

PUBLISHERS WEEKLY
BEST SELLERS

HARDCOVER FICTION

1. "5th Horseman" by James Patterson and Maxine Paetro (Little, Brown)
2. "Cell: A Novel" by Stephen King (Scribner)
3. "The Da Vinci Code" by Dan Brown (Doubleday)
4. "The Last Templar" by Raymond Khoury (Dutton Adult)
5. "Sea Change" by Robert B. Parker (Putnam Adult)
6. "In the Company of the Courtesan" by Sarah Dunant (Random House)
7. "Lovers & Players" by Jackie Collins (St. Martin's Press)
8. "Memory In Death" by Nora Roberts writing as J.D. Robb (Putnam)
9. "Star Wars Outbound Flight" by Timothy Zahn (Del Rey)
10. "Mary, Mary" by James Patterson (Little, Brown)

NONFICTION/GENERAL

1. "Marley and Me" by John Grogan (Morrow)
2. "The World Is Flat: A Brief History of the Twenty-first Century" by Thomas L. Friedman (Farrar, Straus & Giroux)
3. "Freakonomics" by Steven D. Levitt, Stephen J. Dubner (William Morrow)
4. "You're Wearing That?: Understanding Mothers and Daughters in Conversation" by Deborah Tannen (Random House)
5. "Manhunt: The 12-Day Chase for Lincoln's Killer" by James L. Swanson (William Morrow)
6. "If You Could See What I See" by Sylvia Brown (Hay House)
7. "Jim Cramer's Real Money" by James J. Cramer (Simon & Schuster)
8. "The Year of Magical Thinking" by Joan Didion (Knopf)
9. "Love Smart" by Phil McGraw (Free Press)
10. "Natural Cures 'They' Don't Want You to Know About" by Kevin Trudeau (Alliance Publishing)

• **Financial**

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should you die.
A will that spells out your plans goes double in these days of multiple marriages, blended families and couples cohabiting without clergy.
Gerald and Jeffrey Condon of Santa Monica, Calif., are father-son lawyers who authored "Beyond the Grave" to help clients deal with inheritance issues.
They warn that family loyalty can fly out the window when surviving spouses and children squabble over money upon death.
They note that can happen even when parents and grandparents are scrupulous about fair treatment of heirs.
Insurance policies, 401(k) plans and Individual Retirement Accounts get inherited by the designated beneficiary, who may or may not be a spouse, and must be updated to account for changes in marital status and family membership.
Federal law does offer some protections. Former spouses, for instance, get 50 percent of the Social Security benefits the ex built up during their marriage if the couple were married at least 10 years.

BOOK REVIEWS

Plethora of mysteries

New books take murder from grapes to graves

By **RON BERTHEL**
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Grapes prove wrathful in two new mysteries in which visitors to vineyards end up in graveyards.

In "Grape Expectations" (New American Library), the 14th in Tamar Myers' series featuring innkeeper and amateur sleuth Magdalena Yoder, the manager of a vineyard who turned to winemaking — a no-no in the Menonite town of Hernia, Pa. — is found encased in a building's concrete foundation.

A professor visiting Crozet, Va., to examine its vineyards is only the first murder victim in "Sour Puss" (Bantam), Rita Mae Brown's 14th book about the crime-solving exploits of former post-mistress "Harry" Haristeen and her three four-legged friends, including her cat, Mrs. Murphy.

These two "vintage" tales are among the latest hardcover novels of mystery and suspense, which include books by James Patterson, Robert B. Parker, Martha Grimes, M.C. Beaton and others.

Patterson's fifth novel about The Women's Murder Club — it investigates murders, not commits them — is "The 5th Horseman" (Little, Brown), written with Maxine Paetro.

A class-action suit against a prestigious San Francisco hospital follows the mysterious deaths of several patients about to be discharged. Club members led by police Lt. Lindsay Boxer try to determine whether the deaths were coincidental or the work of a serial killer within the hospital.

Also fifth in a series is Parker's "Sea Change" (Putnam), featuring Jesse Stone, chief of police in Paradise, Mass.

The partially decomposed body of Florence Horvath, an heiress from Florida who owes her fame in large part to her large part in a steamy video, washes ashore and Stone seeks clues from a yacht crew visiting from Florida, the victim's twin sisters and her inexplicably unconcerned parents.

Being on suspension doesn't keep Scotland Yard's Richard Jury from appearing in his 20th book, Grimes' "The Old Wine Shades" (Viking).

In a London pub, Jury meets a stranger with a strange story and a dog. Jury's new acquaintance tells him about a friend who was committed to a mental hospital after his wife, son and dog vanished.

Nine months and no clues later, the dog has returned, alone. Suspension notwithstanding, Jury can't resist looking into the mystery.

A harsh winter had frozen the crime rate in the north of Scotland, but

spring brings a thaw in "Death of a Dreamer" (Mysterious Press), Beaton's 21st book about Constable Hamish Macbeth.

The body of artist Effie Garrard, a newcomer to Lochdubh, is found in her cottage high in the hills.

The official cause of death is suicide, but Macbeth thinks otherwise, especially when another mysterious and seemingly related death occurs.

