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Greetings

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It has been some years since we last hosted a Hangman's Night, our way of celebrating the excellence of Canadian Crime Fiction, and it's time to revive that tradition. So **Monday June 5, from 6 to 8 pm**, come celebrate with **John Brady, Lyn Hamilton, Mike Harrison, John McFetridge** and **Arthur Wenk** as they launch their new novels and you can toast them and the other writers in the crowd. A few evenings later, on the 8th, the Crime Writers of Canada will be handing out the Ellis Awards for the best novels of 2005 and if you'd like to attend the awards ceremony or get more information about this year's nominees, visit crimewriterscanada.com.

Lyn Hamilton, the author of ten novels featuring antiques dealer Lara McClintoch who, by the way, is in the Orkneys this time (Orkney Scroll \$32) having barely survived Easter Island (Moai Murders \$9.99), will be here to sign copies of her new novel. Kudos to Lyn for having reached this impressive milestone. With so many authors being dropped by the major houses, ten novels is no small feat.

Arthur Wenk, the author of The Quarter Note Tales (\$23.95 trade paperback) will be here to launch this collection of "...three novellas featuring Axel Crochet, peripatetic professor of music history and church organist. An irreverent look at academic amphigory!" (I'm cribbing this from their website and, no, I do not know what amphigory means. But I don't feel too bad. Being your basic foreigner and given that English is my second language, I have an excuse. Besides, neither does my Canadian Oxford Dictionary on CD-ROM, nor my 30-year-old American Heritage).

All Shook Up (\$19.95, ECW trade paperback) by **Mike Harrison** has been nominated for the Best First Novel Ellis Award so he's going to fly in from Calgary to help us celebrate his nomination.

Hangman's Night

Come meet

John Brady, Lyn Hamilton,
Mike Harrison, John McFetridge
and Arthur Wenk

Monday June 5, 6 to 8 pm at Sleuth

He'll also be launching his new book, Wild Thing (\$28.95 ECW hardcover), so please come and meet him. In the second novel, our hero, Eddie Dancer, flies to England to rescue his friend Dr. Peter Maurice, a renowned psychologist on a book tour of the UK, who has been accused of multiple murders.

John McFetridge will be here to launch Dirty Sweet (\$28.95, ECW hardcover). A "fine first novel" says Margaret Cannon in *The Globe and Mail*. It's a "dark, fast-paced crime story that follows everyone to a surprising end". As the blurb on the book says: "Gangsters, online porn, real estate.... Closing the deal is murder".

John Brady, the author of eight Matt Minogue novels, starts a new series featuring Austrian Inspektor Felix Kimmel in Poacher's Road (\$24.95, McArthur trade paperback). John, previous winner of the Ellis award and shortlisted this year for the Hammett Award for his most recent Minogue novel, Islandbridge (\$24.95, McArthur trade paperback) will certainly hit ten. The Hammett Award will be presented during Bloody Words, the Toronto Mystery Conference, and that allows me to neatly segue to...

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Bloody Words VII, the Toronto Mystery Conference, will be held at the Marriott Eaton Centre, June 9 -11, with **Mary Jane Maffini** and **Stuart Kaminsky** as Guests of Honour. There will be lots of authors, fans, agents, publishers, book sellers and other various and sundry hangers on and a good time will be had by all. You should be there. Toronto in June is magnificent. For more details and registration forms, visit BloodyWords.com.

And, don't forget that **PETER ROBINSON** has a new Insp. Banks novel out. Signed first editions of [Piece of My Heart](#) (\$34.99, McClelland & Stewart) are available and, in case you had any doubts, it's terrific yet again. FYI, the Canadian edition precedes the US and the UK editions.

Marian's Picks

My running friends and I were exchanging emails about motivation and what keeps us out there running, walking and generally trying to keep healthy through the long winter months. I don't know if we came to any worthwhile consensus but we did decide that spring was finally here to stay and that we were delighted to be able to run in the daylight and without layer upon layer of protective clothing. What a beautiful spring we've been having! Even Paddington, the senior citizen, spends more time outside at night, although I do so worry when he goes out. He actually helped a lot more with this newsletter. but he is still not as helpful as Princess was. Paddington is now 17, a good age, and although still healthy, apart from his arthritis, I worry. It seems that when the health of a cat goes downhill, it does so very fast. He was the last one to be added to the family—we found a very tiny, young kitten, on the platform at the Eglinton subway station—and he's the only one left. He is very special.

There were so many books in this newsletter that I wanted to pick. It's a bumper crop of great reading for the summer months. I hope you enjoy them as much as I have.

As you know, we special order all sorts of books for our customers. Recently, someone wanted me to track down the second and third novels in the "Temeraire" series, so I searched them out and ordered them. I got to talking with the customer and asked him to tell me about the series. "The British Navy, the Napoleonic Wars and dragons" was what he told me! I was intrigued. As it is just as easy to order two copies as one, I ordered a set for me and thought I'd have a look. JD has nieces who'd read them if they turned to be so so. Well, having inhaled the first two— all else got shoved aside— I can't wait to get to the third. The British and the French, you see, have, as part of their war arsenal, a corps of dragons who fly sorties to protect the ships and their countries. In [His Majesty's Dragon](#) (\$9.99), the series debut, we are introduced to Temeraire, our hero dragon, and William Laurence, a Navy Captain, his "pilot". How they met and ended up flying together is more than I can tell you here, but I promise you'll enjoy reading all about it. Silly as all this sounded to me initially, I am thoroughly enjoying their adventures and I desperately want my own dragon—maybe after Paddington... hmmm—and I learned a lot about Nelson's Navy and the Napoleonic wars in the bargain. Not sure if these were originally intended for the adult or the young adult audience, but, who cares. [Throne of Jade](#) and [Black Powder War](#) (\$9.99 each) are the sequels and **NAOMI NOVIK** is the talent behind all this. Thank you, Naomi. The only reason I've not read the third one yet? It hasn't been published, dang it. Due very soon, though..

You know that my taste is very different from both JD's and Wendy's, but every once in a while there is a book that one of them forces me to read. Since Wendy has been on holidays, it was JD who made me read [The Cold Dish](#) (\$20.00 trade paperback) by **CRAIG JOHNSON**. Wow. I just loved it. Walt Longmire, the sheriff in Wyoming's Absaroka County, reminded me so much of Charlie Priest in the **STUART PAWSON** novels that I immediately read the second **Johnson**, [Death Without Company](#) (\$33.00). I love Walt's attitude especially toward his second in command, Victoria Moretti, a policewoman who swears up a blue streak, and has an attitude to match her boss'. His lifelong friendship with Henry Standing Bear, owner of a local bar, is so wonderful that it actually made me feel jealous that I didn't have a friend like that. The only thing I didn't like about the book was the art work on the paperback edition; why couldn't they have used the same artwork as the hardcover edition? As you might guess from the title, the book has everything to do with revenge. Once you've read these two, you might want to try **DAVID HARSTAD**. A customer who had read both authors recommended him to me and I have since read two novels, [Eleven Days](#), and [Code Sixty One](#) (\$10.99 each). Thank you, Martyn. I really enjoyed them.

Last newsletter, Wendy picked **JUDY CLEMENS** as a favourite and described how she really enjoyed both books: [Till the Cows Come Home](#) (\$19.95 trade paperback) and [Three Can Keep a Secret](#) (\$34.95). She told me to read them as, besides a good mystery, there was that touch of romance that she knows I like. Well, I read [Till the Cows Come Home](#) and just loved it. Dairy farmer Stella Crown is a delightful woman and has a host of interesting friends and neighbours. I don't think I will ever want to be a dairy farmer, much too much work, but I loved the descriptions of the cows, the farm, the barn painting, and the life in rural Pennsylvania.

PIP VAUGHAN-HUGHES is a new writer of historical fiction and I really enjoyed his first book. [Relics](#) (\$34.95 UK hardcover, \$24.95 trade paperback) is set in 1235. What caught my attention was the quote on the jacket from **Bernard Cornwall**: "Pip...has given us a monk, a corpse, a sinister Templar and a terrific adventure. A great read!" And it was a great read. Brother Petroc was living a simple life as a novice monk until it all blew up in his face. Framed by a Templar Knight, he is soon on the run from the law and the church. Trying to get his life sorted out, he travels around with a relic hunter and scoundrel, and you just know they will both be back in another tale.

One of my favourite British writers, **STUART PAWSON**, is now completely back in print. The fifth and sixth, [Deadly Friends](#) and [Some By Fire](#) (\$12.95 each), are now available; the tenth, [Over the Edge](#) (\$12.95), was released last November and the new hardcover, [Shooting Elvis](#) (\$39.95), the eleventh, is still around in a first edition. I wish I was able to express myself better, to be able to explain to you why, if you like reading British mysteries, you should read **Stuart Pawson**. Charlie Priest is a great character, the stories are told with a touch of humour, and, the language is elegant. Stop me. Just try one.

When [Phoenix](#) (\$10.99) by **JOHN CONNOR** was first published I read it because it was one of Orion's "New Blood" series where they introduced us to a new crop of British mystery writers. I loved it, and if memory serves, so did Wendy. Detective Constable Karen Sharp is an unusual policewoman, who has a ton of issues, but the story was great and the interaction between the renegade loner, Sharp, and her colleagues and superior was excellent. For some reason I did not read the second in the series, [The Playroom](#) (\$10.99), but I have read the third and I loved it. In [A Child's Game](#) (\$37.95 hardcover,

will probably recognize the bands and musicians that the author talks about. Excellent.

Well that's it for this one. Wendy's on holidays and David's busy with renovations to his house, but both will be back soon. Wendy did email, not only to rub in how wonderful her trip is, but to tell us that she read Lizard's Bite (\$34.95 hardcover, \$24.95 trade paperback) by **DAVID HEWSON**. She enjoyed the read and says that Venice looks just like the picture on the cover and she's never coming back.

She also wanted to remind us not to forget to tell you about one of her recent faves, **SIMON BECKETT**'s debut novel, Chemistry of Death (\$30, UK first editions). "It's dark, just the way I like my mysteries" she reports. (*We have a limited number of these so if you want a first, please order soon. UK print runs are usually short*).

Hardcover

ALBERT, SUSAN WITTIG BLEEDING HEARTS (#14) (\$33.00) (Berkley) When her stepson's principal approaches her to conduct a discreet investigation of one of the teachers, ex-lawyer and herbalist China Bayles can't say no.

ALEXANDER, TASHA AND ONLY TO DECEIVE (\$32.50) (Morrow) Marian says: "I liked this. It's set in Victorian England and introduces Emily, who marries Philip, the Viscount of Ashton, as a way to escape her overbearing mother. When he dies on safari soon after their wedding, she feels little grief for him. But as she looks through his journals, she finds that he was deeply in love with her, and had felt it an honour that she accepted his marriage proposal. She also discovered that he was an antiquities collector, especially all things Greek and Roman. She soon uncovers a dangerous secret involving objects in the collection of the British Museum. If there is another book in the series, I will read it. It has the right touch of romance and was fun."

ALLEYN, SUSANNE GAME OF PATIENCE (\$31.95) (Thomas Dunne) Paris, 1796. From the gritty back alleys of Paris to its glittering salons and cafes, through the heart of the feverish decadent society of post-revolutionary France, Aristide Ravel, freelance undercover police agent, investigates a double murder. Her previous historical novel, A Far Better Rest, is out of print.

ARCHER, JEFFREY FALSE IMPRESSION (\$37.95) (St. Martin's) From New York to London, from Bucharest to Tokyo, and to a little English village, the FBI and others are all concerned about Van Gogh's last painting.

ASENSI, MATILDE LAST CATO (\$32.95) (Rayo, Harper Collins) This is a story about a race to find the secret location of the True Cross on which Christ was crucified and the ancient brotherhood sworn to protect it from infidel hands. Set in current day. "I liked it," says Marian, "although it was a bit farfetched in spots. It's a good thriller with an interesting plot." Translated from Spanish.

ATKINS, MEG ELIZABETH SUBURBAN DEATH (\$39.95) Featuring Detective Chief Inspector Sheldon Hunter.

BARNARD, ROBERT DYING FLAMES (\$33.00) (Scribner, US) A trip back home for well-known author Graham Broadbent brings back the shocking reality of a desperate youthful passion. This is the first time we have had this title in the store although it was released in the UK last year.

BEBRIS, CARRIE NORTH BY NORTHANGER (#3) (\$30.95) (Forge) The Darcys are more than prepared for some peace and quiet at Pemberley so that Elizabeth can settle into her pregnancy but that is not to be. A letter from the long deceased Lady Anne Fitzwilliam Darcy is discovered. A summons to Northanger Abbey involves the

couple in intrigues that threaten not just the Darcy legacy but Darcy's freedom as well. The first two in the series are Pride and Prescience and Suspense and Sensibility (\$9.99 each).

BECKETT, SIMON CHEMISTRY OF DEATH (\$30.00) (Bantam, UK) Once a high-profile forensic anthropologist, Dr. David Hunter is now a country doctor who wants to put his past behind him. When a woman's body is found near the isolated Norfolk village of Manham, and the victim turns out to be a friend of his, he is asked to use his skills to track down the killer. A debut novel that Wendy loved.

