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Greetings

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It's that time of the year, another Christmas is upon us. Marian, Wendy and Mary are looking forward to some time off to spend with family and friends. Being your basic heathen, this is not a particularly significant time of the year for me so I usually offer to mind the store and Paddington and let them have the time off that they desire. Now, I do have family close by and no doubt we will get together—I have six nieces, ages eight to almost a doctor—and we'll do what we often do, go to the biggest record store and spend money. Another year has gone by, how rapidly they go by, and it remains for us to thank each and everyone of you for your continued support. We love this little bookstore—although after 24 years of being at the helm, Marian and I could be talked into a change—and we know fully well that it's due to you, our wonderful customers, that this has been possible.

Hopefully you have adjusted without too much difficulty to our being closed Mondays. **During the month of December we will be open Mondays (no, not Christmas day)**—now that the golf season is over, I might as well—and besides, with the increased volume of books arriving, I could well use the extra hours.

A reminder, this **November newsletter** is the final issue of your 2006 subscription. You remember our deal, \$35 for one year's subscription of six issues or, better still, buy at least \$100 of books and we'll waive the annual fee. For many of you, you met the minimum a long time ago and you're good for 2007. If you're unsure, then buy lots in the next two months, and be sure. We put in a lot of effort into the newsletter and require that you do your part and support us. Don't forget that the \$100 minimum does not have to be just mysteries, we can source any book. So put us to work. With Christmas coming, you'll need lots of books and we'd love it if you made us your one stop shop.

David has been complaining about being way too busy so he's missing from this issue. He promises to be back for the January 2007 issue. Making her debut is LEEANNE, and more about her a little later on. And don't forget:

GILES BLUNT's

fourth Det. John Cardinal novel is [By The Time You Read This](#) (\$32.95) and he'll be here, **SIGNING**, on the 21st of November from 6 to 7:30pm. Please come meet him.

Wendy's Picks

I was not a big mystery reader until I moved to my present home which is just down the street from the bookstore. I have to admit it - it was convenience more than anything that made me a mystery reader. I could walk up the street and buy a book instead of taking a bus and the subway, or driving, to one of the chains. (I'm so glad I live where I do.) My mystery selections back then, 20 years ago, were pretty hit and miss until I discovered three female writers and their characters who I still love: **P.D. James** and Adam Dalgliesh, **Dorothy Simpson** and Luke Thanet, and **June Thomson** and Jack Finch. Any day one of these writers comes out with a new book is a good day. It has been about 6 years but **JUNE THOMSON** has finally written her (I think) 18th Detective Chief Inspector Jack Finch mystery, [Going Home](#) (\$44.95). The village of Northorpe in Essex seems to be a tranquil place and it is here that Alex Lambert comes, after the death of his wife, with his deaf fourteen year old daughter Charlotte. Their life is peaceful until Noel Murray moves into the neighbourhood and Charlotte goes missing. Could these two events be related? Is someone in the village responsible? DCI Jack Finch and his colleague DS Helen Wyatt are assigned the case but Alex needs to exact his own vengeance. The mystery is wonderfully constructed, its development progressed from two points of view: the first person narrative told by Alex in the form of a journal, and the third person investigation by Finch. My taste in mysteries has changed dramatically since my initial introduction to these authors but I can't resist them. It was a pleasure picking up this book and re-making Finch's acquaintance. Well worth the wait. Unfortunately, **Thomson's** earlier mysteries are all out-of-print but don't let that stop you from picking up this wonderful English police procedural.

JOYCE HOLMS has written another terrific Fizz and Buchanan mystery, [Missing Link](#) (\$39.95). Fizz Fitzgerald is now working as a lawyer and is shocked when Mrs. Sullivan, an elderly lady, approaches her and wants Fizz to prove her guilty of murder. Fizz thinks that her story is too good to be true but is determined to get to the bottom of it. As usual, she turns to Tam Buchanan for help. Tam has left the firm to set up his own practice and is more than reluctant to get involved but we all know that Fizz gets her way. Poor Tam. A puzzling mystery - why is Mrs. Sullivan so eager to be guilty of murder? Was the person in prison wrongfully convicted? Who was the victim really - a generous upper class lady or a tart (Mrs. Sullivan's description)? The wonderfully humorous duo of Fizz and Buchanan are on the case. And, good news, a small US publishing house, Bloody Brits Press, will reissue the first Fizz and Buchanan

mystery, Payment Deferred (\$18), in January 2007. We can also get Hot Potato (#7) for \$13.95 and Hidden Depths (#8) for \$11.95, both of which are wonderful. Hopefully, more of the series will become available in the near future.

Marian has picked **BRIAN FREEMAN**'s second Strider mystery, Stripped (\$34.95 hardcover, \$24.95 trade paperback) so let me just second her opinion. I loved his first book Immoral (\$10.99) so couldn't wait for the follow-up. I think that Stripped is even better – I was hooked even before the end of the first chapter. Jonathan Stride and Serena Dial are in Las Vegas, investigating a string of murders that could be connected to a 40 year old unsolved murder. Twists and turns abound. A page turner. Don't miss out on these thrilling mysteries!

I really enjoy mysteries with series characters that I want to know more about, their lives, their families, etc. It's like meeting up with old friends. That's probably why I like **James, Simpson and Thomson** so much. I'm feeling that way about **CHRIS COLLETT**'s characters, DI Tom Mariner and his live-in love, Anna, the woman with the autistic brother, all introduced in The Worm in the Bud (\$10.95). In Written in Blood (\$39.95), **Collett**'s third mystery, Tom and Anna's personal life finally seems to be on track and they are looking forward to a quiet Christmas holiday together. But an explosion in Birmingham's city centre and its tragic aftermath sets Mariner off on an unofficial investigation. An unexpected reunion, a double murder and corruption are all elements of this absorbing mystery. (*There seems to be no sign of Blood of the Innocents, the middle novel, becoming available in a Canadian paperback edition any time soon so we are smuggling in a small quantity of the UK paperback. The usual expensive British import (C\$21), but feel free to reserve one.—J.D.*)

Two more characters that I am always eager to read about are Evan Delaney and her boyfriend Jesse, the principal characters in the wonderful mystery series written by **MEG GARDINER**. In the newest addition to the series, Kill Chain (\$37.95 hardcover, \$24.95 trade paperback), Evan's father Phil has disappeared and the FBI believes that he has left the country to avoid prosecution. Evan thinks otherwise and becomes the target of several attempts on her life. She goes on the run, to clear her name and find information to save her father. Jesse meanwhile is trying to stop Evan without giving up information that he received from Phil. This is a fast moving read with an evil mother and son team, assassins, double crosses and surprises that don't let up until the very end. I found myself reading until late into the night – couldn't put it down. The ending has me wanting the next book NOW!

The Thirteenth Tale (\$32.95) by **DIANE SETTERFIELD** is an outstanding debut novel. It is the story of Margaret, a young woman working in her father's antiquarian bookshop, who is summoned by Vida Winter, a legendary novelist, to write her biography. Over the years, varying accounts of Vida's life have been written (provided by Vida herself) but she has now decided that it is time to set the facts straight. She has two rules: the story must be told in order and Margaret cannot ask any questions. Margaret is spellbound by Vida's story but begins her own research to verify the facts. She discovers that she may have much in common with the writer. A very simple explanation of a story that is captivating from the beginning. I have re-read the first 40 pages or so where Margaret talks about books and reading. Anyone who loves these two things will appreciate Margaret's description of her love for the bookstore, the books that she looks after and the experience of reading. This is a slow moving story, a story of secrets, ghosts, murder, obsession and so much more. I'm not sure what the time

period of the story is – it feels older. The advanced reading copy says it is “a dark and compelling mystery in the timeless vein of Daphne Du Maurier, about family secrets and the potent magic of storytelling”. Superb.

The last of my picks and the best: The Book of Lost Things (\$29.99, the US edition) by **JOHN CONNOLLY**. This book is a departure from the Charlie Parker series and the standalone, Bad Men, and it is a gem, one of the best books that I've read in a good while. David, twelve years old, has lost his mother and he takes refuge from his grief in the books that he and his mother loved. The real world and the fantasy world begin to blend and bad things start to happen. Then the Crooked Man appears. David is transported into a land of heroes, wolves and monsters and he must find The Book of Lost Things in order to return home. A book about imagination, loss, grief, fairy tales with a twist, death and growing up. I laughed, I cried, I cringed. I wish that I had the words to properly describe the wonderfulness of this book but I don't so I will quote from the UK book jacket: “An imaginative tribute to the journey that we must all make through the loss of innocence into adulthood. **John Connolly**'s latest novel is a book for every adult who can recall the moment when childhood began to fade, and for every child about to face that moment. It is a story of hope for all who have lost and all who have yet to lose. It is an exhilarating tale of grief and loss, loyalty and love, and, most poignantly, the enduring power of stories in our lives.” Great writing, great story telling, just what I've come to expect from this very talented writer.

Happy Thanksgiving to all our American friends and customers. And it seems too early to be saying this but this is the last newsletter for '06 so all the best of the holiday season to everybody.

Marian's Picks

I walked the Chicago Marathon in late October and was very pleased with myself. In fact I was only two minutes slower this year than when I “ran” it last year. (Well I am a very slow runner!). I think this may be the way to go for the next marathon as well; walking seems to agree with my body. I've tried a couple of times to get into the New York City Marathon, but as entry is by ballot for most of us, I have not been able to. I'm going to try again. There are a ton of others to choose from, should I still not get in. Mary has said there is one in Maine in mid-October. There is always Rome, in mid-March. I've not been to Maine, nor to Rome for that matter, so either would work. The only trouble with a mid-March marathon is that the training is done over the winter months, and that's not nearly as much fun. Maybe Florence or Venice?? Wendy, who went to Italy earlier this year, loved it so much that I might just have to postpone Maine to another year.

Another year is coming to a close and as I look back on it I am so grateful to you for your continuing support of our store. I wish you continued health and happiness and hope you have a terrific 2007.

I sometimes wonder what makes me pick up one book over another, what attracts me, but whatever, I find lots of good reads quite haphazardly. Murder 101 (\$31.95) by **MAGGIE BARBIERI** is one of those. What a pleasant surprise. It's a light, witty, fun read. I laughed out loud in spots. I loved the main character, Alison Bergeron, an English professor at a Catholic college in the Bronx, who cries at the slightest provocation, and has a tendency to be sick to her stomach equally easily. The police duo, good cop, bad cop, were entertaining, the plot was only okay but so what? It was fun, fun, fun. I loved the one-liners, the nuns (did I mention the

nuns?), the tension between Alison and the good cop, and, like Wendy, I want the second one NOW.

Echo Park (\$34.00 signed first editions) by **MICHAEL CONNELLY** is a super read. The plot is twisty, the bad guys are nasty, Harry Bosch is brilliant. What can I say. I loved it. Harry is back with the LAPD in its Open-Unsolved Unit looking at cases that alluded him and others many years ago. Great storytelling.

Wendy and I fought over this pick. I win. I just loved Immoral (\$10.99) by **BRIAN FREEMAN** which introduced Duluth, Minnesota, policeman Jonathan Stride. It was another of those “Wendy made me read it” books and I’m glad she did. Great characters, cool settings, uncomfortable plot, but gripping and so well written. When the second book arrived (Stripped \$34.95 UK hardcover, \$24.95 trade paperback) I was apprehensive about reading it. Sometimes second books don’t live up to the promise of the first. Not to worry, this is as good as Immoral. Stride has moved to Las Vegas, and an old crime, committed when Las Vegas was a world of glamour and mafia, has come back to haunt the police department. Wow, this man can write.

I have always enjoyed historical mysteries. They take me to a time and place that, while I enjoy reading about, I am often glad I never had to live in. I know the stories and most of the characters are fictional but there is always some glimmer of truth in them and, besides, if I wanted to read a history text I’d get a history text. The three books by **C.J. SANSOM** featuring hunch-backed lawyer Matthew Shardlake, set during the time when Henry VIII was dissolving the monasteries, are superb. The writing is excellent and the feel of the time and place is such that I’m actually there. I also suspect that most of the historic detail in these books is accurate. The three books are Dissolution, Dark Fire (\$9.99 each) and Sovereign (\$32.95 in hardcover and \$22.95 in trade paperback). Terrific.

I have really enjoyed reading the **SUSANNA KEARSLEY** novels and her newest one is no exception. Every Secret Thing (\$39.95 hardcover and \$24.95 trade paperback) has been written under the pseudonym **EMMA COLE**, mostly I suppose, because the book is quite different from her earlier offerings. Kate Murray is a journalist covering a trial in England when she is approached by an elderly gentleman claiming to want justice for a murder committed some time ago. Seconds after Kate speaks with him, he is killed in a hit-and-run accident. The story takes Kate back to when her grandmother worked for the British Security Coordination in New York and flips between current day and World War II. Beautifully written and a great story as well. Under the **SUSANNA KEARSLEY** name she wrote what I’m going to call romantic suspense novels very much in the style of **Mary Stewart**, Marianna, The Splendour Falls, The Shadowy Horses, Named of the Dragon (\$8.99 each) and Season of Storms (\$10.99). Different, but equally good.

I have also read a few of what I call ‘fast reads’, those lighter, more humorous mysteries that, like popcorn, you can inhale without taxing your brain. They’ll make you smile.

Continuing with her wonderful “Passport to Peril” series of mysteries, **MADDY HUNTER** takes you to Australia this time in G’Day to Die (\$8.99). Emily Andrew leads her group of world-touring seniors on another adventure where you just know they will get into trouble. As an added attraction Emily is being romanced by two suitors: the dashing Etienne Miceli and the gorgeous tour director Duncan Lazarus. Other books in this series are Alpine for You, Top O’The Mourin’, Pasta Imperfect and Hula Done It? (\$9.50 each). All are wonderful.

Shooting Gallery (\$9.99) is the second in the series written by a sister duo who go by the name of **HAILEY LIND**. I thoroughly enjoyed the first, Feint of Art (\$9.99), and I loved the second. I love art mysteries and both of these deal with paintings that may, or may not, be frauds. The San Francisco area setting is another bonus as I’ve always had a good time when visiting there. Annie Kincaid is an art forger gone good. Or at least she is trying to go good. She is the granddaughter of Georges LeFleur, who is still forging masterpieces and his world overlaps into hers. In Shooting Gallery, a Chagall painting is stolen from a museum and Annie’s old friend Bryan is suspected of the theft. Annie knows that the thief is the very sexy art thief Michael Collins, or whatever his name happens to be at the moment. Fun and informative if you like art.

VICTORIA LAURIE is a psychic who has written four books featuring psychic Abby Cooper. What fun. So much fun, in fact, I actually had a telephone reading done by the author, just like Abby does for her clients. Abby uses her psychic powers to help her clients and in the first book she falls for a police officer who, reluctantly, accepts her help in solving the murder. The books are: Abby Cooper: Psychic Eye, Better Read Than Dead, Vision of Murder and Killer Insight (\$9.99 each). Fun, fun, fun.

I don’t know why I read Lovely Bones (\$9.99) by **ALICE SEBOLD** when it first came out in 2002, maybe Wendy made me. It is now out in paperback and if you want to read a story that will stay with you for many years to come, this is one. A young girl, who is now in heaven, is telling the story of her murder and how it has affected her family. It is tragic but so beautiful and sentimental that you will never forget it.

J.D.'s Picks

I must be living right. In the last six months I have read three of the best novels that I have ever read. How I got this lucky, I do not know and how I’m going to repeat this trick, I also do not know. I told you at length about **CRAIG JOHNSON** a couple of newsletters ago and I’d like to tell you about **KATE ATKINSON**’s Case Histories (\$19.95) now. The book was published almost two years ago and it sold well in both the hardcover and trade paperback edition but I never did get around to reading it. A few months ago I had taken the train to Ottawa to visit my two brothers (and play some golf!) and one of the books that I had taken with me was this one. I read it on the way back. Now you must realize that, typical male, I am easily distracted. In fact, for a good part of the journey the tracks run along the north shore of Lake Ontario, the view is terrific, and I can quite happily gaze out the window for the entire journey of some four hours. And get, maybe, ten pages read. I tell you, on the way back, the trip went by in a flash, the train could have been hijacked, the conductor forgotten where he was going, and I could have cared less. In fact I was annoyed that he had not taken longer. Got to Union Station, Toronto’s central train station, and I had about forty pages to go. I have not been more mesmerized by a novel in such a long time. The story is terrific, the writing is sparkling and witty, the setting is Cambridge, UK—how much better can it get? It’s the perfect read. I have mentioned this book to lots of people, customers and friends, visiting authors and publishers, and a surprising number of people had already read this book. And all but one have adored it. The sequel One Good Turn (\$34.95) has been published but I’m afraid to read it. Can the author pull off another marvel? Does lightning strike twice?

In the September newsletter I told you that I would read Dead Cat Bounce (\$17.95) by **NORMAN GREEN** and report back. I had liked a great deal the first Stoney novel, Shooting Dr. Jack (\$19.95 trade paperback or \$10.99 mass market), that was some years ago, and was pleased to finally see a sequel, but had not read it at the time. Well, it's my pleasure to tell you that I have and it's terrific. Of course, if you have not caught up with this series start with Shooting Dr. Jack. Yet again, family plays an important role in the story. This time around it's Stoney's wife and daughter who have gotten involved with a dangerous man and it's Stoney's other family, Benny his AA advisor, Tommy and Tuco his comrades-in-arms, who are going to help him protect them.

