



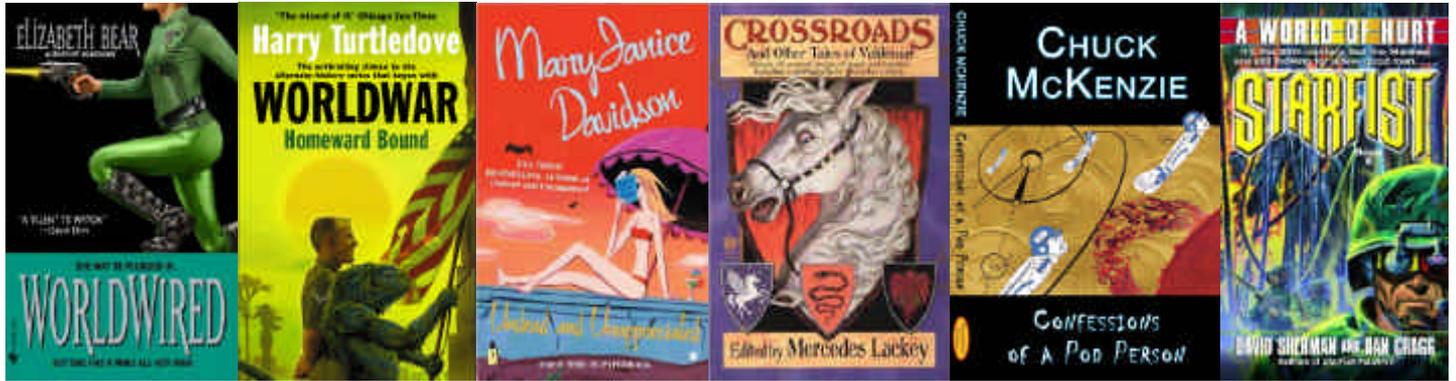
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## Featured Books



**Elizabeth Bear** *Worldwired*: Book 3 in the Hammered series. Available in paperback.

**Harry Turtledove** *Homeward Bound*: Worldwar Colonisation 4, the (presumably) conclusion to the alternate history science fiction story of WWII and its aftermath with interference of alien invaders. Paperback.

**Mary Janice Davidson** *Undead and Unappreciated*: 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Undead series in paperback.

**Mercedes Lackey** *Crossroads and Other Tales of Valdemar*: The 3<sup>rd</sup> Valdemar Anthology in paperback.

**Chuck McKenzie** *Confessions of a Pod Person*: A collection of humorous science fiction short stories in paperback. Chuck is a member of the Infinitas Writers group.

**David Sherman and Dan Cragg** *A World of Hurt*: The 10<sup>th</sup> Starfist book in paperback.

## News

**Trading hours** over the Christmas new year period will be as per our normal hours less all public holidays. We will be closed Dec 25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>, and 27<sup>th</sup>.

**Elizabeth Bear** has won the John W Campbell award for best new writer. Bear is a new author worth taking note of. She is writing hard SF with great character development, military themes but not overpoweringly so. She communicates the perspectives of children, soldiers, scientists and gangsters in a near future world of environmental degradation, small wars, bioengineered and drug enhanced soldiers, emerging space travel and politically subversive artificial intelligence. The story is gritty and scarily believable. Having Canadian troops running UN peacekeeping missions into the US is amusing. *Hammered* is highly recommended.

**Parking Meters** are now in operation by Parramatta City Council. You are now much more likely to find street parking near the shop, but will have to pay for it. Be warned there are many new parking tickets (offences) possible now, relating to display of parking tickets, etc. Even if you continue to feed the meter, you are still not allowed to park in the one spot for more than one hour. There is no change to the parking station behind the shop.

**Gift Vouchers** are available. If you would like a book for Christmas but don't trust the choice by your loved one, suggest an Infinitas Gift Voucher, so you can get the holiday reading you want. Tell them to purchase the voucher under your name and you will get the guild points as a bonus.

**China**, having recently completed another successful manned space mission, is making suggestions they want to land on the moon and build a space station. Bold statements, but budget must compete with domestic demands. It is good to see some of our species getting off this single planet.

<http://edition.cnn.com/2005/TECH/space/11/28/china.space.ap/index.html>

**As If**, a new website dedicated to publishing reviews of Australian speculative fiction has just been launched:

<http://www.asif.dreamhosters.com>

**Sonny Whitelaw**, author of the Stargate SG-1 novel *City of The Gods* dropped into Infinitas almost unannounced as she was in Sydney for a convention, another Australian author doing well internationally.

**Magic Casements**, a festival of workshops for writers of all sorts of speculative fiction, will run again. It will be on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2006 at the NSW Writers Centre. The flash fiction competition will also run again with Infinitas again donating the prizes. The 2005 competition attracted approx 120 stories, and the festival was quite a day.

**Conflux** preparations continue. To be held 9-12 June 2006 in Canberra. Details at <http://www.conflux.org.au/>

## Reviews

*The Spook's Curse* by **Joe Delaney**, reviewed by Geoff H.

Once again Joseph Delaney masterfully takes us into the eerie world of Thomas Ward apprentice Spook. The Spooks Curse is book two of The Wardstone Chronicles, a series that I hope will continue for many years as this is a thoroughly brilliant and enjoyable read. Joseph Delaney has a very evocative writing style bringing a creepy tale to life in the mind of the reader and perfectly capturing that "Ye Olde England" feeling of cold moors, chilling fogs, full moons and dead tree branches scratching at the window in the dead of night. In this book the young Tom and his master take on an utterly evil entity called the Bane that is struggling to free itself from its catacomb prison. As if that was not enough they must also face the Church and the powerful Quistor harraying their every step while Tom continues to uncover his mysterious heritage. For some reason this series brings to my mind classical authors like Washington Irving and Edgar Allen Poe. Perhaps it is the familiar subject matter but I like to think that these books have that indefinable "something" that will make them treasured additions to any fantasy bookshelf for years to come.

*Hammered* by **Elizabeth Bear**, reviewed by Julianne.

It took me a little while to get into the book. I gather that this is the first of a series of books, as I felt the first two thirds provided a background story for an ongoing series, and that by the last third of the book Elizabeth Bear had hit her writing style and it flowed much better. I liked some of the character development and the intertwining of characters from past backgrounds back together again and the ongoing manipulation of the characters. I think the 2nd book will probably improve upon the first.

## Infinitas Short Fiction

FLAV & NERO by Ryk Eksteen

Flav saw the middle-aged, balding man get off the tour bus. He immediately dubbed him Nero, after his mother's brother.

Nero looked as if he could breathe in the atmosphere of ancient Pompeii by just walking down the dusty, cobbled streets. He had his nose in the official English guidebook as he made his way past the Basilica to the open arena of the Forum.

In the distance, towards the north of the Forum, Mt. Vesuvius laid in slumber, waiting to awaken again.

Flav followed Nero as he walked towards the ruins of the Temple of Jupiter. It had seen better days before the End came in the form of the scorching, breathless cloud. He wondered if Nero thought about how the citizens of this once great city felt when the pumiceous ashes started to rain on them. How free men, slaves and masters became equal and minute in the eyes of their Gods. Could he smell the fear, could he feel the panic?

Flav nearly bumped into Nero as he suddenly turned around. Maybe Nero heard the cries of the fish mongers or the fires sizzling in the corner eatery or the rattle of the chariot wheels going down the street.

Did Nero really appreciate why History had always been so fascinated by these people's lives and deaths? Where else in the known world could one take a snapshot of a city that was living one moment and dead the next?

Nero nearly tripped as he crossed the street using the stepping stones. Flav wondered if he didn't find the attempt to create

single and dual carriage ways interesting, because it was only 79AD, for goodness sake!

A scene of an enlarged phallus greeted Nero as he stepped into the foyer of the well preserved house of Vetti. The inside walls around the courtyard were covered with mosaics picturing everyday life in Roman times: A slave pouring wine for his mistress, who was lying on a red divan or slaves harvesting the grapes or the dancers, always the dancers. Flav watched Nero as he stood in wonder at the stark contrast between the lives of these women and that of the whores in the brothels. Nero had seen the erotic and sometimes vulgar mosaics on the brothel walls; a place clearly marked by the sign of male fertility, where moans were traded for money.

They overheard a tour guide talking about Vesuvius and how the next eruption could bury the city again.

Nero may have thought that only time would tell if such a catastrophic event was possible, as Flav followed him to the bus and his ride home ... to Rome.

His friends called him Flavius, but that didn't happen anymore. He spent his days following tourists, eavesdropping on conversations he couldn't understand and talking to people who didn't talk back.

He was an observer, a shadow, but most of all ... a restless spirit.



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The books listed in this catalogue are listed to be released during this month. All books listed are available for order. If there is something that you want that you cannot find listed, or is not in the shop, please ask us to order it for you.

Many books have more extensive information available on our website.

Prices include GST and are correct at time of printing but may change without notice.

Legend: PB = paperback, HC = hardcover, TP = trade paperback, Cass = cassette, CD = CD, GN = Graphic Novel

### Information on the Infinitas Groups

New members always welcome at all the groups, if interested just come along.

**SF Discussion Group:** Meets on the first Thursday of each month (excluding January) at 6.30pm in the shop. A topic is chosen each month by the attendees of the group for the following meeting. Contact the shop for the next topic. Always a lively discussion of science in the news, films, books and ideas. The next meeting is February 2<sup>nd</sup> with the topic of *"The Best (and worst) of 2005"*.

**Review Group:** The review group meets on the third Thursday of each month at 6.30pm. Two books (usually one science fiction, one fantasy) are chosen by group members for each meeting with participants encouraged to have read at least one prior to the meeting and bring their review/s along for discussion. The discussion is generally serious and insightful.

Next meeting December 15th. All welcome.

December SF *Calculating God* Robert J Sawyer  
Fantasy *Magician's Guild* Trudi Canavan  
January *The Screwtape Letters* C S Lewis  
*Undead and Unwed* MaryJanice Davidson

**Writers' Group:** The group is for people who are currently writing (or even trying to write) science fiction, fantasy and horror related stories and pieces. If you think this might describe you, and you'd like to get involved in a group with others who understand what the genre is about, why not come along. Meetings are the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month. Check out the website for more details.