BLAUNER, PETER SLIPPING INTO DARKNESS (\$33.95) (Little, Brown) Twenty years ago Detective Francis Loughlin solved his first huge case, sending then seventeen-year-old Julian Vega to jail. A much more recent murder has links to that long-ago case and all fingers point to Julian, who is now out of prison. But DNA tests on the latest victim show the blood under her fingernails not to be that of Julian but of the victim from the murder twenty years ago. That body is exhumed and then all hell breaks loose.

BODKIN, M. MACDONNELL BECK MYRL FAMILY OMNIBUS (\$150.00) It's around here somewhere...

BOURNE, SAM RIGHTEOUS MEN (\$36.95) (Harper Collins, UK) What can murders in New York, Montana, India, and Cape Town have in common? Will Monroe, a British born reporter for the New York Times, suspects there is a connection and decides to investigate. When his young wife is kidnapped, he has to break through layers of mysticism and ancient philosophy, unearthing riddles buried deep in the Bible, until he finds the secret on which the fate of humanity may depend. Great, says Wendy.

BOWEN, RHYS OH DANNY BOY (#5) (\$31.95) When NYPD detective Daniel Sullivan is arrested, accused of taking bribes, and lands in New York's notorious city jail, the Tombs, he begs Molly Murphy to help him.

BRETT, SIMON STABBING IN THE STABLES (#7) (\$34.95) (Macmillan) When healer Jude pays a visit to Long Bamber Stables to meet her new equine patient, she does not expect to find the co-owner of the stables viciously stabbed to death. Unable to resist a mystery, Jude, and her friend Carole Seddon, investigate. Read the first, Body on the Beach (\$10.99), recently and I liked it a whole lot.

BRODRICK, WILLIAM GARDENS OF THE DEAD (\$45.00) (Little, Brown, UK) Special orders only from the UK. The North American edition is expected to be out in September 2006. This is the second book featuring Father Anselm, barrister-turned-monk, who was introduced to us in The Sixth Lamentation (\$20.00 trade paperback and a great read according to Marian and Wendy). Father Anselm is given a key to a safety deposit box by Elizabeth Glendinning QC, to be opened in the event of her death. Three weeks later, she is found dead in the East End of London. Once the box has been opened, a chain of events is triggered as from beyond the grave, and Anselm is led to fulfill the justice that Elizabeth started.

BROWN, RITA MAE SOUR PUSS (#14) (\$35.00) (Bantam) Sneaky Pie is back in his fourteenth crime solving outing.

BRUEN, KEN jack DRAMATIST (#4) (\$29.95) (St. Martin's) The UK trade paperback of this was published about two years ago and now it's available in the US hardcover. Jack Taylor is called to Mountjoy Prison in Dublin by his supplier of illicit products to investigate the death of his sister.

BRUEN, KEN PRIEST (#5) (\$50 Bantam, UK, signed hardcover; \$33 trade paperback) Only one signed hardcover and two trades...

BURKE, MARTYN TRUTH ABOUT THE NIGHT (\$34.95) (Harper Collins) In a midnight storm, a young woman is found on the wild Palomar mountain, not far from the famous California observatory. She is a mute, or so it seems. The man who finds her, Michael Braden, the night assistant at the observatory, is shrouded in a mystery of his own.

BURKE, RICHARD REDEMPTION (\$37.95 hardcover, \$24.95 trade paperback) (Orion) Prison Governor Matthew is convinced the kidnapping of his wife is somehow related to his job. Unable to talk to anyone in authority, he turns to Monk, an ex-prisoner, who has now gone straight.

CHESNEY, MARION OUR LADY OF PAIN (\$30.95) (St. Martin's) aka **M. C. Beaton**. Lady Rose Summer, the wayward Edwardian debutante, knows her engagement to private detective Harry Cathcart is only a ploy to keep her parents from shipping her off to India. But when a seductive French woman starts appearing at Harry's side, Rose wonders if she is feeling jealousy. When the French seductress is found dead, Rose is the number one suspect. The first two in the series are Snobbery With Violence (\$9.99) and Hasty Death (\$9.50).

CHILD, LEE HARD WAY (\$33.00) (Delacorte) On the trail of a vicious kidnapper, Jack Reacher is learning secrets about his latest employer he would rather not. He's beginning to realize that Edward Lane is hiding something. Something dirty. Something big. Wendy says it's fabulous. Marian's reading it.

CHILDS, LAURA tea BLOOD ORANGE BREWING (#7) (\$33.00) (Berkley) Theodosia Browning of the Indigo Tea Shop is only too happy to serve tea and tasty treats from the shop at a fund raiser for the Heritage Society of Charleston. When Duke Wilkes falls face-first onto the floor with a jagged piece of metal protruding from his neck, Theo is too busy with business to get involved in the murder investigation. But when the widow Wilkes begs her to help, she can't refuse. The recipe for Killer Blood Orange Scones looks very good, by the way.

CLARK, MARY HIGGINS TWO LITTLE GIRLS IN BLUE (\$34.95) (Simon & Schuster) Three-year-old twins, Kelly and Kathy, are kidnapped and a note demanding eight million dollars is left behind. The money is delivered but only Kelly is found in a car, with the driver shot dead. At a memorial for Kathy, Kelly tells her mom "Mommy, Kathy is very scared of that lady. She wants to come home now". The FBI start a search for Kathy.

CLARKE, WILL LORD VISHNU'S LOVE HANDLES (\$31.75) (Simon & Schuster) Not sure why we have the hard cover as the trade paperback will be released later in May. This is the story of a man who tries booze, pills, and even golf (*that's probably why JD ordered the book!*) to maintain his sanity, his family and his career.

CLELAND, JANE CONSIGNED TO DEATH (\$31.95) (St. Martin's) Josie Prescott's friends thought she was nuts when she left her high-paying New York auction house job to live on the beautiful and rugged coast of New Hampshire. She had been peripherally involved in a price-fixing scandal and no longer wanted to get the hell out. She sets up her own auction business and is making a success of her new life until she gets mixed up in murder. "A delightful read", says Marian, "It was like learning all about antiques without going to school. I'll definitely read the next on."

COBEN, HARLAN PROMISE ME (#8) (\$35.50) (Dutton) It's been six years since entertainment agent Myron Bolitar has thrown a punch, held a gun, or even called his friend Win. But a promise to two neighbourhood girls changes all that.

CONANT, SUSAN & CONANT-PARK, JESSICA STEAMED (#1) (\$32.00) (Berkley) Food connoisseur Chloe Carter's first date of the week is murdered. Her second date is with a chef who becomes the prime suspect. The restaurant scene and foody bits fill this first book in a proposed new series.

CONNOR, JOHN CHILD'S GAME (#3) (\$37.95 hardcover, \$24.95 trade paperback) (Orion) Marian says: "I read the first in the series, Phoenix (\$10.99), and just loved it. Wendy said she didn't care for the second, The Playroom (\$10.99), as much so I skipped it. This one I did read and I just loved it. I don't want to spoil the plot so I won't say much but Detective Constable Karen Sharpe has been out of the picture for eighteen months and the security services are

now looking for her. A murder was committed that somehow connects to her." Great read.

CRIDER, BILL MAMMOTH MURDER (\$31.95) (Thomas Dunne) Bud Turley brings an enormous tooth into the Blacklin County police station and asks Sheriff Dan Rhodes to keep it for him until the paleontologist from the community college comes up to examine it. The next day Bud's body is found in the forest and rumours of Bigfoot killings start to circulate.

CUMMING, CHARLES SPANISH GAME (\$30 hardcover, \$25 trade paperback) (Penguin, UK) Abandoned by MI6 after a disastrous operation against the CIA, Alec Milius has slowly rebuilt his life in Madrid. When a prominent politician disappears in suspicious circumstances, he can't resist tracking him down. But the rules have changed in the past six years, and Alec is now working outside the boundaries of any official agency.

CURZON, CLARE DANGEROUS PRACTICE (\$38.95) (Severn House) This is a LARGE PRINT version, and the only way it is available. Originally published in 2002, this is the final part of the Lucy Sedgwick trilogy.

DAHEIM, MARY ALPINE RECLUSE (#18) (\$33.95) Sheriff Milo Dodge suspects arson and murder when the house of newlyweds Tim and Tiffany Rafferty burns and Tim is found dead. Emma Lord shifts into high gear to nail down the story.

DAVIDSON, DIANE M DARK TORT (#13) (\$32.95) (Morrow) Goldy is now preparing breakfasts and conference room snacks for a prestigious law firm and making money at it. But one night she arrives there and finds the body of the firm's paralegal. She investigates. We have a few **autographed copies** available.

DAWSON, JILL WATCH ME DISAPPEAR (\$34.95 hardcover, \$24.95 trade paperback) (Sceptre, UK) Tina Humber, a marine biologist, returns to Fenland village for her brother's wedding and the trip brings back memories of her friend Mandy Baker who disappeared at the age of ten, never to be found. The more Tina replays the events of thirty years ago, the more she believes she knows what happened to Mandy and who was responsible.

DOHERTY, PAUL YEAR OF THE COBRA (#3) (\$37.95) (Headline) The barbarous Hittites are rumoured to be massing their armies in readiness for an onslaught, and Egypt is in danger. Mahu, Overseer of the House of Scribes and uncle to the ailing Tutankhamen, is sent to uncover the Hittites plan. Sequel to An Evil Spirit Out of the West and The Season of the Hyena (\$10.99 each).

DORSEY, TIM BIG BAMBOO (#8) (\$32.95)

[DOYLE] KURLAND, MICHAEL EMPRESS OF INDIA (\$33.95) (St. Martin's) It is 1890 and a large amount of gold is arriving, unannounced, in a special vault in the cargo hold of the steamship, The Empress of India. A detachment of Highland Lancers is on board the ship guarding the gold but the Bank of England has also hired Sherlock Holmes to use his special skills to thwart any plots against the gold. When Holmes disappears and is feared killed, Professor James Moriarty, his arch nemesis, is blamed.

[DOYLE] SPRINGER, NANCY THE CASE OF THE MISSING MARQUESS (\$15.50) (Sleuth Philomel) A young readers book. Enola Holmes, the much younger sister of Sherlock Holmes, travels to London to see if she can find her mother, and becomes involved in the kidnapping of the young Marquess of Basilwether.

[DOYLE] MARIAS, JAVIER WRITTEN LIVES (\$32.00) (New Directions) Mini-biographies of twenty great world authors. Includes Arthur Conan Doyle, Joseph Conrad, William Faulkner and seventeen others. Translated from Spanish.

[DOYLE] WAGNER, E J SCIENCE OF SHERLOCK HOLMES (\$31.99)

DUGONI, ROBERT JURY MASTER (\$33.95)

DUNNING, JOHN BOOKWOMAN'S LAST FLING (\$34.50) (Scribner) Denver bookman Cliff Janeway is suspicious when he travels to Idaho to assess a collection of very valuable childrens

books. Valuable titles are missing, replaced by cheap reprints. Other hugely valuable pieces remain. Why would a thief take one priceless book and leave an equally valuable one? Janeway investigates. The others in the series are Book To Die, Bookman's Wake, Bookman's Promise (\$11.99 each) and Sign of the Book (\$12.99).

EGLIN, ANTHONY LOST GARDENS (#2) (\$31.95) (Thomas Dunne) Through a surprise bequest, Californian Jamie Gibson finds herself the new owner of Wickersham Priory. Fired with enthusiasm to restore the gardens to their 1930s glory, she seeks the help of Lawrence Kingston, retired professor of botany. Lawrence unearths an old chapel, which leads to a healing well, which yields a human skeleton. The first in this English Gardening Mystery series is The Blue Rose (\$9.99).

ELKINS, AARON & CHARLOTTE ON THE FRINGE (#5) (\$39.95) This is the fifth in the Lee Ofsted golf mysteries but the North American distributor has sold out and does not seem to want to import any more. I can import directly from the UK but that would make it a \$57 book. Want one?

ELKINS, AARON & CHARLOTTE WHERE HAVE ALL THE BIRDIES GONE (#4) (\$39.95) There is still stock of the fourth Lee Ofsted golf mystery around if you missed it.

ESTLEMAN, LOREN NICOTINE KISS (#18) (\$31.95) The latest Amos Walker novel.

ETCHELLS, OLIVE FOOTPRINTS OF THE DEVIL (\$32.50)

EVANS, JON INVISIBLE ARMIES (\$34.95 hardcover, \$19.95 trade paperback) (Harper Collins) When Danielle agreed to deliver a passport as a favour to her friend, legendary hacker Keiran Kell, she had no idea what she was getting herself into. From the mines of Karnataka, India, to the streets of Paris and the lights of Las Vegas, Danielle and Keiran grow more involved in a conflict of corporate exploitation vs. the extreme edge of anti-globalization activism.

FULMER, DAVID RAMPART STREET (#3) (\$35.00) (Harcourt) New Orleans of the early 1900s. Valentin St. Cyr is investigating the murders of two very well-to-do gentlemen and the city's most powerful leaders are pressuring him to drop the investigation, lest he uncover truly damaging scandal. St. Cyr risks his reputation to find the truth.

