



The Merchant of Menace

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Greetings

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For some years now I've been threatening to get Sleuth's website up and running. And a threat it had remained. Until very recently. I bought the right piece of software (Dreamweaver 4), got my hands on an instruction manual and spent a few hours working through the exercises. And, I dare say, I've made some progress. But see for yourself. Lots of learning to do yet but it's been rather fun. Maybe I'll give up bookselling and make a living designing websites? What you think?

I'm not sure why Marian wanted this newsletter out so early, it seems like I just finished the January issue and the pressure is on for the March one, but she probably has a grand plan. There are a couple of signings coming up in the next few weeks, please mark your calendars now and plan to attend. On **Tuesday March 29, 2005**, from 6pm to 8pm, **HOWARD ENGEL** will be here to launch his new Benny Cooperman novel Memory Game (\$22). Given Howard's recent problems with *alexia sine graphia*—meaning you can write but cannot read, and imagine what a problem that would be for a writer—it'll be great to see Howard again. On **Tuesday, April 12, 2005**, from 6pm to 8pm, **LYN HAMILTON** will be at Sleuth to launch the latest Lara McClintoch archaeological mystery. The Moai Murders (\$34), Lara's ninth adventure, takes her to Easter Island and I'm really looking forward to reading it as I've been there and I can't wait to revisit. On **Thursday, May 5, 2005**, from 6pm to 8pm, **GILES BLUNT**, author of the Det. John Cardinal novels will be here to launch the third in that series, Blackfly Season (\$34.95). The British edition (HarperCollins \$57) is already available and we do have a small quantity on hand, so if you would prefer a signed copy of that edition reserve one now. Of course, all the details are also posted on the website (now that we have one, yuk yuk yuk).

Seems like I just finished clearing up the final few outstanding de-

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tails to do with last year's Run for Research and here it's time to start working on the 2005 installment. How time flies! I don't even know the exact date of this year's run, the end of May as always, but this is the time of the year when I come to you looking for donations to the Sunnybrook Run for Research. So here I am. And every year you have been very generous, very encouraging, so you have no one to blame but yourself. Just to remind you all the money you send me--there is no cut for Sleuth, damn it--goes to Sunnybrook and Women's College hospitals to study the issues facing women: dementia, diabetes, heart disease, breast cancer. And since, my happiness and livelihood seems dependant to a not insignificant extent on women it behooves me to do what I can to keep as many of them around, healthy and for as long as possible. Seriously, I appreciate that there are countless worthy causes and you can't possibly support them all, but if there is any room left in your donation budget please consider this one. I would be delighted and honoured to run under your sponsorship. All donations are tax receiptable, of course. **Cheques should be made out to Sunnybrook Run for Research** and we can also charge your Visa or MasterCard if that's convenient. Thank you.

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Marian's Picks

A big thank you to all who sent Chicago hotel and sightseeing details; I am going to have such a great time. Well, except for the five plus hours it will take me to run the marathon, that promises to be such a great time of a very different kind! But the “afters”! Look out. Those drinks from the top of the John Hancock building will taste oh so good. I’ve been keeping my training up, despite the snow and rain and sleet we’ve had recently. I will be glad when the winter is over. I am not keen on walking or running outside even though I do it often enough; I break easily but I’m just not that keen on running on a treadmill. I can certainly see why people move to warmer climates for the winter; no ice or slippery sidewalks!!!

I hear himself complaining that we barely finished one issue of MOM and the next one is on the schedule. Well, he better get used to it. We now have a schedule. Besides, Paddington does not help nearly as much with the newsletter as Princess used to—miss her a lot but she is still with us in many ways--so I get them done quicker and we might just do more of them. A question. In the December 2004 issue and in this one, we solicited a number of paid ads from publishers. That was not done with a profit motive--the publishers’ contributions do help--but because the newsletter now costs more to print and a lot more to mail, we are not much ahead. But what are your feelings about the ads? Do you mind them? Hate them? Find them a nuisance? Think we sold out?

Wendy has picked three books that I also wanted to pick. They are the latest **ROBERT CRAIS** The Forgotten Man (\$34.95), The Worm in the Bud (\$38.95) by **CHRIS COLLETT**, a debut novel which has a young autistic man as one of the semi-main characters, and the **JODI COMPTON** Sympathy between Humans (\$30.00) which should be available mid-March and had one character in there that I just loved. I know I shouldn’t whine about this but I don’t see why I can’t pull rank and pick them. But JD said no. Wendy typed up her picks first and I should go with different ones. But know that I too thought that all three were terrific.

Geographer’s Library (\$36.00) by **JON FASMAN** is an interesting mix of historical detail with a current day setting for the story. A small town reporter is sent to investigate the death of a history professor but can get no information on the man or his past. The action heats up however when he discovers that some unusual artifacts were stolen from the professor’s house. I loved it and so will you. You won’t want to breeze through this book, you’ll want to savour every word, cause you won’t want to miss anything.

I’m not sure if I liked this next book because the heroine Faith Zanetti drinks vodka neat or because she had the courage to be a war correspondent/journalist in Jerusalem. Both work for me! Faith’s colleague and best friend is found dead in her hotel room and the police rule it suicide. But she knows better. Bad News Bible (\$10.99) by **ANNA BLUNDY** is a debut novel and I am looking forward to the next in the series which is due out soon (Faith Without Doubt \$34.95 hardcover/\$24.95 trade paperback).

I loved all three of **JOHN DUNNING**’s Cliff Janeway adventures. All are in paperback now and if you love biblio-mysteries, stories about books and the book trade, you will enjoy these. The first is Booked to Die (\$11.99) and this is where Denver policeman Janeway decides to pack it all in and open a used bookstore, a dream that many have. The other two, Bookman’s Wake and Bookman’s Promise (\$11.99 each), have a little less book talk in them but I loved each word. The fourth in the series, Sign of the Book (\$36,

autographed copies while supply lasts) has just arrived and I can’t wait to crack (*no, no, never crack*) one open.

A sleeper was **PAUL ADAM**’s Sleeper by (\$41 hardcover, ouch, \$25 trade paperback). Although this is not the author’s first book it was my introduction to him. The book revolves around a violin suspected to have been made by Antonio Stradivari that has been missing for many years. Violin maker Tomaso Rainaldi leaves his home town of Cremona, Italy, and travels to England on the trail of the missing violin. Shortly after he returns to Cremona he is murdered. His friend of over fifty years, Gianni Castiglione, knows more about violins than anyone and is asked by friend and policeman Antonio Guastafeste, to help in the search for the murderer. You learn a ton of stuff about violins and the unscrupulous business of forging violins. Quite a good read, I hope these characters return in another novel. Just lovely.

A couple of cooking mysteries have come into paperback, **JERRILYN FARMER**’S Perfect Sax and **JOANNE FLUKE**’s Fudge Cupcake Murder (\$9.99 each). Both are light, fun and full of food stuff for all us wannabe chefs.

Wendy's Picks

Just a few short weeks and I’ll be off to New Zealand for a holiday. NZ has always been high on my list of places to visit so I finally decided that now’s the time. But it has been a rocky road planning this trip: finding just the right tour, putting down a deposit, then being notified that the tour’s been cancelled. I think the travel agent and I then looked at every NZ tour brochure in the store. Most tours were either not running or were full. I finally found one that has just about all the extras I wanted so it’s now booked and confirmed (fingers crossed). I’ll have a couple of weeks after the tour to do my own exploring and I’m really looking forward to it - I keep telling Marian that I won’t be back!!! (*If she even thinks of not coming back I’ll go and escort her back. - Marian. I hear the weather’s not bad in Auckland in May and I’m trying to figure out a way to go with her. - Mary*)

Back in January 2004, I talked about The 37th Hour (\$10.99) by **JODI COMPTON**, a debut mystery featuring Minnesota Detective Sarah Pribek. She is searching for her husband who did not show up for FBI training at Quantico. At the time, I mentioned that I was eagerly awaiting the second Sarah Pribek mystery. Well, my wait is over (yours will be a little longer): Sympathy Between Humans (\$30, due March, but go ahead and order it). I was lucky enough to grab the advanced reading copy when it came in so was able to read the book last month. It is terrific, even better than the first. Sarah is dealing with the fallout from The 37th Hour and six months later finds herself still a suspect in that ongoing case. She’s at loose ends until she gets involved in searching for a missing teenager and investigating a possible medical fraud. Both cases are much more involved and emotional than she ever could have imagined. I made Marian read this book and I think she said that she cried at one point. (I didn’t; no matter what she says or how often she says it.) If you haven’t read The 37th Hour, do so, then pick up this second wonderful read.

The Worm in the Bud (\$38.95) by **CHRIS COLLETT** is a first book that both Marian and I loved. We couldn’t put it in the newsletter until now because we kept selling out and didn’t want to talk about it then not be able to get it (as has happened in the past). We finally have stock and I encourage one and all to read this book. As I said, this is a first book, British, with a strong female character,

Anna Barham, busy, selfish and self-centered, and Detective Inspector Tom Mariner who is investigating the murder of Anna's reporter brother, a saint, and trying to protect her autistic brother who possibly saw the murder. The mystery is terrific but what I loved most is the relationship between Anna and her autistic brother and the changes in her when she is forced to take over his care. (*I concur. This is one that I have added to my collection. – J.D.*)

The new **ROBERT CRAIS** mystery, [The Forgotten Man](#) (\$34.95) is the 10th in the Elvis Cole and Joe Pike series and one terrific read. In [L.A. Requiem](#) (\$11.99), we learned something of Joe's background; in this one, Elvis'. At the beginning of the book, Elvis is called to the scene of a murder to identify the body of a man whose dying words were about finding his son, Elvis Cole. Elvis does not recognize the man but begins his own investigation into his identity and his past. In the process, Elvis comes to the attention of a madman who stalks him to avenge an imagined crime. I really think that this is the best book that I've read by **Crais**. It's fast moving and suspenseful. Just one complaint - not enough Joe Pike.

[The Year of the Hyenas](#) (\$33.50) by **BRAD GEAGLY** is the first, I hope, in an Ancient Egypt series featuring Semerket, the Clerk of Investigations and Secrets. Semerket is a heavy drinker, burdened by a great sorrow in his life, and in a society where 'kowtowing' (blind obedience, keeping quiet, boot licking per Mary, obsequiousness) is a virtue, he speaks the truth no matter what or to whom. He is hired to investigate the death of an elderly Theban priestess. He discovers the death to be a murder with much wider ramifications than he could possibly have imagined. Set during the reign of Ramesses III, this mystery combines historical fact, speculation and crime. I really enjoy the Ancient Egyptian setting; the culture fascinates me, full of ritual, protocol and at times, unspeakable cruelty.

I read one of David's picks from the last newsletter, [Sleep Toward Heaven](#) (\$19.95, trade paperback, \$37.00 hardcover) by **AMANDA EYRE WARD**. David and JD are usually more in sync with the books that they like but they both talked this book up so much I had to try it. I really enjoyed it, much to my surprise. As David explained, this book is told from three points of view: a female convict on death row, a female doctor returning home to Texas when her uncle passes away and a young widow. The circumstances connecting their three lives are slowly revealed and well worth the read. The last chapter is so satisfying, it made me smile. (*I managed to track down a small quantity of the first edition and, again, I have added one to my collection and you might want to consider doing the same. –J.D.*)

We just received a small quantity of the expensive UK mass market paperback of a book that I loved: [Tokyo](#) (\$21) by **MO HAYDER**, author of [Birdman](#) (\$9.99) and [The Treatment](#) (\$10.99), both police procedurals set in the UK. The North American edition of [Tokyo](#) will be published in March 2005 but will be titled [The Devil of Nanking](#) (\$29.95 tentative price for the hardcover). [Tokyo](#), surprise!, is set in Tokyo where a young woman, Grey, has come to find a film made during the Nanking Massacre of 1937. Some believe that the film doesn't exist but Grey believes it does and that a survivor of the massacre, now working at the Tokyo university, can help her locate it. She takes a job as a hostess in a night-club where she meets an elderly gangster, rumoured to be taking a potion that keeps him alive. It is in the night-club and her association with the gangster that Grey uncovers the truth linking past events and the present. It all sounds so straightforward but this is a complicated, compelling and thrilling book, a page-turner at 458 pages. **Michael Connelly** describes it as "deeply felt and haunting" and I agree; this book has stayed with me ever since I read it.