### Bestsellers for November

#### General Release

A Feast For Crows	George R R Martin
At All Costs	David Weber
Judas Unchained	Peter F Hamilton
The Hero	John Ringo & Michael Z Williamson
<i>The Icebound Land</i>	<i>John Flanagan*</i>
<i>Preistess of the White</i>	<i>Trudi Canavan*</i>
Incubus Dreams	Laurell K Hamilton
Knife of Dreams	Robert Jordan
The Shadow of Saganami	David Weber

#### Media and Games Related Titles

The Unseen Queen	Star Wars
The Time Travellers	Doctor Who
World Game	Doctor Who
Traitor General	Warhammer 40,000
Dawn of War: Ascension	Warhammer 40,000
Warrior Brood	Warhammer 40,000
Harbinger	Star Trek Original Series
Fortress Republic	Mechwarrior Dark Ages
Sabbatt Worlds Crusade	Warhammer 40,000
Labyrinth of Evil	Star Wars

Locus 537 October 2005 Magazine \$15

## Isaac Asimov

*The Return of the Black Widowers (Black Widowers)*

Six clever, wonderfully written "Black Widower" mysteries penned by the award-winning science fiction writer reveal the inner workings of a mind that was capable of crossing genres easily to produce some of the best mystery writing on the market. **TP \$30.95**

## Robert Asprin

*Another Fine Myth (Myth 01)*

After the murder of his master Garkin, a thief and apprentice magician joins forces with a demon dimension traveler named Aahz, who has lost his power and is also looking for a way to get even. Reprint. **PB \$17.95**

## James Axler

*Cerebus Storm (Outlanders 35)*

While Kane and the Cerberus warriors attempt to infiltrate a gang of outlaws who are excavating ancient artifacts, disturbing sacred Indian lands, they go up against a woman warrior who has discovered an unimaginable evil and is preparing to unleash it upon the world. **PB \$16.95**

## Kage Baker

*Life of the World to Come (Company 05)*

Sent 150,000 years back in time from the twenty-fourth century as punishment for avenging the death of her lover, botanist and artifact preservationist Mendoza pines for her lost love and tends her garden, until a familiar time-traveling renegade arrives. **PB \$17.95**

*The Children Of The Company (Company)*

A sixth installment of the Company series finds immortal Executive Facilitator General Labienus scheming to harness the powers of a rival's protGt and dispose of an inconvenient ghost from his past as part of his plot to take over the world. **HC \$51.95**

## R Scott Bakker

*Warrior Prophet (Prince of Nothing 02)*

Book Two of The Prince of Nothing, finds the Holy War continuing its inexorable march southward. But the suspicion begins to dawn that the real threat comes not from the infidel but from within . . .

Steering souls through the subtleties of word and expression, Kellhus strives to extend his dominion over the Men of the Tusk. The sorcerer Achamian and his lover, Esmenet, submit entirely, only to have their faith - and their love - tested in unimaginable ways. Meanwhile, the warrior Cnaiur falls ever deeper into madness. Convinced that Kellhus will betray their pact to murder his father, Cnaiur turns to the agents of the Second Apocalypse and strikes an infernal bargain.

The Holy War stands on a knife edge. If all is not to be lost, the great powers of the world will have to choose between their most desperate desires and the end of the world. Between hatred and hope. Between Anasurimbor Kellhus and the Second Apocalypse . . . **TP \$32.95**

## Stephen Baxter

*Exultant (Destiny's Children 02)*

Twenty-five thousand years in the future mankind is still locked in its twenty thousand year long war for survival with the Xeelee. Billions die every day and mankind's best soldiers are children, bred to fight and die. The war has gone well but has now stalled at the galaxy's core, the Xeelee stronghold. And as we fight what we cannot believe will be the final battle the consequences of a war fought in the first few nano-seconds after the big bang are coming to fruition. **PB \$19.95**

*Transcendent (Destiny's Children 03)*

Baxter's ability to combine wildly divergent narrative threads has become a trademark of his writing and has been seen to its best effect in the previous two novels from this sequence. Transcendent, with its melding of a near future narrative that carries a terrible warning about the post-oil and post-global warming world and a narrative thread that tours the fantastically varied diverse species that mankind has become in the impossibly distant future is an example of Baxter at his best. At once a cautionary tale of what we are capable of destroying and a celebration of what we could become this is the capstone to Baxter's best series to date. In Transcendent we find out what happened to the children of the Poole brothers (from Coalescent) and what will happen to mankind. **HC \$55 TP \$32.95**

## Elizabeth Bear

*Worldwired (Hammered 03)*

With tensions rising between Canada and China following the devastating collision of Earth with an asteroid caused by China and Canada's ill-fated efforts to use nanites to save an already devastated ecosystem, Jenny Casey and Richard Feinman, a powerful AI, struggle to reverse the devastation, while two alien ships approach in an attempt to communicate with an incomprehending humankind. **PB \$17.95**

## Chris Blaine

*Drowned Night (Abbadon Inn)*

The new proprietors of the Abbadon Inn, former NYPD cop Ted McShane and his wife Liz, find their peaceful new life shattered by a series of mysterious events that lead them to an ancient creature that scours the Atlantic coast, searching for victims to feed on, and is linked to the Inn. **PB \$17.95**

## Ray Bradbury

*Fahrenheit 451*

Follows the classic tale of Guy Montag, a fireman whose job is to start fires, in a world beset by oppression and censorship in which books have been outlawed and reading is punishable by death. Read by Christopher Hurt. **Cassette \$40.95 CD \$40.95 MP3 CD \$60**

## Jim Butcher

*Storm Front (Dresden Files 01)*

Lost items found. Paranormal Investigations. Consulting. Reasonable rates. No Love Potions, Endless Purses, or Other Entertainment.

Harry Dresden is the best and technically the 'only' at what he does. So when the Chicago P.D. has a case that transcends mortal capabilities, they come to him for answers. For the 'everyday' world is actually full of strange and magical things - and most of them don't play well with humans. That's where Harry comes in. Takes a wizard to catch a - well, whatever. **PB \$19.95**

*Fool Moon (Dresden Files 02)*

Business has been slow. Okay, business has been dead. And not even of the undead variety. You would think Chicago would have a little more action for the only professional wizard in the phone book. But lately, Harry Dresden hasn't been able to dredge up any kind of work - magical or mundane.

But just when it looks like he can't afford his next meal, a murder comes along that requires his particular brand of supernatural expertise.

A brutally mutilated corpse. Strange-looking paw prints. A full moon. Take three guesses - and the first two don't count . . . **PB \$19.95**

**P.D. Cacek**

*Night Prayers*

Unexpectedly turned into a vampire, Allison is left to her own devices and, while trying to survive under the cover of darkness, unknowingly offends a vindictive coven of exotic dancers who are out for blood. **PB \$17.95**

**Rachel Caine**

*Windfall (Weather Warden 04)*

TV weather girl and former Weather Warden Joanne Baldwin, dealing with a vengeful cop, her divorced sister, her new beau, and a supernatural civil war, must choose between saving her abilities or saving humanity when the agreement between the Wardens and the Djinn crumbles.

**PB \$19.95**

**David Cian**

*Megawar of the Worlds*

Following that last invasion by Martian aliens in 1938, humankind has confiscated and studied the alien technology and found new uses for it, but when the Martians mount a second invasion, Earthlings discover that they are not prepared to counter their enemy's improved technology and that it will take more than a mere cold virus to save the planet. **PB \$17.95**

**Susanna Clarke**

*Jonathan Strange & Mr Norell 3 Vol Boxed Set*

Two magicians shall appear in England. The first shall fear me; the second shall long to behold me...The year is 1806. England is beleaguered by the long war with Napoleon, and centuries have passed since practical magicians faded into the nation's past. But scholars of this glorious history discover that one remains: the reclusive Mr Norrell whose displays of magic send a thrill through the country. Proceeding to London, he raises a beautiful woman from the dead and summons an army of ghostly ships to terrify the French. Yet the cautious, fussy Norrell is challenged by the emergence of another magician: the brilliant novice Jonathan Strange. Young, handsome and daring, Strange is the very opposite of Norrell. So begins a dangerous battle between these two great men, which overwhelms the one between England and France. And their own obsessions and secret dabblings with the dark arts are going to cause more trouble than they can imagine. **PB \$35**

**Michael Cobley**

*Shadowmasque (Shadowkings 03)*

300 years after the end of the Great Shadowking War, evil is seeping out into the world once more.

Emperor Magramon is dead and his only son, Ilgarion, will finally ascend to the Khatrimantine throne, guided by the Archmage Tangaroth and protected by the Iron Guard. But dark undercurrents are moving beneath the surface of life in Sejeend, the imperial capital, and the agents of an old and malign power are plotting and waiting. Only the Order of Watchers, a band of renegade mages, has any inkling of what is afoot and their investigations lead to grotesque and violent confrontations.

But Ilgarion is obsessed with the empire's enemies, imagined or otherwise, and his pursuit of them can only bring about turmoil. Into this web of uncertainty Corlek Ondene, former captain of the Iron Guard, unknowingly walks and sets in motion a string of clashing events. Can Tashil, Dardan, the Countess Ayoni, and the other Watcher mages, root out the source of evil before its terrifying hunger is set loose? And can the poet Calabos, elderly leader of the Watchers, keep his real identity a secret through all the nightmarish encounters he will undergo?

For the faces of Night dance with the faces of Day, but the weaver of Fate dances alone. **TP \$29.95**

**David B Coe**

*Shapers of Darkness (Winds of the Forelands 04)*

A fourth installment of the series that began with Rules of Ascension finds the Forelands torn by war, a situation that forces Eandi masters to look beyond past differences to make key alliances and Eandi prince Tavis to journey with Qirsi shaper Grinsa on a shared quest to save their beloved land. **HC \$52.95**

**David Colbert**

*The Magical Worlds of Narnia*

Who led Lewis to create the White Witch?

Why did the adventure begin in a wardrobe?

Why wasn't Aslan in the stories at first?

What if you found another world, filled with magical creatures like centaurs, witches and a talking lion, and the door to it was in your own hours? Beginning with the enchanted opening of *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*, C. S. Lewis's seven *Chronicles of Narnia* have delighted readers for generations.

Now *The Magical Worlds of Narnia* explores the medieval lore and ancient myths that inspired Lewis, tracing Narnia's origins to the Bible, the tales of King Arthur, and Lewis's personal history. This essential guide is a passport to one of the most unusual adventures of all time. **PB \$16.95**

**Mary Janice Davidson**

*The Royal Pain (Royal 02)*

In this hilarious sequel to *The Royal Treatment*, Princess Alexandria Baranov sets her sights on marine biologist Dr. Shel Rivers, an ornery Ph.D. who finds his life forever changed by this gorgeous, yet exasperating woman who wreaks havoc on his heart. **TP \$28.95**

*Undead and Unappreciated (Undead 03)*

The newly crowned queen of the undead, fashion-savvy Betsy Taylor continues her reluctant reign while trying to uncover the truth about some troublesome family secrets, in the sequel to *Undead and Unwed* and *Undead and Unemployed*. **PB \$17.95**

**Russell Davis***Crimson Heir*

Vampire and lead singer of the most popular goth band since Marilyn Manson, Khalida Raven and her gunfighter/vampire guardian, Lincoln Daynes, must rely on their charm, wit, and seductive talents to save them from a group of vampires who aim to bring the Kingdom of Shadows into plain view of humankind and vampire hunters. **PB \$19.95**

**Barbara Delinsky***Twilight Whispers*

Growing up in the mansion of the wealthy Warren family, housekeeper's daughter Katia Morrell returns as an adult to the mansion years later in the hopes of winning the heart of heir Jordan Whyte, but finds her happiness threatened by the discovery of sinister family secrets. **PB \$18.95**

**Dean Devlin***Triangle*

A riveting fictional story captures the mystique of the Bermuda Triangle, from the disappearances of boats, fighter jets, bi-planes, and other craft to the theories that have been used to explain the loss of life in the Triangle, from UFOs to scientific explanations. **TP \$26.95**

**Sara Douglass***Darkwitch Rising (Troy Game 03)*

Out of a city devastated by plague and fire rises the most powerful Darkwitch in history.

It is the seventeenth century, and once more the players of the Troy Game are drawn back into its intricate dance. But this life there is a difference - the Troy Game itself takes flesh, and walks.

Restoration London becomes the field of the most desperate battle yet. Asterion lurks in a nightmarish lair he has built against the rear wall of the bone house of St Dunstan's-in-the-East. Here he traps Cornelia-reborn Noah Banks, and Genvissa-reborn Jane Orr. Here he manages the ultimate trickery in order to obtain the kingship bands, the Troy Game and Noah.

