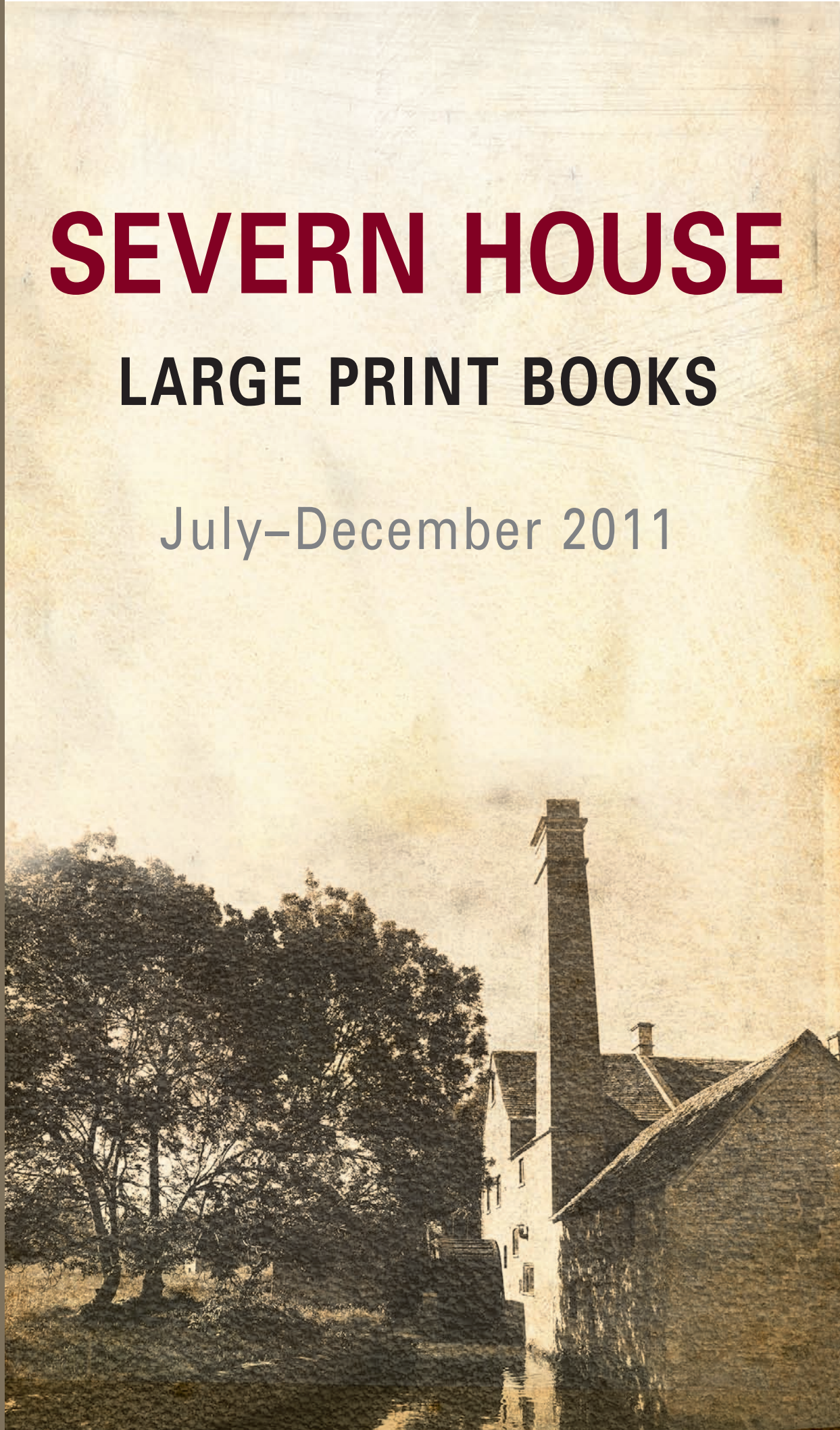


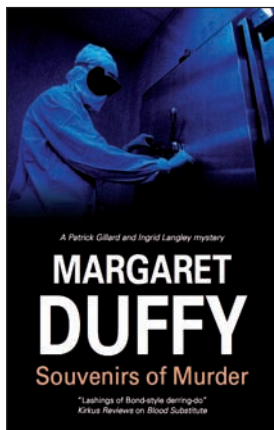
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“Duffy provides her usual solid writing and inventive plotting for this entertaining cross-genre crime tale”
Booklist on Souvenirs of Murder