I've been a fan of **T. JEFFERSON PARKER**'s from the very first novel, Laguna Heat, through two Edgar Winners, Silent Joe and California Girl (all \$10.99 each), and now to The Fallen (\$32.95 a few signed first editions remain). The author was in the store recently and it was great to chat for a bit. This story is about Robbie Brownlaw, a homicide detective for the city of San Diego. His life was pretty ordinary until three years ago when he was thrown out of a downtown hotel window. He survived. Mostly intact. The fall resulted in two things: a certain amount of notoriety, the Falling Detective, and he ended up with synesthesia, a rare medical condition where the senses get a little scrambled. So, he now sees people's emotions as colored shapes that spill from their mouths as they speak. What amounts to a primitive lie detector. Many reviewers are convinced that the author will win his third Edgar with this novel. It would not surprise me any.

Way back in 1985 Gollancz published Disorderly Elements (\$18.50), a debut novel by **BOB COOK**. Michael Wyman is about to be made redundant—both the university where he's a professor and the British secret service for which he's worked for 30 years are about to lay him off. Happily, a miracle is at hand, in the form of a Communist spy burrowed deep in British intelligence and he's ready to come clean. But only to Wyman. In reviewing the book in the New York Times the following year Newgate Callendar said "Mr. Cook has real talent, and he tells his story in a way beholden to nobody. The primary tone is one of irreverence. Mr. Cook pokes fun at the pompous, cold-blooded, self-serving university types. His rapier nicks top politicians and scared bureaucrats." Had I seen the review back in 1986, I probably would have read it then and there. But I missed it. And, now, thanks to those really perceptive people at Felony and Mayhem the book is back in print. I picked it up because of the cover illustration and read it because they promised that fans of **Ross Thomas** would like it. Well, I'm a fan of Ross Thomas. I read it. And they were correct. I loved it. So will you.

Leeanne's List

(We have oft said that we can get you virtually any book—just put us to the task—and some of you have done that. One such customer is Leeanne for whom we order lots of fantasy and romance, books about vampires, werewolves, and other assorted creatures of the night, books of mythology, and just lots of other general, weird stuff. It occurred to me that I should tap into all that knowledge and prevail upon her to tell us about some of her favourite authors of these alternative genres. What follows is part one of her lengthy article and the balance will follow. Thank you very much Leeanne. Your special reward is on its way.—J.D.)

I read voraciously. In all genres. I go everywhere by public transit and I get a lot of reading done there. My idea of heaven would be

to own a bookstore. I was not entirely sure what J.D. wanted when he first approached me with this request but here is what I came up with.

KELLEY ARMSTRONG and her Women of the Otherworld series. Elena Michaels is a withdrawn and shy young woman who grew up in the foster home system. While studying at the University of Toronto she meets and falls in love with her anthropology professor Clayton Danvers. What Elena did not know was that Clayton is a werewolf. Now, of course, with a good looking couple in love it is only natural that Clay should bite Elena and turn her into a Werewolf. Elena however, does not see it that way. In fact when we begin to read Bitten (\$10.99) that is exactly how she feels: bitten and bitter. We learn about Armstrong's version of pack law and meet the many werewolves and Mutts loping around us.

In **Armstrong**'s second novel in the series, Stolen (#2) (\$10.99), we see that Elena slowly learns to trust Clay, despite herself. Unfortunately werewolves are not the only things that go bump in the night, and this Elena learns the hard way when she is kidnapped. A host of demons, Vampires, and Witches, are imprisoned with Elena in a compound specially designed for humans who like to hunt dangerous prey. The Pack must learn to work with others in order to rescue Elena. Ruth and Paige Winterbourne lead the Supernatural council to try to help and keep the rest of their species from being added to the hunting roster.

Broken (#3) (\$10.99). Since **Kelly Armstrong** has created a very convincing world of the supernatural why not add Jack the Ripper into the mix? If you want to know what happens when this notorious killer of women chooses a female werewolf as his next victim, read this. A most worthy opponent.

Paige Winterbourne, a relatively minor character in the earlier novels, goes on to have her own adventures in Dime Store Magic (#1) (\$10.99) and Industrial Magic (#2) (\$10.99). See, spin-offs. **Armstrong** quickly differentiates her witches from Wiccans and other pagans. A point I particularly appreciate, since, once the disclaimer is dispensed with, a pagan like myself can sit down and enjoy the tales. Paige faces another unique challenge; she has custody of a young witch named Savannah who was found in the compound from Stolen. Headstrong and intelligent, Savannah doesn't give Paige an inch, and the two are better for it. In Paige's new life she has to cope with demon Cabals, inheriting the leadership of the American Coven, religious protesters on her lawn and ever dreaded, the social workers. Egad!!

Which brings us to Haunted (\$10.99). Eve has shuffled off her mortal coil but that doesn't stop her from having one heck of an after-life. This is **Armstrong**'s darkest novel yet and some of the subject matter may upset parents. Eve is **Armstrong**'s bad girl, breaking all of the rules and damn the consequences. This behaviour somehow makes Eve the Fates' chosen champion. Eve's assignment is to catch a demi-demon, who inspires serial killers to greater heights. Eve jumps at the chance to complete the task in the hopes of improving her chances of contact with her living daughter Savannah. After bonding with Elena and Paige in **Kelley Armstrong**'s previous novels we get to see Eve from a different perspective, her own.

These novels are addictive, I warn you. The supernatural playground and the supernatural beings are likely unfamiliar to you, but give her a chance.

L.A. BANKS is another very interesting writer. I have read many novels of the supernatural and one very uncommon feature is a

main character who is a person of colour. (*A phrase I've always found mildly amusing. Isn't white a colour as well?—J.D.*) So it was refreshing to read Minion (\$9.99), a story about the very sexy Damali Richards. Damali has the power and authority of being The One but has to sacrifice being a regular teenager. Coming to grips with the responsibilities involved with protecting her friends and family is tough and this young woman does it with attitude! All in all, a very sensual read.

POPPY Z. BRITE's Exquisite Corpse (\$16.95) is written in part from the perspective of the serial killer and, consequently, this book is very graphic and strikes a cord. One's spinal cord that is. It is, also, mesmerizing and everyone I have met who has read it agrees that the title is very apt.

I read **Brite's** Lost Souls (\$11.99) over twelve years ago and lent it out, never to see my copy again. Sleuth kindly found me a new copy and I have loved reading it a second and third time. The story is about a skinny teenage boy named Nothing who runs away from his adopted middle class family. Nothing's travels lead him into the path of a nomadic trio of Vampires, Molochai, Twig and the stunningly beautiful Zillah, who quickly accept him into their circle. The foursome feed off each other sexually and for sustenance, which becomes complicated when Nothing discovers that Zillah is his father. Horror, broadly speaking perhaps, but this author just has a style all her own and I consider her works among my favourites. I highly recommend a shot of chartreuse with this one.

Ah, Harry Dresden, the sweet, charming wizard from **JIM BUTCHER's** Dead Beat (#7) (\$10.99). Despite having the powers of light and darkness at his fingertips, Harry still ends up being the underdog when solving mysteries. It's that damn, annoying moral code of his. One of his big weaknesses is women, not a big shocker, but it is in that he is determined to be chivalrous. Not in a sexist way but in a lovable, really likes women sort of way. An old nemesis blackmails Harry into finding the Word of Kemmler or they will kill his heartthrob, Detective Karrin Murphy. Our hero must find the mysterious Word, keep it out of the hands of the White Court Vampires and any necromancers without the Wizards Council noticing, in order to keep Karrin Murphy alive and avoid ruining her vacation. I just hope he doesn't forget to water the plants!

The opening of **RACHEL CAINE's** Firestorm (\$9.99), the fifth in the Weather Warden series, drops you right in the middle of the action. Which works, because you wonder what are we running from and why. Ever the rebel, Joanne Baldwin is stuck in the middle between the Wardens and the Djinn in a battle over humanity. Again. The big problem here, however, is that Mother Earth has been woken and someone has told her just what we humans have been up to, and She is not impressed. It's up to Joanne to prove that humans are worth keeping before the planet decides to destroy everything as we know it to start over. Always fast paced and action packed, the Weather Warden series will keep you excited. (*I have also read the five Weather Warden books and loved them-- Marian*)

In a more mysterious vein, **Rachel Caine** has also worked on the Red Letter Days series, Devil's Bargain (#1) and Devil's Due (#2) (\$6.99 ea.), introducing tomboy Jazz Callendar and the elegant Lucia Garza. This talented odd couple is brought together to work on strange tasks, which are delivered by mysterious red envelopes. Romance and intrigue all packed into great, short novels. The perfect way to while away an afternoon and get away from it all.

Hardcover

ATKINSON, KATE ONE GOOD TURN (#2) (\$34.95) (Doubleday, Canada) Two years after the events in Case Histories (\$19.95 trade paperback, extraordinary, extraordinary, extraordinary) left him a millionaire, former detective Jackson Brodie is in Edinburgh with his occasional girlfriend, Julia. After watching a man being brutally attacked in a traffic jam, the apparent victim of an extreme case of road rage, a chain of events is set in motion that will pull the wife of an unscrupulous real estate tycoon, a mild-mannered but successful crime novelist and a hard-headed female police detective into Brodie's orbit. See *J.D.'s Picks*

BALDACCI, DAVID COLLECTORS (#2) (\$34.99) Four highly eccentric men with mysterious pasts call themselves The Camel Club (\$10.99) whose self-styled mission is to find out what really goes on behind the closed doors of America's leaders. The Camel Club determines that the assassination of the U.S. Speaker of the House has a chilling connection to the death of the director of the Library of Congress's rare book room.

BARBIERI, MAGGIE MURDER 101 (\$31.95) (St. Martin's) English professor Alison Bergeron, recently divorced from a fellow professor and even more recently carless, it was stolen, has been hoofing it to St. Thomas, a small catholic college on the banks of the Hudson River in the Bronx. One evening, two NYPD homicide detectives drop by her office. The good news is they found her beat-up Volvo. The bad news is that the body of one of the students in her Shakespeare seminar was in the trunk. What will the nuns think? A debut mystery. See *Marian's Picks*.

BARCLAY, TESSA FINAL DISCORD (\$36.95)

BEALL, WILL L. A. REX (\$31.00) (Riverhead) A tough and gritty police procedural set in South Central L.A.'s 77th Division, where the author is still a policeman. Ben Halloran, a rookie cop, is assigned to ride with Miguel Marquez, one of the last of the old school, an officer whose principled mix of fearlessness and brutality has earned him the awe and respect of every gang banger and low-life in the division. Ben and Marquez plunge fast and deep into the city's burgeoning gang war. A debut novel.

BEATON, M C LOVE LIES AND LIQUOR (#16) (\$29.95) (St. Martin's) Agatha Raisin is delighted that her ex-husband is moving in next door and more so when he suggests they take a holiday together to his most favourite place. It turns out to be Snoth-on-Sea which has definitely seen better days. When one of the guests turns up dead, strangled by Agatha's scarf, so much for holiday fantasies.

BECKETT, SIMON CHEMISTRY OF DEATH (#1) (\$30.00) (Delacorte) A debut novel, this is the US edition. Three years ago, David Hunter moved to rural Norfolk to escape his life in London, his gritty work in forensics and a tragedy that nearly destroyed him. Working as a simple country doctor he struggles to remain uninvolved when the body of a woman is found in the woods.

BENJAMIN, CAROL LEA HARD WAY (#9) (\$31.00) (Morrow) Rachel Alexander disguises herself as a homeless person in New York City and lives on the streets in an attempt to find the homeless man witnesses say pushed a man onto the subway track.

BENN, JAMES R BILLY BOYLE (\$30.00) A World War 2 Mystery. Billy Boyle, newly made Detective with the Boston police department when war breaks out, is looking for a safe job, away from the fighting. His Uncle Ike, a general, can probably help. Uncle Ike, of course, turns out to be Dwight D. Eisenhower and he wants Billy to his personal investigator! Lots of period colour.

BERENSON, LAURIEN CHOW DOWN (#13) (\$31.00) When she receives the letter from the Champions Dog Food Company informing her that Faith has been selected as a finalist in the "All Dogs Are Champions" contest, Melanie is mystified, until she dis

covers it was Davy who signed Faith up and there is no escape clause. When one of the other dog owners falls down the stairs, Melanie doesn't believe it was an accident.

BILLHEIMER, JOHN STONEWALL JACKSON'S ELBOW (#5) (\$50.00) (Five Star) After the death of J. Burton Caldwell, president of a bank in Contrary, WV, federal bank examiners find three-quarters of a billion dollars missing. To try and recoup some of the investors' money, the bank's assets are auctioned off along with all the holdings in the Museum of Fakes and Forgeries that Caldwell founded. When the museum's curator disappears and successful auction bidders start dying, failure analyst Owen Allison investigates. A terrific series which is, alas, mostly out of print but Contrary Blues (\$10.99), the first Owen Allison novel, is available.

BISHOP, CLAUDIA ed MERRY BAND OF MURDERERS short stories (\$29.95) (Poisoned Pen) A collection of short stories by **Claudia Bishop, Rhys Bowen, Val McDermid, Peter Robinson, Bill Moody, Don Bruns** and others. Includes a CD featuring performances by many of the contributors. Ever heard Val McDermid or Don Bruns sing? They're good. Buy it for the CD alone.

BLOCK, BRETT ELLEN LIGHTNING RULE (\$32.50) (Morrow) It is the summer of 1967 and Newark, New Jersey, is in the grip of a heat wave that is bringing the city's simmering racial tension to a boiling point. Banished to desk duty, Detective Martin Emmett is offered a chance at professional redemption if he can quickly and quietly solve the murder of a black teenager whose mutilated body has been found in a subway tunnel. The investigation leads Emmett to a terrible discovery: the dead boy is just one victim in a string of sadistic murders.

BLOOM, ELIZABETH MORTICIAN'S DAUGHTER (\$33.99) (Mysterious) Ginny Lavoie's life is in shambles. Evicted from her apartment, suspended by the NYPD, betrayed by her lover, the disgraced cop thinks she can't sink any lower. Then she gets a call from her childhood friend saying her friend's son has been murdered. Returning to the scruffy New England mill town she left more than ten years ago she searches for a killer. An earlier novel is See Isabelle Run (\$9.99). AKA Beth Saulnier.

BLUNT, GILES BY THE TIME YOU READ THIS (#4) (\$32.95) (Random House, Canada) For years, detective John Cardinal's wife, Catherine, has battled severe depression. When she takes her own life, people are saddened but not surprised. Except for Cardinal. Sequel to Forty Words For Sorrow, Delicate Storm and Blackfly Season (\$10.99 each). **Meet Giles Blunt at Sleuth on Tuesday November 21, 2006 from 6.00 pm to 7.30pm.**

BOURNE, SAM RIGHTEOUS MEN (\$35.00) (Viking, Canada) How can a series of killings in every corner of the globe be connected? That's the instinct of Will Monroe, a young, British-born reporter on the New York Times--until the morning his beautiful wife is kidnapped. We had copies of this book earlier in the year in the UK edition. A debut novel.

BOYD, WILLIAM RESTLESS (\$32.95) (Random House, Canada) It is the summer of 1976 in Oxfordshire, England, and someone is trying to kill Sally Gilmartin. The only person she can trust is her daughter Ruth, a young single mother struggling with her own demons. Now Sally must tell her daughter the truth: she is really Eva Delectorskaya, a Russian émigré recruited for the British Secret Service in 1939, after the murder of her brother, also a spy. As Ruth tries to make sense of the twists and turns that have brought her back to Oxford, she is drawn deeper and deeper into the astonishing events in her mother's past.

BRODRICK, WILLIAM GARDENS OF THE DEAD (#2) (\$32.50) (Viking) When Elizabeth Glendinning, Q.C., dies of heart failure while making a desperate phone call to the police, her colleagues and family are devastated and mystified. After her funeral three people: her son, Nicholas; Inspector Cartwright, the officer she was trying to call; and Father Anslem, Elizabeth's former col-

league, a barrister turned monk; each receives a package about a case from earlier years. The packages also includes mysterious newspaper clippings about the accidental drowning of John Bradshaw, who happens to be the son of the principal witness in the case. The first is the excellent Sixth Lamentation (\$20.00 trade). **BROWN, RITA MAE** HOUNDS AND THE FURY (\$32.95) (Ballantine) Millions of dollars seem to be missing after a long overdue audit of the local aluminum plant reveals a major accounting discrepancy. The bookkeeper can't explain it. When the math includes a body count, the figures can not be ignored. Venerable master of the Jefferson Hunt Club, Jane Arnold, relies on her keen horse and hound sense to follow the trail of murder and cover-up. **BRUEN, KEN** AMERICAN SKIN (\$30.95) more on the way... **BURKE, JAN** KIDNAPPED (#10) (\$29.99) (Simon & Schuster) When Irene Kelly's articles profiling missing children run in the Las Piernas Express she doesn't expect the murderous chain reaction. One of the more tragic disappearances was that of four-year-old Jenny Fletcher. Her father was found bludgeoned to death and Jenny had disappeared. Hours later Jenny's stepbrother Mason was found with the murder weapon and bloody clothes. Caleb, a graduate student studying with forensic anthropologist Ben Sheridan, works on cases for the Las Piernas police department, doesn't believe she is dead or that Mason killed their father.

BUSH, NANCY ELECTRIC BLUE (#2) (\$27.95) (Kensington) Jane Kelly, thirty-something ex-bartender and current process server, is putting in her time to become a private eye, when the very handsome Jasper Purcell, son of Lake Chinook's wealthiest family, asks her to help him convince his grandmother to give up control of the family fortune. She is in her eighties and is losing her marbles. The first in the series is Candy Apple Red (\$9.99).

