



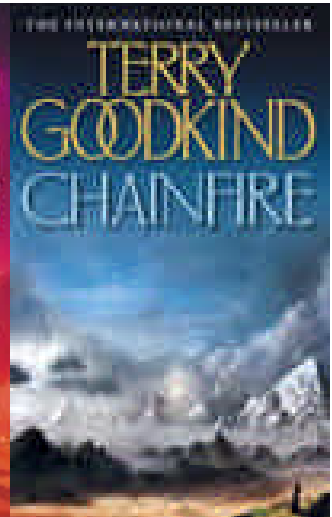
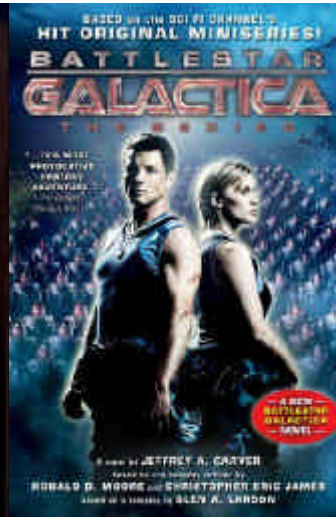
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## Featured Books



*The Bitten* by **L A Banks**, Vampire Huntress 4 in paperback.

*Battlestar Galactica: The Miniseries* by **Jeffrey A Carver** in hardcover and trade paperback.

*STNF: After The Fall* by **Peter David** in paperback.

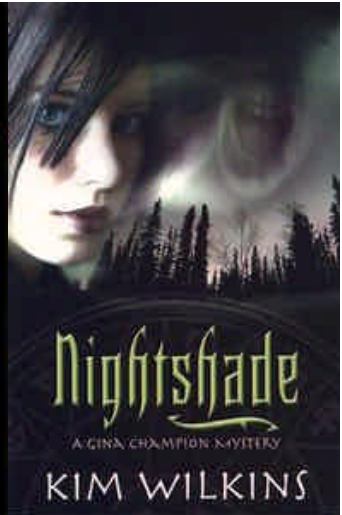
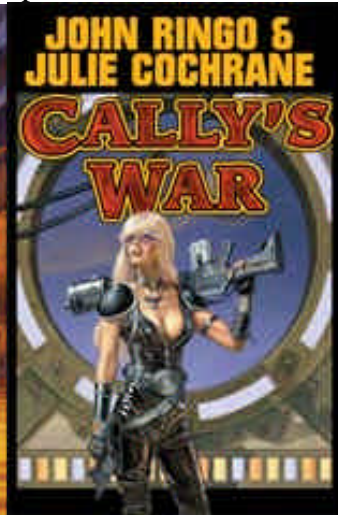
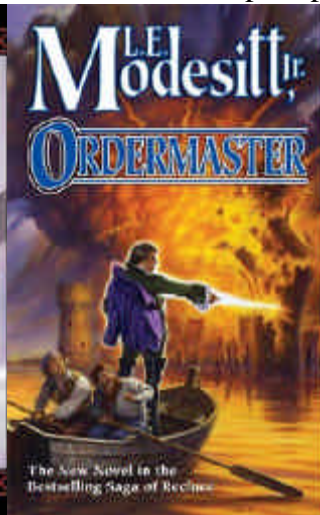
*Chainfire* by **Terry Goodkind** Sword of Truth 9 in paperback.

*To Light a Candle* by **Mercedes Lackey** and **James Mallory** in paperback.

*Ordermaster* by **L E Modesitt Jr** in paperback.

*Cally's War* by **John Ringo** and **Julie Cochrane** Legacy of Aldenata 6 in paperback.

*Nightshade* by **Kim Wilkins** a Gina Champion paperback.



## News

**Matthew Reilly** has been working on the filming of a pilot for a proposed film based upon his books.

**Terry Pratchett** has finished writing *Wintersmith*, the 3rd Tiffany Aching book. He has started writing the next Discworld novel, *Making Money*, featuring Moist Von Lipwig.

**Iain M Banks** recently appeared on the UK TV show Mastermind and University Challenge as a competitor. His nominated specialist topic was malt whisky.

**Terry Brooks** has signed a six book deal with Orbit UK. A new Shannara novel is expected late 2006.

**William Shatner** has sold a kidney stone for US\$25 000 for charity. <http://www.scifi.com/scifiwire/index.php?category=1&id=34227&type=0>



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### New Release Information

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 February 16th. All welcome.

February Bring review/s of some favourites  
March Jennifer Fallon *Medallon*  
Robert A Heinlein *Stranger In A Strange Land*

**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 January

#### General Release

Rebel Ice	S L Viehl
Wizard of Karres	Mercedes Lackey, Eric Flint & Dave Freer
Days of Infamy	Harry Turtledove
Irresistable Forces	Lois McMaster Bujold et al
Century Rain	Alastair Reynolds
Crossroads and Other Tales of Valdemar	Mercedes Lackey
Hammered	Elizabeth Bear
<i>Innocence Lost</i>	<i>Karen Miller *Australian</i>
A World of Hurt	David Sherman & Dan Cragg
The Hanging Mountains	Sean Williams <i>*Australian</i>

#### Media and Games Related Titles

The Swarm War	Star Wars
After the Fall	Star Trek New Frontier
Dark Adeptus	Warhammer 40K Grey Knights
Killing Game	CSI
The Unseen Queen	Star Wars
Dark Lord: Rise of Darth Vader	Star Wars
Blood Avatar	Mechwarrior Dark Age
Conquest For Armageddon	Warhammer 40K
Revenge of the Sith	Star Wars
Underworld	Star Wars

## Shana Abe

### *The Smoke Thief*

Kit, the young leader of a mysterious tribe possessing the power to transform themselves into dragons, journeys to London to find a rogue drGkon who has been using his abilities to steal a fortune in jewels, but when he sets a trap for the culprit, he comes face to face with a beautiful and enigmatic young woman. **HC \$32.95**

## Madelyn Alt

### *The Trouble With Magic (Bewitching Mystery)*

Starting a new job at Enchantments antique shop, Maggie O'Neill is unexpectedly immersed in mystery when her boss, a self-proclaimed witch, is arrested for murdering her estranged sister, a crime in which it is up to Maggie to prove her innocence, with a little help from beyond. **PB \$17.95**

## Poul Anderson

### *Time Patrol*

A member of the Time Patrol, which is charged with preserving history as they know it in order to protect the future, Manse Everard, the Patrol's finest temporal troubleshooter, is torn between his conscience and desire to alleviate human suffering and the absolute necessity to not change history. **PB \$19.95**

## Sarah Ash

### *Children of the Gate (Tears of Artamon 03)*

Gavril Nagarian is believed dead - perished in the heat of battle. But the Lord Drakhaon of Azhkendir lives on. Now he is entrusted with a sacred mission: to rescue the aged Magus, who has been kidnapped and in whose possession are the five priceless rubies that compose the fabled Tears of Artamon. Ancient law decrees that whoever possesses the coveted stones has the power to impose his law over the five princedoms in the Empire of New Rossiya. But the task exacts a cost. The Drakhaoul that destroyed his forebears has penetrated Gavril's psyche and is gaining power over his soul. With the dark forces seeking immortality inside him, Gavril must feed on the blood of innocents - or die. Toppled by the loss of the Tears of Artamon, Emperor Eugene of Tielen is tormented by his own daemon. Now he must defend his lands against King Enguerrand of Francia who claims ownership of the Tears. But both men share a common goal: to destroy Gavril Nagarian and the Drakhaoul that lives within him once and for all. Ingenious and unforgettable, CHILDREN OF THE SERPENT GATE delivers a thrilling conclusion to the epic trials of a man of honour in a world in chaos - a calamity that can only be laid to rest by an Emperor's Tears. **TP \$32.95**

## Robert Asprin

### *Myth Conceptions (Myth)*

As Court Magician to Rodrick the Fifth of Possiltum, Skeeve must oppose the universe's mightiest invading army, but he is not sure how, and his mentor, Aahz, who lost his sorcerer's power, can no longer help him. **PB \$17.95**

## James Axler

### *Refuge (Outlanders)*

Kane and his companions must journey to an alternate Earth when their stronghold becomes vulnerable to attack, and discover a bizarre place where they are separated and forced into alien factions from which they may never escape. **PB \$16.95**

## Christine Aziz

### *The Olive Readers*

A young woman writes to us from a future we would all shiver to inhabit.

Imagine a future without a past, a time without memory, a state in which nationality, ancestry, tradition, language, history have no place. Governing this world is a hyper-organised system of corporations, a network of companies, each responsible for a particular product, each with a workforce conditioned to one end... But somewhere, a clandestine group is operating to preserve the past...

In the Olive producing region of Olea, The Readers are smuggling and storing books in a secret library hidden away in the house of Jephzat and her family. When her sister disappears under suspicious circumstances, and her parents are hastily re-located by the Company, Jephzat is ordered to remain in the house, unaware of the organisation operating from its hidden room. Alone and facing the suspicion and hostility of the villagers, she falls in love with Homer, an olive picker she once rescued from the hands of Company Commissioners - and a long-time member of The Readers.

As Homer introduces her to the library, and her hunger for knowledge grows, so do her questions, and soon she finds herself heavily and dangerously involved not only in the recovery and preservation of books, but in a secret plan that is set to endanger Jephzat herself and her beloved family.

**HC \$45**

## L A Banks

### *The Bitten (Vampire Huntress 04)*

With the vampire civil war prevented and deadly were-demons defeated, Damali Richards and her lover, Carlos Rivera, are looking forward to their new lives together, until a Master vampire steals one of the keys that opens the sixth seal foretold in the Book of Revelations, threatening to destroy the balance between the Light and Dark and engulf the world in Armageddon. **PB \$19.95**

### *The Damned (Vampire Huntress 06)*

When Lilith, the consort of the Un-Named One, releases the Damned to wreak havoc on all humankind, Damali, Carlos, and the Guardians race against time to stop the horrific infection spawned by these creatures of hell by finding and beheading the evil Lilith. **TP \$30.95**

## Caitlin Brennan

### *Song of Unmaking*

When the sound of order meets the force of chaos, can one woman contain them both? Stubborn, single-minded and steadfast...

In her quest to save the Aurelian Empire, Valeria reached for too much power too quickly and it has rooted a darkness inside her. Unable to confess the truth, Valeria turns to Kerrec, her former mentor and one of the elite Riders. But Kerrec is also deeply wounded, and his darkness is deeper than hers though he refuses to face it—until his weakness nearly destroys the Riders and their immortal white stallions.

Kerrec is sent from the Mountain on a desperate quest for healing. Valeria is forbidden to follow him, but she does anyway, driven by a power she cannot understand. Once again the threat of war and unrest is spread throughout the land, the barbarian hordes have returned and it is Valeria—and Kerrec—who must gather their strength and their wounded magic to protect all that they believe in...

But who will believe in them? **PB \$18.95**

**Terry Brooks***Magic Kingdom For Sale - Sold! (Magic Kingdom)*

Ben Holiday purchases the magical kingdom of Landover for a million dollars only to learn that Iron Mark, lord of the demons, expects him to fight a duel to the death. **MP3 CD \$51.95**

**Tobias S Buckell***Crystal Rain*

Twenty-seven years after washing up on the shores with no memory of his past, John deBrun discovers that he retains an understanding about a mythical artifact and becomes the world of Nanagada's only chance for survival against an attack by the fearsome Azteca. **HC \$51.95**

**Jim Butcher***Grave Peril (Dresden Files 03)*

Harry Dresden's faced some pretty terrifying foes during his career. Giant scorpions. Oversexed vampires. Psychotic werewolves. It comes with the territory when you're the only professional wizard in the Chicago area phone book.

But in all Harry's years of supernatural sleuthing, he's never faced anything like this: the spirit world's gone loco. All over Chicago, ghosts are causing trouble - and not just of the door-slammng, boo-shouting variety. These ghosts are tormented, violent, and deadly. Someone - or something - is purposely stirring them up to wreak unearthly havoc. But why? And why do so many of the victims have ties to Harry? If Harry doesn't figure it out soon, he could wind up a ghost himself . . . **PB \$19.95**

*Death Masks (Dresden Files 05)*

Harry Dresden, Chicago 's only practising professional wizard, should be happy that business is pretty good for a change. But now he's getting more than he bargained for: A duel with the Red Court of Vampires' champion, who must kill Harry to end the war between vampires and wizards . . . Professional hit men using Harry for target practice . . . The missing Shroud of Turin . . . A handless and headless corpse the Chicago police need identified . . . Not to mention the return of Harry's ex-girlfriend Susan, who's still struggling with her semi-vampiric nature. And who seems to have a new man in her life. Some days, it just doesn't pay to get out of bed. No matter how much you're charging. **PB \$19.95**

*Blood Rites (Dresden Files 06)*

Lost items found. Paranormal Investigations. Consulting. Advice. Reasonable rates. No Love Potions, Endless Purses, or Other Entertainment. For Harry Dresden, Chicago's only professional wizard, there have been worse assignments than going undercover on the set of an adult film. Dodging flaming monkey poo, for instance. Or going toe-to-leaf with a walking plant monster. Still, there's something more troubling than usual about his newest case. The film's producer believes he's the target of a sinister entropy curse - but it's the women around him who are dying, in increasingly spectacular ways.

Harry's doubly frustrated because he got involved with this bizarre mystery only as a favour to Thomas, his flirtatious, self-absorbed vampire acquaintance of dubious integrity. Thomas has a personal stake in the case Harry can't quite figure out, until his investigation leads him straight to Thomas's oversexed vampire family. **PB \$19.95**

**Orson Scott Card***Treason*

A republication of a 1978 classic finds the fate of the oppressed planet of Treason in the hands of heir Lanik Mueller, a man who possesses unique regenerative powers and who has uncovered a treacherous conspiracy that prompts him to launch a desperate plan. **TP \$30.95**

**Giles Carwyn & Todd Fahnestock***Heir of Autumn*

In the brutal world of Ohndarien, ruled by the Children of the Seasons, Brophy, the Heir to Autumn, falls victim to betrayal and deceit and is exiled, left to survive with only the aid of an ambiguous spy and concubine sorceress and to discover the secret hidden in the Vastness to save the kingdom from destruction. A first novel. **HC \$52.95**

**Arthur C Clarke***The Deep Range*

Since the beginning of time it had worked its will on humanity, and for as long as man could remember, he had struggled against its power. But in the 21st century the battle was won: the sea, mankind's age-old enemy, had finally been conquered. Professionals like Walter Franklin now patrolled the infinite savannahs of the oceans, harvesting from the plankton prairies as crop which kept the world fed. But like that other great frontier, space, the sea had not yet yielded up all its secrets. Men like Franklin would never rest until its every fathomless mystery had been challenged. **PB \$21.95**

**Hal Clement***Mission of Gravity (Science Fiction Masterworks 62)*

Mesklin is a vast, inhospitable, disc-shaped planet, so cold that its oceans are liquid methane and its snows are frozen ammonia. It is a world spinning dizzily, a world where gravity can be a crushing 700 times greater than Earth's, a world too hostile for human explorers. But the planet holds secrets of inestimable value, and an unmanned probe that has crashed close to one of its poles must be recovered. Only the Mesklinites, the small creatures so bizarrely adapted to their harsh environment can help. And so Barlennan, the resourceful and courageous captain of the Mesklinite ship Bree, sets out on an heroic and appalling journey into the terrible unknown . . . **PB \$19.95**

**Elaine Cunningham***Shadows in the Darkness (Changeling Detective)*

Unfairly discharged from her Rhode Island vice squad after a routine bust goes wrong, GiGi Gelman starts her own private investigative business and takes as her first assignment the case of a fourteen-year-old runaway who may have been kidnapped, a situation that inadvertently reveals truths about her own mysterious past. **PB \$17.95**

*Shadows in the Starlight (Changeling Detective)*

Losing her position with the Providence vice squad after a bust goes bad, GiGi Gelman starts her own private investigation business, is tempted by the devilish Ian Forest to investigate the mystery of her lineage, and is called upon to help an adversary to locate his missing wife and son.

