$8.75) Special order for Marian. Fantasy, complete with warrior cats.

**IGGULDEN, CONN** EMPEROR GATES OF ROME (#1) (\$19) Reissue, in trade paperback.

**JACOBSON, ALAN** 7TH VICTIM (\$9.99) The Dead Eyes killer lurks in the backyard of the FBI's famed Behavioral Analysis Unit. His brutal murders, unlike any others previously encountered, confound the local task force, despite the gifted skills of Special Agent Karen Vail, the first female ever promoted to the profiling unit. But along with her keen insight, she brings considerable personal and professional baggage—both of which threaten to derail their investigation. The 7<sup>th</sup> victim holds the key.

**JAMES, PETER grace** DEAD TOMORROW (#5) (\$19.95 trade paperback, \$29.95 hardcover) See Hardcover section for annotation.

**JAMES, STEVEN bowers** PAWN (\$9.99) Patrick Bowers's special skills make him one of the FBI's top agents. But he may have met his match. Called to the mountains of North Carolina to consult on a gruesome murder, Bowers finds himself caught in a deadly duel with a serial killer who seems to transcend his analytical powers.

**JANCE, J A brady** DESERT HEAT (#1) (\$12.99) A new edition of the first novel in the Joanna Brady, Sheriff of Cochise County, Arizona, series.

**JECKS, MICHAEL** KING OF THIEVES (#25) (\$10.99) In 1325 Sir Baldwin de Furnhill and his friend, Simon Puttock, are sent to France to guard the King's son in his journey to the French King, Charles IV. They are unaware that King Edward's wife Isabella has grown so disaffected that she has begun to plot her revenge. To protect the future of the English crown they must uncover a guilty secret from the beginning of the century.

**JECKS, MICHAEL** NO LAW IN THE LAND (#27) (\$24.95) Keeper of the King's Peace, Sir Baldwin de Furnhill, and his friend,

Bailiff Simon Puttock, inform King Edward II that his estranged wife, Queen Isabella, is set on defying him. Enraged, Eddie dismisses them. Talk about shooting the messenger.

**JOHANSEN, IRIS & ROY** SILENT THUNDER (\$9.99) The US Maritime Museum has just acquired the former pride of the Soviet fleet, the legendary nuclear attack sub *Silent Thunder*, for public exhibition. It's marine architect Hannah Bryson's dream assignment to go over every inch of the decommissioned vessel and make sure it's safe for the thousands of visitors. Then, on a routine check, she discovers a cryptic message behind a panel and the smelly stuff starts to hit the fan.

**JONES, TOBIAS** SALATI CASE (\$23) The heirs want their inheritance and the only thing standing in the way is the status of the son who went missing fourteen years ago. Castagnetti, a PI, is hired by a notary to change the status from 'missing' to 'presumed dead'. But Castagnetti wants the certainty of, say, a corpse. Set in Northern Italy.

**KAPLAN, JANICE** JOB TO KILL FOR (#2) (\$18.99) Sequel to Looks to Die For (#1) (\$16). When Lacy Fields's beautiful young star client Cassie Crawford drops dead after a sip of tea in her newly decorated LA penthouse, the intrepid designer once again finds herself in the midst of murder.

**KAVA, ALEX** EXPOSED (\$8.99) Last seen in A Necessary Evil (\$9.50), FBI special agent Maggie O'Dell pursues a vengeful monster and his sadistic assistant who infect people with the deadly Ebola virus.

**KELLERMAN, FAYE decker** BLINDMAN'S BLUFF (\$22.99 trade paperback, \$33.99 cloth) See the Hardcover section for an annotation.

**KELLERMAN, FAYE decker** MERCEDES COFFIN (#17) (\$10.99) Billionaire genius Genoa Greeves never got over the murder of her favorite teacher, Bennett Little, fifteen years ago. Now, there is another murder with no obvious connection but some similarities.

Genoa offers a substantial financial incentive to the LAPD to finally close the Little case. Lieutenant Peter Decker resents having to commit valuable manpower to a fifteen-year-old case simply because a rich woman says so but he can't dismiss the similarities. A Cottage Lady's Pick a year or so ago.

**KENNER, JULIE** GOOD GHOULS DO (\$8.50) A special order.

**KIRINO, NATSUO** REAL WORLD (\$17.99) From the author of the exceptionally fine novels Out (\$18.95) and Grotesque (\$16.50).

**KORYTA, MICHAEL** ENVY THE NIGHT (\$9.99) Assassins, small town Wisconsin, good guys vs. bad guys. This is a stand alone novel from the author of the Lincoln Perry novels. A Marian's Pick a year or so ago.