BUTLER, GWENDOLINE DREAD MURDER (\$39.95) (Allison & Busby) In the court of King George IV, Major Mearns, a veteran of Wellington's army, receives a package containing a pair of severed legs that belonged to a fellow soldier. Casting aside official protocol, Mearns, his friend Sgt. Denny, and a precocious young runaway, Charlie, decide to investigate the murder themselves.

CANNELL, STEPHEN J WHITE SISTER (\$33.95) (St. Martin's) Leaving L.A.'s Parker Center, Shane Scully and his wife, Alexa, agree to meet at home in one hour. Shane gets there; Alexa doesn't. Later that night he is called to a crime scene where the victim has been found in Alexa's car and her service revolver is most likely the murder weapon.

CHILDS, LAURA MOTIF FOR MURDER (#4) (\$30.00) (Berkeley) In the terrible wake of Hurricane Katrina, Carmela Bertrand has her hands full getting her scrap-booking shop, Memory Mine, back in business and her relationship with her ex-husband, Shamus, back on its feet. But then Shamus is kidnapped and his Uncle Henry is found shot. The first three are Keepsake Crimes, Photo Finished (\$9.99 each) and Bound for Murder (\$8.99).

CHRISTIE, AGATHA We never tire of Agatha, do we? Two different publishers have been busy reissuing her in hardcover. First, Black Dog, in a series of really inexpensive hardcover editions, complete with dust jackets (\$15.95 ea.): ABC Murders, Body in the Library, Evil Under the Sun, Murder at the Vicarage, Murder is Announced, Murder of Roger Ackroyd, Murder on the Orient Express and Mysterious Affair at Styles. Then HarperCollins, her long time publishers, have released fourteen titles in facsimile editions, just like the originals, complete with facsimile dust jackets (\$23.95 ea.). See their ad on page 11b for a complete list and reproductions of the covers.

CLEMENS, JUDY TO THINE OWN SELF BE TRUE (#3) (\$29.95) (Poisoned Pen) Halfway through her tattoo at Wolf Ink. Pennsylvania dairy farmer Stella Crown dozes off when her tattoo artist, Wolf, and his wife, Mandy, go into the back room. When she awakes she realizes they are not coming back and goes home. Be-

fore long the police arrive and tell her Mandy is dead and Wolf is missing. The first two in this fine series are Till the Cows Come Home (\$19.95) and Three Can Keep a Secret (\$18.50 trade paperback expected soon). One of Marian's favourites.

CLEVERLY, BARBARA TUG OF WAR (#6) (\$54) (Constable) An expensive British import. Limited stock. It is the summer of 1926 and Joe Sandilands is dispatched under the auspices of Interpol to Reims, where he represents British interests in an unusual case. The first four novels in the series were set in India in the waning days of the Raj: The Last Kashmiri Rose and Ragtime in Simla (\$10.99 ea.), The Damascened Blade and The Palace Tiger (\$17.00 trade paperback ea.). The fifth, The Bee's Kiss (\$21 trade paperback) is set in London. A terrific series.

COEL, MARGARET DROWNING MAN (#12) (\$31.50)

COLE, EMMA EVERY SECRET THING (\$39.95) (Allison & Busby) When an old man strikes up a conversation with Kate Murray on the steps of St. Paul's Cathedral in London, she is intrigued when he speaks about her grandmother. But she never gets to hear about the rest of his tale as he unexpectedly dies. Shocked by the death, Kate is drawn into an investigation, uncovering secrets about her grandmother she thought she knew and a man she never did. AKA Susanna Kearsley. See *Marian's Picks*.

COLLETT, CHRIS WRITTEN IN BLOOD (#3) (\$39.95) An explosion rocks the centre of Birmingham and Det. Insp. Tom Mariner and his girlfriend Anna are caught up in the aftermath. Mariner also investigates a double murder to which he is inextricably linked. The first two in this series are The Worm in the Bud (\$10.95) (which all three of us absolutely loved) and Blood of the Innocents (\$39.95 hardcover, \$21 trade paperback, due soon). See *Wendy's Picks*.

COLLIER, IRIS SECRETS OF THE BLACK CANONS (\$39.95) (Piatkus) In 1538 near the Sussex estate of Nicholas Peverell, the body of a young girl is found washed up on the shore. A skilled needlewoman, Sarah had worked at the nearby Augustinian priory of Monksmere until Henry VIII had ransacked the monastery and ordered its dissolution. Despite a hefty reward for information regarding Sarah's murder, the people of Monksmere are reluctant to talk, especially about the occupants of the priory-the mysterious order of clerics known as the Black Canons.

COLLINS, MICHAEL DEATH OF A WRITER (\$32.00)

CONNELLY, MICHAEL ECHO PARK (#11) (\$34.00) (Little, Brown) Harry Bosch is back with the LAPD Open-Unsolved Unit. In 1993, Marie Gesto disappeared after walking out of a supermarket in Hollywood. Now, a man accused of two heinous killings confesses to that crime as well as several other. A devious plot, a great story, told by one of the best writers of our time. See *Marian's Picks*. We also have copies of the signed, limited, boxed editions: limited to 300 numbered copies (\$150) and 156 lettered copies (\$300).

CONNOLLY, JOHN BOOK OF LOST THINGS (\$29.99) (Simon & Schuster) This is not a mystery but Wendy is the biggest fan of this writer so, of course, we carry it. See *Wendy's Picks*.

COTTERILL, COLIN DISCO FOR THE DEPARTED (#3) (\$29.95) (Soho) The third Dr. Siri Paiboun, Paris trained physician, now chief coroner in Laos, sequel to Coroner's Lunch (\$15.95) and Thirty Three Teeth (\$17.95). Terrific. One of J.D.s faves.

COX, MICHAEL MEANING OF NIGHT (\$36.99) (McClelland & Stewart) On a cold October night in 1854 a man is murdered for no apparent reason. Edward Glyver, an obsessive booklover and scholar, just wanted to see if he could kill someone. Brought up in modest circumstances on the Dorset coast and forced to make his way in the world on his wits alone, he discovers he is the legitimate son of one of the country's most powerful peers. He decides he will stop at nothing to regain his patrimony. Huge critical acclaim for this book which was some thirty years in the making...

CUTLER, JUDITH CHINESE TAKEOUT (\$39.95) (Allison & Busby) It's morning service in a quiet village church and Josie Wel-ford, wealthy widow of one of the country's most wanted criminals, is day-dreaming during Father Tim's sermon. Suddenly the peace is shattered when a filthy Chinese youth flings himself into the church and demands sanctuary. All the media attention that follows brings fatal results, not to the priest and the refugee, but to St. Jude's itself. Josie takes it upon herself to investigate.

DARWIN, EMMA MATHEMATICS OF LOVE (\$34.95) (Head-line) In 1819 Stephen Fairhurst, a veteran of Waterloo, returns to Kersey Hall in Suffolk with hopes of forgetting the horrors of the war. In the hot summer of 1976 the teenaged Anna is ripe for adventure. She is sent instead to a failed rural school run by her estranged uncle. And so, hot, bored and lonely, she becomes entangled in two lives: Theo, a war photographer in exile, and Stephen Fairhurst, the man who owned the house 150 years ago.

DOSS, JAMES D moon STONE BUTTERFLY (#11) (\$33.95)

DOWNIE, RUTH MEDICUS AND THE DISAPPEARING DANCING GIRL (\$39.00) Special orders only.

DUBOIS, BRENDAN PRIMARY STORM (#5) (\$31.95)

DUNBAR, TONY TUBBY MEETS KATRINA (\$30.00) (NewSouth Books) When the levees break and the city of New Orleans floods, Tubby Dubonnet finds himself in the hellish Convention Center along with thousands of others. In the chaos, Tubby's daughter finds herself targeted by an escaped psychopath, one who envisions himself the embodiment of the hurricane. With no law enforcement to rely upon, Tubby must use his wits and his connections to protect his family.

DUNN, CAROLA GUNPOWDER PLOT (#15) (\$31.95) (St. Martin's) In the winter of 1924 Daisy Dalrymple Fletcher travels to a school friend's home for Guy Fawkes celebration. But on the evening of Guy Fawkes the viscount is found dead, apparently shooting himself after he shot a guest who was visiting from Australia. Detective Chief Inspector Alex Fletcher investigates.

ELLORY, ROGER JON CITY OF LIES (\$34.95) (Orion) After seventeen years away from New York, John Harper, Miami Herald reporter and one-time author, learns that the father he believed dead for more than thirty years is alive, though lying deep in a coma in a Manhattan hospital. Confronted with the reality of his father's existence, he finds himself seduced by a lifestyle that he seems to have inherited: an underworld life of power, treachery and menace.

EMERSON, C J OBJECTS OF DESIRE (\$39.95) (Allison & Busby) A new life in Wales has not turned out to be the rural fantasy that social worker Jess imagined when she left London. Just as she takes on a new case, she learns that the body of a young boy had been found in the woods. Her worst nightmare becomes reality as she realizes he was a child she was supposed to protect.

EMLEY, DIANNE FIRST CUT (\$31.95) (Ballantine) For two minutes detective Nan Vining was dead, then her pulse fluttered and she jolted awake. Now a year later she is still wondering if she can be the cop and mother she once was. When another policewoman is murdered, Vining discovers clues that set her on the twisted trail of a killer as ruthless as he is deprived.

EVANOVICH, JANET MOTOR MOUTH (#2) (\$32.95) (Harper Collins) Barney Barnaby and NASCAR driver Sam Hooker are back, along with a 150 pound Saint Bernard named Beans, and cigar ladies Felicia and Rosa. Of course all sorts of impossible things happen, and so?, and Marian said she liked this much better than the first, Metro Girl (\$10.99).

FLYNN, GILLIAN SHARP OBJECTS (\$32.00) (Shaye Are-heart) Fresh from a brief stay at a psych hospital, Camille Preaker's first assignment for the second-rate daily paper where she works brings her reluctantly back to her hometown to cover the murders of two preteen girls.

FLYNN, VINCE ACT OF TREASON (#3) (\$32.99) (The third in the Mitch Rapp series.

FOSSUM, KARIN WHEN THE DEVIL HOLDS THE CANDLE (#3) (\$30.00) (Harcourt) This is the US hardcover of the third Inspector Sejer novel. We have carried the UK paperback editions so be sure to not duplicate. Sejer and his colleague Jacob Skarre don't see a connection between a purse snatching on the beach and the disappearance of a local delinquent.

FRANCIS, DICK UNDER ORDERS (\$34.00) (Michael Joseph, not firsts, I'm afraid) A number of reports have suggested that it was Mary, Dick's late wife, who actually wrote the books. So, Marian was interested in reading this book, which was written after her death. It is another Sid Halley and this one features on-line betting and how races can be fixed by jockeys and trainers. She reports that one of the joys of the Dick Francis novels is that each book has a different background, banking, scotch, the Olympics, and you always learn a lot. And this one is no different. Only, Marian has no interest in on-line betting. Would she recommend this book to a Dick Francis fan? Absolutely. Can she conclude from this one that Dick did not write the earlier novels? No. One thing this writer has been, whoever he may have been, is consistently entertaining. We got no first printing, alas, but there are firsts out there and if you must have one, let us know and we'll try to track one down. Expect to pay around \$150. Ouch.

FREEMAN, BRIAN STRIPPED (#2) (\$34.95) (Headline) This is the UK edition. Now with the Las Vegas police department, Jonathan Stride and his detective girlfriend, Serena Dial, follow a trail of sex and revenge that leads back to the early glamour days of Vegas. Sequel to Immoral (\$10.99). See *Marian's Picks* and *Wendy's Picks*.

GARDINER, MEG KILL CHAIN (#5) (\$37.95 hardcover and \$24.95 trade paperback) (Hodder & Stoughton) When Evan Delaney gets the phone call to say her father has been kidnapped, she has 72 hours to find something that she cannot believe exists. The other four in the series are China Lake (\$9.99) Mission Canyon, Jericho Point and Crosscut (\$10.99 each). See *Wendy's Picks*.

GASH, JONATHAN BLOOD DANCING (#5) (\$39.95) (Allison & Busby) A young prostitute on Manchester's tough streets is viciously attacked and Dr. Clare Burtonall is placed in the position of deciding whether or not to terminate her life support.

GEORGE, ELIZABETH WHAT CAME BEFORE HE SHOT HER (\$32.95) (Harper Collins) As you may guess from the title this will tell you why Lady Helen, wife of Inspector Thomas Lynley, was killed in With No One As Witness (\$10.99).

GERRITSEN, TESS MEPHISTO CLUB (\$34.95) (Ballantine) PECCAVI- The Latin phrase is scrawled in blood at the scene of a young woman's brutal murder and translates to: I have sinned. It's a chilling Christmas present for medical examiner Maura Isles and Detective Jane Rizzoli, who swiftly link the victim to controversial celebrity psychiatrist Joyce O'Donnell—Jane's professional nemesis and member of a sinister cabal called the Mephisto Club.

GORES, JOE GLASS TIGER (\$30.00) (Harcourt) Brendon Thorne, ex-Ranger in Panama, ex-sniper for a CIA front in Colombia, has forsworn violence and is living in Kenya when the FBI arranges for Thorne's deportation back to the US. In a secret meeting, Thorne is told that Halden Corwin, legendary Vietnam sniper and mercenary, has vowed to assassinate the recently elected president of the US. The government's computers have picked Thorne as the most likely person to find Corwin and stop him.

GRADY, JAMES MAD DOGS (\$32.95) In the CIA's secret insane asylum are five of America's shattered spies framed for the murder of their psychiatrist. Four men and one woman, once America's best warriors, are now "Mad Dogs", set up, on the run, off their meds and hunting a traitor burrowed into the CIA.

GRISHAM, JOHN INNOCENT MAN (\$35.95) (Doubleday) This is the true story of how the justice system really works in America. In 1982, a twenty-one-year-old cocktail waitress in Ada, Oklahoma, was raped and murdered. Five years later the police arrested and charged former major league baseball player Ron Williamson and his friend Dennis Fritz. Fritz was sentenced to life in prison and Williamson to Death Row. But did they really kill her? This book reads like a novel but is a work of non-fiction.

HAMILTON, STEVE STOLEN SEASON (#7) (\$29.95) (Thomas Dunne) On a cold (surprise) miserable night on Michigan's Upper Peninsula an antique wooden boat runs full speed into a line of old railroad pilings in the shallow waters of Waishkey Bay. When Alex McKnight helps rescue the passengers, he finds three men. When they are all finally back on dry land and in the ambulance, Alex figures he will never see them again. Wrong.

HARRIS, CHARLAINE GRAVE SURPRISE (#2) (\$30.00) (Berkley) Harper Connelly was struck by lightning at age fifteen and now has the ability to find dead people. At the request of anthropology professor Dr. Clyde Nunley, Harper and her brother Tolliver come to Memphis to give a demonstration of her unique talent. When she stands on top of a grave and says there are two bodies in the grave, one of a centuries-old man and the other of a young girl recently deceased Dr. Nunley is skeptical. The first in the series is Grave Sight (\$10.99). "Quite enjoyable," says Marian.

HARRIS, ROBERT IMPERIUM (#1) (\$36.95) (Hutchinson) When Tiro, the confidential secretary of a Roman senator, opens the door to a terrified stranger on a cold November morning, he sets in motion a chain of events which will eventually propel his master into one of the most famous courtroom dramas in history. The senator is Cicero, a brilliant young lawyer and spellbinding orator, determined to attain imperium—supreme power in the state. The earlier book set in Ancient Rome is Pompeii (\$10.99).

HEARN, LIAN HARSH CRY OF THE HERON (#4) (\$35.50) (Riverhead) This is the last tale of the Otori, a wonderful adventure set in feudal Japan with touches of the supernatural or maybe you would call it magic. The Tribe, a secret network of assassins, is teaching two of Lord Otori Takeo's daughters the same skills that made the eldest into a formidable warrior ready to take over from her father. But peace is rupturing in the Three Countries as a rogue family of The Tribe has sent assassins to kill Kaede, Takeo's wife. Sequel to Across the Nightingale Floor (\$21), Grass For His Pillow, and Brilliance of the Moon (\$20 each, all trade paperback).

HOLMS, JOYCE MISSING LINK (#9) (\$39.95) (Allison & Busby) Fizz Fitzgerald is shocked when Mrs. Sullivan asks her to prove that she is guilty of killing Amanda Montrose. Why is Mrs. Sullivan so keen to be accused of murder? See *Wendy's Picks*.

HOLT, ANNE PUNISHMENT (\$39.00) (Time Warner, UK) Abducting children and murdering them in an undetectable way that confounds the police, the serial killer then returns the child's body to the mother with a cruel note saying: You got what you deserved. Police Super Adam Stubo recruits FBI profiler Johanne Vik to help find the killer. First in a new series, translated from Norwegian. Also available in trade paperback for \$25.00.

INDRIDASON, ARNALDUR SILENCE OF THE GRAVE (#2) (\$29.95) (St. Martin's) The US hardcover of the second book.

IRONSIDE, ELIZABETH ACCOMPLICE (\$29.95 hardcover, \$18.50 trade paperback) (Felony & Mayhem) Jean Loftus has lived at Asshe House in Sussex for more than forty years. But when workmen unearth a skeleton from the garden, the skeletons from Jean's past also begin rising. Her neighbour, Zita Daunsey, would like to help her protect her secrets but this task is made more difficult with the sudden arrival of a mysterious, aggressively inquisitive Russian student. Originally published in 1996. Elizabeth Ironside is Lady Catherine Manning, the wife of the British ambassador to the

United States. **Autographed copies available** while supplies last. By the author of the delightful Death in the Garden (\$19.95)

JOHNSTON, DOROTHY WHITE TOWER (#2) (\$31.95) (Thomas Dunne) A mother seeks out the help of computer crime consultant Sandra Mahoney as she doesn't believe that her son Niall committed suicide. She had found an image on his computer of him sprawled at the bottom of a cliff, the exact replica of the positioning of his body as it was found near the foot of the Telstra Tower in Canberra, Australia. Sequel to Trojan Dog (out of print).

