



OUTBREAK

by Robin Cook

Dr. Marissa Blumenthal is delighted with her new post as a medical officer investigating epidemic outbreaks at the Centers for Disease Control, in Atlanta. Her first task, however, is a daunting and terrifying one: to find the source of a deadly, highly contagious virus which is striking hospitals all over the country.

As Marissa sets out to track the virus down, she finds her work being mysteriously hampered from the start, and soon her investigations are taking increasingly bizarre turns. Slowly she realizes that behind the killer disease is an even more frightening force, which intends to keep her silent.

Tense medical drama from one of the acclaimed masters of the genre.



THE COLLABORATORS

by Reginald Hill

Abwehr officer Günter Mai has arrived in Paris with the German army of occupation. His job: to find informers, French citizens willing to collaborate. Like amiable Miche Boucher, eager to make a living; Maurice Melchior, a flamboyant homosexual and Jew who needs protection at any price; or the Croiziers, simple folk who just want to keep their *boulangerie* in business. Then Mai meets Janine Simonian, desperate for news of her missing husband, and sees in her a potential agent. But as trust grows between them, the German finds his duty and his feelings in conflict.

A powerful novel about divided loyalties, and the courage and love which outlive them.



A BOY CALLED BRACKEN

by Elizabeth Webster

Jake Farrant is a high-powered Fleet Street journalist. When he learns that he has only months to live, he retreats to the Gloucestershire countryside, determined to spend the rest of his time in solitude. Instead he meets Bracken, a beguiling gipsy boy whose affinity with nature has made him wise beyond his years.

With Bracken as his guide, Jake learns to appreciate and help the creatures around him: an injured kestrel; an orphaned badger cub. Before long, Bracken's infectious and simple joy rubs off on the tired newspaperman, and he finds a contentment he's never known before.

This radiant novel celebrates life—and nature—in all its seasons.



THE CHURCHILL DIAMONDS

by Bob Langley

When the legendary Churchill Diamonds are stolen from the Coffey Foundation's vaults, Thomas Kengle, president of the multimillion pound business empire, is mystified. Who would want to steal a collection of diamonds so famous that it is unsalable? Kengle turns to the one woman who may know the answer. She has a fascinating story to tell. It began back in 1898, when a handsome cavalry lieutenant rode out across the sun-baked Sudanese desert to rescue her mother from the hands of barbarous savages—and stumbled across a bag of shiny, rough-hewn stones . . .

A lively tale of hair-raising adventure and stirring romance.