

Writers of Canada

COOL CANADIAN CRIME

It was a dark and stormy night. The police were out in full force because of the threat of a serial killer. Bounty hunters from the most low key to the leather jacket and chains variety were salted through the crowd. Ever since millionaire Blackie Connor put a reward out to capture the man who murdered his daughter, every two-bit private eye -- with or without a licence to carry -- was armed to the teeth. I was packing a Smith and Wesson myself and had my grandfather's Bowie knife stuck in the top of my right boot. The medical examiner said the poor girl had been stabbed eighteen times -- once for every year she lived -- with a Ginsu kitchen knife. The behavioral analysts said that the killer was a white male, between the ages of twenty-five and thirty, low self-esteem, and a high IQ. I was in the crime industry. By the time I saw the forensic reports, a woman's DNA was found on the knife. Either BAU team was wrong, or their guy had a partner -- or worse, another serial killer.

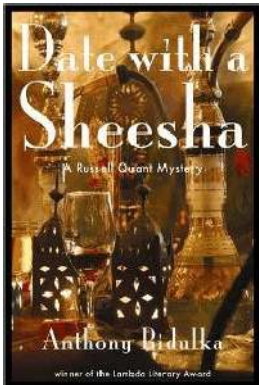
It's a new look for a new decade. CWC is updating its graphic wardrobe with a new twist on the classic themes. It's an evolutionary process as we prepare for an updated website and clean "green" publications. Some of the changes are practical (the old graphics aren't as flexible as they used to be). Other changes have been made to make CCC more reader friendly.

There are many flavours of crime fiction and most readers have their favourite. We asked the authors to designate their books' crime sub-genre. The CCC listings have been divided up accordingly with adult crime fiction sub-genres followed by juvenile, non-fiction and French language.

We welcome feedback and suggestions for improvement.

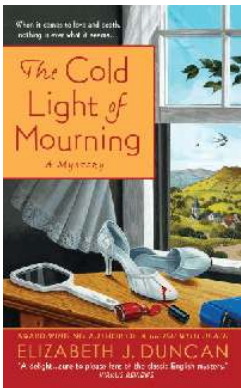


Classic Detective Mystery... on the rocks or with a twist



Author: **Anthony Bidulka**
Title: **Date With a Sheesha: A Russell Quant Mystery**
Publisher: Insomniac Press
Release Date: March, 2010
Format: Trade paperback
Price: \$19.95

From the glitzy, flamboyant Dubai, to the frankincense fields of Oman and scorching sand dunes of Saudi Arabia, PI Russell Quant is on a magical carpet ride that skids to a deadly halt on the frozen surface of a Saskatchewan pond. As Russell's spicy foreign adventure heats up, he learns valuable lessons about love, life, and learning to seize the moment.



Author: **Elizabeth Duncan**
Title: **The Cold Light of Mourning, a Penny Brannigan mystery**
Publisher: Minotaur Books, St. Martin's Press
ISBN: 13:9780312533458
Release Date: June, 2010
Format: Mass market paperback
Price: \$9.99

The picturesque North Wales market town of Llanelen is shocked when a self-made beauty goes missing on her wedding day...and turns up dead. Winner of the 2008 St. Martin's Award for best first novel.

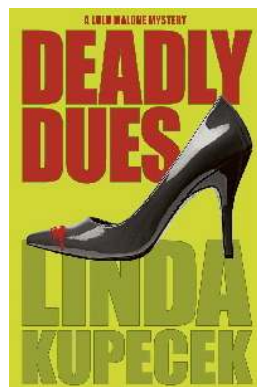


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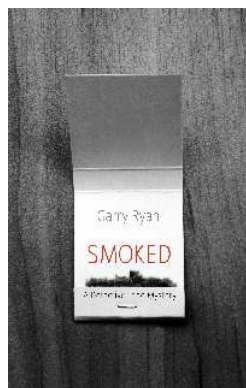
Author: **Anne Emery**
Title: **Children in the Morning**, a Collins-Burke mystery
Publisher: ECW Press
ISBN: 9781550229271
Release Date: May 2010
Format: Hardcover
Price: \$26.95 CDN, \$24.95 US

They made a movie about hotshot lawyer Beau Delaney. Now he's charged with the murder of his wife - mother of their ten children. A tough case for Monty Collins and Father Burke, and for Monty's daughter Normie. We hear the story from two points of view, innocence and experience, Normie and Monty. Who'll be first to uncover the truth?



