



# The Merchant of Menace

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Greetings

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Dear, dear Princess has gone to her reward in that great big kitty heaven in the sky. She was twenty, as best as Marian and I can remember, and had been remarkably healthy until the last year or so when her hips started to go and she became increasingly immobile. She had been such a huge part of our lives, of course, and she is much missed. It was distressing to watch her lose her mobility--she had always been a very active little hunter--as that'll likely be our fate as well. I only hope that when I get to that stage there will be someone around to look after me with the same dedication and love. Someone who won't be in too great a rush to have me parked in an old folks home!

BoucherCon Toronto has come and gone. By all accounts the organizers did a great job, the attendees went home pleased with the convention and with Toronto, and we sold lots of books. A lot of hard work--done mostly by Marian, Wendy and Mary--went into first ordering tons of books and then dealing with the unsold portion. But the store is back in shape and we can take a breather before Christmas starts in. It was great to see old friends and colleagues, meet authors and drink the publisher's booze. A great time was had by all. Chicago, next year. Magna cum Murder, in Muncie, Indiana, was two weekends later and that was a great success as well. Now book shows are over and done with for the next six months or so. Left Coast Crime is in El Paso, Texas, next February but I think Sleuth will give that a miss.

Talking about Christmas reminds me that the year is coming to a close and all of us here hope that you and yours have had a healthy year. And we hope for more of the same for next year. We thank you most sincerely for your friendship and your support this year. For your generous donations to both the Sunnybrook Run for Research and Give Girls a Chance. For making our job so much

fun. For sharing your knowledge of and affection for detective fiction with us. As you have done for so many years now.

A number of seminal events took place in 2004. Besides Princess, BoucherCon Toronto, hard fought elections in both Canada and US, Sleuth completed its first quarter-century in business. We've decided to postpone any celebrations until we hit the half-century, just to be sure that we have the hang of running a bookstore. Doesn't do to be too hasty, you know. Marian and I have only owned Sleuth for 22 years and have a lot to learn yet. In fact, had it not been for Judy Lelkes, Bill Booth, John Clark, Jill Abrams, and most importantly, Wendy Law, I doubt we'd still be here. Mary Whitfield, whose fingerprints are all over your mail orders and who does willingly all sorts of scud work that no one (read, me) wants to do, and Terry who allows us the odd Sunday off, make owning the store a lot more pleasant. So, be sure to mark your calendar; the first week of October 2029 we'll do it up right.

Golf travel, however, is yet to start for the winter. There is a tentative plan for a week in Orlando in February--Singh Medium has access to a condo there--but I'm open to suggestions. And unlike last year when Singh Junior was in San Jose--he's in Chicago this year--I can't even pretend I'm going to visit Junior. I hear that golf in Chicago in February is not much fun. Anybody know of a place that's warm and has cheap golf?

The re-election of President Bush bodes well for Canadian immigration. So many of our American friends have asked if there is any room for disaffected Blues that I'm thinking of starting up my own immigration consulting business. Of course, come one, come all; there's lots of room. Maybe Canada should just annex the Blue States. California would make a great 12<sup>th</sup> province.

Of interest to locals will be [St. Cuthbert's Murder Mystery Night](#) to

## The Merchant of Menace,

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be held Saturday, January 29, 2005. It's being billed as "A fun-filled *Whodunit* Murder Mystery Night" at St. Cuthbert's, 1399 Bayview Ave. For advance tickets or further information please call 416-485-0329.

Finally, this is the last issue of 2004. To get a complimentary subscription for 2005, all six jam packed issues, all we ask is that you have bought at least \$75 worth of books in 2004. If you are concerned that may not have reached this level, call us and we'll tell you. You can also subscribe at C\$35 for the calendar year 2005.

## Wendy's Picks

It's November so there MUST be a new **DEBORAH CROMBIE** and it MUST be among my favourites so, surprise!, here it is: In a Dark House (\$33.95, a few signed copies) is the tenth in the Duncan Kincaid/Gemma Jones series, set in London. Superintendent Kincaid is working an arson case (complete with charred corpse) while Gemma is investigating the disappearance of a young woman. The deeper they both dig, the more entwined their two cases become. Is the charred corpse that of Gemma's missing woman? Maybe, maybe not. On the homefront, Duncan is facing a custody battle for his son Kit with Kit's maternal grandmother and Gemma is dealing with a personal crisis of her own. I really feel like I am catching up with old friends when I read these books, just like the **DOROTHY SIMPSON** Inspector Thanet mysteries, which I also highly recommend (available in Omnibus form, 5 of them, with three novels each, from \$17.99 to \$22.99 each).

I have been reading all the Scandinavian writers that we can get our hands on: **HENNING MANKELL**, **KARIN ALVTEGEN**, **HELENE TURSTEN**, **KARIN FOSSUM**, **KJERSTI SCHEEN** and **GUNNAR STAALESEN** (two new finds for this newsletter). I have thoroughly enjoyed all these writers and now an Icelandic author has been translated. Jar City (\$27.95) by **ARNALDUR INDRIDASON** is the first to be translated from the bestselling (per the jacket) series of crime novels set in Iceland. Erlendur is a Reykjavik policeman, heading the investigation into the murder of an elderly man in his apartment. As the investigation unfolds, they discover that the man was accused of but never arrested for a vicious crime many years earlier. Now they have to figure out if the past has caught up to the victim or if his murder is a random act of violence. I would describe the style of writing as spare, not a lot of adjectives or personal details about the main characters, just enough to keep me hooked. I know very little about Iceland so this was an interesting book as I learned something of the history, the weather and the life of the people on a very small, isolated island. I won't explain what 'Jar City' is; I'll leave that up to you to discover.

One of my very favourite writers, **JOHN CONNOLLY**, has a new book out, Nocturnes (signed UK import \$45, limited supply). This is a collection of John's short stories as well as 2 novellas, one of which is a Charlie Parker, The Reflecting Eye. This book is worth it just for that novella alone. I don't usually read short stories but I had to give these a try because I think that John is such a terrific writer. I was pleasantly surprised. The stories are dark, a little scary, suspenseful, and sometimes a bit creepy. Gotta love that!

I wish you all a wonderful holiday season and Happy New Year!

## Marian's Picks

Many heartfelt thanks to those who supported me and Give Girls A Chance when I ran the Marine Corps Marathon in Washington, DC, on October 31, 2004. The only word I can use to describe that run is HOT. My goodness, it was so hot and humid. The temperature in the low eighties and the sun shining brilliantly down on all us runner made it great spectator weather but tough, tough, tough for the runners. Ideal temperature would have been in the sixties. I finished the marathon, not in my best time, but I did get my hug from my marine, (so young, so cute), and Susan, you should have been there running it with us. Next year. Again, thank you to everyone who supported me in so many ways.

Most of you know that Princess is no longer with us, and it is so hard to accept. She was so much a part of our lives and of the store. She is dearly missed by everyone, everyone that is, except Paddington. He loves being top cat and he loves getting all the attention. JD is now able to breath a little easier as he has always been allergic to cats and with only one the air is a little clearer. Paddington, thirteen, is determined to make it to his third decade or people will forever be saying he got bested by a girl.

I have not been reading as much as I would like. Hopefully with less time devoted to running I will now have more time for reading. I read a couple of new writers this past week and enjoyed them both. Wishful Sinful (\$9.99) by **TRACY DUNHAM** introduces Tal Jefferson, a lawyer with a drinking problem. Parts of the story were a bit too much "oh poor me", but the overall plot was good, and I really liked the character once I got over her continual moaning about her drinking. Tal's childhood school friend, Crystal Walker, is accused of killing her ex-lover and has asked that Tal represent her. The only problem is that Crystal has confessed to the crime but Tal doesn't believe her. Small town politics with everyone knowing everyone else's business is the order of the day.

I had not read any of **SHARON FIFFER**'s work until I picked up the latest paperback (number three in the series), The Wrong Stuff (\$9.99). I quite enjoyed it. I loved the character, Jane Wheel, an antiques lover and a picker for various antique shops, and her long time friend Tim. I learned about antiques, fakes, and just general stuff about the antiques business. The other books in the series are Killer Stuff (\$9.99), Dead Guy's Stuff (\$9.99), and the fourth has just been released in hardcover, Buried Stuff (\$33.95).

Lord Byron expert Grace Hollister who was introduced to us in **DIANA KILLIAN**'s first novel, High Rhymes and Misdemeanors (\$8.99), is back for her second escapade in Verse of the Vampyre (\$10.50). Grace has extended her stay in the Lake District to do research and to act as advisor to a local production of *The Vampyre*, a play written by Lord Byron's doctor John Polidori. While accidents and murder befall the cast, Grace is trying to sort out her feelings for ex-jewel thief Peter Fox. Light and charming.

My memory is not the greatest but I believe I picked both of the following books last year when they were published in hard cover (or was it Wendy?). They are now in paperback and if you like novels set in England you will enjoy both of these. Phoenix (\$10.99) by **JOHN CONNOR** introduces DC Karen Sharpe and DCS John Munro. Bloodless Shadow (\$10.99) by **VICTORIA BLAKE** introduces London PI Samantha Falconer. Samantha's latest case takes her to Oxford where she must not only investigate the disappearance of a woman but also confront demons from her past. Especially when she receives a letter from her father who she thought had been dead for the past twenty years. Both excellent reads and I am looking forward to more.

## *J.D.'s Picks*

One of the authors I met at BoucherCon was **CHARLES BENOIT**. I had been invited to the Poisoned Pen Press party and at one point, finding myself alone and not wanting to look like a total git, I sidled up to a small group of people and tried to horn in on the conversation. I did my best to look interesting and attractive, and, I guess I must have managed as they didn't tell me to take a hike. But being authors and kind people, they have learned to not do that. Although, when I let on that I was a mystery book monger they wanted my bona fides--the noive—and they quizzed me rather well. Having passed the test, they deigned to accept me into the group and we spent a happy twenty minutes talking mysteries. Fast forward to a few weeks later and casting about for something to read I happened on Relative Danger (\$34.95) by the one and same Charles Benoit. What a delight it turned out to be. I have started so many awful books, uninteresting, uninspired, badly written, that anything even approaching mediocre would have been acceptable. This one leaves mediocre so far behind, that I, like *Booklist*, which gave it a starred review, asked "Where has Charles Benoit been hiding? With a debut novel this good, it's hard to believe he hasn't published at least 10 previous books..." *Booklist* put it rather more elegantly than I would have. Here he's been, lurking, on the other side of Lake Ontario and I had no clue; maybe they were right to question my bona fides. This was such a fun romp through Casablanca, Cairo and Singapore, full of such great characters, and so witty, that I just didn't want it to end and I'm eagerly awaiting his next offering. Another great thing about the book: Charles knows when to end it. It's not your bloated, here we go again, five hundred page tome. It's half that and, for my money, just the right length. A debut novel that you should have in your collection. I've made arrangements for twenty signed first editions, so get 'em while they're hot.

Another debut novel, albeit one that I had a little bit of trouble with, that I want to bring to your attention, nonetheless, is Skin River (\$33.95) by **STEVEN SIDOR**. Met him at BoucherCon Toronto, as well, got him to sign a few copies of his fine debut novel and learned that his name is pronounced "cider", as in the juice pressed from apples. This is a very different debut novel than the one above but the reviews it's been garnering are excellent. This one is a dark, chilling tale of the past not staying buried. Our hero is Buddy Bayes, a man with a past, who is trying to live a quiet, peaceful life as a tavern owner in Gunnar, Wisconsin. Dark enough, but not overly. My trouble with the book? Occasionally I found the author using unfamiliar syntax, using words in unfamiliar construction, at least unfamiliar to me, and that made the reading clunky at times. I like words to flow and these would feel like speed bumps. Now, it's entirely possible, that given I'm a basic foreigner and English is my second language, that this is not a problem you'll have. I did. Be that as it may, I'm quite pleased to have a copy of this book in my collection and look forward to the second Buddy adventure and would suggest you read it.

The group of independent mystery booksellers that we belong to is starting a new feature, Killer Books, as a way of recommending good mysteries to each other. A recent suggestion was The Alto Wore Tweed (\$13.50), the first of two tongue-in-cheek spoofs of the genre, by **MART SCHWEIZER**. I've read the first one and it's a delight. St. Germain is a quiet little town in the mountains of North Carolina. Quiet until full-time police detective, part-time Episcopal choirmaster and aspiring whodunit novelist Haden Konig begins his opus amidst murder and hilarious mayhem at St. Barnabas

Church. "It's like *Mitford* meets *Jurassic Park*, only without the wisteria and the dinosaurs." I think you get the point.

And last, but not least, The Librarian (\$22.50) by **LARRY BEINHART**. You might remember Larry as the author of No One Rides for Free (out of print), which won the Edgar for Best First Novel somewhere back in the late 80s and his novel American Hero (also, op) which was filmed as *Wag The Dog*. This new book, published as a trade paperback original, deals with very current events, the US presidential election, and the need to win by any means. Our hero is a nebbish librarian who is moonlighting for an eccentric, aging conservative billionaire whose final wish is to leave behind a memorial library about himself, lest he be totally forgotten ten minutes after his death. It all starts so innocently. How did our Librarian end up being hunted by Homeland Security and on Virginia's Ten Most Wanted list for bestiality? A terrific read, and, but for a few didactic, preachy moments, perfect. Missing **Ross Thomas**? Give this one a whirl. It's that good. I have a few signed copies.

Well, maybe one more. **A.C. BAANTJER** is the most widely read author in the Netherlands. A former Detective Inspector of the Amsterdam Police, his fiction reflects his thirty eight years in the business. Some of his work has been translated into English before--he's written so much that I doubt if any publisher would have to patience to re-print it all—but about the only thing in print these days is Murder in Amsterdam (\$17.95). This contains two novellas, Dekok and the Sunday Strangler and Dekok and the Corpse on Christmas Eve, and they are both excellent. Inspectore Dekok is an aging but well respected Amsterdam police officer who has his own unorthodox way of solving crimes. You'll love this craggy old man. Here's hoping that more will become available soon.

Well, that's it for this time. Enjoy.

Marian, Mary, Wendy, JD

## *Hardcover*

**ACKROYD, PETER** LAMBS OF LONDON (\$35.95) (Chatto & Windus) Mary Lamb reads what her brother Charles Lamb writes and falls for the seventeen-year-old son of a bookseller from whom Charles has just bought a book. It's no ordinary book as it once belonged to William Shakespeare, and William Ireland is no ordinary seventeen-year-old.