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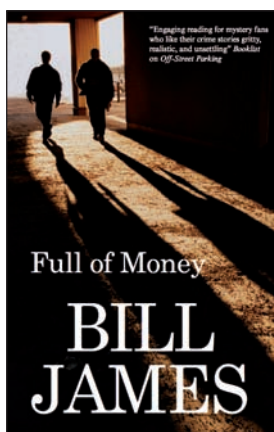
Souvenirs of Murder

The brand-new Patrick Gillard and Ingrid Langley mystery

Ingrid Langley isn't pleased when her husband and working partner, Patrick Gillard, late of MI5 and now with the Serious Organized Crime Agency, is sent on assignment days after the birth of their new son. A local crime provides a welcome distraction, but before long Ingrid has a bigger problem to deal with – Pangborne is murdered, and all clues point to Patrick as the killer . . .

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Full of Money

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Patricia MacDonald

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Shelby Sloan, a successful Philadelphia businesswoman in her early forties, has one child, a daughter whom she raised on her own. She gives her daughter, Chloe, and son-in-law, Rob, a Caribbean cruise as a gift, while she takes the opportunity to mind her four-year-old grandson. But life becomes a nightmare when Rob calls to tell her that Chloe has disappeared overboard. The police decide it was an accident, but Shelby refuses to accept the official verdict . . .

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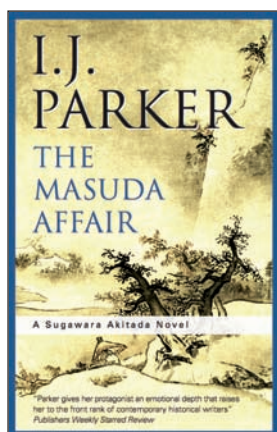
Crunch Time

A DCI Henry Christie Mystery

Willing to do almost anything to escape his desk job, DCI Henry Christie leaps at the chance to go working undercover again. His task – to ingratiate himself with one Ryan Ingram, one of London's top criminals, who has relocated to the north of England. But the last thing Henry needs in this dangerous situation is the appearance of a man bearing a fatal grudge that will jeopardize not only himself, but also his family . . .

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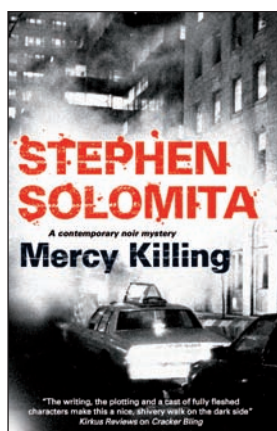
The Masuda Affair

A Sugawara Akitada Mystery of Ancient Japan

Eleventh-century Japan. Government official Sugawara Akitada finds a small mute boy on a deserted road. Akitada, still grieving for his own small son, determines to find the boy's parents. Meanwhile, Akitada's faithful servant Tora has troubles of his own: he has lost his new bride to a powerful man who pursues beautiful women and will stop at nothing to possess them. The trails of these two seemingly unrelated cases lead Akitada and Tora to the entertainers and prostitutes of the amusement quarter, and murder follows in their footsteps . . .

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Stephen Solomita

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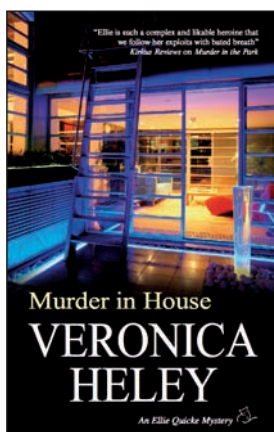
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Publishers Weekly on Murder in House



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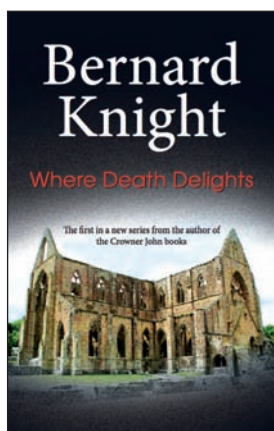
Murder in House

Ellie Quicke is back

Ellie and her new husband Thomas are called to deal with student Ursula, who has staged a sit-in at church. Ursula challenges Ellie to solve three mysteries: a broken engagement, a disappearance and a death. As she investigates, Ellie suspects there is more to these events than anyone is admitting. Soon she finds her own friends and family targeted, as a powerful group hunts her down . . .