Author: **Linda Kupecek**
Title: **Deadly Dues**, a Lulu Malone Mystery
Publisher: TouchWood Editions
ISBN: 978-1-894898-98-0
Release Date: February 2010
Format: Trade paperback
Price: \$12.95

When out-of-work television star Lulu Malone finds her union representative stabbed to death, her first instinct is to run. But the exit is crowded with friends and suspects, and Lulu finds herself in the middle of the mystery. *Deadly Dues* is the start of a gutsy new detective series that presents meditations on the life of the artist, in between muggings, murders and mayhem.

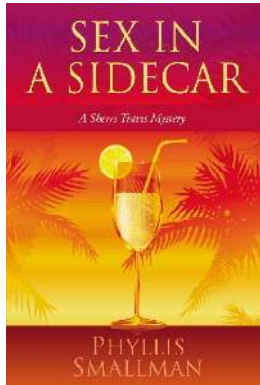


Author: **Garry Ryan**
Title: **Smoked**
Publisher: NeWest Press
ISBN: 13 978-1-897126-62-2
Release Date: May 2010
Format: Trade paperback
Price: \$19.95

When Jennifer Towers, a young professional with a promising career in dentistry, is found dead in a graffiti-tagged dumpster, Detectives Lane and Harper must decipher the tag in order to find its artist—and the victim's killer. *Smoked* is Calgary author Garry Ryan's fourth and darkest mystery novel to date.

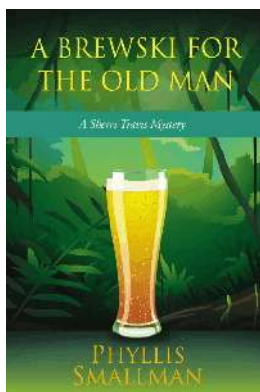


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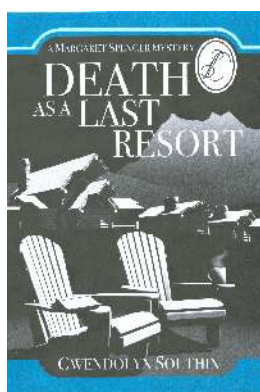
Author: **Phyllis Smallman**
Title: **Sex in a Sidecar**, a Sherri Travis Mystery
Publisher: McArthur & Co.
ISBN: 978 155 278 8318
Release Date: February 2010.
Format: Mass market paperback
Price: \$10.99

At the Bath and Tennis Club, a woman is murdered and a second woman decides to commit suicide by being the next victim. Bartender, Sherri Travis pours the drinks, listens to the stories, and tries to make sense of it all. But her biggest challenge is to escape Cypress Island, alone and on foot, before Hurricane Myrna hits or the murderer can strike again.



Author: **Phyllis Smallman**
Title: **A Brewski for the Old Man**, a Sherri Travis Mystery
Publisher: McArthur & Co.
ISBN: 978 155 278 8363
Release Date: March 2010.
Format: Trade paperback
Price: \$24.95

Secrets have a way of unravelling and sometimes the past doesn't stay dead. Ray John Leenders, the brutal man who tried to rape Sherri Travis when she was thirteen, returns to Jacaranda, living with the single mother of a teenage daughter. And Sherri's father, Tully Jenkins, resurfaces. Memories bring murder and mayhem to paradise.

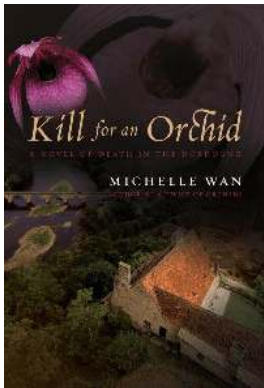


Author: **Gwendolyn Southin**
Title: **Death As A Last Resort**
Publisher: TouchWood Editions
ISBN: 978-1-926741-02-4
Release Date: February 2010
Format: Trade paperback
Price: \$12.95

When Margaret Spencer trips over a frozen body while on a ski date, the Vancouver detective embarks on her toughest case yet. Maggie and partner Nat Southby are on an energetic hunt through Vancouver's East End, to stables in Ladner, to the Sunshine Coast. Their path will awaken stories from the Second World War and expose secrets decades old.



The Cozy ... cuddle up with murder.