GASH, JONATHAN FINDING DAVEY (\$39.95) (Allison & Busby) We have no stock left (more on order) and, if memory serves, this one is a standalone, neither Lovejoy nor Burtonall.

GREENWOOD, KERRY COCAINE BLUES (\$34.95) (Poisoned Pen) From the moment Phryne Fisher books into the Windsor Hotel, she is embroiled in mystery: poisoned wives, cocaine smuggling rings and corrupt cops. Set in the 1920s.

GRUBER, MICHAEL NIGHT OF THE JAGUAR (#3) (\$32.95) (Morrow) Retired Miami detective Jimmy Paz is coaxed out of retirement to solve another impossible-to-solve series of murders. The closer he gets to the truth, the stranger the truth seems. The first two in the series are Tropic of Night and Valley of Bones (\$10.99 each).

HADDAM, JANE HARDSCRABBLE ROAD (\$33.95) (St. Martin's) A member of a legal advocacy group approaches retired FBI agent Gregor Demarkian to help locate a homeless man accused of selling drugs.

HAINES, CAROLYN PENUMBRA (\$31.95) (St. Martin's) A little darker than her Sarah Booth series. In 1952 Drexel, Mississippi, Jane Dupree is a beautician and an undertaker's assistant with a gift for smoothing the ravages of death from the faces of her clientele. Jade is half-black and the unacknowledged bastard daughter of Drexel's first lady, the imperious Lucille Longier. When her half-sister, the legitimate Marlana, is beaten by her lover and her daughter kidnapped, Jade accepts help from a white sheriff's deputy to search for her niece, and sparks begin to fly.

HAMILTON, DENISE PRISONER OF MEMORY (#5) (\$33.00) (Scribner) Los Angeles Times reporter Eve Diamond comes across the body of a young boy, shot to death execution style, as she is

investigating the sighting of a mountain lion in L.A.'s Griffith Park. The son of a Russian émigré scientist, the victim was an exemplary student with no ties to gangs or drugs. Was this a random act of violence, the result of a teenage love triangle or the work of the Russian Mafia?

HAMILTON, LAURELL K blake KILLING DANCE (#6) (\$35.00)

HAMILTON, LYN ORKNEY SCROLL (#10) (\$32 **Signed copies**) (Berkley) Toronto antiques dealer Lara McClintoch finds her reputation tarnished when one of her clients buys a rare Mackintosh writing cabinet on her word, only to discover that it's a fake. When Lara finds that the dealer who sold it to her client has been murdered, and her client accused of the murder, she senses something is not right. While investigating, she finds two invoices for the cabinet so she follows the paperwork to the Orkney Islands off the coast of Scotland where she uncovers a centuries-old Viking saga.

HANDLER, DAVID SWEET GOLDEN PARACHUTE (#5) (\$31.95) (Thomas Dunne) Mitch Berger and Des Mitry are back and a storm is brewing in Dorset but it's not weather related. Poochie Vickers, the local aristocrat, is becoming even more eccentric in her old age. She has started shoplifting and driving recklessly. Two of Dorset's biggest troublemakers are being released from jail and things come to a head when a homeless man, who went around town collecting recyclables, is found murdered.

HART, CAROLYN DEAD DAYS OF SUMMER (#17) (\$32.50) (Morrow) Annie and Max Darling are thrilled to be visiting Golden Silk, the luxurious private island of wealthy Jeremiah Addison. But Addison won't be there to greet them personally. He's dead.

HARVEY, KENNETH J INSIDE (\$29.95) (Random House, Canada) When Myrden returns to his tough St. John's, Newfoundland, home after fourteen years in prison, wrongfully convicted, he is swarmed by old friends and enemies and a wife who has not exactly been waiting for him. Old scores are not so easily left unsettled.

HAYDER, MO PIG ISLAND (\$39.00) (Bantam, UK) We snuck some of these in from England, so quantities are very limited. The jacket blurb says: "Brace yourself for a terrifying read". Journalist Joe Oakes makes a living exposing supernatural hoaxes. He is on Pig Island, a remote Scottish island, trying to determine why the community has been accused of Satanism. Another one that Wendy really liked.

HENRY, SUE TOOTH OF TIME (#2) (\$33.00) (New American Library) Maxie McNabb and her canine companion, Stretch, are headed to Taos, New Mexico where she plans to learn how to weave. But everything changes in the sleepy town when a local woman attempts suicide. Maxie is determined to help the woman.

HEWSON, DAVID LIZARD'S BITE (#4) (\$29.95) (Macmillan) Things are looking up for Nic Costa and Gianni Peroni as their exile in Venice is nearly at an end. When they are ordered to investigate an apparently open-and-shut case in a glass foundry, they take on a lot more than expected. Although this is number four in the series Marian strongly suggests you read the non-series book, Lucifer's Contract (\$21), first. See *Marian's Picks*. Wendy likes to gloat that she was here on her holiday.

HUGHES, DECLAN WRONG KIND OF BLOOD (#1) (\$34.95) (John Murray, UK) **John Connolly** says: "Irish crime fiction has come of age". **Michael Connelly** says: "This thrilling ride of deception brilliantly teaches us that the past is never far behind us, that it can come out and grab us at any time." Ed Loy returns home to Dublin after twenty years to bury his mother. While home an old friend asks him to look for her missing husband. He reluctantly agrees and finds himself thrown into the world of organized crime, long-hidden secrets, corruption, violence, and murder. Another of Wendy's favourites.

HYND, NOEL ENEMY WITHIN (\$34.95) (Forge) It is early summer 2009 and Laura Chapman, U.S. Secret Service agent, is

assigned a case that borders on the unthinkable: an assassination plot against the new U.S. President on July 4th, (that's only two weeks away), by a member of the U.S. Secret Service. She is quirky, solitary, frequently unorthodox, but a brilliant intelligence analyst. She has been on the Presidential Protection Detail for the past eleven years and if anyone can save his sorry ass, it's her.

IGGULDEN, CONN EMPEROR: THE GODS OF WAR (#4) (\$35.00) (Delacorte) Caesar's campaign against Pompey will test his military genius as the two are pitted against each other in this, the concluding book in the series. (We think). The other three in the series are: Emperor: Gates of Rome, Emperor: Death of Kings (\$10.99 each), and Emperor: Field of Swords (\$35.00 hardcover, no sign of paperback yet).

JAKEMAN, JANE IN THE CITY OF DARK WATERS (\$31.50) (Berkley) Claude Monet and his wife have moved to Venice to escape the scandal and rumours in Paris and so that he can paint the famous Venetian light on water and marble. London lawyer Revel Callender is also living in Venice, taking a year to learn Italian and perhaps even try his hand at art. Little do any of them know that scandal and intrigue will find them here. Set in 1908. Sequel to In the Kingdom of Mists (\$20 trade paperback).

JARDINE, QUINTIN FOR THE DEATH OF ME (#9) (\$37.95 hardcover, \$24.95 trade paperback) (Headline) It's summertime in Monaco and international film star Oz Blackstone is hit up by a struggling author to buy the movie rights to his novel for \$50,000 and a shocking trap is laid. Blackmail and murder are lurking in the shadow.

JEFFRIES, RODERIC MURDER DELAYED (\$37.95) (Severn House) Inspector Enrique Alvarez is given little help in his search for a man accused of fraud to the tune of five hundred thousand pounds. All he is told the man is British, Caucasian, and very little else and his orders are to find him.

JOHNSON, CRAIG DEATH WITHOUT COMPANY (#2) (\$33.00) (Viking) Sheriff Longmire investigates the death of a woman at the Durant Home for Assisted Living. See both *J.D.'s Picks* and *Marian's Picks*.

KELLERMAN, JONATHAN GONE (#20) (\$35.95) (Ballantine) Two young acting students disappear, to be found three days later in the remote mountains of Malibu, battered and terrified after a harrowing ordeal at the hands of a sadistic abductor. But forensic tests prove the abduction was a hoax and the two are charged as criminals. One is ultimately sent to Dr. Alex Delaware for assessment. When she is murdered, Delaware and Milo Sturgis investigate.

LAKE, DERYN DEATH AND THE CORNISH FIDDLER (#11) (\$39.95) More copies are now on hand...the 11th John Rawlings mystery finds our hero dealing with the black arts.

LEATHER, STEPHEN COLD KILL (\$34.95)

LEON, DONNA THROUGH A GLASS DARKLY (#15) (\$29.95) (Atlantic Monthly) Commissario Guido Brunetti delves into the secrets of the island of Murano, home of the world-famous glass factories as he investigates the murder of a cantankerous glass-factory owner. We also have a very small quantity of the UK first edition at \$48..

LISS, DAVID ETHICAL ASSASSIN (\$34.95) (Ballantine) In a sweltering trailer in rural Florida, a couple to whom Lem Altick was trying to sell encyclopedias, is shot dead before his eyes. The self-styled ethical assassin, Melford Kean, hadn't planned on a witness. Also available is A Conspiracy of Paper, The Coffee Trader (\$22.95 each), and A Spectacle of Corruption (\$21).

MACCARRY, CHARLES LAST SUPPER (\$32.50) Originally published in the late 1980s. One of the finest American writers of espionage.

MCDERMID, VAL GRAVE TATTOO (\$39.95) (Harper Collins Canada) Wendy mentioned how much she loved this book in our

March 2006 newsletter. Now we have the Canadian edition available in hardcover (\$39.95) and in trade paperback (\$22.95). William Wordsworth specialist Jane Gresham is involved in a 200 year old mystery. Did Fletcher Christian, infamous Bounty mutineer, return to England after the massacre on Pitcairn Island?

MC GEE, JAMES RATCATCHER (#1) (\$34.95 hardcover, \$24.95 trade paperback) (Harper Collins, UK) Hunting down highwaymen was not the usual preserve of a Bow Street Runner. As the most resourceful of this elite band of investigators, Matthew Hawkwood was surprised to be assigned the case, even if it did involve the murder and mutilation of a naval courier.

MACPHERSON, RETT DEAD MAN RUNNING (#9) (\$31.95) **Jkimm** (**Paddington**) Torie O'Shea has her hands full. She's the new head of the Historical Society in New Kessel, Missouri, having a new house built, coordinating the town's Oktoberfest, and coping with her teenage daughter, who's beginning to date. Then she is asked to research the families of the town's mayoral candidates. She turns up more questions than answers.

MALLINSON, ALLAN COMPANY OF SPEARS (#8) (\$38.95) (Bantam, UK) It is 1827, and Major Matthew Hervey faces the legendary Zulu army near the Umtata River.

MANKELL, HENNING CHRONICLER OF THE WINDS (\$34.95) (New Press) On the rooftop of a theatre in an African port, ten-year-old Nelio lies slowly dying of bullet wounds. He is the leader of the street kids and is rumoured to be a healer and a prophet, and possessed of a strangely ancient wisdom. He tells his story over the course of nine nights. Translated from Swedish.

MARTIN, NANCY HAVE YOUR CAKE AND KILL HIM TOO (#5) (\$28.00) (New American Library) The witty Blackbird sisters are back. This time Nora, who won't say who the father of her unborn child is, helps a friend accused of killing the tycoon owner of Cupcakes, a tacky Philadelphia sports bar.

MASTERS, PRISCILLA WINGS OVER THE WATCHER (#8) (\$39.95) (Allison & Busby) Detective Inspector Joanna Piercy is dedicated to her profession but, since her miscarriage and her separation from her partner, she has just not been as interested. When a woman is reported missing by her husband, she just assumes the woman is involved in extra-marital activity. But the woman is found strangled and Joanna has to snap out of her remorse.

MONTANARI, RICHARD SKIN GODS (\$34.95) (Ballantine) After recovering from a gunshot wound, (The Rosary Girls (\$10.99)), Philadelphia homicide detective Kevin Byrne, along with his partner Jessica Balzano, hunts another killer. A madman, nicknamed "The Actor", is meticulously re-creating Hollywood's most famous and gruesome death scenes, and capturing them on video.

MORIARTY, JIM OPEN SEASON (\$31.95)

MOSLEY, WALTER FORTUNATE SON (\$32.95) (Little, Brown) Two step-brothers lead very separate lives. One quits school, deals drugs, and lives on the street. The other is an athletic Adonis, gets good grades, is prosperous, and has a golden future. When circumstances reunite them after years apart, their different approaches to life will be the only thing that saves them from forces that threaten to destroy them.

NELSCOTT, KRIS DAYS OF RAGE (#6) (\$33.95) (St. Martin's) PI Smokey Dalton is back.

O'NEIL, VINCENT MURDER IN EXILE (\$30.95) (Thomas Dunne) Frank Cole is a fact-checker for an insurance company in the Panhandle of Florida. The insurance company hires Frank to look into the life of Eddie Gonzalez, a young man who only recently bought life insurance, and was killed in a hit-and-run. But Frank manages to ruffle the feathers of Dennis Dannon, the chief of police and a friend of the Gonzalez family, and bring threats on his own head. Winner of the Malice Domestic/St. Martin's Press Best First Traditional Mystery Contest.