**LAMB, JOHN** TREACHEROUS TEDDY (#5) (\$9.99) While Brad pieces together his latest "Claw and Order" bear for a local teddy bear show, Ash—who's now an auxiliary deputy sheriff—finds a local farmer done in by an arrow through his heart.

**LAURIE, VICTORIA psychic** DOOM WITH A VIEW (#7) (\$8.50) Business has been frustratingly slow for Abby. She reluctantly agrees to a job with the FBI, putting her at the centre of an internal political struggle between two agents. Abby's skills and patience are tested, but when she helps them locate three college students who've mysteriously disappeared, they know she's the real deal. Her intuition says these weren't random abductions. With her psychic eye wide open she sets out to find a kidnapper...a series that Marian has just loved.

**LAVENE, JOYCE & JIM** GHASTLY GLASS (#2) (\$9.99) Sequel to Wicked Weaves (\$7.50). Death is stalking Renaissance Village in Myrtle Beach, S.C. Too bad the Grim Reaper is found dead right in the middle of the Village Green. It's up to associate history professor Jessie Morton with Bailiff Chase Manhattan to solve the baffling murder while the Village is haunted by ghosts, ghouls and

the occasional vampire. But never fear, for Jessie will find the lord, lady or serf whodunit.

**LAWRENCE, LUCY** STUCK ON MURDER (\$8.50) It hasn't been easy for Brenna Miller, who teaches a popular decoupage class in the picturesque town of Morse Point, to make friends in a town that doesn't warm up to outsiders. And it doesn't help when the pushy mayor asks her to convince her enigmatic landlord, Nate Williams, to sell his lakefront property to land developers. But just when Brenna thinks the mayor's given up, his body is found stuffed in a trunk at Morse Point Lake. And a witness claims that Nate's truck was at the docks on the night of the murder. Now Brenna needs to help prove Nate's innocence before his fate is signed, sealed and delivered. . .

**LARSSON, STIEG** GIRL WITH THE DRAGON TATTOO (#1) (\$13.50 Penguin, Canada mass market paperback, \$20 Knopf, US trade paperback edition). We are keeping on hand a very small quantity of the US trade paperback edition for those who would prefer the larger size, but be aware that the two editions are not identical. A smashing success, and, fortunately, a great read.

**LAWTON, JOHN** SECOND VIOLIN (\$19) A reissue.

**LECARD, MARC** TINY LITTLE TROUBLES (\$18.99) Aaron Rogell is a brilliant San Francisco scientist who has invented a miraculous technology that may be worth huge amounts of money.

Aaron has a beautiful wife and a brand new baby but spends most of his quality time with an upscale call girl named Aphrodite. When friends of Aphrodite learn of his potential wealth, Aaron's life is not the same again. By the author of Vinnie's Head (\$15.50).

**LEON, DONNA active** SEA OF TROUBLES (#10) (\$17.50) in the less expensive North American edition, which leaves only Willful Behaviour (\$24) that is still only available in the UK edition.

**LEWIS, KEVIN collins** FALLEN ANGELS (#1) (\$10.99) Introducing DI Stacey Collins. A serial killer preying on little boys. Very much like **Martina Cole** or **Mandasue Heller**.

**LILLEY, KATHRYN** MAKEOVERS CAN BE MURDER (#3) (\$8.50) Kate Gallagher, a spunky, slightly chunky TV journalist-turned-sleuth in her third Fat City Mystery. A killer has an appetite for plus-sized victims and Kate, whose biggest challenge to that point is getting into a bikini for an upcoming assignment about weight loss schemes, investigates.

**LINDSAY, JEFF** DARKLY DREAMING DEXTER (#1) (\$9.99) The mass market paperback edition is available again. A terrific read, one of J.D.'s top twenty.

**LITTELL, ROBERT** VISITING PROFESSOR (\$18.50) First published in 1994, and now in paperback, possibly for the first time. By the author of The Defection of A J Lewinter (\$21), a classic of American spy fiction.

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

**LUDLUM, ROBERT** PROMETHEUS DECEPTION (\$11.99) Reissue. First published in 2000.

**LUTZ, JOHN** NIGHT VICTIMS (\$5.99) Originally published as Night Spiders.

**MARSTON, EDWARD rawson** SOLDIER OF FORTUNE (#1) (\$14.95) The dashing Captain Daniel Rawson, spy, linguist, duelist, ladies' man and career soldier, can charm a woman as well as he can parry a sword. Whether it's extracting information from the wife of a French general or leading his soldiers in a Forlorn Hope, Rawson proves himself invaluable to John Churchill, the Duke of Marlborough and the Confederate forces as they head towards the ferocious

battle of Blenheim. The sequel, Drums of War (\$41.95) is due any day.