Author: **Michelle Wan**
Title: **Kill for an Orchid**, a Novel of Death in the Dordogne
Publisher: Doubleday Canada
ISBN: 978-0-385-66486-8
Release Date: February 2010
Format: Hardcover
Price: \$29.95 CD

Kill for an Orchid brings Mara Dunn and Julian Wood back in a tale spanning two hemispheres and three centuries. Greed, obsession and deadly commercial interests drive this story, and murder stalks the peaceful French countryside and the wild mountains of China.



Historical... vintage, antique and ancient crime

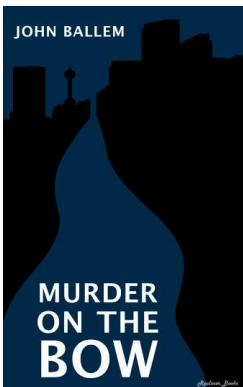


Author: **Vicki Delany**
Title: **Gold Fever: A Klondike Mystery**
Publisher: Rendezvous Crime
ISBN: 978-1926607023
Release Date: April 2010
Format: Trade Paperback
Price: \$18.95

The Klondike Gold Rush: Fiona MacGillivray and the Savoy Dance Hall are busier than ever. There's something familiar about an arrival's accent, and Fiona needs to keep the woman away from her son Angus, but Angus has a better idea. When a dancer is murdered after an altercation with Fiona, the Mounties are determined to get their man – or woman.



Police Procedurals...



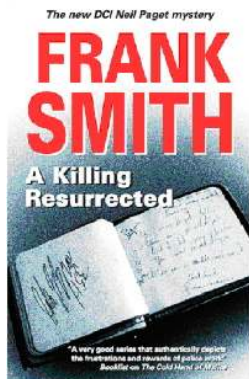
Author: **John Ballem, 1925- 2010**
Title: **Murder on the Bow**
Publisher: Recliner Books
ISBN: 978-0-9813640-2-5
Release Date: April 2010
Format: Mass market paperback
Price: \$14.99

Homicide Detective Chris Crane is back in action and he is busier than ever. This time around his cases bring him from the doors of some of the most powerful people in Calgary to the city's seedy underbelly.

John Ballem, respected author, lawyer and legal scholar, passed away suddenly while editing proof of this, his last novel. 🍀



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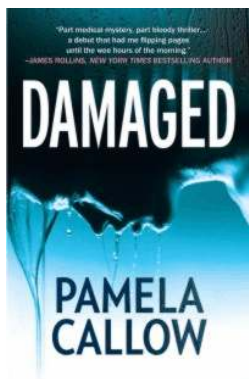


Author: **Frank Smith**
 Title: **A Killing Resurrected**, A DCI Neil Paget Mystery
 Publisher: Severn House Publishers
 ISBN: 978-0727868787
 Release Date: June 2010
 Format: Hardcover
 Price: \$30.11

When, based on new evidence, DCI Paget and his team reopen the investigation into a series of robberies that ended with the brutal killing of two people thirteen years ago, they little know how many more lives may be in jeopardy . . .

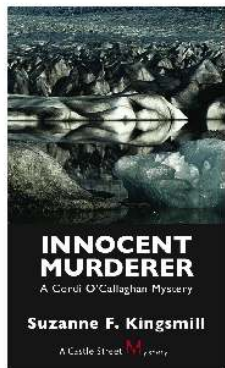


Thrillers: "Where there's smoke..."



Author: **Pamela Callow**
 Title: **Damaged**, Book One of the Kate Lange series
 Publisher: MIRA Books
 ISBN: 978-0-7783-2750-9
 Release Date: June 2010
 Format: Mass market paperback
 Price: \$9.99 CDN, \$7.99 US

Damaged debuts struggling thirty-something lawyer Kate Lange whose career-making case becomes deadly as she uncovers a scam that rocks the foundations of biomedical research -- and puts her in the path of a demented killer. *Indefensible* is the next Kate Lange thriller.

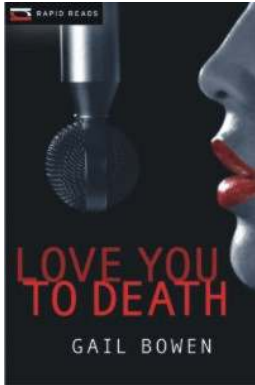


Author: **Suzanne F. Kingsmill**
 Title: **Innocent Murderer**: A Cordi O'Callaghan Mystery
 Publisher: Dundurn Press
 ISBN: 9781554884261
 Release Date: January 2010
 Format: mass market
 Price: \$11.99 (£6.99)

When zoology professor Cordi O'Callaghan accepts an invitation to be a lecturer on an Arctic cruise, she has no idea that she'll become entangled in a series of murders. Being marooned on pack ice, a harrowing trip in an airplane and a hot air balloon, and a mysterious fire all add to the menace that threatens Cordi as she attempts to nail down a killer.