OTTOLENGUI, RODIGUES OTTOLENGUI PORTFOLIO

(\$125.00) (Battered Silicon) A collection of crime fiction including four novels and twelve short stories. Most of the stories were originally published in the 1890s. Robert Ottolengui was a dental pioneer who compiled Table Talks on dentistry and was one of the first to use X-rays. Special order only.

PARKER, T JEFFERSON FALLEN (\$32.95) Robbie Brownlaw, homicide detective for the city of San Diego, suffers from synesthesia, a neurological condition where his senses get mixed up. When people talk to him, he sees their voices as coloured shapes, provoked by the emotions of the speakers not by their words. In other words, he has a built-in lie detector. When a former colleague is found dead, Robbie and his partner, McKenzie Cortez, are called on the case.

PARSONS, JULIE HOURLASS (\$24.95) (Macmillan) The book is actually 16.99 pounds but the Canadian distributor is selling it for \$24.95, so don't delay in case they change the price. Beyond high iron gates fastened with a length of chain lies stark, Beautiful Trawbawn. Inhabited by the frail and mysterious Lydia Beauchamp, her existence is interrupted when a stranger arrives who becomes her contact with the outside world. When Lydia sets him a challenge, he accepts. He must travel to Dublin to find her estranged daughter.

PAWSON, STUART SHOOTING ELVIS (#11) (\$39.95) (Allison & Busby) Charlie Priest and his team at Heckley Police Headquarters investigate a murder that leads to the discovery of low-tech industrial espionage. All of his previous ten novels are now in paperback at \$12.95 each. What a delightful read, witty, fun, wonderful camaraderie amongst the people working in the department, at least in the first ten novels!

PERRY, ANNE DARK ASSASSIN (#15) (\$35.95) (Ballantine) Thames River superintendent William Monk is on a patrol boat by Waterloo bridge when he sees a couple engaged in an intense discussion. Minutes later the two tumble to their death. It turns out the young woman's father had recently died, suicide, say the police, but according to a friend, the family thought it was murder. Now Monk feels compelled to investigate the three deaths.

PERRY, THOMAS NIGHTLIFE (\$34.95) (Random House) Portland, Oregon homicide detective Catherine Hobbes is determined to solve the murder of the cousin of underworld figure Hugo Poole. Her feelings, and the investigation, get complicated when Poole hires private detective Joe Pitt to perform a parallel investigation.

PETERS, ELIZABETH TOMB OF THE GOLDEN BIRD (#18) (\$34.95) (Morrow) Amelia Peabody, Radcliffe Emerson and their son Ramses are keeping their eyes on the excavations of Howard Carter and Lord Carnarvon in the Valley of Kings. But before their own excavation can get under way in the West Valley, Emerson and his son find themselves lured into a trap by a strange group of villains ominously demanding "Where is he?" But who is "he"?

PICKARD, NANCY VIRGIN OF SMALL PLAINS (\$31.95) (Ballantine) Small Plains, Kansas, January 23, 1987: In the midst of a blizzard, a young boy scours his father's pastures for helpless newborn calves. Instead he discovers the naked frozen body of a teenage girl. In the two decades following her death, strange miracles visit those who tend her grave. But what really happened that night?

QUINLAN, PATRICK SMOKED (\$31.95) (St. Martin's) Smoke Dugan, a bomb maker by profession, dropped out of sight because of a misunderstanding with his employers about an airplane crash and \$2.5 million in cash. But now they have found him and Denny Cruz, a highly paid assassin, is on his way from New York to Maine to collect him. Smoke's girlfriend, smart, sexy, and tough Lola Bell, has big eyes that belie her secret weapon: she's spent a decade studying the martial arts. When Cruz decides to use her to get to Smoke, he doesn't know what he's getting himself into. A debut novel.

RASH, RON WORLD MADE STRAIGHT (\$31.95) (Henry Holt) After surviving hours in a bear trap, placed by a local farmer to protect his marijuana crop, seventeen-year-old Travis Shelton is found

and rescued by the farmer. Shortly after that incident, Travis moves out of his folks' home and into that of Leonard Shuler, a onetime school teacher who lost his job when he was framed by a vindictive student. The fate of these two outsiders becomes increasingly entwined as the community's terrible past and corrupt present bear down on each of them.

RHOADES, J D GOOD DAY IN HELL (#2) (\$31.95) (St. Martin's) Bail enforcement officer Jack Keller is doing a skip trace on a young woman from the right side of the tracks who got involved with the wrong man. Meanwhile, his girlfriend, sheriff's deputy Marie Jones, is called to the scene of a grisly murder. How are the two cases related? Sequel to The Devil's Right Hand (\$9.99).

RICKMAN, PHIL watkins SMILE OF A GHOST (#7) (\$36.95) **ROBINSON, PETER PIECE OF MY HEART** (\$34.99) **Auto-graphed copies available.** Banks at his best. See *JD's Picks*.

ROBERTS, GILLIAN HOLE IN JUAN (#13) (\$33.95) With Halloween only days away, all sorts of trouble erupts at the Philadelphia private school where Amanda Pepper teaches.

ROSETT, SARA MOVING IS MURDER (#1) (\$31.00)

ROWE, ROSEMARY ROMAN RANSOM (#8) (\$34.95) (Headline) Lying in his sick bed, weak and disoriented after a dangerous fever, Libertus is strictly forbidden visitors. But his patron, Marcus Septimus, is desperate to speak to him. His wife and their baby son have been kidnapped and if he doesn't use his power as a senior magistrate to release a certain political prisoner, he will never see his family again. But how can Libertus help if he can't even lift his head off the pillow?

ROYAL, PRISCILLA TYRANT OF THE MIND (#2) (\$34.95)

In the winter of 1271, the beloved grandson of the lord of Wynthorpe Castle, situated on the Welsh border, takes ill. Baron Adam summons his daughter, Prioress Eleanor of Tyndal, and her sub-infirmarian, Sister Anne, to come and save the child. Soon after her arrival, an important guest is murdered and the prioress' brother, bloody dagger in hand, is found standing over the corpse.

RUTHERFURD, EDWARD REBELS OF IRELAND (\$39.95) (Doubleday, Canada) The story started with The Princes of Ireland (\$22.95 trade paperback) and now concludes with this hefty tome, all 863 pages.

SANSOM, C J WINTER IN MADRID (\$34.95) (Macmillan) 1940, the Spanish Civil war is over, and General Franco is considering whether to abandon neutrality and enter the war. Into this uncertain world comes Harry Brett, ex-public schoolboy, traumatized veteran of Dunkirk and now a reluctant spy for the British Secret Service. Marian says: "I wish this had been another one of his historical novels featuring hunch-backed lawyer Matthew Shardlake." Dissolution and Dark Fire (\$9.99 each).

SCHECHTER, HAROLD TELL TALE CORPSE (#4) (\$34.95) (Ballantine) Edgar Allan Poe is in Boston looking for medical help for his wife. While there, he determines that the sensational murder of a beautiful young shop girl is only one in a string of inexplicable killings. Several deaths later, he finds himself leading a frantic investigation, with the assistance of a highly unusual girl named Louisa May Alcott, who has literary ambitions of her own.

SCOTTOLINE, LISA DIRTY BLONDE (\$34.95) (Harper Collins) Federal judge Cate Fante is strong and smart but she leads a dark double life that she hides from everyone, even her best friend. Then a high-profile case explodes in her courtroom and it blasts her cover wide open.

SEDLEY, KATE PRODIGAL SON (\$36.95) (Severn House) When Roger the Chapman discovers he has a half-brother, he has mixed feelings about the matter. But when John Wedmore is accused of robbing his mistress and murdering a fellow servant, Roger feels obliged to investigate.

SHAW, CATHERINE LIBRARY PARADOX (\$39.95) (Allison & Busby) When three professors knock on Vanessa's door, she

Paperbacks

ABRAHAMS, PETER OBLIVION (\$9.99) Nick Petrov is a brilliant private investigator with a reputation for bringing missing children safely home. When a woman approaches him to find her missing daughter, he is suspicious. With the case almost finished, he awakes in a hospital bed, his memory of the past two weeks a complete blank, his personality altered. He is tempted to put the trauma behind him but there are too many things holding him back.

AKUNIN, BORIS TURKISH GAMBIT (\$16.95) 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 fiancé. The third book translated from Russian.

AKUNIN, BORIS DEATH OF ACHILLES (\$16.95) In 1882, after six years of foreign travel and adventure, renowned diplomat and detective Erast Fandorin returns to Moscow. His homecoming is anything but peaceful. In the hotel where he is staying, his old war-hero friend General Michel Sobolev is found dead of an apparent heart attack. But Fandorin suspects otherwise.

ALBERT, SUSAN WITTIG DEAD MANS BONES (#13) (\$9.99) China Bayles has her hands full but when her teenage son finds some skeletal remains during a local cave dig, she suspects they relate to a more recent murder and that's just more work.

AVOCATO, LORI sokol DEEP SEA DEAD (#4) (\$9.99) Marian took this upstairs to read but has been delayed by a new fantasy series with talking dragons as the main characters. I know she loved the first three featuring undercover nurse Pauline Sokol.

BALL, DONNA raine stockto SMOKY MOUNTAIN TRACKS (#1) (\$9.99) Both Marian and Wendy loved this. A quick read about a woman who is training her dogs to be search and rescue dogs. Her golden retriever is on the hunt for a missing little girl. Wonderful.

BALZO, SANDRA UNCOMMON GROUNDS (\$19.95) A debut mystery set in an upscale coffee shop in fictional Brookhills, Wisconsin. Maggy Thorsen wants to know who killed one of her partners in the coffee shop on opening day. "If Nancy Drew grew up, got married, ditched her no-good husband, and opened a coffeehouse, she'd be Maggy Thorsen. This is a series I already want a refill on." - *SJ Rozan*. "That about sums it up", says Marian, (*who has started buying more upscale coffee beans ever since she has been reading coffee mysteries written by CLEO COYLE*).

BANKS, CARLA FOREST OF SOULS (\$10.99) Before her death, Helen Kovacs had told no one of her research into the Nazi occupation of Eastern Europe. Even her closest friend and colleague, Faith Lange, had no idea. Until she began retracing the dead woman's steps. AKA **Danuta Reah**.

BARCLAY, ALEX DARKHOUSE (\$10.99) When a routine investigation comes to a tragic end, NYPD detective Joe Lucchesi moves his family to a quiet village in Ireland. A young girl goes missing and the village closes ranks so Joe sets out to find the truth and uncovers a sinister trail that cuts into the heart of his family.

BARON, MICHAEL MOURNING SEXTON (\$10.99) Attorney David Hirsch was convicted of embezzlement and sent to federal penitentiary for seven years. Now he just wants to patch things up with his daughter and build up a modest legal practice. He is asked for his help with a product liability case involving the death of the daughter of one of his fellow members of the daily Minyan, only to discover that the lawsuit conceals a deliberate murder.

BAXTER, JEAN RAE TWIST OF MALICE (\$19.95)

BEATON, M C AGATHA RAISIN & THE QUICHE OF DEATH (#1) (\$9.99) A new edition of the first in the Agatha series.

BEDFORD, MARTYN HOUDINI GIRL (\$18.95)

BEDFORD, RANDOLPH BILLY PAGAN (\$22.50)

BERENSON, LAURIEN DOG EAT DOG (#3) (\$9.99)

BLAKE, VICTORIA CUTTING BLADES (#2) (\$10.99) Marian had this to say: "I loved Bloodless Shadow (\$10.99) by **VICTORIA BLAKE** and was worried that the second book in the series wouldn't hold up. But I worried needlessly. Cutting Blades is great". London-based private investigator Sam Falconer is asked to investigate the disappearance of a young rower who would have cemented the win for Oxford over Cambridge in their annual duel. She also has to cope with the fact that her father has reappeared in her life. She thought he had been dead for the past twenty eight years, killed while on assignment for the SAS. See *Marian's Picks*.

BLANCHARD, ALICE LIFE SENTENCES (\$10.50) Research scientist Daisy Hubbard prefers to spend her time with her lab experiments but when her sister disappears, she teams up with LAPD detective Jack Makowski to search for her. The clues lead to a manipulative killer who claims to know where Anna Hubbard is. Another of Wendy's current favourites.

BLOCK, LAWRENCE rhodenbar BURGLAR IN THE CLOSET (#2) (\$9.99) A reissue of an earlier novel.

BOND, LARRY DANGEROUS GROUND (\$10.99) The crew on board the USS Memphis, a dilapidated old submarine that should have been mothballed years ago, feel hostile towards their new mission and the scientists on board. The new president of the USA wants them to sneak illegally into Russia's coastal waters and recon the leaking nuclear fuel containers hidden on the floor of the Arctic Ocean.

BOOTH, MARTIN HIROSHIMA JOE (\$20.00)

BOOTH, MARTIN INDUSTRY OF SOULS (\$20.00)

BOOTH, STEPHEN DEAD PLACE (#6) (\$10.99) Detective Diane Fry is certain the anonymous caller who is taunting the Derbyshire Police is a serial killer and DC Ben Cooper is looking into a case of body snatching.

BOWEN, GAIL omnibus FURTHER INVESTIGATIONS OF JOANNE KILBOURN (\$24.99) Contains: Colder Kind of Death, Killing Spring and Verdict in Blood, #s 4, 5 and 6.