**AIRTH, RENNIE** BLOOD DIMMED TIDE (\$36.95) After what felt like a decade, the sequel to River of Darkness (\$10.99) has finally arrived. It is 1932 and John Madden, former Scotland Yard Inspector, is retired and living in Surrey, with his wife and two children. The family's peace is shattered when a young girl goes missing and it is Madden who discovers her body. He's sure that he has encountered this killer's work before... Available in trade paperback as well, \$19.99.

**ANDERSON, LOUISE** PERCEPTION OF DEATH (\$37.95) (Hutchinson) Erin Paterson runs her grandfather's law firm in Glasgow and is an uncompromisingly aggressive negotiator. When her sister's old school friend is brutally murdered, Erin's life begins to unravel. We are waiting for more copies of this debut novel so please reserve one soon as supply is limited. Wendy loved it.

**ANDERSON, W PAUL** HUNGER'S BRIDES (\$39.95) (Random House, Canada) There are six books, a timeline, footnotes and

acknowledgements comprising this 1358 page tome. In the dead of a Calgary night academic Donald Gregory escapes from an apartment where a young woman lies bleeding. He carries with him a box he found on her table addressed to him. In the ensuing days, as the police investigation closes in around him, Gregory pieces together the contents of the box: a poetic journal of the woman's two year travels in Mexico, diaries, research notes, unposted letters, and a strange manuscript, part biography, part novel, written largely in Sor Juana Ines de la Cruz's own mesmerizing voice who at the time of her death from the plague in a Mexican convent in 1695 was arguably the greatest writer of the day. Wendy is reading and enjoying what she's calling her 'project'.

**ATKINSON, KATE** CASE HISTORIES (\$45.95) (Doubleday, UK) Cambridge is sweltering, during an unusually hot summer. To Jackson Brodie, former police inspector turned private investigator, his days are full of helping people clamouring for answers and explanations. Also available in trade paperback for \$27.95.

**BALDACCI, DAVID** HOURLY GAME (\$39.95) (Warner) The criminal methods of some of the most infamous killers of all time are being replicated by a new predator. Two Secret Service agents turned private investigators, Sean King and Michelle Maxwell, are drawn into the affair.

**BALZO, SANDRA** UNCOMMON GROUNDS (\$36.00) (Five Star) 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. A quote on the jacket blurb by SJ Rozan reads: "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." "That about sums it up", says Marian, (*who has started buying more upscale coffee beans ever since she has been reading coffee mysteries. See also On What Grounds and Through the Grinder (\$8.99 each) by CLEO COYLE.*

**BANKS, RUSSELL** DARLING (\$35.00) (Knopf, Canada) Set in Liberia and the USA from 1975 through 1991 this is an historical political-thriller, featuring Hannah Musgrave who is a radical member of the Weather Underground.

**BEATON, M C** DEADLY DANCE (\$32.95) (St. Martin's) Running her own detective agency in the Cotswolds is not quite what Agatha Raisin expected, especially when she is outclassed by her sixty-seven-year-old secretary, Emma Comfrey. Number fourteen in the series.

**BENIOFF, DAVID** WHEN THE NINES ROLL OVER AND OTHER STORIES (\$35.00)

**BLACK, INGRID** DARK EYE (\$34.95) (Headline) Former FBI agent turned crime writer Saxon reluctantly agrees to help a man who feels he can help Chief Superintendent Grace Fitzgerald of the Dublin Metropolitan Police track down a killer known as the Marxman. The first in the series is The Dead (\$10.99).

**BLANC, NERO** WRAPPED UP IN CROSSWORDS (\$14.50) (Berkley) A Christmas novella, with two crossword puzzles included, featuring Rosco and Belle and their very jealous dogs.

**BLEVINS, MEREDITH** VANISHED PRIESTESS (\$33.95) (Forge) Annie Szabo and her mother-in-law, the Gypsy fortune-teller Madame Mina, search for a killer who is a master of disguises. Sequel to The Hummingbird Wizard (\$9.99).

**BOWEN, GAIL** LAST GOOD DAY (\$32.99) (McClelland & Stewart) A car drives off a dock at Lawyers' Bay and although help is there within minutes the young lawyer inside the car dies. Was it suicide? Joanne Kilbourn wants to investigate but someone is determined to stop her.

**BREWER, STEVE** BOOST (\$35.95) (Speck) Sam Hill steals cars but he knows he's been set up when he finds the body of a junkie who was a DEA informant in the boot of his latest heist.

**BROWN, DAN** DA VINCI CODE ILLUSTRATED ED. (\$48.00) (Doubleday) One of the few instances where an illustrated version of a novel actually works really well. Lavishly illustrated and, of course, the complete text of Da Vinci Code. Lots of beautiful full-colour photos of the locations, sights, symbols, artwork and architecture mentioned in the novel, and, of course, the controversial section of Da Vinci's Last Supper. Is it worth it? Marian says: "Well, if you haven't read the Da Vinci Code and always intended to, then yes, it's worth spending the extra \$10.05 to get the whole picture. It really is a beautiful book."

**CARCATERA, LORENZO** PARADISE CITY (\$34.95) (Ballantine) As a fifteen-year-old Gian Lo Manto learned about injustice when his father was gunned down by the Camorra, the murderous clan run by Don Nicola Rossi. His mom then moved from New York City to Naples. Now, a Naples policeman, he is the nemesis of all who export evil. But Pete Rossi, the son of Don Nicola, wants Gian back in NYC.

**CASE, JOHN F** MURDER ARTIST (\$35.95) (Ballantine) As a TV news correspondent Alex Callahan has seen some pretty bad stuff but nothing can prepare him when his six-year-old twins go missing in the hurly-burly of a countryside fair. We have a few **autographed copies** left.

**CHANDLER, GLENN** DEAD SIGHT (\$34.95) (Hodder & Stoughton) In the second novel featuring Brighton, UK, Detective Inspector Steve Madden (Savage Tide, \$10.99) he searches for a serial killer who doesn't seem to care who his victims are or how he kills them.

**CHARLES, PAUL** I LOVE THE SOUND OF BREAKING GLASS (\$32.95) (St. Martin's) Inspector Christy Kennedy gets a further look into the seedy under-belly of the music industry in London when his neighbour's house catches fire. The house belongs to the incredibly successful managing director of Camden Town Records, Peter O'Browne. A US re-issue.

**CHILDS, LAURA** JASMINE MOON MURDER (\$29.00) This is number five in the delightful tea series. The first one to be published in hard cover.

**CLARKE, SUSANNA** JONATHAN STRANGE AND MR NORRELL (\$39.95) (Bloomsbury, US and UK) 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. Reprints, I'm afraid. Also available in trade paperback at \$29.95.

**CLEVERLY, BARBARA** PALACE TIGER (\$50.00) (Constable) There is no longer any Canadian distribution for this UK publisher so we are smuggling in a few copies directly from England, thus the higher price. Please reserve a copy and we'll get you one. Marian says it's as good as The Last Kashmiri Rose (\$10.99).

**COHEN, JEFFREY** FAREWELL TO LEGS (\$28.00) (Bancroft Press) Unwilling sleuth Aaron Tucker is trying to find the murderer of a former high school classmate. The first in the series is For Whom the Minivan Rolls (\$28.00 hard cover).

**COLLIER, IRIS** DEATH AT CANDLEMAS (\$38.95) (Piatkus) Nicholas Peverell is enjoying newly married life at his manor house at Dean Peverell. One winter evening they invite the Bishop of Manchester, who used to be the local prior, to dinner. The next day on a hunting party in the salt marshes near Pelham Maris, Nicholas finds the Bishop's murdered corpse.

**CONNOLLY, JOHN** NOCTURNES (\$45.00) (Hodder & Stoughton) A collection of short stories and two novellas, one featuring his main character PI Charlie Priest. As the blurb says: "...a masterly volume to be read with the lights on-menace has never been so seductive. We have a very limited number of **autographed** first editions. See Wendy's Picks.

**COOPER, NATASHA** KEEP ME ALIVE (\$34.95) (St. Martin's) Will Applewood is sure that investigative journalist Jamie Maxden

did not commit suicide. He feels Jamie was about to expose a scandal that would shame the British food industry and that he was murdered to keep him quiet. Will turns to his barrister Trish Maguire and asks her for help.

**CORNWELL, BERNARD** LAST KINGDOM (\$39.95) (Harper Collins, UK) The first in another new series featuring King Alfred. Mr. Cornwell said he is very excited about this series and thinks it's his best yet. Also available in trade paperback for \$24.95.

**CRIDER, BILL** BOND WITH DEATH (\$32.95) (Thomas Dunne) Sally Good's husband, dead now these eight years, is a distant ancestor of the witch Sarah Good who died on the scaffold in Salem 400 years ago. The small college where Sally is a professor needs to get approval for a bond issue, and Sally's "ancestors" are causing the college problem.

**CROMBIE, DEBORAH** IN A DARK HOUSE (\$33.95) (Morrow) Scotland Yard detectives Duncan Kincaid and Gemma James return in a tale of murder, kidnapping, madness and the frightening ordeal of a helpless child. **Autographed copies** available while supplies last. See Wendy's Picks.

**DAVIDSON, DIANE M** DOUBLE SHOT (#12) (\$34.95) (Morrow) After the Governor of Colorado commutes the prison sentence of Goldy Schulz's ex-husband she becomes the victim of threats, rumours and violence. Number twelve in the series.

**DEVLIN, FRANK** LOVE IN ALL THE WRONG PLACES (\$35.00) (Putnam) Helen preys on single men on the take and they always seem to end up dead. The killings seem random, but SFPD Inspector Rose Burke begins to see a connection.

**DEVOE, FORREST** INTO THE VOLCANO (\$32.50) (Harper Collins) Laconic ex-soldier Jack Mallory and Laura Morse, a martial art expert, are operatives for the Consultancy, a shadowy covert-service run by the enigmatic British ex-commando known as Gray. The two are sent to Istanbul when a colleague is murdered.

**DISHER, GARRY** DRAGON MAN (\$34.95)

**DONALDSON, STEPHEN** MAN WHO TRIED TO GET AWAY (\$34.95) (Forge) Mick Axbrewder was once a great PI, before he accidentally shot his brother, the cop: The Man Who Killed His Brother (\$10.99). Now, a week after an incident where Mick was shot he has agreed to help his partner, Ginny Fistoulari, provide security at a murder mystery camp where a dozen people play at being detectives. Then the real killer starts killing.

**DOSS, JAMES D** WITCH'S TONGUE (\$34.95) (St. Martin's) Part-time Ute tribal investigator Charlie Moon helps investigate a series of strange happenings near Granite Creek, Colorado.

**DOYLE, ARTHUR CONAN** CAPTAIN OF THE 'POLE-STAR' (\$65.00) (Ash-Tree) Thirty-seven stories of the weird, the murderous and the macabre including stories about ghosts, mummies, psychic vampires and many others.

**DOYLE, ARTHUR CONAN** NAPOLEON BUST BUSINESS AGAIN (\$75.00) (Baker Street Irregulars) A facsimile of the manuscript of the Adventure of the Six Napoleons, with original commentary. Also includes an extensive study on the role of Italians in the society of Victorian London written by William Hyder, an essay on the history of black pearls and the Borgias by Marshall S. Berdan, and other stuff.

**[DOYLE] DAVIES, DAVID STUART** VEILED DETECTIVE (\$57.00) (Hale) An expensive British import. It is 1880 and a young Sherlock Holmes arrives in London and attracts the attention of criminal mastermind Professor James Moriarty, who decides that he must control this fledgling genius.

**[DOYLE] JANDA, ANITA** SECRET DIARY OF DR WATSON (\$65.00)

**[DOYLE] STEINHAUER, LAUREN** SHERLOCK HOLMES' LOST ADVENTURE (\$42.99) (iUniverse) The true story of the Giant Rats of Sumatra. A crusty sailor dies at the doorstep of the great detective, a scroll of indecipherable scribbles pinned in his

frozen hand. Its arcane message points Holmes and Watson first to Sumatra and then to sewers beneath London, lair of Lofcadio Hearseborne III. Also available in trade paperback for \$26.99.

**DRUETT, JOAN** WATERY GRAVE (\$33.95) (St. Martin's) In 1838 the US Exploring Expedition sets sail with seven ships full of astronomers, mapmakers, naturalists and sailors. Just before sailing Wiki Coffin, the ship's linguist, is arrested for a murder. Realizing his innocence the local sheriff is convinced that the real murderer is aboard one of the seven ships. Wiki is deputized to identify the killer and bring him to justice.

**DUNN, CAROLA** MOURNING WEDDING (\$33.95) (St. Martin's) Daisy Dalrymple and her husband DCI Alec Fletcher are invited to the wedding of their friend Lucy Fotheringay. But a great-aunt is found strangled in her bed and an uncle dies in the conservatory and Daisy investigates.

**EDWARDS, MARTIN** COFFIN TRAIL (\$39.95) (Allison & Busby) Oxford historian Daniel Kind and his partner Miranda buy a cottage in Brackdale, an idyllic village in the Lake District. When the police launch a cold case review of the death of a woman whose body was found on the Sacrifice Stone, an ancient pagan site up on the fell, he, along with DCI Hannah Scarlett get involved.

**ELLIS, KATE** UNHALLOWED GRAVE (\$36.95) (Thomas Dunne) A US edition of the third in the series featuring Detective Sergeant Wesley Peterson. A great series; this one set in Stokeworthy. Wesley's friend, archaeologist Neil Watson, helps with the mystery of a fifteenth-century lynching tree.

**EVANOVICH, JANET** METRO GIRL (\$37.95) (Harper Collins) "Wild" Bill Barnaby has dropped off the face of the earth and big sister Alex heads for Miami, his last known sighting, on a harrowing hunt to save her brother. As the blurb says: "Creative cussing and sexual innuendo included". A new series?

**FERRIGNO, ROBERT** WAKE UP (\$27.95) (Pantheon) Frank Thorpe sets up a scam to teach an arrogant businessman a lesson after he knocked a poor young boy senseless while rushing to his waiting Porsche.

**FERRIS, MONICA** CREWEL YULE (\$29.00) (Berkley) Part-time sleuth and owner of the needlework shop, Crewel World, Betsy Devonshire investigates the death of a fellow shop keeper at the needlework convention in Nashville.