**MARTIN & CARRANZA** GAUDI KEY (\$17.95) When the death of the Grand Master of an ancient religious brotherhood seems imminent, a decision must be made as to the fate of a sacred object whose existence has been a guarded secret since the early Christian era. The great architect, Antonio Gaudi is chosen to keep the secret and to preserve its secrecy by passing it on to a worthy person of his choosing. In honouring his pledge Gaudi hides the relic in his most precious work, in a place he believes will never be discovered. Almost a century later, Maria the granddaughter of the apprentice to whom Gaudi passed on his secret, is charged with finding the relic. But after the mysterious death of her grandfather, Maria doesn't know what the relic is, where it is located, or what she needs to do with it if she finds it. Translated from Spanish.

**MARTIN, DEIRDRE** HOT TICKET (\$9.99) A Special order.

**MARTINEZ, GUILLERMO** BOOK OF MURDER (\$17.50) It has been a decade since Luciana has had contact with a young writer, now she needs his help. Nearly all of her family has died in unusual circumstances and Luciana or her sister could be next. She's convinced that her one-time employer, the bestselling mystery writer Kloster, is behind the deaths, punishing her for the breakup of his marriage. The young writer begins to realize that there may be truth in Luciana's tale as fragments of her story mirror the plot of Kloster's new novel. By the author of The Oxford Murders (\$16).

**MARTINI, STEVE** GUARDIAN OF LIES (\$25.99 trade paperback, \$34.99 cloth) See the Hardcover section for an annotation.

**MCCLEARY, CAROL** ALCHEMY OF MURDER (\$24) Nelly Bly, reporter, feminist and amateur detective, is in Paris on the trail of a killer. Paris is a deadly place—the Black Fever rages, anarchists plot the overthrow of the government, and a murderer who preys on prostitutes—but with the combined genius of Oscar Wilde, Jules Verne and Louis Pasteur can Nelly save the day?

**MCMAHON, NEIL davoren** DEAD SILVER (#2) (\$17.99) Hugh Davoren receives a distraught call from the daughter of a famous professor when she finds a wooden box containing disturbing photos and an earring that belonged to her stepmother, murdered after protesting the opening of a silver mine. The first in the series is Lone Creek (\$16.25).

**MELIKAN, ROSE** COUNTERFEIT GUEST (#2) (\$19.99) Sequel to Blackstone Key (#1) (\$16). It's 1797. Once again Mary Finch is thrust into the role of accidental female spy in Georgian England.

**MEYER, STEPHENIE** ECLIPSE (#3) (\$14.99) A series of young adult vampire novels that Marian has taking a real liking to. Twilight and New Moon (\$11.99 ea) are the first two.

**MILLS, JENNI** BURIED CIRCLE (\$22.95 trade paperback, \$34.95 hardcover) See the Hardcover section for an annotation.

**MILLS, SARA** MISS FORTUNE (#1) and MISS MATCH (#2) (\$19 ea.) Allie Fortune, PI, in New York City of the mid-40s.

**MITCHELL, GLADYS** WHEN LAST I DIED (\$21.95) First published in 1941 and featuring Dame Beatrice. Other novels featuring Dame Beatrice which are currently available are: Come Away Death, Death at the Opera, Longer Bodies, Mystery of a Butcher's Shop, Tom Brown's Body, When Last I Died (\$20 each), Rising of the Moon (\$24.99) and Saltmarsh Murders (\$21.95).

**MOFFATT, G J** DAISYCHAIN (\$24.95) Over the course of three violent, fearful days, the paths of three people's lives will intersect and change forever. Logan Finch, who has it all, except for the girl, "the one", who got away. Alec Cahill, one of his clients, and best friend, with a shadowy past and capacity for violence. And Det. Constable Rebecca Irvine, newly promoted to Strathclyde Police CID.

**MOFINA, RICK** VENGEANCE ROAD (\$8.99) The murder of a broken-hearted woman and the chilling disappearance of her friend raise questions about their ties to a respected detective and lead to one

journalist's obsession to find the truth!

**MONING, KAREN MARIE** FAEFEVER (#3) (\$9.99) Special order.

**MONTANARI, RICHARD** BADLANDS (\$10.99) Philadelphia police detectives Kevin Byrne and Jessica Balzano are working the Special Investigations Unit investigating cold cases. The case involving the murder of a teenage runaway starts to heat up after a confession on the police tip line. It sends the two detectives off to make an arrest but, instead of finding a killer, they find a jar containing human remains and a cryptic clue. Other novels by this writer that are still in print are Merciless (\$9.99), The Skin Gods (\$10.99), and The Rosary Girls (\$10.99).