BRADY, JOHN POACHER'S ROAD (\$24.95) The first in a new series featuring Austrian Inspektor Felix Kimmel. Two bodies are found in the woods, and the day after, the family that called the Gendarmerie die in a house fire. Now there is both a murder and an arson investigation. Meet **JOHN BRADY** at Sleuth on **Monday June 5th, 2006 from 6pm to 8pm**.

BRANCH, PAMELA MURDER EVERY MONDAY (\$19.95) The third Rue Morgue Press reissue. The Wooden Overcoat and Lion in the Cellar (\$19.95 ea.) are the others. Wickedly funny.

BRANDON, JAY sinclair GRUDGE MATCH (#4) (\$10.99) Eight years ago, San Antonio District Attorney Chris Sinclair put policeman Steve Greardon in jail for armed robbery. Now new DNA evidence has cleared him. But it seems that someone wants him back in jail after he is found at the scene of a murder, without an alibi.

BRETT, SIMON seddon WITNESS AT THE WEDDING (#6) (\$9.99) Carole Seddon's son, Stephen, is about to be married to Gaby but Gaby's father is found murdered and Gaby seems to be the next victim. Secrets concealed for thirty years rear their ugly heads. The others in this fine series are: The Body on the Beach (\$10.99), Death on the Downs, Torso in the Town, Murder in the Museum and Hanging in the Hotel (\$9.99 each).

BROGAN, JAN CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE (\$9.99) Prize winning investigative reporter Hallie Ahern compromised a big story and is now in self-imposed exile in Providence, Rhode Island. At a convenience store one evening, she witnesses the brutal slaying of the store owner and is determined to get the big scoop.

BROWN, DAN langdon DA VINCI CODE (\$10.99 mass market, \$21 trade paper, \$32.95 illustrated trade paperback). The continuing adventures of Robert Langdon, sequel to Angels and Demons (\$11.99 mass market, \$19.95 trade paper, \$30 illustrated trade paperback). Be sure to specify, now, ok?

BROWN, RITA MAE sneaky pie CAT'S EYEWITNESS (#13) (\$9.99) "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.

BRUEN, KEN jack taylor PRIEST (#5) (\$33 trade paperback) A Jack Taylor novel, imported from the UK.

BUCHANAN, EDNA SHADOWS (\$10.99) Built during Prohibition by a notorious rumrunner who vanished at sea, the Shadows is an historic 1920s house that has not been lived in for over forty years, since the murder of the rumrunner's son. A murder that was never solved. A young preservationist approaches the Miami Police Department's Cold Case Squad to help block a developer's plan to bulldoze the Shadows and build high-rise towers. The detectives visit the house, discover a secret limestone cellar, a tunnel to Biscayne Bay and seven small, heartbreaking new mysteries.

BUFFA, D W TRIAL BY FIRE (#7) (\$10.99)

BURKE, JAMES LEE LOST GET BACK BOOGIE (\$12.99) A reissue.

BURKE, RICHARD REDEMPTION (\$24.95 trade paperback, \$37.95 hardcover,) See the hardcover section for an annotation.

BUSCH, FREDERICK NORTH (\$18.95) A Manhattan lawyer has hired Jack to find her missing nephew, last seen in upstate New York, the same place where Jack lost his family, and where as a campus security officer, he was unable to save a girl from a murderer. It's all about second chances.

CAPPONI, PAT LAST STOP SUNNYSIDE (\$19.95) Dana Leoni and her gang of detectives try to find a killer when one of the residents of their rooming house is murdered. The blurb on the back of the book says: This is no ordinary gang of detectives: they can't synchronize their watches because they have only one watch among them; they can't tail suspects because they can't drive; they can't even follow someone by bus because they have no bus tickets."

[DOYLE]CARR, CALEB ITALIAN SECRETARY (\$18.95) Holmes has been summoned to the aid of Queen Victoria by his brother Mycroft. During the renovations at the Royal Palace in Holyrood, Edinburgh, a renowned architect and his foreman have been murdered. Commissioned by the estate of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle.

CARTER, SAMMI shaw CHOCOLATE DIPPED DEATH (#2) (\$9.99) Abby Shaw inherited a chocolate shop in Colorado and this is number two in the series. The first is Candy Apple Dead (\$8.99).

CHILD, LEE ONE SHOT (#9) (\$11.99) Another brilliant story featuring ex-military policeman Jack Reacher. One of *Marian's Picks* a little while ago.

CHILDS, LAURA tea CHAMOMILE MOURNING (#6) (\$9.99)

CHUDLEY, RON OLD BONES (\$12.95)

CLARK, CAROL HIGGINS BURNED (\$10.99)

CLARK, MARY HIGGINS NO PLACE LIKE HOME (\$12.99)

CLARKE, SUSANNA JONATHAN STRANGE & MR NORRELL (\$29.95 three vol. boxed set or \$12.99 one vol. trade paperback) "A strange book" says Marian, who didn't finish the 782 pages, even though the critical acclaim for this debut novel has been phenomenal. It deals with magic and magicians in 1800s England. Split into three books and boxed.

CLEEVE, ANN TELLING TALES (\$9.99)

CLEMENS, JUDY crown TILL THE COWS COME HOME (#1) (\$19.95) The jacket blurb says that this new writer would suit readers of Earlene Fowler and P.J. Tracy. It features Stella Crown, who runs her own dairy farm in Pennsylvania. A local child dies from a strange illness, a string of mysterious disasters place Stella and her farm in peril, and her childhood friend Abe shows up with a new woman on his arm. Wendy really enjoyed it. See *Marian's Picks*.

COBEN, HARLAN INNOCENT (\$13.50) Matt Hunter tried to break up a fight and ended up a killer. Now, nine years later, he is trying to make a new life for himself and his pregnant wife. But a number of murders occur in his hometown and all the signs point to Matt. He and his wife are forced outside the law in a desperate attempt to save their future together.

COLLINS, MICHAEL SECRET LIFE OF E ROBERT PENDLETON (\$24.95) This is the Irish Michael Collins.

COMPTON, JODI SYMPATHY BETWEEN HUMANS (#2) (\$9.99) Wendy had this to say about this one: It is terrific, even better than the first. Sarah is dealing with the fallout from The 37th Hour (\$10.99) 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. If you haven't read The 37th Hour, (\$10.99) do so, then pick up this one. See *Marian's Picks*.

CONNELL, EVAN DIARY OF A RAPIST (\$18.95)

CONNOR, JOHN CHILD'S GAME (#3) (\$24.95) See hardcover annotation. See *Marian's Picks*.

CORRIS, PETER cliff hardy SAVING BILLIE (\$15.95) A new novel. Big-wheel Jonas Clement doesn't want Billie found—she claims to have damaging information on him—but it's Cliff's job to find her and save her,

CORWIN, C R MORGUE MAMA (\$19.95) Finally, the reissue of this funny book. See *Marian's Pick* in the March 2006 issue.

COUCH, DICK PRESSURE POINT (\$10.99)

CRAIG, PETER BLOOD FATHER (\$18.95) This was one of *David's Picks* a year or so back and the author's Hot Plastic (\$20) was similarly one of *J.D.'s Picks*. Two terrific reads.

CRAIG & TAPPLY SECOND SIGHT (\$17.95) J.W. Jackson, fisherman and sometime PI, has agreed to take the job of driver and guide to a Scottish pop star. While his friend, Boston lawyer Brady Coyne, has business on the Vineyard looking for the daughter of an old friend, the two jobs weave together in this second outing. The first co-authored book is First Light (\$17.99).

CRISPIN, EDMUND fen HOLY DISORDERS (\$19.95) Marian says: My all time favourite Gervase Fen novel. A Felony and Mayhem re-issue.

CULLEN, ROBERT SOVIET SOURCES (\$19.95)

CUMMING, CHARLES SPANISH GAME (\$25.00)

DAHEIM, MARY emma lord ALPINE QUILT (#17) (\$9.99) Members of the Burl Creek Thimble Club, a quilting circle in small-town Alpine, Washington, are planning a fete to welcome back Genevieve Bayard who left the group decades ago. But Genevieve is murdered and Emma Lord, owner and publisher of the local newspaper, investigates. The first one is The Alpine Advocate (\$8.99).

DAMSGAARD, SHIRLEY CHARMED TO DEATH (#2) (\$9.99)

DAVIDSON, MARY DEAD AND LOVING IT (\$20.00)

DAVIES, LINDA FINAL SETTLEMENT (\$10.99) When beautiful and rich Morganna Hutton falls in love with the devastatingly handsome Archie Edge, she thinks he is the answer to her prayers. Until the nightmare begins. "This is my story. It's not a pretty one. Don't say I didn't warn you" is the ominous note from the author.

DAWSON, JILL WATCH ME DISAPPEAR (\$24.95 trade paper, \$34.95 hardcover) See the Hardcover section for an annotation.

DEAVER, JEFFERY W TWELFTH CARD (#6) (\$12.99) To save the life of a young girl pursued by a ruthless hit man, Lincoln

Rhyme and Amelia Sachs must solve a 140 years old case.

DENBY, JOOLZ BILLIE MORGAN (\$21) Billie is in her forties, running a little jewelry shop in Bradford, watching over her godson Natty, trying to live a quiet life, trying to forget the past. As Billie recounts her life, her trials and tribulations, it might occur to you that but for the grace of God there go I. And that where we end up is a consequence of thousands of inconsequential decisions. Terrific.

DICKINSON, DAVID DEATH OF A CHANCELLOR (#4) (\$21.00) England, 1901, and the cathedral in the town of Compton in the west of England is preparing to celebrate 1,000 years of Christian worship. But a few weeks before the main ceremonies at Easter, the chancellor dies in mysterious circumstances. Lord Francis Powerscourt is asked to investigate.

DOHERTY, PAUL YEAR OF THE COBRA (#3) (\$24.95 trade, \$37.95 hardcover) See the Hardcover section for an annotation.

DOHERTY, ROBERT BODYGUARD OF LIES (\$9.99)

DORSEY, TIM TORPEDO JUICE (#7) (\$10.99) Serge A. Storms returns in his seventh outing trying to reinvent himself in the Keys.

DOUGLASS, SARA NAMELESS DAY (#1) (\$10.99)

DOYLE, ARTHUR CONAN THE BOYS' SHERLOCK HOLMES (\$42.95) Includes A Study in Scarlet, The Sign of the Four, The Original Sherlock Holmes by Dr. H.E. Jones and five other Holmes short stories.

DOYLE, ARTHUR CONAN CASEBOOK OF SHERLOCK HOLMES (\$27.95) Includes twelve Holmes stories.

DOYLE, ARTHUR CONAN LAND OF MIST & BABY BOOK (\$40.00) The Land of Mist was originally published in 1926. In the aftermath of World War I, many people were trying to come to terms with the loss of their loved ones on the battlefields. Spiritualism and fraudsters reigned. The Baby Book is a reprint of part of the diary of Denis Stewart Percy Conan Doyle.

DOYLE, ARTHUR CONAN WHEN THE WORLD SCREAMED & LOST WORLD (\$40.00) Two stories in one volume.

DOYLE, ARTHUR CONAN SHERLOCK HOLMES AND THE SPORT OF KINGS (\$9.50) Originally titled Silver Blaze. A thin book with illustrations.

DOYLE, ARTHUR CONAN SHERLOCK HOLMES MYSTERIES (\$21.00) This has the text of 22 Sherlock Holmes stories by Doyle and also a DVD of Terror By Night and The Woman in Green, starring Basil Rathbone and Nigel Bruce. (128 minutes total). Please specify which version of the book you want. (See next entry).

DOYLE, ARTHUR CONAN SHERLOCK HOLMES MYSTERIES (\$8.99) 22 Sherlock Holmes stories by Doyle with no DVD. Please specify whether you want the DVD version or not. (See previous entry).

DOYLE, ARTHUR CONAN SPECKLED BAND (\$40.00) The Speckled Band written in a play version.

[DOYLE]CARRAHER, PHILIP J ADVENTURE OF THE NEW YORK RIPPER (\$21.95) Is it a copy-cat Jack the Ripper in New York City in 1893 or the original? Holmes investigates.

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[DOYLE]READ, ANTHONY BAKER STREET BOYS TCOT CAPTIVE CLAIRVOYANT and TCOT DISAPPEARING DETECTIVE (\$15 ea) With Sherlock Holmes out of town, it's up to his gang of young detectives, AKA street urchins, to solve these cases which involves kidnapping, murder and mistaken identity.

[DOYLE]SHUMWAY, PETER C SHERLOCK HOLMES AND THE KISS OF DEATH (\$24.95) Holmes and Watson pit their wits against the world's cleverest magician.

[DOYLE]THOMAS, FRANK SHERLOCK HOLMES AND THE BIZARE ALIBI (\$30.00) Dr. Watson and Holmes are on their latest case.

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[DOYLE] UPTON, DAVID SHERLOCK HOLME'S CHRISTMAS (\$30.00) Christmas 1894 and Holmes solves a true locked room murder.