But no one could have anticipated an ancient Darkwitch rising from the dead with a secret so terrible it will not merely tear both Game and land apart, but devastate any chance that Noah and her lover, Brutus, can be together.

Darkwitch Rising continues The Troy Game's journey through ancient labyrinthine secrets. It is the third installment of this epic four-book series, spanning 3,000 years and the history of one of the world's greatest cities - London. **TP \$29.95**

**Leo Frankowski***Conrad's Lady (Conrad)*

Hurtled back in time from modern-day Poland to the thirteenth century, Conrad Schwartz sets out to introduce modern technology to prevent a forthcoming invasion of the medieval nation by the Mongol hordes, in an omnibus edition containing The Flying Warlord, Lord Conrad's Lady, and Conrad's Quest for Rubber. **HC \$51.95**

**Sephera Giron***Mistress of the Dark*

Abigail Barnum, submerged in a dark world of sex, drugs, and violence, slowly gives into the insanity that has been threatening to consume her, descending into a lethal world of obsession, pain, seduction, and murder. **PB \$17.95**

**Charlaine Harris***Grave Sight*

young woman possessing the ability to uncover the final location of a recently deceased individual and to share their last moments, Harper Connelly, aided by her manager, occasional bodyguard, and stepbrother Tolliver, uses her skill to find the dead, in the first volume of a new supernatural mystery series. **HC \$49.95**

**Robert A Heinlein***Space Cadet*

A young man reports for the final tests for appointment as a cadet in the Interplanetary Patrol, survives the tests, studies in the school ship, and goes on a regular Patrol vessel and encounters danger on Venus.

Training to become a Space Cadet of the elite Solar patrol, a paternalistic non-military academy whose graduates accept the solar system's most dangerous missions in their efforts to preserve humanity, Matt Dodson finds himself tested in severe and unexpected ways, in a new edition of the classic science fiction novel. **HC \$49.95**

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The best-selling author of The Proteus Operation and Endgame Enigma integrates science fiction and speculative fact in a volume that looks at the scientific facts behind the fiction, along with personal biographical details and articles on scientific theory and concepts. **PB \$19.95**

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Robotist Derec Avery heads to Kopernik, a space station orbiting the Earth, when a robot becomes the lead suspect in a human murder, while former Auroran ambassador Ariel Burgess travels to the Nova Levis colony to investigate the disappearance of several citizens, but as Derec searches for the killer, he learns that Ariel is walking into the center of a web of intrigues. **PB \$17.95**

**Bob Jones***Ogg*

A gleeful and irreverent novel: imaginative, witty and blackly comic.

When James Campbell, a bored 28-year-old stockbroker, inherits the tiny, windswept Scottish island of Ogg, his life rapidly spins out of control. Embarking on a bizarre venture to lure wealthy Japanese hunters to the island in pursuit of 'killer' sheep, James soon becomes embroiled in the affairs of Alceides, a mysterious company that caters to the whims of the jaded super-rich. **PB \$0**

**Elizabeth Kerner***Redeeming the Lost (Lanen Kaelar)*

Varian forges an unlikely alliance in order to rescue his beloved Lanen Kaelar, who has been captured by the demon-master Berys and who is the only one who can restore the world to the ways of the ancient Kantri dragon race. **PB \$17.95**

## **Stephen King**

### *Wolves of the Calla (Dark Tower 05)*

In the fertile lands of the East, the farming community has been warned the wolves are coming back. Four gunslingers, led by Roland of Gilead, are also coming their way. And the farmers of the Calla want to enlist some hard calibers. Torn between protecting the innocent community and his urgent quest, Roland faces his most deadly perils as he journey through the Mid-World towards the Dark Tower. **PB \$19.95**

### *Dark Tower (Dark Tower 07)*

This volume sees gunslinger Roland on a roller-coaster mix of exhilarating triumph and aching loss in his unrelenting quest to reach the dark tower. A journey which means he must leave his faithful friends as he closes on the tower. His steps are followed only by Mordred, half-human, half-terrifying creature. **PB \$19.95**

## **Robin Furth**

### *Stephen King's The Dark Tower: A Concordance Vol 1 (Dark Tower) TP \$29.95*

## **Russell Kirkpatrick**

### *In the Earth Abides the Flame (Fire of Heaven 02)*

A light to defy darkness.

Battered and bruised, suffering grievous loss, the Company enters the great city of Instruere. They have to warn the Council of Faltha of the Destroyer's threat, and have no idea of the depth of treachery that awaits them. Bhrudwo's tentacles go far deeper into Faltha than any of the Company realises. They find Instruere to be a city divided against itself, and the Watchers are nowhere to be found.

Then the arrival of a disturbing stranger ignites the political and religious tensions in the city beyond control. Only one thing could unite a land wracked with such mistrust. But can it be found?

Or is the Jugom Ark merely a legend? **PB \$19.95**

## **Angela Knight**

### *Mercenaries*

Assigned to join a team of interstellar mercenaries led by Nathan August, beautiful Trinity Yeager finds herself torn between two men--August and his first officer, Sebastian Cole--as they make their way across the galaxy in a trio of erotic science fiction adventures. **TP \$28.95**

## **Dean Koontz**

### *Life Expectancy*

In the dazzling new thriller from the master of dark suspense, the hand of fate reaches out to touch an ordinary man with greatness. So long as he is ready. So long as he is, above all, afraid.

Jimmy Tock comes into the world on the very night his grandfather leaves it, as a violent storm rages outside the hospital. At the very height of the storm's fury, Josef Tock suddenly sits up in bed and speaks coherently for the first and last time since his stroke. What he says before he dies is that there will be five dark days in the life of his grandson - five dates whose terrible events Jimmy will have to prepare himself to face.

Rudy Tock is all too ready to discount his father's last words as a dying man's delusional rambling. But then he discovers that Josef also predicted the moment of his grandson's birth to the minute, as well as his exact height, weight and the fact that Jimmy would be born with syndactyly - the unexplained anomaly of fused digits on his left foot. Suddenly, the old man's predictions take on a chilling significance. **PB \$19.95**

## **Katherine Kurtz**

### *Deryni Checkmate (Deryni)*

Threatened by King Kelson's trust in Duke Alaric Morgan, who boasts of his Deryni heritage, the priests of Gwynedd spread stories about Deryni atrocities and the race's inexplicable powers, in a revised and expanded edition of the second book in the Deryni series. **HC \$51.95**

## **Mercedes Lackey (editor)**

### *Crossroads and Other Tales of Valdemar (Valdemar Anthology 03)*

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In 1964 J.R.R. Tolkien was invited to write the preface to a new edition of "The Golden Key" by George MacDonald. Accepting the invitation, Tolkien proposed the preface would explain the meaning of Fairy through a brief story about a cook and a cake. But the story grew, and took on a life of its own, and the preface was abandoned. Tolkien eventually gave it the title, "Smith of Wootton Major", to suggest an early work by P.G. Wodehouse or a story in the Boy's Own paper. It was published in 1967 as a small hardback, complete with charming black and white illustrations by Pauline Baynes. Now, almost 40 years on, a facsimile of this early illustrated edition is being republished, but in addition to this enchanting story the new edition includes: • Tolkien's own account of the genesis of the story • Tolkien's Time-Scheme and Characters • Tolkien's discussion of the shadowy but important figure of "Grandfather Rider" and a lengthy, 10,000-word essay on the nature of Faery • Early draft versions and alternative endings • Foreword by the editor, containing a brief history of the story's composition and publication, and its connection to Tolkien's other published stories Contained within "Smith of Wootton Major" are many intriguing links to the world of Middle-earth, as well as Tolkien's other tales, and in this 'extended edition' the reader will finally discover the full story behind this major piece of short fiction. **HC \$34.95**

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The hoopla surrounding Mural House's reopening has made William and Isabella's love affair legendary. With the permission of Isabella's daughter, Lucile, Phoebe has been reprinting the couple's love letters in her column. She joins Lucile, now an elderly woman, at the gala's main event -- the unveiling of a long-painted-over mural. Lucile is visibly upset when the mural is revealed; in fact, she seems horrified. Before passing out from fear, she whispers, "The evil has been released..." **PB \$14.95**

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Lilly Martin, Dutch's ex-wife, has returned to Cleary to sell their mountain cabin, marking the end of their turbulent eight-year marriage. But as she's trying to outrun a snowstorm, her car skids on the icy road and strikes a man who emerges from the woods on foot. They've no choice but to wait out the storm in the cabin, but as the hours of their confinement mount, Lilly begins to wonder if the greatest danger to her safety isn't the blizzard outdoors, but the mysterious man right beside her ... **TP \$32.95**

**Elaine Browne***Final Betrayal*

When her lover is found murdered, computer consultant Catherine Calabretta, an ardent supporter of personal privacy, finds her own life up for grabs and joins forces with two company hackers and a crippled former cop to find the killer and clear her own name. A first novel. **HC \$47.95**

**John Buchan***The Thirty-Nine Steps*

Returning to England after years in South Africa, Richard Hannay enters the Secret Service accidentally after he finds a murdered neighbour in his apartment and finds himself on the run from the police and the killers alike, in an edition accompanied by Alfred Hitchcock's classic 1935 film adaptation, featuring Robert Donat and Madeleine Carroll, on DVD. **HC \$40.95**

**Joe Buff***Seas of Crisis*

Learning that the Russians are providing weapons technology to Axis forces, Captain Jeffrey Fuller infiltrates a Russian military installation in an effort to launch a risky nuclear strike that will force Russia to ally itself with the United States. **HC \$51.95**

*Straits of Power*

Assigned to recover a German defector who claims to have key intelligence, USS Challenger sub commander Jeffrey Fuller navigates through the densely patrolled waters of Europe and faces a dangerous dilemma when the defector claims that he must infiltrate an allied nation in order to prevent an Armageddon. **PB \$19.95**

**Rachel Butler***The Assassin (Assassin 01)*

A beautiful artist with a dark past and a secret assassin, Selena McCaffrey is sent by her former mentor, criminal mastermind William Davis, to Tulsa with instructions to get close to her new neighbor, Detective Tony Ceola, a Tulsa cop investigating a triple homicide, and finds herself torn between her assignment and her growing feelings for her target. **PB \$17.95**

*Deep Cover (Assassin 02)*

In the sequel to *The Assassin*, Selena McCaffrey is hired by the government to go undercover to break up a criminal empire once run by her protector and mentor William Davis and finds her mission threatening her growing relationship with an honest Tulsa police officer. **PB \$17.95**

**Stella Cameron***A Grave Mistake*

Hardened New Orleans homicide detective Guy Gautreaux must save Jilly Gable, who, longing for the love of a family, falls victim to the evil machinations of the wife of a New Orleans antiques dealer and loan shark who claims to be her mother. **HC \$34.95**

**Lorenzo Carcaterra***Chasers*

In the sequel to *Apaches*, the surviving members of the Apaches team reunite three years later to continue their battle against crime, launching a probe into the machine-gun killing of innocent bystanders in a Manhattan restaurant, an investigation that leads them to a powerful Colombian drug cartel. **HC \$51.95**

*Gangster*

Meet Angelo Vestieri, once a bereaved boy, then an Italian immigrant, now a mob boss. And meet Gabe, the boy he has taken under his wing. Angelo has failed to avoid his brutal destiny...but need Gabe follow the same path? *Gangster* is an epic, compassionate portrait of one man's fight against his fate -- and the powerful narrative of a damaged family, a corrupt city and an extraordinary century. **PB \$18.95**

### *Street Boys*

Naples, September 1943. The war in Europe is almost won. Italy is leaderless; Mussolini already arrested by anti-fascists. The city has been evacuated, but the German army is moving towards Naples to finish the job. Their chilling instructions are; if the city can't belong to Hitler, it will belong to no one.