**MORRELL, DAVID** BROTHERHOOD OF THE ROSE (#1) (\$17.50) The first novel in the Mortalis series.

**NADEL, BARBARA hancock** SURE AND CERTAIN DEATH (#4) (\$24.95 trade paperback, \$34.95 hardcover) See the Hardcover section for an annotation.

**NADEL, BARBARA ikmen** PASSION FOR KILLING (#9) (\$14.95) Reissue in trade paperback. 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?

**NERI, KRIS eaton** REVENGE OF THE GYPSY QUEEN (#1) and DEM BONES' REVENGE (#2) (\$20 ea.) Now reissued, the two books in the Tracy Eaton series. Delightful, wacky.

**NESBIT, EDITH** WET MAGIC (\$22.99) Special order.

**NEW, THE** NEW YORK TIMES FASCINATINGLY FIERCE CROSSWORD (\$12.75)

**NIKITAS, DEREK** PYRES (\$15.50) "Nikitas's stellar first novel isn't just one of the best genre debuts of the year, it's one of the best releases—period." - *Chicago Tribune*. The book was also an Edgar Award Nominee for best first novel. Sound like a book that I'm going to want to read, so I'll report back in the next issue.

**O'DONOHUE, CLARE someday** LOVER'S KNOT (#1)

(\$14.50) Twenty-six-year-old Nell Fitzgerald is thrilled when she receives a gorgeous handmade quilt in a lover's knot pattern as an engagement gift from her grandmother Eleanor Cassidy. However, her joy is short-lived as her fiancé announces that the wedding is off. Heartbroken, Nell flees New York City for her grandmother's home in Archers Rest. In this small town Eleanor's life revolves around her quilt shop, Someday Quilts, and the members of her shops' quilting circle. When a local handyman known for his flirting is found murdered in the shop, Nell finds herself drawn into the case -- and drawn to the shy police chief. As a pattern of clues begins to emerge, one of the prime suspects is Nell's ex-fiancé, whose arrival in Archers Rest seems suspicious, especially to Nell.

**PARKER, BARBARA** DARK OF DAY (\$9.99) Miami defense attorney C.J. Dunn is an expert in spinning her client's image, and is the perfect lawyer to deflect suspicion from Rick Slater, formerly Army Special Forces, now a driver for an influential U.S. congressman. A young model has vanished from a glitzy party on South Beach and the cops want to question Slater.

**PARKER, I J** CONVICT'S SWORD (#6) (\$18.50) Sugawara Akitada, eleventh-century Japan. If you like well-written mysteries, set in exotic settings, then you could do much worse than this series. Start with Dragon Scroll (#1) (\$15.50).

**PARKER, ROBERT B spenser** ROUGH WEATHER (#36) (\$12.50) Heidi Bradshaw is wealthy, beautiful, and well connected and she hires Spenser to accompany her to Tashtego Island where her daughter is getting married. Spenser is to play bodyguard but all that goes out the window when Rugar, the Gray Man, kills some wedding

guests and abducts the bride. Spenser and Hawk discover a decades-old connection that may explain the abduction.

**PARKER, ROBERT BOGARDUS** PASSPORT TO PERIL (\$8.99) Not to be confused with **Robert B.(rown) Parker**, author of the Spenser novels. On the run – behind the Iron Curtain. Originally published in 1951.

**PATTERSON, RICHARD NORTH** ECLIPSE (\$11.99) Damon Pierce, a gifted California lawyer, has been asked by Marissa Brand Okari, a woman he loved years ago, to defend her husband charged with murdering three PetroGlobal workers in the volatile West African nation of Luandia. The country is being torn apart by the world's craving for its vast supply of oil and Bobby Okari's outspoken opposition of PetroGlobal, a giant American company exploiting his homeland, has angered General Savior Karama, the country's autocratic ruler.

**PATTERSON & LEDWIDGE** QUICKIE (\$9.50) When Lauren Stillwell sees her husband with another woman, her heart nearly stops. Now she is a woman lusting for revenge. It was supposed to be a quickie, a way to even the score but Lauren's night of passion takes a shocking turn when she witnesses an unexpected, unbelievable, deadly crime.

**PEACE, DAVID japan** OCCUPIED CITY (#2) (\$24) Sequel to Tokyo Year Zero (#1) (\$16). Set in Japan in the years immediately following the end of WW2.