**FESPERMAN, DAN** WARLORD'S SON (\$33.00) (Knopf) A burned-out war correspondent hoping for a last hurrah in Afghanistan arrives just as American bombs start to fall. His guide is a tribal Pakistani who is promised US visas for him and his girlfriend if he acts as an informant.

**FIFFER, SHARON** BURIED STUFF (\$33.95) (St. Martin's) Marian says: "I have just finished reading The Wrong Stuff (\$9.99) featuring antique collector/junk picker Jane Wheel. It was a great read, all sorts of info about antiques and collecting antiques. Quite delightful, I am certainly going to read more of this writer".

**FLUKE, JOANNE** SUGAR COOKIE MURDER (\$23.00) (Kensington) Hannah Swensen, who owns The Cookie Jar, is back in this Christmas adventure. Included in this very reasonably priced hardcover are a ton of recipes from candied pecans, to smothered chicken, to English Eggnog.

**FRANCISCO, RUTH** GOOD MORNING DARKNESS (\$34.95) (Mysterious Press) Everyone is in love with Laura but she has disappeared. A severed arm washes up on the beach and LAPD Detective Sergeant Reggie Brooks wonders if it is Laura's. She was a student in his martial arts class but with no missing person's report he cannot officially investigate.

**FULLERTON, JOHN** GIVE ME DEATH (\$34.95) (Macmillan) The UN has sent Nick to Beirut to help trace thousands of Lebanese who went missing during the country's civil war. Reem has been trained as a terrorist and, unbeknownst to Nick, wants him to lead

her to a notorious right-wing warlord with his sights set on the country's presidency.

**FURST, ALAN** DARK VOYAGE (\$34.95) (Random House) May 1941, a rust-streaked tramp freighter steams up the Tagus River to dock at the port of Lisbon. She flies the flag of neutral Spain but is really a Dutch freighter under the command of Captain Eric DeHaan, sailing for the Intelligence Division of the British Navy.

**FUSILLI, JIM** HARD, HARD CITY (\$36.00) (Putnam) When a troubled, talented teenager goes missing, PI Terry Orr's search reveals a hornet's nest of family secrets. Excellent series according to Wendy and the many customers who have reserved a copy.

**GLEESON, JANET** THIEF TAKER (\$40.00) From the author of the excellent The Grenadillo Box (\$21), another mystery set in 18<sup>th</sup>-century England. Also excellent.

**GORMAN, ED** ed WORLD'S FINEST MYSTERY & CRIME SHORT STORIES (\$41.95) A collection of short stories.

**GRABIEN, DEBORAH** FAMOUS FLOWER OF SERVING MEN (\$32.95) (Thomas Dunne) Penelope Wintercraft-Hawkes is left an old theatre in East Central London with enough money to restore it. But before she can open she, along with her lover restoration architect Ringan Laine, must find out what happened to the woman whose song they can hear permeating the walls of the theatre. It seems there was much violence on the site centuries ago.

**GRAY, ALEX** SMALL WEEPING (\$39.95) (Allison & Busby) "Wonderful" says Wendy. Psychologist Brightman and DCI Lorimer team up to investigate a series of murders in Glasgow and the Outer Hebrides. Also available in trade paperback at \$26.95.

**HALE, GEORGIE** HEAR NO EVIL (\$34.95) (Hodder & Stoughton) Set in Coventry, Diane is the only person to believe her brother innocent when he is suspected of murdering his secretary.

**HALL, PARNELL** AND A PUZZLE TO DIE ON (\$34.00) (Bantam) Puzzle Lady Cora Felton is asked by attorney Becky Baldwin to look into a murder that is not only twenty years old but already solved. Includes five exclusive, original crosswords contributed by the New York Times. **Autographed copies** available while supplies last.

**HAMILTON, LAURELL K** INCUBUS DREAMS (\$35.00) (Berkley) As consultant to the Regional Preternatural Crime Investigation Unit, Anita Blake is called in on what appears to be a case involving a vampire serial killer preying on strippers.

**HANDLER, DAVID** BURNT ORANGE SUNRISE (\$33.95) (Thomas Dunne) A gathering to celebrate the homecoming of a ninety-four-year-old legend becomes snowbound when the worst snow in years falls on the faux castle in Dorset, Connecticut. But murder hits and Mitch Berger and his lover police officer Des Mitry must investigate.

**HART, ERIN** LAKE OF SORROWS (\$35.00) (Scribner) American forensic pathologist Nora Gavin has been called to an archaeological site in the bleak midlands west of Dublin to assist at an excavation where a well preserved Iron Age body has been found buried in a peat bog. Nora and archaeologist Cormac Maguire team up again to solve a modern day murder as well. The first in the series is the very evocative Haunted Ground (\$10.99).

**HARVEY, JOHN** FLESH AND BLOOD (\$33.95) (Carroll & Graf) The US edition introducing retired Detective Inspector Elder.

**HATHAWAY, ROBIN** SATAN'S PONY (\$32.95) (Thomas Dunne) Dr. Jo Banks never dreamed she would be "house doctor" for a group of isolated motels in a quasi-isolated section of New Jersey. When a group of bikers take over one of the motels and one of them is found murdered, Jo comes to the aid of another biker accused of the crime. The first in this series is Scarecrow (\$33.95, no paperback listed as forthcoming).

**HERRON, MICK** LAST VOICE YOU HEAR (\$35.00) (Carroll & Graf) When a young woman dies beneath the wheels of a train

and her lover fails to turn up at the funeral, private investigator Zoe Boehm is hired to find him. Set in Oxford and London.

**HILL, SAM** BUZZ RIFF (\$35.00) (Carroll & Graf) Top Kiernan is six months behind on his mortgage payments and has no choice but to take on this latest case. The Confederate battle flag that was used to stanch General Stonewall Jackson's wounds when he was fatally shot on May 2, 1863, has been stolen from the office of Professor Jay Pope-Scott and Top is hired to find it. The first in the series is Buzz Monkey (\$35.95 hard cover, with no sign of a paperback yet).

**HIME, JAMES** SCARED MONEY (\$32.95) Number two in the series, the first being Night of the Dance (\$9.99).

**HOROWITZ, ANTHONY** KILLING JOKE (\$34.95)

**HURWITZ, GREGG ANDREW** PROGRAM (\$34.95)

**JOHANSEN, IRIS** BLIND ALLEY (\$35.00) (Bantam) Eve Duncan is a forensic sculptor locked in a deadly duel with a serial killer determined to destroy her: one life at a time.

**JOHNSON, DOLORES** TAKING THE WRAP (\$33.95) (Thomas Dunne) Dry cleaner/sleuth Mandy Dyer is back in her seventh adventure. After dining at a local restaurant Mandy's friend Laura discovers that someone has taken her coat and left another in its place. The only clue to the owner's identity is an unfamiliar dry-cleaning mark. Mandy's casual inquiries turn serious when a dead body is discovered dressed in Laura's missing coat.

**JOHNSTON, PAUL** GOLDEN SILENCE (\$38.95) (Hodder)

When PI Alex Mavros is asked to trace a missing teenager, an immigrant from the former Soviet Union, he doesn't see any link to the plague of violent killings afflicting Athens. Sequel to A Deeper Shade of Blue and The Last Red Death (\$10.99 each).

**KAMINSKY, STUART** peters NOW YOU SEE IT (\$35.95)

(Carroll & Graf) Toby Peters is hired by the World's Greatest Living Magician, Harry Blackstone, to investigate a series of killings that look like Blackstone committed.

**KANE, STEPHANIE** SEEDS OF DOUBT (\$35.00) (Scribner) Denver defense attorney Jackie Flowers takes on the case of Rachel Boyd who is accused of murdering a child. Rachel has spent thirty years locked up because, as a child herself, she was found guilty of killing her little playmate Freddie Gant. Now, another child is dead. The earlier novels featuring this dyslexic lawyer are Blind Spot (\$8.99) and Extreme Indifference (\$10.50).

**KELLERMAN, JONATHAN & FAY** DOUBLE HOMICIDE

(\$34.95) (Warner) Two stories, one set in Santa Fe, the other in Boston, written together by Jonathan and Fay Kellerman.

**KELLY, SUSAN** DEATH OF A GHOST (\$39.95) (Allison & Busby) When Superintendent Gregory Summers investigates the victim of a murder he discovers she had disappeared and was presumed dead in a high profile case more than fifteen years ago. Why had she never come forward even after an innocent man had been imprisoned?

**KERNICK, SIMON** CRIME TRADE (\$34.95) (Bantam, UK) We finally got in some hard cover editions of this great story. The two earlier titles are: The Business of Dying (\$11.99) and The Murder Exchange (\$10.99).

**KLAVAN, ANDREW** SHOTGUN ALLEY (\$34.95) (Forge) Scott Weiss is a former cop who is an accomplished detective with lots of connections. Jim Bishop is a savvy, strong-willed tough guy and ladies man who does the legwork for Weiss's agency. They have been hired to find the vivacious seventeen-year-old daughter of a man running for the US Senate. The first in the series is Dynamite Road (\$10.99).

**KLENSCH, ELSA** LIVE AT 1000 DEAD AT 1015 (\$31.95)

**KLING, CHRISTINE** CROSS CURRENT (\$33.95) (Ballantine) When Seychelle Sullivan's tugboat intercepts a swamped fishing boat in the Gulf Stream and she finds a murdered woman and a little girl named Solange on board she is determined to find the killer

and to make sure Solange is not sent back to Haiti. The first in the series is Surface Tensions (\$10.99). Another series that Wendy likes,

**KORYTA, MICHAEL** TONIGHT I SAID GOODBYE (\$31.95)

**KRICH, ROCHELLE** GRAVE ENDINGS (\$34.95) (Ballantine)

For six years crime writer Molly Blume has been obsessed with the murder of her best friend, Aggie. A murder never solved. When her LAPD friend Detective Andy Connors shows her a locket found on the body of a dead man the case suddenly seems solved. Molly had given the locket to Aggie.

**LAMBDIN, DEWEY** CAPTAIN'S VENGEANCE (\$35.95)

Number twelve in the series featuring Alan Lewrie.

**LEONARD, ELMORE** COMPLETE WESTERN STORIES OF

ELMORE LEONARD (\$39.95) (Morrow) From his first story ever published, *The Trail of the Apache*, this collection includes fifty years of his westerns short stories.

**LOVELL, GLENVILLE** LOVE AND DEATH IN BROOKLYN (\$35.00)

**MCINERNEY, RALPH** GREEN THUMB (\$33.95) Detective Phil Knight and his brother professor Roger Knight team up to discover who killed Mortimer Sadler who was found on the golf course at the University of Notre Dame poisoned with deadly nightshade.

**MANLOW, JAMES** ATTRACTION (\$34.95) (John Murray)

Jack and Anne-Marie met at university but now he sits in a faded hotel room outside Paris, guarded by the French police, trying to explain his flight from England and what has happened between him and his wife.

**MARINICK, RICHARD** BOYOS (\$34.95) (Justin, Charles & Co.) Jack "Wacko" Curran and his brother Kevin are ambitious, highly successful earners for the South Boston Irish mob. But is this what Wacko wants to do for the rest of his life? A debut novel.

**MARSHALL, EVAN** CRUSHING CRYSTAL (\$31.00)

(Kensington) Thousands of pounds of books and shelves come toppling down on the not very popular Crystal Ryerson during the library reading group meeting attended by literary agent Jane Stuart. Jane's boyfriend, Detective Stanley Greenberg, makes a grim discovery: the bolts on the bookcase had been deliberately removed by someone who had been at the meeting. The latest in paperback is Toasting Tina (\$7.99).

**MATTURRO, CLAIRE** SKINNY DIPPING (\$33.95) (Morrow)

Introducing Sarasota, Florida, lawyer Lilly Rose Cleary. Witty, sassy, and a delightful read. This tofu-eating attorney tries to figure out who tried to ambush her at her office door just after successfully representing a client in a kayak whiplash case.

**MAYOR, ARCHER** SURROGATE THIEF (\$34.95)

(Mysterious) Joe Gunther reopens a thirty-year-old murder case as well as some very personal wounds.

**MCCOY, KEN** MAD CAREW (\$39.95) (Allison & Busby)

Sam is devastated when his father is found dead on the building site where they were working. Unsworth police, under the critical eye of Detective Inspector Bowman, are convinced that the man they found standing over the corpse was the killer. Sam is not so sure.

**MCGILL, ROBERT** MYSTERIES (\$32.99) (McClelland & Stewart)

A woman's disappearance unlocks the secrets of a small Ontario town, a place where it seems everyone has something to hide. A debut novel from this Canadian writer.

**MEWSHAW, MICHAEL** ISLAND TEMPEST (\$38.00)

(Putnam) Residents of an exclusive gated community on an island off the coast of Florida engage in petty crimes and revenge schemes that threaten to escalate into something more sinister.

**MEYERS, KENT** WORK OF WOLVES (\$34.00)

**MITCHELL, JAMES C** CHOKE POINT (\$33.95) (St. Martin's)

April Lennox, a young reporter from Los Angeles, hires Brinker to help her discover what a young man wanted to reveal to her. He was found dead after a riot broke out on the streets of Tucson after a

basketball game, before he had a chance to talk to her. Sequel to Lover's Crossing (\$33.95).

**MOORE, CHRISTOPHER** STUPIDEST ANGEL (\$20.95)

(Morrow) A nifty little Christmas tale of a seven-year-old who saw Santa take a shovel to the head, and the Archangel Raziel who comes to Earth seeking a child with a wish that needs granting.

**MORRIS, BOB** BAHAMARAMA (\$31.95) (St. Martin's) Two years in a Florida federal prison on bogus charges has made former Miami Dolphins strong safety Zack Chasteen stir-crazy. Getting his life back together is not going to be easy especially when his girl friend is kidnapped and a gang of Cuban thugs is on his tail.

**MORTIMER, JOHN** RUMPOLE AND THE PENGE

BUNGALOW MURDERS (\$36.00) (Penguin, UK) A full length novel (albeit somewhat larger print and 215 pages) where Rumpole answers some questions such as how he become the object of *She Who Must Be Obeyed's* desire and how he made his reputation in the case that echoes down the corridors of the Bailey to this day.