JONES, MERRY RIVER KILLINGS (#2) (\$31.95) (Thomas Dunne) On summer vacation from her job as an art therapist, Zoe Hayes and her best friend, Susan Cummings, takes a sculling class for fun. One evening, while her adopted six-year-old daughter, Molly, waits with Susan's children, Zoe and Susan flip their boat and find themselves in deep water with a whole bunch of floating bodies. Her first in the series is The Nanny Murders (\$9.99).

JUNGSTEDT, MARI UNSEEN (\$31.95) (St. Martin's) What looks like a crime committed by a jealous husband keeps the local police on the Island of Gotland on their toes. Then a second victim is found. Realizing that a serial killer is terrorizing locals and tourists alike, Inspector Anders Knutas has to face additional pressure from the media and local politicians who are worried about bad publicity for the island. A debut mystery translated from Swedish.

KAHN, SHARON OUT OF THE FRYING PAN INTO THE CHOIR (\$33.00) (Scribner) Ruby, the Rabbi's wife, travels with her Temple Rita choir through the Canadian Rockies to Banff and Lake Louise. Prior to the trip one of the members dies of heart failure but it turns out to have been poison that really killed her. Ruby investigates. All of the earlier Ruby novels, except Which Big Giver Stole the Chopped Liver? (\$9.99), are, alas, out of print.

KALLA, DANIEL RAGE THERAPY (\$29.95) (Forge) Distinguished psychiatrist Stanley Kolberg was not just murdered; his lifeless body was battered and broken almost beyond recognition. The Seattle police are not short of suspects as Kolberg specialized in anger management and often treated violent offenders. For Dr. Joel Ashman, who consults as a profiler for Seattle Homicide, the crime hit close to home. Kolberg was his former partner and mentor. By the author of Pandemic and Resistance (\$10.99 each).

KATZENBACH, JOHN WRONG MAN (\$34.95) (Ballantine) Michael O'Connell is a malignant shadow of a man. His brash, handsome features conceal a black and empty soul. Control is his religion. Cunning and criminal skills are his stock in trade. Rage is his language. The harder Ashley tries to break free from her relationship, the deeper Michael burrows into every aspect of her life. In desperation she turns to her mother and step father.

KELLERMAN, FAYE GARDEN OF EDEN AND OTHER CRIMINAL DELIGHTS (\$33.99) (Warner) A collection of stories including two new Decker and Lazarus stories.

KERR, PHILIP ONE FROM THE OTHER (#4) (\$35.50) (Putnam) Part four of the trilogy, some fifteen years later, and it's about time. In Munich 1949, Bernie Gunther is asked by a woman to prove that her husband, who ran one of the concentration camps, is dead. But nothing is what it seems and Bernie ends up on the run, facing enemies on every side. The first three in this fabulous series are available in an omnibus edition, Berlin Noir (\$25.00 trade paperback), or individually: March Violets (\$16), The Pale Criminal and German Requiem (\$18 each, all trade paperback).

LAKEMAN, THOMAS SHADOW CATCHERS (\$29.95) (St. Martin's) FBI Special Agent Mike Yeager was suspended when his latest case, a child kidnapping, ended tragically. He can't forgive himself so he runs away to the mountains of Nevada in an attempt to forget. In the small town of San Cristobal, a child was killed accidentally, so it seemed, before Mike arrived. The day after he arrives an adult is murdered and soon another child disappears. Mike is the best person to investigate. A debut novel.

LAMB DIN, DEWEY KING'S TRADE (#13) (\$34.95) (Thomas Dunne) After a bout of Yellow Fever decimated the crew of Captain Alan Lewrie's HMS Proteus in 1797, he absconded with a dozen slaves from a costal Jamaican plantation to help man his frigate. But now, two years later, Lewrie is in danger, as slave stealing is a hanging offense.

LE CARRE, JOHN MISSION SONG (\$36.00) (Viking, Canada) Bruno Salvador is a top interpreter of Swahili and other lesser known but widely spoken languages of the Eastern Congo. He is courted by London corporations, hospitals, law courts, immigration services and British Intelligence. Dispatched to a no-name island in the North Sea to attend a top-secret meeting between Western financiers and East Congolese warlords, Salvo is obliged to interpret matters never intended for his reawakened African conscience.

LEE, HARPER TO KILL A MOCKINGBIRD: SLIPCASED EDITION (\$44.95) A lovely edition, special order only.

LENNON, PATRICK CORN DOLLS (\$34.95) (Hodder & Stoughton) In an agricultural showroom in Cambridge, England, the half-consumed body of a young man sticks out grotesquely from the mouth of a shredding machine. Is this the beginning of a crime-wave in this quiet, well-heeled community? Or is it the latest in a story of corruption and violence stretching back more than twenty years? Detective Tom Fletcher investigates. A debut novel.

LEVACK, SIMON SHADOW OF THE LORDS (#2) (\$33.95)

LITTELL, ROBERT VICIOUS CIRCLE (\$31) (Overlook) The story takes place in the near future where the global community, united under the leadership of a visionary female president of the US, brokers a major compromise between Israel and the Palestinian Authority in the hopes of snuffing out the flames of global terrorism. But then, Isaac Apfulbaun, a well-known fundamentalist Rabbi, is taken hostage by Dr. al-Saath, a legendary Palestinian terrorist, who demands the release of scores of Palestinian political prisoners in exchange for his hostage. Vicious circle, indeed.

LUDLUM, ROBERT BANCROFT STRATEGY (\$32.95) (St. Martin's) Todd Belknap, a legendary field agent for Consular Operations with a reputation as a cowboy, is cut loose from the agency after an operation goes wrong. At the same time Jared Rinehart, his best friend and fellow agent, is kidnapped in Lebanon by a militia group with a vicious reputation. When the government refuses to either rescue Rinehart or negotiate for his release, Belknap decides to take matters into his own hands.

MACKINNON, COLIN MORNING SPY, EVENING SPY (\$29.95) (St. Martin's) An Afghan resistance fighter of the 1980s, once on the CIA payroll, has come back to haunt the agency. Kareem has become an enemy working closely with al-Qaeda and the Taliban. CIA officer Paul Patterson, who had run Kareem as an agent during the Soviet occupation of Afghanistan, sets out to track him down.

MAITLAND, BARRY NO TRACE (#8) (\$33.95) (St. Martin's) Originally published in 2004 in Australia, this is the US edition. A young girl is kidnapped, the third in recent weeks, and Chief Inspector David Brock and Detective Sergeant Kathy Kolla have their hands full. The young girl's father is a notorious contemporary artist who is best know for the grotesque Dead Puppies, a work centered around his wife's suicide five years ago. The media is in a feeding frenzy. The series debut, The Marx Sisters (\$9.99), is the only one still in print.

MANN, JESSICA MYSTERY WRITER (\$34.95) (Allison and Busby) In 1940, two boys, Jonathan Hicks, heir to the Cornish estate of Goonzoyle, and Ted Johns, son of the estate's grounds-keeper, find themselves floating in the icy Atlantic Ocean, clinging to the wreckage of the doomed SS City of Benares. The ship was carrying British evacuee children to new homes in the USA but was torpedoed by a German U-boat. As the chances for rescue ebbs away, it becomes clear only one can survive. In 2001, writer Jessica

Mann is busy researching her book, Out of Harm's Way (\$16.95), a non-fiction book about the wartime evacuation of children from Britain, when she is contacted by Connie, Ted's sister, who has recently bought the derelict manor house at Goonzoyle. She is drawn into that tragic story and decides to write a fictional account of what could have happened to two of the children aboard the ship that was torpedoed.

MARSTON, EDWARD PRINCESS OF DENMARK (\$33.95) (St. Martin's) The US edition of the latest, 16th, Bracewell novel.

MASIEL, DAVID WESTERN LIMIT OF THE WORLD (\$34.95) (Random House) Sailing from South America to Africa under forged papers and a new name for the decrepit tanker that was refused entry into the Bay of San Francisco, boatswain Harold Swain and the ship's first mate, Bracelin, embark on a desperate and highly illegal venture to steal a black-market fortune.

MASSEY, SUJATA GIRL IN A BOX (#9) (\$31.00) (Harper Collins) Japanese-American sleuth Rei Shimura takes a job working undercover at a Tokyo department store. It's a tricky and risky assignment but it gives Rei a chance to indulge in her shopping impulses. When her cover is blown, she is in big trouble.

MATHEWS, FRANCINE ALIBI CLUB (\$32.00) (Bantam) A murder that could alter the outcome of World War II draws together a group of US expatriates with one thing in common: they all frequent the Alibi Club, Paris's most infamous after-hours haunt. The murder of Philip Stilwell sends shock waves through the Club. His murder, and the desperate attempt to keep a deadly weapon out of German hands, will bring together the strands of a twisted plot of betrayal, passion and espionage. AKA **Stephanie Barron** who writes the Jane Austin series.

MATTURRO, CLAIRE BONE VALLEY (#3) (\$31.00) (Morrow) Marian says: I loved the opening of this novel—"The practice of law is best performed by lunatics. That way, they don't mind that much of the law is lunacy. For example, in Florida, insulting an orange can land you in court." Sarasota lawyer Lilly Cleary tackles the case of two men accused of libeling oranges. They claimed pollution turned the fruit toxic. But her case goes from wacky to deadly when someone blows up one of her clients right in front to her. Sequel to Skinny Dipping and Wildcat Wine (\$9.99 each).

MEADE, GLENN DEVIL'S DISCIPLE (\$34.95) (Hodder & Stoughton) The day before FBI agent Kate Moran is due to marry, her fiancé and his twelve-year-old daughter are kidnapped and murdered by Constantine Gamal, The Devil's Disciple, a serial killer obsessed with black magic and ritualistic double killings. Moran tracks him down and brings him to trial. But two years later, just before his execution is carried out, he promises to return. Then the double killings start again. Did Gamal escape execution?

MELTZER, BRAD BOOK OF FATE (\$32.50) (Warner) Wes Holloway, a once-cocky and ambitious presidential aide, put Ron Boyle, the chief executive's oldest friend, into the presidential limo with the US president. By the time the trip came to an end, Wes was permanently disfigured and Boyle was dead, the victim of a crazed assassin. Eight years later, Boyle is spotted, alive and well, in Malaysia. Trying to figure out what happened takes Wes back to a decade-old presidential crossword puzzle, mysterious Masonic history and a 200-year-old code invented by Thomas Jefferson.

MINICHINO, CAMILLE OXYGEN MURDER (#8) (\$33.95) Our copies of the latest in the Gloria Lamerino series arrived damaged so we are now awaiting replacement and undamaged copies.

MORTIMER, JOHN MORTIMER AND THE REIGN OF TERROR (\$36.00) (Penguin, UK) Dr. Kahn, husband of the beautiful Tiffany Timson, is arrested on suspicion of terrorism and Rumpole drops everything to take on his biggest challenge yet. Horrified to learn that the accused doesn't even know what he is charged with, Rumpole is determined to insist upon a fair trial. But

battling against the new terror legislation and the slippery Home Secretary, proves a tricky task.

MOSLEY, WALTER FEAR OF THE DARK (#3) (\$33.99) (Little, Brown) Paris Minton asks his ear-to-the-ground friend, Fearless Jones, to help him look for his cousin, Ulysses "Useless" S. Grant. Finding a con artist like Useless is easier said than done, especially in LA of the 1950s where a long look can get a black man killed. Sequel to Fearless Jones and Fear Itself (\$9.99 each).

OLSON, KAREN SECONDHAND SMOKE (#2) (\$29.99) (Mysterious) Crime reporter Annie Seymour awakes one morning to a loud commotion and discovers that Prego, a favourite Italian eatery in her New Haven neighbourhood, is engulfed in flames. An infamous mobster, a missing man, a dead woman, and a cast of local characters begin to converge around Annie and pose scary questions about her father's connection to the crime. Between the FBI, her would-be hero PI Vinny DeLucia and some raucous animal rights protestors, Annie tries to determine the killer's motives.

O'SHAUGHNESSY, PERRI KEEPER OF THE KEYS (\$33.00) (Delacorte) For ambitious, troubled architect Ray Jackson, the nightmare begins when his wife disappears. No phone call, no ransom note, no body. Suspected by his wife's friend and by the police, Ray launches a desperate search on his own. Using a collection of keys he has held on to since he was a boy, keys to homes he and his mother once lived in, he quietly enters each home, one by one, hoping to unlock the secrets of his own past.

PAGE, KATHERINE HALL BODY IN THE IVY (\$31.00) (Morrow) Thirty years ago a popular, wealthy student, Helene Prince, fell to her death just before her graduation from Pelham College. The police ruled it suicide but her twin sister never believed the official account of the event. Now an internationally known bestselling suspense writer, she is still yearning for an answer. Through the Pelham old-girl network, Faith Fairchild has been hired for a weeklong reunion of eight classmates on the novelist's very private island. With no phone lines, cell reception or boat, the week turns into a nightmare as one by one the alumnae fall prey to a madwoman. Shades of Agatha Christie.

PARKER, ROBERT B HUNDRED DOLLAR BABY (#34) (\$31.00) (Putnam) Once again, April Kyle comes and asks Spenser for help. She claims to be in the dark about who is trying to take over her upscale call-girl operation but Spenser and Hawk find ties to organized crime and local kingpin Tony Marcus, as well as a scheme to franchise the operation across the country. April first appeared in Ceremony and then in Taming a Sea-Horse (\$11.99 each).

PELECANOS, GEORGE NIGHT GARDENER (\$150.00) (Dennis McMillan) A signed and numbered edition in a slipcase.

PENNEY, STEF TENDERNESS OF WOLVES (\$36.00) (Viking, Canada) As winter of 1987 tightens its grip on the isolated settlement of Canada's Dove River, a man is brutally murdered and a seventeen-year-old boy disappears. Tracks leaving the dead man's cabin head north toward the forest and the tundra beyond. Searchers set out pursuing the tracks across a desolate landscape variously seeking a murderer, a son, two missing sisters, a forgotten Native culture and a fortune in stolen furs. A debut novel.

PENNY, LOUISE STILL LIFE (#1) us ed (\$31.95) (St. Martin's) We have a few signed first editions of the US edition of the author's award-winning first novel. As well, we have **signed UK first editions** of the second book, Dead Cold (\$34.95 hardcover, \$24.95 trade paperback). Still Life is also available in a UK paperback at \$10.99.

POWER, JO-ANN MISSING MEMBER (\$31.95) (Thomas Dunne) Texas congresswoman Carly Wagner won her first election delivering one-liners about her opponent that made people laugh so hard they voted her in. She doesn't apologize for using her wiles to get her where is, after all she won Miss Texas as well. When she ar-

rives at her office one day she finds her number two dead in her chair. Resourceful and gutsy she wants to go it alone to discover who the killer is but her party sends in the cavalry in the form of Mr. Jones, who has more toys than James Bond. A debut novel.

RAWSON, CLAYTON THE MAGICAL MYSTERIES OF DON DIAVOLO (Vol 1) (\$85) Collected in this oversize edition are four short novels which first appeared in Red Star Mystery magazine, in the latter half of 1940: Ghost of the Undead, Death Out of Thin Air, Claws of Satan and The Enchanted Dagger. Also included are five scarce mystery pulp short stories by Rawson that have never before appeared in hardcover as well as a memoir of the author by his son, Hugh, complete with photographs, and four other articles.

RAWSON, CLAYTON COMPLEAT GREAT MERLINI SAGA (Vol 2) (\$75.00) Includes Death From a Top Hat, Footprints on the Ceiling and numerous articles.

RAWSON, CLAYTON COMPLEAT GREAT MERLINI SAGA (Vol 3) (\$75.00) Includes The Headless Lady, No Coffin for the Corpse and a dozen Merlini short stories.

RIPLEY, W L PRESSING THE BET (\$31.95) (St. Martin's) Ex-Secret Service agent Cole Springer is armed with his wit and charm as he takes on the Irish mob in Las Vegas while trying to uncover the motive behind the killing of Jesse Robinson, his best friend from high school days. Sequel to Springer's Gambit (Out of print).

RUSCH, SHELDON BOY WITH PERFECT HANDS (#2) (\$31.50) (Berkley) Illinois State Special Agents Elizabeth Taylor Hewitt and Brady Richter, her partner and lover, have more questions than answers when looking for the killer who kills his victims with lethal injections and leaves their bodies displayed like perfect sleeping beauties. The first in the series is For Edgar (\$10.99).

SALTER, JOHN TROUT IN THE SEA OF CORTEZ (\$29.00) (Counterpoint) Dennis Pratt doesn't want to go on vacation to Mexico, especially with his wife. In fact, he's almost forty and most things in his life seem boring. (*It must be menopause!*) Obsessive thoughts flooding his mind, Pratt puts his job and his marriage at risk: he starts to golf. He befriends a shifty father and daughter who live in a camper near the country club where he is learning to play. He meets a mysterious artist and may or may not be falling in love with her. Only when en route to Mexico, and at a villa on the Sea of Cortez, do the pieces start to fall into place, with disastrous results.