Orphaned or hidden by parents, abandoned or lost, some as young as ten years old, the children of Naples resist. Aided by a lone Allied soldier, cut off from his regiment, and armed with just a handful of guns, unexploded bombs and their own ingenuity, the street boys are determined to take on the advancing enemy and save the city -- or die trying. **PB \$18.95**

*Paradise City* **PB \$18.95**

### **John Case**

#### *Dance of Death*

A brilliant mathematician obsessed with the work of Nicola Tesla, Jack Wilson plans to use the inventor's secret notebooks in which he claimed to have discovered a diabolical weapon that used harmonic resonance to destroy the molecular structure of any target, to create his own weapon to destroy the technologically interdependent components of Western civilization. **HC \$52.95**

### **Michael Chabon**

#### *The Final Solution*

Deep in the rural English countryside, an eighty-nine-year-old beekeeper--and one-time famous detective--becomes involved with nine-year-old Linus Steinman, a young refugee from Nazi Germany whose sole companion, an African grey parrot, spews out a mysterious series of German numbers that could hold the key to a dangerous secret. **TP \$26.95**

### **Lincoln Child**

#### *Death Match*

A young couple are found dead in their apartment, and double suicide seems to be the only interpretation- Alarm bells ring in the towering Manhattan offices of Eden Incorporated, the high-tech matchmaking company whose spectacular success and legendary secrecy have inspired awe around the world. The Thorpes, few people knew, were more than the quintessential happy couple - they were Eden's first perfect match. Christopher Lash, a gifted former FBI forensic psychologist, receives an urgent plea from Eden to perform a quick - and quiet - investigation into the deaths. Lash's investigation inadvertently dredges up the memories of a searing personal tragedy he has kept at bay for years, and his involvement becomes more personal and dangerous than he could have imagined. When a second Eden 'super-couple' is found dead, Richard Silver, the company's brilliant and reclusive founder, has no choice but to grant Lash unprecedented access to its most guarded secrets. **PB \$21.95**

### **Agatha Christie**

#### *The Murder At the Vicarage (Miss Marple)*

When *The Murder at the Vicarage* was published in October 1930, little did the literary world realise that Agatha Christie, already famous for her early Poirot titles, was introducing a character who would become the best-loved female sleuth of all time. The 14 Marple books would appear at intervals over the next 49 years, with Miss Marple's Final Cases published in 1979, three years after Agatha's death. To mark the 75th anniversary of Miss Marple's first appearance, and to celebrate her renewed fortunes as a primetime television star, this collection of facsimile first editions will be the perfect way to enjoy these books in their original form - 12 novels and two short story collections. Reproducing the original typesetting and formats from the first editions from the Christie family's own archive copies, these books sport the original covers which have been painstakingly restored from the best available copies, reflecting five decades of iconic cover design. **HC \$29.95**

*The Thirteen Problems (Miss Marple)* **HC \$29.95**

*The Moving Finger (Miss Marple)* **HC \$29.95**

#### *Masterpieces in Miniature: The Detectives*

A collection of short whodunits from the world's most popular crime writer brings together thirty-nine of her finest mystery tales, featuring her famed sleuths Miss Marple, Hercule Poirot, Parker Pyne, and Harley Quin as they take on some of their most baffling cases. **TP \$34.95**

### **Jill Churchill**

#### *A Midsummer Night's Scream (Jane Jeffrey Mystery)*

Having donated a theater to a local university, drama department benefactor Shelley invites Jane Jeffrey to help her sample cuisine by prospective new caterers, a situation that turns deadly when a new production's cast member is found dead under suspicious circumstances. **PB \$17.95**

### **Tom Clancy & Jeff Rovin**

#### *War of Eagles (Op Centre)*

The explosion of a Chinese freighter carrying illegal workers in Charleston Harbour is the first sign that someone is capping Chinese interests abroad. After explosions in South Africa and Taipei, Op-Centre roots out the cause: warring factions in the Chinese government.

But still reeling from budget cuts and an almost devastating attack by an electromagnetic pulse explosion, Op-Centre itself sustains a third hit - the removal of Commander Paul Hood, replaced by a three star general from the Army. Op-Centre is now under the control of the Pentagon. Hood's own future exists at the whim of the new president. And the world braces for more attacks . . . **PB \$19.95**

### **Stanley Bennett Clay**

#### *In Search of Pretty Young Black Men*

Disillusioned by a cold and loveless marriage, Maggie Lester Allegro finds sexual healing in the arms of Dorian Moore, a mysterious young man who provides comfort to the lonely and neglected residents of her upper-class southern California neighborhood and whom Maggie finds strikingly familiar. **TP \$24.95**

### **Nancy J Cohen**

#### *Died Blonde Bad Hair Day Mystery*

Salon owner and amateur sleuth Marla Shore is no friend of beauty-competitor Carolyn Sutton, but when her rival turns up dead, Marla cannot help herself from trying to straighten out the tangle of clues surrounding the murder. **PB \$15.95**

### **Max Allan Collins**

#### *Road to Paradise*

Running a casino for the mob in the early 1970s, former Mafia hit man Michael Satariano refuses an order to kill a particularly violent mobster and is subsequently framed for the man's murder, a situation that forces him to place his family in the hands of a fledgling Witness Protection Program.

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**John Connolly***Black Angel*

Written by the "Sunday Times" bestselling author of "Bad Men", this is about a young woman, who goes missing from the streets of New York. Those who have taken her believe that nobody cares about her, and that no one will come looking for her. They are wrong. **PB \$19.95**

**Joseph Conrad***Sabotage*

A seemingly ordinary shopkeeper who moonlights as a spy becomes embroiled in an anarchist's plot to destroy the Greenwich Observatory, in a suspenseful tale, originally published as *The Secret Agent*, that became the inspiration for the classic Hitchcock film, featuring Sylvia Sydney and John Loder, which accompanies the volume on a DVD. **HC \$40.95**

**Rick Copp***The Actor's Guide to Greed*

Determined to revive his career, former child star Jarrod Jarvis instead finds himself accused of murdering a proclaimed diva and stealing her Oscar, when he arrives in London to star in a new play with a colorful and catty cast of characters who have it out for him and each other. **HC \$47.95**

**Michael Cordy***The Messiah Code*

At the moment of his supreme triumph, a man of science dodges an assassins bullet and loses everything that truly matters in his life. Now only a miracle can save Dr Tom Carters dying daughter: the blood of salvation shed twenty centuries ago. In the volatile heart of the Middle East, amid the devastating secrets of an ancient brotherhood awaiting a new messiah, Tom Carter must search for answers to the mysteries that have challenged humankind since the death and resurrection of the greatest Healer who ever walked the Earth. Because suddenly Carters life, the life of his little girl, and the fate of the world hang in the balance After two thousand years, the wait is over **PB \$19.95**

**Patricia Cornwell***Cruel and Unusual (Scarpetta)*

Trying to solve the murder of a thirteen-year-old boy, Dr. Kay Scarpetta and police lieutenant Pete Marion race against time to find a killer after the fingerprints of a recently executed murderer turn up at a new crime scene. **PB \$22.95**

**C R Corwin***Dig*

When sixty-eight-year-old newspaper librarian Maddy Sprowls discovers that her old college friend, archaeologist Gordon Sweet, has been found murdered at the abandoned landfill that is the site of his latest dig, she sets out to uncover the truth about the killing, which may be linked to the bludgeoning death of state wrestling champion David Delarosa a half century earlier. **HC \$51.95**

**William J Coughlin***Shadow of A Doubt*

Eager to regain lost prestige, suspended and nearly disbarred attorney Charley Sloane agrees to defend a former lover's teenage stepdaughter, charged with murdering her wealthy father, despite the fact that she has already confessed to authorities. **PB \$17.95**

**Michael Crichton***State of Fear*

An eco-thriller takes readers to such far-flung locales as Paris, Iceland, Antarctica, and the Solomon Islands as it follows the desperate efforts of an intelligence agent to prevent a global environmental catastrophe. **PB \$19.95**

**Deborah Crombie***Mourn Not Your Dead*

The murder of Police Commander Alastair Gilbert compels Inspector Duncan Kincaid and Sergeant Gemma James to bring their every investigative skill to bear and to reexamine both their turbulent feelings for each other and their professional ethics. **PB \$17.95**

**Claire Curzon***Last to Leave (Superintendent Mike Yeadings)*

When Superintendent Mike Yeadings and Sergeant Rosemary Zycynski investigate a devastating fire that destroys a large house during a not-so-happy family reunion, leaving a young man badly injured and his twin sister missing, they soon discover that the incident could have been an attack on a prominent judge attending the celebration. **HC \$49.95**

**Clive Cussler***Lost City (Numa Files)*

An enzyme that will dramatically prolong life has been discovered 2,000 feet down in the North Atlantic, in an area known as 'Lost City'. But why are the people attempting to harvest it getting killed? Why are the scientists in a remote Greek laboratory disappearing one by one? What does this all have to do with a body found frozen in the ice high up in the Alps? For Kurt Austin, leader of NUMA's Special Assignments Team, and his colleague Joe Zavala, it's clear they have their work cut out, but it may be even bigger than they think - in fact, it may be their greatest challenge ever. **PB \$19.95**

*Inca Gold (Dirk Pitt)*

A desperate call for help from a stricken archaeological expedition brings Dirk Pitt to a sacred well, high in the Andes. What he discovers as he attempts to rescue two divers lost in the perilous depths, leads him into deadly confrontation with a band of ruthless art thieves, who plunder ancient sites for their precious artefacts.

Dirk Pitt's extraordinary adventures take him to the fabled Lost City of the Dead, lead him in search of a Spanish galleon washed miles inland by a giant tidal wave centuries before, and eventually set him on the trail of a fabulous hoard of Inca gold. But Pitt will need all his skills and tenacity simply to survive as he races to track down the sacred site - before the richest prize known to man is lost to the world forever. **PB \$19.95**

*Treasure (Dirk Pitt)*

On behalf of a grateful nation I wish to thank you for this astonishing gift ...

The President of the United States had reason to be grateful. Dirk Pitt had unearthed the greatest storehouse of knowledge in the ancient world: the Alexandria Library.