**O'BRIAN, PATRICK** FINAL UNFINISHED VOYAGE OF

JACK AUBREY (\$32.95) (Harper Collins, UK) When Patrick O'Brian died in 2000 he was in the process of writing the next Jack Aubrey to follow Blue at the Mizzen (\$19.95 trade paperback). This volume includes the chapters he wrote in both printed version and a facsimile of his manuscript and includes some marginal notes by Mr. O'Brian.

**O'CONNELL, CAROL** WINTER HOUSE (\$36.00) (Putnam) A murder is committed in a house that almost sixty years ago had seen the massacre of a family and the kidnapping of a young girl. What really happened to that young girl? Mallory, Riker and Charles Butler investigate. Number eight in the series.

**PARKER, ROBERT B** randall MELANCHOLY BABY (#4) (\$36.00) A Sonny Randall adventure.

**PARKER, T** JEFFERSON CALIFORNIA GIRL (\$34.95)

(Morrow) One is a cop, one a minister, and the other a reporter. The three Becker brothers try, in their own way, to find the killer of the lovely and mysterious Janelle Vonn. Set in Orange County, California in 1968.

**PATTERSON, JAMES** LONDON BRIDGES (\$39.95) Alex

Cross is on the trail of his deadliest nemesis, The Wolf. World leaders have four days to prevent an unimaginable cataclysm so Cross joins forces with Scotland Yard and Interpol to avert a disaster.

**PAWSON, STUART** OVER THE EDGE (\$39.95) (Allison & Busby) Finally, some more Charlie Priest. If you have not tried this author before and want a classic British police procedural try one of the paperbacks we have managed to obtain.

**PEARCE, MICHAEL** DEAD MAN IN TRIESTE (\$51.00)

(Constable) Introducing Seymour from Special Branch. Set in Trieste in 1906, one of the greatest seaports in the world, the Austrian Empire's main outlet to the Mediterranean and beyond. The British Consul has gone missing. Why? Also available in a US edition for \$35.00.

**PERRY, ANNE** CHRISTMAS VISITOR (\$23.95) (Ballantine)

The Dreghorn family is shattered by what appears to be an accidental death as they are gathering for an anticipated reunion in the Lake District. The victim's distraught wife summons her godfather, the distinguished mathematician and inventor Henry Rathbone, one of the characters from Ms. Perry's William Monk series. A Christmas novella.

**PERRY, ANNE** SHOULDER THE SKY (\$35.95) (Ballantine)

The second in her WWI series. Sequel to No Graves as Yet (\$10.99).

**PHILLIPS, ARTHUR** EGYPTOLOGISTS (\$34.95) (Random

House) Just as Howard Carter unveils the tomb of Tutankhamun, Oxford-educated Egyptologist Ralph Trilipush is staking his professional reputation, and his fiancée's fortune, on a scrap of

hieroglyphic pornography. Meanwhile a relentless Australian detective sets off in search of a murderer. How does all this tie in? **PILKINGTON, JOHN** [RUINOUS WIND](#) (\$39.99) (Severn House) The second book featuring Thomas the Falconer. The first book, [The Ruffler's Child](#) has never made it to paperback. Thomas must set aside caring for his falcons to track down an invisible assassin. Set in Elizabethan England.

**PITMAN & MACNALLY** [BET YOUR LIFE](#) (\$46.95) (Harper Collins) Yes, the publisher is really charging \$46.95. In his role as racing security advisor Frankie Houlihan is charged with the safety of Eddie Malloy, a former champion jockey who lost his arm in a terrible accident on Mount Everest.

**RANKIN, IAN** [FLESHMARKET CLOSE](#) (#15) (\$37.95) (Orion) How does the discovery of two skeletons, a woman and an infant, found buried beneath a concrete cellar floor in Fleshmarket Close tie into the murder of an illegal immigrant in an Edinburgh housing scheme? Rebus investigates. **Autographed copies** available. (Also available in trade paperback at \$24.95, but not autographed).

**REARDON, LISA** [MERCY KILLERS](#) (\$33.95) (Counterpoint) When lifetime drunk seventy-year-old Old Jerry fails to show up for his birthday party at McGurk's Tap Room, his two grandsons search for him. The discovery of his body in a nearby lake raises more questions than answers and the fallout will send one man to war in Vietnam. Set in 1967.

**REEMAN, DOUGLAS** [KNIFE EDGE](#) (\$39.95) (Heinemann) Disillusioned and grieving over the death of his distinguished father, Lieutenant Ross Blackwood believes there is no future for him as a Royal Marine. Number five in the saga.

**REHDER, BEN** [FLAT CRAZY](#) (\$34.95) (St. Martin's) Game warden John Marlin is the only sensible person in Blanco County, where everyone else believes that some kind of unidentified wild creature, with mythical vampirish qualities, is loose.

**RENDELL, RUTH** [THIRTEEN STEPS DOWN](#) (\$35.95) (Doubleday Canada) Mix has always been superstitious about the number thirteen and where he lives there are thirteen steps down to the landing. 10 Rillington Place, of John Christie fame, is just around the corner and Mix's library is devoted to the subject. He has also developed a passion for the beautiful model who lives nearby—a woman who would not look at him twice. The mix, no pun intended, is lethal.

**RICKARDS, JOHN** [TOUCH OF GHOSTS](#) (\$32.00) (Penguin, UK) Boston PI Alex Rourke is heading to Vermont to check on his latest missing person case: a young man named Adam Webb. But the truth is that Adam Webb is not the only secret buried in the Green Mountain woods. We expect the first in the series, [Winter's End](#) (\$10.99), to arrive soon.

**ROBB, J D** [GLORY IN DEATH](#) (\$29.00) Originally published in paperback in 1995.

**ROBINS, MADELEINE** [PETTY TREASON](#) (#2) (\$34.95)

**ROE, CAROLINE** [CONSOLATION FOR AN EXILE](#) (#8) (\$35.00) (Berkley) It's spring in Girona of 1355 and Isaac the physician bids farewell to his student Yusuf, who is returning to his family who thought him dead for years. Isaac also investigates the murder of one of his patients. Number eight in this wonderful series featuring a blind physician set in Spain. The research is impeccable.

**ROZAN, S J** [ABSENT FRIENDS](#) (\$34.00) (Delacorte) The secrets of a group of childhood friends unravel in this mystery. Not one of her series but garnering rave reviews nonetheless.

**RUCKA, GREG** [GENTLEMAN'S GAME](#) (\$34.00) (Bantam) When an unthinkable act of terror devastates London, the head of Special Operations for British Intelligence, Tara Chace, will stop at nothing to hunt down those responsible.

**RUSSELL, KIRK** [NIGHT GAME](#) (\$37.95) Former DEA agent John Marquez is now the head of the special operations unit of the

California Department of Fish and Game. As he takes his team in pursuit of ruthless bear poachers they encounter murder, missing game wardens, international traffickers and local thugs.

**SANTLOFER, JONATHAN** [COLOR BLIND](#) (\$34.95)

(Morrow) Kate McKinnon is an art historian, published author, host of a weekly PBS TV series and a former NYPD cop. She rejoins her former partner, detective Floyd Brown when a new sequence of murders strikes too close to home. The first is [Death Artist](#) (\$9.99).

**SAULNIER, BETH** [RELIABLE SOURCES](#) (\$40.00) (Severn House) The first Alex Bernier, reprinted in a British hard cover.

**SCARROW, SIMON** [EAGLES PREY](#) (#5) (\$34.95)

**SCOPPETTONE, SANDRA** [BEAUTIFUL RAGE](#) (\$35.95)

**SEYMOUR, GERALD** [UNKNOWN SOLDIER](#) (\$34.95)

(Bantam) A tiny caravan of fugitives and camels moves slowly to its destination, an Al Qaeda camp, hidden in the Empty Quarter of Saudi Arabia. Searching for The Outsider in the limitless sands are US and British experts in counter-terrorism. Also available in trade paperback at \$27.95.

**SIDOR, STEVEN** [SKIN RIVER](#) (\$33.95) (St. Martin's) This is the story of Buddy Bayes, a man with a shadowy past trying desperately for a second chance at a peaceful life as a tavern owner in small-town Gunnar, Wisconsin. When he finds the severed hand of a missing college student he falls headlong into a harrowing situation that has him convinced his past has come back to haunt him. We have a limited number of **autographed copies** of this debut novel. See J.D.'s Picks.

**SLOAN, SUSAN** [BEHIND CLOSED DOORS](#) (\$36.95) (Warner)

A sheltered and innocent eighteen-year-old marries young US Air Force veteran Marsh in the summer of 1955. She has no idea what kind of abuse she's in for. She says nothing of her hard life and nor do her five children lest they become their father's next victims.

**SMITH, ALEXANDER** [SUNDAY PHILOSOPHY CLUB](#)

(\$29.95) (Knopf, Canada) Isabel Dalhousie is fond of problems, and becomes interested in problems that are none of her business. When she sees a young man plunge to his death from the upper circle of a concert hall in Edinburgh she is determined to find out why. The first in a proposed new series from the writer who brought us the delightful [No. 1 Ladies Detective Agency](#) (\$17.95).

**SMITH, CAROL** [HIDDEN AGENDA](#) (\$44.00) (Time Warner, UK) Devastated by the shocking news that an old school friend, Suzy Palmer, faces execution in Louisiana for the murder of her children, London rabbi, Deborah Hirsch, enlists the aid of her former classmates in an attempt to get her off.

**SPENCER, SALLY** [ENEMY WITHIN](#) (\$39.95)

**STABENOW, DANA** [TAINT IN THE BLOOD](#) (\$34.95) (St. Martin's) Thirty years ago a woman was convicted of murdering her seventeen-year-old son. The prosecutor claimed she had set fire to her house killing one son. Now diagnosed with terminal cancer her daughter, always believing her innocence, wants to clear her mom's name. She hires Kate Shugak to help.

**STAINCLIFF, CATH** [BLUE MURDER](#) (\$39.95) (Allison & Busby) Janine Lewis is Manchester's first female Detective Chief Inspector. She is also a single mom to three children, and pregnant with a fourth. Her husband left her on the morning she got the promotion after she discovered him in bed with the cleaner. The deputy head of a local high school was left to die face down in the mud with his stomach slashed. The prime suspect is on the run and an elderly dying man and a seven-year-old child are the only witnesses. **Autographed copies** available while supplies last.

**STANSBERRY, DOMENIC** [CHASING THE DRAGON](#) (\$34.95) (St. Martin's) 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.

**STELLA, CHARLIE** [CHARLIE OPERA](#) (\$37.00)

**STEPHENSON, NEAL** baroque SYSTEM OF THE WORLD (#3) (\$39.95) Third in the Baroque series.

**STRIEBER, ANNE** INVISIBLE WOMAN (\$33.95) (Forge) Kealy Ryerson receives a call from her husband, defense lawyer James Ryerson, that says: "Get out of town. Right now. Take a plane. Run" A few minutes later he is murdered. Not able to get to her apartment and finding her credit cards have been cancelled, she grabs her teenage kids and hides out in New York City. Without her fine clothes and make up she is unrecognizable and she uses her wits and some new friends to keep herself and her kids alive.

**STUKAS, DAVID** BICEPS OF DEATH (\$31.00) (Kensington) lo';..... (Paddington) Super-buff trainer Flex, rushes out of the locker room and hands a CD-ROM to Robert saying he'll retrieve the disk later. But later Flex is found murdered. What is on that disk? Robert, Michael and Monette investigate. Number four in the series.

**SWIFT, VIRGINIA** BYE, BYE, LOVE (\$34.95) (Harper Collins) College professor and sometime-sleuth Sally Alder can't say no to Thomas "Stone" Jackson, a singer that she has had a crush on for ages, when he asks her for help. Jackson is worried about his ex-wife, folksinger Nina Cruz. When Nina is found shot in the forest behind her house the police rule it a hunting accident, but Sally is not convinced.

**TALTON, JON** DRY HEAT (\$32.95) (Thomas Dunne) Fifty years after the unsolved murder of an FBI agent, the missing badge is found on the body of a dead transient. The case is a perfect fit for David Mapstone, history professor turned Maricopa County deputy sheriff. That is, if he can get past cold-case expert Sergeant Kate Vare and the FBI's stonewalling about the details of the agent's killing. Third in another series that Wendy enjoys.

**TAYLOR, ANDREW** CALL THE DYING (\$34.95) (Hodder & Stoughton) The latest installment in the Lydmouth series. Returning to a town shrouded in intrigue and suspicion, Jill Francis becomes acting editor of the Gazette. Meanwhile, there is no pleasure left in the life of Detective Chief Inspector Richard Thornhill. Only a corpse, a television set and the promise of trouble to come.

**THORNTON, BETSY** DEAD FOR THE WINTER (\$33.95) (Thomas Dunne) Chloe Newcombe is a victims advocate in Old Dudley, Arizona where she meets an attractive man named Terry Barnett. When she finds out he's married she writes him off and decides to forget him. But Terry is murdered and the sheriff would like to hold her as a suspect. It seems the three earlier titles in the series are out of print.

**THURLO, AIMEE & DAVID** BLOOD RETRIBUTION (\$33.95) (Forge) Lee Nez is a New Mexico state police officer who is also a vampire. He teams up once again with FBI agent Diane Lopez to investigate smugglers who are bringing in jewels and silver from Mexico and who have killed two cops. The smugglers are skinwalkers and one of them is related to Lee.

**TOPE, REBECCA** COTSWOLD KILLING (\$39.95) (Allison & Busby) A new series introducing Thea Osborne. She arrives in the beautiful village of Duntisbourne, nestled in the Cotswolds, to house-sit for three weeks for a local couple. When Joel Jennison is found slaughtered in the same field as his brother was ten weeks earlier, the whole community falls under suspicion.

**TORRES, STEVEN** BURNING PRECINCT PUERTO RICO (\$33.95) (Thomas Dunne) Book three featuring Sheriff Luis Gonzalo. The town of Angustias is preparing to celebrate twenty-five years of service by their Sheriff but murder spoils the celebrations.

**TREMAYNE, PETER** LEPER'S BELL (\$29.95) (Headline) A female servant working in the palace of Colgu is found murdered, and the baby she was looking after is missing, apparently taken by the killer. Sister Fidelma and Brother Eadulf have dealt with many

horrendous murders and kidnappings in the past but this is the most shocking to them. The missing baby is their own son, Alchu.

**TRUMAN, MARGARET** MURDER AT UNION STATION (\$34.95) (Ballantine) Union Station in Washington D.C. is the scene of a sensational shooting whose consequences ricochet from seedy bars to the halls of Congress.