The new **GREG ILES** mystery, [Blood Memory](#) (\$35.95) is terrific. I had read some of Iles' earlier works, [Spandau Phoenix](#) and [Black Cross](#) (\$10.99 ea.), but left the more recent titles for JD to read. I wasn't sure what I was going to get with this book but it gripped me from the first page until the end. Cat Ferry, whose father was murdered when she was eight, is a very troubled thirty-one year old, haunted by nightmares. She is a heavy drinker and prescription drug user, trying very hard to quit, but the stress of her job as a forensic odontologist, the serial killings of middle aged men in New Orleans and her affair with a married police officer aren't helping. How the murder of her father twenty-three years ago and the present day murders are connected is what is haunting her now. Tough subject matter at times but a page turner, again a long one at 490 pages. Unlike JD, I like a long book. ([Quiet Game](#), (\$10.99), a 560 page whopper set in Natchez, Mississippi, is terrific. Just don't drop it on your foot. - J.D.)

David.'s Picks

I used to wonder when I would finally find a writer who did crime and suspense fiction with the story-telling ability of **Michael Connelly** and the fluid, skilled prose of **Russell Banks**. And then a few years ago I read [Four Corners of Night](#) (\$9.99) by **CRAIG HOLDEN**, an absolute masterpiece of a book, a police procedural, family saga and meditation on grief and loyalty all rolled into one. **Holden's** latest novel, [The Narcissist's Daughter](#) (\$33.50) proves beyond a doubt that this guy can flat out write, entertain and never tell the same story twice. [The Narcissist's Daughter](#) is narrated by Syd Redding, an intelligent, working-class pre-med student with a chip on his shoulder. Syd juggles a full time job in a blood lab at night to fund his schooling during the day. Doctor Ted Kessler is Syd's supervisor and would-be mentor, a decorated Korean War vet and quietly intimidating man. Syd becomes infatuated with Dr. Kessler's wife Joyce, the trumpet call for a suspenseful, intricate tale of deceit and revenge. I can't tell anymore without letting the cat out of the bag, but the story takes very credible and unexpected twists and turns, ramping up the tension and unfolding an involving story with excellent rhythm. In 228 pages the author delivers an acute character study and a gripping tale that ought to find its way onto the big screen in short order. His previous book [The Jazz Bird](#) (\$10.50), based on actual events surrounding infamous bootlegger George Remus, is also a gem.

CRAIG NOVA is an author who writes brilliant books and deserves to break out. He recently released number nine, a tightly-wound slab of noir called [Cruisers](#) (\$34). Perhaps his most clever and evocative work is [The Universal Donor](#) (\$19), which received huge critical acclaim, but never dented the best sellers lists. [The Universal Donor](#) is what I would call a thoughtful thriller. It's part love story, part white-knuckled race-against-time tale involving a disgruntled emergency room surgeon named Terry McKechnie who struggles with the overload of gunshot, stabbing and gang related victims that stream into the ER night after night. Virginia Lee is a scientist engaged to Dr. McKechnie's best friend. The two fall in love and life seems to start giving back to McKechnie. When Virginia is bitten by one of the snakes she is studying and requires a transfusion of her rare blood type, a mad dash to find the donor ensues, forcing Dr. McKechnie into the city's underbelly, challenging him to succeed at all costs. It's a highly original novel with plenty of emotional drama.

There are some writers who deliver a beautiful, memorable book every few years and then disappear. **ROSELLEN BROWN** is the author of [Tender Mercies](#) (\$16.95) (adapted to film with huge suc-

cess starring Robert Duvall). She has also written eloquently about the Civil War. She's back again, this time with a riveting crime drama called Before and After (\$20). This book is off-the-beaten-path, a welcome change for those who love the crime genre, but want a change from maverick cops, hard-drinking PIs and deftly plotted police procedurals. **Brown** focuses on one crime: the murder of a young woman in a rural New Hampshire community. It also delves deeply into the lives of the Reiser family, who moved to the quiet region to enjoy a more tranquil life. But their peace is shattered when the police come around with plenty of questions for their teenage son Jacob. The dead girl was Jacob's girlfriend and he's on the hot list of suspects. What follows is a well-paced and interesting approach by **Brown**, who explores both the investigation and crime's aftermath. Before and After is one of those books that gets its grip on you and locks you down. And another that seems to have slipped under the radar and is in danger of withering on bookshelves. It is, like **Amanda Eyre Ward's** Sleep Towards Heaven (\$19.95), a different take on the crime novel and well worth the time.

J.D.'s Picks

You might remember that some time ago I had told you about Islands of Silence (\$20) by **MARTIN BOOTH** and how wonderful a read it was. As it turned out others agreed with me; the book was shortlisted for the Man Booker Prize. And then last year he wrote A Very Private Gentleman (\$20) which I overlooked until a wonderful customer brought it to my attention—see the things I learn from our wonderful customers—and it is an even better read. It is better than better, it is extraordinary. Our hero, the very private gentleman, lives in a secluded Italian village where he is known as Signor Farfalla—Mr. Butterfly—for he paints rare butterflies. He lives inconspicuously for his real profession is deadly and his enemies are everywhere. Always on the move, ever vigilant, always on the lookout for danger he lives a shadowy life, ever fearful of the circle closing in on him. Not even Clara, the sometime brothel worker with whom he sleeps and who is falling in love with him has in inkling of his real profession. A terrific read.

Wendy has oft waxed eloquently on the delights of **HENNING MANKELL** and I'd like to add my two cents worth. A good customer and I were discussing just how much both of us had enjoyed Before the Frost (\$35.95), the latest Kurt Wallander novel, when he reminded me that Stefan Lindman, one of the secondary characters, had appeared previously in The Return of the Dancing Master (\$18). As I had not read Dancing Master I decided to fix that immediately. Besides, the bright purple cover of the trade paperback just calls out to be picked up. Well, it is terrific. I could go ahead and describe the plot, but it's annotated further on, and all you really need to know is that it is worth the time invested. The included map of Sweden makes following Stefan on his quest for the truth easy and fun. When you finish Dancing Master, do not pause, but go straight to Before the Frost. It's also terrific. Lindman and Kurt's daughter, Linda, who's about to join the police department, play strong supporting roles.

IAN RANKIN is a name that every fan of crime novels knows and knows well. Justly so, he's terrific. But a decade before John Rebus walked the mean, mean streets of Edinburgh there was Detective Inspector Jack Laidlaw walking the mean, mean streets of Glasgow. Practically no one knows of him. Unjustly so, he's terrific. **WILLIAM MCILVANEY**, a journalist and lifelong resident of Glasgow, novelist (nine novels), poet, photographer, wrote only three novels featuring Laidlaw, much to my regret. The first of these,

Laidlaw (\$23) was published in 1977 followed by The Papers of Tony Veitch (\$25) in 1983 and Strange Loyalties (not in print) in 1991. Papers was nominated for an Edgar for Best Novel. He was on to a good thing and crime fiction would have been immeasurably improved had he given us a gross more Laidlaws. Guess he still might. There is a quality to his writing that I never tire of. Here is a short excerpt from Laidlaw just to give you a taste. "Sunday in the park – it was a nice day. A Glasgow sun was out, dully luminous, an eye with cataract. Some people were in the park pretending it was warm, exercising that necessary Scottish thrift with weather which hoards every good day in the hope of some year amassing a summer." Now, isn't that marvelous? Read it a few times, savour it, and I know you'll agree. The novels have been more out of print than in print, but a few months ago the first two popped up, maybe because I had been searching again, and I grabbed all the stock I could. Read him.

Needing something to read on the plane—went to Florida for a week of golf with my younger brother who had been working very hard and needed the time off badly—I grabbed a copy of The Cutting Room (\$10.99) by **LAURENCE KLAVAN**. I vaguely remembered reading and liking very much his novel True Crime (\$9.99). I only figured out later, when it was too late to do anything about it, that True Crime was written by **Andrew Klavan**, not **Lawrence Klavan**. My first clue? The Cutting Room is a debut novel and Andrew is the author of a dozen novels! All turned out well, however. This was an amusing little thriller full of movie lore and trivia. The principal characters are avid movie buffs who are on the trail of their Holy Grail, the long-lost and never-released complete print of Orson Welles's The Magnificent Ambersons. "Worth its weight in popcorn..." says The York Times Book Review. Test your knowledge of movie lore against these nerds.

Hardcover

AALBORG, GORDON SPECIALIST (\$57.95) (Five Star) Kristen is a jewelry designer whose hobby is caving. Her sister Emma goes missing en route to visit Kristen, then her sister's Kristen-designed ring mysteriously turns up in a newly discovered cave on Vancouver Island. This cannot and should not be, but Kristen knows it's true because she found the ring herself. The specialist is a serial killer with very specific and unique tastes.

ABBOTT, MEGAN DIE A LITTLE (\$33.50) (Simon & Schuster) Hollywood of the 1950s. Schoolteacher Lora King takes on the role of amateur detective as she looks into the past of her brother's new wife. She uncovers a shadowy world of drugs, prostitution and murder. A debut novel.

ADAM, PAUL SLEEPER (\$41.00) (Time Warner, UK) Who would want to kill Tomaso Rainaldi, an elderly, unassuming violinmaker in the quiet Italian city of Cremona? No one can fathom a reason for the murder, especially his friend Gianni Castiglione. Tomaso has few possessions, no enemies, and little money. All he had was an obsessive love of violins. And an encyclopedic knowledge of them; the famous ones and the missing ones. Gianni starts to investigate his dead friend's affairs. See *Marian's Picks*.

AKUNIN, BORIS TURKISH GAMBIT (\$32.95) (Random House) The Russo-Turkish war is at a critical juncture, and Erast Fandorin, broken hearted and disillusioned, has gone to the front in an attempt to forget his sorrows. Captured by the Turks, he wins his freedom in a game of backgammon, before finding himself the unlikely rescuer of Varvara Suvorova, a 'progressive' Russian woman trying to make her way to the Russian headquarters to join her fi

ancé. This is the third book to be translated from Russian. We also have two copies of the UK edition at \$39.00.

ATHERTON, NANCY AUNT DIMITY AND THE NEXT OF KIN (\$34.00) (Viking) Lori Shepherd becomes a volunteer at the Radcliffe Infirmary where she befriends Miss Beacham. When the woman dies and Lori receives a letter from Miss B. written shortly before her death she realizes that there was more to the gentle invalid. Guided by Aunt Dimity's supernatural skills Lori investigates. Number ten in the series.

BAKOPOULOS, DEAN PLEASE DON'T COME BACK FROM THE MOON (\$32.00)

BATEMAN, COLIN OF WEE SWEETIE MICE AND MEN and CYCLE OF VIOLENCE (\$35.95 each) US editions of these earlier Batemans which can be special ordered for you.

BEBRIS, CARRIE SUSPENSE AND SENSIBILITY (\$32.95) (Forge) Elizabeth Darcy and her husband Fitzwilliam take on the responsibility of searching for a husband for Kitty, Elizabeth's younger sister. But the young man chosen turns out to be not as perfect as first thought. The first in the series is Pride and Pre-science (\$9.99).

BERNHARDT, WILLIAM DARK EYE (\$35.95) Eight months after her cop husband's death, Susan Pulaski's life is spiraling out of control. When a violent incident earns her a pink slip from the Las Vegas Police Department and a trip to detox she is determined to get her job back. Unfortunately the serial killer stalking the city has her in his sights.