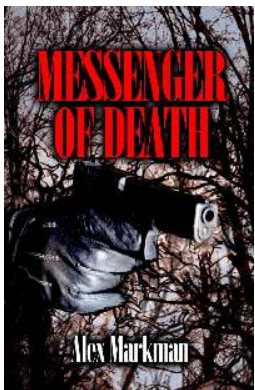


Thrillers: "Where there's smoke..."



Author: **Gail Bowen**
Title: **Love You to Death** (Rapid Reads)
Publisher: Orca Book Publishers
ISBN: 978-1-55469-262-0
Release Date: April 2010
Format: Paperback
Price: \$9.95

Charlie D, host of a successful late-night radio call-in show, has an intimate relationship with his listeners who often reveal much about themselves, confident that he will honour their trust. In their minds, he is perfect: one of life's winners. His easy confidence on-air belies the reality for a man born with a wine-coloured birthmark that covers half his face.



Author: **Alex Markman**
Title: **Messenger of Death**
Publisher: Asteroid Publisher, Inc.
ISBN: 978-0-9811637-9-6
Publication date: May 2010
Format: Hard Cover, Dust Jacket
Price: \$23.95

Messenger of Death takes the reader into the frightening and fascinating world of biker turf wars and encounters with the law. The drama unfolding in the novel conveys the tragedy of love and death of those who live in the underworld and presents a gruesome commentary on the state of North American society where hard drugs have become a lucrative market.

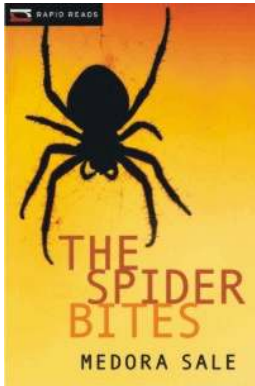


Edited by Lee Child; featuring **Grant McKenzie**
Title: **First Thrills: High-Octane Stories from the Hottest Thriller Authors**
Publisher: Tor/Forge
ISBN: 9780765326485
Release Date: June 2010
Format: Hardcover
Price: \$31.00

New York Times bestselling author Lee Child teams up with the International Thriller Writers for First Thrills, a showcase of bestselling authors as well as rising stars in the genre. Included in this exciting collection is an original short story by Canada's Grant McKenzie. McKenzie's debut thriller, *Switch* is being published by Penguin.

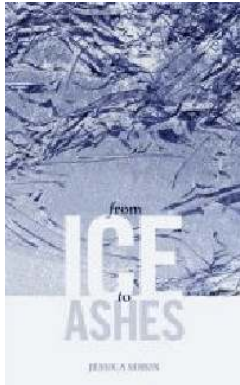


Thrillers: “Where there’s smoke...”



Author: **Medora Sale**
Title: **The Spider Bites** (Rapid Reads)
Publisher: Orca Book Publishers
ISBN: 978-1-55469-282-8
Release Date: April 2010
Format: Paperback
Price: \$9.95

Detective Rick Montoya returns to the city to try to clear his name. He discovers someone is living in his apartment. Before he can find out who, the apartment house goes up in flames. Rick watches as the police remove two bodies. Was the firebombing meant for him? Who was killed in the fire? And why? The questions mount up, along with the suspects.

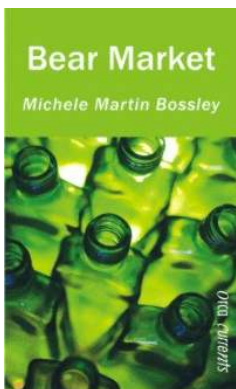


Author: **Jessica Simon**
Title: **From Ice to Ashes**
Publisher: NeWest Press
ISBN: 978-189-7126-479
Publication date: October 2009
Format: Trade paperback
Price: \$19.95

When a terrorist infiltrates the Yukon Arctic Ultra — the world’s toughest human-powered race — it’s up to Auxiliary RCMP Markus Fanger and a young offender to track the menace through the frozen Northland and keep him from his target, Ground-based Missile Defence.



Juvenile Crime: “Suitable for family viewing.”