**TURNBULL, PETER** TREASURE TROVE (\$38.95)

**VARGAS, FRED** HAVE MERCY ON US ALL (\$37.95) (Harvill) Commissaire Jean-Baptiste Adamsberg enlists the help of a mediaeval scholar to help him unravel messages delivered to the town crier in the 14<sup>th</sup> arrondissement of Paris and relayed to the neighbourhood. Has the Plague revisited Paris? Chosen by the booksellers of France as their book of the year. Also scheduled to be available in trade paperback at \$19.95, but not yet received.

**WESLEY, VALERIE WILSON** DYING IN THE DARK (\$32.95) (Ballantine) New Jersey PI Tamara Hayle has been plagued by terrifying dreams about Celia Jones, an old friend who died a horrible death. Celia's teenage son, Cecil, begs Tamara to find his mother's killer, only to end up dead himself.

**WILSON, ROBERT** SILENT AND THE DAMNED (\$39.95) (Harper Collins, UK) Inspector Jefe Javier Falcon is back, in this sequel to The Blind Man of Seville (\$10.99). A man lies dead on the kitchen floor of a house in an exclusive suburb of Seville and his wife has been suffocated by her own pillow. It appears to be a suicide pact but Falcon has his doubts when he finds an enigmatic note crushed in the dead man's hand. **Autographed copies** available. (Also available in trade paperback at \$26.95, but not autographed). Wendy has just finished it and she says it's terrific.

**WOODS, STUART** PRINCE OF BEVERLY HILLS (\$38.00) (Putnam) Rick Barron, a sharp, capable detective on the Beverly Hills force finds himself demoted after a run-in with a superior officer. Witnessing a traffic accident the day after his demotion, and manipulating the facts gets him a job at a swanky movie studio. Set in 1939 Hollywood.

**WOZENCRAFT, KIM** WANTED (\$34.95)

**WRIGHT, RICHARD** ADULTERY (\$32.95) (Harper Collins, Canada) Daniel Fielding, a quiet, middle-aged editor at a Toronto publishing house, succumbs to the charms of Denise, a pretty, young colleague at a book fair in Frankfurt. When Denise disappears from a car park in Devon shortly after they had, well, you can guess, Daniel's ordered life becomes a wreck.

## Paperback

**ABRAHAMS, PETER** THEIR WILDEST DREAMS (\$10.99) The dreams and schemes of people who live in a small town near the Mexican border: from the captain of detectives in a border town where no crime is as it seems, to the mystery writer whose encounter with a muse entangles him in a web of true crime more mysterious than anything he imagined.

**ADAMS, ALINA** ON THIN ICE (#2) (\$8.99) Figure skating is a cutthroat business and having survived Murder on Ice (\$8.99), Rebecca "Bex" Levy is still skating her way thorough the "wacky, incestuous world" of ice skating.

**ADAMSON, ISAAC** KINKI LULLABYE (#4) (\$19.95) The fourth Billy Chaka adventure. And damned if I know what it's about. Bunraku puppet prodigies, whatever they are at home, abound. Nice, snappy cover, however.

**AIRTH, RENNIE** BLOOD DIMMED TIDE (\$19.99) See the hardcover section for an annotation.

**ALEXANDER, BRUCE** PRICE OF MURDER (#10) (\$9.99) Blind eighteenth-century London judge Sir John Fielding and

Jeremy are drawn to the Seven Dials section of London when the body of a young girl is pulled from the Thames. Number ten.

**ARMSTRONG, KELLEY** INDUSTRIAL MAGIC (#4)

(\$10.99) More fantasy than crime...witches and cabals...

**ATKINSON, KATE** CASE HISTORIES (\$27.95) See annotation in the hard cover section.

**AUSTER, PAUL** ORACLE NIGHT (\$20.00) "This book is both a babushka doll of stories within stories and a literary Rubik's Cube..." *The Boston Globe*.

**AVOCATO, LORI** DOSE OF MURDER (\$9.99) Tired of tongue depressors and bedpans, Pauline Sokol is looking for a career change. She lands a job investigating medical fraud. Which is a hoot as she knows as much about being a PI as a potted geranium might. "Fun" says Marian.

**BALDACCI, DAVID** CHRISTMAS TRAIN (\$7.99)

Disillusioned journalist Tom Langdon must get from Washington to L.A. in time for Christmas. Forced to take the train across the country because of a slight misunderstanding at airport security, he begins a journey of self-discovery and rude awakenings, mysterious goings-on, screwball escapades, and holiday magic. A 260 page Christmas story.

**BATEMAN, COLIN** DIVORCING JACK (\$15.50) A re-issue. Great stuff.

**BAYARD, LOUIS** MR TIMOTHY (\$19.95) Timothy Cratchit has just buried his father and he's trying to bury his past as a cripple and shed his financial ties to his benevolent "Uncle" Ebenezer. He spends his nights dredging the Thames for dead bodies and the treasures in their pockets. His life takes a sharp turn when he discovers the bodies of two dead girls, each seared with the same cruel brand on the upper arm.

**BEATON, M C** AGATHA RAISIN & TCOT CURIOUS CURATE (\$9.50) Agatha Raisin is feeling miserable, her ex-husband has abandoned her and she's been humiliated by an unseemly proposition from her handsome neighbour John Armitage. But the new curate of Carsely seems to have taken an interest in her, so maybe things aren't so bad. When he is found dead in the vicar's study, Agatha and John investigate.

**BEDDOR, FRANK** LOOKING GLASS WARS (\$16.95) A new take on the Lewis Carrol classic. Marian read it and loved it, she says she doesn't know if this is supposed to be a kids book or not but it doesn't matter.

**BEINHART, LARRY** THE LIBRARIAN (\$22.50) Terrific. Really good. I mean it. See *J.D.'s Picks*.

**BIDULKA, ANTHONY** FLIGHT OF AQUAVIT (#2) (\$21.95) A customer from Saskatchewan, where the story is set, e-mailed to tell me how much fun this series is. The first in the series, Amuse Bouche, will not be available again until early next year but if that doesn't matter to you, go for it.

**BLACK, CARA** MURDER IN THE BASTILLE (\$18.95) Aimee Leduc, dressed for dinner at an elegant restaurant in the Bastille district of Paris, is chagrined to see that a woman seated at the next table is wearing an identical jacket. When the woman leaves her cell phone on the table, Aimee follows her to return it and is attacked in a shadowy passage. When she regains consciousness, she finds she has suffered a concussion which has left her blind. Then she learns that the woman she was following was murdered in the next passage over.

**BLAIR, MICHAEL** HARD WINTER RAIN (\$11.99) A Joe Shoe investigation. Someone walked up to Joe's best friend in a Vancouver restaurant and shot him dead. It looked like a professional job and the suspects, his boss, his wife, are numerous.

**BLAKE, VICTORIA** BLOODLESS SHADOW (\$10.99) Sam Falconer, London private eye, is a four time world judo champion so she can look after herself. In this novel she's in Oxford, looking for a missing woman. Oxford holds some very unpleasant memories

for her and she is there reluctantly. Out of the blue, she receives a letter from her father. But he's been dead for over twenty years. The two "cases" are nicely intertwined with quirky characters and an unusual heroine. See Marian's Picks.

**BLANC, NERO** CROSSWORDERS GIFT (#7) (\$19.00) Five short stories for a cosy Christmas season, with crosswords.

**BLANCHARD, ALICE** BREATHTAKER (\$9.99) When Police Chief Charlie Grover finds three mutilated corpses in a tornado-ravaged farmhouse, his first thought is that they were victims of flying debris. But his instincts tell him otherwise. Enlisting the aid of tornado-chasing scientist Dr. Willa Bellman, Charlie believes he is on the trail of a killer who conspires with the awesome power of nature to commit and conceal unspeakable crimes. Darkness Peering (\$9.99) is the debut novel of this author and if I remember correctly both Marian and Wendy chose it as a pick in 1999.

**BLEVINS, MEREDITH** HUMMINGBIRD WIZARD (#1) (\$9.99) Marian says: "I don't know why I picked up this book, maybe because of the title. It was an interesting read, one I didn't expect to enjoy but did." Annie Szabo didn't spend much time with her husband's family after his unexpected death, but when one of her closest friends turns up dead she, along with her ex-mother-in-law Madame Mina, investigate his death. With help of a gypsy PI, some gypsy curses, and the Hummingbird Wizard, the two use all of their resources to solve the crime. Interesting."

**BLOCK, LAWRENCE** GRIFTER'S GAME (\$8.99) Originally published in 1961 under the title Mona. Conman Joe Marlin was used to scoring easy cash off gullible women. But that was before he met Mona Brassard.

**BOWEN, GAIL** EARLY INVESTIGATIONS OF JOANNE KILBOURN (\$24.99) Contains the first three Joanne Kilbourn adventures: Deadly Appearance, Murder at the Mendel and Wandering Soul Murders.

**BOYLAN, CLARE** EMMA BROWN (\$17.00) When Charlotte Bronte died in 1855 she left behind the start of a new novel. Ms. Boylan has taken this twenty-page fragment and turned it into a novel. The arrival of Conway Fitzgibbon at Fuchsia Lodge with his daughter Matilda is a source of delight to the headmistress, Miss Wilcox. The unsuccessful ladies' school is eager for new pupils, but when Christmas approaches and Miss Wilcox inquires about holiday arrangements she discovers that Fitzgibbon, like the address he left behind, does not exist. Local gentleman, Mr. Ellin, and a childless widow, Isabel Chalfont, try to unravel the mystery of who Matilda is.

**BRADSHAW, GILLIAN** RENDER UNTO CAESAR (\$22.95) Hermogenes, a Greek from Alexandria, must travel to Rome to collect monies owed his family by a high-placed Roman consul. "Bradshaw is a classics scholar as well as an excellent writer...History comes alive in her expert hands." *The Philadelphia Inquirer*.

**BRANDT, KATHY** DARK WATER DIVE (\$8.99) Hannah Sampson has traded the chill of the Colorado Rockies for the sunnier climes of the British Virgin Islands, but she's still diving. And bringing up bodies. Sequel to Swimming With the Dead (\$8.99)

**BRAUN, LILIAN JACKSON** PRIVATE LIFE OF THE CAT WHO TALES (\$8.99) Tales of Koko and Yum Yum from the journals of Jim Qwilleran. A tiny collection of feline antics that will warm the hearts of Braun fans.

**BREEM, WALLACE** EAGLE IN THE SNOW (\$16.95) General Maximus and Rome's last desperate stand on the Empire's Rhine Frontier.

**BRIGHTWELL, EMILY** MRS. JEFFRIES STALKS THE HUNTER (#19) (\$9.99) Insp. Witherspoon is once again consulting his housekeeper, Mrs. Jeffries, who always gets to the heart of the matter...

**BROCKMANN, SUZANNE** FLASHPOINT (\$10.99) A former operative of a top secret government agency, Jimmy Nash now works for Troubleshooters Inc., a firm founded by a former Navy SEAL, which helps anyone in desperate need, and provides a perfect cover for its more covert special operations. Nash and a quickly assembled team of expert operators have come to the earthquake ravaged country of Kazbekistan in the guise of relief workers. They must track down a missing laptop computer that may hold secrets vital to US national security.

**BROWN, RITA MAE** FULL CRY (#3) (\$10.99) The third in the fox hunting series.

**BROWN, SANDRA** BEST KEPT SECRETS (\$9.99) Alexandra Gaither is an attorney who finally has the power to get the justice she needs. Twenty-five years ago her mother was murdered and Alexandra wants justice.

**BRUEN, KEN** WHITE ARREST (\$19.50) and TAMING THE ALIEN (\$22.50) Parts 1 and 2 of the White Trilogy now available in individual volumes.

**BURKE, RICHARD** FROZEN (\$10.99) When his childhood friend Verity is found at the foot of Beachy Head barely alive, Harry, along with his friend Adam and Verity's business partner, Samantha, try to piece together the last few weeks of her life. The deeper Harry gets, the more questions remain unanswered.

**BUTLER, GWENDOLINE** COFFIN KNOWS THE ANSWER (\$6.99) Horrific pictures of badly abused children are sent anonymously to Stella Pinero, Chief Commander John Coffin's wife. Rather than worry his wife, he vows to track down the culprit.

**CAINE, LESLIE** DEATH BY INFERIOR DESIGN (\$10.99) Erin Gilbert and Sean Sullivan are competing designers in Crestview, Colorado. Much as Erin might like the thought, designs by Gilbert and Sullivan are not likely to become a reality any time soon. Complete with design and decorating tips.

**CARVER, CAROLINE** DEAD HEAT (\$10.99) Georgia Parish never regretted leaving Nulgarra, Far Northern Queensland. But after a plane crash she finds herself back there, struggling to comprehend a sinister fact: the plane was sabotaged. Her first novel was Blood Junction (\$10.99).

**CASE, JOHN F** EIGHTH DAY (\$11.99) For Danny Cray, a struggling artist and part-time private investigator, the offer is too good to be true. A wealthy, enigmatic lawyer, Jude Belzer, would like to retain Danny for a little damage control. His client, an elusive billionaire, is the target of a vicious campaign by the Italian press that threatens to destroy his reputation. Belzer wants Danny to find out who is responsible, and he will pay handsomely.

**CHITTENDEN, MEG** MORE THAN YOU KNOW (\$8.99) Love and murder in Seattle.

**CHITTENDEN, MEG** SNAP SHOT (\$8.99) Diana Gordon doesn't want to play PI anymore—being shot at cured her of that—and moves to the small town of Port Findlay, Washington, looking for peace and quiet. But fear is only a step behind.

**CHURCHILL, JILL** BELL BOOK AND SCANDAL (#14) (\$9.99) Jane Jeffry and best friend Shelley Nowack head off to a mystery convention. Jane is hoping to drum up interest in her manuscript. But of course a real live murder takes the stage.

**CLARE, ALYS** DARK NIGHT HIDDEN (#6) (\$10.99) Abbess Helewise is having troubles at Hawkenlye Abbey. A sadistic new priest has arrived and no one is safe from his fanaticism. But he is soon found lying dead in a ditch and Josse d'Acquin discovers that the Father had a history of taking the law into his own hands.

**CLARK, MELISSA** FIND COURTNEY (\$22.95) When Courtney goes missing, Fanoy, her roommate, joins Courtney's father in searching for her. A relationship develops and secrets come out.