BLOCK, LAWRENCE ALL THE FLOWERS ARE DYING (\$34.95) (Morrow) Scudder has agreed to investigate the ostensibly suspicious online lover of an acquaintance. It seems simple enough at first, but when people start dying it is clear a vicious killer is at work. Number sixteen in the series.

BONANNO&PISTONE&FISHER GOOD GUYS (\$34.95) (Warner) The authors of this novel are a former Mafia guy, a former FBI undercover agent, and a writer. The story involves a missing university professor with both the Mafia and the FBI hot on his trail. How authentic can it get!

BROWN, RITA MAE CAT'S EYEWITNESS (\$35.00) "Harry" Haristeen and her best friend Susan take a much needed rest at the Mount Carmel monastery but they don't count on the statue of the Virgin Mary crying tears of blood in front of their very eyes. Nor do they count on Susan's great-uncle Thomas, a resident monk, freezing to death at the foot of the statue. Murder? Mrs. Murphy, Pewter, and Tucker investigate.

CARLOTTO, MASSIMO MASTER OF KNOTS (\$34.95) (Orion) When Helena Giraldi is abducted her husband approaches Alligator, a former blues singer and ex-con, and his friends Max, and Rossini for help. Helena and Mariano lead a secret double life involving Italy's S & M scene. The first in the series is Columbian Mule (\$10.99).

COLLETT, CHRIS WORM IN THE BUD (\$38.95) (Piatkus) See *Wendy's Picks*. "Absolutely wonderful" says Marian as well.

COLLEY, BARBARA WIPE OUT (\$31.00) (Kensington) When one of Charlotte LaRue's regulars moves, she takes on gardening enthusiastic Mimi Adams as a new client. Mimi is president of the local gardening club and when she is found dead Charlotte investigates. Number four in the series.

CONNELLY, MICHAEL CRIME BEAT SELECTED JOURNALISM 1984-1992 (\$40.00)

CONNOR, JOHN PLAYROOM (\$34.95 cloth, \$24.95 trade paper) (Orion) Both Marian and Wendy have picked the first in this series, Phoenix (\$10.99), before. In the sequel a thirteen year old girl is kidnapped and DCS John Munro begins to crack under the pressure of holding together an enquiry swamped with leads. Left off the investigation because of her past encounters with Munro, DC Karen Sharpe is pursuing her own single-handed enquiry into

historic child abuse allegations. Her enquiries uncover connections with the present day disappearance.

CONNOR, NANCY BENEATH DARK WATER (\$33.95) (Forge) Child is the 12 year old who one day shows up on the doorstep of Sherry Henderson. Her own child is dead, killed in a random terrorist attack. So when Child goes missing the police just rule it another runaway. Sherry will not give up in her search for Child. A debut novel.

COOPER, NATASHA KEEP ME ALIVE (\$24.50) (Simon & Schuster, UK) The UK edition arrived a couple of months after the US edition. Features barrister Trish Maguire in her sixth outing.

CRAIS, ROBERT FORGOTTEN MAN (\$34.95) (Doubleday) It was touch and go for a while: should Marian pick this or Wendy? "His best" says Wendy. "Fabulous" says Marian. Elvis Cole is not sure if the dead man was his long gone dad. See *Wendy's Picks*.

CRAY, DAVID DEAD IS FOREVER (\$35.00) (Carroll & Graf) Introducing Philip Becket, sometime private investigator to New York society's ruling class. His cousin's husband, Count Sergio D'Alesse, is murdered and Philip is the prime suspect.

CUSHMAN, STEVE PORTISVILLE (\$32.00)

DONOHUE, JOHN DESHI (\$33.95) (Thomas Dunne) Asian scholar and martial artist Connor Burke is drawn into a murder investigation when the police discover a link between the victim and the mysterious Kita Takanobu, a prominent martial arts sensei. The first in the series is Sensei (\$9.99).

DORSEY, TIM TORPEDO JUICE (\$34.95) Serge A. Storms returns in his seventh outing trying to reinvent himself in the Keys.

[DOYLE] VANNEMAN, ALAN SHERLOCK HOLMES AND THE HAPSBURG TIARA (\$35.95, \$20.50 trade paperback) (Carroll & Graf) A fabulous diamond, a vanishing duke, and a murdered servant boy launch a mystery that begins in London and takes Holmes and Watson on board the Orient Express to Constantinople. **DOYLE, PETER** GET RICH QUICK (\$34.95) (Criminy) Winner of Australia's Ned Kelly award for Best First Novel. 1950s Sydney and Billy Glasheen is trying to make a living any way he can. His schemes always interfere with Sydney's big players: crooks, bent cops, and politicians on the make. He's on the run from the cops, framed for a murder he did not commit, with nowhere to turn.

EVERSZ, ROBERT DIGGING JAMES DEAN (\$32) (Simon & Schuster) Ex-con turned paparazza Nina Zero is investigating the mysterious thefts of celebrity bones from graveyards.

FARRIS, JOHN PHANTOM NIGHTS (\$34.95) (Forge) "America's premier novelist of terror...nobody does it better" says Stephen King. The year is 1952 and fourteen-year-old Alex Gambier finds himself in the care of a young black nurse named Mally Shaw after one of his hair raising stunts goes wrong. When Mally is murdered mute Alex recklessly pursues the murderer.

FASMAN, JON GEOGRAPHER'S LIBRARY (\$36) (Penguin) When a 12th-century burglar steals a sack of artifacts the tools and talismans of transmutation are scattered all over the world. Nine hundred years later, in a sleepy New England town, Paul Tomm, a young reporter investigating the death of a local professor, finds that someone is collecting them again. See *Marian's Picks*.

FRAZER, MARGARET WIDOW'S TALE (\$34.00) (Berkley) Dame Frevisse of St. Frideswide's nunnery must decide where her loyalties lie: to her cousin, to the truth or to England's peace when she helps a woman who has been imprisoned by her dead husband's greedy and ambitious relatives. Number fourteen in the series.

FROST, SCOTT RUN THE RISK (\$29.00) (Putnam) Los Angeles homicide detective Alex Delillo works a case that chills her from the start. None of the evidence makes sense, from the murder of a small-time shopkeeper to the disappearance of a teenage girl.

FULLERTON, ALEXANDER STARK REALITIES (\$41) (Time Warner, UK) A WWI adventure when terms of the armistice are being negotiated, a German U-boat returning to base encoun-

ters the enemy and is sunk. Meanwhile in London, Annie Laurie, a young war widow fluent in German working for the intelligence division of the Royal Navy, learns of the sinking of the U-boat. She remembers a pre-war weekend in Berlin in the summer of 1913

GAITER, LEONCE BOURBON STREET (\$33.50) (Carroll & Graf) Deke Watley makes his way to the hotel Moreau to play poker in a private game organized by powerful business magnet August Moreau. Set in New Orleans in 1958, this is a debut novel. **GARCIA-ROZA, LUIZ ALFREDO** WINDOW IN COPACABANA (\$32.95) (Henry Holt) Espinosa, chief of the 12th Precinct in Copacabana, Rio de Janeiro, doesn't have much to go on in the deaths of three cops killed by an assassin who likes to fire at point-blank range. The three earlier novels are The Silence of the Rain (\$20), December Heat (\$18), and Southwesterly Wind (\$18).

GEAGLEY, BRAD YEAR OF THE HYENAS (\$33.50) (Simon & Schuster) Set in ancient Egypt, Semerket, the Clerk of Investigations and Secrets, is retained to investigate the murder of an elderly, insignificant Theban princess. What they didn't tell him is they don't want him to succeed. See *Wendy's Picks*.

GEORGE, ELIZABETH WITH NO ONE AS WITNESS (\$37.95) Just a heads up. The book is due soon, it's a March release, but feel free to order one now anyway. Lynley #13.

GILDINER, CATHERINE SEDUCTION (\$34.95) (Knopf, Canada) Kate Fitzgerald has served nearly a decade of a life sentence for murdering her husband. While incarcerated she has put her brain to use by reading all of Freud's works and has become known in academic circles as an expert. Her psychiatrist offers her parole if she agrees to investigate the director of the Freud academy, a man who plans to upset the entire psychoanalytical apple cart. Mary says: Gildiner wrote the delightful memoir Too Close to the Falls (\$18.95 special order) about her childhood in Lewiston, New York. Her new book starts with the same engaging humour: It's really embarrassing to admit, but I forget why I killed my husband.

GOLDSTONE, LAWRENCE & NANCY THE FRIAR AND THE CIPHER (\$37.00) (Doubleday) Not a novel but could be. In this "fact is stranger than fiction" account, a manuscript is found in 1912 that has puzzled scholars for nearly a century. Who wrote it? What does it say? What do the astrological diagrams mean? The two authors put forth the theory that the work is that of Roger Bacon, the noted 13th-century astronomer. Illustrated.

GOODGER, JOHN DRUPERMAN TAPES (\$34.95) (St. Martin's) Emmett Druperman, CEO of the Galaxy Hotel and Casino and head of a secret cooperative of the most powerful casinos in Las Vegas, calls in Steve Forrester, head of the Galaxy's security team and ex-Las Vegas cop, when he receives a videotape threatening violence against the casinos unless a ransom is paid.

GRISHAM, JOHN BROKER (\$39.95) (Doubleday) After receiving enormous pressure from the CIA the US president grants a pardon to Joel Backman, a notorious Washington power broker, who has spent six years hidden away in federal prison. Backman may have obtained secrets that compromise the world's most sophisticated satellite surveillance system. He is smuggled out of the USA, given a new identity, and a new home in Italy. Eventually the CIA will leak his whereabouts to the Israelis, the Russians, the Chinese, and the Saudis, and see who comes to kill him.

GRUBER, MICHAEL VALLEY OF BONES (\$34.95) (Morrow) Rookie cop Titi Morales and famous cop Jimmy Paz, enter the Miami hotel room from which a wealthy oilman had plunged to his death. There they find an otherworldly woman by the name of Emmylou Dideroff. She emerges from a rapturous, prayer-like state and asks for notebooks to write in so she can confess to the crime. Why is everyone interested in what the notebooks have to say? The first in the series is Tropic of Night (\$9.99).

HALL, JAMES W FORESTS OF THE NIGHT (\$34.95) (St. Martin's) Policewoman Charlotte Monroe has a gift that borders on

psychic, an ability to read people's faces and body language, to size up their intentions and act before they do. Then a stranger shows up on her doorstep with a chilling warning.

HARPER, KAREN FYRE MIRROR (\$33.95) (Thomas Dunne) Elizabeth I tries to stop a serial killer who uses fire as a weapon. Not only is he killing people but he's burning up all her portraits. Number seven in the series.

HOLDEN, CRAIG NARCISSIST'S DAUGHTER (\$33.50) (Simon & Schuster) "Excellent" says David. See David's Picks.

HOYT, RICHARD SONJA'S RUN (\$34.95) (Forge) After reading the dustjacket this sounds like non stop action from one page to the next. At an 1852 Christmas party hosted by Tsar Nicholas I, half-Chinese, half-Russian poet Sonja Sankova decks Peter "Colonel Cut" Koslov, who is infamous for his necklace of ears taken from serfs and Jews. In London that same night, American Jack Sandt, conspires with Karl Marx to con the tsar into letting him take daguerreotype images inside Russia. The path of these two cross as they flee from Koslov.

ILES, GREG BLOOD MEMORY (\$35.95) (Scribner) Catherine Ferry is a forensic odontologist, a specialist in bite marks and the clues they provide. As the pressures of her work take their toll on her she is suspended from the FBI task force investigating a series of gruesome murders. She retreats to her hometown of Natchez, Mississippi. When some of her forensic chemicals are spilled in her childhood bedroom, two bloody footprints are revealed. Cat's father was murdered when she was eight, but she always believed the crime had occurred in the garden. Now she wonders what really happened. See *Wendy's Picks*.