The trail began in a lonely fjord in Greenland. It ended on the banks of the Rio Grande. In between Pitt had frustrated an assassination, rescued a hijacked liner, survived a deadly gun battle and halted an invasion. **PB \$19.95**

**P T Deutermann***The Cat Dancers*

Managing the wrath of victim families when the murderers responsible for several deaths are released on a technicality, Lieutenant Cam Richter faces the difficult task of stopping a vigilante after the first of the released murderers is killed, a case that prompts him to team up with a group of mountain lion photographers. **HC \$51.95**

**Stephen Donaldson***The Man Who Tried to Get Away*

Having accidentally killed his police officer brother, former private investigator Brew, recovering from a gunshot wound, reluctantly agrees to help his friend, Ginny, at a "security mystery camp" where visitors are being murdered one by one. **PB \$19.95**

**Margaret Dumas***Speak Now (Married to Mystery)*

Charley Van Leeuwen begins to suspect that there is more to her new husband, meteorologist Jack Fairfax, then he claims, when she is suddenly caught up in a bizarre web of kidnappings, nasty former spies, bitter ex-boyfriends, strange relatives, and murder. **PB \$17.95**

**Raymond Duncan***Patriot Trap*

Professor Neal McGrath finds himself in the middle of an international conspiracy involving Cuba's top-secret intelligence agency and two governments when a former CIA colleague asks him to contact Elena Rodriguez, a dangerous woman from his past. **PB \$17.95**

**Tracy Dunham***Yes, The River Knows*

Haunted by the dark secrets of the past and determined to put her life back together, big city attorney Tal Jefferson returns to her small-town South Carolina roots, only to become caught up in the murder of the estranged husband of her secretary, June Atkins. **HC \$49.95**

**Carola Dunn***A Mourning Wedding (Daisy Dalrymple)*

When a wedding at the estate of the charming Earl of Haverhill is interrupted by the dual murders of the bride's great aunt and uncle, Daisy Dalrymple and her husband, Detective Chief Inspector Alex Fletcher, must deduce who among a horde of wedding guests is the culprit. **PB \$16.95**

**Michael Allen Dymmoch***White Tiger*

When a Vietnamese woman is murdered in Chicago by White Tiger, a vicious Vietnamese criminal whose activities date back to the Vietnam War, police detective John Thinnes, a Vietnam vet and former MP, is pulled from the case and joins forces with fellow vets, including psychiatrist Jack Caleb, to find the killer on the streets of Saigon. **HC \$51.95**

**Martin Edwards***The Cipher Garden (Lake District Mystery)*

Years after Warren Howe is killed by a hooded visitor bearing a scythe in his garden in Old Sawrey, a village in England's Lake District, an anonymous tip leads DCI Hannah Scarlett, head of the local Cold Case Review Team, to reopen the unsolved case, one that leads to another brutal murder and that will transform Hannah's life forever. **HC \$51.95**

**Loren D Estleman***Poison Blonde (Amos Walker)*

Flashy Latino singer Gilia Cristobal, wanted in her native country for a murder she did not commit, hires private investigator Amos Walker to find the missing person whose identity Gilia has been paying to use. **PB \$15.95**

*Retro (Amos Walker)*

Reluctantly agreeing to return the ashes of a successful madam to her long-absent son, Detroit detective Amos Walker completes the task only to learn that the son has been murdered and that he, Walker, has been named a prime suspect. **PB \$15.95**

**Sharon Fiffer***The Wrong Stuff (Jane Wheel Mystery)*

Vowing to reorganize her life after disappointing her young son, antiques picker Jane Wheel, having recently accepted a job with a private investigations office, takes a case involving an antiques dealer, her co-worker's wife, who has been accused of murder. **PB \$17.95**

*Buried Stuff (Jane Wheel Mystery)*

Examining mysterious fragments found buried near her mother's home in Kankakee, Illinois, antique collector Jane Wheel, accompanied by her geologist husband, identifies the remains of a murdered city official and becomes embroiled in the ensuing investigation. **PB \$17.95**

**Elaine Flinn***Deadly Collection (Molly Doyle Mystery)*

Carmel, California, antiques dealer Molly Doyle has an unerring eye for the rare and valuable -- which is why she's been hired to assess and sell the contents of the home of the late parents of insufferable local heiress Frances O'Brien. The deceased former owners were well-known Hollywood set designers who crammed their domicile with all manner of priceless antiques and worthless junk. But the last thing Molly expects to find behind the walls of La Casa is a mummified human corpse.

Suddenly Molly's up to her knowledgeable neck in trouble, as her snooping reveals more of the sinister hidden history of La Casa -- including larceny, blackmail, kidnapping ... and murder. And even with the help of her precocious preteen niece Emma, Molly may not be able to save a dear friend from a homicide conviction ... or herself from a cold-blooded killer with secrets to protect. **PB \$16.95**

**Maria Flook***Lux*

When her husband vanishes without a trace, environmentalist Alden Warren holds out emotionally from those who would court her but eventually falls for handsome landscape worker Lux Davis, who unbeknownst to Alden is her husband's killer and who tries to find a means of disposing of the body. **TP \$28.95**

**Greg Flynn***The Berlin Cross*

Down and out New York PI John Docker has a past he'd rather forget. So when he finds himself in Berlin in 1948, just after the Russians blockade the city in a move that ultimately sparks the Cold War, it's against his better judgment. Docker is there to track down some stolen treasure - the Cross of Christ, a legendary religious relic that was last in the hands of the Nazis and is now missing. Reluctantly he collaborates with British Military Policeman Captain Beauchamp, who is on the trail of the murderers of Nazi atomic scientist Friedrich Kessler, found tortured and dead in a bombed-out Berlin hotel. Jailed Nazi architect Albert Speer has agreed to give Beauchamp some information on Kessler's killers - and the atomic secrets they may have been after - in return for intelligence on the Cross. Against the backdrop of the Berlin airlift, Docker and Beauchamp race against the clock in a bid to recover the atomic secrets and the Cross. **THE BERLIN CROSS** is an extraordinary debut crime thriller by a gifted author with a great future. Dark, witty, full of rich, authentic detail and with a cast of memorable characters, many from the history books, it keeps you guessing until the end. **TP \$32.95**

**Ken Follett***Whiteout*

A missing canister containing a deadly virus forms the center of a storm that traps Stanley Oxenford, director of a medical research firm, and a violent trio of thugs in a remote house during a Christmas Eve blizzard. **PB \$19.95**

*Code to Zero*

At the height of the Cold War, a NASA scientist awakens to find his memory completely erased, and knowing he is being watched at every turn, searches for clues to his identity, while America's future hangs in the balance. **TP \$30.95**

**Colin Forbes***Cross of Fire / Whirlpool***PB \$12.95****Christopher Fowler***Seventy-Seven Clocks (Bryant and May Mystery)*

Peculiar Crimes Unit detectives John May and Arthur Bryant become embroiled in a twisted and complex conspiracy involving blackmail, priceless artworks, violence, and ritual murder when they investigate the bizarre death of a guest at London's famed Savoy Hotel. **PB \$17.95**

**Dick Francis***Second Wind*

A hurricane-chasing trip to the Caribbean spells danger for English meteorologist Perry Stuart as a terrifying accident during his holiday excursion reveals deadly secrets that could get him killed. **PB \$19.95**

**Stephen Frey***The Protégé*

The head of the world's most powerful private equity firm, Christian Gillette reluctantly cooperates with a shadowy government agent in exchange for new information about the death of his father, while, at the same time, two of his firm's up-and-comers compete for his attention, a situation that is complicated by an attempt on Gillette's life. By the author of *The Chairman*. **HC \$51.95**

**Robert Gandt***The Killing Game*

Fighter pilot Brick Maxwell, with the help of his Roadrunner squadron, launches a death strike on the enemy--a Palestinian splinter group--to make them pay for the death of his girlfriend during a hostage negotiation gone wrong. **PB \$19.95**

**Elizabeth George***With No One As Witness*

Best-seller Elizabeth George creates a serial killer, in which she provides insight into the psychological complexity of the tortured criminal mind. When the Metropolitan Police fail to realise a serial killer is at work, Thomas Lynley is given the case, and his Scotland Yard task force is soon handling more killings and a looming tragedy. **PB \$19.95**

**Joseph Geary***Mirror*

The last major work of martyr-suicide Franklin Koenig before his spectacular self-immolation in 1958, **MIRROR** shows up in Manhattan where it sells for \$23 million: the highest price ever paid for a post-war painting. The seller: Linda Carey - Koenig's lover in his last tortured months. The buyer: the Modern Art Museum of New York - a dynastic institution as secretive as it is incestuous.

But as soon as **MIRROR** enters the collection, questions are raised - and the role of Ellen Lindz, the curator responsible, is thrown into doubt. Her job on the line, Ellen heads for Phoenix, Arizona in search of the one person who has the answers: Linda Carey.

What is the truth behind the layers of lies? It's only when she reaches Phoenix that the pieces fall into place - and Ellen discovers the full horror of what has for so long been kept in the freezing dark - a bloody secret that could blow apart the multi-billion dollar art market. A secret that someone will kill to keep ... **PB \$18.95**

**Robert Goddard***Sight Unseen*

One summer's day in 1981 a two-year-old girl, Tamsin Hall, was abducted during a picnic at the famous prehistoric site of Avebury in Wiltshire. Her seven-year-old sister Miranda was knocked down and killed by the abductor's van. The girls were in the care of their nanny, Sally Wilkinson. One of the witnesses to this tragic event was David Umber, a Ph.D student who was waiting at the village pub to keep an appointment with a man called Griffith who claimed he could help Umber with his researches into the letters of 'Junius', the pseudonymous eighteenth century polemicist who was his Ph.D subject. But Griffin failed to show up, and Umber never heard from him again. Tamsin Hall was never seen again either. The Hall family fell apart under the strain. Sally Wilkinson wound up living with Umber, whom she had met at the inquiry. But she never recovered from the incident, suffered increasingly from depression, and eventually committed suicide. In the spring of 2004 retired Chief Inspector George Sharp receives a letter signed 'Junius' reproaching him for botching the 1981 investigation. Sharp confronts Umber, whose explanation for being at the scene of the tragedy has always seemed dubious. Obligated to accept Umber's denial of authorship of the letter, he nonetheless forces him to join in a search for the real culprit - and hence the long concealed truth about what happened 23 years previously. It is a quest that both will later regret having embarked upon. Too late they come to understand that some mysteries are better **PB \$19.95**

**Sue Grafton***A Is For Alibi*

Nikki Fife, the wife of a hated divorce lawyer, out on parole after eight years in prison for killing her husband, hires ex-cop-turned-private detective Kinsey Millhone to find the real killer and clear her name. **PB \$19.95**

*S Is For Silence*

Thirty-four years after Violet Sullivan's unexplained disappearance, Daisy--the not-quite-seven-year-old daughter she left behind--seeks the solace of closure and enlists the assistance of private detective Kinsey Millhone to help her find the truth. **HC \$54.95**

**Sarah Graves***Nail Biter Home Repair is Homicide Mystery*

Jacobia "Jake" Tiptree is up to her neck in trouble when a coven of self-styled witches takes over her Eastport, Maine, rental property for Halloween, fundamentalist preacher Gene Dibble turns up dead, rumors begin to spread about Jake's involvement in dark magic, ghostly moaning terrorizes her neighbors, and she must do everything to find the culprit. **HC \$45.95**

**W E B Griffin***Line of Fire* **PB \$19.95****Martha Grimes***The Winds of Change (Richard Jury)*

The death of a girl found on a London street, as well as the discovery of the body of a woman, prompts Richard Jury to join forces with Plant and Macalvie, commander of the Devon and Cornwall police, to investigate these crimes. Reprint. **PB \$19.95**

**James Grippando***Last To Die*

Representing an accused hit man as a favor to his best friend, Miami lawyer Jack Swyteck investigates his client's claims that a woman offered him her estate if he would kill her, a story that is compromised by the deaths of other potential heirs. **PB \$18.95**

**John Grisham**

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*The King of Torts* **TP \$26.95**

*The Chamber* **TP \$26.95**

*The Brethren* **TP \$26.95**

*The Last Juror* **PB \$19.95**

*Bleachers* **PB \$17.95**

**S M Gunn***Operation Emerald (Red SEALs Sub Strike)*

A conspiracy linked to Grigory Rostov, a former Soviet Spetznaz commander turned arms dealer, and his plans to sell former Soviet weapons of mass destruction to a dangerous client could not only ignite a war between the U.S. and China but also unleash a deadly armageddon on the world, unless a team of U.S. Navy SEALs can stop him. **PB \$17.95**

