

## Blood Secrets

**Author:** Rod Englert with Kathy Passero

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Rod Englert is a 44-year veteran of law enforcement and one of the world's foremost blood-splatter experts. In *Blood Secrets*, he reveals what really happens during the reconstruction of crime scenes.

Englert uses examples from a career filled with homicide cases of the famous and infamous. He shows how blood-splatter analysis is used to determine what type of murder weapon was used – when the body is missing and all that's left is a trace of gore – and which person in a room fired the fatal shot.

From obscure, puzzling murders in remote towns to the highest-profile celebrity trials – including actors OJ Simpson and Robert Blake – Englert discloses comprehensive, never-before-told details.

"This isn't Sherlock Holmes," he says, "where cracking the case is elementary if you do the deductive reasoning ... it's real life, which means it's often messy and usually muddled, but invariably fascinating."

### Murder at Mansfield Park

**Author:** Lynn Shepherd

**Publisher:** Allen & Unwin

**RRP:** \$29.99

Fanny Price was once Jane

Austen's meekest heroine. But at Mansfield Park things have changed. Fanny has become a heartless, scheming minx and also an heiress to an extensive fortune. She and Edmund are betrothed, but do they really love each other?

Henry and Mary Crawford arrive in the country to wreak havoc but Henry is troubled by a suspicious past while Mary becomes an unexpected heroine. Meanwhile, every family member falls under suspicion as tragedy strikes and a race begins to halt a ruthless murderer.

*Murder at Mansfield Park* is a mischievous and clever reimagining of the Austen classic. Reworking the characters and episodes of the original novel with the added attraction of a murder to solve, it is more than just an Austen mash-up but a literary homage for everyone from crime-lovers to Austen fans.

### King of Thieves

**Author:** Adam Shand

**Publisher:** Allen & Unwin

**RRP:** \$32.99

A long time ago, in a faraway land, there reigned a light-fingered king and his Kangaroo Gang...

The Kangaroo Gang was the most successful shoplifting outfit in criminal history and, until now, little more than legend.

A brazen band of Australian misfits, underworld refugees, society bad girls and brilliant thieves, the gang ran riot in London and across Europe throughout the late 1960s for more than a decade.



Pulling off the most daring heists Scotland Yard had ever seen, the Kangaroo Gang operated at a time before closed-circuit television cameras. They elevated shoplifting to an art form practised without guns or violence.

Led with dash by the charismatic "King" Arthur Delaney, the gang targeted the plush emporia of Knightsbridge and the fine jewellers of Mayfair, also criss-crossing Europe to lay siege to the luxury retailers of Paris, Brussels, Rome, and beyond.

Author Adam Shand has interviewed original gang members along with their friends, enemies, colleagues, wives, and lovers; the coppers who hunted them; and even local mafia.

### Snitch

**Author:** As told to Jimmy Thomson

**Publisher:** Allen & Unwin

**RRP:** \$24.99

There was nothing in the Cross "The Inspector" didn't know. He had worked for some of the heaviest crims in Sydney's history and was and still is friends with the Ibrahim

family. He had also, incredibly, been a police informer and helped catch the killers of a police constable as well as politician John Newman's assassin.

*I've been on first-name terms with some of the most notorious criminals in this country and some of the most famous policemen. I have collected money from pimps and gamblers and delivered bribes to corrupt cops. I've been shaken down by dirty cops and I have sat down with others who wouldn't take a bribe if you offered it to them. I have seen violence you wouldn't believe but I've never so much as slapped anyone myself... The royal commission gave me a codename. My friends called me The Inspector.*

True to form, this larger-than-life character walked into the *Underbelly 3* office and offered Executive Producer Des Monaghan the real story. What resulted is this fast and furious journey into Sydney's dark side.

### Appaloosa

**Author:** Robert B Parker

**Publisher:** Atlantic A&U

**RRP:** \$29.99

New Mexico territory, 1882: two itinerant lawmen walk



## Beautiful Malice

**Author:** Rebecca James  
**Publisher:** Allen & Unwin  
**RRP:** \$24.99

"Truth or dare?" she asks. I hesitate. "Truth," I say, finally. "I can imagine one of your dares, and I don't fancy running down Oxford Street naked tonight."

"Truth," says Alice slowly, drawing out the vowel sounds as if she's savouring the word. "Are you sure? Are you sure you can be completely honest?"

"I think so. Try me."  
 "Okay." And then she looks at me curiously.  
 "So. Were you glad, deep down? Were you glad to be rid of her? Your perfect sister? Were you secretly glad when she was killed?"

Katherine has moved away from her shattered family to start afresh in Sydney. There she keeps her head down until she is befriended by the charismatic, party-loving Alice, who brings her out of her shell.

But there is a dark side to Alice, something seductive yet threatening. And, as Katherine learns the truth about Alice, the women's tangled destinies spiral into an explosive and devastating finale.

their horses down the long, shale-scattered slope into the frontier town of Appaloosa.

Below them lies rancher Randall Bragg's new fiefdom. Ever since he gunned down Appaloosa's marshal, Bragg and his men have owned the town, stealing, beating, murdering with impunity – living off it like coyotes feeding off a buffalo carcass.

Summoned by Appaloosa's oppressed aldermen, Virgil Cole and Everett Hitch are here to restore the rule of law. They've done it before and they know what to do only too well: shoot quick, shoot clean, reload.

But they aren't the only new arrivals in town. The enigmatic Mrs Allison French has stepped off the train with only a dollar to her name, a keen sense of survival, and a good eye for a strong man.

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### Mademoiselle Chambon (M)

This romantic drama is a touching portrait of two adults fighting to contain their carnal passions from spilling over into a full-blown affair.

Jean leads an ordinary life, happily spending his days between his construction sites and his house, with his loving wife and son, Kevin. One day, as he picks up Kevin from school, he stumbles upon Mademoiselle Chambon, his son's teacher.

She is discreet, elegant, mesmerizing, unlike any woman he has ever known. This chance encounter will be a turning point in his well-organized life. But is this an opportunity to change or a folly to regret? Season commences June 10.



### Mother and Child

Starring Naomi Watts, Annette Bening, Samuel L. Jackson, Kerry Washington, *Mother and Child* is a drama about three women whose paths will cross and change them forever.

Karen (Bening) is a reserved 50-year-old nurse, who was forced to give up her daughter, Elizabeth (Watts), for adoption 35 years ago. The daughter has grown into a single-minded career woman; and Lucy (Washington) is desperate to adopt a child of her own.

A moving tale about forgiveness, the choices we make, the chances we miss, the opportunities we seize and the power of the unbreakable bond between a mother and child. Season commences June 17.

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