**HC \$49.95**

**John R Dann***Song of the Earth (Song)*

A prequel to Song of the Axe finds the original prehistoric tribal family leader, Grae, rescued from a volcano by the powerful daughters of River Woman and leading his people into central and eastern Europe in search of safety and a better life. **PB \$19.95**

**Philip K Dick***A Scanner Darkly*

A drug dealer of the future periodically moves away from his spaced-out world to become an informer for narcotics agents until he becomes unable to separate his two personalities, in a graphic version of the novel composed of stills from the animated motion picture. **PB \$32.95 CD \$70**

*Confessions of a Crap Artist*

Jack Isidore is a 'crap artist', a collector of crackpot ideas and worthless objects. His beliefs make him a man apparently unsuited for real life and so his sister, an edgy and aggressive woman, and his brother-in-law, a crass and foul-mouthed businessman, feel compelled to rescue him from it. But, observed through Jack's murderously innocent gaze, Fay and Charley Hume are seen to be just as obsessed as Jack. Their obsessions may be a little more acceptable than Jack's but they are uglier. And, in the end and thanks to Jack's intervention, theirs lead to tragedy . . . **PB \$22.95**

**David Drake & Eric Flint***The Dance of Time (Belisarius)*

Armed with a mystical jewel from the future, Belisarius, the greatest general of his age, musters the forces of humankind against the evil Malwa, who are ruled by a monster from the future that is part demon and part computer, as they prepare of the epic final confrontation between good and evil, with the fate of the entire world at stake. **HC \$52.95**

**Peter J Evans***Manticore Reborn (Durham Red 02)*

Peter J Evans presents the second chronicle of the vampire Durham Red in this new chilling gothic sci-fi adventure. Red discovers there is something even she is scared of - herself. **PB \$16**

**Gina Farago***Ivy Cole and the Moon*

Ivy has come home to the South. A werewolf with the ability to choose her victims, Ivy's first order of business upon arriving in Doe Springs is to eliminate the unsavory folks who reside there. But something else has taken up residence in the land, with an unconscionable appetite that targets the ones Ivy loves. While she hunts and is hunted by the other, Sheriff Hubbard works to solve the mystery behind the savage killings. **HC \$52.95**

**Philip Jose Farmer***Strange Relations*

A trio of works come together in an omnibus edition that includes *Flesh*, *Strange Relations*, and *The Lovers*, in which Hal Yarrow visits the planet Ozagen, where he falls in love with a humanoid alien female whose alcoholism he tries to cure without realizing that alcohol prevents pregnancy.

**PB \$19.95**

**S L Farrell***Heir of Stone (Cloudimages 03)*

Sevei and her twin brother Kayne, the oldest of Meriel's children, are faced with a new challenge when their treacherous uncle Doyle and his allies launch an attack on their family, while trying to defeat the enemies that have stolen their birthright. **PB \$19.95**

**Lorna Freeman***King's Own (Borderlands 02)*

After a magical debacle lands him behind bars, and almost causes a riot, Rabbit, now a free man, is reaffirmed as King Jusson's heir and the official mage of the kingdom, and must save Iversterre from sliding into the abyss by mastering his immense powers before the enemy does. **PB \$19.95**

**J F Gonzalez***Survivor*

When her husband is arrested and she is kidnapped by a group of sadists who plan to torture and murder her as graphically and violently as possible on film, Lisa, pregnant and alone, will do the unthinkable to survive. **PB \$17.95**

**Terry Goodkind***Chainfire (Sword of Truth 09)*

CHAINFIRE continues the internationally bestselling *Sword of Truth* series; Terry Goodkind's stirring epic set in a fascinating world rich in history and drama. Caught by surprise in an ambush, Richard Rahl's life now hangs by a thread. As his friends try desperately to save him, he struggles - losing blood and deeply confused - to communicate his greatest fear: Kahlan is missing. But no one present even knows her name: even though they have fought beside her for years... **PB \$19.95**

**Steven Harper***Dead Man on the Moon (LCSI)*

When the body of a man without a space suit is discovered on the airless surface of the moon, Luna City investigator and newcomer Noah Skyler struggles to identify the victim as well as the reasons for his death. **TP \$30.95**

**Elizabeth Haydon***Elegy For A Lost Star (Symphony of Ages 05)*

Elegy for a Lost Star sets the stage for a major turning point in the *Symphony of Ages* series. The dragon Anwyn - who has lain for three years in deathlike sleep in a grave of rock and black coal is freed by the cataclysm that concluded *Requiem For The Sun*. Disoriented and confused, she remembers only two things - the person who trapped her in dragon form and locked her in the grave - *Rhapsody* - and an all-encompassing desire to wreak vengeance. Meanwhile, Achmed, the Firbolg king, resumes rebuilding his shattered home, while a guild of merciless assassins set about taking revenge on him for the killing of their leader. A horribly deformed but magical being finds its way through a carnival of freaks to the palace of an evil despot, who sees in it the potential to be the instrument by which his plans of conquest and brutal domination of a continent will be realized. With the rise of new leaders, good and evil, the long-awaited birth of the Child of Time, the dark plans of assassins and rulers, a confrontation that shakes the relationship of the Three, and a battle to the death between two dragons of unimaginable elemental power, the seeds of chaos are planted for a war that will, by its end, consume half of the world. **PB \$19.95**

**Amanda Hemingway***Traitor's Sword (Sangreal 02)*

Bartlemy Goodman is approximately 1500 years old. An albino of Greek parentage he was born in Byzantium amidst the decline of the Roman Empire and now resides in the village of Thornyhill, England with his dog, Hoover. Bartlemy is one of the Gifted. But long experience has taught him the perils of the power of the witch-kind and so throughout the ages has channelled his considerable talents into cooking, his culinary prowess

becoming the stuff of legend: he worked for the Borgias, was among the first to discover chocolate and even taught the likes of Escoffier. On a warm evening in 1991 a young homeless woman holding a baby turns up on Bartlemy's doorstep and he senses destiny at work. The woman's name is Annie Ward and her son, Nathan, is an exceptional child as Annie cannot account for his conception. Her husband Daniel died in a car accident so Nathan cannot be his. Soon Bartlemy comes to believe that the boy was created beyond the Gate of Death by a superior being for a special purpose, one that may threaten all of witch-kind and that it is his job to protect him. Whilst Nathan grows and Bartlemy continues to watch over the small family, strange occurrences begin to plague the village. The Thorn family, who gave their name to the village have lived close by since pre-Christian times, were once the guardians of a strange cup of greenish stone and set with jewels. When it was lost; sold to a Jewish collector in Austria by the black sheep of the family who absconded with it in the 1920's, the family's fortune soon followed suit. Rumoured to have been stolen by the Nazis during the war it has now turned up at Sotheby's and the last of the Thorns is determined to get it back by proving the original sale false. Bartlemy joins his friend, Rowena Thorn, in her campaign. But the matter becomes complicated and sinister when Nathan discovers the body of the Austrian owner in the wood nearby and begins to experience disturbing visions involving the cup itself. **TP \$29.95**

### **John G Henry**

*Against All Enemies (Universal Law 04)*

When the starship USS Michaelson is compromised after the South Asian Alliance opens fire on an asteroid, legal officer Paul Sinclair is ordered by NCIS to work covertly as a spy and expose a traitor who is selling secrets to the enemy. **PB \$19.95**

### **Howard V Hendrix**

*The Labyrinth Key*

Racing the Chinese to be the first to develop a quantum computer capable of breaking any code, U.S. scientist Jaron Kwok disappears from his hotel room just before a critical breakthrough, a situation that prompts both nations to find out what the scientist had discovered. **PB \$17.95**

### **Robert E Howard**

*The Coming of Conan the Cimmerian (Conan)*

Fourteen short stories featuring Conan the Barbarian present in the first of three intended volumes several of the sword-wielding fantasy hero's most popular adventures, complemented by lavish black-and-white illustrations as well as a number of the author's original drafts and synopses. **HC \$60**

### **Linda Winstead Jones**

*The Star Witch*

Searching for the elusive Star of Baewyr, Captain Lucan Hern, a virile warrior, is distracted from his mission by an encounter with Isadora, the young, widowed attendant to the Empress, who holds the key to what he is looking for, yet captivates him with her innocence. **PB \$19.95**

### **Marjorie Kellogg**

*The Dragon Quartet Volume 2 (Dragon Quartet 03, 04)*

In *The Book of Fire* and *The Book of Air*, the final two novels of *The Dragon Quartet* series, dragons Earth and Water, and their human companions, go up against Fire, who has chosen to become a god instead of a guardian, and search for Air, who has disappeared, as the World teeters on the edge of extinction. **PB \$19.95**

### **Paul Kupperberg**

*JSA: Ragnarock (Justice Society of America 01)*

The Justice Society of America and the Injustice Society engage in a controversial battle to acquire the Spear of Destiny, a mythical weapon said to have pierced the side of Christ that the Wizard believes will significantly magnify his power. **HC \$47.95**

### **Mercedes Lackey & James Mallory**

*To Light a Candle (Obsidian 02)*

In a second installment of the series that began with *The Outstretched Shadow*, Knight-Mage Kellen becomes a member of the Elves' war councils and fears for the safety of his Wild Magic-wielding sister, while proud Elf Knight Jermayan continues his efforts to become the first Elven Mage. **PB \$19.95**

### **Rachel Lee**

*Shadows of Prophecy*

Tess Birdsong and her companions, after defeating one evil, journey to Anahar to free the Anari people from their enslavers and purge the city from darkness, a deadly mission that unlocks the secrets of the Ilduin, women of almost godlike power, and Tess's true destiny. **TP \$28.95**

### **Paul Levinson**

*The Plot to Save Socrates*

Reading a new Socratic dialogue that reflects a time traveler's argument to the great philosopher that he can escape death by traveling to the future, graduate student Sierra is astonished when the elderly scholar who showed her the document disappears, an event that prompts her search for answers through time with the help of her boyfriend, Max. **HC \$52.95**

### **Marjorie M Liu**

*Shadow Touch*

When Artur, a detective with the ability to read minds, telepathically start fires, and shape shift, and Elena Baxter, a beautiful healer, are kidnapped by a group of evil psychics and supermen, they join forces to escape their prison, and find salvation in each other's arms. **PB \$17.95**

### **Gregory Maguire**

*Son of A Witch TP \$29.95*

### **John Marco**

*Sword of Angels*

An all-new dose of John Marco's trademark combination of morally ambiguous and complex action, tight plotting and vivid characterisation. This is action-driven fantasy, packed with magic, betrayal and battle, from one of the most exciting authors in world fantasy. Set in a richly built world, which beautifully evokes magical lands, is detailed in its dissection of motive and compelling in its characters, *Sword of Angels* is the latest work from a natural and mature storyteller revelling in his ability. Building on the success of the acclaimed *Tyrants and Kingstrilogy*, and his growing fan base in the UK and US, this is a perfect novel for new readers and old fans of John Marco's work alike. **HC \$55 TP \$32.95**

**Susan R Matthews***Warring States (Jurisdiction)*

The Ragnarok's legal status has been ambiguous since it shot its way out of Taisheki Station to escape a threat against the lives of its innocent crew. They've gotten away with this act of almost-mutiny so far because the Bench has bigger fish to fry: who will replace the dead First Judge, and rule over all of Jurisdiction Space?

Ship's Inquisitor Andrej Koscuisko hopes to take advantage of this period of chaos and unrest to see his bond-involuntary Security slaves somehow freed and sent to Gonebeyond space. The personal conflict he is experiencing between his horror of the tortures he has sworn never to inflict again and his psychological addiction to the intense pleasure he experienced at the work has surprised and distressed him, and yet he cannot afford to let his private agonies interfere with his purpose. But an incident that happened years ago in a dark cold street in Port Rudistal—the site of the Domitt Prison—has bound Andrej Koscuisko to a man who, all unknowingly, holds the key to a murder that's changed the course of history. His ship is gone, his Security are gone, there are only Bench Intelligence Specialist Jils Ivers and one young Emandisan pilot by his side. More alone than he has ever been in his life Andrej must face the deadliest threat he has ever encountered—the unknown enemy who murdered the First Secretary at Chilleau Judiciary, and set all of Jurisdiction Space into anarchy and horror. **TP \$34.95**

**Katie Maxwell***Circus of the Darned*

While traveling around Europe with a group of witches, mediums, and magicians in the GothFaire, Fran must contend with a time-travel counselor, a strange man who wants to steal her horse, an entire battlefield of warring Viking ghosts, and a vampire with whom she is in love. **PB \$15.95**

**Patricia A McKillip***The Forgotten Beasts of Eld (Fantasy Masterworks)*

The Forgotten Beasts of Eld is a spellbinding tale of chilling sorcery, human complexities, and dynastic war. Sybel is just sixteen when she is given a baby to raise. Born and brought up on Eld Mountain, with only the fantastic creatures called there by wizardry as playmates, she knows nothing of humankind. . . until the baby awakens emotions she never knew she had. And when Coren, the man who brought the baby to Sybel, returns to Eld, her serenity is shattered once again. **PB \$22.95**

*Solstice Wood*

The death of her beloved grandfather forces bookstore owner Sylvia Lynn to return to her childhood home in upstate New York to confront the grandmother who had raised her and the nearby woods that had both enticed and terrified her, and encounters members of the local Fiber Guild, a group of women seeking to bind the power of the woods into their weavings. **HC \$49.95**

**Sean McMullen Australian Author***Voidfarers (Moonworlds 03)*

At first Wayfarer Inspector Danolarian thought the huge oval thing that had fallen from the sky was a dragon's egg. When it opened, however, he knew that it was much, much worse. His world was being invaded by pitiless sorcerers from Lupan, who could sweep whole armies aside, and even defeat the invulnerable glass dragons. Surrender or flight were the only options... but not for Inspector Danolarian, his Wayfarer Constables, and his sweetheart, the sorceress Lavenci.