**David Handler***The Bright Silver Star (Berger and Mitry Mystery)*

Having recently located to the Connecticut gold coast, New York film critic Mitch Berger finds his new life compromised by his state trooper girlfriend's investigation into a movie star's murder in which Mitch and his closest friends are implicated. **PB \$17.95**

*The Burnt Orange Sunrise (Berger and Mitry Mystery)*

Attending a party at the replica site of a historic castle, New York film critic Mitch Berger and resident trooper Desiree Mitry find themselves trapped with other guests in the wake of an ice storm, a situation that turns deadly when the guests begin dying off. **PB \$17.95**

**Charlaine Harris***Shakespeare's Landlord (Lily Bard 01)*

While trying to prove her innocence in the murder of her landlord, Lily Bard, karate student and cleaning service proprietor, finds plenty of skeletons in the closets of Shakespeare, Arkansas. **PB \$17.95**

**Janis Harrison***Bindweed (Gardening Mystery)*

Missouri florist Brett Solomon launches her own investigation to find out who killed Toby, a slow-witted florist helper whose mother recently died from a terminal illness, with a swarm of killer bees deliberately planted in his home. **HC \$49.95**

**Cynthia Harrod-Eagles***Dear Departed (Bill Slider)*

Wanting nothing more than to spend time with his pregnant wife-to-be, Joanna, Detective Bill Slider finds himself pulled away by the depredations of a serial killer whom the police call the "Park Killer" and who seems to be determined to keep law enforcement busy. **HC \$51.95**

**Ellen Hart***A Killing Cure (Jane Lawless Mystery)*

Lesbian restaurateur and sometime sleuth Jane Lawless investigates odd goings-on at a prestigious women's club, including blackmail, experimental drugs, sexual assault, and betrayal, and discovers her new lover, Dorrie, may be involved. **TP \$28.95**

**John Harvey***Ash and Bone*

Retired Detective Inspector Frank Elder struggles with guilt when his teenage daughter deteriorates into reckless behavior following a rape that he could have prevented, while Detective Sergeant Maddy Birch becomes increasingly uneasy in her suspicions that she is being stalked. **HC \$51.95**

**David Hewson***A Sacred Cut*

When Detective Nic Costa arrives to investigate the killing of a woman whose body is found on the floor of the Pantheon, her body brutally carved, he is caught in the middle of an ambush that costs him his only witness and follows a deadly trail that leads to more gruesome murders, high-level government intrigue, a woman's search for the truth, a shocking conspiracy, and a madman. **HC \$45.95**

### **Patricia Highsmith**

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From the late mistress of suspense and noir fiction comes a chilling anthology of short fiction, featuring works from five of her classic short story collections combined into a single anthology. **TP \$36.95**

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*The Devil's Games*

In 1834 Bellminster, when a hotly contested Parliamentary election turns lethal and a political riot ends in death, Reverend Tuckworth is called in to investigate, only to find himself embroiled in a hotbed of political intrigue, betrayal, and murder. **HC \$51.95**

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*A Thin Difference*

Jack Skinner, a thrice-divorced southern Alabama criminal defense lawyer with alimony problems, finds himself representing Brad Caine, a stranger with a positive cash flow indicted for the murder of wealthy Haddie Charles, an elderly widow. **TP \$28.95**

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*Chronosome 8*

Saving his ailing daughter with the help of genetic engineering, Dr. Gastro Nister discovers that her survival has a horrific price, one that comes to fruition years later when two marine biologists searching for a lost submarine stumble into the middle of a sadistic plan to forever alter the planet by returning humankind to the sea through genetic manipulation. A first novel. **HC \$45.95**

### **Kay Hooper**

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When they are shot at by a faceless sniper in the Colombian wilderness, rival antiquities experts Tyler St. James and Kane Pendleton form a tentative and passionate alliance to find a priceless gold chalice. **PB \$19.95**

### **Maddy Hunter**

*Hula Done It (Passport To Peril Mystery)*

During a blissful cruise to the Hawaiian islands, Emily Andrew and her offbeat group of Iowa senior citizens are confronted by an all new mystery when Professor Dorian Smoker, a renowned expert on the legendary Captain Cook, falls overboard just before telling them about a long-lost treasure. **PB \$17.95**

### **Gregg Hurwitz**

*The Program*

Called back into the U.S. Marshal Service, driven lawman Tim Rackley is assigned to retrieve the daughter of a powerful Hollywood producer from a mind-control cult, a case for which he must go deep undercover to confront a messianic leader and an operation beyond his worst expectations. **PB \$19.95**

### **Conn Iggulden**

*Emperor: The Gods of War (Emperor 04)*

The fourth volume in the acclaimed Emperor series, in which Conn Iggulden brilliantly interweaves history and adventure to re-create the astonishing life of Julius Caesar - an epic tale of ambition and rivalry, bravery and betrayal, from an outstanding new voice in historical fiction.

It looked as if it would be war. The strife between that great figure, Pompey, the Dictator of Rome, and the young general fresh from his triumphant conquests of Gaul and Britain, had come to a head.

Even when Julius Caesar, accompanied by Brutus, Mark Antony and Octavian, rode into Rome, the first time they had been back in their home town for over 10 years, his path to success would not be easy. **TP \$29.95**

### **Greg Iles**

*Turning Angel*

When the body of Kate Townsend turns up near the Mississippi River and his close friend, physician Drew Elliott, admits to a love affair with the murdered girl, attorney Penn Cage once again tangles with the dark side of his hometown of Natchez, Mississippi, to investigate the secret world of an elite nearby high school, teenage sex, drugs, and violence. **HC \$52.95**

### **P D James**

*The Black Tower (Adam Dalgliesh)*

It was, Adam Dalgliesh thought, uncommonly inconsiderate, if not negligent, of his doctors to reconcile him so thoroughly to death and then change their minds. Unsettled by this brush with death and disenchanted with his job in the Force, Commander Adam Dalgliesh accepts an invitation to visit an old friend, the chaplain of a private home for the disabled, only to discover that his host has died suddenly. When other deaths follow, Dalgliesh senses that what had been founded as an abode of love is rapidly becoming a staging post for death. **PB \$19.95**

*Devices and Desires (Adam Dalgliesh)*

A serial killer is on the loose in a remote area of the Norfolk coast. Overshadowing the bleak landscape and the lives of the local community is the Larksoken nuclear power station, run by the charismatic Alex Mair. Then a death occurs that makes it chillingly apparent that the mass murderer isn't the only killer at work in Larksoken. When Commander Adam Dalgliesh becomes involved in the hunt for the murderer, he finds himself caught up in the passions and dangerous secrets of the headland community. **PB \$19.95**

*Original Sin (Adam Dalgliesh)*

The literary world is shaken when a murder takes place at the Peverell Press, an old-established publishing house located in a dramatic mock-Venetian palace on the Thames. The victim is Gerard Etienne, the brilliant new managing director whose ruthless ambition has made him many enemies: a discarded mistress, a rejected and humiliated author and rebellious colleagues. Adam Dalgliesh and his team are confronted with a puzzle of extraordinary complexity and a killer who is prepared to strike again. **PB \$19.95**

*A Taste For Death (Adam Dalgliesh)*

Two bodies, their throats cut with brutal precision, lie in a waste of blood in the dingy vestry of St Matthew's Church, Paddington. One is an alcoholic tramp; the other, Sir Paul Berowne, is a baronet and a recently resigned Minister of the Crown. In an attempt to discover the truth

Dalglish, with his new female assistant, arrives to begin one of the most convoluted and difficult investigations of his career, one that will expose the darker recesses of the Berowne family history, which have long lain hidden beneath a veneer of prosperous gentility. **PB \$19.95**

**Iris Johansen**

*On the Run*

After eight years of raising her daughter Frankie on a horse farm in Tallanville, Tennessee, single mother Grace Archer finds her life shattered by the dark secrets of the past, forcing her to resume an old identity and to join forces with a former ally to take on a cunning and deadly enemy. **HC \$52.95**

**Stephanie Kane**

*Seeds of Doubt*

When the recently paroled sister of a powerful banker is accused in the disappearance of a young boy, dyslexic criminal defense lawyer Jackie Flowers invites the defendant into her home and searches for clues in the murder case for which the woman was previously imprisoned. **PB \$19.95**

**Lee Charles Kelley**

*Twas the Bite Before Christmas*

Yearning for a quiet night in front of the fire with his canine companions and his girlfriend, state medical examiner, Dr. Jamie Cutter, ex-cop and Maine kennel owner Jack Field finds his peace interrupted by the murder of a young housemaid at the Bright mansion just before the Christmas holidays, a case that brings him face to face with poisonous eggnog, a kidnapped puppy, a vengeful Russian mob boss, and other perils. **PB \$17.95**

**Jim Kelly**

*The Moon Tunnel*

At the scene of an archaeological dig searching for buried Anglo-Saxon treasure on the site of a former POW camp, journalist Philip Dryden is stunned when excavators uncover the skeletal remains of a much more recent corpse trapped in an underground tunnel and sets out to uncover the truth about a fifty-year-old mystery. **HC \$51.95**

**Kate Kingsbury**

*No Clue At the Inn (Pennyfoot Hotel Mystery)*

Two years after selling the Pennyfoot Hotel to its new owner, who promptly turned it into a country club, Cecily Baxter and her husband return to Badgers End to manage the establishment over the Christmas holidays only to discover that the previous manager had met a mysterious and untimely end. **PB \$17.95**

**Henry Kisor**

*A Venture into Murder*

Believing he has left behind a painful past after moving to the peaceful region of Porcupine County and marrying the love of his life, Deputy Steve Martinez undertakes an unusual case involving a murdered mob hit man, an investigation with bizarre ties to a missing-persons case from one hundred years earlier. **HC \$49.95**

**Michael Koryta**

*Tonight I Said Goodbye*

When an alleged suicide victim's wife and six-year-old daughter go missing, private investigator Lincoln Perry and his partner, Joe Pritchard, pursue a theory that the man was actually murdered, a suspicion that is corroborated by the missing child's ominous final diary entry. **PB \$17.95**

**Rochelle Krich**

*Now You See It*

Recently married true-crime writer Molly Blume is delighted with the success of her latest book, until an ardent fan, Reuben Jastrow, begins to show up at consecutive book signings, claiming that he needs Molly's help to find his missing daughter Hadassah, who has run away with a man she had met on the Internet. **TP \$28.95**

**Tim LaHaye & Jerry B Jenkins**

*The Regime: Before they Were Left Behind (Left Behind Prequel 02)*

The second prequel traces the rise of the Antichrist and the journey of the main characters--including Rayford, Chloe, and Buck--toward the Rapture where the seven-year Tribulation awaits them. **HC \$52.95**

**Patricia Lewin**

*Out of Reach*

A CIA-trained expert in child abduction, Erin Bates is called in to investigate the disappearance of a nine-year-old boy from a Washington, D.C., suburb--a crime that bears a startling resemblance to her own sister's kidnapping years before--and teams up with FBI agent Alec Donovan to find the missing boy and uncover an underground conspiracy that barbers in human lives. **PB \$17.95**

**Elizabeth Lowell**

*The Color of Death*

Commissioned to cut an extraordinarily rare collection of sapphires, a job that will establish her career, promising jewel cutter Kate Chandler hires her half-brother to transport the gems, but when he is murdered and the jewels are stolen, Kate realizes she will become another victim unless she can identify the killer. **PB \$19.95**

*The Secret Sister*

New York fashion writer Christy McKenna and outlaw archaeologist Aaron Cain collide in a battle of wills while searching for Christy's missing model sister, who disappeared in the rock canyons of the ancient Anasazi. **PB \$19.95**

**Robert Ludlum**

*The Ambler Warning*

On Parrish Island, a restricted island off the coast of Virginia, there is a little known and never visited psychiatric facility. There, far from prying eyes, the government stores former intelligence employees whose psychiatric state make them a danger to their own government, people whose ramblings might endanger ongoing operations or prove dangerously inconvenient. One of these employees, former Consular Operations agent Hal Ambler is kept heavily medicated and closely watched. But, there's one difference between Hal and the other patients - Hal isn't crazy. With the help of a sympathetic nurse, Hal manages to first clear his mind of the drug-induced haze and then pulls off a daring escape. Now he's out to discover who stashed him here and why - but the world he returns to isn't the one he remembers. Friends and longtime associates don't remember him, there are no official record of Hal Ambler, and, when he first sees himself in the mirror, the face that looks back at him is not the one he knows as his own.