[DOYLE]VARIOUS/GREENBERG/LELLENB MURDER MY DEAR WATSON (\$20.95) Previously unpublished Sherlockian stories by Sharyn McCrumb, Barry Day, Daniel Stashower, and others. It also includes essays by Christopher Redmond, Philip Schreffler, Jon Lellenberg and Daniel Stashower.

[DOYLE]WARD, DANIEL SHERLOCK HOLMES: THE WAY OF ALL FLESH (\$15.00)

DUNNING, JOHN janeway SIGN OF THE BOOK (#4) (\$12.99) A classic Cliff Janeway book with an interesting twist. Superstar lawyer Erin D'Angelo has joined Cliff in the book business and it's hard for him to refuse her request to help an old friend accused of murdering her husband. Lots of book collecting lore to enjoy. Booked to Die, Bookman's Wake, and Bookman's Promise (\$11.99 each) are the first three in the series.

DURHAM, LAURA annabelle FOR BETTER OR HEARSE (#2) (\$9.99)

EDWARDSON, AKE SUN AND SHADOW (\$17) We have found a new Swedish writer, but the reviews, so far, are mixed. Detective Erik Winter is the youngest chief inspector in Sweden. He wears sharp suits, cooks gourmet meals, has a penchant for jazz and is about to become a father. A bloody double murder just for openers and, we're off. Wendy was lukewarm...

ELLORY, ROGER JON QUIET VENDETTA (\$12.99) When the daughter of the Governor of Louisiana is kidnapped, all the kidnapper wants as ransom is to talk to a minor functionary from a Washington-based organized crime task force. When Ray Hartmann arrives in the South, he hears the story of Ernesto Perez, a brutal hit man for the Mob.

ELYOT, AMANDA BY A LADY (\$21.00)

EMERSON, KATHY LYNN DEADLIER THAN THE PEN (\$19.95) Featuring journalist Diana Spaulding.

EMERSON, KATHY LYNN FACE DOWN BESIDE ST ANNE'S WELL (\$18.95)

EVANOVICH, JANET FULL SCOOP (\$10.99)

EVANS, JON INVISIBLE ARMIES (\$19.95 trade paperback, \$34.95 hardcover) See the Hardcover section for an annotation.

EVANS, STANLEY SEAWEED ON THE STREET (\$12.95)

FAIRBANKS, NANCY BON BON VOYAGE (#8) (\$18.00)

FINDER, JOSEPH COMPANY MAN (\$10.99) Nick Conover is the CEO of a major corporation and once, the most respected man in town. But that was before the layoffs. When a faceless stalker menaces his family and he discovers a conspiracy against him at work, he doesn't trust anyone. Meanwhile his actions are being probed by a homicide detective named Audrey Rhimes.

FINNIS, JANE aurelia GET OUT OR DIE (#1) (\$19.95) Roman Britain in 91 AD is a raw frontier province where Roman settlers are coming to colonize. But the native tribes seize any chance to harass their conquerors. Aurelia Marcella, a young innkeeper from Italy, runs the Oak Tree Mansion on the road to York. She and her Roman friends find themselves under attack from a secret native war-band calling themselves the Shadow-men. A debut novel.

FLETCHER & BAIN MURDER SHE WROTE: QUESTION OF MURDER (\$9.99)

FORBES, COLIN BLOOD STORM (\$11.99) Three men plot to convert Britain into Police State GB and to combine the SIS, MI5, the police, the Coastguards etc, into one massive unit, the State Security. Tweed and Paula are out to save the world and to investigate the murder of twin sisters. Busy!

FORBES, COLIN CELL (\$21.00) An expensive British import.

FOWLER, CHRISTOPHER bryan WATER ROOM (#2) (\$9.99) Arthur Bryant and John May are two cranky detectives whose professional partnership dates back half a century. London's Peculiar Crime Unit, headed by the two, is one mistake away from being shut down. According to the coroner, Ruth Singh's heart just stopped. But why would a woman who never leaves the house be dressed for an outing. The first in the series is Full Dark House (\$10.99)

FRASER, CARO CALCULATING HEART (\$18.00)

FRASER, GEORGE MACDONALD FLASHMAN ON THE MARCH (#12) (\$19.95) Britons are held captive in Africa and Sir Harry Flashman is on hand to help! What Harry really needed was a place to hide and this seemed to be far enough away.

FRENCH, NICCI LOSING YOU (\$24) What is worse than your child going missing? Your child going missing—and nobody believing you.

FULMER, DAVID JASS (#2) (\$19.95)

FYFIELD, FRANCES SAFER THAN HOUSES (\$25) Sarah Fortune is aptly named; a lover has left her a flat in London and the arrangement as part-time mistress suits her well. Then she starts getting threatening letters from the son of her benefactor who wants the flat back.

GALGUT, DAMON QUARRY (\$21.00)

GARROS & EVDOKIMOV HEADCRUSHER (\$21.95) Friends since school, these two Latvian journalists decided to write a novel together and this is the result. It went on to win the Russian Literary National Bestseller Prize in 2003. "Fast, furious, wicked and fun, this is Russia's *Fight Club* and *American Psycho* rolled into one." says the blurb.

GASH, JONATHAN lovejoy JUDAS PAIR (\$19.95) A Felony and Mayhem re-issue of the first Lovejoy novel.

GEORGE, ELIZABETH WITH NO ONE AS WITNESS (#13) (\$10.99) Scotland Yard has taken over the investigation into the murders of four adolescent boys. DI Lynley is in charge. "Terrific" said Wendy a year or so ago.

GERICKE, SHANE BLOWN AWAY (\$9.99)

GILL, ANTON huy CITY OF DREAMS (#2) (\$19.95) A Felony and Mayhem re-issue. Set in ancient Egypt.

GRAHAM, CAROLINE barnaby DEATH OF A HOLLOW MAN (#2) (\$19.95) A Felony and Mayhem re-issue.

GRANGER, ANN RARE INTEREST IN CORPSES (\$24.95) "A new series and I loved it", says Marian. Lizzie Martin arrives in London in 1864 to become a ladies companion. She learns that her predecessor disappeared and was never heard from. What happened to her? The hardcover version is not in yet but is on order.

GRAY, ALEX lorimer SMALL WEEPING (#2) (\$10.95) "Wonderful" says Wendy. Psychologist Brightman and DCI Lorimer team up to investigate a series of murders in Glasgow and the Outer Hebrides. Sequel to Never Somewhere Else (\$21 an expensive British import).

GREEN, TIM EXACT REVENGE (\$9.99) For twenty years, Raymond White has been in a maximum security prison in upstate New York convicted of a murder he did not commit. White befriends a wizened art thief who holds a secret to their future so they plan an ingenious escape. With unimaginable wealth hidden and at his disposal, White plans to seek revenge on those who set him up.

GRUBER, MICHAEL VALLEY OF BONES (#2) (\$10.99) Rookie cop Tito 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).

GUTHRIE, ALLAN TWO-WAY SPLIT (\$23) This lean and muscular crime caper with a seriously twisted dark side was shortlisted for the CWA Debut Dagger. By the author of Kiss Her Goodbye (\$8.99). Crime fiction set in Edinburgh but with a decided American hard-boiled twist.

HAMILTON, LAURELL K blake MICAH (#13) (\$10.99) A paperback original featuring Anita Blake, repetitious and lots of tedious sex, according to one disappointed fan.

HARPER, TOM demetrios KNIGHTS OF THE CROSS (#2) (\$11.99)

HARRIS, CHARLAINE vampire DEAD AS A DOORNAIL (#5) (\$10.99) When Sookie Stackhouse sees her brother Jason's eyes start to change, she knows he is about to turn into a were-panther for the first time. When a sniper sets his deadly sights on the local changeling population, Jason's new panther brethren suspect that he may be the shooter.

HARRISON, KIM DATES FROM HELL ANTHOLOGY (\$9.99)

HART, CAROLYN death on de DEATH OF THE PARTY (#16) (\$9.99) Max Darling has been hired to uncover the killer of wealthy Jeremiah Addison. Annie Darling tags along for the fun.

HARTLEY, A J MASK OF ATREUS (\$10.99)

HARVEY, JOHN elder ASH AND BONE (#2) (\$11.99) Retired Detective Inspector Elder's solitary life is disturbed by a call from his estranged wife, telling him his seventeen-year-old daughter is running wild, unbalanced by the abduction and rape he feels he should have prevented. Meanwhile, in London, the takedown of a violent criminal goes badly and Detective Maddy Birch is uneasy about the reasons why. The first in the series is Flesh and Blood (\$10.99). One of *David's Picks* a year or so ago.

HAUTMAN, PETE THE PROP (\$19) Peeky Kane is a prop player at an Arizona casino owned by the Santa Cruz tribe. Her job is to play poker and take the suckers for a ride. But things turn nasty; the casino is robbed, four are left dead and worse, Peeky has recognized one of the robbers.

HAWKING, LUCY ACCIDENTAL MARATHON (\$14.95) Not a mystery, just a funny story about a woman who gets herself talked into running the London Marathon. It's fiction.

HAYDER, MO BIRDMAN (\$9.99) The author's first novel, published in 1999. Terrific. If somehow you have missed this one then you have missed a good one.

HEITMAN, LYNNE PANDORAN KEY (#4) (\$9.50)

HENRY, SUE jessie arnold MURDER AT FIVE FINGER LIGHT (#11) (\$9.99) Sled dog racer Jessie Arnold has just gotten back with her ex-boyfriend Alex Jensen, and, reluctantly, she heads off for a

few days to help her friends restore their dream, a lighthouse on the Alaskan Inside Passage. Stumbling across a dead body and the search for a killer delay her return.

HERREN, GREG MARDI GRAS MAMBO (\$20.00)

HESS, JOAN malloy GOODBYE BODY (#15) (\$9.99) Bookstore owner Claire Molly and her daughter, Caron, accept the generosity of one of their customers when they are forced out of their apartment for a few weeks. But staying at the customer's palatial home has its drawbacks, including a dead body in the garden.

HEWSON, DAVID LIZARD'S BITE (#4) (\$22.95 trade paperback, \$29.95 hardcover) See the Hardcover section for an annotation. See *Marian's Picks*. (Did Wendy mention that she was in Venice?)

HEWSON, DAVID costa SACRED CUT (#3) (\$9.99) Before Nic Costa and Gianni Peroni of the Questura can begin a formal investigation into the death of a woman found in the Pantheon, the US Embassy brings in its own people. Both a *Marian's Picks* and *Wendy's Picks* a year ago. (*I was at the Pantheon too. Wendy*).

HEYER, GEORGETTE BEAUVALLET, CONQUEROR, MY LORD JOHN and SIMON THE COLDHEART (\$19.95 each)

More re-issues of the author's regency romance novels. Dozens back in print now, so order away.

HIGGINS, GEORGE V EASIEST THING IN THE WORLD (\$21.50) A collection of stories and two novellas.

HINES, JOANNA MURDER BIRD (\$24.95 signed copies) Kirsten Waller, the famous poet, is found dead in her bath in a lonely Cornish cottage. The verdict: suicide. Her daughter, Sam, refuses to accept this. Kirsten would never have killed herself. Besides, her mother's journal is missing and so is the poem, *The Murder Bird*, that she was working on just before she died.

HOAG, TAMI KILL THE MESSENGER (\$11.99) On his way to delivering a package to one of Los Angeles's sleaziest defense lawyers, bike messenger Jace Damon is chased through back alleys, nearly run down, and then shot at. When he arrives at the lawyer's office, he finds the cops there and the lawyer dead. When detectives from the LAPD's elite robbery/homicide division show up, homicide detective Kev Parker wants to know what is so important in that package that people are being killed for it?

HOOPER, KAY LADY THIEF (\$10.99)

HOUSTON, VICTORIA DEAD BOOGIE (#7) (\$9.99)

HOWARD, LINDA TO DIE FOR (\$11.99)

HUGHES, DECLAN ed loy WRONG KIND OF BLOOD (#1) (\$24.95 trade paperback, \$34.95 hardcover) See the Hardcover section for an annotation.

IRBY, LEE 7000 CLAMS (\$12.95) 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.

ISLEIB, ROBERTA cassie FINAL FORE (#5) (\$9.99) A golfing mystery.

JAKUBOWSKI, MAXIM MAMMOTH BOOK OF VINTAGE WHODUNNITS (\$17.95)

JAMES, BILL MAN'S ENEMIES (\$22.95)

JAMES, BILL SPLIT (\$22.00)

JAMES, P D LIGHTHOUSE (#13) (\$21) Combe Island off the Cornish coast offers respite to over-stressed men and women. Adam Dalgliesh is called in to investigate a murder on the island. When a second murder occurs, the whole investigation is jeopardized.

JARDINE, QUINTIN LETHAL INTENT (#15) (\$10.99) Four ruthless Albanian gangsters have infiltrated Edinburgh's underworld and MI5 is on the case. But is there a more threatening objective?

This is one of the cases Deputy Chief Constable Bob Skinner is dealing with.

JARDINE, QUINTIN blackstone FOR THE DEATH OF ME (#9) (\$24.95 trade paperback, \$37.95 hardcover) See the Hardcover section for an annotation.

JENNINGS, MAUREEN murdoch VICES OF MY BLOOD (#6) (\$22.99) "Fabulous" says Wendy, "The best yet". We have a few **autographed** copies left. Toronto of the 1890s is brought to life by this gifted writer.