Although Danolarian is no sorcerer, he's no ordinary Wayfarer either. Faced with civilisation crumbling around him, and organised resistance shattered by the invincible magic of the Lupanians, he chances upon an unlikely ally and begins to fight back. It won't be easy, for he has to rally the demoralised sorcerers of Alberin, organise its terrified citizens, stay one step ahead of his own past, and, most importantly, survive a dinner party with Lavenci's mother. **HC \$49.95**

**Eoin McNamee***The Navigator*

A rebel uprising, a sinister enemy and a race against time... Owen's ordinary life is turned upside-down the day he gets involved with the Resisters and their centuries-long feud with an ancient, evil race. The Harsh, with their icy blasts and relentless onslaught, have a single aim - to turn back time and eliminate all life. **HC \$34.95**

**R M Meluch***The Myriad (Tour of Merrimack 01)*

In the twenty-fifth century, the U.S. Merrimack can withstand attacks from a voracious life-form, the Hive, and encounters the Myriad, a colony of humanoid species able to evade the Hive by traveling through space using wormholes. **PB \$17.95**

*Wolfstar (Tour of the Merrimack 02)*

During the war with the Palentine Empire, a culture that mimics Roman civilization, the U.S.'s sister starships, the U.S.S. Merrimack and the U.S.S. Monitor are endangered as both sides struggle for supremacy while an alien life-form, called the Hive, prepares for invasion. **HC \$49.95**

**Wendy Howell Mills***Island Intrigue*

Traveling to tiny, remote Comico island to recover from a cancer scare and the loss of her mother, Sabrina Dunsweeney becomes caught up in a local legend about the two hundred-year-old ghost of pirate Walk-the-Plank Wrightly, politician Brad Tittletott's campaign for the position of president of the island sanitary commission, and murder. **HC \$51.95**

**L E Modesitt Jr***Ordermaster (Recluce 13)*

In a sequel to Wellspring of Chaos, Kharl is recalled to the capital to assist the lord-chancellor Hagen in dealing with rebellious nobles and protect his homeland from Hamorian expansion, conflicts during which Kharl is forced to use extreme magical measures. **PB \$19.95**

**Michael Moorcock***Behold the Man*

A disaffected modern professional dealing with a dead-end job, going-nowhere relationships, and a personal struggle with faith, Karl Glogauer is given the opportunity to travel back in time to the era of Jesus Christ and becomes involved in events in Palestine. **TP \$28.95**

**Mark Morris***The Immaculate*

Successful horror writer Jack Stone, after a death in the family, returns home, where he encounters unimaginable terror as all his childhood fears take on a physical form, one of which is his brutal father. **PB \$17.95**

**Linda Nagata***Memory*

Devastated after losing her brother to a mysterious silver force that appears each night, erasing the existence of everything it touches, young Jubilee encounters a forbidding stranger who leads her to believe her brother may still be alive and that the silver force can be controlled. **PB \$19.95**

**Audrey Niffenegger***The Time Traveller's Wife*

Caught in an impossible-to-resolve situation that spans the boundaries of temporal reality, this tale of a plucky librarian who is accidentally cast back in time focuses on the romantic complications of time travel. Read by William Hope & Laurel Lefkow. **CD \$88**

**Joshua Palmatier***The Skewed Throne*

After the White Fire had swept over Amenkor five years ago, the city has fallen into ruin and its only hope is Varis, a "Seer" who, trained as an assassin and in the art of survival, must go up against the Mistress of the Skewed Throne by journeying into the heart of Amenkor to meet her destiny--or her death. **HC \$49.95**

**Diana L Paxson***The Golden Hills of Westria*

Her responsibilities as a student of the College of the Wise preventing her from being more than a friend to the restless Prince Phoenix, Sombra finds herself the only person who can rescue him when he is abducted and sold to slavers, a quest that is compromised by a conquering band of fanatics under the charismatic leadership of Mother Mahalia. **HC \$51.95**

**Steve Perry***The Musashi Flex*

Three people--Lazlo, a battle-scarred extreme martial arts warrior; Cayne, an ambitious journalist who will stop at nothing to get a story; and Ellis, a billionaire who longs for something money cannot buy--will have their fates decided in the brutal arena of Musashi Flex. **PB \$19.95**

**Andy Remic***Warhead*

On an Earth where conventional armies are powerless to defend against the devastation wrought by single assassins, the secret organisation known as SPIRAL exists to fight a shadow war against fanatics and rogue states of every creed and political persuasion. Remorseless, unstoppable, of every country and of none, SPIRAL conducts its covert operations throughout the world in a never-ending battle for humanity's survival.

Carter is a highly trained operative in the world's toughest secret service. However, his enemies are closing in and he will need to call on all his experience to survive to his next mission . . . The world could depend on it. **PB \$19.95**

**Evie Rhodes***Expired*

Desperate and distraught, Tracie Burlingame must confront an inhuman evil that is linked to her past when her youngest son is brutally murdered, drained of blood, and thrown from a rooftop. **PB \$17.95**

**E E Richardson***The Devil's Footsteps*

It was just a game, a test of bravery; the devil's footsteps, thirteen stepping stones and whichever one you stepped on would tell you how you would die. Yes, just a game like a skipping rhyme, and nobody ever died from a skipping rhyme. But it's not a game to Bryan. He knows the truth. He's seen the Dark Man, because the Dark Man took his brother five years ago. He's tried to tell himself again and again that it was his imagination, that the Devil's footsteps are just stones and the Dark Man didn't take Adam when he reached the thirteenth step. But what does it matter if people believe in the legend or not. Adam's still gone and now it's time Bryan proved how... **PB \$14.95**

**John Ridley***What Fire Cannot Burn*

APD's top mutant-hunter, Soledad O'Roark has outfought telepaths, human flamethrowers, men with steel skin, and every other kind of freakish super-powered thing. But her high-tech firepower is no match for teammate-and rival-Eddi Aoki's attempts at friendship, which endlessly irritate the solitary Soledad. When a vigilante starts killing metanormals without mercy, Soledad and Eddi end up working the same case...in a way that neither could imagine. And the hunt for answers pits Soledad and Eddi against a cabal inside the LAPD as well as a serial killer who's slaughtering mutants, cops, and anyone else who gets in his way. **PB \$17.95**

**John Ringo & Julie Cochrane***Cally's War (Legacy of Aldenata 06)*

Trained from childhood as a killer, Cally O'Neal has spent her life becoming an incomparable assassin, but now, as she ventures out of a dark world of shadow identities, murder-for-hire, and deadly secrets in order to reclaim her life and her soul, her former employers and old enemies will do anything to stop her. **PB \$19.95**

**J D Robb***Betrayal In Death (CD) Eve Dallas 12 (CD)*

When a maid at the Roarke Palace Hotel is murdered by a hitman for the elite, Lieutenant Eve Dallas suspects that someone who wants her husband dead may be connected to the crime. **MP3 CD \$51.95**

**Fred Saberhagen***An Old Friend of the Family*

Trapped in a blood-feud older than time with Morgan Le Fay, Kate and Johnny Southerland must depend on the strength of their protector--Dracula, the king of the vampires. **TP \$24.95**

**John Saul***Shadows*

As one by one the children housed at The Academy, a clifftop mansion school for gifted children, begin to die mysterious deaths, Josh McCallum, a brilliant but lonely boy, knows that someone or something evil is to blame. Book available. **CD \$72 MP3 CD \$51.95**



### *John Saul CD Collection 2*

Peter Balsam, taking up residence as a teacher at the St. Francis Xavier school, becomes the vehicle for a lingering terror that has claimed the lives of numerous schoolgirls in *Punish the Sinners*, in a collection that also includes *When the Wind Blows* and *The Unwanted*. Books available. **CD \$70**

### **Robert J Sawyer**

#### *Mindscan*

Transplanting his consciousness into an android body in order to escape death, Jake Sullivan finds himself falling in love with the android Karen, who is being sued by her son for his inheritance, a situation that is further complicated when Jake's biological body takes hostages and demands its mind back. Winner of the Hugo and Nebula Awards. **PB \$17.95**

### **Elizabeth Ann Scarborough**

#### *Cleopatra 7.2 (Cleopatra 02)*

Forensic anthropologist Leda Hubbard and Egyptologist Gabriella Farouk--Cleopatra 7.1 and 7.2--face reprisals from the U.S. government for unauthorized DNA blendings, as well as the side effects, both good and bad, from hosting an ancient Egyptian queen. **PB \$19.95**

### **Michael J Schweitzer**

#### *We, The Living (Unending War 03)*

Not since *The Lord of the Rings* has there been such a fascinating fantasy trilogy. Within weeks, an Empire, which ruled the world for a thousand years, is swept away. The Undead now rise and exert control. And so begins the new epic *We, The Living*, Book 3 in Michael J. Schweitzer's *The Unending War* trilogy, following *The Curse of Garnel Ironheart* and *The Ashes of Alladag*. **TP \$54.95**

### **Martin Scott**

#### *Thraxas At War (Thraxas 07)*

Overweight private eye Thraxas, a former hero of the last Orc War, is forced into action when the city of Turai is threatened by an army of Orcs and he must investigate the bizarre death of a senior member of the War Council, who has apparently been murdered with a cake. **HC \$49.95**

### **David Sherman & Dan Cragg**

#### *Starfist: Flashfire (Starfist 11)*

When a fierce rebellion breaks out on the edge of the frontier, Charlie Bass and the Marines of the 34th FIST are sent in to quell the fighting, in a new adventure of the Fleet Initial Strike Team **HC \$40.95**

### **Tony Shillitoe Australian Author**

#### *The Amber Legacy (Dreaming In Amber 01)*

You are pursued by the shadows of death, girl. The weight you will carry is more than any mortal should bear. But bear it you must.' Meg Farmer doesn't believe in magic and she certainly doesn't believe that she has inherited the Blessing, despite her mother's best hopes and prayers. But when an ancient sliver of amber reveals the truth, Meg's life is changed forever. She is called to the city to be trained as a Seer – against the wishes of those who think a woman should be kept from such knowledge. This path takes her into unknown territory, especially when she unwittingly opens a portal into the grey dust of Se'Treya, the world of the ancient Andrakian Dragonlords. And there finds a trapped soul... **PB \$19.95**

### **Robert Silverberg**

#### *The Book of Skulls*

Four college students searching for the secret of eternal life embark on a journey to the Arizona desert where they encounter a mysterious, ancient sect called the Keepers of the Skulls who guard a mystic rite that controls all of their futures. **TP \$26.95**

### **Alan F Troop**

#### *A Host of Dragons (Dragon DelaSangre 04)*

When a strange ship carrying twelve foreigners docks near his secluded island home, Peter DelaSangre is plagued by a series of tragic events involving his family that are linked to a sinister corporation called Oudere Raad and these mysterious visitors who are on a mission of doom. **PB \$19.95**

### **Vernor Vinge**

#### *Tatja Grimm's World*

Leaving her aborigine tribe to find intelligent beings, Tatja Grimm travels to Ocean, a medieval mecca of intelligence and technological innovation, but a disillusioned Tatja soon realizes that to find truly superior intelligence she must turn to the stars. **TP \$30.95**

### **Karen Warren Australian Author**

#### *The Grinding House*

A collection of eerie tales...four original stories and the best of Kaaron's stories for since 1993, featuring award nominated stories, *The Blue Stream*, *The Glass*, *Woman*, *Skin Holes*, *The Left Behind* and the Aurealis Award winning story *A-Positive*. **PB \$19.95**

### **David Weber**

#### *Empire From the Ashes (Duhak Omnibus)*

Drawn into an alien conflict when his ship is taken over and pitted against a dangerous ancient enemy, Colin MacIntyre takes on the task of defeating a group of immortals who have been secretly ruling the Earth. **TP \$30.95**

### **Diane Whiteside**

#### *The Hunter's Prey*

A tantalizing collection of erotic short fiction brings together several love-lorn ladies with some of the Lone Star State's most seductive creatures of the night, in an sensuous anthology. **TP \$28.95**

### **Rebecca York**

#### *Full Moon*

Gravely injured while tracking a clever killer, private investigator Ross Marshall, plagued by a werewolf's curse, finds himself in the care of genetic researcher Megan Sheridan only to discover that he is the killer's next target, in *Killing Moon*, and in *Edge of the Moon*, Kathryn Reynolds joins forces with Detective Jack Thornton to find her missing best friend, as a faceless enemy prepares to destroy them. **TP \$28.95**

### Steve Augarde

#### *The Various (Various 01)*

There have been stories of the 'little people' - piskies, fairies, call them what you will - ever since the world began. Whispered rumours are all that they amount to, until a twelve year-old child discovers the truth, hidden away among briars and brambles. The truth is strange and wild - and sometimes deadly. This is the story of Midge, abandoned with her eccentric uncle during the holidays, and her discovery of the Various. Their existence has been kept secret since the beginning of time, but when their world begins to clash with that of human beings, their livelihood is threatened with extinction. A compelling tale of extraordinary tribes who struggle for survival in the land of the human giants - you may even be tempted to seek them out for yourself . . . With great reviews from the UK and from the stunning David Fickling Books list, this is a wonderfully imaginative story of love and loyalty, and is the first in a powerful trilogy. **PB \$18.95**

### Meg Cabot

#### *Avalon High (Avalon High 01)*

A dark and suspenseful novel based on the legend of Camelot – from bestselling author Meg Cabot.

Avalon High, Ellie's new school, is pretty much what she'd expected. There's Lance, the hunky footballer. Jennifer, the cute cheerleader. Marco, the troublemaker. And then there's Will – the most gorgeous guy Ellie's ever met. She can hardly believe he likes HER.

When Will says he thinks he's met Ellie before, things start getting a little weird. A feeling that grows as Ellie discovers the strange bonds that entwine Will, Lance, Jen, Marco – and herself. As darkness turns to danger, can Ellie stop the horrific chain of events that is about to engulf them all? **HC \$34.95 PB \$14.95**

### Eoin Colfer

#### *The Supernaturalist*

Fourteen-year-old Cosmo Hill longs to escape from the Clarissa Frayne Institute for Parentally Challenged Boys.

When a rare chance to get away comes, he grabs it, but the attempt goes fatally wrong. He can feel his life force ebbing away, sucked out of him by a strange blue parasite until a wisecracking gang of kids burst in, blast the creature and save him. They are the Supernaturalists, dedicated to ridding the world of these life-sucking blue parasites. When they realise that Cosmo has the ability to see these blue creatures too, they enlist him as one of them.

Their mission leads Cosmo into a world of high-level corruption, James Bond type technology, thrilling adventure and finally back to a place that Cosmo ever thought he'd have to return . . . the dreaded Clarissa Frayne. **PB \$14.95**

### Gary Crew Australian Author

#### *Stolen Children of Quentaris (Quentaris)*

Stolen Children of Quentaris is a gripping fantasy novel which tells the story of the Quentaran children stolen by Nordan traders to sell to the despicable Trollantan rat people. The novel follows the children's capture, journey through the rift caves in tumbrels drawn by the brutish Nordians, and their final arrival in the court of the Trollantan rat king, the hideous Rodentia. **PB \$14.95**

### Victoria Hanley

#### *The Seer and the Sword*

Flame-haired Princess Torina knows nothing of battles and conquest until her father, the king of Bellandra, returns home with an orphaned prince from the neighbouring enemy kingdom. The boy prince is offered to Torina as a slave, but she frees him from his bonds and their unusual friendship develops in the years that follow. But Torina faces terrible danger - she has an amazing gift that many would kill for, and when her father is brutally murdered she is forced to flee for her life. An evil usurper takes over her rightful throne, and the kingdom is ruled by cruelty and fear. Can Torina's gift - to look into the future of others - help her win back what is rightly hers? This is an epic fantasy of extraordinary scope and vision. Its twists and turns will leave readers breathless. **PB \$18.95**

### John Heffernan Australian Author

#### *Sykie*

Sykie Martin has too much imagination for her own good. Everyone says so; her principal, the kids at school, even her parents. And maybe they've got a point. After all, Sykie's imagination is starting to become dangerously real...