IRBY, LEE 7000 CLAMS (\$33.95) (Doubleday) Frank Hearn is a down on his luck bootlegger and bruiser looking for a big score in the heart of the Roaring Twenties. When he loses a shipment of booze to a government thief he hunts him down, roughs him up, and finds a scrap of paper that turns out to be an IOU for \$7,000, signed by Babe Ruth. He heads down to St. Petersburg, spring training camp, to see if he can collect.

JOENS, MICHAEL BLOOD REINS (\$33.95) (Thomas Dunne) Working with her quarter stallion Buster Brown, Detective Sandra Cameron begins to recover from the death of her partner and nearly her own. (Read Animated Death in Burbank \$34.95). Her peace of mind is shattered by the murder of Chet Gundry, a world-renowned horse whisperer, ladies man, diabetic, and dear friend. When a second murder occurs in the equestrian world Sandy and Burbank detective Tom Rigby pool their resources to stop the killer.

KEENE, CAROLYN QUEST OF THE MISSING MAP (\$22.95) There are facsimile editions of some of the original Nancy Drew and Hardy Boy novels available. Let us know the title you are looking for and we can tell you if it is available.

LEHANE, CORNELIUS WHAT GOES AROUND COMES AROUND (\$33.95) (Thomas Dunne) When bartender Brian McNulty is offered a job at the very fancy Ocean Club in Manhattan, he is suspicious; he's not a fancy kind of guy. He's even more suspicious when the body of an old acquaintance floats to the surface of the East River right outside the Club's front door.

LEWIN, MICHAEL Z EYE OPENER (\$60.00) (Five Star) By special order only due to the price. Albert Sampson finally gets his PI's license back and quickly gets himself two new cases. One of them is the best paying job he's ever had: working for the lawyers defending a man accused of being the rapist and serial killer who has terrified Indianapolis for years. The other, he's doing for free.

LEWIS, PAM SPEAK SOFTLY, SHE CAN HEAR (\$33.50) (Simon & Schuster) New York City 1965: At an exclusive Manhattan girls' school two unlikely students begin a friendship that is sealed by a life-changing secret. On a dare, the two friends make a pact to lose their virginity before graduation. On a bitterly cold

holiday weekend in an isolated cabin deep in the Vermont woods, a horrifying twist develops in the girls' plans.

LORDON, RANDYE SON OF A GUN (\$33.95) (St. Martin's) New York City PI Sydney Sloane helps investigate the shooting of her friend, the father of her godchild, NYPD John Cannady. The police assume that the shooting was either random or the work of a criminal from Cannady's past. But a threatening phone call to Sydney changes all that. The call comes from a man claiming to be the now-adult child that Sydney gave up for adoption after an unfortunate teen pregnancy.

MCMAHON, NEIL REVOLUTION NO. 9 (\$22.50) (Harper Collins) You are not misreading the price. Carroll Monks has been kidnapped by his estranged son, Glenn. It seems Glenn has become part of a community where paramilitary training and methamphetamines are de rigeur and the leader of the group is known as Freeboot. Freeboot's four-year-old son is deathly ill and Monks, an emergency room physician, realizes that the young boy needs to be hospitalized, and so, kidnaps him and escapes. The wrath of Freeboot is let loose.

MARTINEZ, MICHELE MOST WANTED (\$33.95) (Morrow) Melanie Vargas is a hardworking, hotshot federal prosecutor in New York City with a rising career in the law and a marriage that's on the rocks. During an evening stroll with her baby girl she comes upon the horrific crime scene where a wealthy former prosecutor from her office has been tortured and murdered. Melanie wants to handle the case but that will put her close to a hard-to-resist FBI agent who has secrets of his own. A debut novel.

MATTHEWS, ALEX WEDDING'S WIDOW (\$33.95) (Intrigue) Number five in the series.

MILLAR, MARGARET COUPLE NEXT DOOR (\$40) (Crippen & Landru) A collection of stories and two novellas by Canadian born Ms. Millar. Also available in trade paperback at \$29.

MONTANARI, RICHARD ROSARY GIRLS (\$34.95) (Ballantine) Veteran cop Kevin Byrne and his rookie partner Jessica Balzano spearhead the hunt for the serial killer who is targeting devout young Catholic women in Philadelphia.

MURPHY, SHIRLEY ROUSSEAU CAT CROSS THEIR GRAVE (\$34.95) (Harper Collins) Joe Grey and Dulcie help Kit find the killer of her owner, film star Patty Rose. #10 in the series.

MYERS, TAMAR ASSAULT AND PEPPER (\$29.00) (New American Library) Lucky number thirteen in the series. Mennonite innkeeper Magdalena Yoder and the rest of the congregation get ready for the annual chili supper cook-off. But just when the devout diners sit down to eat, beloved Reverend Schrock falls facedown into a pot of chili. Someone slipped peanuts into the chili, knowing that the Reverend was deathly allergic to them.

NICHOLSON, WILLIAM SOCIETY OF OTHERS (\$29.95) (Doubleday Canada) A young man plans to hitchhike through Europe without any destination, but like a character in a Kafka novel, he finds himself confronting a world that defies rational explanation and descends into an orgy of violence that threatens to destroy his power to control his destiny.

O'BRIEN, MAUREEN EVERY STEP YOU TAKE (\$39.00) (Time Warner, UK) Detective Inspector John Bright becomes concerned about his childhood friend George Fletcher as he begins to look more and more ill. Worry turns to alarm when the body of a young girl is found in a park nearby.

PAIGE, ROBIN DEATH AT BLENHEIM PALACE (\$35.00) (Berkley) At Marlborough Hall in 1154 the mistress of King Henry II was poisoned. Was the murderer his wife, Eleanor of Aquitaine? 1903, Charles and Kate Sheridan travel to what is now called Blenheim Palace as Kate is writing a book on the subject and plans to do research at the palace. While there the Duke and Duchess disappear and the two sleuths investigate.

PATTERSON, RICHARD NORTH CONVICTION (\$35.95) (Random House) The latest to appear from this writer. We have sold out at the moment so we can't "crib" it.

PAWEL, REBECCA WATCHER IN THE PINE (\$35.95) (Soho) Spain 1940. The remote mountain village of Potes is Carlos Tejada's first independent command. Elena Fernandez, his pregnant wife, accompanies him to his new post. The whole place is hostile towards him and then he finds out that the officer he is replacing was shot to death in an ambush and the killer is still at large. Sequel to Death of a Nationalist and Law of Return (\$17.95 each).

PENZLER, OTTO ED DANGEROUS WOMEN (\$34.95) (Mysterious) All the characters are female in this collection of stories by Michael Connelly, Elmore Leonard, John Connolly, Laura Lippman, and others.

POULSON, CHRISTINE MURDER IS ACADEMIC \$34.95) (Thomas Dunne) The UK title is Dead Letters and was published in 2002. An academic mystery set in Cambridge, Professor Cassandra James takes a position of English at St. Ethelreda's College. When the head of the department is found dead Cassandra takes over running the department. Looking through the papers on the desk she suspects the former head was murdered. "Excellent" say both Wendy and Marian.

RAWSON, CLAYTON MAGICAL MYSTERIES OF DON DIAVOLO (\$70.00) (Battered Silicon Dispatch Box) Yep, it's expensive. Four short Don Diavolo novels collected for the first time in this hardcover edition. Also included are five short stories, a memoir of the author written by his son, and a few photographs.

RENDELL, RUTH THIRTEEN STEPS DOWN (\$35.95) (Doubleday, Canada) Mix Cellini is superstitious about the number thirteen. In the Notting Hill neighbourhood where he lives there are thirteen steps down to the landing below his rooms. He has become obsessed with John Christie and 10 Rillington Place, where a series of murders were committed. And when reality intrudes into Mix's life, a long pent-up violence explodes.

RHOADES, J D DEVIL'S RIGHT HAND (\$31.95) (St. Martin's) Jack Keller, a man tormented by nightmares he's had ever since a disastrous tour in Desert Storm, makes his living tracking bail jumpers for a firm in North Carolina. He has no idea how his latest case, tracking down a lifelong loser for jumping bail on a burglary collar, will spiral out of control. A debut novel.

ROBB, J D SURVIVOR IN DEATH (\$33.50) (Putnam) The latest from this writer AKA Nora Roberts.

ROBINSON, PETER STRANGE AFFAIR (#15) (\$34.99) (McClelland & Stewart) Told you all about the new Banks last issue. Great.

ROTH, PHILIP PLOT AGAINST AMERICA (\$36.95) We can special order this for you if you let us know.

RUSTAGE, ALAN BLACKSTONE AND THE TIGER (\$36.99) (Severn House) AKA Sally Spencer. The kidnappings seemed run-of-the-mill at first to Inspector Sam Blackstone but he soon learns otherwise. But his problems are only just beginning. The arrival in London of the Maharajah of Chandrapore will place the Inspector centre stage in a chain of events which will not only threaten the nature of the British Raj in India but could turn the British government into a puppet of a very dangerous conspiracy. Set in 1898.

SATTERTHWAIT, WALTER CAVALCADE (\$33.95) (Thomas Dunne) Pinkerton agents Jane Turner and Philip Beaumont are on their way to Germany to find the assassin who almost succeeded in killing Adolf Hitler when he was in Berlin. But things go downhill fast when they realize what they are up against. Set in 1923.

SHEREZ, STAV DEVIL'S PLAYGROUND (\$39.00) (Penguin, UK) Special order only from the UK.

SMITH, BRAD BUSTED FLUSH (\$32.00) (Viking Canada) Dock Bass, a carpenter-turned-realtor, hates his job, his wife, and his life. He is summoned to Gettysburg by a law firm where he

learns that he's inherited an ancient house from a relative he never knew existed. Renovating the place he discovers a treasure trove of Civil War memorabilia, including a recording of Abraham Lincoln at Gettysburg. His life just got very hectic. Signed copies.

SMITH, PETER MOORE LOS ANGELES (\$34.95) (Little, Brown) Angel is convinced that the voice on the telephone calling his name is that of his neighbour, Angela, and that she needs help. But there is no trace of her anywhere, and even when he sets out to find her he wonders whether she ever really existed.

SPENCER, SALLY BUTCHER BEYOND (\$39.95)

STARLING, BORIS VODKA (\$32.95) (Random House, Canada) The Canadian edition. Alice Liddell travels to Moscow in 1991 to oversee the privatization of Russia's most famous vodka distillery, the Red October. Revenge and child killings are making the job impossible for her.

STROBY, WALLACE HEARTBREAK LOUNGE (#2) (\$32.95) (St. Martin's) Ex-state trooper Harry Rane helps Nikki Ellis keep out of the way of Johnny Harrow, her ex-husband.

Johnny has been in prison for the past seven years and is now on a rampage to settle accounts with anyone who did him wrong while he was gone. Nikki put up her baby for adoption after he went away. The first in the series is Barbed-Wire Kiss (\$9.99).

STOUT, MARTHA PhD THE SOCIOPATH NEXT DOOR (\$34.95) (Broadway) A non fiction book showing us how to spot a sociopath. According to the author one in every twenty-five Americans is a sociopath.

SULLIVAN, EUGENE MAJORITY RULES (\$34.95) (Forge) Tim Quinn, a Washington D.C. lawyer, is recommended by his friend Harry Winston to a vacancy on the bench caused by the unsavoury death of one of the judges. It seems too good to be true until Tim realizes that Chief Judge Winston's influence and favours come at a price.

TODD, CHARLES COLD TREACHERY (\$35.00) (Bantam) Called out by Scotland Yard into the teeth of a violent blizzard, Inspector Ian Rutledge travels to Urskdale to investigate a horrific murder. It appears an entire family was murdered without the least sign of a struggle. But worse, one of the young boys is missing. The seventh featuring Rutledge and his 'conscience' Hamish.