**TP \$32.95**

**Robert Ludlum & Patrick Larkin***The Lazarus Vendetta (Covert-One)*

In the increasingly turbulent atmosphere of international politics, the once grassroots anti-globalisation movement has been slowly taken over by the underground radical anti-technology group fronted by a mysterious figure known only as Lazarus. All attempts to infiltrate the group have failed and the intelligence agents involved have all disappeared without a trace. Now Lazarus is preparing to make his boldest move yet. Lt. Col. Jon Smith is activated by Covert-One to bring his skills to bear in uncovering the truth behind the terrorists. For, unbeknownst to the world at large, the Lazarus Movement is on the brink of setting in motion a deadly scheme that will risk the lives of billions and forever change the nature of the world.

**PB \$19.95****Mike Lupica***Too Far*

A student on the local high school paper enlists the aid of city journalist Ben Mitchell to uncover the truth about the school's championship basketball team when rumors circulate about violent hazing rituals at a team retreat that may have led to murder. **PB \$19.95**

**John Lutz***Fear the Night*

When night falls, a ruthless sniper terrorizes the streets of New York City, and retired homicide detective Vin Repetto, after the killer's next victim is murdered right before his eyes, makes it his personal mission to stop this madman dead in his tracks. **PB \$17.95**

**David Maisel***The Western Limit of the World*

When his chemical tanker is denied entry into San Francisco harbor, Harold Snow's shady and audacious scheme to secure bulk chemicals for a contact in West Africa begins to unravel, as he is forced to deal with a deranged chief mate, an increasingly paranoid and mutinous crew, a beautiful young woman, a hurricane, and revolution. **HC \$51.95**

**Takashi Matsuoka***Autumn Bridge (Cloud of Sparrows 02)*

The year is 1311. In the highest tower of Cloud of Sparrows castle, a beautiful woman watches as enemies gather below. As she calmly awaits her fate, she begins to write the secret history of the Okumichi clan, of the gift of prophecy they share and the extraordinary destiny that awaits them. Six centuries later these remarkable writings are discovered by an American missionary, Emily Gibson, who has fled to Japan to escape a tragic past. Soon an extraordinary man will enter her life: Lord Genji of the Okumichi clan, a nobleman with a gift of prophecy who must defend his embattled family - and confront forbidden feelings for an outsider in his midst. Courted by two Western diplomats, Emily discovers that her heart belongs to the one man she cannot have. But she has found a mission: translating Genji's ancestral history, losing herself in an epic tale of heroism and forbidden love, including the story of Lady Shizuka, the beautiful witch-princess who has enchanted Okumichi men for generations. As Emily unravels the magical stories, she begins to see threads of her own life woven into the ancient writings. And as past and present collide, a hidden history comes to life, and with it a secret prophecy that has been shrouded for centuries, and may finally be revealed. **PB \$23.95**

**Eric Mayer & Mary Reed***Six For Gold (John the Eunuch Mystery)*

Emperor Justinian sends his Lord Chamberlain John the Eunuch to Mehenopolis, a remote pilgrim destination that is home to an ancient shrine dedicated to a snake deity, to investigate the killings of local sheep, while back at home in Constantinople, Anatolius races against time to find the killer of a senator, a crime in which John has become the prime suspect. **HC \$51.95**

**Ed McBain***Hark! (87th Precinct)*

Setting out to avenge himself after being left for dead in Mischief, the Deaf Man plants a string of clues taken from the plays of Shakespeare, daring the detectives of the 87th Precinct to prevent a seemingly perfect crime. **PB \$19.95**

*The Gutter and the Grave*

Drowning his sorrows of the past in cheap alcohol, former detective-turned-Bowery bum Matt Cordell finds himself back on the job when he is asked to investigate a double murder involving an old enemy. **PB \$17.95**

*Fiddlers*

It started with the blind violinist - shot twice through the head at point-blank range in the alley outside his dingy restaurant. But it's only when the omelette lady gets shot with the same gun in the same way twenty-four hours later that the police really start to take notice. But Steve Carella and the boys at the 87th Precinct always seem to be one step behind the killer, for while the gun is the same, none of the victims seem to be related in any way. And why is the killer heard to introduce himself as 'Chuck' before pumping bullets into their bodies? **HC \$49.95 TP \$29.95**

**Philip McCutchan***Convoy Homeward / Convoy North***PB \$12.95****Gregory McDonald***Son of Fletch*

The irrepressible Fletch unexpectedly finds himself confronted with the challenges of fatherhood, in the person of a grown son he never knew he had, until he discovers that his son is a chip off the old block. **TP \$24.95**

**Leslie Meier***New Year's Eve Murder (Lucy Stone Mystery)*

Winning mother/daughter makeovers in Manhattan from Jolie magazine, Lucy Stone and her daughter Elizabeth, immersed in the glamour of haute couture, witness a murder that casts a negative light on several high-style fashionistas and places Elizabeth's life in danger. **HC \$45.95**

**David Michaels***Tom Clancy's Splinter Cell (Tom Clancy's Splinter Cell)*

Sam Fisher, a splinter cell, or top secret agent for the National Security Agency with the right to steal and kill to preserve the country's freedom, goes after Middle Eastern terrorists who are building a highly destructive weapon and have kidnapped his daughter. **PB \$19.95**

### *Operation Barracuda (Tom Clancy's Splinter Cell)*

National Security Agency special operative Sam Fisher, as part of a top-secret initiative called the Third Echelon, is the latest weapon in a technologically advanced war, armed with the ability to be even more deadly and ruthless as than America's enemies. **PB \$19.95**

### **Lisa Miscione**

#### *Smoke*

When her former writing student, young reporter Lily Samuels, vanishes while looking into her brother's supposed suicide, crime writer Lydia Strong and her husband, former FBI agent-turned-private detective Jeff Mark, launch an investigation to uncover the truth about Lily's disappearance. **HC \$49.95**

### **Kirk Mitchell**

#### *Dance of the Thunder Dogs*

After thirteen years of federal law enforcement with the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Emmett Parker returns home, only to find himself torn between his role as a government investigator and his Comanche roots. **PB \$19.95**

### **Tara Moss**

#### *Fetish*

Arriving in Australia on assignment only to find her best friend brutally murdered, international model Mak is drawn into the search for a sadistic serial killer with a deadly fetish, plunging her into a twisted game where nothing is what it seems. **PB \$17.95**

### **Shirley R Murphy**

#### *Cat Breaking Free (Joe Grey Mystery)*

Investigating a series of retail break-ins in the quaint village of Molena Point, California, feline private investigator Joe Grey pursues suspicions about a blonde next-door neighbor, a case that becomes complicated when the perpetrators begin trapping feral cats. **HC \$51.95**

#### *Cat Cross Their Grave (Joe Grey Mystery)*

Aging film star Patty Rose came to Molena Point, California, to enjoy her golden years running an inn. She didn't come there to be murdered. But it's Patty's body a cat named Kit discovers after hearing three shots fired. And the curious tortoiseshell has already scampered off to investigate when the police arrive -- followed by Kit's cat friends Joe Grey and Dulcie.

Joe is certain Kit's heading for big trouble. But Dulcie has troubles of her own, namely helping to hide a young runaway girl in the local library ... a child who may be tied into a grisly and terrifying scenario connected to the actress' slaying. Then a kidnapping and the shocking discovery of hidden graves raise the stakes -- and the inquisitive feline trio will have to work quickly to claw out the truth and end the nightmare that has the devastated community reeling. **PB \$16.95**

### **Margaret Murphy**

#### *Now You See Me*

When Megan Ward goes missing, suspicion falls on the stalker seen outside her house. The police would love it to be so simple, but the closer they look the more mysterious Megan herself becomes. They find no photos, no passport, no family or friends from an earlier life. Only the corrupted computer files in Megan's strangely impersonal room.

Meanwhile Patrick Doran, owner of Safe Hands Security, is living his own nightmare. A hacker has breached his computer network, where he thought he had safely buried his past. Then Megan's landlady is murdered—and the shadowy Megan re-emerges. The woman who doesn't exist becomes very real, very elusive and very dangerous. **TP \$32.95**

### **Warren Murphy & Molly Cochran**

#### *Grandmaster*

An Edgar Allan Poe Award-winning tale finds a genius American spy in a deadly rivalry against a master strategist, a competition that begins when they meet at the age of ten during a pivotal chess championship and escalates during their relentless pursuit of the Grandmaster title. **TP \$30.95**

### **Michael Murray**

#### *Raven*

During a declassification of World War II documents, an American investigator uncovers documents describing an attack by British commandos deep inside Germany prior to the launching of Germany's planned invasion of England in 1940, unveiling an astonishing secret that could change what everyone thought they knew about WWII in Europe. **PB \$19.95**

### **Tom Neale**

#### *Steel Rain*

Special Agent Vincent Piper is an FBI Field Officer based in London. Any crime involving Americans is his business. He's estranged from his wife and he loves his only daughter Martha, but she is drifting away from him. A terrorist bomb goes off in Borders bookshop in Charing Cross road and as Vincent surveys the carnage, he starts to weep. He had arranged to meet Martha in the bookshop. She dies in his arms. Vincent vows revenge and relentlessly pursues all the leads he can find on active anti-capitalist groups. But what he discovers is even more shocking than his daughter's death... **PB \$19.95**

### **Janet Neel**

#### *Ticket to Ride*

A newly qualified solicitor, Jules Carlisle is hired by Mirko Dragunovic, an illegal immigrant unable to go to the police for help, to investigate the deaths of eight Serbian immigrants whose bodies have been discovered on a nearby beach, one of whom might be Mirko's brother, but she soon begins to regret her involvement in the case. **HC \$51.95**

### **Jo Nesbo**

#### *The Devil's Star*

It's a sweltering summer in Oslo when a young woman is found murdered in her flat. One finger has been cut off, and beneath her eyelid is a tiny red diamond in the shape of a five pointed star. Detective Harry Hole is assigned to the case with Tom Waaler - a colleague Harry suspects of running an arms smuggling gang and of having murdered his partner - and initially he refuses to become involved. But he is already on notice to quit the force and is left with no choice but to drag himself out of his alcoholic stupor and get to work. Five days later, a man reports his wife missing. When her severed finger is found wearing a ring mounted with the same star-shaped red diamond, it seems Oslo has a serial killer on its hands. A riddle of fives: five points to the star, five fingers on the hand, and every fifth day a new victim to be counted. Harry is determined to prove that his hunch about Waaler is right, and he begins to wonder whether his enemy is somehow bound up with the killings. In his pursuit of the truth behind both mysteries, Harry unwittingly finds himself on the run from the police, forced to make difficult decisions about his future as a detective. **TP \$32.95**