This fantasy/adventure explores the power and importance of imagination, by award-winning author John Heffernan. **PB \$14.95**

### Jason Hightman

#### *The Saint of Dragons*

Simon St. George meets his long lost father after supposing him dead, only to be informed that he is a descendant of St George the Dragon Slayer and it is his duty to inherit this role himself. For there are dragons in today's society and the world should be rid of their evil once and for all! Trouble is, they are disguised as humans in positions of power.... Exciting fantasy adventure with generous lashings of snarky humour. **PB \$15.95**

### Odo Hirsch Australian Author

#### *Will Buster and the Carrier's Flash (Will Buster 02)*

**PB \$17.95**

### Betsy James

#### *Dark Heart (Seeker Chronicles 02)*

Having fled the tyrannical rule of her father, sixteen-year old Kat now lives among her mother's people -- a society that is joyful and caring, as well as conformist and bound by superstition. Kat has lived her whole life by the sea, but this new world is all stone and sky. It is bare and spare and high, ringed by mountains.

Kat has spend one year dutifully preparing for her initiation rite, a ceremony that involves a live bear. Kat is frightened and uncertain, but only by completing the ritual can she be accepted into the circle of women.

But what of the young blind man she feels herself drawn to, who is handsome and artistic but also belligerent and scornful? And what of gentle Nall, the man she left behind? **PB \$12.95**

### Margaret Mahy

#### *Madigan's Quest (Madigan 02)*

I don't know if the world counts as the world any more, not since the wars of the Destruction . . . we're the leftover people going between the leftover places. In a time not far from our own, a colourful group of travellers brave the twisting, tricky landscape of the Remaking, after Chaos

ripped the world apart. They are the magicians, clowns, trapeze artists and musicians of Maddigan's Fantasia, healing the injured land with their gifts of wonder and laughter.

Garland Maddigan, the 12-year-old daughter of Ferdy, the Fantasia's ringmaster, has made the trip before, but this journey offers frightening new challenges. Three mysterious children join the Fantasia and the sinister strangers who follow them become a dangerous enigma as Garland slowly unlocks their secret origin. **PB \$19.95**

**Andrew Matthews**

*The Shadow Garden*

**PB \$12.95**

**Eoin McNamee**

*The Navigator*

Owen's ordinary life is turned upside-down the day he gets involved with the Resisters and their centuries-long feud with an ancient, evil race. The Harsh, with their icy blasts and relentless onslaught, have a single aim - to turn back time and eliminate all life. Unless they are stopped, everything Owen knows will vanish as if it has never been... But all is not as it seems in the rebel ranks. While Owen is accepted by new friends Cati and Wesley, and the eccentric Dr Diamond, others are suspicious of his motives. Could there be a Harsh spy in their midst? Where and what is the mysterious Mortmain, vital to their cause? And what was Owen's father's role in all this many years before? As he journeys to the frozen North on a mission of destruction, Owen comes to understand his own history and to face his destiny. **PB \$19.95**

**Stephanie Meyer**

*Twilight*

When seventeen-year-old Isabella Swan moves to Forks, Washington to live with her father she expects that her new life will be as dull as the town itself.

In spite of her awkward manner and low expectations, she finds that her new classmates are drawn to this pale, dark-haired new girl in town. But not, it seems, the Cullen family. These five adopted brothers and sisters obviously prefer their own company and will make no exception for Bella.

Bella is convinced that Edward Cullen in particular hates her, but she feels a strange attraction to him, although his hostility makes her feel almost physically ill. He seems determined to push her away - until, that is, he saves her life from an out of control car.

Bella will soon discover that there is a very good reason for Edward's coldness. He, and his family, are vampires - and he knows how dangerous it is for others to get too close. **HC \$35 PB \$22.95**

**Garth Nix Australian Author**

*Shade's Children*

"The Myrmidons were closing in. Soon they would surround him, silver nets shooting out to catch him in their sticky tracery. Then a Winger would come to take him away. Back to the Dorms. Or. . .straight to the Meat Factory. Gold-Eye turned to face the Myrmidons and hefted his steel spike. 'Kill me!' he screamed at the tall shapes approaching through the fog. 'Kill me!'"

The city seems empty, but there are people - a desperate few - living precariously among the ruins. They are Shade's Children, and all they have is each other, their Change Talents - and Shade, who masterminds their struggle against the pitiless Overlords. But who, or what, is Shade? And where does his allegiance really lie? A dramatic story of courage and companionship set against savage forces, from the international bestselling author of The Old Kingdom trilogy and the Keys to the Kingdom series. **PB \$16.95**

*The Ragwitch*

A classic fantasy that moves between the real world of Australia and a magical world dominated by the sinister and destructive Ragwitch. Quiet, easygoing Paul never expected to be cast in the role of saviour, but his strong-willed sister, Julia, needs his help when she falls prey to the Ragwitch and is trapped inside the creature's tortured mind. Drawn inexorably into this dangerous otherworld, Paul battles for Julia's very existence - and his own. **PB \$15.95**

**Michael Pryor Australian Author**

*Stars of Quentaris (Quentaris)*

Nisha and Tal are seeking a reward for finding the star that's missing from the heavens over Quentaris. Tal enlists the assistance of his mentor Esbandalon, a ne'er-do-well, larger than life itinerant musician. This involves extracting Esbandalon from the clutches of Voiceless Rin, the most feared moneylender in the city. Racing against the hordes of other reward seekers and avoiding Voiceless Rin's brigade of ruffians, Nisha and Tal visit threatening rift worlds and sail a boat of fire to the skies in their quest for the missing star, with Nisha's secret desire to honour her late parents driving her on. **PB \$14.95**

**E E Richardson**

*The Intruders*

Joel Demetrius is quite looking forward to moving in with his new step-family, but as far as his sister Cassie's concerned, they're nothing but intruders. She doesn't want anything to do with Gerald and his two sons, and to make matters worse their new home is a derelict old house, neglected for decades. Joel thinks it's interesting. Cassie thinks it's a dump. But his sister isn't the only reason the house doesn't feel like a home. As fascinated as he is by the place, Joel has to admit there's something not quite right about it. Not only does he keep seeing things out of the corner of his eye, but his sleep is plagued by nightmares. He can't seem to stop dreaming about a terrified boy who keeps repeating the same fractured prayer: IF I SHOULD DIE BEFORE I WAKE, I PRAY THE LORD MY SOUL TO TAKE... As events in the house become harder and harder to explain, it seems that the line between nightmare and reality is getting steadily more blurred. And when the battle between Cassie and her step-brothers draws everyone deeper into the mystery, all four kids are forced to confront the question of just who the intruders really are. **HC \$27.95**

**Paul Stafford**

*The Great Brain Robbery (Horror High 03)*

Horror High - don't go there . . . When zombie zilch-brain, Mick Living-Dead, makes an IQ-based bet, he couldn't have picked a worse opponent. Mick has no chance in Hell of winning a trivia contest against Mr Noel, Horror High's universally hated science teacher. He must resort to the only honourable option left - cheating. But Mick's too dense to hatch such a diabolically deluded plan by himself. It's his uber-brainy sister, Kim, who comes up with the goods. Who's the smartest person ever? Albert Einstein. Where's his brain kept? Horror Museum. If he wins, Mr Know-All resigns. If he loses, Mick forks out one year's burger-flipping money. Can he pull it off? Unlikely. **PB \$12.95**

**R L Stine**

*All-Night Party (Fear Street)*

It's Cindy's birthday, and her friends are throwing her a surprise party on Fire Island. It's a private party -- no parents, no cops...in fact, no one around for miles. Except there's a madman loose on the island. A murderer who quietly crashes the party.

And he wants to dance with the birthday girl... **PB \$9.95**

*The Perfect Date (Fear Street)*

After his girlfriend's gruesome death one year ago, Brady is finally ready to get on with his life. He's met Rosha and he's fallen hard. But he's also fallen into trouble. Terrible accidents seem to happen whenever Rosha's around. And a strange figure with a scarred face is following Brady everywhere he goes.

Is Rosha really Brady's dream girl? Or has she brought his worst nightmare back to life? **PB \$9.95**

*The Rich Girl (Fear Street)*

Emma and her best friend Sydney always share their secrets. And now they have a big one: They found a duffel bag filled with cash and swore never to tell anyone. But Sydney broke her promise -- she told her boyfriend, Jason.

Now Emma is terrified. She doesn't trust Jason. She knows he would do anything to get the money for himself.

Even if it means killing someone who gets in his way... **PB \$9.95**

**Colin Thompson** *Australian Author*

*Playschool (Floods 02)*

Look through the cobwebbed, murky arched window in deepest Patagonia, and this is what you might see... Every day five of the Flood children travel halfway round the world to Quicklime College, the ultimate school for witches and wizards. There's no time for silly games flying around on broomsticks. Sports day is coming up, and before you even wonder how four-legged Satanella copes with the three-legged race, here's a secret for you. Orkward Warlock, the vilest child in the school, and his sidekick, The Toad, hate the big happy Floods family. And they're plotting to kill the Floods - on sports day. **PB \$14.95**

**Kate Thompson**

*The New Policemans*

Everyone in Kinvara is conscious that time is flying past, faster and faster - to such an extent that when JJ asks his mother what she would like as a birthday present she ask for more time. JJ dismisses this as mere wishful thinking, an impossibility, for who know where the time goes? The Liddys have been musicians for generations and JJ is no exception but what he discovers is that a shadow from the past hangs over their family - did his great-grandfather murder the village priest? When he sets out to buy his mother time, he discovers the fate of a flute which will provide the key to both problems - it is the vital clue. He makes the transition to Tir na n'Og, the land of eternal youth, where the fairy people are also having a problem with time and it falls to his lot to locate the leak between the two parallel worlds. JJ finds where time goes! Music proves to be the touchstone for communication between the fairy and the human domains and the book is saturated with the lure of Irish music for JJ's whole existence is built round the ceili and each chapter relates to a tune, printed out as a heading so that the reader can also become a performer. As for the New Policeman, Larry O'Dwyer, he is an enigmatic figure who has a significant bearing on the plot but whose identity is kept a superbly guarded secret to the very last surprising moment. **HC \$32.95**

**Kim Wilkins** *Australian Author*

*Nightshade (Gina Champion)*

'Witchcraft is a lot tougher than it looks. It's not like on television, where witches airily wave their hands and chairs start flying around the room. In fact, it's a lot o f hard work, sometimes even boring-. My introduction to witchcraft was in Alyce Nightingale's kitchen, in the summer leading up to my senior year.'

Gina is learning the biggest lessons of her life as an apprentice witch to Alyce Nightingale. Impressed with Gina's ability, Alyce passes on an old amulet that used to belong to a famous Siberian sorceress, and that's when Gina's nightmares begin: haunting dreams of a child lost in the forest, a cruel shadow in pursuit. In a botched psychic experiment, the shadow crosses over into Gina's world.

Now, with a malicious spirit on the loose, Gina is going to have to focus all her brainpower on solving the mystery and sending the shadow back. Meanwhile, Gina's friend Vanessa is acting strange, and her boyfriend Dali is going seriously off the rails. It's not an ideal way to spend the summer holidays, but Gina thinks she's coping. **PB \$17.95**

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*Australia as a Military Power Quarterly Essay 20*

Quarterly Essay 20 combines riveting storytelling with fresh and provocative analysis. In it, bestselling author John Birmingham delves into our new military myths. Why has Anzac Day returned and Vietnam faded? Why do we love war stories again? What does this mean for the nation? What does it mean for the troops on the ground?

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An authorized portrait of the renowned science-fiction author's life draws on hundreds of hours of interviews with editors, family members, friends, and the writer himself, in an account that discusses his creative process and the inspirations for such works as *The Martian Chronicles* and *Fahrenheit 451*. **TP \$32.95**

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Later, after a long day of tours, Paige and Chase relax near the artifact. Without warning, Chase, who knows only a few Greek words, begins speaking in the language. His monologue opens the egg, releasing a demon that promptly assumes Chase's form. When Paige tries to kill it, it splits in half, forming two identical Chases. With the real Chase unable to explain what happened and demons on the loose, the Charmed Ones will have to count on the Power of Three to figure out what's doubling these demons...and why. **PB \$14.95**

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As Si Cwan, prime minister of the New Thallonian Protectorate, prepares to marry off his sister Kalinda in a politically advantageous pairing that will strengthen his newly restored empire, the bride-to-be is abducted just before the wedding in a calamitous event that threatens to destabilize the entire sector -- especially since Kalinda's abductor is someone all too familiar. As the *Excalibur*, the *Trident*, and the entire Thallonian fleet attempt to bring order to their sector of space, no one could ever suspect that a mysterious alien force may also be playing a part in Kalinda's disappearance -- and that the entire galaxy may soon face a long-forgotten enemy. **PB \$14.95**

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While exploring the unused sections of the Ancient city of Atlantis, Major John Sheppard and Dr. Rodney McKay stumble on a recording device that contains a new Stargate address. The address leads them to a world with a mysterious ruined city that may be part of an Ancient repository, or it may just be yet another trap for the unwary. **PB \$23.95**

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With the vault exerting an increasingly malign influence, Sebek compels Jackson and O'Neill toward a horror that threatens both their sanity and their lives. Meanwhile, Carter and Teal'c struggle to persuade the starving people of Aris Boch's world to risk everything they have to save SG-1 -- and free their desolate world of the Goa'uld forever. **PB \$23.95**

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*Sandy Mitchell*

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#### ***Atlantis: Second Age***

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Haunted by personal tragedy, Detective Laura Cardinal, investigating the brutal murder of two newlyweds at an Arizona campground, discovers the dark side of love when she is hurled into the middle of a high-stakes conspiracy that is tied to an underground organization. **PB \$19.95**

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Coward's Kiss- New York City private investigator Ed London has a problem. Or rather, the problem is his brother-in-law's. Jack Enright's mistress has been shot in the apartment that he pays for. As Ed tries to help Jack, he finds himself drawn into a complex web of murder and deceit. Grifter's Game- Joe Marlin is a grifter. He's a conman who charms women into handing over everything they have. Joe's never been at the sharp end of love, until he meets Mona - wicked and beautiful, she's got a plan that involves the biggest con of them all. . .murder. You Could Call it Murder- A missing person case brings private eye Roy Markham to the remote winter-bound college town of Cliff's End, New Hampshire. But what begins as a routine investigation quickly becomes dark and dangerous. The Girl With the Long Green Heart- Johnny Hayden and his partner plan to put the perfect scam into operation, tricking a guy into buying a piece of worthless land. But as the con develops, things start to get out of control. . . Deadly Honeymoon- It was the perfect setting for a honeymoon - a charming little cabin in the isolated Pennsylvania woods. Then five shots rang out and shattered Dave and Jill Wade's world forever. **TP \$35**

**James O Born***Escape Clause*

Taking on a seemingly less stressful inmate homicide case for the governor, FDLE agent Bill Tasker encounters unexpected complications in the prison captain's unorthodox disciplinary practices, the psych ward's misplacement of mental patients, and an inspector's dark secrets. By the author of Shock Wave. **HC \$52.95**