WARD, AMANDA EYRE SLEEP TOWARD HEAVEN (\$37.00) (MacAdam/Cage) In Gatestown, twenty-nine-year-old Karen awaits her execution. In New York, Fanny, a doctor, plans her wedding. In Austin, Celia, a young librarian mourns her lost husband. Over the course of the summer the three women's lives intertwine. A debut novel. See *Wendy's Picks*.

WEBB, BETTY DESERT SHADOWS: PUBLISHING CAN BE MURDER (\$34.95)

WELSH, LOUISE TAMBURLAINE MUST DIE (\$23.95) (Harper Collins, Canada) London, 1593. Playwright, poet and spy Christopher Marlowe has three days to live and to find the murderous Tamburlaine, a killer who has escaped from between the pages of his most violent play. A tiny book of 148 pages.

WOODMAN, RICHARD ICE MASK (\$39.95) (Severn House) When Guy Edwardes returns from a single-handed yachting voyage to the Arctic, he is a changed man. Then tragedy strikes, provoking his long time partner, Karen, and a friend, Nick Allan, to find out what had happened up there.

Paperback

ADAM, PAUL SLEEPER (\$25.00) See annotation in the hardcover section and *Marian's Picks*.

AKUNIN, BORIS MURDER ON THE LEVIATHAN (\$17.95) The second in this Russian series to be translated. French police commissioner "Papa" Gauche boards a ship bound for Calcutta to

find a murderer who killed an eccentric antiquarian, ten of his servants, and then stole a priceless Indian shawl. In Cairo, the ship is boarded by Erast Fandorin, introduced to us in The Winter Queen, (\$19.95 trade paperback). Who will solve the murder first?

ALBERT, SUSAN WITTIG THYME OF DEATH (\$2.99) The first China Bayles novel, published in 1992, is now offered at the low, low price of \$2.99. Why? Because we know if you read one you'll want to read all the others.

ANDREWS, DONNA WE'LL ALWAYS HAVE PARROTS (#5) (\$9.99) What a great title! Meg Langslow travels with her fiancé, Michael, to a fan convention for Porfiria, Queen of the Jungle, a cheesy cult TV show on which Michael has a minor role. When the show's temperamental leading lady is found murdered, Meg, along with a bunch of parrots who have escaped from their hotel cages, investigates. A very funny series. Earlier titles are: Murder with Peacocks (\$8.50), Murder with Puffins (\$8.50), Revenge of the Wrought-Iron Flamingos (\$9.50) and Crouching Buzzards, Leaping Loon (\$9.99).

ATHERTON, NANCY AUNT DIMITY SNOWBOUND (#9) (\$11.99) When Lori Shepherd decides to treat herself to a relaxing day hiking through the English countryside she has no idea that the blizzard of the century is about to hit. Fortunately she is able to find refuge in nearby Ladythorne Abbey along with two other stranded backpackers. But has she escaped one danger only to fall into the middle of another? Aunt Dimity to the rescue.

BAKER, JOHN MEANEST FLOOD (\$10.99) When two of Sam Turner's ex-wives are murdered the police think they have their man. Number six in the series.

BARR, NEVADA HIGH COUNTRY (\$10.99) Park Ranger Anna Pigeon works undercover in Yosemite National Park where four seasonal park workers have disappeared. Number twelve in the series.

BATEMAN, COLIN DRIVING BIG DAVIE (\$10.99) Dan Starkey, journalist of ill-repute, is off to Florida for the marriage of his old friend Davie Kincaid. With visions of sun and sex Dan is in for a rude awakening which involves a massive deception, mayhem, violence, robbery, Al Capone's gold and a very severe case of sunburn. Terrific says J.D.

BEBRIS, CARRIE PRIDE AND PRESCIENCE (#1) (\$9.99) Mr. and Mrs. Darcy, the joyous newlyweds from *Pride and Prejudice*, (yes, of Jane Austen fame) have not even left for their honeymoon when they find themselves embroiled in a mystery involving one of their wedding guests. A debut novel.

BERGIN, BOB WHEN TIGERS FLY (\$20.99) Asia hand Harry Ross and pal Aloysious Grant, two guys with an itch for life on the adventurous side, are on the trail of a rare WWII Tomahawk aircraft sighted in the jungles of Burma. In the employ of a rich US warbird collector, Harry and Aloysious scheme to separate this rare Flying Tiger aircraft from its current owner, a Chinese warlord who fancies himself a poet. Burmese midgets with a fashion sense, a savvy martial arts-trained courtesan, a feisty old Flying Tiger pilot and, for good measure, football-playing elephants are all part of the cast.

BERKELEY, ANTHONY AVENGING CHANCE (\$29.00) One of the greats of the Golden Age of British detective fiction. A collection of stories featuring his two famous characters, Roger Sheringham and Insp. Moresby.

BERNHARDT, WILLIAM HATE CRIME (\$10.99) In Tulsa, Ben Kincaid turns down a case defending a sadistic bigot accused of beating and stabbing a gay man. His defense is that he left his victim bludgeoned but alive. But Christina McCall, Ben's younger, beautiful partner accepts the case.

BISHOP, CLAUDIA BURIED BY BREAKFAST (#12) (\$9.99) A Hemlock Falls mystery. The Quilliam sisters deal with everything from fallen soufflés to fallen bodies, all in a day's work...Includes a recipe for The World's Best Omelet.

BLACK, J CARSON DARKNESS ON THE EDGE OF TOWN (\$9.99) Murder in Bisbee, Arizona, reputed to have the “best” weather in all of the US. It’s a family community that attracts a lot of tourists—Marian at one point was all for buying a vacation property there—and now a murderer as well.

BLAKE, JAMES CARLOS HANDSOME HARRY (\$19.95) Tough, fearless, intelligent, and sworn to live by no law but his own, this is a fictional account of his life, told by Handsome Harry, the heart of the Dillinger Gang, on the night before his execution.

BLOCK, LAWRENCE BURGLAR ON THE PROWL (#10) (\$9.99) Doing a favour for a friend lands Bernie Rhodenbarr in a pile of trouble that includes four murders and the burglary of his own house. Number ten in this highly acclaimed and funny series.

BLUNDY, ANNA BAD NEWS BIBLE (#1) (\$10.99) Marian just couldn't resist a book that promised fun with “vodka without tonic”. Introducing Faith Zanetti, a war correspondent, sent to Israel by her fat drunk foreign editor, and she loves it. When she finds the naked body of her best friend hanging from the door frame of her hotel room she can't keep her journalistic distance anymore. “I really liked it” says Marian, “unusual setting and a strong female character. The plot is a bit weak and some of the happenings are a bit too convenient but a good first mystery novel.” See *Marian's Picks*.

BOOTH, MARTIN VERY PRIVATE GENTLEMAN (\$20.00). The locals in the Italian village where he lives call him Signor Farfalla—Mr. Butterfly—for he appears to be a discrete gentleman who paints rare butterflies. But his real profession is deadly, unbeknownst to all, including the sometime brothel worker, Clara, with whom he sleeps. By the author of the very fine Islands of Silence (\$20). Both *J.D.'s Picks*, one a year ago and one now.

BORDEN, KATE DEATH OF A TRICKSTER (#2) (\$9.99) Halloween has come to Cobb’s Landing and someone’s playing deadly tricks. Sequel to Death of a Tart (\$8.99) and featuring Mayor and single mom Peggy Jean Turner.

BORTHWICK, J S INTENSIVE SCARE UNIT (#12) (\$9.99) In the chaos of the emergency room an old man sits, patiently waiting his turn. His presence goes unnoticed until he turns up dead in the ER toilet. At almost the same time, Julia Clancy is rushed to the same hospital emergency room, the apparent victim of a heart attack. The cardiology team wants to perform bypass surgery but Julia claims she just needs rest. As Julia's niece, Sarah Dean, English professor and sometime amateur sleuth, becomes involved in her care, she finds there is more to worry about than her aunt's medical condition. Julia was the last person to see the old man alive, and he didn't die of natural causes.

BOWKER, DAVID DEATH YOU DESERVE / RAWHEAD (\$17.95)

BOYNE, JOHN THIEF OF TIME (\$12.95) You might remember that in the January issue I told you how much I enjoyed Crippen (\$18) and that I wanted to get my hands on this novel as it too features Matthieu Zela the “enigmatic” character who played a small role in Crippen. Just received some copies but have not read it yet. This one starts off in 1758 with Zela fleeing Paris for Dover. 1758? was my first reaction. He'd be a very old man by the time he encountered Crippen, indeed! Well, reading on I learn that his body stops aging and two-and-a-half centuries later he has lived a very full life. I should say!

BRAUN, LILIAN JACKSON CAT WHO TALKED TURKEY (#26) (\$9.99) The gala groundbreaking for the new Pickax bookstore is marred by the discovery of a man's body nearby on James Qwilleran's property. And then Koko wants Qwill to read him a book he can't stand. Why?

BRETT, ALEX COLD DARK MATTER (\$11.99) A Canadian astronomer commits suicide on a desolate mountain peak in Hawaii, and Morgan O'Brien is sent to the observatory to find his missing data. She's not the only one looking for the notebooks and her ad-

versary is willing to kill to get them. Why? Sequel to Dead Water Creek (\$11.99).

BROWN & BENNETT NEW PENGUIN BOOK OF CANADIAN SHORT FICTION (\$46.95) Non-mystery short stories from different regions and cultures in Canada. Each of the more than thirty stories is prefaced by an introduction to the author.

BROWN, RITA MAE WHISKER OF EVIL (#12) (\$10.99) Number twelve featuring Mrs. Murphy and her friends.

BURKE, JAMES LEE IN THE MOON OF RED PONIES (#4) (\$11.99) Former Texas ranger Billy Bob Holland has moved his family to Missoula and set up a law practice. His first client is Johnny American Horse who is accused of killing two mysterious men who apparently had tried to kill him. Number four in the series.

BURLEY, W J WYCLIFFE AND THE BEALES and WYCLIFFE AND THE WINSOR BLUE (\$10.99 each) Two more re-issues. Set in Cornwall.

BUTCHER, JIM FOOL MOON (#2) and GRAVE PERIL (#3) (\$9.99 each). Sequel to Storm Front (\$9.99).

CAINE, RACHEL ILL WIND (#1), HEAT STROKE (#2) and CHILL FACTOR (#3) (\$9.99 each.) Weather Warden extraordinaire Joanne Baldwin, who protects the human race from monster storms, is doing something about the weather. “The forecast calls for... a fun read” and “You’ll never watch the Weather Channel the same way again”—*Jim Butcher*

CAMILLERI, ANDREA EXCURSION TO TINDARI (#5) (\$18) A young Don Juan is found murdered in front of his apartment building and an elderly couple is reported missing after an excursion to the ancient site of Tindari—two seemingly unrelated cases for Insp. Montalbano to solve. A trade paperback original.

CARLOTTO, MASSIMO MASTER OF KNOTS (\$24.95) See annotation in the hardcover section.

CHARLES, NORA WHO KILLED SWAMI SCHWARTZ? (#2) (\$9.99) Swami Schwartz, the founder of the Palmetto Beach Yoga Institute, is dead, his double espresso spiked with cyanide. Who would do that? Kate Kennedy, “our stylish and sophisticated Miss Marple” (*Victoria Thompson*) investigates.

CHILDS, LAURA BOUND FOR MURDER (\$8.99) #3 in the Scrapbook series, featuring Carmela Bertrand. Scrapbook tips included!! Sequel to Keepsake Crimes and Photo Finished (\$8.99 each).

CHRISTIE, AGATHA NORM (\$8.99) A re-issue.

CLANCY, TOM & DAVID MICHAELS TOM CLANCY'S SPLINTER CELL (\$10.99) Freedom has a cost. One man pays the price. His name is Sam Fisher. He is a Splinter Cell.