**PEACOCK, CARO active** CORPSE IN SHINING ARMOUR (#3) (\$24) More stock on its way from the UK so get your orders in. Sequel to Foreign Affair (\$14.95) and Dangerous Affair (\$17.99). A favourite of Marian's.

**PEREZ-REVERTE, ARTURO ala** KING'S GOLD (#4) (\$18.50) Seville, 1626: Captain Alatrisme and his protégé, Inigo Balboa, have returned from the bloody siege of Breda, battle-weary and very short of cash. It's not long before Alatrisme receives an intriguing offer. He and Inigo must recruit a dozen swordsmen and mercenaries for a risky job involving a huge amount of contraband gold and a heavily guarded Spanish galleon returning from the West Indies. The offer comes from the King himself, for, at stake is the Spanish Crown.

**PERRY, THOMAS** SILENCE (\$9.99) Six years ago, Jack Till helped Wendy Harper disappear. But now her ex-boyfriend, Eric Fuller, is being framed for her presumed murder in an effort to smoke her out, and Till must find her before tango-dancing assassins Paul and Sylvie Turner do. Terrific. Classic Perry. Now in mass market, so be sure that you did not get this in the trade paperback edition.

**PICOULT, JODI** MY SISTER'S KEEPER (\$11.99 and \$19.99 for the movie tie-in edition) Genetic planning. Suppose you have a child diagnosed with a serious disease and you decide to conceive another child so as to have a ready supply of suitable parts. What would the ramifications be? Could the healthy child have a say in how her body parts are "harvested" to help her sister?

**POPE, BARBARA** CEZANNE'S QUARRY (\$18.50) A mysterious young woman named Solange Vernet arrives in Aix-en-Provence with her lover, a Darwinian scholar named Charles Westbury, and a year later is found strangled in a quarry outside the city. Was it a lover's quarrel? A jealous Cezanne? A betrayed Westbury?

**PORTER, HENRY** DYING LIGHT (\$24.95 trade paperback, \$34.95 hardcover) See the Hardcover section for an annotation.

**PRONZINI, BILL nameless** FEVER (#33) (\$18.99) Nameless is hired to find a woman who has a major gambling problem. The woman doesn't want to be found and her husband doesn't want to be accused of murdering her.

**QUICK, BARBARA** VIVALDI'S VIRGINS (\$16.25) A special order. Recommended to Marian by a customer who also loves the mysteries written by Donna Leon.

**RAMSAY, CARO** SINGING TO THE DEAD (\$21) It's Christ-

mas, and half the Partickhill police squad is down with flu. Not good timing, with a series of cyanide poisonings in the area, plus two small boys reported missing in the space of a few days. And then there's the monumental task of providing concert security for rock legend Rogan O'Neill . . . But for Detective Inspector Colin Anderson, the nightmare is about to get terrifyingly close to home. For a third boy has now gone missing - Colin's own son, Peter. The team race to find the boys before it is too late. But how long will it be before they realize the key is hidden in the lyrics of a rock song - 'Tambourine Girl' by Rogan O'Neill? By the author of the excellent Absolution (\$9.99), featuring DCI Alan McAlpine.

**RANKIN, IAN rebus** KNOTS AND CROSSES (#1) (\$14.95) The first Insp. Rebus novel, now in trade paperback.

**RIMINGTON, STELLA carlyle** DEAD LINE (#4) (\$21) Not yet published in North America, so we have a small quantity of the UK edition. More on its way so go ahead and order yours. Liz Carlyle. See the Hardcover section for an annotation.

**ROBOTHAM, MICHAEL** BOMBPROOF (\$24) Sami Macbeth is not a master criminal. He's not even a minor one. He's not a jewel thief. He's not a safe-cracker. He's not an expert in explosives. Sami plays guitar and wants to be a rock god but keeps getting side-tracked by unforeseen circumstances. An hour ago his train blew up and has turned him into the most wanted terrorist in the country.

**RUSSELL, CRAIG fabel** CARNIVAL MASTER (#4) (\$24.00, an expensive British import) Chief Commissar Jan Fabel is preparing for a new career outside the police when a Cologne detective asks for his help in tracking down the Carnival Cannibal, a terrifying serial killer who has struck each year for three years at the start of Cologne's world-famous Carnival. The earlier three are Blood Eagle, Brother Grimm and Eternal (\$10.99 each). Smuggled in from the UK, so supply is limited but, not to worry, we'll get more.