**Sam Bourne***The Righteous Men*

A pimp is found dead in a rough New York neighbourhood. A far-right extremist is murdered at his remote log cabin outside Seattle. A seventeen-year-old computer hacker is strangled at his desk in Moombai. One thing unites these victims. All had, at some point in their largely wasted and grubby lives, performed an act of exceptional goodness. Someone is murdering good people. Why? For rookie journalist Will Monroe, in his first week on the crime beat for the New York Times, the story is a gift, the launch pad for a glittering career. But then his wife Rachel is kidnapped, and the riddle becomes personal... When he starts receiving cryptic messages from the kidnappers, who warn him not to involve the police, Will decides the only man he can trust to help is his father, Judge William Monroe Sr, a devout Christian. Judge Monroe quickly realizes that the kidnappers are making references to specific verses of the bible. As father and son piece together the clues, it becomes apparent that the kidnappers are motivated by a far higher calling than simple greed... **TP \$29.95**

**Peter Bowen***Nails Montana Mystery*

While searching for a missing girl, Gabriel Du PrT finds his investigation complicated by the arrival of a group of protesting fundamentalist Christians, the return of his precocious granddaughter from school in Washington, D.C., and the presence of a young soldier, just back from Iraq, who is missing a leg and may have lost his grip on reality. **HC \$49.95**

**Lilian Jackson Braun***The Cat Who Talked Turkey*

Delighted when the Klingschoen Foundation, manager of Jim Qwilleran's estate, approves the construction of a new bookstore on the site where the late Eddington Smith's bookstore had burned down, the citizens of Moose County are stunned by a brutal murder during the gala groundbreaking, and it is up to Qwill and his feline sleuths, Koko and Yum Yum, to investigate. **PB \$17.95**

*The Cat Who Went Bananas*

James Qwilleran and his talented team of feline sleuths, Koko and Yum Yum, investigate the supposedly accidental death of a cast member in a car crash on the eve of the Theatre Club's performance of Oscar Wilde's "The Importance of Being Earnest." **PB \$19.95**

### *Cat Who Dropped a Bombshell*

While the town of Pickax is swept up in its sesquicentennial celebrations, Koko has developed a strange new hobby: he drops himself from balconies, occasionally landing in the oddest of places. When a young man comes to visit his wealthy relatives, Koko plummets straight on to his head! Meanwhile, a hurricane is brewing, and the visitor's family members soon fall deathly ill. Qwill has his work cut out for him because Pickax - as foreshadowed by Koko - is about to be hit by a bombshell. **PB \$55**

### **Allison Brennan**

#### *The Hunt*

Still battling her personal demons, Miranda Moore, a former FBI trainee now a member of a local search-and-rescue team and the only survivor of a brutal serial killer known as the Butcher, embarks on an uneasy alliance with an FBI agent--and former lover--to race against time to stop the man who had once tortured her and who is waiting to destroy the one who had gotten away. **PB \$17.95**

### **W J Burley**

#### *Wycliffe and the Dead Flautist (Wycliffe)*

On the peaceful and secluded estate of Lord and Lady Bottrell, the body of amateur flautist Tony Mills has been found, shot by his own gun. It appears to be suicide - but a closer inspection reveals some sinister inconsistencies, and Chief Superintendent Wycliffe is called in. As Wycliffe begins to unravel the last days of the dead man, another mystery is revealed: the disappearance of Lizzie Biddick, a pretty young girl who worked as a maid for the Bottrell family. Gradually, bitter family feuds and secret illicit relationships are uncovered - and then another body shatters the pastoral peace of the Cornish estate forever... **PB \$18.95**

#### *Wycliffe's Wild-Goose Chase (Wycliffe)*

Wycliffe's home overlooks a peaceful, West Country estuary - but even here he can't get away from crime. When he is taking a Sunday morning walk along the shore, he comes across a service revolver with one chamber recently fired. In recent years Wycliffe has often regretted the fact that his rank cuts him off from the early stages of an investigation, but here he is, in at the very start. The case takes Wycliffe into the world of art robberies and crooked dealers, to a suicide which may be a murder, and a hunt for a missing yacht. As the investigation escalates, Wycliffe begins to wonder exactly where the clues are leading... **PB \$18.95**

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#### *Black Tide*

When journalist India Kane agrees to accompany a Greenpeace ship in its pursuit of a whaling fleet, she has no idea what awaits her. Buffeted by high winds and blinded by freezing fog, by the time they spot the huge tanker bearing down on them - it is simply too late. Eight crew members are lost, including one of India's closest friends. India is determined to bring the owner of the vessel to justice, and embarks on a quest that begins at Jambouko Bay. Famed for its progressive architecture and stunning views, it was once a symbol of hope and prosperity in the Australian outback. But now its population is a dying breed. Some say that it's the air, some say the very soil. As yet more members of the community fall ill, India starts piecing the puzzle together. What India discovers will take her on a journey to a dark and terrifying place... **PB \$19.95**

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Awakening in jail with no memory of how or why he is there, Eric Ashworth remembers only the name of a woman named Desiree, but after being bailed out, he seeks refuge in a seedy motel where he discovers the solution to his amnesia lies in a bizarre new hallucinogen that synthesizes the sense of touch. **HC \$49.95**

### **Harlan Coben**

#### *The Innocent*

Matt Hunter's life has already been blown apart once. A fight, a friend in trouble, and the dull crack of someone's skull on the concrete cost him four years in jail, and a small sliver of his soul. When Matt got out he set about rebuilding his life. He carved himself a job as a lawyer and fell in love with a beautiful woman. The break in the road seemed only to have made him a stronger person. But now someone is following him, and Matt realises that his new existence is under threat. Suddenly Matt can't trust anybody - least of all those he loves... **PB \$19.95**

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Bobby Sawhill, who killed two people when he was twelve years old, has been biding his time in a youth detention center, becoming stronger and deadlier, and now, as his release date draws nearer, a small town is shrouded in fear, awaiting his return. **PB \$17.95**

### **Barbara Colley**

#### *Married to the Mop (Charlotte LaRue)*

While working at a costume ball at the Rossi estate, Charlotte LaRue stumbles upon the body of the man of the house, Robert Rossi, a notorious crime boss, with his wife standing over him with a bloody knife, but things are not always what they seem, as Charlotte soon finds out. **HC \$43.95**

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A welcoming community, a beautiful vista, a deadly past.

When Detective Inspector Gemma James is persuaded by her friend, Hazel, to take a trip to the misty Scottish Highlands, she jumps at the chance. But upon their arrival it becomes clear that Hazel has been concealing a dangerous secret.

At their remote B&B the pair encounter Donald Brodie, the owner of a local distillery... and Hazel's former lover. Their relationship had ended abruptly years before. Now Donald is convinced he can win Hazel back.

But the lovers reunion yields shocking-and mortal-consequences. Gemma soon discovers that, in this tight-knit community, there is no shortage of murder suspects. And beneath the hospitable surface, there lurks a hundred years of bitter family rivalry waiting to emerge... **PB \$19.95**

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In the waning days of World War II, the Japanese tried a last desperate measure - a different kind of kamikaze mission, this one carried out by two submarines bound for the west coast of the United States, their cargo a revolutionary new strain of biological virus. Neither sub made it to the designated target. But that does not mean they were lost.

Someone knows about the subs and what they carried, knows too where they might be, and has an extraordinary plan in for the prize inside - a plan that could reshape the world as we know it. All that stands in the way are three people: a marine biologist named Summer, a marine engineer named Dirk, and their father, Dirk Pitt, the new head of NUMA.

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When a jogger stumbles upon the mutilated body of the local reformed troublemaker and tropical fish expert during a morning run, Inspector Ann Lindell takes time off from maternity leave to uncover the killer and is drawn into a deadly game of cat-and-mouse with a vicious murderer. By the author of *The Illuminated Path*. **HC \$49.95**

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#### *Death Dance*

Once again Linda Fairstein uses her experience as Manhattan's leading DA to create a tantalizing web of intrigue, betrayal and murder. Teaming up with longtime friends and colleagues, Mike Chapman and Mercer Wallace, Alex Cooper investigates the disappearance of a world-famous dancer, who has vanished from the Metropolitan Opera House. Drawn behind the scenes of New York's theatrical community, the team is haunted by ghosts of the dramatic old theatres - and from their own pasts. At the same time, Alex and Mercer are trying to collar a doctor who's been using his

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### *Cold Hit*

On a steamy August evening, after an exhausting day in court, Assistant District Attorney Alexandra Cooper is called to a sombre crime scene. Alongside her colleagues, NYPD detectives Mike Chapman and Mercer Wallace, she views the body - a young woman pulled from the water with her hands and feet obscenely tied to a ladder. But who is she? Her elegant clothes and manicured nails suggest affluent connections, but just how well-connected surprises even Alex.

From a luxurious Fifth Avenue apartment, to famous midtown auction houses, to the avant garde galleries of Chelsea, Alex, Mike and Mercer hunt for a killer in a world where priceless art meets big money in a lethal mix. **PB \$19.95**

### *The Deadhouse*

Lola Dakota had to call in the police several times to restrain her abusive husband, but he always returned, so when they got wind of his plan to hire a hitman to kill her she agrees to play her part in the sting. It proves to be a great success, until several hours later while her husband is under lock and key, Lola is found dead.

The police team on the original sting are in disarray, so Alex Cooper and Mike Chapman are swiftly in place to take over. Looking beyond her husband into her professional life, they discover a university department riddled with jealousies, extra-marital affairs, swindled funds and the unexplained disappearance of a student known to be a drug user. The one thing which seems to link all the players with all the misdemeanours is the university's research site on an island off Manhattan where they were investigating the remains of the Victorian isolation hospitals and lunatic asylums and the morgue - the deadhouse. But why Lola's murder is connected to the place is not so easy to prove, nor the identity of her killer . . .

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When Iranian terrorists capture the prototypes for an M4X1 Franks Combat System and the project leader, who is the only one that can activate the tanks, CIA officer Luke Dodd and a team of Green Berets must infiltrate the Iranians' stronghold before the U.S. meets a violent fate. **PB \$19.95**

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#### *The Main Chance*

At the urgent plea of his old friend, Commander Buchanan of Scotland Yard, Tweed, once ace detective, now Deputy Chief SIS, visits Mrs Bella Main, formidable matriarch controlling the Main Chance, the most powerful private bank in Europe. Bella tells Tweed and Paula Grey, his assistant, that she has refused an enormous offer from Calouste Gubenkian, the most ruthless and villainous man in Europe. Within days of their visit Bella is murdered.

Tweed and Paula return to investigate the atrocious act. The bank's HQ is based in a huge Elizabethan manor hidden in The Forest, a vast area in the deep south of England. Tweed has already met members of the two families, run by their forefathers for generations. Was Bella murdered by one of them — or is it the work of the vicious Calouste?

The movement never stops, changing to Calouste's Chateau Les Rochers in the Belgian Ardennes. A ferocious battle takes place. Two more murders are committed at the manor. Tweed and Paula race to tiny Seacove on the rugged Cornish coast to prevent another murder. Finally, Tweed proves the Bank, founded in 1912, was based on a brutal crime all those years ago. **TP \$29.95**

### **Dick Francis**

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In one of the early novels that established the author as a master of the whodunit, a struggling young jockey, isolated in a family of musicians, traces the source of his losing streak to something far more sinister than loneliness. **PB \$19.95**

### **Margaret Frazer**

#### *The Widow's Tale Dame Frevisse Medieval Mystery*

Grieving over the death of her husband and falling prey to the machinations of her spouse's greedy relatives, widow Cristiana Helyngton enlists the aid of Dame Frevisse of St. Frideswide's nunnery to help her save herself and her daughters, but a dangerous secret could determine the fate of all England. **PB \$17.95**

### **Nicci French**

#### *Secret Smile*

Discovering that her sister has become involved with a deceptive man whom she herself dumped weeks earlier, Miranda becomes increasingly apprehensive when her sister begs Miranda to let them both live with her while they find a place of their own. **PB \$13.95**

### **Luiz Alfredo Garcia-Roza**

#### *Window on Copacabana Inspector Espinosa*

When three unpopular police officers are killed by an assassin in Rio de Janeiro, 12th Precinct chief Espinosa links the death of a civilian woman to the murders and finds things further complicated by a high-ranking government official's wife, who has become obsessed with the case. By the author of *The Silence of the Rain*. **TP \$28.95**

### **Lisa Gardner**

#### *Gone*

When someone you love vanishes without a trace, how far would you go to get them back? For ex-FBI profiler Pierce Quincy, it's the beginning of his worst nightmare: a car abandoned on a desolate stretch of Oregon highway, engine running, purse on the driver's seat. And his estranged wife, Rainie Conner, gone, leaving no clue to her fate. Did one of the ghosts from her troubled past finally catch up with Rainie? Or could her

disappearance be the result of one of the cases they'd been working - a particularly vicious double homicide or the possible abuse of a deeply disturbed child Rainie took too close to heart? Together with his daughter, FBI agent Kimberly Quincy, Pierce is battling the local authorities, racing against time and frantically searching for answers to all the questions he's been afraid to ask. One man knows what happened that night. Adopting the moniker from an eighty-year old murder, he has already contacted the press. His terms are clear: he wants money, he wants power, he wants celebrity. And if he doesn't get what he wants, Rainie will be gone for good. Sometimes no matter how much you love someone, it's still not enough. **TP \$29.95**

### **Victor Gischler**

#### *Suicide Squeeze*

After Teddy Folger burns down his comic book store for the insurance money, repo man Connor Samson reclaims Teddy's boat, unaware of the priceless stowaway on board, and finds himself taking on eccentric billionaire collector Ahira Kurisaka and a gang of would-be ninjas who will stop at nothing to get what they want. By the author of *The Pistol Poets*. **PB \$17.95**

### **Carol Goodman**

#### *The Ghost Orchid*

Journeying to the luxurious Bosco estate in upstate New York to work on a book based on the troubled events that took place there in the summer of 1893, novelist Ellis Brooks uncovers the dark secrets of the wealthy Latham family, entangling the past with the present as a series of sinister accidents threatens to engulf the modern-day guests in a shadowy web. **HC \$51.95**

### **Sue Grafton**

#### *S is For Silence (Kinsey Millhone 19)*

Thirty-four years ago, Violet Sullivan put on her party finery and left for the annual Fourth of July fireworks display. She was never seen again.

In the small Californian town of Serena Station, tongues wagged. Some said she'd run off with a lover. Some said she was murdered by her husband. But for the not-quite-seven-year-old daughter Daisy she left behind, Violet's absence has never been explained or forgotten.

Now, thirty-four years later, she wants the solace of closure.