SANSOM, C J SOVEREIGN (#3) (\$32.95) (Macmillan) The third in this very fine series featuring hunch-backed lawyer Matthew Shardlake. Set in the time of Henry VIII. See *Marian's Picks*.

SCARROW, SIMON EAGLE IN THE SAND (#7) (\$34.95 hardcover, \$24.95 trade paperback) (Headline) Trouble is, the hardcovers all came in damaged and as second printings, so we sent them back. We can, of course, get you one if you really want a hard cover. Macro and Cato are sent to Syria to stamp out corruption in the cohort and restore it to fighting fitness to quash Bannus, a local tribesman, before the eastern provinces are lost to the Empire.

SCHORR, MARK BORDERLINE (#1) (\$31.95) (Thomas Dunne) Vietnam vet Brian Hanson is in recovery for drug abuse and post-traumatic stress disorder. He's turned his life around, working as a therapist with some of Portland most troubled citizens. When one of his clients dies under suspicious circumstances he is drawn into her world, the seedy underside of Portland. Was she the target of a serial killer, or the victim of a dangerous conspiracy?

SETTERFIELD, DIANE THIRTEENTH TALE (\$32.95) (Doubleday, Canada) The enigmatic, reclusive author Vida Winter has spent six decades creating various outlandish life histories for herself, all of them inventions that have brought her fame and fortune but have kept her violent and tragic past a secret. Now old and ailing she wants to tell the truth so she summons Margaret Lea, a biographer, who is struck by the parallel between Miss Winter's story and her own. See *Wendy's Picks*.

SIMENON, GEORGES MAIGRET AND THE WINE MERCHANT (\$12.00) Yes, it's hardcover and, yes, only \$12.

SMITH, ALEXANDER RIGHT ATTITUDE TO RAIN (#3) (\$29.95) (Knopf, Canada) When Mimi, Isabel Dalhousie's cousin from Dallas, arrives in Edinburgh with her husband, several confounding situations unfurl. The others in the series are The Sunday Philosophy Club and Friends, Lovers, Chocolate (\$19.95 each).
SMITH, ALEXANDER LOVE OVER SCOTLAND (#3) (\$45.00) Special order only from England. It is scheduled for publication in Canada later in 2007. It is the third in his Scottish newspaper article collection.

SPENCER-FLEMING, JULIA ALL MORTAL FLESH (#5) (\$29.95) (Thomas Dunne) When police chief Russ Van Alstyne is kicked out of the house by his wife Linda, and then Linda dies, it's an open-and-shut case to the state police. Clare Fergusson has to help Russ clear his name. Sequel to In the Bleak Midwinter, A Fountain Filled with Blood, Out of the Deep I Cry and To Darkness and to Death (\$9.99 each).

STACEY, LYNDON SIX TO ONE AGAINST (\$48.50 Hardcover and \$24.95 trade paperback) (Hutchinson) Because the hardcover is so expensive, we are only stocking the trade paperback but go ahead and order the hardcover if you want it. Animal behaviourist Gideon Blake witnessed the shooting of popular ex-jockey Damien Daniels who was shot out of the saddle while exercising his horse. Gideon soon finds himself drawn deeper into the mystery and before long, a dark and terrible conspiracy comes to light which threatens to destroy the lives of those closest to him.

STARLING, BORIS VISIBILITY (\$39.00) Special orders only of this UK edition.

STARR, JASON LIGHTS OUT (\$29.95) (St. Martin's) Ryan Rossetti and Jake Thomas were two Major League bound rivals on their high school baseball team until Ryan hurt his arm and landed a ten-dollar-an-hour life as a house painter. Lucky Jake made it all the way, and he and his ten-million-dollar signing bonus are heading back for a publicity-motivated homecoming weekend. But Ryan is involved in an intense, addictive relationship with Jake's fiancée, Christina, who now faces a choice between love in a Brooklyn tenement or a heartless marriage on Easy Street.

STEINHAUER, OLEN LIBERATION MOVEMENTS (#4) (\$33.95) This series of novels chronicles the exploits of members of the People's Militia in an unnamed Eastern European country during the 50-year length of the Cold War, beginning in 1948 in the first of the series, The Bridge of Sighs (\$19.95). A terrific series.

STOCKWIN, JULIAN COMMAND (#7) (\$34.95 hardcover, \$24.95 trade paperback) (Hodder & Stoughton) Thrilled at his first command, a little brig called Teazer, Thomas Kydd must race to bring his ship to battle readiness. The Napoleonic wars continue but Kydd's jubilation does not last as peace is suddenly declared and he is left ashore on half pay. A rare chance gives him the opportunity to go to sea as the captain of a convict transport for the penal colony in New South Wales.

TAPPLY, WILLIAM G OUT COLD (#23) (\$33.95) (St. Martin's) The morning after a snowstorm, Brady Coyne lets his dog out into the backyard of his Boston brownstone only to find the body of a teenaged girl covered in snow. She had apparently entered his backyard, bleeding, in the middle of the night and died from hypothermia and blood loss. The single clue to her identity is a small piece of paper with Brady's address scribbled on it. Shaken by the discovery, Brady investigates.

TAYLOR, SARAH STEWART STILL AS DEATH (#4) (\$33.95) (St. Martin's) Art history professor Sweeney St. George is in the middle of putting together an exhibit on her specialty, "the art of death", for the university museum when she makes a disturbing discovery. A valuable piece of Egyptian funerary jewelry that should be in the museum's collection is missing. Searching for an-

swers, Sweeney learns that a student intern at the museum was the last person to check out the piece, a young woman who died of an apparent suicide soon after she handled it, more than twenty-five years ago. The first three in the series are: O'Artful Death, Mansions of the Dead and Judgment of the Grave (\$9.99 each).

THOMSON, JUNE GOING HOME (\$44.95) (Allison & Busby) Alex Lambert is devastated when his profoundly deaf fourteen-year-old daughter does not come home from a friend's house one day. The rolling hills and clumps of woodland around Northorpe, Essex, once so pleasing to the eye, now conceal his daughter's corpse. DCI Jack Finch and DS Helen Wyatt investigate. There are no earlier Finch books available at the moment. See *Wendy's Picks*.

TOPE, REBECCA DEATH IN THE COTSWOLDS (#3) (\$39.95) (Allison & Busby) Thea Osborne relishes the thought of spending some quiet time with DI Phil Hollis as she helps him clear out his aunt's cottage in the small village where he grew up. Even meeting Phil's childhood acquaintance, the eccentric Ariadne with her abrupt manner and queer habits, can not detract from Thea's happiness. Preparations for Samhain, the pagan origin of Halloween, are well under way when Ariadne discovers a body laid out like a sacrificial victim. Unlikely companions, Thea and Ariadne find themselves thrown together as they try to uncover the events that led to the killing. The first two in the series are: A Cotswold Killing (\$10.95) and A Cotswold Ordeal (\$11.95).

TORRES, STEVEN MISSING IN PRECINCT PUERTO RICO (#4) (\$31.95) (Thomas Dunne) A neighbour named Tomas Villareal knocks on the door of the home of Luis Gonzalo, the sheriff of Angustias, a small town in the mountains of Puerto Rico. Tomas reports that his son is missing. A second child goes missing, and there are no clues to her whereabouts either. Soon the sheriff, the parents, and the entire town are searching frantically, but the horrors have only just begun. Gonzalo begins to suspect an organized plot to harm the children of Angustias and he races against time to prevent the town's children from disappearing one by one. The three earlier titles in this series are out of print.

TREMAYNE, PETER PRAYER FOR THE DAMNED (#15) (\$34.95) (Headline) On the eve of the wedding of Fidelma and Eadulf, the pious Abbot Ultan of Gill Ria is found murdered in his guest house and the King of Connacht, witnessed fleeing from the scene, is charged with the murder. He demands his right to appoint Fidelma in his defence. Fidelma discovers that many of the guests had cause to hate the Abbot.

VACHSS, ANDREW MASK MARKET (#16) (\$32.95) (Pantheon) A shadowy man hands Burke a CD dossier of someone he wants found. Minutes later, as Burke watches from an alley, his client is gunned down by a hunter-killer team. Burke slips away, unsure if he has been spotted. Later, when he examines the dossier, he discovers the missing person is Beryl Preston, a girl he had rescued from a brutal pimp twenty years before, when she was only thirteen, and returned to her father. Now he has to find her again.

[VARIOUS]KONRATH, J.A. ed THESE GUNS FOR HIRE (\$36.95) (Bleak House) A collection of short stories written by thirty-one crime writers, including: **Lawrence Block**, **Ken Bruen**, **David Morrell** and a whole bunch of others. Signed by at least fifteen of the contributors. Limited supply.

[VARIOUS]COBEN, HARLAN ed DEATH DO US PART (\$34.99 hardcover, \$18.99 trade paperback) (Little, Brown) A collection of stories about love, lust and murder by **Lee Child**, **Harlan Coben**, **Charles Todd**, **Laura Lippman** and fifteen others.

WALTER, JESS ZERO (\$32.95) (Regan) Hero cop Brian Remy wakes up to find he has shot himself in the head and is missing chunks of his memory. He is assigned to a secretive intelligence agency, the Department of Documents, and is chasing a paper trail

but he is not sure what he is looking for. See *J.D.'s Picks* in the September 2006 newsletter. Read all four of his novels. Terrific.

WARD, ROBERT FOUR KINDS OF RAIN (\$29.95) (St. Martin's) Broke, recently divorced, down-on-his-luck Baltimore psychiatrist Bob Wells is tired of always being the good guy. When helping a patient who believes someone is trying to steal the legendary Mask of Utu, worth millions, something inside Bob snaps and what he decides to do comes as a shock to him as he proceeds down a dark path from which there is no return.

WINSLOW, DON WINTER OF FRANKIE MACHINE (\$29.95) (Knopf) Frank Machianno is a late-middle-aged ex-surf bum who runs a bait shop in San Diego. He was also a hit man for the Mafia who now want him to do one more job. He is soon sucked back into his former life. And then things start to go wrong.

WINSPEAR, JACQUELINE MESSENGER OF TRUTH (#4) (\$30.00) (Henry Holt) London 1931. On the night before the opening of his new and much-anticipated exhibition at a famed Mayfair gallery, Nicholas Bassington-Hope falls to his death. The police declare it an accident but his twin sister isn't convinced. The case takes Maisie Dobbs to the desolate beaches of Dungeness in Kent, as well as the sinister underbelly of the city's art world. Sequel to Maisie Dobbs, Birds of a Feather (\$20 each) and Pardonable Lies (\$19 all trade paperbacks).

WOODS, STUART ed eagle SHORT STRAW (#2) (\$32.50)

Paperbacks

ADAM, PAUL ENEMY WITHIN (\$10.99) It is early summer 2009 and Laura Chapman, U.S. Secret Service agent, is assigned a case that borders on the unthinkable: an assassination plot against the new U.S. President on July 4th, (only two weeks away), by a member of the U.S. Secret Service. She is quirky, solitary, frequently unorthodox, but a brilliant intelligence analyst. She has been on the Presidential Protection Detail for the past eleven years and if anyone can save his sorry ass, it's her.

ADAMS, ALINA DEATH DROP (#4) (\$9.99) Figure skaters start young, but when a baby is abandoned at a Nationals practice session, Bex Levy suspects that there's more going on than a head start on coaching.

ALEXANDER, TASHA AND ONLY TO DECEIVE (\$17.50) Marian says: "I liked this. It's set in Victorian England and introduces Emily, who marries Philip, the Viscount of Ashton, as a way to escape her overbearing mother. When he dies on safari soon after their wedding, she feels little grief for him. But as she looks through his journals, she finds that he was deeply in love with her, and had felt it an honour that she accepted his marriage proposal. She also discovers that he was an antiquities collector, especially all things Greek and Roman. She soon uncovers a dangerous secret involving objects in the collection of the British Museum. If there is another book in the series, I will read it. It has the right touch of romance and was fun."

ALLINGHAM, MARGERY CORONER'S PIDGIN (\$19.95) A Champion mystery, first published in 1945, and now reissued in a handsome trade paperback.

ANDERS, DONNA DEATH WAITS FOR YOU (\$9.99) Aspiring novelist Savannah Blum is delighted to be asked to write the history of the Hawthornes, a prominent New York family, but as her research exposes secrets that go back generations, a mysterious figure shadows her every move. Women are being savagely mutilated. Is this the work of a serial killer who vanished more than thirty years ago? Or is it an even more bloodthirsty copycat?

ANDREWS, DONNA turing DELETE ALL SUSPECTS (#4) (\$9.99) After a hit-and-run leaves Eddie, a young techie, in hospital,

his grandmother hires Turing Hopper's PI friend Tim to find out who did it. As a computer Turing has a lot of skills that most humans don't. The first three in this fun series are You've Got Murder, Click Here for Murder and Access Denied (\$9.99 each).

ANDREWS, SARAH DEAD DRY (#10) (\$9.99) Forensic geologist Em Hansen works for the Utah Geological Survey but is helping the Salt Lake police with the murder of a fellow geologist. She determines his body was planted and the slide in the gravel quarry was deliberately set.

BADEN, MICHAEL & LINDA REMAINS SILENT (\$9.99) Philomena Manfreda is a crusading attorney for the disenfranchised and is a shopaholic who loves to cook. Dr. Jake Rosen is the deputy chief medical examiner of New York City, a confirmed workaholic. When a body is unearthed beneath a construction site near the Catskill Mountains, Jake is called in to examine the bones. Additional skeletons are found and Manny is hired to represent the family of one of the victims. A debut novel that Wendy enjoyed.

BAKER, DEB dolls DOLLED UP FOR MURDER (#1) (\$10.99) "A quick-paced mystery...and a wonderful peek into the not-always-genteel world of doll collecting."—*Monica Ferris*. Marian says: "I loved learning about the dolls".

BALDACCI, DAVID camel club CAMEL CLUB (#1) (\$9.99) On the fringes of D.C., a club called The Camel Club has four eccentric members whose simple goal is to find the truth behind their country's actions. After witnessing a shocking murder, the Club is slammed headfirst into a plot that threatens the security of the USA.

BARATZ-LOGSTED, LAUREN VERTIGO (\$16.00) It's 1898 and Emma, a do-gooder, begins an innocent correspondence with a prisoner. The correspondence turns decidedly erotic and when he's pardoned, the chance to take things farther is enticing...

BARCLAY, LINWOOD LONE WOLF (#3) (\$9.99) Up in lake country, where Jack's father has a fishing camp, a mutilated corpse is found. The locals attribute the death to a bear attack but Zack suspects something more ominous. The first two in the series are Bad Move (\$10.99) and Bad Guys (\$9.99).

BARNES, JULIAN ARTHUR AND GEORGE (\$21.00) The lives of Arthur;lllllllllll (Paddington) and George, two very honourable gentlemen, from two very different walks of life, intersect in a very interesting way.

BEATON, M C agatha AGATHA RAISIN & THE VICIOUS VET (#2) (\$9.99) The second in the series, now re-issued.

BELL, TED SPY (#4) (\$21.00) MI6 intelligence officer Alex Hawke, with the aid of brilliant Scotland Yard Inspector Ambrose Congreve, and an unstoppable force of nature named Stokely Jones, begin a river journey fraught with peril. Somewhere, an army is being formed that could destroy the US. The others in the series are Hawke (\$11.99), Assassin (\$11.99) and Pirate (\$12.99).

BERENDT, JOHN CITY OF FALLING ANGELS (\$19.50) A travelogue, a guide to the endlessly fascinating city of Venice, from the author of Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil (\$21).

BINCHY, MAEVE WHITETHORN WOODS (\$24.95)

BISHOP, CLAUDIA mckenzie TCOT ROASTED ONION (#1) (\$9.99) On their farm nestled in upstate Summersville, New York, veterinarian Austin McKenzie and his wife, Madeline, keep themselves busy looking after a variety of ailing farm animals and pets in poor health. While they may be able to mend creatures great and small, they have yet to find a cure for murder...

BLANC, NERO CROSSWORDER'S DELIGHT (#10) (\$8.99) A revered icon goes missing at the Paul Revere Inn and crossword editor Belle Graham and her partner, PI Rosco Polycrates, investigate. Includes four crossword puzzles.

BLECHTA, RICK WHEN HELL FREEZES OVER (\$16.95) From the mean streets of Toronto to the Highlands of Scotland...Michael Quinn, former rock star who turned his back on a band destined for superstardom twenty-four year ago, has been

keeping a low profile. When a woman chased by thugs looks to him for help, he has to decide whether to get involved or keep out. Excellent from all accounts.

BLEVINS, MEREDITH RED HOT EMPRESS (#3) (\$10.99)

BLOCK, LAWRENCE rhodenbar BURGLAR WHO THOUGHT HE WAS BOGART (#7) (\$10.99) A re-issue.

BLUNT, GILES BLACK FLY SEASON (#3) (\$10.99) A woman walks out of the bush and can't remember a thing. She also has a small-calibre bullet lodged in her brain. A body is found in a cave in the woods, with no hands, feet or head. How are these related? Algonquin Bay detectives John Cardinal and Lise Delorme investigate. Sequel to Forty Words for Sorrow and The Delicate Storm (\$10.99 each) and excellent they are. **Meet Giles Blunt, Tuesday November 21, 2006, at Sleuth from 6 pm to 7.30 pm.**

BOND, MICHAEL MONSIEUR PAMPLEMOUSSE HITS THE HEADLINES (#15) (\$11.95) M Pamplemousse is seated in the front row of an invited studio audience for the filming of France's premier TV cooking program, Cuisine de Chavigol, when the host, having downed an oyster in close-up, utters a strangled cry and slowly disappears from view behind a kitchen workshop. Pommes Frites, sniffer dog extraordinaire, watching the show on the family's television at home has his own views on the matter. This is a wonderful series but darn difficult to get. There are three omnibus available (in theory) each of which contain three Pamplemousse novels.