COLEMAN, REED FARREL THE JAMES DEANS (#3) (\$19.00) It's 1983, but beneath the façade of junk bonds and easy money, New York remains a gritty metropolis. “Moe Prager is my kind of private eye.”—**Michael Connelly**. By the author of Walking the Perfect Square (\$9.99) which I remember reading and enjoying a great deal.

COLLINS, KATE MUM'S THE WORD (\$8.99) Abby Knight, law school dropout, and new proud owner of Bloomers, her hometown flower shop, adores her job but a new low-cost competitor is killing her profits and a black SUV just rammed her vintage Corvette. If she's not careful, the next funeral arrangements might be for her own... Some competition for Stephanie Plum.

COMPTON, JODI 37TH HOUR (#1) (\$10.99) Now that Wendy has had a chance to read the sequel Sympathy Between Humans (\$30, due soon) and loved it too, she wants to remind y'all of how great a read this one was. See *Wendy's Picks*. (I wanted to pick these two books as well!!). *Marian*)

CONANT, SUSAN BRIDE AND GROOM (#16) (\$9.99) Holly Winter and her Alaskan malamutes return in their sixteenth mystery. It seems a serial killer is on the loose but the victims are all female and all known to Holly. Is she next?

CONNELLY, MICHAEL, editor MURDER IN VEGAS (\$21.95) Twenty-two stories of gambling and desperation by such writers as **S.J. Rozan**, **Wendy Hornsby**, **Rick Mofina**, and others.

CONNOR, JOHN PLAYROOM (\$24.95) Number two in the series. See annotation in the hardcover section.

COOK, THOMAS H PERIL (\$10.99) Sara Labriola is a married woman haunted by a violent past—and terrified of the future. Tired of living in fear, she does the only thing she can to protect herself: she disappears. She's going to reinvent herself and maybe even get the happy ending she's always dreamed of. But there are six desperate and dangerous men blocking her way.

CORK, VENA THORN (\$24.95) Rosa Thorn, her life changed by a tragedy, has taken the post of drama teacher at the local comprehensive school her children attend but strange things are going on. The headmaster is insinuating himself into their lives, her daughter is the subject of someone's demented infatuation, and the caretaker is a little sinister. "...a brilliant, menacing, psychological thriller that takes you to the edge of darkness" per the blurb. Also available in UK hardcover for \$34.95. A debut novel.

CRAIS, ROBERT SUNSET EXPRESS (#6) (\$11.99) A re-issue. Don't miss the new one. See *Wendy's Picks* and *Marian's want to pick*.

CUMMINGS, JOSEPH BANNER DEADLINES (\$29.00) This first collection of Senator Banner stories contains fourteen impossible cases to be solved by the buffalo-sized sleuth.

DARDEN, CHRISTOPHER & DICK LOCHTE LAWLESS (\$10.99) Three LAPD cops have confessed to killing their spouses in cold blood. Is there a connection? Mercer Early, a rising star at the West Coast's most prestigious African-American law firm, needs to know because he's defending one of the three cops.

DAVIDSON, MARY JANICE UNDEAD AND UNWED (\$8.99) A light and breezy vampire story with a touch of romance, per Marian.

DAVIS, PATRICK A SLOW WALK TO HELL (\$11.99) All the suspects in the torture-style killing of Major Talbot are high-ranking Air Force officers and investigator Martin Collins has his work cut out for him.

DEAVER, JEFFERY W GARDEN OF BEASTS (\$11.99) Paul Schumann, a German American living in New York City in 1936, is a mobster hit man who only takes on righteous assignments. He is caught and offered a choice. He can pose as a journalist and go to the summer Olympics in Berlin and hunt down and kill Reinhard Ernst, the ruthless architect of Hitler's clandestine rearmament, or he can go to Sing Sing.

DEFELICE, JIM THREAT LEVEL BLACK (\$11.99) FBI Special agent Andy Fisher isn't sure there really is a device that can render useless any electronic system within a ten-mile radius but when terrorists claim to have acquired it, along with deadly sarin gas, he isn't going to take any chances.

DEXTER, PETE TRAIN (\$18.00) Los Angeles, 1953. Lionel Walk, nicknamed Train, is a young black caddy at Brookline, the oldest, most exclusive country club in the city. Months after Miller Packard, a sergeant with the San Diego police department, first appears at the club, the two become partners of a sort and are winning high-stakes matches against golf hustlers all over the country. Packard is also a puzzle to Norah Still, the beautiful lone survivor of a terrifying yacht hijacking, who is both aroused and repulsed by his violent and detached behaviour at the crime scene.

DIAMOND, SARAH REMEMBER ME (\$10.99) At age twenty-six Rachel has everything she wants, but she has never told anyone what happened to almost destroy her life fifteen years ago. It's a secret known only to one other person, her childhood best friend, Sophie. When Sophie comes back into her life unexpectedly, everything starts to slip and events from Rachel's past threaten to destroy her future.

DIBDIN, MICHAEL MEDUSA (#9) (\$19.95) When a group of Austrian cavers exploring a network of abandoned military tunnels in the Italian Alps comes across human remains, every one assumes the death was accidental. But when the body is stolen from the morgue and the Defence Ministry puts a blackout on the case the whole thing has a whiff of political corruption, and that's enough for Aurelio Zen's boss at the Interior Ministry to want to know who is hiding what from whom and why. One of *J.D.'s Picks* a year or so ago.

DIMERCURIO, MICHAEL EMERGENCY DEEP (\$9.99) The CIA needs one good man to strike back at the terrorist cabal that has acquired a scrapped Soviet sub and is preparing to throw the world into chaos.

[DOYLE] PIRIE, DAVID PATIENTS EYES (\$19.95) The dark beginnings of Sherlock Holmes. In his first medical practice young Doyle faces a number of puzzling incidents that are beyond his comprehension; thus he is forced to call on his mentor Dr. Bell for assistance. Previously published.

[DOYLE] VANNEMAN, ALAN SHERLOCK HOLMES AND THE HAPSBURG TIARA (\$20.50) See the annotation in the hardcover section.

DUNANT, SARAH BIRTH MARKS (\$17.50) The first book in the Hannah Wolfe series, which despite the "Never before in paperback" notice on the back cover has been available in paperback before, but a while ago. All three Hannah Wolfe novels are now available again.

DUNN, CAROLA DIE LAUGHING (\$8.99) #12 in this "upper-class society in 1920s Britain" series. This time Daisy is confronted with a dentist who has made his last appointment. He's found dead in his chair, a nitrous oxide mask clamped to his smiling face.

DUNNING, JOHN BOOKMAN'S PROMISE (#3) (\$11.99) Denver cop-turned-bookseller Cliff Janeway is on the trail of a priceless missing library. The granddaughter of a man who traveled with Sir Richard Francis Burton throughout the American South just before the Civil War asks Janeway to help recover her grandfather's collection. Seems like an impossible task but he's game. See *Marian's Picks*.

DURHAM, LAURA BETTER OFF WED (#1) (\$9.99) Wedding planner Annabelle Archer's first fiasco. The murder of a particularly difficult mother-of-the-bride has cast a pall on the festivities.

EICHLER, SELMA MURDER CAN MESS UP YOUR MASCARA (#12) (\$9.99) Plus-sized New York PI Desiree Shapiro is trying to keep charismatic pharmaceutical exec. Gordon Curry from being bumped off. Someone has already tried twice and she's to make sure that there is no third attempt.

ELKINS, AARON GOOD BLOOD (#11) (\$9.99) Gideon Oliver and his wife Julie accept the invitation of their good friend Phil to spend a few days on his wealthy family's idyllic island in Lake Maggiore during their Italian vacation. While there, bones are discovered by construction workers and Gideon is called on to identify them. Number eleven in the series.

EMERSON, KATHY LYNN MURDERS AND OTHER CONFUSIONS (\$28.00) In these eleven stories Susanna, Lady Appleton investigates cases full of the colour and danger of the 16th century.

EVANOVICH, JANET LOVE OVERBOARD (\$9.99) A romance novel first published in 1989 as *Ivan Takes a Wife*.

EVERSZ, ROBERT BURNING GARBO (\$17.50) Ex-con-turned-paparazza Nina Zero is trying to photograph a reclusive film star who hasn't been seen in a decade and ends up being shot at, smoked out, and accused of both arson and murder.

FAIRBANKS, NANCY HOLY GUACAMOLE (#6) (\$8.99) Carolyn Blue is through with cooking and cleaning; she's taken on a dream job as a food writer. This time she's at a post-production party in El Paso where the artistic director eats some bad guacamole that disagrees with him right to the death.

FARMER, JERRILYN PERFECT SAX (#6) (\$9.99) The dazzling Jazz Ball for the prestigious Woodburn School of Music promises to be event planner Madeline Bean's greatest triumph to date. It is, unless you count the theft of a one-of-a-kind tenor saxophone, auctioned off to raise money for the school. Then came the murder of a young girl in Mad's bedroom. If you like food mysteries ("no recipes, but it doesn't matter", says Marian, "what food is prepared is visually descriptive"). The fifth novel in the series, Mumbo Gumbo (\$9.99), was nominated for an Agatha.

FLUKE, JOANNE FUDGE CUPCAKE MURDER (#5) (\$9.99) Hannah Swensen helps her very pregnant sister Andrea clear her husband's name when he becomes the number one suspect in the murder of the sheriff. One of *Marian's Picks* a year or so back.

GALENORN, YASMINE MURDER UNDER A MYSTIC MOON (#3) (\$8.99) Emerald O'Brien, single mother of two, sells tea and tarot-card readings at her Chintz 'n China Tea Room. A gal's got to make a living, somehow. "I had not read the first or second in this series but picked up this one and enjoyed it", said Marian.

GARDNER, ASHLEY GLASS HOUSE (\$8.99) The third Captain Gabriel Lacey investigation. It is known as The Glass House—a place where London's high society can see and do things unbecoming of a gentleman or a lady. A place that Lacey knows nothing about until one of its regulars is found murdered, floating in the Thames. Regency England.

GATISS, AMRK VESUVIUS CLUB (\$26.00) Lucifer Box is the darling of the Edwardian belle monde: portrait painter, wit, dandy and rake. He is also His Majesty's most daring secret agent. And so when Britain's most prominent scientists begin turning up dead, there is only one man the country can turn to.

GEORGE, NELSON ACCIDENTAL HUNTER (#2) (\$19.00) Security specialist D Hunter is hired to deliver the ransom to free a singer called Night. Which he does well enough. When it becomes apparent that she's going to need ongoing security he reluctantly becomes her bodyguard. Set in hip-hop clubs. Sequel to Night Work (\$19).

GIBSON, BRIAN BLEEDING DAYLIGHT (\$19.95) Only Joseph Zimolzak, a professor at York University in Toronto, may be able to stop the killings on campus...

GISCHLER, VICTOR PISTOL POETS (\$10.99) An unlucky grad student gets himself killed in a robbery gone bad, and lowly drug lieutenant Harold Jenks decides to steal the dead guy's identity. Now he's cruising the halls of academia as Eastern Oklahoma University's newest grad student, hoping he can stay one couplet ahead of his violent past. Across campus, visiting professor Jay Morgan doesn't know what to do with the dead co-ed in his bed. Gun Monkeys (\$10.99) is his first novel and it was terrific.

GOFF, CHRISTINE DEATH TAKES A GANDER (#4) (\$8.99) US Fish and Wildlife Special Agent Angela Dimato responds to a report of a sick bird... and finds her partner dead. Murder? Suicide?

GOLD, ALAN TRUE CRIME (\$9.99) Reporter Lou Tadesco is covering the reopening of a grand old movie theatre when the small town is shattered by the senseless murder of two lovers. When he discovers evidence that the police chief seems quite happy to overlook he comes to the conclusion that the killer is known to the cops but for reasons of their own, they seem quite happy to keep that knowledge to themselves. He investigates. Based on a true incident.