**SCARROW, SIMON wellington** FIRE AND SWORD (#3) (\$10.99) December 1804. Napoleon Bonaparte has all of Europe in his sights. But Arthur Wellesley (the future Duke of Wellington) has thrown himself into the army's campaign in Europe. He has led them in a series of triumphant battles across Spain, bringing him public acclaim. For those living reluctantly under French rule, his victories suggest that Napoleon's progress is not inexorable. The first two in this series are Young Bloods (\$24.95 trade paperback, mass market now out of print) and The Generals (\$10.99).

**RAYNE, SARAH** GHOST SONG (\$19.99)

**REEMAN, DOUGLAS** GLORY BOYS (\$11.99) Bob Kearton is a Glory Boy, already a veteran and survivor of close action in the English Channel and North Sea. In January 1943 he is ordered to the Mediterranean and beleaguered Malta, only sixty miles from occupied Sicily. Unexpectedly promoted to lieutenant-commander, he is given charge of a newly formed, and, as yet, incomplete flotilla of motor torpedo boats.

**ROBB, J D** PROMISES IN DEATH (#28) (\$9.99) Amaryllis Coltrane may have recently transferred to the New York City police force from Atlanta, but she's been a cop long enough to know how to defend herself against an assailant. When she is taken down just steps from her apartment, killed with her own weapon, Lieutenant Eve Dallas takes it personally.

**ROSENFELT, DAVID carpenter** PLAY DEAD (#6) (\$9.50) Few can rival attorney Andy Carpenter's affection for golden retrievers, especially his own beloved Tara. After he astonishes a New Jersey courtroom by successfully appealing another golden's death sentence, Andy discovers that this gentle dog is a key witness to a five-year-old murder.

**ROYAL, PRISCILLA** FORSAKEN SOUL (\$20) The summer of 1273 is peaceful for most of England, but Prioress Eleanor of Tyndal Priory is troubled. Her friend is newly widowed with a baby daughter. Her new anchoress is terrifying her servants and welcoming visitors

to her window at night. And then Martin the Cooper is poisoned at the local inn.

**RUTHERFORD, ALEX moghul** RAIDERS FROM THE NORTH (#1) (\$24.95 trade paperback, \$34.95 hardcover) See the Hardcover section for an annotation.

**SCHLINK, BERNHARD** SELF'S MURDER (#3) (\$17.50) First published in 2001, finally available in North America. Despite his failing health and his girlfriend's pleading, Gerrhard Self won't stop doing what he does best—investigating. His latest, and most interesting, case has him helping a banker write a history of his bank. But that entails tracking down a mysterious silent partner. Soon, Self is being handed a suitcase full of cash, mysterious deaths and travel to East Germany. This is a terrific series. Start with Self's Punishment (#1) (\$17) and carry on to Self's Deception (#2) (\$17.95) before reading this one.

**SCHWEIZER, MARK** DIVA WORE DIAMONDS (#7) (\$16.95) This is a truly delightful series. Detective Hayden Konig is living the Appalachian dream—house in the woods, a dog, a few guns, a '62 pick-up truck, and more money than he can stuff into a feather-tick mattress. The only thing he doesn't have is a career as a hard-boiled crime writer. But he's working on it. In fact he's working on Raymond Chandler's very own typewriter, hoping it'll work as well for him as it did for the master. A good time to start the series as we are well stocked on all seven installments.

**SHORTZ, WILL** NEW YORK TIMES EASY TO NOT SO EASY CROSSWORD PUZZLES (\$15.50)

**SHORTZ, WILL** WILL SHORTZ PRESENTS EASY SUDOKU ANYTIME (\$5.99)

**SHORTZ, WILL** WILL SHORTZ PRESENTS SUDOKU TO EXERCISE (\$10.25)

**SHRIER, HOWARD jonah** HIGH CHICAGO (#2) (\$19.95) Toronto investigator Jonah Geller is back, and now he has opened his own agency, World Repairs, with best friend and partner, Jenn Raudsepp. Asked to investigate the apparent suicide of a young woman, the pair is drawn into the high-stakes world of construction and development on a long-neglected parcel of Toronto's waterfront. Signed copies. The first in the series, Buffalo Jump (\$19.95) won the Arthur Ellis Award for Best First Novel earlier this year.

**SIMON, CLEA krakow** CATTERY ROW (#2) (\$20) Freelancer Theda Krakow gets an assignment to write a piece about a gifted musician back in Boston, a welcome distraction from her money and man troubles. But worse, someone is stealing show cats, and feline friendly Theda vows to catch the culprit. The first in the series is Mew is for Murder (\$20 trade paperback).