**CLARKE, SUSANNA** JONATHAN STRANGE AND MR NORRELL (\$29.95) See annotation in the hard cover section.

**CLEVERLY, BARBARA** RAGTIME IN SIMLA (\$10.99) The second in the Joe Sandilands novels set in British India of the 1920s. This is the US paperback edition. We may well have sold you the British paperback so be sure to check.

**COHEN, NANCY J** HIGHLIGHTS TO HEAVEN (#5) (\$7.99) Professional hair stylist Marla Shore lands a case close to home when her pet loving neighbour disappears, leaving his animals alone and a dead body in the master bedroom. The corpse might just be another anonymous body except Marla recognises the distinctive bronze highlighting, the signature technique of the Heavenly Hair Salon in Fort Lauderdale and the work of stylist Cutter Corrigan.

**COLE, DAVID** SHADOW PLAY (#6) (\$9.99)

**COLE, MARTINA** GRAFT (\$24.95)

**COLE, MARTINA** THE KNOW (\$10.99) Another doorstep from the queen of doorstops. Joanie would do anything to provide for her children, even if it means going on the game. When the youngest disappears her obsession to discover the truth threatens to destroy them all.

**COLLINS, MICHAEL** LOST SOULS (\$18.95)

**CONNOLLY, J J** LAYER CAKE (\$17.95) Set in nineties London gangland against the background of rival northern gangs and international smuggling rings...A cross between **Irvine Welsh** and **Dennis Lehane**.

**COOPER, NATASHA** FAULT LINES (\$21.00) Barrister Trish Maguire knows the jury's decision hinges on the testimony of her friend and star witness, Kara Huggate, in a case of alleged child abuse. When Kara doesn't appear at the trial she realizes that something must have gone terribly wrong. She returns to her chambers after court to find the police waiting for her with some horrifying news: Kara has been brutally raped and murdered.

**COOPER, SUSAN ROGERS** LYING WONDERS (#7) (\$6.99) Milt Kovak, now married and with a toddler son, receives a terrified call from an old girlfriend. Her teenage son, Trent, went on a religious retreat with his girlfriend Amanda, and has not returned. When Milt investigates he finds Amanda dead and Trent missing.

**CORBETT, DAVID** DONE FOR A DIME (\$21.00) In Rio Mirada, at the northern tip of San Francisco Bay, baritone sax player Strong Carlisle xskkkkkkk (Paddington) is murdered. Detective Dennis Murchison has two likely suspects: Arlie Thigpen, a teenage lieutenant in the crack-and-smack army of a local dealer, and Toby Marchand, an old-school jazz horn player with big shoes to fill: those of his father, Strong Carlisle. His first novel is Devil's Redhead (\$10.99).

**CORDY, MICHAEL** TRUE (\$27.95) Can a drug that makes people fall madly in love be used for nefarious purposes? Yup.

**CORNWELL, BERNARD** LAST KINGDON (#1) (\$24.95) See the hardcover section for an annotation.

**CORTEZ, DONN** THE CLOSER (\$10.50) The Closer is on a mission: to rid the world of serial killers including the one who slaughtered his family. But is he not in danger of becoming one himself?

**COUGHLIN, WILLIAM** DEATH PENALTY (\$9.99) Re-issue of a book first published in 1993.

**COX, MICHAEL ED** VICTORIAN DETECTIVE STORIES (\$28.50)

**COYLE, CLEO** THROUGH THE GRINDER (#2) (\$8.99) The sequel to On What Grounds (\$8.99). At the Village Blend, a dash of murder makes for a potent brew... Clare Cosi investigates.

**CRANE, FRANCES** TURQUOISE SHOP (\$24.00) Murder strikes a New Mexico art community on the eve of World War 2 in the first Pat and Jean Abbot mystery. Reprinted by The Rue Morgue Press. The introduction by the editors, Tom and Enid Schantz, is worth the price by itself. The first of two dozen plus novels featuring the Abbots, this one originally published in 1941.

**CRAWFORD, ISIS** CATERED MURDER (#1) (\$7.99) A new series featuring Libby and her sister Bernadette who own A Little Taste of Heaven in Longely, New York. When they cater a school reunion with a "Dracula" theme and the guest of honour is poisoned, the two set out to solve the murder. "A nice, light culinary read" says Marian.

**CRIDER, BILL** WE'LL ALWAYS HAVE MURDER (\$10.50) Humphrey Bogart and down-and-out Hollywood private eye Terry Scott team up to thwart a scheme to blackmail Bogart for murder and find themselves tangling with gangsters and trying not to trip over bodies.

**CROMBIE, DEBORAH** NOW MAY YOU WEEP (#9) (\$9.99) Detective Inspector Gemma James asks former partner and current lover to come to Scotland to help solve a murder in which her friend Helen Cavendish is accused. Number nine in the series. One of Wendy's Picks in hard cover.

**CULP, MICHAEL** CONFLICTED (\$11.99) A blockbuster financial thriller. How the "players" exploit the power of their position for love, sex and money. By a veteran of Wall Street.

**CUMMING, CHARLES** HIDDEN MAN (\$10.99) Twenty years ago Christopher Keen was murdered by an unidentified assassin. His two sons now want answers. Was his murder related to his MI6 past? What were his links to Moscow, Afghanistan, the Russian mafia?

**CUSSLER & DIRGO** SACRED STONE (\$22.00) Clive Cussler and Craig Dirgo. The second novel in the Oregon Files series, sequel to Golden Buddha (\$22.50), featuring Juan Cabrillo.

**CUSSLER, CLIVE** MEDITERRANEAN CAPER (\$10.99) A re-issue.

**DAVIS, PATRICK A** COMMANDER (\$11.99) Unjustly passed over for a promotion, as much for ignoring his superior's warning not to marry a Korean as for actually marrying her, Air Force Major Burton Webber resigns and goes to work at his wife's jewelry store located in the red-light district outside Osan Air Base. Asked to investigate a case involving the death of a beautiful Amerasian bar girl, he reluctantly agrees. Written by a former Air Force major who "...delivers the goods." -- *Kirkus*.

**DEAVER, JEFFERY W** TWISTED (\$11.99) A collection of short stories. The characters range from William Shakespeare to Lincoln Rhyme.

**DEE, ED** CON MAN'S DAUGHTER (#5) (\$9.99) Banished from the NYPD and retired from his job with the Russian mob, Eddie Dunne plays the ponies and baby-sits his six-year-old grandchild. But his life turns upside down when someone kidnaps his daughter. Now he must risk everything to get her back.

**DEMOTT, WES** FUND (\$8.99) A former FBI agent and SWAT team member, the author is able to combine first-hand, insider experience with a natural storytelling talent to create the thriller of the year. Per the blurb.

**DEVANE, TERRY** STAIN UPON THE ROSE (\$9.99) The Honourable Barbara Pitt has been selected to preside over the trial of a Catholic priest accused of raping twenty-three children in his former parishes. To complicate an already difficult case Judge Pitt becomes romantically involved with a young law clerk assigned to assist her in this case. Now the young man has disappeared.

**DEVERELL, WILLIAM** MIND GAMES (\$10.99) Dr. Timothy Dare has faced some seriously disturbed people in his career as a forensic psychiatrist for the criminal courts in Vancouver. But his life is disintegrating and to add more pressure he has just been appointed to monitor a man released from psychiatric hospital for murdering his previous shrink.

**DOHERTY, PAUL** HOUSE OF SHADOWS (\$10.99) Number ten featuring Brother Athelstan.

**DOUGLAS, CAROLE NELSON** FEMME FATALE (#7) (\$10.99) A series of bizarre killings draws Irene Adler back to

America where she must race with a murderer to find her mother, a woman of mystery who may turn out to be the most notorious woman of the nineteenth century. Number seven in the series.

**DOYLE, ARTHUR CONAN** MYSTERY OF CLOOMBER (\$16.95)

**DOYLE, ARTHUR CONAN** REFUGEES (\$24.95) A Tale of Two Continents. A small band of religious-freedom-seeking Huguenots escape France, only to hazard dangerous sea voyages, stranding on an iceberg, and a perilous trek through Canadian forests, to avoid both Catholic Frenchmen and savage Indians.

**[DOYLE]DUNYACH, JEAN-CLAUDE** NIGHT ORCHID CONAN DOYLE IN TOULOUSE (\$29.99)

**[DOYLE]GARRICK-STEELE, RODGER** HOUSE OF THE BASKERVILLES (\$31.99) Did Sir Arthur Conan Doyle plagiarize The Hound of The Baskervilles? Was he also an adulterer, blackmailer and murderer? The author claims all the above to be true.

**[DOYLE]GASPAR, STEPHEN** CANADIAN ADVENTURES OF SHERLOCK HOLMES (\$26.95) Combining his love of detective stores and Canadian history, the author presents nine Sherlockian investigations.

**[DOYLE]HARDWICK, MICHAEL** REVENGE OF THE HOUND (\$10.50)

**[DOYLE]HOLMES, DONALD W** INDIAN RIVER TRILOGY: FROM SHERLOCK TO SHUTTLE (\$32.95)

**[DOYLE]IRWIN, JAMES E** SHERLOCK HOLMES QUOTATION PUZZLES, VOL. I (\$19.99) 32 quotation puzzles from the works of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle.

**[DOYLE]JACKS, STEVE** HEROES AND VILLAINS: A THOMAS MURDERER-FOR-HIRE ADVENTURE (\$29.95)

**[DOYLE]LEBLANC, MAURICE** ARSENE LUPIN VS SH HOLLOW NEEDLE (\$29.99)

**[DOYLE]PRESS, CHARLES** LOOKING OVER SIR ARTHURS SHOULDER (\$19.95)

**[DOYLE]REIFF, HARRIET BRENDA** FINAL FOUR (\$23.95)

**[DOYLE]SUMMERS, JARON** ELEMENTARY MY DEAR (\$33.95)

**DUNANT, SARAH** UNDER MY SKIN (\$17.50) A re-issue.

**DUNHAM, TRACY** WISHFUL SINFUL (\$9.99) See Marian's Picks.

**DUNN, CAROLA** MISTLETOE AND MURDER (#11) (\$7.99) Number eleven in the Dalrymple series.

**DWYER, LIAM D** MURDER IN MUSKOKA (\$14.95) Recovering from the death of his wife in cottage country, OPP homicide investigator Ian Murdoch is thrust back into work when a body floats ashore. The investigation takes him all the way back to a German POW camp in Gravenhurst. If you know the area you will get a kick out of where the body is found and where the events occurred.

**ELLIS, KATE** BONE GARDEN (#5) (\$6.99) First published in 2001. The UK edition has been out of print for some years so when we found the US edition, we done bringded it in.

**ELLIS, KATE** PLAGUE MAIDEN (#8) (\$21.00) We're hoping for some stock soon, so reserve a copy. The UK edition, smuggled in.

**ELLORY, ROGER JON** CANDLEMOTH (\$10.99) Twelve years ago Daniel Ford was convicted of killing his best friend. In thirty-six days he will pay with his life. A debut novel. Set in the turbulent America of the 60s, 70s and 80s: Vietnam, race relations, the death of the Kennedy brothers, Watergate and all that.

**ELLROY, JAMES** DESTINATION MORGUE (\$21.00) It's been a long time since I've "gotten" James Ellroy. I love long run-on sentences, whole meters of them, paragraphs of them. His average? Whole centimeters. I just don't get it.

**EVANOVICH, JANET** ROCKY ROAD TO ROMANCE (\$9.99)

The first of twelve short romance novels that were written "before the time of Plum" to be re-issued. Slightly altered, the author says.

**FARRER, KATHARINE** MISSING LINK (\$19.95) An Oxford mystery, first published in 1952. Reprinted by The Rue Morgue Press with an excellent introduction by the editors, Tom and Enid Schantz. The first of three Insp. Ringwood novels.

**FAUST, RON** SEA OF BONES (\$10.99)

**FAWKES, L T** EARLY EIGHT (#3) (\$8.99)

**FESPERMAN, DAN** SMALL BOAT OF GREAT SORROWS (\$20.00) Sarajevo homicide detective Vlado Petric has escaped to join his wife and daughter in Berlin and is scratching out a meagre but stable existence at a construction site. When he is recruited by Calvin Pine, an enigmatic American investigator for the war crimes tribunal at The Hague, to join a search mission back in the ruins of his homeland, he finds it hard to resist. He is not only looking for the General responsible for the massacre at Srebrenica, but he is being used as bait to lure another suspect whose activities in WW II make the current generations of killers look like amateurs. The first in the series is Lie in the Dark (\$17.95 trade paperback)

**FIFFER, SHARON** WRONG STUFF (#3) (\$9.99) Jane Wheel's job is an antiques picker, cruising garage sales and rummage sales looking for items she can turn around and sell for a profit. But the clutter has finally gotten her down and she vows to clean house and get rid of everything. Meanwhile she is entertaining two offers of employment: one as an associate with her friend Tom Lowry's antiques dealership and the other as a consultant in a private investigations firm with former police detective Bruce Oh. The first two in the series are Dead Guy's Stuff (\$8.99) and Killer Stuff (\$9.99). See Marian's Picks.

**FINNEY, PATRICIA** GLORIANA'S TORCH (\$19.95) In 1587 ex-soldier David Becket, his wife Rebecca, and a black slave, Merula, attempt to rescue an old friend who has been captured by the Inquisition.

**FLINN, ELAINE** TAGGED FOR MURDER (\$9.99)

**FRADKIN, BARBARA** FIFTH SON (\$13.95) Murder or suicide? That's the simple question that Insp. Michael Green has to answer in his fourth outing. Signed copies while supply lasts.

**FRANCIS, CLARE** HOMELAND (\$22.95) Brought to its knees by the harshest winter in a hundred years, the realities of post-war life, and returning damaged warriors, Britain in 1946 is a difficult place.

**FRANCISCO, RUTH** CONFESSIONS OF A DEATHMAIDEN (\$9.99) In the heart of modern day Los Angeles, Frances Oliver practices the arts and skills of the deathmaiden. Her profession helps the dying cross over into the next world. A little Mexican boy by the name of Tomas Gomez, left in a persistent vegetative state by massive head trauma, has been sent home from hospital to die. Yet from the moment she touches him, Frances senses that Tomas is not brain-dead at all, but only too frightened of something or someone to wake up.