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Where Death Delights

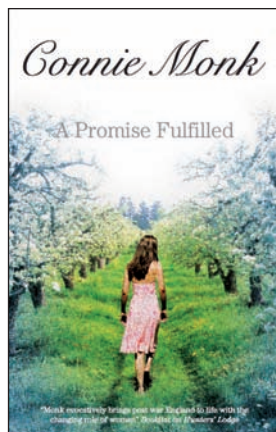
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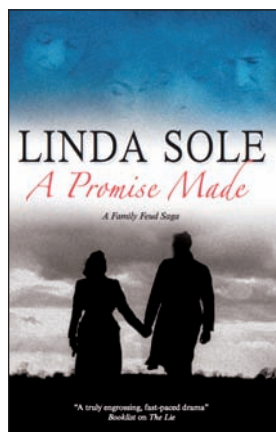
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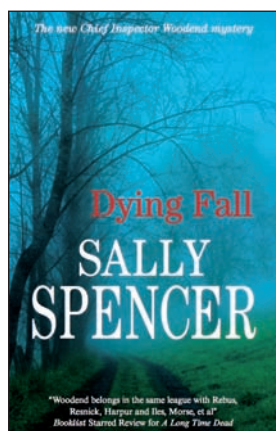
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Booklist Starred Review of *Dying Fall*



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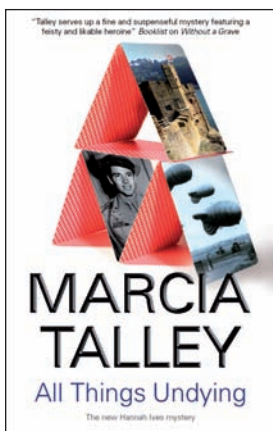
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“Combines present and past effectively, with vivid details of wartime in the English countryside woven throughout the engaging story”
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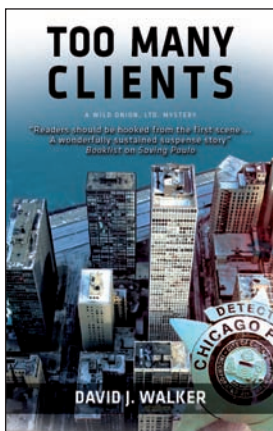
All Things Undying

The new Hannah Ives mystery

Hannah is stunned when a stranger stops her on the street to deliver a message from her long-dead mother. Susan Parker, Hannah learns, is a popular television medium whose accurate predictions leave fans and critics alike puzzled and intrigued. In spite of her scepticism, Hannah schedules a private reading. But on the morning they are to meet, Susan is struck by a hit-and-run driver. An accident? Hannah doesn't think so – especially when she discovers that more than one person had good reason to want Susan dead . . .

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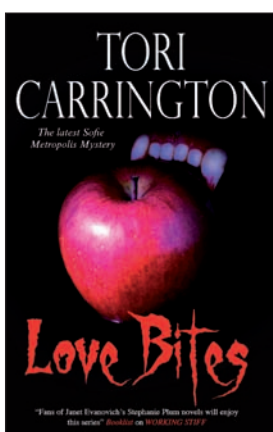
Too Many Clients

The new novel in the acclaimed 'Wild Onion Ltd.' mystery series

Private eye Kirsten and her lawyer husband Dugan have a problem. A tarnished Chicago cop has been murdered, and Dugan's foolish flouting of certain rules has ensured his place on the list of suspects. Kirsten knows it's unwise to have her own husband as a client, but she doesn't trust his freedom with anyone else. Soon, though, she has two more clients, who both want her to find the real killer – or at least they say they do . . .

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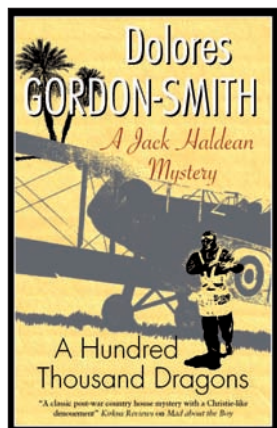
Love Bites

A Sofie Metropolis Paranormal Mystery

Sofie Metropolis is back and in the deep end of the coffee pot when she's retained by the neighbourhood vampire to prove he isn't responsible for a recent string of grisly murders, and her mother also talks her into looking for a missing woman neither of them knows, but Thalia has adopted in absentia nonetheless. And if her plate isn't full enough, things heat up on the romantic front when 'bounty hunter' Jake Porter and yummy Greek baker Dino both decide to vie for her undivided attention. What's a good Greek girl with a gun to do?