**SIMON, CLEA krakow** CRIES AND WHISKERS (#3) (\$20)

When an animal rights activist is killed by a hit-and-run driver on an icy Cambridge street, music critic Theda can't get too upset. But was it really an accident? The victim was helping rescue feral cats, an activity that seems to be un-popular even with his own activists' group.

**SLAUGHTER, KARIN ormewood** FRACTURED (#2) (\$9.99) Ansley Park is one of Atlanta's most desirable neighbourhoods. But in one mansion, in a teenager's lavish bedroom, a girl has been murdered. And in the hallway, her horrified mother stands amid shattered glass, having killed her daughter's attacker with her bare hands. Det. Will Trent of the Georgia Bureau of Investigation is here only as a political favour; the murder site belongs to the Atlanta police. But Trent soon sees something the cops are missing, something in the trail of blood, in a matrix of forensic evidence, and in the eyes of the shell-shocked mother. Within minutes, Trent takes over the case because he's sure that another teenage girl is missing and that a killer is on the loose.

**SMITH, ALEXANDER isabelac** COMFORTS OF A MUDDY SATURDAY (#5) (\$19.95) The fifth in the Isabel Dalhousie series.

**SOLIMINI, C** ACROSS THE RIVER (\$16.95) Can you ever

really go home again? From the blurb: Andie's new employer—the country's least respected celebrity tabloid—has ordered her to cross the river to her tiny hometown and report on a shocking, as-yet-unsolved murder that involves childhood friends . . . and enemies. Caught between a rock (the New Jersey Palisades) and a hard place (New York City), Andie finds herself becoming part of the sensational story, while confronting her own past, present and future.

**STAINCLIFFE, CATH** kilkenn MISSING (#7) (\$10.95) Sal Kilkenny is back, searching for a number of missing people, which seems to be the flavour of the month in Manchester. This is a great private eye series but only the three latest entries, Towers of Silence (#5) and Bitter Blue (#6) and this one (\$12.95 each), are still available in paperback.

**STOCK, JON** legoland trilo DEAD SPY RUNNING (#1) (\$22.95 trade paperback, \$29.95 hardcover) See the Hardcover section for an annotation. See *Marian's Picks*.

**STOCKWIN, JULIAN** TREACHERY (#9) (\$10.99) After of-fending an Admiral and suffering terrible personal tragedy, Kydd is sent to guard the Channel Islands. When he is brutally betrayed off the Normandy Coast and dismissed from his ship, only his friend, Renzi, is willing to stick by him. Kydd is given the chance to return to the sea as a captain of a privateer. A lone wolf of the seas, Kydd and his men keep fighting their country's battle and hope to capture the wealthy French traders and heavily armed fighting ships returning to Bonaparte.

**STRAUB, PETER** KOKO (\$17.50) Not sure why this is in stock, but there you have it. Four Vietnam vets are convinced that a string of murders taking place in Southeast Asia, some fifteen-years later, is the work of one of their platoon mates. His calling card, Koko, means something to them, and they resolve to find him before the police do. Horror.

**SWAIN, JAMES** carpenter NIGHT STALKER (#2) (\$9.99) Years ago, Abe Grimes killed eighteen women, some of whose bodies were never found. As head of the Broward County Missing Persons Unit, Jack Carpenter was intimately involved in the Grimes case. Now, days away from execution, the notorious serial killer reaches out to ex-cop Carpenter with a surprising request. Grimes' young grandson has gone missing and he wants Carpenter to help find him.

**SWARUP, VIKAS** SIX SUSPECTS (\$24.99) "I do not normally recommend crime novels more than five hundred pages long, but I am making an exception with Vikas Swarup. It's unusual, witty, quirky, cleverly plotted, intelligent, and along the way it's an informative satire on Indian politics and values. . . . A rollicking good read."—Marcel Berlins, *The Times*. From the author of Q and A (\$20) aka Slumdog Millionaire (\$17.95).

**SWINGLE, MORLEY** SCOUNDRELS TO THE HOOSEGOW (\$25) Perry Mason Moments and Entertaining Cases from the Files of a Prosecuting Attorney. "If Bonfires of the Vanities captured the essence of criminal practice in a major metropolis, then Scoundrels surely captures the essence of that practice in small town and rural America."—Robert H. Dierker, Circuit Court Judge, St. Louis, Missouri. Non-fiction.