**FREEDMAN, J F** FALLEN IDOLS (\$10.99)

**FREYDONT, SHELLEY** MERRY LITTLE MURDER (#5) (\$7.99) Former dancer Lindy Haggerty leaves her toe shoes behind to hit the glitzy International Ballroom Competition in Atlantic City. The stakes are high and the backbiting is murder as the final evening of the competition is going to be filmed for network television and the search is on for a couple to play Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers in a multi-million dollar feature film. Number four, Halloween Murder (\$7.99), is available, the rest are out of print.

**FROST, MARK** GREATEST GAME EVER PLAYED (\$22.95) Okay, so it's not a mystery. Or, as Marian would say, considering how well I play, my passion for golf is a mystery. (She's such a cutup.) This is the story of Harry Vardon and Francis Ouimet who came from completely different backgrounds to face each other in

the 1913 US Open. It's part sports biography, sweeping social history and emotional human drama. And yes, this is the Mark Frost that wrote The List of 7 and The 6 Messiahs, both now out of print.

**FULLERTON, ALEXANDER** WESTBOUND WARBOUND (\$10.99) A novel of sea warfare. World War 2 has just been declared and German warships are on the high seas out to destroy every merchant vessels they can find. SS Polly Anna is in their sights.

**FULLERTON, JOHN** GIVE ME DEATH (\$22.95) A novel of love and intrigue set against the backdrop of civil war in Lebanon. Reem and Nick meeting in a fashionable bar is no accident. Reem has completed her training as a so-called terrorist and Nick's her first assignment.

**FUSILLI, JIM** TRIBECA BLUES (#3) (\$9.99) Number three featuring PI Terry Orr. "Excellent" says Wendy. One of Wendy's Picks some time ago.

**GABALDON, DIANA** LORD JOHN AND THE PRIVATE MATTER (#1) (\$14.95) Major Lord John Grey, from her Outlander novels, is hoping to avoid a scandal that may destroy his family. But his efforts to do so are interrupted by something more urgent: he is appointed by the Crown to investigate the murder of a commander-in-arms who may have been a traitor.

**GARCI-AGUILERA, CAROLINA** LUCK OF THE DRAW (\$19.95) Esmeralda is given the task of finding her sibling, Diamond, a journalist who has gone missing in Las Vegas, because Mom has so decreed. Mom dreamt that the family has a duty to bring La Estrella, the casino the family owned in Havana before Castro took power, back into existence. And not without the whole family. By the author of the Lupe Solano mysteries.

**GARDNER, LISA** KILLING HOUR (\$11.99) Marian says: "An excellent summer read. I remember reading The Next Accident (\$10.99) last summer and was glad to see that the same characters appeared in this novel. So I read it, and thoroughly enjoyed it. The killer took two victims each time he struck. One he killed immediately and the other he hid. Clues to the whereabouts of the second victim were hidden on the body of the first victim. Rookie FBI agent Kimberly Quincy, her father ex-FBI profiler Pierce Quincy and his partner Rainie Conner join forces to find him."

**GELLIS, ROBERTA** LUCREZIA BORGIA AND THE MOTHER OF POISON (\$21.95) Lucrezia has fled Rome to a loveless marriage with Alfonso, to escape rumours that she is utterly depraved and a poisoner. When she is accused of poisoning her husband's mistress she knows she has to find the real murderer so her nightmare life in Rome is not lived out in the duchy of Ferrara.

**GOODMAN, CAROL** SEDUCTION OF WATER (\$21.00) More than fifty years ago, Iris Greenfeder's mother, Katherine, arrived at the Catskill's grand Hotel Equinox penniless. She was hired as a maid but one year later she married Ben, the hotel's manager. During the hotel's off-season, Katherine wrote the first two fantasy novels of a planned trilogy. There never was a third book. When Iris was nine, her mother left for a writer's conference, and never came back. She died that very night in a hotel fire on Coney Island, registered as another man's wife. Now Hedda Wolfe, Katherine's former literary agent, has a proposal for Iris: If Iris will return to the Hotel Equinox where she grew up, research her mother's life and find the third and final manuscript that Kay wrote and Hedda is convinced exists, then she will guarantee Iris a huge advance to write her mother's biography. Can she refuse?

**GRAVES, SARAH** MALLETS AFORETHOUGHT (#7) (\$10.99) Fixer-upper enthusiasts Jake Tiptree and Ellie White are refurbishing Eastport's notorious Harlequin House when they discover a secret door to a room containing two corpses. One of the bodies is a skeleton dressed in 1920s flapper chic, the other is real-estate mogul Hector Gosling.

**GRAY, ALEX** SMALL WEEPING (\$26.95) See the hardcover section for an annotation.

**GRIMES, MARTHA** JERUSALEM INN (#5) (\$10.99) A re-issue.

**GRISHAM, JOHN** SKIPPING CHRISTMAS (\$9.99) Imagine a year without Christmas. No crowded malls, no fruitcakes, no gifts...Filmed as Christmas with the Kranks.

**GUTERSON, DAVID** OUR LADY OF THE FOREST (\$18.00) A novel about what happens when a fifteen-year-old girl becomes an instrument of divine grace. From the author of the magnificent Snow Falling on Cedars (\$21).

**HAIG, BRIAN** MORTAL ALLIES (\$9.99) The young son of a South Korean war hero is found dead and the Army orders Drummond to defend the officer accused.

**HALL, PARNELL** WITH THIS PUZZLE I THEE KILL (#5) (\$10.99) Number five featuring puzzle lady Cora Felton, who is too busy planning her marriage to hotel owner Raymond Harstein to take heed of an anonymous warning.

**HAMILTON, LAURELL K** CERULEAN SINS (#11) (\$10.99) Anita Blake is the human consort of both Jean-Claude, the Master Vampire, and Micah, the leopard shapeshifter. But it is Jean-Claude who needs her now as his oldest ancestor has sent one of her vicious and powerful underlings to St. Louis. Number eleven in the series.

**HANDLER, DAVID** BRIGHT SILVER STAR (#3) (\$9.99) In the height of tourist season on the Connecticut gold coast, a famous movie star plunges to his death from a cliff just outside town. State Trooper Desiree Mitry investigates and things get worse when the investigation implicates her lover, transplanted New York film critic Mitch Berger.

**HARLICK, R J** DEATH'S GOLDEN WHISPER (\$12.95) The proposed development of a gold mine causes much trouble among the three cultures sharing the isolated northern wilderness, the English, Quebecois and First Nations. Signed copies while stock lasts.

**HARPER, KAREN** QUEENE'S CHRISTMAS (#6) (\$9.99) Fearing the Twelve Days of Christmas of 1564 may be the last for ailing, elderly friend, Lady Kat Ashley, Queen Elizabeth decrees a nostalgic, old fashioned holiday. But when one of the kitchen staff is found dead Elizabeth and her band of Privy Plot Counselors investigate. Number six in the series.

**HARRIS, CHARLAINE** POPPY DONE TO DEATH (#8) (\$6.99) On the way to a lunch meeting of her local book discussion group, small-town Southern librarian Aurora Teagarden is shocked to find her sister-in-law Poppy, lying bloody and dead outside her own back door.

**HARRIS, ROBERT** POMPEII (\$11.99) In late August 79 A.D. one man is worried. The engineer Marcus Attilius has just taken charge of the Aqua Augusta, the enormous aqueduct which brings fresh water to a quarter of a million people around the Bay of Naples. His predecessor has disappeared and springs are failing for the first time in generations. And now there is a crisis on the Augusta's sixty mile main-line, somewhere north of Pompeii, on the slopes of Mount Vesuvius.

**HART, CAROLYN** LETTER FROM HOME (\$9.99) World-renowned journalist G.G. Gilman received a letter from the small Oklahoma town where she grew up which brought back memories she would rather forget. In the summer of 1944 she was working as a reporter at the local newspaper where speculation as to who murdered Faye Tatum was rampant. Was it her jealous husband who had just returned from the war, or was it because she danced down at the bar with a different man every night? Gretchen knew a different Faye and was determined to uncover the truth. Even if it meant writing a story that would haunt her the rest of her life.

**HAWKINS, JAMES** DAVE BLISS QUINTET (#5) and LOVELACE AND BUTTON (#6) (\$11.99 each) The two most recent entries in the Chief Insp. David Bliss series.

**HEILBRUN, ROBERT** OFFER OF PROOF (\$9.99) A beautiful business woman is robbed and murdered. With her last breath she identifies her assailant. Or does she? Damon Tucker, a young kid from Harlem, is quickly charged with the murder. He maintains his innocence from the beginning, and the only thing that stands between him and the death sentence is his public defender, Arch Gold.

**HELLER, MANDASUE** TAINTED LIVES (\$10.99) Three abandoned children grow up into three damaged adults. One of them will commit murder. Wendy really enjoyed this.

**HESS, JOAN** MAGGODY AND THE MOONBEAMS (#13) (\$10.50) Chief of Police Arly Hanks has been pressed into service as chaperone for the church youth group. The latest in this very funny series.

**HIAASEN, CARL** NATIVE TONGUE (\$10.99) A re-issue.

**HIGHTOWER, LYNN S** FORTUNES OF THE DEAD (#2) (\$10.99) PI Lena Padget and her lover, homicide detective Joel Mendez, find themselves working different ends of the same case. The first in the series is Satan's Lambs, which is out of print at the moment.

**HILL, SUSAN** VARIOUS HAUNTS OF MEN (#1) (\$27.95) This is the first in a proposed series featuring the enigmatic Detective Chief Inspector Simon Serrailer. If you are a fan of Caroline Graham, Wendy thinks that you will really like this mystery. Wonderful writing, lots of interesting characters, several disappearances leading to possible murders and a sad turn of events. One of Wendy's Picks a newsletter ago.

**HILLERMAN, TONY** SINISTER PIG (#13) (\$10.99) Sergeant Jim Chee can't understand why the Washington office of the FBI snatched custody of a case from its local agents and called the death a hunting accident.

**HIMES, CHESTER** IF HE HOLLERS LET HIM GO (\$22.95) The classic story of a man living in fear every day of his for simply being black is as powerful today as it was when it was first published in 1947.

**HORTON, LESLEY** ON DANGEROUS GROUND (#2) (\$10.99) There is no child prostitution in Bradford, at least that's the official line. The truth, as Detective Inspector Handford and Sergeant Khalid Ali find, is very different. Although tough subject matter, this novel is as good as her first one, Snares of Guilt (\$10.99), so well worth the read.

**HOZY, S P** SOME COMFORT AMONG US (\$13.50) Ann Hobart has gone to an ashram in India searching for inner peace but does not come back. Her daughter Stephanie decides to go find her. But when she gets there she learns that life on the ashram is about more than spiritual enlightenment. Two people have already died...

**HUNTER, EVAN** BLACKBOARD JUNGLE (\$11.99) A classic.  
**INDRIDASON, ARNALDUR** JAR CITY (\$27.95) The first in a series of bestselling crime novels set in Reykjavik. Did a forty-year-old "incident" come back to exact its revenge? Winner of the Nordic Crime Novel Award. See Wendy's Picks.

**ISENBERG, JANE** HOT ON THE TRAIL (#7) (\$9.99) The arcane world of racing pigeons is the background to this story. The clay pigeons are coming home to roost.

**JACKSON, LISA** WHISPERS (\$9.99) When voices in the night become whispers, be afraid, be very afraid.

**JAKUBOWSKI, MAXIM ED** BEST BRITISH MYSTERIES (\$16.95) Short stories from Peter Robinson, Ian Rankin, Val McDermid, John Harvey and a host of other great British writers.

**JAMES, BILL** IN GOOD HANDS (#11) (\$11.95)

**JOHNSTON, PAUL** GOLDEN SILENCE (#3) (\$24.95) See the hardcover section for an annotation.

**JUDD, ALAN** KAISER'S LAST KISS (\$19.95)

**KANE, STEPHANIE** EXTREME INDIFFERENCE (\$10.50)

University of Colorado co-ed Amy Lynch collapsed at the side of the road wearing only handcuffs and a dog collar. What happened to Amy and why was she wearing handcuffs belonging to an ambitious federal judge? She dies before she can identify her attacker and the judge is charged with murder in the first degree. He asks his former law student Jackie Flowers to handle his defence. Jackie's life is tough enough already. She has dyslexia and sometimes feels like Alice in Wonderland as she fights her daily battles in what for her is a topsy-turvy world.

**KAVA, ALEX** AT THE STROKE OF MADNESS (#4) (\$8.50)

Profiler and FBI Special Agent Maggie O'Dell is about to take some vacation time when her friend psychologist Dr. Gwen Patterson calls her and asks her to look into the disappearance of one of her patients who went to Connecticut for her grandmother's funeral. Maggie heads to Connecticut when she learns that the body of a woman has been found in a fifty-five gallon drum buried in an abandoned rock quarry. Then more bodies in more drums are unearthed and Maggie is drawn into a case that has both her and the local law enforcement baffled. There are four earlier ones in the series but it seems that number three, Soul Catcher (\$8.50), is the only one available at the moment.

**KILLIAN, DIANA** VERSE OF THE VAMPYRE (#2) (\$10.50)

As Halloween comes to the English village of Innisdale, it seems that a real vampire may be roaming the village. Sequel to High Rhymes and Misdemeanors (\$8.99). See Marian's Picks.

**KISOR, HENRY** SEASONS REVENGE (\$9.99) In the week before Christmas in Upper Peninsula, Michigan, a well respected town resident is found dead, of a suspected bear attack. From the moment deputy sheriff Steve Martinez arrives on the scene things just don't add up. A 224 page Christmas tale.

**KLING, CHRISTINE** SURFACE TENSIONS (\$10.99) Years ago Seychelle Sullivan had the chance to save a person's life but, lost in a world of teenage resentment, she was not able to comprehend any pain but her own. Today she captains her forty-six foot salvage boat out of Fort Lauderdale's New River. Each time she rescues a ship in distress a little hope stirs in her again. On a steamy Florida morning she answers a Mayday call launched from the five-million-dollar Broward yacht called Top Ten. Racing her fiercest competitor for salvage rights, Seychelle has a personal stake in the rescue: her former lover, Neal Garrett, is the yacht's hired skipper. Being the first to reach Top Ten she is also the first to find a woman stabbed to death and Garrett nowhere to be found. A debut novel. Wendy loved it.

**KOONTZ, DEAN** ODD THOMAS (\$11.99) Odd Thomas is a short order cook in a desert town who thinks of himself as an ordinary guy even though he can communicate with spirits. When a mysterious man comes to town with a voracious appetite and a filing cabinet stuffed with information on the world's worst killers, even Odd's deceased informants can't tell him what's going on. But something will happen and it's up to Odd and an unlikely community of allies to stop the catastrophe.