BOYD, WILLIAM A GOOD MAN IN AFRICA (\$9.99)

BRADBY, TOM GOD OF CHAOS (\$11.99) Cairo, June 1942. The city is panicked by the advance of Hitler's Desert Fox, Rommel, and the murder of a senior British officer looks like a political assassination. Former New York cop Joe Quinn isn't buying that.

BRADY, JOHN ISLANDBRIDGE (#8) (\$10.99) An informer offers Matt Minogue a rumour about a Dublin crime boss having a senior cop "on side"—and that the death of an undercover detective a year ago was connected—and then is murdered for his troubles.

BRIGHTWELL, EMILY MRS. JEFFRIES AND THE SILENT KNIGHT (#20) (\$9.99) The week before Christmas, Insp.

Witherspoon is called to Richmond to investigate the murder of a baronet. But of course, it's his housekeeper and her crime-solving staff that really solve the murder. Set in Victorian England.

BRITE, POPPY DRAWING BLOOD (\$10.99)

BROOKMYRE, CHRISTOPHER SACRED ART OF STEALING (\$16.99) The thief can afford to play cat and mouse with the lovely police woman, Angeliqve de Xavia, who is on his tail. What he can't afford is to let her get too close: he could end up back in jail, which holds terrors enough; but even more scary, he could end up in love.

BROWN, RITA MAE foxhuntin HUNT BALL (#4) (\$18.95) The fourth in her fox hunting series.

BUCKLEY, JONATHAN SO HE TAKES THE DOG (\$26.95) On a beach in southern England, a dog returns to its owner with a human hand in its mouth...

BURGESS, ANTHONY CLOCKWORK ORANGE (\$17.95) This 1962 classic is now, finally, being published in the US in its entirety. All previous US editions were printed without the last chapter which did, of course, appear in all other editions.

BURKE, JAN BLOODLINES (#9) (\$10.99) The novel spans a forty-five year period: from the story of the burial of a bloodstained car in 1958 with O'Connor and his mentor Jack Corrigan working for the Las Piernas News Express; then 1978 when Irene Kelly was in her first days as a novice reporter working for managing editor O'Connor and reporting on the ground breaking ceremony for a shopping center and the unearthing of a buried car; to today where Irene faces the impending closing of the paper. How do all three incidents tie together?

BUTCHER, JIM DEAD BEAT (#7) (\$10.99) See Leeanne's List.

CAINE, RACHEL vampires GLASS HOUSES (#1) (\$8.99)
CAINE, RACHEL FIRESTORM (#5) (\$9.99) The fifth in the Weather Warden Joanne Baldwin series. The apocalypse is nigh. The natural disasters so far were merely Mother Nature fidgeting in her sleep. Now she's waking up—and she is angry... And Marian loves the series. See Leeanne's List.

CARSON, PAUL BETRAYAL (\$11.99) Dr. Frank Ryan is in charge of Dublin's Harmon Penitentiary, one of Europe's most dangerous jails. One night he's roused out of bed—he's needed right away at the prison—only to be attacked and captured. What's going on?

CHILD, LINCOLN DEATH MATCH (\$9.99) Christopher Lash, a gifted former FBI forensic psychologist, receives an urgent plea from Eden Incorporated, a match making firm with the guarantee of finding you a life-long match. Why has their first perfectly matched couple been found in what looks like a double suicide? When a second Eden couple is found dead, again a double suicide, Eden makes available to Lash its most guarded secrets.

CHURCHILL, JILL WHO'S SORRY NOW? (#6) (\$9.99) Sister and brother duo Lily and Robert Brewster don't have a penny to their name but neither do most of the others living in the Hudson River Valley during the Great Depression. When a train porter is found dead and a red Swastika is found painted on a shop window, the two investigate as they try to keep possession of their beautiful Grace and Favor mansion.

CLARE, ALYS GIRL IN A RED TUNIC (#8) (\$10.99) Number eight in the Hawkenlye series.

CLARK, MARY HIGGINS & CAROL CHRISTMAS THIEF (\$10.99) Alvirah Meeham, the lottery winner turned amateur sleuth, teams up with Regan Reilly to solve another Christmas mystery.

CLASON, CLYDE B GREEN SHIVER (\$18.95)

COEL, MARGARET EYE OF THE WOLF (#11) (\$10.99) Someone has left three dead Shoshones on an old battlefield, positioned to mimic the bodies of those Arapaho killed in the historic slaughter of 1874. Vicky Holden's latest client is the main suspect. Father O'Malley helps investigate.

COHEN, NANCY J DEAD ROOTS (#7) (\$7.99) A Bad Hair Day Mystery.

COLE, EMMA EVERY SECRET THING (\$24.95 trade paperback, \$39.95 hardcover) aka **Susanna Kearsley**. See the Hardcover section for an annotation and *Marian's Picks*.

COLE, MARTINA TAKE (\$10.99) Joanie Brewer's children mean the world to her but eighteen-year-old Jon Jon is knee-deep in crime, and Jeanette, only fourteen, knows more than is good for her. It is Kira, her eleven-year-old, who is the most vulnerable to danger and when she disappears Joanie's obsession to uncover the truth threatens to destroy them all.

COOK, BOB DISORDERLY ELEMENTS (\$18.50) Michael Wyman is about to be made redundant—both the university where he's a professor and the British secret service for which he's worked for 30 years are about to lay him off. Happily, a miracle is at hand, in the form of a Communist spy burrowed deep in British intelligence and he's ready to come clean. But only to Wyman. First published in 1985. See *J.D.'s Picks*.

CORCORAN, TOM AIR DANCE IGUANA (#5) (\$9.99) Photographer Alex Rutledge wants out of the crime-scene business but his lover, Detective Bobbi Lewis, wants him to photograph just one more crime scene. With yet another murder following quickly, Alex suspects that shoddy police work may be linked to a long-forgotten cover-up.

CORDY, MICHAEL VENUS CONSPIRACY (prev. TRUE) (\$11.99) Can a drug that makes people fall madly in love be used for nefarious purposes? Yup. Previous title is True.

CORNWELL, BERNARD SHARPE'S TIGER (\$16.95) Now re-issued in trade paperback.

CORNWELL, PATRICIA scarpe PREDATOR (#14) (\$13.50) Dr. Kay Scarpetta, now freelancing with the National Forensic Academy in Florida, along with Pete Marino, Benton Wesley, and her niece Lucy, track the odd connection between several horrific crimes and the people who are the likely suspects. Also available on CD (\$42 abridged.)

CRAWFORD, ISIS CATERED CHRISTMAS (#3) (\$9.99) Caterers Bernadette and Libby Simmons are recruited as contestants for a TV cooking show. When the host of the show is murdered, the two sisters investigate. Sequel to A Catered Murder (\$7.99) and A Catered Wedding (\$8.99).

CUSSLER, CLIVE SKELETON COAST (#4) (\$20) A novel of the Oregon Files...A priceless treasure under the sea. A merciless threat on the surface. Juan Cabrillo can handle both...

DEVERELL, WILLIAM beauchamp APRIL FOOL (#2) (\$10.99) J.D. says: Truly, cause to rejoice. It's been eight long years for this sequel to Trial of Passion and I certainly hope that it won't be another eight years before the third one is published. Trial of Passion (\$19.95), one of my all time favourites, won the prestigious Hammett Prize for literary excellence in crime writing and Canada's Arthur Ellis Award for best crime novel—so you see I'm not the only one who thinks the book is terrific—and I have been champing at the bit, waiting, for the further adventures of one Arthur Beauchamp, "fusty Latin-rapping dean of West Coast criminal lawyers". This one is terrific, a pleasure. I savoured the elegance of the prose and the wit of Beauchamp. The almost-decade-long wait has been worth it.

DIBDIN, MICHAEL zen BACK TO BOLOGNA (#10) (\$17.00) The North American edition of the tenth Aurillio Zen novel.

DOBBS, MICHAEL churchill CHURCHILL'S TRIUMPH (#4) (\$10.99) Churchill, Roosevelt and Stalin meet in Yalta to sort out the details of peace. Meanwhile, a Polish soldier tries to make his way back home to search for his daughter who is missing in Warsaw. It falls to Churchill to stand by his conscience and fight for justice and the principles of civilization.

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

DOOLITTLE, SEAN CLEANUP (\$9.99) **Dennis Lehane** liked Rain Dogs (\$9.99) saying "As long as there are writers like Sean Doolittle out there, American crime fiction has got a sterling future ahead of it." And **Michael Connelly** says "The Cleanup is a wonderful discovery. Tight, taut, and tough... This is a great read." So you had better read 'em.

[DOYLE]DAVIES, MARTIN MRS. HUDSON AND THE MALABAR ROSE (#2) (\$9.99) The second mystery featuring Mrs. Hudson, world-class detective, and her employer, Mr. Sherlock Holmes. Sequel to Mrs. Hudson and the Spirits' Curse (\$19) Whenever the great detective needs a hand, all he has to do is ask...

DRUETT, JOAN SHARK ISLAND (#2) (\$17.95)

DRURY, TOM END OF VANDALISM (\$17.95) From the author of Driftless Area (\$27.50). First published in 1994.

DUBLIN, D H BODY TRACE (#1) (\$10.99) CSU rookie Madison Cross, green as they come, needs to work twice as hard as anyone else to make her mark. When two University of Pennsylvania students are discovered dead, she knows it's not a drug overdose.

DUMAS, MARGARET BALANCE THING (\$17.95)

DUNN, CAROLA dalrymple DEATH AT WENTWATER COURT (#1) (\$9.99) Reissue.

EASTMAN, BRIAN TREE OF DEATH (ROSEMARY & THYME) (\$21.00) An expensive British import.

EDWARDS, MARTIN CIPHER GARDEN (\$11.95) An anonymous tip-off sparks the interest of DCI Hannah Scarlett, who heads the local Cold Case Review Team, into investigating the years-ago brutal murder of Warren Hose. Set in the Lake District. "A wonderful, absorbing read."—*Peter Robinson*.

ELLORY, ROGER CITY OF LIES (\$24.95 trade paperback, \$34.95 hardcover) See the Hardcover section for an annotation.

FALCONER, DUNCAN OPERATIVE (\$10.99) The CIA, the FBI and a brutal army of Albanian mobsters together are not enough to take on Stratton. He's mad...

FERRIGNO, ROBERT PRAYERS FOR THE ASSASSIN (\$9.99) In 2040 simultaneous nuclear attacks destroy New York, Washington, D.C., and Mecca. The attacks are blamed on Israel and a civil war breaks out in the USA. An uneasy truce leaves the nation divided between an Islamic republic with its capital in Seattle, and the Christian Bible Belt in the old South.

FLETCHER & BAIN MURDER SHE WROTE MARGARITAS AND MURDER (\$9.99)

[VARIOUS]FORREST, KATHERINE ed. WOMEN OF MYSTERY (\$22.50) Fourteen tales of mystery and murder from well known lesbian mystery writers such as **Joan Drury, J M Redman, Randye Lordon, Katherine Forrest...**

FRADKIN, BARBARA HONOUR AMONG MEN (#5) (\$15.95) Insp. Green is eager to get back into the day-to-day fray of policing. His chance comes when an unidentified woman is found dead by the Ottawa River. In her possession is a military medal for bravery from a peacekeeping mission. The investigation leads to Yugoslavia of a decade ago...

FRASER, ANTONIA shore THREE GREAT NOVELS (\$27.95) Three Jemima Shore novels: Quiet as a Nun, Tartan Tragedy aka Wild Island and Splash of Red.

FREELING, NICOLAS BECAUSE OF THE CATS (#2) (\$18.50) The second Piet Van der Walk novel, sequel to Love in Amsterdam (19.95). Terrific stuff.

FREEMAN, BRIAN stride STRIPPED (#2) (\$24.95 trade paperback, \$34.95 hardcover) See the Hardcover section for an annotation as well as *Marian's Picks* and *Wendy's Picks*.

FULLERTON, ALEXANDER NON COMBATANTS (\$10.99) Summer of 1940 and Andy Holt has signed on as Second Mate with the SS Barranquilla. With U-boats trying to sink anything that floats, will Alex make it back to see his girlfriend who is pregnant with their child? Sequel to Westbound, Warbound (\$10.99).

FYFIELD, FRANCES SAFER THAN HOUSES (\$17.00) Sarah Fortune is aptly named; a lover has left her a flat in London and the arrangement as part-time mistress suits her well. Then she starts getting threatening letters from the son of her benefactor who wants the flat back.

GABALDON, DIANA outlander BREATH OF SNOW AND ASHES (#6) (\$22.95) It is 1772, the eve of the American Revolution and the Governor of the Colony sends an envoy to Jamie Fraser asking him to help unite the people and keep the country safe for the King. But Jamie's wife, daughter and son-in-law are time travelers so he knows the outcome will be Independence. He also knows that in 1776 a small article in a newspaper reports the destruction of his house and the death by fire of him and his family.

GALENORN, YASMINE dartigo WITCHLING (#1) (\$9.99) Meet the D'Artigo sisters, operatives for the Otherworld Intelligence Agency. At the Wayfarer Inn, a portal to Otherworld and the local hangout for humans and beasts alike, a fellow operative, Jocko, has been murdered.

GARDINER, MEG KILL CHAIN (#5) (\$24.95 trade paperback, \$37.95 hardcover) See the Hardcover section and *Wendy's Picks*.

GARTNER, JOHN GEM GREED (\$19.95) The author, a geoscientist and a geologist, takes you on a thrilling ride through Northern Ontario, Baden, Switzerland, Kiev and the Azores on the trail of a mining stock swindle dealing with diamond claims.

GASH, JONATHAN FINDING DAVEY (\$11.95) A stand-alone thriller by the author of the Lovejoy novels. When six-year-old Davey is kidnapped during a family holiday in Florida, his distraught parents finally accept that he cannot be found. They return to England to mourn their loss. Davey's grandfather, however, will not give up. He has an ingenious plan, using children's books...

GERRITSEN, TESS VANISH (\$10.99) Boston medical examiner Maura Isles unzips the body bag at the morgue and gets the fright of her life when the corpse opens its eyes. Rushed to the hospital, the woman kills a security guard and takes pregnant homicide detective Jane Rizzoli hostage. Maura joins forces with Jane's husband, FBI agent Gabriel Dean, to track down the killer's identity.

GLOVER, DOUGLAS PRECIOUS (\$19.99) First published in 1984 by the winner of the Governor General's Award for *Elle*. I remember reading this back in 1984 and being totally unimpressed, so I'm going to read it again. Will get back to you...

GOPNIK, ADAM KING IN THE WINDOW (\$12.99) A great kid's book.

GRAVES, SARAH NAIL BITER (#9) (\$9.99) Jake Tiptree figures she can make a quick profit repairing a broken-down rental home. She pretty handy. But she hadn't figured on the witches who'd taken up residence there.

GRAY, ALEX lorimer SHADOWS OF SOUNDS (#3) (\$11.95) Detective Chief Inspector Lorimer and psychologist Solomon Brightman investigate the murder of the leader of the City of Glasgow Orchestra. Up until his death George Millar had been involved in homosexual relationships with several orchestra members and was well known for playing his lovers off against one another. Never Somewhere Else (\$21) and A Small Weeping (\$10.95) are the first two. One of *Wendy's Picks* a little while ago.

GRAY, JOHN MACLACHLAN WHITE STONE DAY (\$19.95) Muck-raking scourge Edmund Whitty is worse than broke. In Victorian London he seems to be scooped at every turn by a hated rival. Undercover at a séance in hopes of a big story, he is blindsided by a scandal involving his long lost brother. He must return to Oxford to confront his brother's disgrace and his own. Sequel to The Fiend in Human (\$10.99).

GRIFFITHS, NEIL SAVING CARAVAGGIO (\$23.00) As a Caravaggio lover and expert in art recovery, detective Daniel Wright, is determined to rescue the stolen *Nativity* from the Mafia bosses who use it as payment for drugs and assassinations. But is it a painting worth dying for?

GRIMES, MARTHA BELLE RUIN (#3) (\$17.50) A follow up to Hotel Paradise (\$10.99) and Cold Flat Junction (\$19.50 trade paperback) featuring twelve-year-old Emma Graham. When Emma finds the crumbling shell of a fabulous hotel hidden in the woods, she never suspects that the mysteries it holds will bring her one step closer to solving a forty-year-old mystery and a current one.

HALL, PARNELL STALKING THE PUZZLE LADY (#7) (\$9.99) When the puzzle lady takes her show on the road someone takes offence. Traveling the I-95 is such fun. Not.

HARLICK, R J RED ICE FOR A SHROUD (\$14.95) The sequel to Death's Golden Whisper (\$12.95), the first Meg Harris mystery, which "...blends greed, native spirituality and a critique of how modern culture continues to encroach on paradise within a gripping murder mystery."—*Montreal Review of Books*. Band chief Eric Odjik's plan to create a network of trails for the first ever Migiskan Ski Marathon are frustrated by the death of a young woman, working on clearing a trail, and the charge of murder leveled against a young native man. Meg is convinced he's innocent.

HARRIS, C S WHAT ANGELS FEAR (\$9.99) Sebastian St. Cyr,

Viscount Devlin, shattered by his experience in the Napoleonic Wars, is the likely suspect in the attack on a beautiful young woman, but he's not guilty, so he's on the run in this "amazing debut"—*Library Journal*. He calls on his skills as an agent during the war to catch the killer and prove his own innocence. "I loved it", says Marian.