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Booklist Starred Review of
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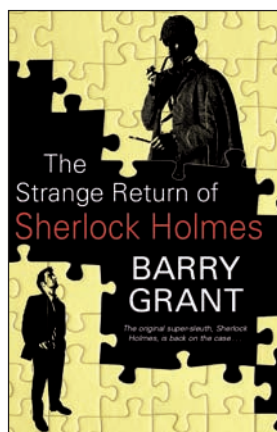
A Hundred Thousand Dragons

The latest 'Jack Haldean' mystery, set in the Roaring Twenties

‘A hundred thousand dragons lie, underneath an Arabian sky.’ How do a few lines of poetry, a chance encounter in a London hotel, and a death in Sussex lead to a lost city of Arabia, and to the tombs of the Whispering Dead? Jack Haldean has evaded the truth for years, but now, enmeshed in the web of murder, theft and deception, he must find the answer and face up to the truth – a truth as deadly as any dragon . . .

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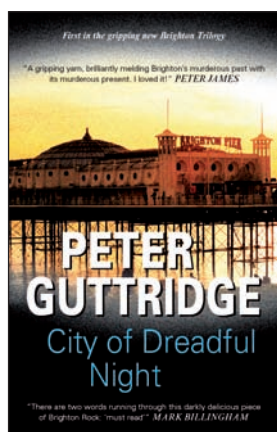
The Strange Return of Sherlock Holmes

The original super-sleuth is back on the case

When James Wilson retires from journalism, he decides to settle down in Herefordshire with a room-mate, a Mr Cedric Coombes, and at first thinks little of his new friend’s eccentric behaviour. But he can’t shake the feeling that he knows him from somewhere else. As Coombes displays his magnificent deductive prowess, and becomes embroiled in the police investigation of the apparent murder of a man in a bathtub, Wilson, or should we say Watson, begins to wonder just who this Coombes really is . . .

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“Guttridge combines period mystery, police procedure and noir in a fascinating tale”
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Peter Guttridge

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“Hambly’s political, passionate vampires are deliciously inhuman while still suffering from human flaws and aspirations, producing plenty of emotional drama”
Publishers Weekly
 on *Blood Maidens*



Barbara Hambly

Blood Maidens

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It's 1911. War is coming, and according to one of the vampires of St. Petersburg, the Kaiser is trying to recruit vampires. James Asher, Oxford don and formerly on His Majesty's Secret Service, is forced to team up again with his vampire partner Don Simon Ysidro for a journey to the subarctic Russian capital. Are they on the trail of a rogue vampire with a plan to achieve the power to walk in daylight? Asher wonders. Or is Ysidro's real agenda to seek the woman he once loved?

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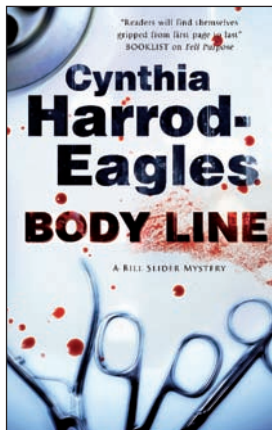
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Booklist on
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Cynthia Harrod-Eagles

Body Line

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David Rogers was a doctor, handsome, charming and rich. He lived the lifestyle of a consultant – expensive clothes, top restaurants, exclusive clubs – until someone killed him in the hallway of his lovely million-plus-pound house. But when Bill Slider and his firm are thrown into the mystery, they soon discover that nothing is as it seems, for though David's girlfriends are plenty, none of them can tell Slider anything about where he worked or what exactly he did . . .

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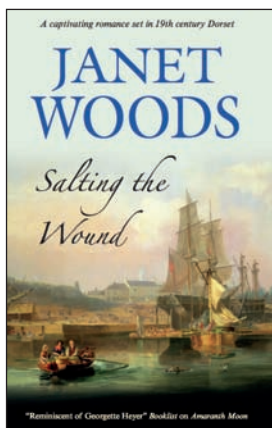
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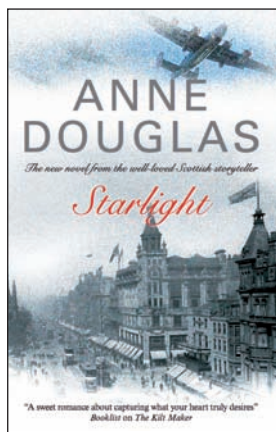
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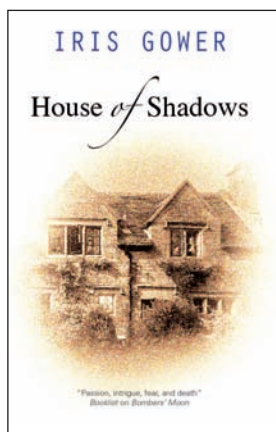
Starlight