In *S is for Silence*, Kinsey Millhone's nineteenth excursion into the world of suspense and misadventure, *S* is for surprises as Sue Grafton takes a whole new approach to telling the tale. And *S* is for superb: Kinsey and Grafton at their best. **HC \$59.95**

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Entering the 1950s in the hopes that she has left her violent and drug-addicted past behind her, Josephine Flannigan takes a job helping a couple to find their missing daughter, a Barnard student who has disappeared into the subculture of heroin addiction; an assignment that forces Josephine to make a life-altering choice. By the author of *Come Closer*. **HC \$43.95**

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Jury considers the authenticity of a fantastical tale, told over the course of three nights by a stranger and fellow patron at the Old Wine Shades pub in London, about a string theory scientist's wife, son, and dog, who disappeared without a trace nine months earlier. By the author of *The Winds of Change*. **HC \$52.95**

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When a murderer ends the lives of Edward and Paige Norbois and their four children, sheriff Hugh DeWitt, still grieving over the tragic death of his infant son, investigates the husband's extramarital affair, a thieving business partner, and the killer's possible motives. **PB \$17.95**

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Investigating the suicide of one of Washington, D.C.'s most influential defense officials, military lawyer Sean Drummond and his female partner find themselves in the middle of a political struggle between the region's most influential power brokers and his own allegiance to the soldiers fighting in the Iraqi war. By the author of *The President's Assassin*. **HC \$52.95**

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Working for the government as an assassin, Luther Green is astonished when he is ordered to kill his own mentor, Alex Deavers, an assignment that tests Greene's skills and forces him to question the truth about Deavers's rogue status. By the author of *Color of Justice* and *Supreme Justice*.

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Meet Fritz Malone, New York's sharpest PI an outsider with an insider's nose for City Hall politics, and a man who knows the rules just well enough to work around them.

It all begins on a perfect Manhattan morning. A gunman's bullets shatter the festival atmosphere of the world-famous Thanksgiving Day parade. Only one man in the throng sees it happening - thankfully for the unsuspecting crowd gathered for the parade, he's the right man for the job.

Fritz Malone leaps into action; but it's only after he has risked his life and ruined his holiday that he discovers how bad things are. He's been around enough to know the standard procedure, and this sure ain't it. Without warning he has wandered into an insidious game involving cold-hearted criminals, crooked cops, and a long buried secret that implicates the city's most powerful players. The only way out is to put himself on the case and to dive into a world thick with danger and possibilities too horrible to ponder.

Brilliantly evoking New York with a thrilling plot full of pace, intensity and guile, and a hero who is as witty as he is gritty and as wry as he is resourceful, *Speak of the Devil* is destined to become an instant classic and to captivate readers around the world.

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**Reginald Hill***The Collaborators*

When Janine Simonian was dragged roughly from her cell to face trial as a collaborator in the days of reckoning that followed the liberation of France, she refused to conceal her shaven skull from the jeering crowds that greeted her. Before the jury of former Resistance members pledged to extract vengeance on all who had connived in Nazi rule, Janine stood proudly in court – and pleaded guilty to the charges. Why did so many French men and women collaborate with the Nazi occupation forces whilst others gave their lives in resistance? Were the motives of those who betrayed their country always selfish – and those of the Resistance always noble? *The Collaborators* is a superb novel of conscience and betrayal that portrays the human dilemmas brought about by the Nazi occupation of France, and asks uncomfortable questions about the priorities of personal and national loyalty in time of war. **PB \$19.95**

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From the outside the Kesslers seem to have it all: Dr Ted Kessler is a decorated veteran who now runs the lab at a large medical centre. It is the 1970s in Ohio, and Ted and his wife, Joyce, live with their daughter, Jessi, in a beautiful house. Ted is successful and widely respected. But when he resolves to mentor an ambitious working-class student, this idyllic little world teeters on the brink of destruction.

Syd Redding is a bored pre-med student with few prospects, a failure for a stepfather, and a sister who seems to be following their example. But soon after he meets Kessler's wife and daughter, he finds himself ensnared in the sexual machinations of this magnetic family on the brink of unraveling.

In this latest novel from a veritable master of the craft, what begins as a simple — but risky — affair blossoms into obsession, exploitation, and finally a passion for revenge that threatens to ruin the lives of everyone involved. **PB \$18.95**

**Gwen Hunter***Bloodstone*

Tyler St. Claire must use her gift of second sight to find her brother David, who, harboring secrets that could destroy their family, has been abducted, and, with the help of an off-duty cop, enters into a secret organization to unlock the mystery surrounding her brother's disappearance. **PB \$17.95**

**Greg Iles***Turning Angel*

Penn Cage had already given up being a lawyer when he went back to live in his home town of Natchez, Mississippi. At first glance, the historic river town is an idyllic place to bring up a child. Beneath the surface, however, the community is stretched to breaking point by racial tension and civic corruption. Penn is at his daughter's school board meeting when the news breaks that a beautiful and brilliant seventeen-year-old student has just been found murdered and raped. That same evening, Penn's best friend Drew confesses to Penn that he has been having an affair with the girl and was planning to leave his wife for her. When Drew is accused of the murder he asks Penn to defend him, in the most explosive case the town has ever seen... **TP \$32.95**

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**Christian Jacq***The Great Secret (Mysteries of Osiris 04)*

Unrecognisable, the Herald is hiding at the very heart of Abydos. With his accomplices, he is preparing to commit the supreme crime. By bringing death into the kingdom in order to prevent the resurrection of Osiris, he will at last be able to overthrow Pharaoh Sesostris, seize power and spread his evil doctrine far and wide. Will Iker manage to fulfil his mission, to celebrate the mysteries of Osiris? In the face of misfortune, will the priestess Isis bring her Quest for the Impossible to a successful conclusion? And can death really be overcome?

After forty years spent fervently studying the doctrines of Ancient Egypt, Christian Jacq closes the series by revealing the Great Secret of resurrection. This mystery was at the very centre of Egyptian thought and pharaonic civilisation, and is the key to a modern understanding of Ancient Egyptian life. **TP \$29.95**

**Jane Jakeman***Fool's Gold*

Upset when his beloved governess Elisabeth refuses his proposal of marriage to take a position as companion to Lady Jesmond, Lord Ambrose is reunited with his beloved when the family doctor is poisoned in an apparent suicide and Elisabeth calls in Ambrose to uncover the truth about the dire deeds going on at Jesmond Place. **TP \$26.95**

**Peter James***Dead Simple*

Detective Superintendent Grace investigates a missing persons case involving a lost groom, a man who as part of a bachelor party prank agreed to be buried alive in a coffin and whose buddies have been killed in a drunk driving accident, a case that is complicated by suspicions about the would-be bride's past. **HC \$51.95**

**J A Jance***Edge of Evil*

Fired from her high-profile broadcasting career by TV executives looking for a "younger" woman and in the process of divorcing her adulterous husband, journalist Alison Lawson heads home to Sedona, Arizona, to recover, launching an online blog as therapy for herself and others facing similar situations, but threatening posts lead her to suspect that she has become the target of a killer. **PB \$19.95**

**Michael Jecks***The Credition Killings*

The arrival of the Bishop of Exeter in the small Devonshire town of Credition makes life difficult for Simon Puttock, bailiff of Lydford, and former Knight Templar Baldwin Furnhill, Keeper of the King's Peace, a situation complicated by the appearance of an unsavory band of mercenary soldiers and the discovery of the body of a murdered girl. **PB \$18.95**

**Roland S Jefferson***Damaged Goods*

Released from prison by a corrupt warden in exchange for his promise to carry out a final, lucrative heist, notorious bank robber Alonzo Crane gathers a band of old accomplices to help in the plot, which is complicated by his unexpected feelings for a fellow conspirator. By the author of *The School on 103rd Street*. **TP \$26.95**

**William W Johnstone & Fred Austin***Invasion USA*

When M-15, a bloodthirsty Central American gang, wreaks havoc in the small town of Little Tucson, Arizona, Vietnam vet Tom Brannon, taking the law into his own hands, forms his own army called The Patriot Project to rid the town of these murderous criminals, once and for all. **PB \$17.95**

**Andrea Kane***I'll Be Watching You*

she can trust Gordon's twin brother, Jonathan, and her new boyfriend and protector, Reed Weston. By the author of *Scent of Danger*. **PB \$18.95**

**Alex Kava***A Perfect Evil*

As a deranged killer stalks a terrified community in Nebraska, all evidence points to the recently executed Ronald Jeffreys as the culprit, but FBI criminal profiler Maggie O'Dell discovers that Jeffreys did not commit the crimes he was convicted for and that the real murderer is still on the loose. **PB \$17.95**

**Douglass Keith***Last Stand (Carrier 23)*

When a secretive society known as the Kaigun Samurai, Naval Knights who, creating a culture based on ancient traditions, are armed with technology that renders them invisible to detection, begin hijacking cargo ships, Carrier Battle Group Fourteen is sent in to stop them. **PB \$17.95**

**Judith Kelman***While Angels Sleep*

Years after strange incidents at her Thornwood home culminate in her mother's death and her father's insanity, a grown Emily returns home with her own children and is horrified when the terrors reawaken. **PB \$19.95**

**Raymond Khoury***The Last Templar*

When a Vatican exhibit attended by archaeologist Tess Chaykin is stormed by four masked horsemen dressed as Templar Knights who steal a particular artifact, FBI anti-terrorist specialist Sean Reilly teams up with Tess for an investigation that takes them through three continents. A first novel. **HC \$51.95**

**Kate Kingsbury***Wedding Rows Manor House Mystery*

The townspeople of Sitting Marsh finally have a reason to celebrate as wedding preparations begin for a local couple, but when the blessed day ends in murder, Elizabeth Hartleigh Compton, the lady of Manor House, is on the case. **PB \$17.95**



**Michael Koryta***Sorrow's Anthem*

Private detective Lincoln Perry becomes involved in an all too personal investigation when his best friend, Ed Graddock, on the run from the police who believe that he is responsible for a case of arson and murder, dies in a violent confrontation with the Cleveland police. By the author of *Tonight I Said Goodbye*. **HC \$47.95**

**Michael Kurland***Empress of China Professor Moriarty*

When a shipment of gold aboard the cargo ship *The Empress of India* mysteriously vanishes en route to its destination, Sherlock Holmes is called in to uncover the truth about the seemingly impossible theft, while Professor Moriarty, tired of the trouble resulting from becoming the prime suspect in the crime, takes it upon himself to locate the missing gold. **HC \$51.95**

**John Lawton***Flesh Wounds*

When an old love returns into Troy's life, the Scotland Yard investigator finds himself embroiled in American politics when he agrees to help his old lover, who is currently the wife of a presidential candidate. By the author of *Old Flames*. **TP \$24.95**

*A Little White Death*

In 1963, Scotland Yard's Chief Inspector Troy is called back to active duty from his medical leave on the eve of the verdict in a case involving a curious double suicide to deal with a case involving political scandal, espionage, drugs, sex, and murder. **HC \$47.95**

**John Lescroart***The Motive*

In the wake of the high-profile double murders of a politically connected socialite and his glamorous fiancée, Abe Glitsky is placed at the head of the controversial investigation, which is complicated by a distrustful officer who uses the victim's past relationship with Glitsky's partner, Hardy, to contend that they are guilty of collusion. By the author of *The Second Chair*. **PB \$19.95**

*The Hunt Club*

In the aftermath of a federal judge's murder, homicide inspector Devin Juhle discovers that the victim had powerful enemies, a mistress, and unsettling ties to a woman with whom Devin's best friend, private investigator Wyatt Hunt, has fallen in love. **HC \$54.95**

**Paul Levine***The Deep Blue Alibi (Solomon vs Lord)*

The mismatched legal team of Steve Solomon and Victoria Lord becomes embroiled in an explosive new case involving Florida high society, dark family secrets, a shipwrecked yacht, and murder as they race against time to expose a killer and clear the name of Victoria's uncle. By the author of *Solomon vs. Lord*. **PB \$17.95**

**Hailey Lind***Feint of Art (Annie Kincaid Mystery)*

When Annie Kincaid informs her ex-boyfriend, curator Ernst Pettigrew, that the Brock Museum's fifteen-million-dollar Caravaggio painting is a fake, a bizarre chain of events is set in motion, forcing Annie to enter into an underworld of art forgers--a place she swore she left behind. **PB \$17.95**

**Jeff Lindsay***Dearly Departed Dexter (Dexter Morgan)*

Miami's best-dressed serial killer is back and on the prowl, at least he would be if he could shake off his permanent shadow. Ever since their paths first crossed, Sergeant Doakes hasn't let Dexter Morgan out of his sight. Dexter may well be the Miami PD's blood-spatter analyst, but Sgt. Doakes has a pretty good idea of how Dex likes to spend his free time and he's determined to catch him in the act. Dexter hasn't killed in months and is getting twitchy. To throw Doakes off his scent, he's spending more time with Rita, his girlfriend. But no matter how many cosy nights they spend in front of the TV, Doakes is still parked outside watching the house when Dexter leaves in the morning. Then a body turns up, horribly mutilated and barely alive. It's the work of a torturer extraordinaire - a man who abducts his victims and keeps them alive for weeks while he performs his hideous operations. To trap the torturer, Doakes and Dexter will have to work together, if they can trust each other. It's a devil's pact and one of them will have to be the bait. . . . Furiously fast, funny and thrilling, *Dearly Devoted Dexter* proves what the critics have been saying: Dexter Morgan is one of the most engaging new characters in contemporary crime fiction. **TP \$29.95**

**Laura Lippman***By A Spider's Thread*

Natalie Rubin, middle-class Jewish wife and mother, has vanished. Worse, she has taken her three children with her. Her husband, Mark, is devastated. He loves her; and he thought she was happy. So he approaches Tess to trace her. At first Tess is wary. She doesn't like getting involved in domestic disputes, and Mark's love for his wife seems to contain a disturbing desire to control her. Did he drive her away? Did he perhaps kill her? But as Tess pursues her quest for Natalie, she discovers a woman with a mysterious past, a man whose values will challenge her own, and a family that knows how to keep its secrets. . . . By *A Spider's Thread* is part tense thriller and part all-too-human drama about what families do to each other. **PB \$19.95**

**P D Martin Australian Author***Body Count*

There's a killer in DC and he likes to play...

When a woman is found brutally murdered in DC, Australian FBI profiler Sophie Anderson suspects that the killing spree has just begun. With her fellow agents she delves into the mind of the killer, trying to predict his next move.

Then another victim turns up, Sophie knows that she's "seen" the woman before, raped and murdered - in her dreams. Struggling to separate fact from fiction, reality from nightmare, Sophie becomes more and more ensnared in the killer's mind as the body count rises.

Suddenly the murders become personal and Sophie is caught up in a cat-and-mouse game that may cost her the man she loves and her life.