HARRIS, CHARLAINE GRAVE SIGHT (#1) (\$10.99) Harper Connelly has the gift of being able to find dead people. She can sense the final location of a person who has died and share their very last moment. She and her brother are in the small Ozarks town of Sarne. A teenage girl has gone missing and Harper knows immediately that she is dead. "Both this one and the sequel, Grave Surprise (\$30) were really good, if different, reads" says Marian.

HARRIS, LEE CINCO DE MAYO MURDER (#17) (\$9.99)

HAYDER, MO BIRDMAN and TREATMENT (\$19.95 each, trade paperback) Two early novels by the author of Devil of Nanking aka Tokyo (\$10.99), now reissued. There are still copies of the mass market edition on hand, for the moment, so do enquire.

Tough, all three of them, but all excellent.

HELLER, MANDASUE CHARMER (\$10.99) When Maria Price hears that she has inherited a large house in the best part of Manchester and more money than she ever dreamed of, she thinks it's too good to be true. Then she meets Joel Parry, who also seems too good to be true. Turns out he's deep in Manchester's drug scene and his terrifying past is about to catch up with him and the naïve Maria who trusts him.

HESS, JOAN A HOLLY, JOLLY MURDER (\$9.99) A Claire Malloy re-issue, just in time for the holidays.

HIGGINS, JACK WITHOUT MERCY (\$13.50) When their colleague, Detective Superintendent Hannah Bernstein of Special Branch recuperating in hospital after a tragic mission, is murdered, intelligence operative Sean Dillon, Blake, Ferguson and others vow to avenge her death. Read Dark Justice (\$10.99) first.

HOLDEN, TAYLOR SENSE OF PAPER (\$18.95) One of the world's foremost living painters and an authority on Turner, Sir Alan Matheson is also a notorious connoisseur of fine paper and beautiful women. He is instantly intrigued by war correspondent Charlotte Hudson, who shares his fascination with the qualities and paradoxes of paper.

HOLMS, JOYCE HIDDEN DEPTHS (#8) (\$11.95) Fizz Fitzpatrick needs help so she turns to barrister Tam Buchanan. An old friend of hers, Irene Lloyd, has disappeared. Also missing is the Rubens painting Irene had been working on. Unfortunately this author is pretty much unavailable as all the earlier titles are out of print. The seventh, Hot Potato (\$13.95), is available. See *Wendy's Picks*.

HOLT, HAZEL MRS. MALORY AND A DEATH IN THE FAMILY (\$9.99) Sheila Malory's loathsome cousin Bernard is digging up dirt on the family and someone, kin?, decides that's enough. Although Bernard was pompous and a bully, someone should avenge his death.

HUGHES, MARY ELLEN craft WREATH OF DECEPTION (#1) (\$9.99) Recently widowed, Jo McAllister is setting up shop in Abbotsville, MD. She's hoping Jo's Craft Corner will take her mind off her troubles. It's opening day, the entertainment she's hired, the clown, won't stop complaining and she's ready to strangle him. Until someone saves her the trouble... Includes directions for a craft project and a recipe!" Light and fun", says Marian.

HUNTER, MADDY G'DAY TO DIE (#5) (\$8.99) Emily Andrew and her gang of world-touring seniors are in Australia in this fifth romp. If Emily doesn't stop a killer in their tracks, this Aussie adventure just may be her last. See *Marian's Picks*.

HUSTON, CHARLIE DANGEROUS MAN (#3) (\$18.95) Reluctant hitman Henry Thompson has fallen on hard times and his

usefulness is dwindling. Which does not please his boss, Russian mobster David Dolokhov. So Henry is surprised when he's handed a new assignment: keep tabs on a minor league baseball star named Miguel. Miguel has a bright future and a wicked gambling problem. Sequel to Caught Stealing and Six Bad Things (\$17.95 each).

INDRIDASON, ARNALDUR VOICES (#3) (\$24.95) The third Det. Eriundur Reykjavik murder mystery. At a grand Reykjavik hotel the doorman has been repeatedly stabbed in the dingy basement room he called home, a few days before Christmas.

IRONSIDE, ELIZABETH ACCOMPLICE (\$18.50 trade paperback, \$29.95 hardcover) See the Hardcover section for an annotation. By the author of the delightful Death in the Garden (\$19.95)

JECKS, MICHAEL FRIAR'S BLOODFEUD (#20) (\$10.99) Bailiff Simon Puttock's servant, Hugh, has been granted leave to go home to look after his wife and son, but a gang of men break into their home and attack the family. When Simon and Sir Baldwin, Keeper of the King's Peace, arrive they find the cottage burnt to the ground, the bodies from within already buried.

JOHNSON, MAT HUNTING IN HARLEM (\$20.95) Special order. Get you one as well.

JOHNSTONE, DOUG TOMBSTONING (\$16.00) People keep dying around David Lindsay. The first one was his best mate, fifteen years ago, who just fell off a cliff and David was the last person to see him alive. Now, fifteen years later, someone else dives off the cliff. David's options: flee like he did the first time or finally figure out why people keep dying around him.

JONES, MATTHEW J BOOT TRACKS (\$20.00)

JOSEPH, ALISON DARKENING SKY (#7) (\$11.95) Sister Agnes is about to take her final vows, which means giving up all her worldly possessions: no house in Provence, no gin and tonics, no scented bubble baths... She's not sure if she's ready for this final step. When death strikes at the hostel for addicts where she works, she knows that she's got to sort this out before she goes. The answer may lie in the Falkland's War. Unfortunately, the earlier titles are out of print.

KANE, ANDREA I'LL BE WATCHING YOU (\$9.99)

KEIZER, GREGG MIDNIGHT PLAGUE (\$10.99) With the help of the only survivor of a fishing boat that ran aground on British shores during the secret countdown to D-Day, American doctor Frank Brink must infiltrate occupied France to uncover the laboratory where the pneumonic plague is being tested for release.

KELMAN, JUDITH SESSION (\$10.99)

KENT, CHRISTOBEL FLORENTINE REVENGE (\$16.00) A debut novel. Two deaths, two swimming pools, fifteen years apart and Celia Donnelly was around for both. She is haunted by her dreams for fifteen years and so feels compelled to sort thing out. Set in Florence.

KENT, DAVID TRIANGLE CONSPIRACY (#4) (\$9.99)

KENT, GORDON SPOILS OF WAR (\$22.95) When an illegal dig in Gaza uncovers an artefact that challenges the historical foundations of the state of Israel, some of the deadliest workers in the field of espionage immediately try to claim it.

KIMBERLY, ALICE GHOST AND THE DEAD MAN'S LIBRARY (#3) (\$9.99) Sequel to Ghost and the Dead Deb (\$9.99) and Ghost and Mrs. McClure (\$8.99). A mystery bookstore in Rhode Island with a resident ghost who helps with investigations...

KIMOR-PAINE, RACHEL DEATH UNDER GLASS (\$19.95) The housing market is murderous in St. John's, Newfoundland. Olga Erdos, a retired lawyer and recent immigrant from Budapest, finds the social scene a puzzle of contradictions, but this doesn't stop her from teaming up with Lily, wife of the Chief of Police to tackle the death of a real estate agent.

KITAKATA, KENZO CAGE (\$21.00) Kazuya Takino leads a quiet life running a supermarket in the Tokyo suburbs. But when an

extortionist tries to force him out of business, he finds himself drawn into the yakuza underworld—a world he once called home and thought he had left behind. “The undisputed don of hardboiled and mystery writing in Japan.”

KNIGHT, ALANNA mcquinn DANGEROUS PURSUITS (#2) (\$11.95)

KOSTOVA, ELIZABETH HISTORIAN (\$19.99) Late one night, exploring her father’s library, a young woman finds an ancient book and a cache of yellowing letters all addressed to “My dear and unfortunate successor.” The letters provide a link to a centuries-long quest to find the truth about Vlad the Impaler, the medieval ruler whose barbarous reign formed the basis of the legend of Dracula. A debut novel.

KUZNESKI, CHRIS SIGN OF THE CROSS (\$10.99) Three crucifixions on three different continents...the discovery of an ancient conspiracy...a secret that could destroy the faith of billions. “...Da Vinci Code on steroids.”—*Thom Racina*.

LAKE, DERYN GOVERNOR’S LADIES and KING’S WOMEN (\$16.95 ea) Two historical novels of passion, intrigue and betrayal that changed history. From the author of the apothecary John Rawlings novels.

LAURIE, VICTORIA KILLER INSIGHT (#4) (\$9.99) Ever thought of consulting a psychic? Getting answers to questions, big and small? Victoria Laurie, a clairvoyant and police psychic, will do readings for you. In this fourth adventure, Abby Cooper’s gift of sight is getting a tad foggy. See *Marian’s Picks*.

LE CARRE, JOHN SMILEY’S PEOPLE and ABSOLUTE FRIENDS (\$19 ea.) Two reissues in handsome trade paperbacks.

LEATHER, STEPHEN SOFT TARGET (\$10.99) When a group of armed police in an elite unit turned maverick start to rip off drug dealers at gunpoint, undercover cop Dan “Spider” Shepherd is ordered to infiltrate the team and betray them.

LEATHER, STEPHEN COLD KILL (\$10.99) People-smuggling, counterfeit currency and attempted murder. It’s all in a day’s work for undercover cop Dan “Spider” Shepherd...

LEATHER, STEPHEN STRETCH (\$10.99) When career criminal Terry Greene is sentenced to life for a murder he did not commit, his wife can either walk away or take over the criminal empire he has built up. Being a gang-boss doesn’t come easily to her, not when other criminals are trying to take over what’s left of her husband’s empire. Set in England.

LEON, DONNA active DEATH AND JUDGMENT (#4) (\$9.99) One more that has become available in a North American edition and, thus, at a reasonable price. Published in the UK under the title Venetian Reckoning.

LEONARD, ELMORE HOT KID (\$12.99) Carl Webster, the hot kid of the marshals service, works out of the Tulsa, Oklahoma, federal courthouse during the 1930s. He wants to be America’s most famous lawyer.

LESCROART, JOHN T hardy DEAD IRISH (#1) (\$10.99) The first in the Dismas Hardy series. Excellent.

LEVINE, PAUL KILL ALL THE LAWYERS (#3) (\$9.99) A terrific, funny, courthouse series, featuring Solomon and Lord, partners in law. Wendy has loved this series.

LIND, HAILEY kincaid SHOOTING GALLERY (#2) (\$9.99) From the author of the wonderful Feint of Art (\$9.99) and again featuring art-forged-gone-good Annie Kincaid. A Chagall painting is stolen from the Brock Museum and Annie’s old friend Bryan is accused of being in on the heist. Up to Annie to use her dubious contacts...Terrific, again. See *Marian’s Picks*.

LINDSAY, JEFF DEARLY DEVOTED DEXTER (#2) (\$16.95) Blood-splatter analyst Dexter Morgan of the Miami Police Department is back, killing bad guys. Being an ethical serial killer is tough especially when Sergeant Doakes is suspicious of him. But a very

nasty psychopath is cutting a trail through Miami and Dexter’s sister detective Deborah Morgan is drawn into the case. It takes a monster to catch a monster. The first in the series is Darkly Dreaming Dexter (\$16.95 trade paperback) which was one of *Marian’s Picks* a little while ago. (*Hah. That is to laugh. Marian’s Pick. Who do you think discovered this writer and suggested to her she read it?—Ed.*).

LINDSAY, JEFF DARKLY DREAMING DEXTER (#1) (\$16.95) The fantabulous first Dexter novel, now reissued in a trade paperback edition. Not to be missed. Never thought a serial killer novel could be entertaining and witty? Try this one.

LITTELL, ROBERT SISTERS (\$17.50) This guy is good; nice to see a number of his novel becoming available again. If you are looking for more le Carre and less Ludlum, then have a look at this guy.

LONG, JEFF WALL (\$9.99) Thirty-five years ago Hugh and Lewis were Yosemite legends, El Capitan was their holy grail. Now they reunite to climb El Cap one last time. But “the Captain” seems cursed this time around, and disaster strikes.

LOVESEY, PETER CIRCLE (#9) (\$17.99) Peter Diamond, in his 9th adventure. A terrific series, which you should not miss. Start with Last Detective (\$18.95) and you won’t be able to stop until you finish the series.

LUDLUM, ROBERT AMBLER WARNING (\$12.99) Ambler is so dangerous to the US government that he is kept in “deep storage”, complete isolation and heavily medicated, in a psychiatric facility. With the help of a sympathetic nurse, he clears his mind of the drug-induced haze and then escapes. He discovers there is no record of any person named Hal Ambler, and with no resources he has to figure out why he is considered so dangerous.

[VARIOUS] Edited by ED MACBAIN TRANSGRESSIONS The original collection, published in hardcover (\$36.95, available), contained 10 novellas. For the paperback release, the ten novellas are broken up into four volumes (at \$10.99 each) thus: vol. 1 contains the **Block** and **Deaver** novellas; vol. 2, the **Farris** and **Stephen King**; vol. 3, **McBain**, **Mosley** and **Westlake**; and vol. 4, **McCrum**, **Oates** and **Perry**.

MCDERMID, VAL CLEANSKIN (\$6.95) Another in the Quick Read series, designed to get kids to read. Novella length. When career criminal Jack Farrell’s body is found washed upon a Suffolk shore, it looks like he committed suicide. Good riddance. But, one by one, his enemies are being killed, and the case is open once again.

MCDERMID, VAL The Kate Brannigan novels are now all available. Oh joy. The first two, DEAD BEAT and KICK BACK are available in UK mass market paperbacks (\$10.99 ea.). The next four CRACK DOWN, CLEAN BREAK, BLUE GENES, and STAR STRUCK are available in US trade paperbacks (\$18.00 ea.). Go wild.

MACDONALD, PATRICIA NO WAY HOME (\$8.99)

MCGEE, JAMES RATCATCHER (#1) (\$10.99) Hunting down highwaymen was not the usual preserve of a Bow Street Runner. As the most resourceful of this elite band of investigators, Matthew Hawkwood was surprised to be assigned the case, even if it did involve the murder and mutilation of a naval courier.

MACGREGOR, T J COLD AS DEATH (#5) (\$9.99) The fifth Psychic Mira Morales adventure.

MAGNAN, PIERRE MESSENGERS OF DEATH (\$27.95) Emile Pencement is in the cemetery, designing his final resting place where he discovers an addressed envelope. Being a former postman, he dutifully purchases a stamp and posts the letter. Little did he know that this was a message of death.

MARON, MARGARET CORPUS CHRISTMAS (#6) (\$9.99) A Lt. Sigrid Harald investigation. First published in 1989. Art, academia and Yuletide murder.

MARSTON, EDWARD EXCURSION TRAIN (#2) (\$16.95) Two men are strangled on a train and Detective Inspector Robert Colbeck and Sergeant Victor Leeming investigate. Set in Victorian England. The first in the series is The Railway Detective (10.95).

MASIEL, DAVID 2182 KILOHERTZ (\$19.95)

MASSEY, SUJATA TYPHOON LOVER (#8) (\$17.95) Rei Shimura is hired to search for and authenticate an ancient Middle Eastern pitcher that disappeared from Iraq's national museum. The piece is believed to be in the hands of a wealthy Japanese collector.

MAYOR, ARCHER ST. ALBANS FIRE (#15) (\$9.99) Someone is wreaking havoc around the gentle farmlands surrounding the town of St. Albans. When one of the barns is torched and the entire herd and a young man perish, Joe Gunther investigates.

MEADE, GLENN DEVIL'S DISCIPLE (\$24.95 trade paperback, \$34.95 hardcover) See the Hardcover section for an annotation.

MICHAELS, KASEY HIGH HEELS AND HOMICIDE (#4) (\$9.99) Mystery author Maggie Kelly is over in England to watch one of her novels being shot as a TV movie, things start to heat up between her and Alex when the scriptwriter turns up dead. Maggie had been seen arguing with him and, now, as the Brits would say, she's in a bit of a pickle.

MITCHELL, KIRK parker DANCE OF THE THUNDER DOGS (#5) (\$10.99) Emmett Parker is home to recoup. After thirteen years of assignments for the Bureau of Indian Affairs that took him to every Indian nation but his own (Comanche) he has ties to both sides. He's about to find out which side pulls harder.

MORRIS, BOB JAMAICA ME DEAD (\$9.99) Zack Chasteen goes to Jamaica to help protect Darcy Whitehall, the owner of a chain of anything goes Caribbean resorts. Bahamarama (\$9.99) is the first in the series.

MOSLEY, WALTER easy CINNAMON KISS (#9) (\$9.50) Easy Rawlins travels to San Francisco to investigate the disappearance of an eccentric, prominent attorney and his assistant, the beautiful Cinnamon Cargill.

MURPHY, SHIRLEY ROUSSEAU CAT BREAKING FREE (#11) (\$9.99) Joe Grey, Feline PI.

NABB, MAGDALEN INNOCENT (\$16.00) Marshal Salvatore Guarnaccia, a Sicilian stationed in Florence, investigates the death of a young Japanese woman apprenticed to one of Florence's legendary custom shoemakers.

NESBO, JO REDBREAST (#2) (\$24.95) The rising star of Norwegian crime writing. Harry Hole, policeman, drunkard and a lonely man, is lumbered with monitoring neo-Nazi activity. A fairly mundane assignment, until reports of a rare weapon being fired attract his interest. Devil's Star (\$11.99), the first one to be translated, was a favourite of Wendy's.