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Though content in her job, Jess dreams of a more exciting life. So when she is hired to work in the box office at the Princes Street cinema, she is thrilled. Jess is star-struck, not just by the silver screen, but also by handsome projectionist, Ben Daniel. But it is Ben's assistant, Rusty MacVail, whom she marries. As the Second World War looms, her beloved cinema is threatened, Ben comes back into her life, and Jess will need all her courage to face what lies ahead.

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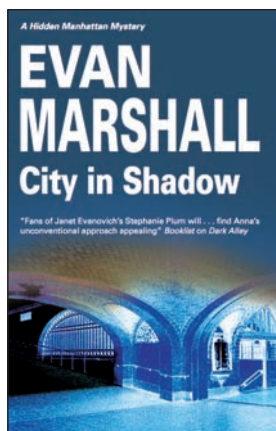
House of Shadows

An atmospheric mystery from Wales' best-loved author

The Second World War is over. Artist Riana Evans falls in love with a dilapidated mansion in Wales, despite its rumoured ghosts, and is delighted when its elderly, eccentric owner sells it to her for a pittance. The 'ghosts' prove good for business – inspiring her paintings in an almost supernatural way and providing welcome atmosphere at a series of profitable ghost-spotting weekends. But it soon becomes clear that there's someone – or something – who'll do anything to make sure Riana never discovers the secrets the house hides . . .

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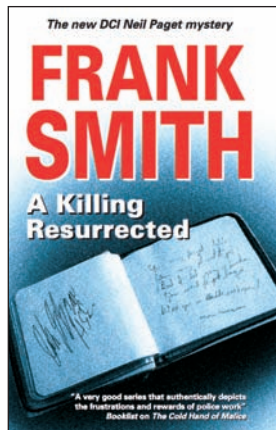
City in Shadow

A Hidden Manhattan Mystery

A frightened woman leaves a note reading HELP ME outside Sanitation Supervisor Anna Winthrop's apartment . . . A career-making story leads a journalist to a human-trafficking ring . . . A woman acts as bait in an effort to track down her missing sister . . . and Anna's visiting cousin Patti prowls New York's dark streets, but won't say why. All roads lead to the Kirkmore, a sinister apartment tower harboring a secret more horrifying than anyone could ever have imagined.

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Kirkus Reviews on A Killing Resurrected



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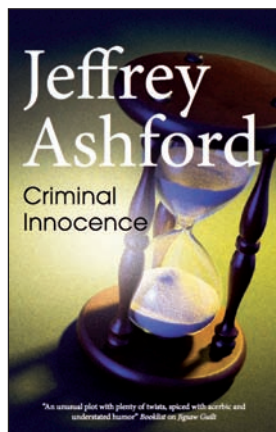
A Killing Resurrected

The new DCI Neil Paget Mystery

When scribbled notes written by Barry Grant, a troubled teenager who committed suicide thirteen years ago, come to light, DCI Paget and DS Tregalles reopen the investigation into a series of robberies that ended with the vicious killing of two people. But just before the house where Barry grew up is due to be searched for clues, an attempt is made to burn it down, and it becomes obvious that someone is dead set against the case ever being solved . . .

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“A definite winner”
Booklist on Criminal Innocence



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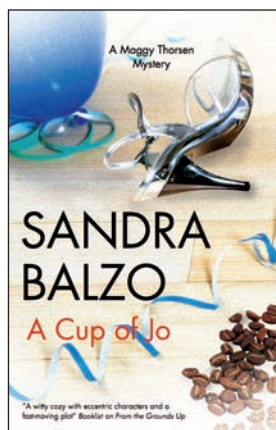
Criminal Innocence

A powerful novel of conscience and morality from a respected crime author

Steven Drury, a reputable barrister, is in the wrong place at the wrong time. Returning to his car after a late-night party, he is knocked to the ground and assaulted. He manages to catch a glimpse of his assailant’s face – enough for him to be able to identify Daniel Fitch in a police line-up. But unluckily for Drury, Fitch was fleeing from a robbery gone wrong, one in which he murdered a jeweller. And Fitch isn’t going down without a fight . . .