**PB \$19.95**

**Eric B Martin***Winners*

Shane McCarthy, a San Francisco chimney sweep, finds himself torn between two worlds when he investigates the mysterious disappearance of a young friend who may have ties to groups of would-be-millionaires coming to power at the height of the dot-com frenzy. **TP \$26.95**

**Steve Martini***Double Tap (Paul Madriani)*

Defense attorney Paul Madriani takes on the case of Emiliano Ruiz, a uncooperative career soldier on trial for the murder of the head of a high-tech software company with a number of military contracts, a murder that could be tied to a number of explosive government secrets. **PB \$19.95**

**Katie Maxwell***I Am So Jinxed*

When she suddenly becomes popular, Vick Marotti, a sassy street magician, is submerged into a nightmare involving parties, the A-list crowd, and people who imitate her unique style, while dealing with problems at home, a cheating boyfriend, and a Vice Principal out to get her. **PB \$15.95**

**Ed McBain***Alice in Jeopardy*

Alice in Jeopardy is the first novel in a brand new series from the author of the acclaimed 87th Precinct series. Each novel is set in a different location featuring a contemporary woman whose life or children are suddenly endangered. The woman must find in herself the resources to save both her children and herself. Alice is a recently widowed young woman living in Florida with her two small children. Utterly devastated by her late husband's death in a boating accident, she is struggling to re-build her life. And as if life can't get any worse, her children are kidnapped. Surrounded by police fighting inter-departmental battles, Alice ultimately has to resort to finding and saving her children herself. Alice in Jeopardy is a truly gripping book, absolutely jam-packed with twists and turns, culminating in a totally unexpected ending. **PB \$19.95**

**Val McDermid***The Grave Tattoo*

When torrential summer rains uncover a bizarrely tattooed body on a Lake District hillside, old wives' tales also come swirling to the surface. For centuries Lakelanders have whispered that Fletcher Christian staged the massacre on Pitcairn so that he could return home. And there he told his story to an old friend and schoolmate, William Wordsworth, who turned it into a long narrative poem – a poem that remained hidden lest it expose Wordsworth to the gallows for harbouring a fugitive. Wordsworth specialist Jane Gresham, herself a native of the Lake District, feels compelled to discover once and for all whether the manuscript ever existed – and whether it still exists today. But as she pursues each new lead, death follows hard on her heels. Suddenly Jane is at the heart of a 200-year-old mystery that still has the power to put lives on the line. Against the dramatic backdrop of England's Lake District a drama of life and death plays out, its ultimate prize a bounty worth millions. **TP \$29.95**

**David McKeown***Grip*

James Carroll only meant to do one deal to get to film school. But it went wrong. Now he owes 30,000 to drug-dealer Roger Oates. Just a year away from retiring to Honolulu, Roger knows this is no time to let things slip. If James can't pay, his parents must. But Francis Carroll has put everything he has into a project that will finally bring him the success he craves. He simply cannot afford to help his son. And it's no good asking his ambitious new wife Rachel. She wants a baby - while his dangerously sexy first wife wants him back. Everyone wants to keep a grip: on their money; on their jobs; on their dreams. But something's got to give. Written with terrific verve and a sharp eye for the details of human behaviour, GRIP is a roller-coaster ride of suspense and surprises. **PB \$19.95**

**Adrian McKinty***Hidden River*

Disgraced after succumbing to a drug addiction, former Northern Ireland detective Alexander Lawson learns that his high-school sweetheart has been murdered and finds himself on the run after witnessing a second killing, a situation that is complicated by a corruption scandal. By the author of Dead I Well May Be. **PB \$19.95**

**Neil McMahon***Revolution No 9*

ucted by the followers of a paramilitary sociopath responsible for a series of bizarre, high-profile murders, Dr. Carroll Monks is ensconced within a backwoods community and forced to care for his captor's dangerously ill son, whom Monks must steal away to a hospital in order to save. By the author of To the Bone. **PB \$18.95**

**Richard Montanari***The Rosary Girls*

Only a killer hears their prayers... In the most brutal killing crusade Philadelphia has seen in years, a series of young Catholic women are found dead, their bodies mutilated and their hands bolted together. Each clutches a rosary in her lifeless grasp. Veteran cop Kevin Byrne and his rookie partner Jessica Balzano set out to hunt down the elusive killer, who leads them deeper and deeper into the abyss of a madman's depravity. Suspects appear before them like bad dreams - and vanish just as quickly. While the body count rises, Easter is fast approaching: the day of resurrection and of the last rosary to be counted. **TP \$32.95**

**Benjamin Moser & Luiz Alfredo Garcia-Roza***Pursuit (Inspector Espinosa Mystery)*

When his daughter disappears and a stalker patient emerges as the prime suspect, a troubled hospital psychiatrist contacts Espinosa for help, but as Espinosa learns more about the doctor's history he finds it difficult to discern the stalker from the stalked and reality from fantasy. **HC \$47.95**

**Robert J Mrazek***The Deadly Embrace*

Arriving in London to join the staff of SHAEF in the aftermath of a massive Luftwaffe bombing attack, Second Lieutenant Liza Marantz teams up with Major Sam Taggart on a mission to protect D-Day plans and investigate the murders of two high-ranking officials' mistresses. **HC \$51.95**

**Warren Murphy & Richard Sapir***Mindblower (Destroyer 142)*

When an engineering genius with a deadly vendetta begins destroying things with his supersonic air cannon, Remo and CURE must find a way to stop him before the whole world is blown away. **PB \$16.95**

**Michael Murray***The Raven Deception*

One year after publishing Raven, a fictional account based on Great Britain's covert replacement of the real Hitler with a holocaust-minded decoy, research senior fellow August Street fears that his book has caused England to be held accountable for World War II atrocities. **HC \$47.95**

**Tamar Myers***Grape Expectations (Pennsylvania Dutch Mystery)*

Feelings run high among teetotaling members of the Mennonite community of Hernia, Pennsylvania, when an unscrupulous outside group buys an old farm on the edge of town with plans to open a winery, and Magdalena Yoder is forced to step in when things begin to get really ugly and the vineyard's manager is found entombed in cement. **HC \$40.95**

*Assault and Pepper (Pennsylvania Dutch Mystery)*

When Reverend Schrock ends up dead at the annual church chili supper, thanks to a not-so-accidental allergic reaction to the peanut butter someone added, innkeeper Magdalena Yoder investigates, only to encounter plenty of people who had wanted the reverend dead--including a vengeful serial monogamist and a wrongly accused man against whom the victim had testified. **PB \$17.95**

**Barbara Nadel***Dance With Death*

A body is discovered in a cave in the remote region of Cappadocia, Turkey. The woman died of gunshot wounds, and her corpse has lain undisturbed for twenty years. Who is she and who killed her? Inspector Ikmen is summoned from Istanbul to investigate but discovers a complex web of intrigue. Was it her boyfriend, driven mad by love, or her husband, believing she would never bear the son he wanted so badly? When it is revealed the girl was pregnant when she died, the whispers and accusations increase. Ikmen, stifled among a rural community thriving on legend, folklore and intrigue, begins to think he will never see clearly through the lies surrounding this case. One thing, however, is clear: the past is as potent as the present. **HC \$55**

*Last Rights*

Francis H is an undertaker in the London Borough of West Ham in the 1940s. The Second World War is in full swing and the Borough is being pounded on a nightly basis by the German Luftwaffe. Francis H is a World War 1 veteran so he also has to deal with the continuing fears and delusions that still haunt him from the trenches of Flanders. One night, in the middle of a raid, Francis meets what appears to be a madman running across the rubble screaming about being stabbed. But Francis can see no sign of blood on the man, so he passes him by. However, two days later the man's body turns up at Francis' parlour. So begins a frightening sequence of events that has Francis H pitted against violent thugs, an almost impenetrable network of secrets and his own fragile sanity. **PB \$19.95**

**Alan Naves***Gargoyles*

With her mother dying of metastatic cancer and the medical insurance running out, pre-med student Amoreena Daniels accepts a job as a surrogate mother for a women's clinic, only to discover that she has become an unwitting pawn in a deadly high-stakes game of biomedical experimentation. **PB \$17.95**

**Hilary Norman***Compulsion*

Jude Brown is a builder by day, artist by night. He and speech therapist Alex Levin have both survived tragedies. Thrown together by a workmate's accident, they're both working hard at reshaping their lives - and sometimes, hardworking people need a little help around the house. Alex has never met anyone as passionate about cleaning as Frankie Barnes. She seems to have found the perfect career to suit her obsession with hygiene. But unbeknown to her new employers, Frankie suffers from other compulsions too and the greatest of them all is the compulsion to have. All Frankie wants is a home of her own as lovely as the ones she scrubs and cleans. She'll do anything to achieve her aim. But her first attempt has gone horribly wrong and her dream house loses its shine when she allows herself to think about the two bodies slowly rotting in the cellar... Next time Frankie intends to be more careful with her planning. And Alex's home is the prettiest cottage Frankie's ever laid eyes on... **PB \$19.95**

**Thomas O'Callaghan***Bone Thief*

As a serial killer with a penchant for his victim's bones terrorizes New York City, Lieutenant John W. Driscoll, a man on the verge of madness, must lead a team to catch this cunning predator and soon discovers that the worst is yet to come. **PB \$17.95**

**Robin Paige***Death of the Lizard*

Turn-of-the-century Cornwall turns unexpectedly dangerous for amateur sleuths Lord and Lady Sheridan as they investigate a case of sabotage and seemingly accidental death at a local transmission station for the new wireless communications technology. **HC \$51.95**

**T Jefferson Parker***California Girl*

Living in politically driven Orange County, California, of the late 1960s, the three Becker brothers pursue leads relevant to their respective careers as a homicide detective, a minister, and a reporter after the body of a woman from a childhood rival family is found murdered. By the award-winning author of Silent Joe and Cold Pursuit. **PB \$19.95**

**James Patterson***5th Horseman*

Detective Lindsay Boxer and her friend Yuki Castellano are out shopping with Yuki's mother Keiko when Keiko drops in the middle of the busy street. It looks like she's had a stroke and Yuki starts to panic. She is rushed to the San Francisco Medical Center and admitted to the ICU. Over drinks that evening at Susie's, with her friends in the Women's Murder Club, Lindsay learns of a huge malpractice suit against the San Francisco Medical Center. In the last few years, dozens of patients who were admitted to the emergency room seemed to recover and then died suspicious deaths. Is Yuki's mother safe? In a place where the lives of patients are quite literally in others hands, will Lindsay and her friends be able to establish who they can trust? **HC \$55**

**Don Pendleton***Blood Tide (Executioner 326)*

While infiltrating a ring of bloodthirsty pirates in the Asian Pacific, Mack Bolan stumbles upon a religious plot against Western invaders that will force him to go undercover as a fellow fanatic to stop the slaughter--and uncovers an even bigger conspiracy. **PB \$13.95**

*Sky Hammer (Stony Man)*

When hostile forces gain control of a Sky Hammer, stainless steel corralled in space that can be sent into Earth's atmosphere at Mach 2, destroying any target, the warriors of Stony Man must stop this threat that could bring about the end of the world. **PB \$16.95**

**Don Pendleton***Renegade (SuperBolan 106)*

While searching for a renegade former Soviet weapons expert in Tehran, Mack Bolan discovers that the enemy has control of biological and chemical agents and is selling them to terrorists, forcing Mack to take a stand against those with a penchant for mass destruction. **PB \$16.95**

**Thomas Perry***Dead Aim*

When Robert Mallon stumbles upon a dying woman on the beach in Santa Barbara, his everyday life is changed forever as he and his ally, Detective Lydia Marks, set out to investigate the young victim's life, a case that brings them into fateful conflict with a sinister underworld of dark secrets and deadly hatreds masterminded by Parish, an amoral predator who runs a training camp for killers. **TP \$28.95**

*Pursuit*

When thirteen bodies are discovered inside a small Louisville restaurant, criminology professor and profiler Daniel Millikan calls in Roy Prescott, a former hitman himself, to track down the killer, James Varney, a disturbed murderer of consummate skill, and the two men embark on a coast-to-coast duel that only one of them will survive. **TP \$26.95**

**Candice Poarch***Discarded Promises*

When she stumbles upon a dead body on a jogging path, doggie gourmet shop owner Quilla Day, swearing off men after being betrayed by her fiancé, is thrust into a murder investigation where she finds herself attracted to a mysterious man whose motives are questionable. **PB \$17.95**

**Michael Prescott***Mortal Faults*

While working for a U.S. Congressman, Abby Sinclair, a private operative, is forced to partner with FBI special agent Tess McCallum, and together they stumble upon clues to a twenty-year-old double murder that leads to a new crime, pitting Tess and Abby against each other in a fight for survival. **PB \$19.95**

*Brimstone*

Art critic Jeremy Grove is discovered dead in a room barricaded from the inside, his face frozen in a mask of terror, his body temperature grotesquely high. The smell of brimstone is everywhere and there is the unmistakable imprint of a claw burned into the wall. As more bodies are discovered – their only connection the identical manner of death – the world begins to wonder if the devil has come to collect his due. With Officer Vincent D'Agosta, FBI Special Agent Pendergast faces the most treacherous and dangerous adversary of his career. **PB \$19.95**

**Douglas Preston & Lincoln Child***Dance of Death*

My dear Vincent, If you are reading this letter, it means that I am dead. It also means that I died before I could accomplish a task that, rightfully, belongs to me and no other. That task is preventing my brother, Diogenes, from committing what he once boasted would be the 'perfect' crime. The people closest to Agent Pendergast are being murdered, and only one man can be responsible: Pendergast's brilliant, depraved criminal brother, Diogenes – but Diogenes has been dead for a number of years. Lieutenant Vincent D'Agosta must try to keep the people on Diogenes' hit list safe while he tracks down this master of disguise before the final devastating crime can be committed. For the horrendous string of murders is simply Diogenes' prelude to his true masterpiece. A riveting thriller set in New York and featuring the celebrated Museum of Natural History, *Dance of Death* is packed with the unexpected twists and exhilarating finale only Lincoln Preston can deliver. **TP \$29.95**

**Bill Pronzini***Nightcrawlers Nameless Detective*

Unaware of possible links between a series of gay hate crimes and the kidnapping of a young girl, investigators Bill, Jake, and Tamara tackle difficult cases when Jake pursues leads related to an attack on his son's partner and Tamara witnesses something suspicious during a stakeout. **PB \$17.95**

**Daniel Quinn***The Holy*

Twenty years after stalking a woman near Columbus, Ohio, David Kennesey finds himself in a strange mansion where he is invited by a host of mythological characters to commit murder and fulfill his darkest sexual fantasies. **TP \$32.95**

*After Dachau*

Obsessed with finding a "golden case," Jason Tull eventually discovers Mallory Hastings, a supposed mental patient whose previous life hides a devastating truth, in a fictional exploration of alternative realities within the mainstream. By the author of *Ishmael*. **TP \$28.95**

**Ian Rankin***The Complete Short Stories*

Ian Rankin has amassed an incredible portfolio of short stories, which all share the best qualities of his phenomenally popular novels. Now his two critically acclaimed short story collections - *A Good Hanging* and *Beggars Banquet* - come together in one volume, along with *Atonement* - a new Rebus story, written especially for this collection. *A Good Hanging* - Twelve Inspector Rebus mysteries, including the hanging of a student during the Edinburgh Festival, a gruesome arson attack, and the apparent witnessing of a miracle. Step off the tourist trail and into the macabre heart of Rebus's Edinburgh. *Beggars Banquet* - Ranging from suburban murders to the sinister workings of a serial killer's mind, here are twenty-one tales all bearing the hallmark of great crime writing. Included are seven Inspector Rebus mysteries, and the Dagger award-winning story *Herbert in Motion*. *Atonement* - When Rebus comes to the aid of an old friend, he uncovers some hard-to-swallow truths about life, and death, at a local home for the elderly. **TP \$35**

**Richard Rayner***The Devil's Wind*

Working as an architect during the growth boom of McCarthy-era Las Vegas, Maurice Valentine is seduced by the beautiful Mallory Walker and fears that she may be using him to get close to a powerful mobster, a situation for which Valentine finds himself rendered a pawn in a mysterious game of revenge. By the author of *The Cloud Sketcher*. **TP \$26.95**