GOLDBERG, LEE DIAGNOSIS MURDER: THE WAKING NIGHTMARE (\$9.99) The fourth novel, based on the TV series.

GOLDRING, KAT WORK OF THE ANGELS (#3) (\$8.99) and EYE THAT IS DIVINE (#4) (\$9.99) Willi Gallagher mysteries. Murder mysteries, yes, but also novels with a good dollop of spiritualism, Native American, Celtic, Buddhist...

GRAHAM, CAROLINE GHOST IN THE MACHINE (#7) (\$10.99) DCI Barnaby investigates a murder in the village of Forbes Abbot.

GRIFFIN, W E B RETREAT HELL (\$10.99) Fall of 1950 and the Marines have made a pivotal breakthrough at Inchon, Korea.

GRIMES, MARTHA HELP THE POOR STRUGGLER (\$10.99) A re-issue of the sixth in the series.

GRUBER, MICHAEL VALLEY OF BONES (\$24.50) The second novel featuring Detective Jimmy Paz. In this one he's investigating the particularly grisly murder of a wealthy oilman. The atrocities that have been taking place in Sudan for the last three decades, over oil wealth, form the backdrop to the story.

HAINES, CAROLYN HALLOWED BONES (#5) (\$9.99) Southern belle Sarah Booth is helping Doreen Mallory who has been arrested for killing her ten-week-old baby, who was born with multiple birth defects. But Doreen will not talk to anyone about her baby. The outspoken, outrageously attired ghost of Sarah's great-great-grandmother's nanny is also on the case, or more likely on Sarah's case.

HALE, GEORGIE HEAR NO EVIL (\$10.99) Set in Coventry, Diane is the only person to believe her brother innocent when he is suspected of murdering his secretary.

HALL, OAKLEY AMBROSE BIERCE AND THE TREY OF PEARLS (\$19.00)

HARRIS, CHARLAINE SHAKESPEARE'S COUNSELOR (#5) (\$9.99) Cleaning woman and karate expert Lily Bard decides to attend a weekly therapy session but discovers more than she bargained for. This is the fifth in her Shakespeare series.

HARRIS, LEE MURDER IN ALPHABET CITY (#2) (\$10.99) From the author of the Christine Bennett "holiday" series, the second in the Manhattan Mystery series. Newly promoted to detective first-grade with the NYPD, Jane Bauer is back to work after a nearly fatal run-in with a killer. Sequel to Murder in Hell's Kitchen (\$10.99).

HARRISON, COLIN HAVANA ROOM (\$9.99) Bill Wyeth has lost everything, family, fortune, career. Offered the chance to make a lot of money on a shady real estate deal, he can't refuse. Maybe he should have. If he thinks he's lost it all, he's in for a surprise.

HARRISON, KIM GOOD THE BAD AND THE UNDEAD (\$9.99)

HART, ELLEN HALLOWED MURDER (#1) (\$19.95) A re-issue of the first Jane Lawless mystery. When the police call Allison Lord's drowning a suicide, her housemates at her University of Minnesota sorority insist it was murder. That's when Jane, the girl's alumnae advisor, steps in to find out the truth.

HART, ELLEN STAGE FRIGHT (#3) (\$19.95) A re-issue of the third Jane Lawless mystery. Aging theater actor Torald Werness's last curtain call is as a corpse. It is Jane who finds his body onstage, impaled on a part of the set.

HARWIN, PATRICIA SLAYING IS SUCH SWEET SORROW Catherine Penny, an American woman living in the tiny English town of Far Wychwood, is not too happy when her ex-husband, who left her when they were in their sixties, comes to town with his new lady love. They are attending an award ceremony where their son-in-law, Peter, is up for an award. Peter doesn't win but shortly after the announcement the winner is found murdered. The first in the series is Arson and Old Lace (\$9.50).

HAYDER, MO TOKYO (\$21.00) An expensive British import. An excellent read that will be out in a North American hardcover in a few weeks, under the title of Devil of Nanking, tentative price is \$29.95. See *Wendy's Picks*.

HESS, JOAN MULETRAIN TO MAGGODY (#14) (\$10.50) Things are pretty quiet for police chief Arly Hanks in Maggody until it becomes known that two saddlebags of Confederate gold were hidden in a local cave to keep them from falling into Yan

kee hands. As the saddlebags were never recovered, almost everyone in town has a plan to get their hands on the lost gold.

HOYT, RICHARD WEATHERMAN'S DAUGHTERS (\$9.99) John Denson has finally met his match; he's stumped. He cannot figure out why someone has killed the two daughters of a Portland weatherman. His Native American partner, Willie Sees the Night, suggests that if traditional methods don't work why not try his shamanistic ways? John's gonna give it a try.

IGGULDEN, CONN EMPEROR: THE DEATH OF KINGS (\$10.99) A novel of Julius Caesar from the author of EMPEROR: THE GATES OF ROME (\$10.99). "What Robert Graves did for Claudius, Iggulden now does for the most famous emperor of all—Julius Caesar" — **William Bernhardt**.

JAMES, P D INNOCENT BLOOD (\$10.99) A re-issue.

JECKS, MICHAEL TOLLS OF DEATH (#17) (\$10.99) After their grueling trip back from Galicia, Sir Baldwin Furnhill and his friend Bailiff Simon Puttock, are almost home. But in the Cornish village of Cardinham they find the body of a penniless young woman hanging beside the dead bodies of her children. It seems killings in this area have been going on for years.

JOHNSTON, LINDA SIT STAY SLAY (\$8.99) Once, Kendra Ballantyne was a litigator with a high-powered LA law firm—until scandal forced her resignation. At wits' end, desperate, and broke, she's now rented out her Hollywood home, moved into the maid's quarters, and jumped at a new job offer—as a freelance pet-sitter. Who'd have guessed it would be so dangerous?

JOYCE, BRENDA DEADLY ILLUSIONS (\$9.99) The latest in the Deadly series. "An elegant blend of mystery and romance simmering with sexual tension."—*Booklist*.

KALLA, DANIEL PANDEMIC (\$10.99) Humanity is overdue for a new killer flu, like the great influenza pandemic of 1919 that killed millions. So when reports of a mysterious new flu start to filter out of China, Dr. Noah Haldane is wary. This one sounds much worse than SARS.

KELLY, NORA HOT PURSUIT (#5) (\$10.50) At long last, a new Nora Kelly novel and reprints of her previous four, thanks to the good people at Poisoned Pen Press. Gillian Adams has moved to London to live with policeman Edward Gisborne, her lover of many years. She seeks out her old friend Charlotte once a brilliant TV producer. But Charlotte is sunk in despair, and her daughter, Olivia, a young actress, is fleeing from a disturbed fan who may be a dangerous stalker. After Charlotte is found dead, everything explodes. The earlier novels are In the Shadow of Kings, Old Wounds, My Sister's Keeper, and Bad Chemistry (\$25.95 each, trade paperback). All well worth reading.

KENNEDY, CECILIA ROBBIE BURNS REVIVAL & OTHER STORIES (\$20.95) A collection of stories.

KENT, DAVID MESA CONSPIRACY (#2) (\$10.50) The elusive government agency that erases criminal identities in exchange for lethal secrets is called Department 30. This one is the sequel to, you guessed it, Department Thirty (\$10.50).

KILIAN, MICHAEL SHILOH SISTERS (#5) (\$9.99) On the eve of the bloody battle of Shiloh, the beautiful wife of an important federal congressman turns up at General Ulysses Grant's headquarters and demands a pass through the lines to visit her twin sister in Confederate-held Corinth, Mississippi, who she says is in danger. But after the battle both sisters are found shot dead. Grant calls upon U.S. Secret Service agent Harrison Raines, a southerner working for the union army, to find out what happened.

KINGSBURY, KATE FIRE WHEN READY (#7) (\$8.99) Elizabeth Hartleigh Compton, the house-rich, money-poor keeper of the manor in the quiet village of Sitting Marsh is trying to keep her fellow villagers' spirits up, despite the privations and food rations that are a fact of life in WWII England.

KITAKATA, KENZO WINTER SLEEP (\$20.95) The author of over one hundred novels and undisputed don of hardboiled and mystery writing in Japan, this is his second novel to be translated into English. This novel takes you into the hardboiled world of art.

KLAVAN, LAURENCE CUTTING ROOM (\$10.99) Self-proclaimed movie geek Roy Milano lives alone in a cramped Manhattan apartment toiling as a freelancer to make ends meet. His friend, Alan Gilbert, host of a home-made cable-TV show about the silver screen, calls and tells him he has found a copy of The Magnificent Ambersons, the long-lost and never-released print of Orson Welles's classic follow-up to Citizen Kane. When Roy arrives at his friend's place he finds Alan dead and The Magnificent Ambersons missing. See *J. D.'s Picks*.

LAURIE, VICTORIA ABBY COOPER, PSYCHIC EYE (\$8.99) You'd think being clairvoyant would give Abigail Cooper the ability to avoid danger...

LEON, DONNA DEATH IN A STRANGE COUNTRY (#2) (\$11.99) The US edition of the second Commissario Guido Brunetti mystery, sequel to Death at La Fenice (\$9.99). An excellent series.

LESCROART, JOHN T SECOND CHAIR (#7) (\$10.99) Disenchanted with the legal system Dismas Hardy decides to sit as second chair and let his associate lead in the defense of a wealthy, privileged young man who's accused of murdering two people.

LITTLE, CONSTANCE & GWENY BLACK SMITH (\$21.50) Another in the Rue Morgue Press series of quality reprints, chosen and published by Tom and Enid Schantz, two of the most knowledgeable mystery fans anywhere. Vintage Little, complete with a couple you just know will bicker all the way to "I do," a corpse that won't stay put, a cast of characters that would do any loony bin proud...Fun, fun, fun.

MCBRIDE, SUSAN GOOD GIRL'S GUIDE TO MURDER (#2) (\$9.99) The second Debutante Dropout Mystery, sequel to Blue Blood (\$8.99). "As fun and fizzy as champagne." - *Nancy Martin* and "Light and frothy as a latte..." — *Elaine Viets*.

MCCLELLAND, MICHAEL TATTOO BLUES (#2) (\$10.50) Sequel to Oyster Blues (\$10.50). Runaway rich girl Desiree Dean only wanted to get even with the tattoo artist when she discovers that her new Chinese character tattoo actually reads "with hot sauce", not blow up his building. But that's what has happened and the owner of the recently leveled property is now planning to put up a casino. Making him rich and everyone else miserable. Think first, blow up later, DD.

MACCUTCHAN, PHILIP HALFHUDE ORDERED SOUTH (#6) (\$19.95)

MCGOWAN, ANTHONY STAG HUNT (\$10.99) Twenty years later, a young man wants revenge on a group of boys who tormented him while at school. At a stag weekend in a remote country house, lost in a fold of Cornwall beyond the reach of cell phones, all sorts of horrors await.

MCILVANNEY, WILLIAM LIDLAW (\$23) and PAPERS OF TONY VEITCH (\$25) The first two Jack Laidlaw mysteries. Set in Glasgow and if you think **Ian Rankin** invented the Scottish police procedural, you need to have a look at this guy. Originally published in the late 1970s. Even Ian is a fan. See *J. D.'s Picks*.

MANKELL, HENNING RETURN OF THE DANCING MASTER (\$18.00) On December 12, 1945 a man carrying a black bag disembarks from a British warplane and travels to Hamelin where he disappears behind the prison gates. Early the next day, England's most experienced hangman executes twelve war criminals. Fifty-four years later, retired policeman Herbert Molin is found brutally murdered on his remote farm in Harjedalen. Stefan Lindman, a young police officer who's grappling with his own mortality, reads about the murder of his former colleague and wants to know more. He suddenly remembers that Molin had always been terrified of something. Maybe he will now find out what that was and if

that's somehow related to his death. A terrific read. Incidentally, Before The Frost (\$35.95) the latest novel, features Stefan along with Kurt Wallander and his daughter Linda, who is about to become a police officer. Terrific, both of them. See *J.D.'s Picks*.