**TALTON, JON** mapstone CONCRETE DESERT (#1), CAMEL-BACK FALLS (#2), DRY HEAT (#3), ARIZONA DREAMS (#4) and CACTUS HEART (#5) (\$20 ea.) The five novels featuring David Mapstone are now available in trade paperback. This is a terrific series and you should really give them a try. In the first novel, Mapstone returns to his native Phoenix, after a failed marriage and a failed academic career in San Diego, to work as Office Historian for the Phoenix Sheriff's Office. As a Deputy Sheriff, David researches still-open cases to uncover new evidence and has been successful in closing cases that stymied the police back whenever. From there, you'll follow David as he becomes Acting Sheriff, when a sniper fells the Sheriff, and solves more long-forgotten cases. See *J.D.'s Picks*.

**TAN, AMY** SAVING FISH FROM DROWNING: A NOVEL (\$17) By the author of The Joy Luck Club (\$15.50). A special order.

**THOMPSON, VICTORIA** MURDER ON ASTOR PLACE (#1) (\$17.50) The first in the turn-of-the-last-century New York City series featuring midwife Sarah Brandt, now in trade paperback.

**TODD, CHARLES** DUTY TO THE DEAD (\$22.99 trade paperback, \$32.99 hardcover) See the Hardcover section for an annotation. See *Marian's Picks*.

**TROW, M J** MAXWELL'S POINT (\$21) Another Peter Maxwell novel. Difficult to keep in stock, but order away and we'll do what we can. Published first in 2007.

**VARIOUS| JAKUBOWSKI, MAXIM** MAMMOTH BOOK OF BEST BRITISH MYSTERIES 6 (\$18) Thirty-five stories by **Alexander McCall Smith, John Mortimer, Ken Bruen, Colin Dexter, Lee Child, Val McDermid** and other. . .

**VARIOUS| SAWHNEY, HIRSH** DELHI NOIR (\$21.50) The legendary city of Delhi, India, provides fertile ground for these tales of darkness and despair.

**VAUGHAN-HUGHES, PIP** PAINTED IN BLOOD (#3) (\$12.95) It's 1242 and the King of France, Saint Louis, has decided he wants the Cathar Crucifix, an ancient shroud that bears the ghostly image of Christ crucified. Petroc of Auneford and the mysterious Captain de Montalzac, strive to save the shroud. The first two are Relics and Vault of Bones (\$14.95 each).

**VINE, BARBARA** BIRTHDAY PRESENT (\$10.99) It is late 1990 and a love affair is flourishing between Ivor Tesham, a thirty-three-year-old rising star of Margaret Thatcher's government, and Hebe Furnal, a stunning North London housewife stuck in a dull marriage. On the eve of Hebe's twenty-eighth birthday, Tesham decides to give her a present to remember: something far more memorable than the costly string of pearls he's already given her. Years later, Tesham's gift will ruin his career, his family and his life.

**WALL, KATHRYN R** PERDITION HOUSE (#3) (\$20). A Bay Tanner novel, first published in 2003, now reissued. The first two in this series, In for a Penny and And Not a Penny More (\$20 each) are also available. A good time to start this series.

**WALLACE, EDGAR** COUNCIL OF JUSTICE (\$28.95)

**WALLACE, EDGAR** FOUR JUST MEN (\$24)

**WALLACE, EDGAR** JUST MEN OF CORDOVA (DODO PRESS) (\$22)

**WALLACE, EDGAR** LAW OF THE FOUR JUST MEN (\$22)

**WALLACE, EDGAR** THREE JUST MEN (\$40)

**WALTER, JESS** CITIZEN VINCE (\$18.99) Winner of the 2006 Edgar for Best Novel. A reissue.

**WEBB, BETTY** lena jones DESERT NOIR (#1), DESERT WIVES (#2 due December), DESERT SHADOWS (#3), DESERT RUN (#4), DESERT CUT (#5) (\$20.00 each). This terrific series of novels set in the Southwest and featuring PI Lena Jones is now mostly back in print. And that's a good thing. "A propulsive, thought-provoking read."—*Publishers Weekly*. "This Southwestern series has a depth that enhances the reader's pleasure."—*Library Journal*.

**WENTWORTH, PATRICIA** SILENT POOL (\$21.00 expensive British import) In print in the UK, so we brought in a couple of copies.

**WIGGINS, MARIANNE** EVIDENCE OF THINGS UNSEEN (\$16) A special order.

**WILSON, ELIZABETH** WAR DAMAGE (\$20) A special order.

**WILSON, LAURA** stratton EMPTY DEATH (#2) (\$24.95 trade paperback, \$34.95 hardcover) See the Hardcover section for an annotation.)

**WOODS, STUART** MOUNTING FEARS (#7) (\$12.50) Latest in the President Will Lee series.

**WYNN, PATRICIA** SPIDERS TOUCH (#2) (\$24.95) A special order.