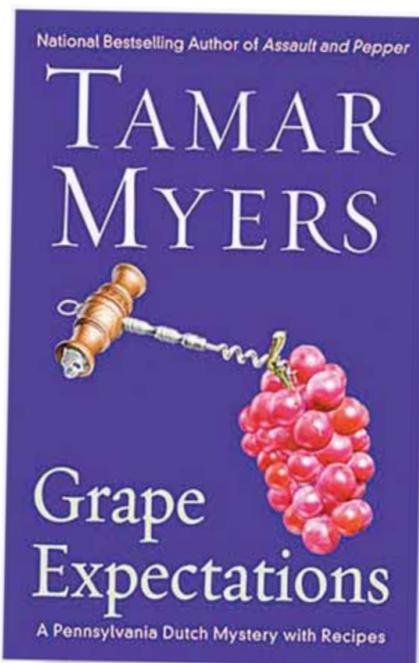
Chicago toddles with crime in "Irish Crystal" (Forge), Andrew M. Greeley's ninth outing for Nuala Anne McGrail, the singer and pre-scient amateur sleuth, whose nightmare is soon followed by an explosion on the riverfront; and in "Terror Town" (Forge), Stuart M. Kaminsky's ninth book featuring veteran police detective Abe Lieberman, whose busy day

includes investigating the murder of a single mother on the rough South Side.

In "Aunt Dimity and the Deep Blue Sea" (Viking), Nancy Atherton offers her 11th book about the spirit detective who helps from beyond with "ghostwritten" messages when death threats plague the family of a prominent

London attorney. Attorney Ben Kincaid defends a U.S. senator whose young intern and sex-scandal partner is found stabbed to death in "Capitol Murder" (Ballantine), William Bernhardt's 14th in the series.

It's 1903 in "Death on the Lizard" (Berkley Prime Crime) by Robin Paige, in which murder, theft and sabotage strike the Marconi tele-



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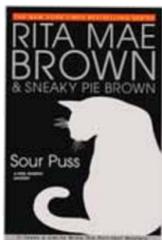
graph station in Cornwall, England; and it's 2040 in the Islamic Republic — the former U.S. — where a desperate search is on for a missing historian who uncovered highly sensitive information in "Prayers for the Assassin" (Scribner) by Robert Ferrigno.

Reconciliation won't occur in "The Two Minute Rule" (Simon & Schuster), Robert Crais' story about a former bank robber looking for the murderer of his estranged son, a Los Angeles police officer; nor in "The Fallen" (William Morrow) by T. Jefferson Parker, in which a San Diego homicide detective investigates the murder of a former colleague who was about to get back with his estranged wife.

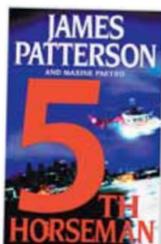
Vanishing acts occur in "Pursuit" (Henry Holt), Luiz Alfredo Garcia-Roza's fifth book featuring Rio de Janeiro's Inspector Espinosa, in which a psychiatrist's daughter disappears; and in "Gone" (Bantam) by Lisa Gardner, about a private eye whose wife disappears after abandoning her car on a desolate Oregon highway.

In "The Templar Legacy" (Ballantine) by Steve Berry, a retired U.S. Justice Department operative helps his former supervisor as she searches throughout Europe for treasure thought to have been hidden by the Knights Templar, who were eradicated in the 14th century.

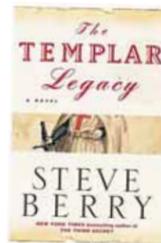
A teacher is nearly eradicated by a classroom explosion, one of several pre-Halloween pranks occurring in "A Hole in Juan" (Ballantine), Gillian Roberts' latest book about Amanda Pepper, Philadelphia English teacher and amateur sleuth.



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Ice: It's not just for tea, you know

By **RANDOLPH E. SCHMID**
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Ice. It cools a refreshing drink. It slicks the winter streets and walks. It smooths the way for figure skaters and hockey players.

What else is there to know?

Plenty!
In "Ice," Mariana Gosnell does a thorough and fascinating job of detailing the amazing history, uses and science of this substance.

Lost in the winter woods with no source of warmth? Gosnell recalls whaling captain William Scoresby who, during a trip to Greenland in 1822, polished ice into an optical lens he used to focus sunlight to start a fire and even light a sailor's pipe.

To polar bears, she observes, ice is home. Indeed, some bears may never touch land, using ice as a platform to hunt and to walk long distances in search of seals for food.

"They sleep on ice, play on ice, fight on ice, mate on ice and often den on ice," Gosnell writes. But some ice is better than other ice, she notes.

Their favorite is first-year ice near coastlines, which is thin enough for seals to break through and which is cracked by currents, good for hunting.

Ice is important to people, too, she observes. Newfoundlanders have more than 15 names for it, including "sish," new, very thin ice; "ballycatters," heavy shore ice; and "conkerbills," aka icicles.

In the 1800s, ice was a major source of income for New Englanders. Cut from lakes and stored, it was shipped to the American South, the West Indies, Cuba, Jamaica, Brazil and even as far as India.

Indeed, for years ice was second only to cotton among U.S. products shipped by trains and ships. Then refrigerators were invented.

Nevertheless, watching ice form on a lake can still be a fascinating event, as Gosnell relates in a volume sprinkled with quotations, poetry and ice observations through the years.



Mariana Gosnell is author of "Ice: The Nature, the History, and the Uses of an Astonishing Substance." Newfoundlanders have more than 15 names for ice.

Mt. Auburn Christian Children's Ministry annual
OPEN HOUSE
Tuesday, March 7th, 2006
6:30 to 8:00 pm

Registration is open for children six weeks old to 11 years old. We provide transportation to the following schools: Center Grove Schools, Sawmill Woods, Break-O-Day & Whiteland Elementary. We also offer 3's and 4's Preschool, Pre-Kindergarten and Full Day Kindergarten. Registration fees will be waived during Open House Night.

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Annual Open House
SUMMER CAMP
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