Author: **Michele Martin Bossley**
Title: **Bear Market** (Orca Currents)
Publisher: Orca Book Publishers
ISBN: 978-1-55469-220-0 (Pb)
ISBN: 978-1-55469-221-7 (Library Edition)
Release Date: March 2010
Price: \$9.95(Pb)/\$16.95 (Library Edition)

While volunteering at the local zoo, Robyn, Nick and Trevor learn that grizzly bears are being poached and their gall bladders removed for use in alternative medicine. Always ready to solve a mystery, the kids set out to find the poachers. The stakes are high and the suspects many, as the kids head into their most dangerous adventure yet.



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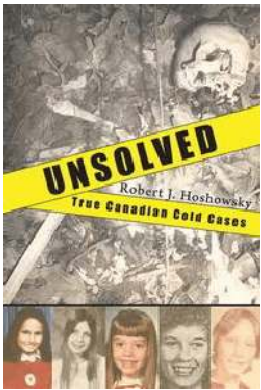


Author: Erin Thomas
Title: Border Patrol (Orca Sports)
Publisher: Orca Book Publishers
ISBN: 978-1-55469-294-1
Release Date: May 2010
Format: Paperback
Price: \$9.95

Ryan spends all his time at the ski hill, volunteering with the Junior Safety Patrol to cover the cost of his lift pass. When his board is stolen, he discovers that his cousin knows more than he should about recent thefts at the resort. Ryan has to choose between career and family, and hope that, for him, doing the right thing will pay off.

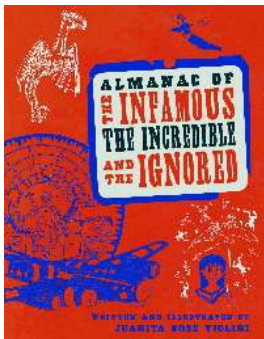


Nonfiction: "Just the facts, ma'am."



Author: **Robert J. Hoshowsky**
Title: **Unsolved: True Canadian Cold Cases**
Publisher: The Dundurn Group
ISBN: 978-1-55488-739-2
Release Date: May 2010
Format: Trade paperback
Price: \$24.99

Despite advances in DNA testing and police investigative skills, hundreds of Canadian crimes remain unsolved. Trails grow cold, and decades can pass before a new lead or witness comes forward. Taking the reader on an odyssey through all aspects of the crimes, Hoshowsky examines 12 open murders and disappearances from 1967 to the present that continue to haunt us still.

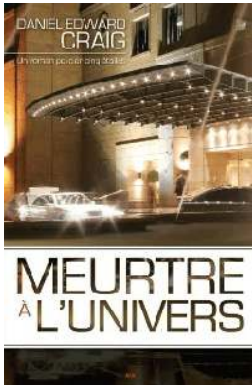


Author: **Juanita Rose Violini**
Title: **Almanac of the Infamous, the Incredible and the Ignored**
Publisher: Weiser Books
ISBN: 978-1-57863-447-7
Release Date: October 2009
Format: Trade paperback
Price: \$24.95

365 days of impossible occurrences, fantastic treasures, and incredible true tales will amaze, confound, and remind us just how mysterious this world really is. A magical daily read.



en français: la passion pour le crime



Author: **Daniel Edward Craig**
Title: **Meurtre à l'Univers: Un roman policier cinq étoiles**
Publisher: Éditions ADA Inc.
ISBN: 978-2-89667-057-4
Release Date: Janvier 2010
Format: Trade paperback
Price: 24,95 \$

Pour le digne directeur de l'hébergement, Trevor Lambert, la vie évolue autour de l'hôtel Univers. Lorsqu'il croise le corps inanimé de son gérant adoré, son petit monde parfait implose. Dans le conflit qui s'ensuit, opposant des clients gâtés, des employés harcelés et des protestataires activistes, Trevor tente de démasquer le meurtrier et de préserver la dignité de l'Univers.



Author: **Daniel Edward Craig**
Title: **Meurtre à l'hôtel Cinéma: Un roman policier cinq étoiles**
Publisher: Éditions ADA Inc.
ISBN: 978-2-89667-035-2
Release Date: Avril 2010
Format: Trade paperback
Price: 24,95 \$

Lorsque la vedette la plus sexy de Tinseltown fasse un plongeon fatal depuis le balcon de sa suite royale, l'hôtel Cinéma devient le cadre d'un roman policier comique. L'hôtelier consciencieux Trevor Lambert est forcé d'entrer dans la lumière pour protéger ses précieux employés et pour découvrir le véritable assassin.

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