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Booklist on A Cup of Jo



Sandra Balzo

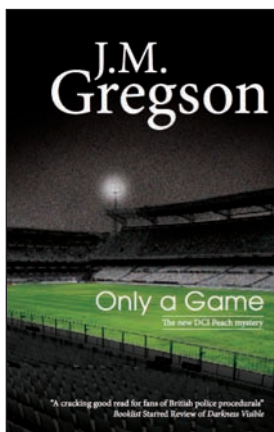
A Cup of Jo

The new ‘Maggy Thorsen’ caffeine cozy

Maggy Thorsen's heart, uncharacteristically, is swelling with optimism. Sure, her original Wisconsin coffeehouse, Uncommon Grounds, was destroyed in a freak blizzard. But, with new business partner Sarah Kingston, she’s found the perfect place to relocate to – a quaint railroad station that will soon be revitalized by a new commuter-rail connection. Sarah and Maggy hope that the station’s ‘Dedication Day’ will provide great free publicity. But their dream turns into a nightmare when the event manager makes her grand appearance on the day: as a corpse . . .

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“Another engaging, cleverly plotted, darkly witty British police procedural from a well-liked and always entertaining author”
Booklist on Only a Game



J.M. Gregson

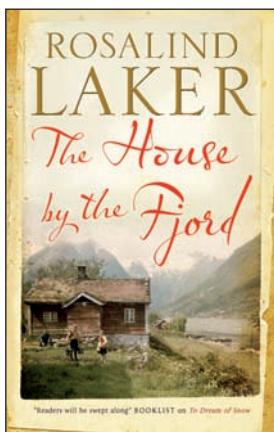
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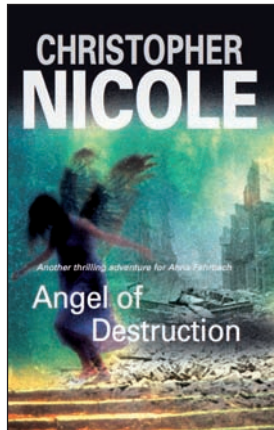
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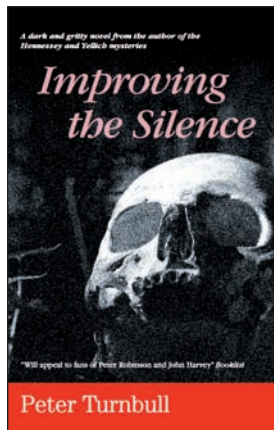
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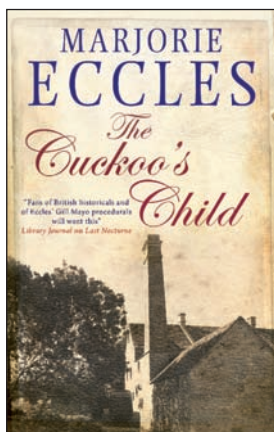
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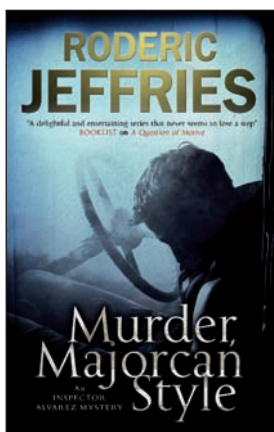
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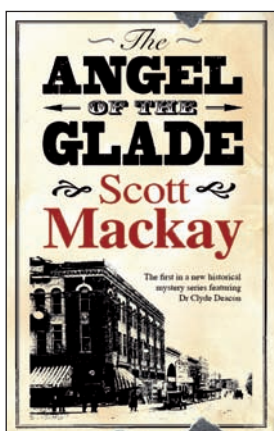
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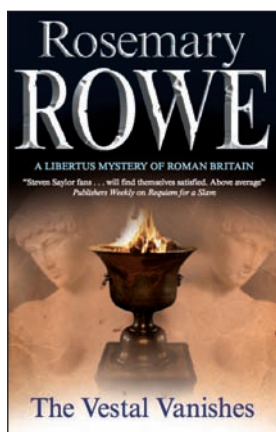
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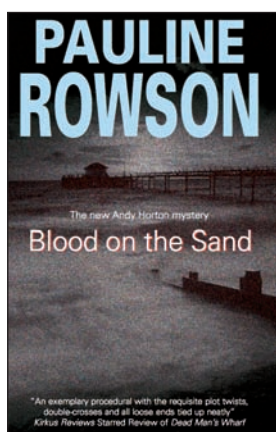
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