JOHANSEN, IRIS COUNTDOWN (\$11.99) Who is after Jane MacGuire? She goes on the run with the only man who may be more dangerous than those pursuing her. Mark Trevor has his own reasons for wanting Jane safe and out of the hands of a killer obsessed with a two-thousand-year-old mystery that could rock the modern world.

JOHNSON, CRAIG COLD DISH (#1) (\$20.00) Cody Pritchard is found dead near the Northern Cheyenne Reservation in Wyoming's Absaroka County. Two years earlier, he and three other high school boys were convicted of brutally raping a young Cheyenne girl with fetal alcohol syndrome, and were let off with suspended sentences. Is this revenge? Sheriff Walt Longmire investigates. Exceptional. Don, one of our customers: "I have not enjoyed a novel as good as this in a long time". See both *J.D.'s* and *Marian's Picks*.

JOSS, MORAG PUCCINI'S GHOST (\$14.95) The fading Lila Du Cann returns to Burnhead to bury her father and remembers the summer of 1960 when, aged fifteen, she sang in her first opera, Puccini's *Turandot*. As she revisits that summer, her grasp of the present loosens.

KANDEL, SUSAN NOT A GIRL DETECTIVE (#2) (\$9.99) Cece Caruso writes biographies of dead mystery writers. Researching the life of Carolyn Keene, she meets a flamboyant collector of "Blue Nancys", the original books with blue covers. When he finds out she is taking a road trip to Palm Springs to snoop around at the annual Nancy Drew fan convention, he offers her the use of his swanky vacation house. The last thing she expects to find is a dead body in the swimming pool. The first in the series is I Dreamed I Married Perry Mason (\$9.99).

KARP, LARRY FIRST DO NO HARM (\$19.95) A mutated culture of smallpox has the power to heal and kill. In the wrong hands the virus could wipe out millions. What to do? What to do?

KILLIAN, DIANA SONNET OF THE SPHINX (#3) (\$9.50) This series is delightful especially if you like reading books about British writers and poets, Lord Byron, Shelley and the like.

KING, JONATHON freeman KILLING NIGHT (#4) (\$9.99) Detective Sherry Richards asks her boyfriend, Max Freeman, for help in proving an ex-cop is a serial killer. Trouble is, Max used to be a cop and said cop saved his life a number of years ago. The first in the series is The Blue Edge of Midnight (\$9.99) which won the Edgar for Best First Novel.

KING, LAURIE R LOCKED ROOMS (#8) (\$9.99) Mary Russell and Sherlock Holmes leave Bombay for San Francisco where Mary will settle some legal affairs surrounding the inheritance of her family's old estate. But why does someone want to assassinate her?

KING, THOMAS RED POWER MURDERS (\$19.95)

KOZAK, HARLEY JANE DATING IS MURDER (#2) (\$17.95)

KUNZMANN, RICHARD BLOODY HARVESTS (\$9.99) A first novel set in South Africa. Are the deaths of children the work of a serial killer or of a butcher harvesting body parts for powerful medicines? Detective Harry Mason and his partner, Jacob Tshabalala, a tribesman and cop, become increasingly convinced that this time they are dealing with a genuine witch.

LADD, LINDA HEAD TO HEAD (\$9.99)

LAIRD, NICK UTTERLY MONKEY (\$19.95)

LAKIN, RITA GETTING OLD IS THE BEST REVENGE (#2) (\$9.99) Meet 75-year-old Gladdy Gold, Florida's oldest PI. She and her gang of Fort Lauderdale retirees are out and about, hunting

down a killer—one who is silently stalking them.

LASHNER, WILLIAM FALLS THE SHADOW (#5) (\$10.99) A woman is dead and her husband convicted of the murder. In seeking a new trial for the husband, defense attorney Victor Carl must confront not only a determined prosecutor and a police detective who might have set up his client, but also a strange little busybody named Bob.

LAWRENCE, DAVID COLD KILL (#3) (\$10.99) The third Stella Mooney novel, sequel to The Dead Sit Round in a Ring (\$11.99) and Nothing Like the Night (\$10.99). Who would be so without pity or conscience as to convince a disturbed man to confess to a murder that he did not commit? A *Wendy's Pick* last year.

LAWTON, JOHN troy BLUE RONDO (#5) (\$14.95) It's 1959 but things that Troy did as a young man have come back to haunt him. The first four in this series are: Black Out (\$10.99), Old Flames (\$8.99), A Little White Death, and Riptide (\$10.99 each).

LAYMAN, RICHARD DISCOVERING THE MALTESE FALCON AND SAM SPADE (\$26.95)

LEVINE, LAURA SHOES TO DIE FOR (#4) (\$9.99)

LEWIS, PAM SPEAK SOFTLY SHE CAN HEAR (\$19.00)

MCBAIN, ED GUTTER AND THE GRAVE (\$8.99)

MCCRUMB, SHARYN ST DALE (\$10.99)

MCDERMID, VAL GRAVE TATTOO (\$22.95 trade paperback, \$39.95 hardcover) See the Hardcover section for an annotation.

MCDONALD, GREGORY FLETCH REFLECTED (\$17.95) A reissue. First published in 1994.

MCDOUGALL, SOPHIA ROMANITAS (\$12.99) The first of three novels set in a Roman Empire that never fell but spread to take in half the world.

MC GEE, JAMES RATCATCHER (#1) (\$24.95 trade paperback, \$34.95 hardcover) See the Hardcover section for an annotation.

MCGOWAN, ANTHONY MORTAL COIL (\$14.95) Soon to be jobless, hopeless and half-crippled from a beating to teach him not to insult local gangsters, Matthew Moriarty takes up a lucrative offer to track down a missing friend. Set in a tough and brutal London.

MCKEVETT, G A JUST DESSERTS (#1) (\$8.99)

MCKEVETT, G A MURDER A LA MODE (#10) (\$9.99) As a special birthday treat, PI Savannah Reid's friends have arranged for her to compete for the affection of Lance Roman, her favourite romance novel cover man, on a reality TV show called "Man of My Dreams". She and four other women will be living in a medieval castle with Lance trying to out-flirt each other and win the hunk's heart. But murder strikes and Savannah investigates.

MACLARTY, JAY LIVE WIRE (\$10.99)

MALLINSON, ALLAN ACT OF COURAGE (#7) (\$10.99) Christmas 1826 finds Matthew Hervey of the 6th Light Dragoons a prisoner of the Spanish. His friends are rushing to his aid with an audacious escape plan.

MANEY, MABEL TCOT NOT SO NICE NURSE (\$20.50) A reissue.

MANKELL, HENNING kurt MAN WHO SMILED (#4) (\$21.00) An expensive British import of the fourth in the Kurt Waulander series.

MANKELL, HENNING SECRETS IN THE FIRE (\$10.95)

MANN, PAUL sansi GANJA COAST (\$19.95) The second in this wonderful series set in India. Just reprinted by Felony and Mayhem.

MARTIN, LEE BRIGHT FOREVER (\$21.00)

MARTIN, NANCY blackbird CROSS YOUR HEART AND HOPE TO DIE (#4) (\$9.99) The Blackbird sisters are back in their fourth adventure. Nora's boss is discovered, shot execution-style, and trussed up in expensive panty hose. A trademark of her mob boyfriend's family. The first three in this delightful series are How to Murder a Millionaire, Dead Girls Don't Wear Diamonds, and Some Like It Lethal (\$9.99 each).

MARTIN, ROSEMARY TWIST AND SHOUT MURDER (\$9.99)

MARTINEZ, GUILLERMO OXFORD MURDERS (\$17.00)

The murderer's methods seem clearly designed to appeal to mathematicians; he seems to know something of logic. And that's enough to intrigue Arthur Seldom, one of the leading minds in logic and his Watson, the young South American mathematician who arrives to study in Oxford.

MILES, KEITH saxon FLAG STICK (#4) (\$19.95) A golfing mystery.

MINA, DENISE meehan FIELD OF BLOOD (#1) (\$11.99) A new series featuring Paddy Meehan, who has just started work on the *Scottish Daily News*. In Glasgow, a toddler goes missing, snatched from the front garden of his home, and the police are led to the doors of two eleven-year-old boys. Wendy enjoyed this one.

MONTANARI, RICHARD ROSARY GIRLS (\$10.99) 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.

MOORE, DONNA GO TO HELENA HANDBASKET (\$28)

"...the Dorothy Parker of Scotland."—*Ken Bruen*. A hilarious send up of the hard-boiled genre. Looks good. I'll report next time.

MORETON, CASEY GREATER GOOD (\$10.99)

MORGAN, DEBORAH MAJOLICA MURDERS (#5) (\$9.99)

MYERS, TAMAR den CANE MUTINY (#13) (\$9.99)

NEALE, TOM COPPER KISS (\$24.95)

NEATE, PATRICK CITY OF TINY LIGHTS (\$19.00)

NILES, CHRIS GRACE FALCO (\$9.99)

O'BRIEN, MARTIN JACQUOT AND THE ANGEL (#2)

(\$10.99) A wealthy German family, living in Provence, is murdered but Chief Inspector Jacquot of the Cavaillon Regional Crime Squad doesn't agree that the man arrested is the killer. Excellent. One of *Marian's Picks* a year ago.

O'BRIEN, MEG FINAL KILL (\$8.50)

OLSON, NEIL ICON (\$10.99) Matthew Spear, a young Greek-American curator of the Metropolitan Museum of Art, meets Ana Kessler, a sometimes art dealer who has inherited an impressive collection from her mysterious grandfather. He soon discovers that the jewel of her collection is the Holy Mother of Katarini, a sacred icon long thought destroyed in a fire. It is thought the icon is a source of fantastic and inexplicable power. And everybody wants it. "I think I read this, and I think I enjoyed it, but I can't remember. Isn't that terrible", says Marian.

O'ROURKE, SALLY SMITH MAN WHO LOVED JANE

AUSTEN (\$20.00) "Okay, I admit it. I love romances. This one is just that. Time travel is involved, back to Jane Austin's time, and I love that as well. This is not a mystery, although I suppose time travel is a mystery!" Per Marian.

PALAHNIUK, CHUCK HAUNTED (\$18.95)

PARRY, OWEN REBELS OF BABYLON (#6) (\$10.99)

PAWSON, STUART DEADLY FRIENDS (#5) and SOME BY FIRE (#6) (\$12.95 each) Finally, the whole series is back in print.

Now if only the Canadian distributor could keep them in stock on a regular basis. Great British police procedurals, set in Yorkshire.

PEARCE, MICHAEL CAMEL OF DESTRUCTION (#7) and SNAKE CATCHER'S DAUGHTER (#8) (\$19.95 ea). Two Mamur Zapt reissues.

PEARS, IAIN PORTRAIT (\$17.95) In the early years of the twentieth century, an influential art critic journeys from London to Brittany to sit for a portrait painted by an old friend, a gifted but tormented artist living in self-imposed exile. Over the course of the sitting, the painter recalls their years of friendship.

PEARSON, RIDLEY CUT AND RUN (\$10.99) A U.S. federal marshal is pitted against the mob's most resourceful killer. The woman he loves, but cannot be with because she is part of the wit-

ness protection program, is in danger when the mob gets hold of the master list of those hiding under the program.

PELECANOS, GEORGE *lorenzo* DRAMA CITY (#1) (\$9.99)

Ex-con Lorenzo Brown loves his work. In his job as an officer for the Humane Society, he looks for dogs that are mistreated and makes their lives better. His parole officer, Rachel Lopez, takes to the bars at night looking for drugs and sex. Lorenzo needs her to help him from getting sucked back into the battleground he left but she is having her own troubles. The start of a new series.

PENMAN, SHARON KAY *justin* PRINCE OF DARKNESS (#4)

(\$20.00) Justin de Quincy hastens to Paris at the request of his former lover Lady Claudine but it is Prince John that seeks his help. He wants Justin to find and destroy a document that implicates him in a plot to kill his brother, King Richard. Only when he realizes that this document may also hurt the woman he serves, Eleanor of Aquitaine, does de Quincy agree to help. The three earlier books in the series are The Queen's Man (\$9.99), Cruel as the Grave (\$9.99) and Dragon's Lair (\$10.99).

PERRY, ANNE *pitt* LONG SPOON LANE (#24) (\$9.99) Thomas Pitt of the Special Branch joins forces with his old enemy, Sir Charles Voisey, to root out the leader of an Anarchist group trying to destroy the civil liberties in England. It seems the leader of the group is Inspector Wetron of Bow Street. Of course, Charlotte and her great aunt Lady Vespasia help. If you have not read this lengthy series set in Victorian England, start with the first, The Cater Street Hangman (\$9.99).

PETERS, ELIZABETH *peabody* SERPENT ON THE CROWN (#17) (\$12.99) With the ban on their archaeological activities lifted, Amelia Peabody and her family return to the Valley of the Kings in 1922. But a widow's strange story, and even stranger request, is about to plunge them into a storm of secrets, treachery and murder.