MARON, MARGARET SUITABLE FOR HANGING (\$28.00) Contains twenty short stories, beginning with an early tale of a hit-man trying to escape from the mob, to her newest stories about Deborah Knott. One features Roman Tramegra from the Lt. Sigrid Harald novels, set in Venice. Introductions and prefaces by the author to each story.

MELTZER, BRAD ZERO GAME (\$10.99) Matthew Mercer and Harris Sandler are playing a game that, just by being invited to play, confirms your status as a true power broker in Washington. But the two discover the Zero Game is hiding a secret that will shake Washington to its core, and soon they find themselves pawns on the run. The only person they can trust is a sixteen-year-old page who can move around the Capital undetected.

MEREDITH, D R TOME OF DEATH (#4) (\$8.99) A reading group finds out where the bodies are buried... Author of Murder Past Due (\$8.99). Reference librarian Megan Clark has a passion for fictional crime—but when her fellow book group members go from reading mysteries to solving them, they discover that real-life crime is more complex than the most puzzling whodunit...

MILLAR, MARGARET COUPLE NEXT DOOR (\$29.00) Much admired by her peers but never collected before, all-but-forgotten short stories from one of the greats of the mystery genre. HRF Keating said that "No woman in twentieth-century American mystery writing is more important than Margaret Millar."

MORGAN, RICHARD MARKET FORCES (\$10.99) Chris Faulkner has a new job at Shorn Associates. Can he live with it? They are only concerned with who will win the wars of liberation and revolution that rage around the world. They gauge who the winners will be assist them in return for a slice of the action when the war is won. A new game: conflict investment.

MOSLEY, WALTER MAN IN MY BASEMENT (\$19.95) An unusual little book. The man at Charles Blakey's door has a strange proposition. He wants to spend the summer in Charles' basement, and Charles can't even begin to guess why. Since he needs the money, he says yes. Not sure I understand the point but certainly had no problem finishing it.

MYERS, TAMAR THOU SHALT NOT GRILL (#12) (\$9.99) The unearthing of the 1904 centennial time capsule and the bicentennial barbecue has the town folk in a tizzy. When a guest at the PennDutch Inn is found dead, it is up to intrepid innkeeper Magdalena Yoder to grill the likely suspects and smoke out the killer. Includes recipes for the outdoor grill.

MYERS, TIM SNUFFED OUT (#2) (\$8.99) Aaron Gaston, owner of The Pot Shot, is found dead on the floor of his pottery shop and Harrison Black, his landlord and owner of the candle shop, is burning the candle at both ends to solve the case.

NIELSON, PAUL STATE SECRETS (\$36.00 trade paperback) A debut novel by this Toronto criminal lawyer. The inquiry into the bankruptcy of an obscure savings and loan bank in the USA may imperil the President's chance of re-election. She will have a tough job of keeping the country going as the powerful men in waiting watch silently.

NELSCOTT, KRIS STONE CRIBS (#4) (\$19.95) After a night out during the Christmas holidays in 1969 Chicago, African-American PI Smokey Dalton and his girlfriend arrive home to find a young woman bleeding to death in his neighbour's apartment. It turns out the woman had an abortion after being raped. In a city torn apart by racial strife, gang wars, and a drug problem, the woman's ex-husband is out for revenge.

NOVAK, KAREN WILDERNESS (#3) (\$21.95) The third Leslie Stone mystery.

O'FARRELL, MAGGIE DISTANCE BETWEEN US (\$24.95)
O'MARIE, SISTER CAROL ANNE NOVENA FOR MURDER (#1) (\$9.99) A re-issue of the first Sister Mary Helen novel, first published in the late 1980s.

PAIGE, ROBIN DEATH IN HYDE PARK (#10) (\$9.99) Coronation Day 1902 and Charles and Kate are there to celebrate the crowning of the new king. But the festivities turn ugly when an anarchist blows himself up with a bomb meant for the king. The two are charged with determining the extent of the danger facing the king. Was it a simple failed assassination attempt? Or could someone have deliberately killed the young anarchist?

PARRISH, P J KILLING RAIN (\$9.99) Detective Louis Kincaid is matching wits with a predator who is as ruthless as they come. The deep freeze bearing down on the Florida Everglades is not making things any easier.

PAWEL, REBECCA LAW OF RETURN (#2) (\$17.95) Tejada is now a Lieutenant in the Spanish Guardia Civil. He's been transferred to the university town of Salamanca where he once again encounters Elena Fernandez, the Republican sympathizer to whom he was first attracted when they met in Madrid, as he investigates the murder of a law professor who was once his teacher. The first novel in the series, Death of a Nationalist (\$17.95) won the Edgar for Best Novel.

PELECANOS, GEORGE HARD REVOLUTION (#4) (\$9.99) Derek Strange is a rookie cop, a job he's dreamed of since he was a boy. His brother Dennis has not been so fortunate. Home from the service with a disability pension and zero prospects he falls in with some bad guys. Number four in the series.

PHELAN, TWIST FAMILY CLAIMS (\$10.50) A real estate deal Hannah Dain put together has gone bad and two million dollars of investors' money has disappeared. Oh oh. Career on the line, Hannah decides to investigate.

PODOJIL, E WILLIAM TENTH MAN (\$25.95) Jack Barillo is losing friends—the hard way. A cunning killer named Lucifer is savaging the beautiful young men from Jack's past, eliminating them with a surgeon's touch, one by one. And each victim brings him one step closer to Jack. A story that spans a decade.

PRESCOTT, MICHAEL DANGEROUS GAMES (\$9.99) Two women are out to stop the Rain Man, a kidnapper who lets his victims drown in the storm drains under the city of Los Angeles if the ransom money is not paid. One is FBI special agent Tess McCallum, the other is Abby Sinclair, a freelance security consultant.

PURSER, ANN WEEPING ON WEDNESDAY (\$9.99) Murder on Monday and Terror on Tuesday (\$8.99 each) now make way for Weeping on Wednesday. Long Farnden villagers don't know what to make of the reclusive Abrahams of Carthanger Mill but housecleaner Lois Meade gives young Enid Abraham a job at New Brooms, her cleaning business. When a body is found and other strange things happen Lois wonders if the rumours and gossip surrounding the Abrahams are true.

RADU, KENNETH PUREST OF HUMAN PLEASURES (\$22.00) Morris is a widower living a conventional and pleasant life seeking solace in his gardening and helping his daughter recover from an incident of sexual harassment at college. Their sheltered community is flipped upside down when women begin to be murdered in gardens Morris and his daughter have tended. Suddenly the loveliest of places become the most threatening.

RAINE, JERRY SMALL CHANGE (\$22.95)

RANKIN, IAN REBUS (#4) REBUS CAPITAL CRIMES (\$24.95) The fourth omnibus contains: Dead Souls, Set in Darkness and The Falls. Trade paperback.

RIGGS, CYNTHIA CEMETERY YEW (#3) (\$8.99) Ninety plus-year-old Victoria Trumbull notices something amiss among the gravestones of the cemetery. When the coffin is disinterred and opened, it does not contain the expected body. Deputy Trumbull

investigates! The two earlier books also set in Martha's Vineyard are: Deadly Nightshade and Cranefly Orchid Murder (\$8.99 each).

ROBERGE, ROBERT MORE THAN THEY COULD CHEW (\$19.95) "...sick and funny and impossible to put down" and "...as bitterly violent and bitterly funny as they come..." are just two of the quotes that appear on the back cover. Nick buys a cheap computer only to discover that the hard drive contains the names and addresses of dozens of members of the Witness Protection Plan. He decides to take advantage of his discovery. His choice of partners is, I guess, not a good one.

ROBERTS, JOHN MADDOX RIVER GOD'S VENGEANCE (#8) (\$19.95) S.P.Q.R. VIII. In Rome about 70 BC, Decius Caecilius Metellus the Younger's official responsibilities require him to investigate the collapse of a tenement building. His sense of duty won't allow him to write it off as just another example of greedy landlords using shoddy materials. As his hunt for justice implicates some of Rome's most powerful figures, so powerful that Cicero can't help him, he must turn for help to a most unlikely ally.

ROBERTS, LES CHINESE FIRE DRILL (\$20.95) When expatriate novelist Anthony Holton, living in Bangkok, discovers that his best friend Jake McKay has gone missing in Hong Kong along with his pride and joy, he is on the next plane to help. Jake is that kind of friend. Holton soon finds himself hip deep in international smuggling and violent death.

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RUIZ ZAFON, CARLOS SHADOW OF THE WIND (\$22.00) Barcelona, 1945. To console Daniel, his only child, his widowed father, an antiquarian book dealer, initiates him into the secret of the Cemetery of Forgotten Books, a library tended by Barcelona's guild of rare-book dealers as a repository for books forgotten by the world. Daniel chooses a book by Julian Carax and so loves the book that he sets out to find all others by Carax. He discovers that someone has been systematically destroying every copy of every book this author has written.

RYGG, PERNILLE GOLDEN SECTION (\$19.95) Igi Heitmann is being stalked. In the suburb of Oslo where she lives with her cross-dressing husband and their daughter, someone is spray-painting walls that she is a child killer. Who? Why? Translated from the Norwegian and sequel to Golden Section (\$19.95)

SCOTT, MANDA BOUDICA (#2) DREAMING THE BULL (\$10.99) The second of a four-part series on the life of Boudica. In an earlier newsletter I had told you that this was to be a trilogy; I either had that wrong or Boudica has grown by a third. This one begins in AD 47 as Boudica and her warriors continue their hard-fought resistance against the Roman legions occupying Britannia. Sequel to Dreaming the Eagle (\$11.99).

SHANNON, RAY FIRECRACKER (\$10.99) "The new name in noir"—*Harlan Coben*. Football superstar Raygene Price left Reece Germaine two things: pregnant and a betting slip. If the slip pays off, Reece will have a million reasons to forgive and forget Raygene for good. But Raygene is having financial difficulties of his own and needs the slip back. "The pace is fast and the plot suitably outrageous" - *Publishers Weekly*.

SILVA, DANIEL DEATH IN VIENNA (#7) (\$10.99) Art restorer and sometime spy Gabriel Allon is sent to Vienna to discover the truth behind a bombing that killed an old friend.

SINNETT, MARK BORDER GUARDS (\$10.99) Officially declared an accident, the death of retired power broker Michael Hollins left too many unanswered questions to satisfy his son Tim. FBI agent John Selby also wants to know the true identity of Mi-

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SMITH, ALEXANDER FULL CUPBOARD OF LIFE (#5) (\$17.95) The fifth entry in this delightful, wonderful series set in Botswana featuring Precious Ramotswe. The other four, The No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency, Tears of the Giraffe, Morality for Beautiful Girls and The Kalahari Typing School For Men are available in trade paperback (\$17.95 each). Exceptional. Read, no, inhale them all without delay.

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SWEENEY, LEANN WEDDING TO DIE FOR (#2) (\$9.99) Spunky Texas heiress Abby Rose has found her true calling as an adoption PI in Houston. But she's not all that good at it. Sequel to Pick Your Poison (\$8.99)

SWIFT, GRAHAM LIGHT OF DAY (\$21.00) Wendy loaned me Last Orders on DVD, a movie based on **Swift's** Booker Prize winning novel of the same name, and I so enjoyed the movie that I want to read the book, and I shall. In Light of Day, George Webb, former policeman-turned private detective, revisits the catastrophes of his past. Two years ago, an assignment to follow a strayed husband and his mistress appeared simple enough, but this routine job left George a changed man.

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