OLSON, KAREN annie seymour SACRED COWS (#1) (\$8.99) New Haven police reporter Annie Seymour investigates the murder of a young Yale coed. The first in a series. "Fun, fun: a good substitute for fans of Janet Evanovich." Says Marian.

OPYR, JOAN IDAHO CODE (#1) (\$16.95) Love for a lesbian is not easily found in homophobic Idaho. "...most entertaining new voice in lesbian mystery."—*Val McDermid*.

O'SHAUGHNESSY, PERRI CASE OF LIES (#11) (\$10.99) Nina Reilly's new client wants her to find the killers of his wife who was murdered two years ago during a casino robbery. Two of the witnesses to the crime are now living in the same town in Germany that her ex-husband now lives in.

PARKER, ROBERT B spenser SCHOOL DAYS (#33) (\$10.99) Spenser is hired by the grande dame of Dowling, Massachusetts, Lily Ellsworth, to investigate her grandson Jared Clark's alleged involvement in a school shooting.

PATTERSON, JAMES cross MARY MARY (#11) (\$12.99) On a family vacation, FBI agent Alex Cross is asked to investigate the

shooting of a top actress and an e-mail sent to the LA Times with shocking details about the murder. It's sinned Mary.

PAUL, BARBARA FOURTH WALL (\$18.50) First published in 1979, now reissued by the really smart people at Felony and Mayhem. Set in the world of the theatre. "A boffo thriller...absolutely superb"—*Publishers Weekly*.

PELECANOS, GEORGE STEFANO NOVELS (\$30.00) An omnibus edition containing the first three Nick Stefanos novels, Firing Offense, Nick's Trip and Down by the River Where the Dead Men Go. The novels are also available individually (\$21 each).

PENNY, LOUISE STILL LIFE (#1) (\$10.99) Yup, now in. Excellent. For more, see the September issue.

PICCIRILLI, TOM DEAD LETTERS (\$7.99) Five years ago, Eddie Whitt's daughter became the victim of a serial killer known as Killjoy and Whitt vowed to hunt him down—no matter what the cost. But the need for revenge is slowly driving him mad.

PICKENS, CATHY avery andrews DONE GONE WRONG (#2) (\$9.99) Attorney Avery Andrews is in Charleston, South Carolina, to meet a young doctor who has something to tell her. On his way to their meeting he meets with a car accident but something about it doesn't sit right with Avery. The first in the series is Southern Fried (\$9.99).

POWELL, ANTHONY DANCE TO THE MUSIC OF TIME (\$28.95) A special order. Want one? Just say the word.

PRYCE, MALCOLM UNBEARABLE LIGHTNESS OF BEING IN ABERYSTWYTH (#3) (\$24.00) Sequel to Last Tango in Aberystwyth and Aberystwyth Mon Amour (\$21 each). "A hilariously surrealist take on a Chandleresque private eye in a land of Druids and whelk-stalls..."—*Independent* said about Last Tango.

PURSER, ANN meade FEAR ON FRIDAY (#5) (\$9.99) The latest in the series featuring house cleaner Lois Meade.

QUINN, PETER HOOR OF THE CAT (\$18.50) In 1938 private eye Fintan Dunne is lured into a homicide investigation that leads him to Nazi Germany. Admiral Wilhelm Canaris, head of German Military Intelligence, must decide whether to join a group of people intent on overthrowing Hitler or betray them to the Gestapo.

RADLEY, SHEILA DEATH IN THE MORNING (\$18.50) The first Insp. Quantril mystery. First published in 1978, now reissued by those clever people at Felony and Mayhem.

RANKIN, IAN NAMING OF THE DEAD (#16) (\$24.95 trade paperback, \$37.95 hardcover) See the Hardcover section.

RANKIN, ROBERT eddie bear TOYMINATOR (#2) (\$24.95) Sequel to HOLLOW CHOCOLATE BUNNIES APOCALYPSE (#1) (\$10.99). Zany.

REHDER, BEN GUILT TRIP (#4) (\$9.99) Game warden John Marlin and his good friend sheriff Bobby Garza investigate the disappearance of the treasurer of the local Rotary Club, the explosion of a house full of drug paraphernalia, and the theft of an exotic car. The first three in the series are Buck Fever, Bone Dry, and Flat Crazy (\$9.99 each).

RENDELL, RUTH wexford END IN TEARS (#20) (\$10.99) A lump of concrete is dropped deliberately from a stone bridge but it kills the wrong person. Chief Inspector Wexford investigates.

RICHARDS, LINDA L NEXT EX (#2) and CALCULATED LOSS (#3) (\$8.50 ea.) The sequels to Mad Money (\$7.99), which was shortlisted for the Ellis for Best First Novel. Featuring Madeline Carter, a stockbroker who quits her high-powered job in New York for a life of peace, quiet and day trading in the Malibu Hills.

RICKMAN, PHIL SMILE OF A GHOST (#7) (\$9.99) In the affluent and historic town of Ludlow, on the Welsh border, a teenage boy dies in a dramatic fall from the castle ruins. Accident or suicide? The boy's uncle, newly retired police detective Andy Mumford, takes his personal fears to diocesan exorcist Merrily Watkins.

RIPLEY, ANN SUMMER GARDEN MURDER (#9) (\$9.99) Peter Hoffman, the "mulch murderer", [Mulch (#1) seems to be out

of print], is released from a mental institution and has a few things to say to TV's top gardening show hostess Louise Eldridge. Louise and family decide to take a bit of R&R, hoping that Hoffman will have moved on when they return. But no suck luck. Upon return Louise finds his body buried under her native azalea patch.

RIPLEY, MIKE ANGEL IN THE HOUSE (#14) (\$11.95) Streetwise hero Roy Angel, faced with parenthood and a move to the country, has to do the unthinkable – get a job. So his partner buys him a share in a all-female private detective agency! “I never read Ripley on trains, planes or buses. He makes me laugh and it annoys other passengers.”—*Minette Walters*.

ROBINS, MADELEINE E PETTY TREASON and POINT OF HONOUR (\$9.99 ea.) Sold out but more on the way.

ROOS, KELLEY troy SAILOR TAKE WARNING (#4) (\$18.95) The fourth Jeff and Haila Troy mystery comedy, first published in 1944. Another delight from the Rue Morgue Press.

ROSE, MICHAEL delaney BURMA EFFECT (#2) (\$24.95)
ROSLUND-HELLSTROM BEAST (\$17.00) Two children are found dead in a basement. Four years later their murderer escapes from prison. The police know that if he is not found quickly, he will kill again. When another child is murdered, the citizenry is up in arms. Literally. The child's father decides to take matters into his own hands. Translated from the Swedish.

ROWE, ROSEMARY ROMAN RANSOM (#8) (\$10.99) Lying in his sick bed, weak and disoriented after a dangerous fever, Libertus is strictly forbidden visitors. But his patron, Marcus Septimus, is desperate to speak to him. His wife and their baby son have been kidnapped and if he doesn't use his power as a senior magistrate to release a certain political prisoner, he will never see his family again. But how can Libertus possibly help?

ROWE, SEAN FEVER (\$9.50) Matt “Loose Cannon” Shannon is an ex-FBI agent turned head of security for a line of cruise ships. In order to clear Matt's huge credit card debt, brother Jack, just released from prison, has a deal he can't refuse. In a heist more audacious than anything he's been trained for or dreamed up in his most fevered state, Matt ends up on the wrong side of everything.

ROWLAND, LAURA JOH ASSASSIN'S TOUCH (#10) (\$9.99) Sano Ichiro investigates the suspicious deaths of four high-ranking officials while his wife Reiko is asked to prove either the guilt or innocence of Yugao, a beautiful young woman accused of killing her parents and her sister.

RYAN, P B MURDER IN THE NORTH END (#5) (\$10.99). Boston governess Nell Sweeney's fifth investigation. Set in 1870.
SALLIS, JAMES DRIVE (\$16.95) A stunt driver by day and a driver for criminals at night, Driver is double-crossed. Revenge is sweet. A novella.

SANGHOEE, SANJAY MERGER (\$10.99) CEO of a huge communications firm, Vik Suri will stop at nothing to get what he wants. Tom Carter, an investment banker working on a big merger deal for Suri, struggles with his conscience when he realizes that a massive fraud may have been committed. Together with Amanda Fleming, a New York Times reporter eager to break a big story, he tries to stay alive while trying to outsmart the brilliant Vik.

SANSOM, C J SOVEREIGN (#3) (\$22.95 trade paperback, \$32.95 hardcover) See the Hardcover section and *Marian's Picks*.

SANSOM, IAN MR. DIXON DISAPPEARS (#2) (\$17.95) The second in the Mobile Library series, sequel to The Case of the Missing Book (\$17.95). Great fun, the both of them.

SCARROW, SIMON EAGLE IN THE SAND (#7) (\$24.95 trade paperback, \$34.95 hardcover) See the Hardcover section.

SCHREIBER, JOE CHASING THE DEAD (\$22.95)

SCHWEGEL, THERESA OFFICER DOWN (\$9.99) Chicago police officer Samantha Mack's gun killed her partner during a sting. But who pulled the trigger? The departmental higher ups want to call the death accidental so when Sam can't let it go, she is sus-

pected for refusing to play along. A debut novel and winner of the Edgar for Best First Novel.

SEBOLD, ALICE LOVELY BONES (\$9.50) The paperback edition of this marvelous book, that both Marian and Wendy loved. See *Marian's Picks*.

SEYMOUR, GERALD RAT RUN (\$11.99) Malachy Kitchen was an Intelligence officer posted to Iraq. But he ran under hostile fire and, humiliated and broken, is kicked out of the army. When an elderly woman is mugged by drug addicts on the London estate where he is now living, a new flame is sparked and his target is the network of narcotic traders.

SHELDON, CHARLIE FAT CHANCE (\$18.50)

SIDOE, STEVEN BONE FACTORY (\$9.99) Homicide cops Ike Horner and Eliza Ochoa are investigating the murder of a prostitute in Booth City. It seems though, the girl is really a boy. His debut novel is Skin River (\$9.99).

SIMENON, GEORGES Le Voleur de Maigret, Maigret Tend un Piège, Maigret se Trompe and Maigret A New-York (\$19.50 each) In French.

SIMMS, CHRIS jon spicer KILLING THE BEASTS (#1) (\$12.99) In the aftermath of the Manchester 2002 Commonwealth Games a series of brutal killings shatters the city. DI Jon Spicer investigates. One of *Wendy's Picks* a while back.

SIMON, CLEA MEW IS FOR MURDER (#1) (\$17.95) Freelance writer Theda Krakow finds a stray kitty which leads her to an old woman holed up in a decrepit house full of cats. When Theda returns to interview the old woman, she finds her dead. Murder?

SIMON, MICHAEL dan reles BODY SCISSORS (#2) (\$17.50) In his search for a killer, Austin homicide detective Dan Reles chases a gunman across Texas, tangles with a Middle-Eastern drug lord, and uncovers a mysterious and deadly disease that's carving a path through college campuses. Sequel to Dirty Sally (\$10.99).

SLADE, MICHAEL KAMIKAZE (\$24.00) Genjo Tokuda, a Hiroshima survivor and head of the yakuza crime syndicate, finally gets his chance to satisfy the bushido oath he made to his ancestors. He's going to be in Vancouver for a Vets convention and so will be one of the crewmen from the *Enola Gay*.

SLADE, MICHAEL SWASTIKA (\$10.99) An action-packed Nazi-conspiracy thriller.

SMITH, ALEXANDER isabel FRIENDS, LOVERS, CHOCOLATE (#2) (\$19.95) When Isabel Dalhousie's niece, Cat, asks her to run her delicatessen while she attends a wedding in Italy, Isabel meets a man with an interesting problem. He recently had a heart transplant and is plagued with memories of events that never happened to him. The first in this series is The Sunday Philosophy Club (\$19.95 trade paperback).

SMITH, CAROL WITHOUT WARNING (\$25.00) The new novel and three reissues: Kensington Court, Double Exposure, and Family Reunion (\$10.99 each).

SMITH, WILBUR TRIUMPH OF THE SUN (\$10.99) Khartoum, 1884: on the banks of the Nile the Courtneys meet the Ballantynes.

SPEART, JESSICA UNSAFE HARBOR (#10) (\$9.99) U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Agent Rachel Porter is in Port Elizabeth, NJ, trying to help stop the import of illegal flora and fauna.

STACEY, LYNDON SIX TO ONE AGAINST (\$24.95 trade paperback, \$48.50 hardcover) See the Hardcover section.

STANLEY, J B FATAL APPRAISAL (#2) (\$9.99) Does a beautiful eighteenth-century desk with unique secret compartments hold the key to the death of appraiser Frank Sterling? “I thought this was much better written than the first one, [Killer Collection (\$9.99)] more polished, more interesting characters and a tighter plot. Well done.” Says Marian.

STOCKWIN, JULIAN COMMAND (#7) (\$24.95 trade paperback, \$34.95 hardcover) See the Hardcover section.

STRIEBER, ANNE LITTLE TOWN LIES (\$9.99) Burned-out Houston social worker Sally Hopkins has returned to her hometown, the sleepy East Texas town of Maryvale. Her Uncle Ed, the town sheriff, wants her to talk to the townspeople to see if she can identify the culprit of some arsons and animal mutilations. But when a young woman is murdered, Sally enlists the help of a handsome but reserved young state trooper.

STROUD, CARSTEN COBRAVILLE (\$10.99) Cole Langan's five-man unit is in the Philippines to repair a vital NSA surveillance monitor, or so they thought. On the other side of the world Cole's father, Senator Drew Langan, tries desperately to identify a shadowy group behind the betrayal of his son's CIA unit.

TALLEY, MARCIA IVES THROUGH THE DARKNESS (#6) (\$9.99) Cancer survivor Hannah Ives has looked death in the eye and walked away victorious. But the terror she once felt when facing her own problems is nothing compared to the unthinkable that has happened: her grandson has been kidnapped. Marian says: "J.D. had read the first couple of books from this series and enjoyed them so I decided to give them a try. What a great find. If you like intelligent female characters these are for you." The first two are Sing It To Her Bones (\$10.99) and Unbreathed Memories (\$8.99).

TAYLOR, ANDREW LYDMOUTH NAKED TO THE HANGMAN (#8) (\$24.95 trade paperback, \$34.95 hardcover) As a young police officer in Palestine during the closing months of the Mandate, Richard Thornhill saw and did things which still haunt his dreams. Now when a retired colleague is found dead in the ruins of Lydmouth Castle, the past comes to claim him and Detective Chief Inspector Thornhill finds himself under suspicion of murder.

THOMPSON, CARLENE LAST WHISPER (\$9.99) Brooke Yeager's mother was killed by her stepfather, who almost killed her as well. Luck saved her that night and in the years since she's managed to build a good life in Charleston knowing that he's behind bars. Until he escapes...

TOPE, REBECCA THEA COTSWOLD ORDEAL (#2) (\$11.95) Thea Osborne and her spaniel Hepzibah embark on their second house-sitting commission. She is off to idyllic Frampton Mansell where all she needs to do is feed the animals. But lightning does strike twice and she finds a body hanging from the rafters of one of the barns. Was it suicide or murder? Detective Superintendent Phil Hollis is surprised to see Thea again. The first in the series is Cotswold Killings (\$10.95).

TRAMBLE, NICHELLE D DYING GROUND (\$9.99)

TRUMAN, MARGARET MURDER AT THE WASHINGTON TRIBUNE (\$10.99) A young woman, fresh out of journalism school and working for the Trib, is found strangled. The journalists are looking for by-lines while the police are looking for a killer.

TUROW, SCOTT ORDINARY HEROES (\$10.99) Stewart Dubinsky knew his father served in WWII as a JAG lawyer but it wasn't until after his death that he learnt his father had been court-martialed and imprisoned. He pieces together his father's past through military archives, letters and notes from a memoir his father

wrote in prison, secretly preserved by a fellow officer.

[VARIOUS] SUGARPLUMS AND SCANDAL (\$9.99) Six novellas in time for the holidays. **Avocato, Cameron, Dahein ...**
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WALSH, JILL PATON DEBTS OF DISHONOUR (#3) (\$10.99) The third Imogen Quy, down-to-earth college nurse at St. Agatha's College, Cambridge. When a rather generous benefactor of the College dies in mysterious circumstances, it's up to Imogen to sort out the case as his death has left the college in rather dire straits. The first one in the series, The Wyndham Case (\$14.95), has recently been reprinted.

WASHBURN, LIVIA PEACH OF A MURDER (#1) (\$9.99) Phyllis Newsom is as sweet as pie—most of the year. But come the Peach Festival and the spicy peach cobbler, she hopes to knock the other contestants dead. Only, not literally. Now she's suspected of murder.

WELSH, LOUISE CUTTING ROOM (\$21.00) An excellent read. I ranted and raved about it in the September newsletter, when I was ranting and raving about the author's new novel, The Bullet Trick (\$29.95, a few signed copies), and could not not take the opportunity to rant and rave some more. Excellent.

WENTWORTH, PATRICIA VANISHING POINT and IVORY DAGGER (\$10.99 ea.) Two more reissues. Terrific covers.

WESTBROOK, KATE MONEYPENN MONEYPENNY DIARIES (#1) (\$10.99) You guessed it. Jane Money Penny kept diaries, quite contrary to the Official Secrets Act.

WHITE, RANDY WAYNE DUSKY DEEP SIX (#2) (\$9.99) The second ex-Navy-Seal Dusky MacMoran adventure, originally published under the name **Randy Striker**. Sequel to The Key West Connection (\$9.99)

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