PICOULT, JODI TENTH CIRCLE (\$21.00)

PRONZINI, BILL ALL THE LONG YEARS (\$6.99)

RABB, JONATHAN ROSA (\$21.00) In the last days of World War I, a serial killer is stalking the streets of Berlin making life difficult for Detective Inspector Nikolai Hoffner and his young assistant Hans Fichte. Very good.

REEMAN, DOUGLAS *blackwood* DUST ON THE SEA (#4)

(\$11.99) The fourth novel featuring Captain Philip Blackwood of the Royal Marines, first published in 1999 and now back in print in mass market paperback..

REEMAN, DOUGLAS *blackwood* KNIFE EDGE (#5) (\$11.95) Disillusioned and grieving over the death of his distinguished father, Lieutenant Ross Blackwood believes there is no future for him as a Royal Marine.

RENDELL, RUTH THIEF (\$7.95) Another in the *Quick Reads* series, short novels to encourage non-readers.

RICE, CHRISTOPHER LIGHT BEFORE DAY (\$18.95)

RIORDAN, RICK *navarre* MISSION ROAD (#6) (\$9.99) San Antonio detective Ana DeLeon was about to re-open an eighteen-year-old murder investigation where her husband is the main suspect. But she is gunned down before she starts and her husband is now on the run. He turns to PI Tres Navarre for help.

RIZZOLO, S K ROSE IN THE WHEEL (\$19.95)

ROBB, J D (EDT) BUMP IN THE NIGHT (\$10.99)

ROBINSON, PATRICK HUNTER KILLER (\$10.99)

ROOS, KELLEY IF THE SHROUD FITS (\$19.95)

ROSE, M J DELILAH COMPLEX (\$9.99)

ROSENBERG, NANCY TAYLOR SULLIVAN'S JUSTICE (#2) (\$9.99)

RUSSE, SAVANNAH *darkwing* PAST REDEMPTION (#2)

(\$9.99) The second in this vampire series, Beyond the Pale Beyond the Pale (\$9.99) is the first.

RUSSELL, CRAIG *fabel* BLOOD EAGLE (#1) (\$10.99) Police procedural set in Hamburg with half-Scottish, half-German detec-

tive Jan Fabel. This is a violent book with Fabel tracking down a monstrous killer, hopefully before more bodies are discovered. Wendy, who likes tough books, could not put this book down. The Hamburg setting is wonderful, she said.

RUSSELL, CRAIG *BROTHER GRIMM (#2)* (\$24.95) This is the Canadian trade paperback of the second Jan Fabel novel. It seems that the serial killer in this novel has an affection for the Brothers Grimm fairy tales and his murders are exploring the most fundamental fears hidden in those same tales. "Loved it"-- Wendy.

RYAN, GARRY LUCKY ELEPHANT RESTAURANT (\$11.50)

RYAN, ROB LAST SUNRISE (\$24.95)

SAYERS, DOROTHY THE TRAVELLING RUG (\$17.95) In this previously unpublished short story, you will encounter one of Sayer's most intrepid detectives in the person of Miss Jane Eurydice Judkin. As the newly hired house-parlourmaid at remote Mannerling House, Judkin strives to keep her new mistress content, a cheeky chauffeur at bay, all the while unraveling the machinations of a mysterious poltergeist that seems to hold the entire household in a grip of anxious fear.

SCOTT, MANDA BOUDICA (#3) DREAMING THE HOUND (\$10.99)

SCOTT, MANDA BOUDICA (#4) DREAMING THE SERPENT SPEAR (\$25.00) The final novel in the series. AD60 and Britain is under the thumb of Imperial Rome.

SCOTTOLINE, LISA DEVIL'S CORNER (\$10.99) When prosecutor Vicki Allegetti meets a confidential informant, she is almost shot to death. Two others are gunned down. She can identify the killers; she just has to find them.

SHATTUCK, SHARI *wilde* LETHAL (#2) (\$16.50)

SHAW, CATHERINE FLOWERS STAINED WITH MOONLIGHT (#2) (\$10.95) When the mother of a suspected murderer turns up on Vanessa Duncan's doorstep seeking help, the schoolmistress travels from Cambridge to London to Paris to seek justice. Set in the late 1800s. The first in the series, Three Body Problem (\$10.95), is wonderful says Marian.

SIEGEL, JAMES DETOUR (\$9.99) After five years of trying to have their own child, Paul and Joanna Breidbart travel to Columbia to adopt a baby girl. One afternoon, they briefly leave their baby daughter with their new nanny but they return, something is disturbingly different about their child.

SIMENON, GEORGES THREE BEDROOMS IN MANHATTAN (\$18.00)

SKELTON, MATTHEW ENDYMION SPRING (\$12.99)

SKIBBINS, DAVID *warren* EIGHT OF SWORDS (#1) (\$9.99) Warren Ritter sets up his card table on a busy street corner in Berkeley and reads tarot cards for money. When a young girl has her fortune read, and later disappears, Warren feels responsible. Partially because he had hidden her tenth card: Death.

SMITH, ALEXANDER *botswana* IN THE COMPANY OF CHEERFUL LADIES (#6) (\$19.95) A visitor forces Precious Ramotswe to confront her past in this sixth entry in the No. 1 Ladies Detective Agency series. What a charmer.

SOUTHERN, PAUL BROWN BOYS IN CHOCOLATE (#2) (\$19.95)

STACEY, LYNDON OUTSIDE CHANCE (\$11.99) Ben Copperfield, a freelance journalist, is called with a hot tip: the favourite for the Cheltenham Gold Cup has been kidnapped. This could be the racing scoop of a lifetime.

STAEGER, WILL PAINKILLER (\$10.99)

STANSBERRY, DOMENIC *dante* CHASING THE DRAGON (#1) (\$18.95) Dante Mancuso works for The Company, a nebulous security organization just this side of the law. His latest assignment takes him to San Francisco and his estranged father's funeral. The first in a new series. By the author of the Edgar winning Confession (\$8.99).

STEPHENSON, NEAL KING OF THE VAGABONDS (#2) and ODALISQUE (#3) (\$10.99 ea) No. 2 and 3 in his Baroque series.

STEWART & BULLOCK DEADLY LITTLE LIST (\$12.50)

STROBY, WALLACE HEARTBREAK LOUNGE (#2) (\$9.99) 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).

STROUD, CARSTEN CUBA STRAIGHT (\$11.99) At age thirty-three, Rick Broca is a retired cop working as a technical consultant for Hollywood producer Jake Siegel. For the last few months, that's meant taking care of Siegel's boat, Cagancho, in the Florida Keys. But everything changes when Broca rescues a pilot from his downed seaplane during one of the Key's notorious storms. As he steers the Cagancho back to Miami, they are intercepted by a fishing boat carrying artillery. Broca knows enough to shoot first and ask questions later. So begins a sequence of events that will force Broca back into working for the government and force the US government into an ugly confrontation with Cuba.

TAIBO, PACO IGNACIO EASY THING, NO HAPPY ENDING, RETURN TO THE SAME CITY, SOME CLOUDS (\$19.95 ea.) Seemed like a good time to re-stock Mr. Taibo...

TAICHERT, PARI NOSKIN BELEN HITCH (\$18.95) A Sasha Solomon mystery

TAICHERT, PARI NOSKIN CLOVIS INCIDENT (\$19.50) Sasha Solomon heads to Clovis, New Mexico where she is going to bid on a project for the Chamber of Commerce. While there, she visits her widowed friend Mae King. Mae, a local dairy farmer, is out of sorts and shows Sasha why. There is a body in one of her stock tanks, a Singaporean aviator stationed at Cannon Air Force Base. Who killed him and why? Sasha investigates.

TEMPLETON, ALINE fleming DARKNESS AND THE DEEP (#2) (\$24.95)

THURLO, AIMEE&DAVID WHITE THUNDER (\$9.99) FBI area supervisor asks Navajo Tribal Police to help locate Andrew Thomas, a federal agent, who disappeared after interrupting a Sing, a Navajo ritual being performed by a group of medicine men. Special Investigator Ella Clah is assigned to the case. The tenth in the series.

TODD, MARILYN STONE COLD (#11) (\$20.00) A trade paperback version of the latest hardcover. We are looking to see if there are any of the earlier titles available in this format.

TRACY, P J DEAD RUN (#3) (\$10.99) The Monkeewrench (\$9.99) team is back, this time donating their software to help police stations across the USA find serial killing bad guys quicker. Excellent. "More than excellent" say both Marian and Wendy.

TREMAYNE, PETER MASTER OF SOULS (#14) (\$10.99) Sister Fidelma and Brother Eadulf are asked to investigate the death of Abbess Faife who was leading a pilgrimage to a holy mountain. Trouble is, the Abby stands in the territory of Ui Fidgente, blood enemies of Fidelma and her brother Colgu, King of Cashel.

TWINING, JAMES tom kirk BLACK SUN (#2) (\$24.95 trade paperback, \$29.95 hardcover) See the Hardcover section for an annotation. See *Marian's Picks*.

URIS, LEON MILA 18 (\$9.99)

VAN MIL, ILONA SUGARMILK FALLS (\$21.00) For years the residents of Sugarmilk Falls have lived with secrets. When a stranger comes to town trying to find answers, gossip turns to fear and fear turns to blame. A highly acclaimed debut novel.

VARGAS, FRED HAVE MERCY ON US ALL (\$19.95) Just to remind you of this exceptionally fine debut novel...

VARIOUS BARK M FOR MURDER (\$9.99) Wendy picked this in the March newsletter. I don't know why it's here again.

VARIOUS DEAD IN THE WATER ANTHOLOGY (\$15.95)

VARIOUS/CONNELLY, MICHAEL ed MURDER IN VEGAS (\$9.99) Stories with a gambling theme.

VARIOUS/MATTHEWS, CHRISTI DEADLY HOUSEWIVES (\$18.95)

VARIOUS/PENZLER, OTTO MURDER AT THE FOUL LINE (\$18.95)

VAUGHAN-HUGHES, PIP RELICS (#1) (\$24.95 trade paperback, \$34.95 hardcover) See the Hardcover section for an annotation. See *Marian's Picks*.

VILLATORO, MARCOS VENOM BENEATH THE SKIN (#3) (\$9.99)

WAGNER, JAN COSTIN ICE MOON (\$27.95) A humane killer is on the loose. Our hero, with the Finnish CID, stricken with grief and loneliness at the death of his wife, begins to feel an affinity with the killer. Translated from the German.

WALDRON, ANN RARE MURDER IN PRINCETON (#4) (\$9.99)

WALLACE, CHRISTOPHER PIED PIPER'S POISON (\$18.95)

WALSH, JILL PATON imogen DEBTS OF DISHONOUR (#3) (\$24.95) The third Imogen Quy, down-to-earth college nurse at St. Agatha's College, Cambridge. When a rather generous benefactor of the College dies in mysterious circumstances, it's up to Imogen to sort out the case as his death has left the college in rather dire straits. It looks like the first two in this series will be reprinted later this year.

WALTERS, MINETTE CHICKENFEED (\$5.99) Another in the *Quick Reads* series, short novels to encourage non-readers

WEBBER, HEATHER quinn DIGGING UP TROUBLE (#3) (\$9.99)

WEINER, ELLIS ingalls BIG BOAT TO BYE BYE (#2) (\$9.99) A DVD of dirty outtakes of *The Playground Pals*, a children's TV show, falls into the hands of the bad guys who blackmail the producers of the show. The producers hire Pete Ingalls to get the DVD back. The first in the series is Drop Dead My Lovely (\$20.00 trade paperback)

WEISMAN, FRANCESCA SHAPE OF A STRANGER (\$10.99)

WELSH, LOUISE TAMBURLAINE MUST DIE (\$16.95)

WENTWORTH, PATRICIA (\$10.99 ea.) A few more: BENEVENT TREASURE, CLOCK STRIKES TWELVE, LISTENING EYE, POISON IN THE PEN and WATERSPLASH. Wonderful stuff. Great cover illustrations. Miss Silver is on the case and the whole village can rest easy.

WESTLAKE, DONALD dortmund WATCH YOUR BACK (#12) (\$10.50) John Dortmund plans yet another fool-proof multi-million dollar robbery, this time an art-filled, nearly unguarded Fifth Avenue, New York penthouse.

WHITE, RANDY WAYNE dusky KEY WEST CONNECTION (#1) (\$9.99)

WILSON, LAURA THOUSAND LIES (\$24.95) In 1987, 36-year-old Sheila Shand was given a suspended sentence for killing her father. Years later, journalist Amy Vaughan discovers a newspaper clipping about the Shand case while clearing out her dead mother's flat. Concluding that they are related, she decides to visit Sheila's mother, Iris, who is in a care home. When she begins to investigate the Shand case, she realizes that there is more to the murder than the police ever unearthed.

WOODS, STUART holly barker IRON ORCHID (#4) (\$13.50) Former Orchid Beach, Florida police chief Holly Barker, is asked by Lance Cabot (Short Forever \$10.99) to join an elite intelligence unit hunting down terrorists on American soil.

WORRALL, JAY SAILS ON THE HORIZON (#1) (\$17.95) Twenty-five year old second lieutenant Charles Edgemont and the *Argonaut*, the warship on which he is aboard, are to engage the Spanish fleet off the coast of Portugal. It's a suicide mission. The year is 1797.