**Carol O'Connell***Winter House*

When a serial lady-killer is found with shears sticking out of his chest and an ice pick in his hand, Kathy Mallory and her NYPD Special Crimes partner Detective Sgt. Riker are called in to investigate. One of the occupants of Winter House, the scene of the crime, is 70-year-old Nedda Winter, who immediately confesses to the killing, claiming it was self-defence. Murder solved, case closed. It's even poetic justice. But Winter House is the site of a massacre that took place 50 years previously and doesn't give up its dead so easily. Mallory and Riker will have to reopen the original investigation in order to try and stop the murderer from finishing what they started. **PB \$21.95**

**Carol Anne O'Marie***Requiem at the Refuge Sister Mary Helen Mystery*

When a young female client at a drop-in center for abused women is found murdered, septuagenarian Sister Mary Helen investigates to find a killer, tangling with corrupt politicians, a prostitution ring, cops, and other refugees along the way. **PB \$17.95**

**Barry W Ozeroff***Sniper Shot*

The ongoing rivalry between Ben Geller, primary sniper on the Oregon Special Response Team, and Bob Slater, the team's secondary sniper, may turn deadly as the two become engaged in an elaborate game of cat and mouse, and one of them continues to hide the fact that he is a robber and murderer. **PB \$19.95**

**John Parras***Fire on Mount Maggiore*

Matteo Arteli, a firefighter struggling with survivor guilt, finds himself at the center of an intricate conspiracy while probing suspicions around the circumstances of a fierce blaze that killed five men in his brigade. A first novel. **HC \$66**

**Don Pendleton***Terminal Zone (Executioner 324)*

When a flesh-eating bacterium falls into the wrong hands, Mack Bolan must race against time to locate and destroy the bioweapon before it's too late, a dangerous mission that plunges him into the middle of a turf war between the French and Italian mafia. **PB \$13.95**

*Promise To Defend (Stony Man 79)*

Treachery runs deep in America's secret corridors of power as a madman takes command of the Cadre Project, leaving the Stony Man team to uncover the conspiracy and save the future of America. **PB \$16.95**

*Doomsday Conquest (Stony Man 80)*

When a secretive group of high-ranking rogue operatives sell technologically advanced weapons to the enemies of the United States in an attempt to "fix" the Middle East, the Stony Man team is hurled into the middle of a deadly conspiracy where their very survival hangs in the balance. **PB \$16.95**

*Ballistic Force (Super Bolan 105)*

When scientists with firsthand knowledge of North Korean missile strike capabilities are kidnapped and taken back to their homeland, Mack Bolan and the Stony Man team are sent in to bring them back and stop a sadistic leader from launching a nuclear attack on American soil. **PB \$16.95**

**Sharon Penman***Dragon's Lair*

When her beloved son Richard is imprisoned and held for ransom in an Austrian dungeon and the hated Prince John plots with King Phillippe of France to prevent Richard's return, Queen Eleanor sends Justin de Quincy into Wales to recover a ransom payment that has gone missing. **PB \$17.95**

**Anne Perry***Christmas Visitor*

Henry Rathbone arrives to spend Christmas at the Dregghom family manor house. He is greeted by the news that the master of the house, Judah Dregghom has slipped while crossing a stream and drowned. Not only this, but Ashton Gower, is slandering Judah's name, claiming that his family rightfully owns the estate... **PB \$18.95**

**R J Pineiro***Havoc*

Pulled out of early retirement to investigate a high-tech robbery at a government nanoweapons development agency, CIA officer Tom Grant teams up with a promising young agent and a veteran FBI agent in an investigation that leads him to the head of a ruthless German conglomerate. **HC \$56.95**

**Ian Rankin***Rebus's Scotland (Rebus)*

This evocative and stunningly produced book highlights the places that inspired the settings for the Inspector Rebus novels. It is the Scotland that the tourist never sees. Ian Rankin reveals the story of Rebus and how he came into being, who he is, and what his Scotland is like. It is also Rankin's Scotland, too, and where he comes from. Finally, it is a look at modern-day Scotland. Beautifully illustrated throughout, with pictures that reflect the text, this is the perfect gift for anyone interested in Scotland or in the novels of Ian Rankin. **HC \$49.95 CD \$45**

**Sarah Redfern***The Music of the Spheres*

In 1795 London, Jonathan Absey of the Home Office pursues dual investigations into French espionage in Britain and the still unsolved murder of his teenage daughter, a pursuit that leads to a bizarre society of astronomers called the Company of Titius whose quest for a long-lost star leads ever closer to his own probe. A first novel. **TP \$28.95**

**Will Rhode***White Ghosts*

When Michael receives a distress call from Sean, he drops everything to get on the first plane to Hong Kong. Frustrated with post-University life in London, he relishes the prospect of joining an exclusive community of young, overpaid expatriates amid the glamorous skyscrapers of the Far East, and, of course, rescuing his heartbroken best mate.

But Michael soon realizes that the alluring veneer of Hong Kong holds a dark side. His so-called friends are taking recreational indulgence to the extreme, milking the time and the place for every last drop of colonial excess. With the Handover to Chinese rule looming, Michael finds that it's no easy feat to fit in. And he still has feelings for Candy, Sean's beautiful Eurasian girlfriend.

And then the deaths start happening.

When Candy goes missing, Michael fears he knows the truth. After all, he knows all about his best friend Sean -- the porn, the prostitutes, the drugs, the depression and, most important of all, the terrible secret they share from school... **PB \$18.95**

### **Emilie Richards**

*Lady of the Night*

No matter who she was... he had to have her.

JANE DOE...wasn't just another patient. All in all his years of training, no one had touched Joshua Martane like the fragile young woman who had been brought to the psychiatric ward five months earlier. Suspected prostitute. Brutalized victim of a serial murderer. Mystery surrounded who she was -- and who she wasn't.

But one thing was certain. Joshua was completely entranced with the amnesiac woman with the huge blue eyes whom he called Maggie. He knew therapists shouldn't get involved with their patients. But Maggie was already much more than a patient. And whatever her secrets were, he was going to have to help unlock them. **PB \$18.95**

### **David Roberts**

*A Grave Man*

A sixth installment of the popular series finds Verity Browne and Lord Edward Corinth attending a Hindenburg victim's memorial service, an event that is shattered by the murder of a distinguished archaeologist whose death has possible ties to an eminent surgeon's questionable research in the field of eugenics. **HC \$51.95**

### **Peter Robinson**

*Caedmans' Song / Aftermath* **PB \$12.95**

*Cold is the Grave / The Summer That Never Was* **PB \$12.95**

### **Jeff Rovin**

*Divide and Conquer (Tom Clancy's Op Centre 07)*

The latest volume in the acclaimed series of high-tech, high-action thrillers.

In his position as head of Op-Centre - the National Crisis Management Centre in Washington - Paul Hood has handled emergencies around the world. Now he is facing a potential disaster much closer to home. For the US President - the man with the most demanding job in the world - is cracking up under the pressure.

Hood has also received disturbing reports about growing tension between Iran and the former Soviet republic of Azerbaijan over Caspian Sea oil. Alarming, it appears that someone with their own agenda within the US State Department is plotting to start a war by sending a secret team of agents to blow up a Caspian oil rig and laying the blame on the Iranians.

With the increasingly disoriented President sidelined, Hood must act fast. His only hope is to join forces with his counterpart in Russia's own Op-Centre in a desperate attempt to avert the crisis in the Caspian - and to root out the rogue elements within the US Government who are threatening to bring down the President. **PB \$19.95**

### **P B Ryan**

*Murder of Black Friday (Gilded Age Mystery)*

When Wall Street's first "Black Friday" leads to the demise of two acquaintances of her employers, governess Nell Sweeney and Dr. Will Hewitt discover that the cause of death was not suicide but murder. **PB \$17.95**

### **Sharon Sala**

*The Chosen*

Fulfilling his destiny will be murder

One man murdered. One more dug from his grave. Twelve others missing. This is no coincidence.

Respected journalist January DeLena is positive the threads of each victim's disappearance are intertwined. But who's behind these horrific crimes? All signs point to the man who calls himself The Sinner—a disturbed vagrant trawling the streets of Washington DC, luring victims into his fanatical world of salvation and redemption.

January can't keep her suspicions private. And soon she's got the ear—and the interest—of homicide detective Benjamin North. But January has a secret. One that places her directly in the path of the twisted, self-proclaimed messiah's rage. Suddenly, getting this story has January and Benjamin headed to hell and back. **TP \$24.95**

### **John Sandford**

*The Hanged Man's Song (Kidd)*

A super-hacker friend of Kidd's named Bobby suddenly disappears from cyberspace, and Kidd - artist, computer ace and professional criminal - knows that isn't a good sign. Going over to his house, he finds Bobby dead on the floor, his head bashed in and his laptop missing. The secrets on that laptop are potent enough to hang Kidd and everybody else in Bobby's circle - just to start with. But before Kidd and his partner LuEllen can get very far in their attempts to track the laptop down, the secrets start coming out anyway - and they're much more staggering than even Kidd imagined. Because it's not just about the lives of a circle of friends and colleagues now - it's about something much, much bigger. And much, much more terrifying . . . **PB \$18.95**

### **Jonathan Santlofer**

*Color Blind*

Reluctantly investigating two New York murders that are linked by bizarre paintings found at the crime scenes, former cop-turned-art historian Kate McKinnon receives a deadly personal message that forces her to delve into the perpetrator's mind in order to prevent the death of a beautiful widow. **PB \$19.95**

### **Michele Scott**

*Murder Uncorked (Wine Lover's Mystery 01)*

Former aspiring actress Nikki Sands finds her new job at Derek Malveaux's Napa Valley vineyard taking a sour turn when she stumbles upon the dead body of Derek's top winemaker outside of her cottage. **PB \$17.95**

## **Jack Shane**

### *Sky Hunter: X-Battalion (Sky Hunters 01)*

The first book in a new series revolving around the most elite group of combat helicopters in the armed service, the Night Stalkers--the same unit who flew the choppers during the raid in Mogadishu depicted in *Black Hawk Down*. Bobby Autry is one of the best in the world at what he does. An elite combat chopper pilot, Autry has been tested under fire and always come out on top. But his new assignment might change all that. He's been tasked to lead a new unit of the elite Night Stalkers, a unit that can outfly the rest of the pilots in SOAR (Special Operations Air Regiment), outshoot the best gunners in the SEALs or Deltas, and operate as interpedently as the most lawless guerillas. The results: an experimental unit expected to fail: the X-Battalion. It won't be easy. The pilots he has at his command are the craziest, most dangerous, most unpredictable men in the military, men capable of thinking beyond rules and regulations, but men equally capable of breaking them. Autry will need every one of them if they are to survive their first mission. North Korean dictator Kim Il Sung had procured a weapon of apocalyptic destruction, and all intelligence points to his willingness to use it within the next 48 hours. If he deploys the weapon, he will poison the entire planet with radioactive fallout. The only way to stop him is with a group that can move silently, strike powerfully, and not worry about breaking a few rules along the way. The only way to stop him: X-Battalion. **PB \$18.95**

## **Alexander McCall Smith**

### *The No. 1 Ladies Detective Agency Precious Ramotswe*

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