**J D Rhoades***The Devil's Right Hand*

Tracking bail jumpers for a North Carolina agency, Gulf War vet Jack Keller finds his latest assignment spiraling out of control when he tangles with an unethical cop and a pair of enraged locals who want to avenge their father's murder. A first novel. **PB \$17.95**

**Karen Robards***Superstition*

Pawley's Island, South Carolina, seemed an idyllic place, until an unsolved murder - the grisly stabbing of teenager Tara Mitchell and the disappearance of her two friends - disturbed the peace. In the 15 years since the murders, all who have lived in the mansion where it happened has left in fear, claiming that the dead girls haunt the house. TV reporter Nicky Sullivan believes this story could be her big break, and arranges for a live television seance in an attempt to contact the girls. But it all goes horribly wrong when, during the show, a young woman is murdered in exactly the same way as Tara was all those years ago. Nicky's producers order her to continue, and in doing so she meets enigmatic police chief Joe Franconi. But, as the tension between them grows, another identical murder occurs. This time, there is a menacing note warning that the original killer has come back to claim three more lives. Two down, one to go... Could Nicky be the killer's third victim? **HC \$55 TP \$32.95**

**Gillian Roberts***Till the End of Tom (Amanda Pepper Mystery)*

Teacher and amateur sleuth Amanda Pepper and her fiancé, C. K. Mackenzie, take on an investigation into the demise of Tomas Severin, who apparently fell to his death at the Philly Prep school, and uncover a cup of herbal tea laced with a dangerous party drug, as well as a host of suspects who wanted the victim dead. **PB \$17.95**

**John Maddox Roberts***The Princess and the Pirates (SPQR 09)*

Dispatched to the Mediterranean to clear the sea of pirates, playboy detective Decius Caecilius Metellus is forced to humor an overenthusiastic Princess Cleopatra and decipher clues that hint at a larger conspiracy behind increasing pirate activity. By the author of SPQR VIII: The River God's Vengeance. **TP \$26.95**

**Kel Robertson Australian Author***Dead Set (Inspector Chen)*

Inspector Brad Chen—one-time football star and master detective—is not the man he once was. He's on crutches, with his leg in a cast, nursing a thirst for Amaretto and a raging pain-killer addiction. Then he's unexpectedly recalled from sick leave when the high-profile federal Minister for Immigration is found brutally murdered in her Canberra flat.

Tracey Dale's proposed refugee policy was always controversial, and the list of suspects, which includes neo-Nazis, ambitious colleagues and a vengeful wife, becomes ever longer.

As Chen and his beautiful driver Constable Kate Malone search for the killer, they display an uncanny talent for discovering corpses. But are these other deaths connected to the minister's murder or simply a series of bizarre coincidences?

Get set for a rollicking ride because *Dead Set* is the freshest, funniest Australian crime fiction debut in years. **TP \$29.95**

**Michael Robotham***Lost (Suspect 02)*

In the sequel to *Suspect*, Detective Vincent Ruiz, battling amnesia and under investigation by suspicious colleagues within his own department following a brutal attack, turns to psychologist Joe O'Loughlin for help in piecing together the clues to unlock his memory in a case linked to the three-year-old kidnapping and presumed murder of a young girl. **HC \$51.95**

**M J Rose***The Delilah Complex (Dr Morgan Snow)*

Dr. Morgan Snow, a top New York sex therapist, must help the Scarlet Society, a secret club of sexually adventurous women, find the truth surrounding the murder of one of their members, an investigation that leads her to Detective Noah Jordain who believes that the killings have just begun. **PB \$17.95**

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Delta Force is poised to take on a mission deep inside the borders of the former Soviet Union when it is discovered that a uranium enrichment facility is on the verge of producing portable nuclear devices that terrorists plan to use to destroy a gathering of America's top political leaders.

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AD 60: The flame of rebellion that has been smouldering for twenty years of Roman occupation has flared into a conflagration that will consume the land and all who live in it. There is no going back. The Boudica has been flogged and her daughters raped, and her son has burned a Roman watchtower in an act of blatant insurgency. This is the time to act: the Roman governor has marched his legions west to destroy the druidic stronghold of Mona, leaving his capital and a vital port hopelessly undefended in the face of twenty thousand warriors aching for vengeance. But to crush the legions for all time, Boudica must do more than lead her army in the greatest rebellion Britain has ever known. She must find healing for herself, for the land - and for Graine, her eight-year-old daughter, who has taken refuge on Mona. Is revenge worth it under any circumstances, or is the cost more than anyone can bear? Colchester is burning and London is lost without hope. Amidst fire and bloody revolution, the Boudica and those around her must find what matters most, now and for ever. *DREAMING THE SERPENT SPEAR* is the final novel in Manda Scott's bestselling Boudica series. **HC \$59.95**

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*A Handbook of American Prayer*

In a funny, sometimes chilling novel about the heights and depths of American society, a killer's prayers from prison are published to great acclaim, and he emerges from prison a celebrity, and a target for every opportunistic soul in the Bible Belt hoping to score off his fame as a repentant sinner. **TP \$30.95**

**J B Stanley**

*A Killer Collection (Collectible Mystery)*

While covering the kiln-opening of a rising star in Southern pottery-making, Molly Appeby, a writer for Collector's Weekly, investigates the death of an obnoxious collector whose murder was made to look like an accident. **PB \$17.95**

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*Out There in the Dark*

Frustrated by his B-movie career until he is given the opportunity to direct a larger-budget picture, German TmigrT Dieter Seife endeavors to prove himself but disapproves of the casting of young Harley Hayden in the leading role, an opinion that prompts the ambitious Hayden to investigate the director's background. **HC \$49.95**

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*An Invisible Woman*

Receiving a warning from her attorney husband to leave the country with their teenaged children half an hour before he is murdered, New York socialite Kealy Ryerson, unable to flee when her accounts are closed, is forced to avoid her apartment and hide her identity within her high-society neighborhood. **PB \$17.95**

**Vickie Taylor**

*Flesh and Stone*

While searching for a missing client, Mara Kincaide, who operates a shelter for women, is transported to the realm of Gargoyles, a race of shape-changing immortals who have protected humanity for centuries, and "given" to Connor Rihyad, who might be the man of her dreams, or her nightmares. **PB \$17.95**

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*Now You See Her*

In a first installment of a new series by the author of the popular Kate Banning mysteries, recent divorcTe Regina Cutter relocates to Boston's Back Bay, where her newfound psychic abilities result in her participation in the investigation into the allegedly false imprisonment of a drug felon and the possible haunting of a renovated townhouse. **PB \$19.95**

**Laura Van Wormer**

*Mr Murder (Sally Harrington)*

While dealing with her new lover and the reappearance of an old flame, anchorwoman Sally Harrington is immersed in a murder investigation when a jet-setting millionaire turns up dead after their interview and his death is linked to an attack on one of her old acquaintances. **HC \$51.95**

**Robert W Walker**

*City For Ransom*

With thousands flocking to Chicago for the Great Exposition of 1893, the city is confronting an onslaught of visitors, just when a maniacal killer sets out to turn the streets into his own personal hunting ground, and it is up to Inspector Alastair Ransom to find the bloodthirsty murderer amid the glitter and turmoil of the World's Fair, before he becomes the next victim. **PB \$17.95**

**Marcie Walsh with Michael Malone**

*The Killing Club*

An ambitious young detective, Jamie Ferrara returns to her small New Jersey hometown and to the secrets, friends, and betrayals she left behind to attend the funeral of an old friend who died in a grotesque holiday accident and to launch a personal investigation into a death that bears a strange resemblance to a fictional murder she and her fellow misfits had come up with years earlier. **PB \$17.95**

**Minette Walters**

*The Tinder Box*

'Few crime writers are in the same league as Minette Walters.' CANBERRA TIMES In a small Hampshire village, Irish labourer Patrick O'Riordan has been arrested for the brutal murder of elderly Lavinia Fanshaw and her live-in nurse, Dorothy Jenkins. As shock turns to fury, the village residents form a united front against Patrick's parents and cousin, who report incidents of vicious threats and violence. But friend and neighbour Siobhan Lavenham remains convinced that Patrick has fallen victim to a prejudiced investigation and, putting her own position within the bigoted community in serious jeopardy, stands firmly by his family in defence of the O'Riordan name. Days before the trial, terrible secrets about the O'Riordans' past are revealed to Siobhan, and the family's only supporter is forced to question her loyalties. Could Patrick be capable of murder after all? Could his parents' tales of attacks be devious fabrications? And if so, what other lies lurk beneath the surface of their world? **PB \$12.95**

**Minette Walters**

*The Scold's Bride*

Mean, bitter Mathilda Gillespie has been dead for days - wrists slashed, pills spilled, body cold in the bath. Her death shouts suicide, but would even Mathilda have been crazy enough to force over her own head a rusted metal cage grotesquely laced with nettles and daisies? This brilliant psychological thriller takes us on a compelling and unpredictable tour of the tensions between generations, and along a trail of grief made obscure by the mysterious loss of Mathilda's detailed, shocking and very personal diaries. **PB \$19.95**

*The Dark Room*

The newspapers reported the case with relish. When Jane 'Jinx' Kingsley, daughter of a ruthless millionaire, emerges from a coma, she remembers nothing of the last few days. Not that she's been jilted by her fiance, Leo, and betrayed by her best friend, Meg, nor her own supposed suicide attempt. Then the memories begin to surface - memories of utter desperation and absolute terror. With the disappearance of Leo and Meg, the police seem determined to trap her into an admission of murder. While they investigate, Jinx faces the worst nightmare of her life - confronting her memories and unravelling the truth.

**PB \$19.95**

### *The Shape of Snakes*

It is 1978 in London - the winter of discontent. Strikes are an everyday occurrence and the Ranelagh's neighbour, Mad Annie, is discovered dying in the gutter, almost obscured by piles of rubbish. The other residents do little to disguise their satisfaction at her death and, in this environment of growing racial and class unrest, M. Ranelagh, the narrator, takes up a solitary, and dangerously unpopular, defence against the vilification of Mad Annie. So dangerous that M. and her husband Sam flee the poisonous climate of England. Twenty years later, they return from overseas and M. begins acting on her secretly and painstakingly collected research to piece together what really happened. But is it justice for Annie's murder she's after or is it revenge for something very different? **PB \$19.95**

### *Fox Evil*

When elderly Ailsa Lockyer-Fox is found dead in her garden, dressed only in nightclothes, the finger of suspicion points at her wealthy, landowning husband, Colonel James Lockyer-Fox. A Coroner's inquest gives a verdict of 'natural causes' but the gossip surrounding James refuses to go away. Why? Because he's guilty? Or because resentful women rule the roost in the isolated Dorset village where he lives? Shenstead has become a ghost village and, with only five houses in permanent occupation, it's a place of too few people and too many secrets. Into this embattled community comes a group of New Age travellers with dreams of laying claim to a tract of disputed land, bordering the Lockyer-Fox estate. Their leader, Fox Evil, is a man of contradictions - charismatic, unpredictable - until he demonstrates that acquiring a stake in Shenstead is the least of his intentions ... **PB \$19.95**

### *The Echo*

Who was Billy Blake - an alcoholic vagrant who quoted poetry and preached redemption - and why did he die? Mike Deacon, a cynical, somewhat discredited journalist, wants to know. He's intrigued by both Blake's death - could anyone really die of starvation in one of the wealthiest districts in London? - and by the beautiful woman who found him, Amanda Powell. Amanda Powell avoided the Press then - why is she now obsessed by Blake and his life? Deacon begins his own investigation to find out if her interest could possibly be connected to her merchant banker husband who absconded abroad with ten million pounds, five years ago. Since then he has not been seen ... yet she has all the trappings of a very rich woman **PB \$19.95**

### *The Breaker*

A woman's brutally damaged body washes up on a lonely beach. Twelve hours later, her three-year-old daughter is found, wandering abandoned twenty miles away from her mother. Why was Kate Sumner murdered, yet her child, a witness, allowed to live? Police investigation centres on a young actor, a loner with an obsession for pornography who lies about his relationship with Kate. And what of her? Is she the 'respectable' woman her husband claims her to be? And why does their daughter scream in terror every time he tries to pick her up? **PB \$19.95**

### *Disordered Minds*

In 1970, Harold Stamp, a retarded twenty-year-old was convicted on disputed evidence and a retracted confession of brutally murdering his grandmother the one person who understood and protected him. Less than three years later he is dead, driven to suicide by isolation and despair. A fate befitting a murderer, perhaps, but what if he were innocent? Thirty years on, Jonathan Hughes, an anthropologist specialising in social stereotyping, comes across the case by accident. He finds alarming disparities in the evidence and has little doubt that Stamp's conviction was a terrible miscarriage of justice. But how far is he prepared to go in the search for justice? Is the forgotten story of one friendless young man compelling enough to make him leave his books and face his own demons? And with what result? If Stamp didn't murder Grace Jeffries then somebody else did, which means there's a dangerous killer still at large ... **PB \$19.95**

### *Acid Row*

'Acid Row' is the name the beleaguered inhabitants give to their housing estate. It is a no-man's land of single mothers and fatherless children - where angry, alienated youth control the streets. Into this battlefield comes Sophie Morrison, a young doctor visiting a patient in Acid Row. Little does she know that she is entering the home of a known paedophile ... and with reports circulating that a tormented child called Amy has disappeared, the vigilantes are out in force. Soon Sophie is trapped at the centre of a terrifying siege, held hostage by a violent psychopath. Whipped to a frenzy by unsubstantiated rumour, the mob unleashes its hatred - against authority ... the law ... and 'the pervert'. 'Protecting Amy' becomes the catch-all defence for the terrible events that follow. And if murder is part of it, then so be it. But is Amy really missing? **PB \$19.95**

### **Kjell Westo**

#### *Lang*

Unable to resist his passion for a beautiful and secretive woman, Lang, a famous novelist and television show host, finds himself caught in a sinister love triangle that includes the woman's psychotic former husband, a situation that becomes increasingly violent. **TP \$26.95**

### **Karen Whiddon**

#### *Secrets of the Wolf*

She'd returned to her birthplace to expose her mother's killer. But in facing her hazy childhood memories, Brie Danzinger soon discovered a family she'd never known — and an undeniable attraction to enigmatic police chief Reed Hunter. Reed knew something that he wouldn't — or couldn't — tell her. Was it about her mother...or more personal?

Giving in to his yearning for Brie could mean her death. But when her questions stirred a sleeping killer, Reed couldn't keep his vow to stay away. His feelings had to take second place to protecting Brie — but could Reed save her from the shocking truth about herself? **PB \$13.95**

### **Charles Williams**

#### *A Touch of Death*

While trying to find \$120,000 in embezzled bank funds in a stranger's house, Lee Scarborough is conned into helping a dangerous beauty whose clever schemes could be the death of him. **PB \$17.95**

### **William P Wood**

#### *Broken Trust*

Agreeing to become a point man for an ambitious sting operation to ensnare corrupt judges, Santa Maria Superior Court judge Tim Nash uncovers a shattering plot of betrayal in which his own death has been ordered. Originally published as Court of Honor. **PB \$17.95**