**LANDAY, WILLIAM** MISSION FLATS (\$10.99) Nothing much happens in Versailles, Maine, until a putrefying body is found in a cabin up by the lake. The dead man turns out to be a prosecutor from the DA's office who had been investigating a series of gang-related murders in that city. Ben Truman, Chief of Police, heads down to Boston to follow the few fragile leads he has in the case. A debut novel. We have a few copies of the Bantam UK edition at \$45.

**LASHNER, WILLIAM** BITTER TRUTH (\$9.99) Originally published as VERITAS.

**LEATHER, STEPHEN** HARD LANDING (\$10.99) Dan Shepherd is used to putting his life on the line to apprehend the bad

guys but his most dangerous assignment yet is to go undercover in a top security prison to find a powerful drug baron. One false move and he's toast.

**LEHANE, DENNIS** MYSTIC RIVER (\$21.95) A re-issue in trade paperback. The mass market edition (\$10.99) is still available. Excellent.

**LEON, DONNA** ACQUA ALTA (#5) This is the more reasonable priced US paperback edition.

**LETHEM, JONATHAN** FORTRESS OF SOLITUDE (\$21.00)

**LINSLEY, CLYDE** DEATH SPIRAL (\$6.99) Leo McFarlin, a Washington, DC, private investigator is helping a skating mom protect her teenage daughter. She's not about to let some threatening letters come between Debbie and her quest for the sport's top prize. Leo knows he's skating on thin ice.

**LIPPMAN, LAURA** EVERY SECRET THING (\$10.99) A departure from the Tess Monaghan novels which have been called "spectacular"--*New York Times*, "terrific fun"--*Washington Post*, "a delight"--*Baltimore Sun*, and "the best mystery writing around"--*Village Voice*. Two little girls, banished from a birthday party, take a wrong turn onto an unfamiliar Baltimore street--and find an abandoned stroller with a baby inside it. The girls want to help. But whatever the girls' real intentions, things go horribly awry and three families are destroyed, Seven years later...

**LOFFICIER, JEAN-MARC** SHADOWMEN, HEROES AND VILLAINS OF FRENCH PULP FICTION and SHADOWMEN 2, HEROES AND VILLAINS OF FRENCH COMICS (\$29.99 each) Reference.

**LUCARELLI, CARLO** DAY AFTER DAY (\$27.95) A professional killer is at large in the cities of Italy. Code-named "Pit Bull" he is a master of disguise and Ispettore Grazia Negro hasn't been able to get close enough to catch him.

**LUDEM, ROBERT** TRISTAN BETRAYAL (\$10.99) In the fall of 1940 Stephen Metcalfe, younger son of a prominent American family, is living the high life in occupied Paris. He is a minor asset in the U.S.'s secret intelligence forces in Europe, cavalierly playing the Great Game until the spy network he is part of is suddenly dismantled by the Nazis. He is left stranded in war-torn Europe without a contact, orders, or a contingency plan. With no one else in place, it is left to Michael to investigate a bold plan that may be the only hope for the free world.

**LUDEM, ROBERT & PATRICK LARKIN** LAZARUS VENDETTA (\$22.95) An attack against a nano-technology facility leaves thousands dead—from an accidental release of nanobots—and pandemonium reigns. Lt.Col. Jon Smith is activated by Covert-One to find out and uncover the truth.

**LUPICA, MIKE** RED ZONE (\$10.99) Jack Molloy inherited half of the legendary New York Hawks from his father, and manoeuvred them to the Super Bowl (Bump and Run (\$9.99)). Molloy is taking a break abroad, letting his people take care of things at home, when his siblings, "the devil twins", call to tell him they've sold their half of the team to Big Dick Miles, the legendary businessman. Molloy refuses to sell his half and that's when things get interesting.

**LUTZ, JOHN** DARKER THAN NIGHT (\$9.99) A killer dubbed "The Night Prowler" has turned the city that doesn't sleep into a town kept awake by terror.

**LUTZ, JOHN** NIGHTLINES (#1) (\$10.50) First published in 1984, and, the debut of St. Louis-based PI, Alo Nudger. Glad to see this excellent series being re-printed.

**MCBAIN, ED** FRUMIOUS BANDERSNATCH (\$11.99) When new pop idol Tamar Valparaiso is kidnapped halfway through her performance to launch her debut album, the partygoers look on helplessly while masked men drag her off stage. Detective Steve Carella and the rest of the 87th precinct work to find her before time runs out.

**MCBAIN, ED** VESPERS (#42) and WIDOWS (#43) (\$11.99)  
Two 87<sup>th</sup> Precinct novels. Re-issues.

**MCAULIFFE, NICHOLA** CRIME TSAR (\$17.95) Police Chief Tom Shackleton is just not ambitious enough for his wife's liking. But she's going to fix that.

**MCCUTCHAN, PHILIP** HALFHUDE TO THE NARROWS (#4) (\$18.95) With a ship to call his own at last, Royal Navy Lieutenant St. Vincent Halfhyde has orders to set sail for the Dardanelles to rescue a sailing-ship unlawfully detained by the Russians.

**MCDERMID, VAL** REPORT FOR MURDER (#1), COMMON MURDER (#2), FINAL EDITION aka DEADLINE FOR MURDER (#3), UNION JACK aka CONFERENCES ARE MURDER (#4) and BOOKED FOR MURDER (#5) (\$10.99 each) The first five in the Lindsay Gordon series in mass market.

**MCDERMID, VAL** DISTANT ECHO (\$9.99) Fabulous say both Marian and Wendy.

**MCDERMID, VAL** TORMENT OF OTHERS (#4) (\$22.95) Fourth in the Tony Hill series.

**MCGOWN, JILL** PERFECT MATCH (#1) (\$9.99), MURDERS OF MRS AUSTIN & MRS BEALE (#4) (\$9.99), SHRED OF EVIDENCE (#7) (\$10.99), and PICTURE OF INNOCENCE (#9) (\$10.99). Four of the Lloyd and Hill police procedurals in the US editions as the UK editions are now out of print.

**MACGREGOR, T J** TOTAL SILENCE (\$9.99) In the woods of North Carolina, a killer waits, ready to unleash a shocking plan of revenge. And in his sights is psychic Mira Morales.

**MAFFINI, MARY JANE** DEVIL'S IN THE DETAILS (#4) (\$13.95) The fourth Camilla Macphee mystery. Camilla is wanting nothing more than to lie low, keep out of trouble. But an old acquaintance has an accident and Camilla is named next-of-kin and getting arrested is the least of her worries. Signed copies available while supplies last.

**MAGRS, PAUL** TO THE DEVIL A DIVA (\$26.95)

**MAHONEY, DAN** JUSTICE (\$9.99) An imaginative and lethal killing machine is working its way through New York drug dealers and giving the spoils to charities. The public is cheering but Detectives McKenna and Sanchez are feeling the heat.

**MARTIN, ALLANA** DEATH OF THE RIVER MASTER (#6) (\$6.99) Someone's killed the river master, the guy in charge of the region's scant water supply and accused stands Clay, the local vet. His wife, trading post owner, Texana Jones knows that he is innocent and sets out to so prove.

**MARTIN, ANDREW** BLACKPOOL HIGHFLYER (\$25.00)

**MASTERS, PRISCILLA** ENDANGERING INNOCENTS (\$12.95) A local man, Joshua Baldwin, has been sitting in his car outside the village school in Horton watching the children play. DI Joanna Piercy talks with the teachers and with Baldwin, but eventually decides there is nothing to worry about. She is terribly wrong. A few days later, little Madeline Wiltshaw goes missing from the school. This is number seven in the series although some of them are just in the process of being re-issued.

**MATTHEWS, JOHN** SHADOW CHASER (\$10.99) Andre Lemoine, one of the world's leading geneticists, is on the verge of the medical breakthrough of the century: a link that could unlock a vital key to AIDS and cancer. But there are others who want the answers for their own purposes and would stop at nothing to get them.

**MAYOR, ARCHER** GATEKEEPER (#13) (\$9.99) Joe Gunther investigates the shooting of a young woman during an attempted robbery. Sadly, she is a heroin addict, and worse, also the niece of his girlfriend. Lucky number thirteen in the series.

**MEADE, GLENN** WEB OF DECEIT (\$33.00) A UK import.

**MITCHELL, DAVID** CLOUD ATLAS (\$24.95)

**MORGAN, DEBORAH** FOUR ON THE FLOOR (#4) (\$9.99)

Antiques picker and ex-FBI agent Jeff Talbot's beloved 1948 Chevy woodie was finally restored. But when he goes to pick it up at the shop, he discovers four bodies on the floor—including owner Louie Stella, a former informant from Jeff's FBI days.

**MORTIMER, JOHN** WHERE THERE'S A WILL (\$19.00) Some advice to live by from the wise John Mortimer, although he'd be the first one to tell you to be wary of advice givers. If nothing else, you'll be entertained.

**MOSBY, STEVE** THIRD PERSON (\$10.99) When Amy Sinclair disappears her boyfriend, Jason, sits at home and cruises the same horrific websites that she once did in an effort to find her kidnapper. One day in a place called 'The Melanie Room' he finds him. But when he lays a trap for the monster he gets more than he bargained for. Wendy says: "You have to really like computers to read this".

**NADELSON, REGGIE** DISTURBED EARTH (#5) (\$34.95)

**NEVILLE, KATHERIN** EIGHT (\$22.95) A re-issue and a classic.

**O'BRIEN, MAUREEN** MASK OF BETRAYAL (#2) (\$9.99)

By the time the police discover the woman's body in Kate Creech's bath it has decomposed so much that it is barely recognizable. It has lain undiscovered for seven weeks while Kate has been away playing the lead in a Greek Tragedy in Coventry. Summoned back to London by Detective Inspector John Bright, Kate finds her home transformed into a gruesome crime scene. She has no idea who the dead woman might be, or who might have been using her house in her absence, or why. Was she the intended victim? Bright suspects that Kate is not playing quite fair with the police and Kate is worried, since she gives all her friends her house key, that both the victim and the murderer are part of her social circle.

**OLDHAM, ROBERT K** RESURRECTION (\$22.95)

Neurosurgeon Robert Gordon is on the brink of a fabulous scientific breakthrough but before he can celebrate he has to deal not only with the frustrating grind of the FDA but also the machinations of the brilliant and evil Dr. Antar Chandra, who would stop at nothing, not even murder, to steal his success.

**ONAN, STEWART** NIGHT COUNTRY (\$20.00)

**OWENS, AGNES** BAD ATTITUDES (\$16.95) The seedy side of Glasgow is evoked in these deadly and darkly funny novellas by one of Scotland's finest writers. So says the blurb.

**PARETSKY, SARA** BLACKLIST (#11) (\$10.99) V.I.

Warshawski is hired by the family of an African-American reporter, who is found dead in an ornamental pool of an old estate. The police say he was a black criminal who stumbled to a drunken death; his family does not agree. Number eleven in the series.

**PARKER, ANN** SILVER LIES (\$32.95) During the San Francisco earthquake of 1906 seven-year-old Thomas Moran finds himself accidentally embarking on a career in pickpocketing. In the years that follow he becomes a master of his dubious craft, and grows to manhood travelling from state to state across America. A debut novel by the highly acclaimed director of *Midnight Express* and *The Commitments*.

**PARKER, ROBERT B** STONE COLD (#4) (\$10.99) Small town police chief Jesse Stone is back in book number four searching for a serial killer.

**PARKER, T JEFFERSON** COLD PURSUIT (\$10.99) Homicide cop Tom McMichael must put aside the old family feud when he investigates the murder of eighty-four-year-old patriarch Pete Braga.

**PARKS, TIM** JUDGE SAVAGE (\$21.95) Daniel Savage has reached a crossroads. A highly successful lawyer, he has just been promoted to the position of Crown Court judge. Simultaneously he has decided that the time is right to stop his philandering and rededicate himself to his family. But this pillar of English society has been leading a double life for far too long and everything is

about to fall apart. From the author of the novel, Europa, which was short-listed for the Booker.

**PARRISH, P J** THICKER THAN WATER (\$9.99)

**PATTERSON, JAMES** BIG BAD WOLF (#9) (\$10.99) Alex Cross's first case since joining the FBI has his new colleagues stymied. People from across the country are being kidnapped in broad daylight and then disappear completely. It seems they are being sold as slaves.

**PAWSON, STUART** LIMESTONE COWBOY (#9) (\$12.95) DI Charlie Priest has to act fast or he could be dealing with murder when two people nearly die after eating contaminated food from a local supermarket. Someone has been tampering with the tins. And to make matters worse he gets word that an illegal dog-fighting ring has set up operation nearby.

**PAWSON, STUART** MUSHROOM MAN (#2) (\$12.95) A re-issue of an early Charlie Priest novel, first published in 1995. Excellent example of British police procedurals.

**PERRY, ANNE** NO GRAVES AS YET (#1) (\$10.99) On a sunny afternoon in late June 1914, Cambridge professor Joseph Reavley learns that his parents have died in a car crash. His brother, Matthew, an officer in the Intelligence Service, reveals that their father had been en route to London to turn over to him a mysterious secret document, allegedly with the power to disgrace England forever and destroy the civilised world. The document is now missing. The first in a proposed new series.

**PHILLIPS, MAX** FADE TO BLONDE (\$8.99)

**POTTINGER, STAN** FINAL PROCEDURE (\$9.99) It is in the hands of FBI agent Melissa Gale to stop the ultimate evil. She and her unborn child have a genetic history that the last Nazi will go to any length to get to fulfill his dark dreams for his Ultimate Solution.

**PRABHU, MANJIRI** COSMIC CLUES (\$10.99) A detective agency in Pune, India, combines astrological science with investigations! If you have a problem, contact Sonia Samarth.

**PUZO, MARIO** DARK ARENA (\$10.99) The author's first novel, set in occupied Germany.

**RANKIN, IAN** FLESHMARKET CLOSE (#15) (\$24.95) See the hardcover section for an annotation.

**RANKIN, ROBERT** WITCHES OF CHISWICK (\$10.99)

**RENDELL, RUTH** SINS OF THE FATHERS (#2) (\$9.99) The US title of A NEW LEASE OF DEATH, which has gone out of print in the UK.

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