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Happy Christmas

May you all enjoy a safe, happy and holy Christmas. Thanks for all your support throughout the past year. The good news is, we have plenty of great holiday reading for you.



Fiona McIntosh Signing

Following the success of her last signing at Infinitas, Fiona will be joining us again on **Saturday, December 4th at 2pm**. *Bridge of Souls*, is the final book of the *Quickening* and is available now in paperback. The previous books, *Myrren's Gift* and *Blood and*

Memory are both consistently popular sellers. *Guild members who purchase any of Fiona's books at the signing will earn double reward points for those books.*

Featured Releases

Revelation Space

There is a new novel in the Revelation Space universe. Alistair Reynolds writes well conceived hard core highbrow science fiction. Mix thriller, space opera, nanotechnology, genetics, a fertile imagination and skilled storytelling. I love his sentient spacesuits, spaceships internally cleaned by mucus flows, cynical old soldiers and freedom fighters politically subverted by the establishment. He now gives us a noir thriller set in the Revelation Space universe. See inside for more...

Starfist

For those who enjoy a well done pulpy military SF read, the 9th book in the ever popular Starfist sequence is available in paperback this month. The authors Dan Cragg and David Sherman are ex soldiers and try hard to get the tactics realistic. Great holiday reading. More details inside...

Tad Williams

Tad Williams's new novel *Shadowmarch* is out in a choice of 3 formats to please fans.

Janny Wurts

Traitor's Knot, *The Wars of Light and Shadow* Volume 7, Fourth Book of *The Alliance of Light* - the gripping penultimate instalment of *The Alliance of Light* is now available in trade paperback and hardcover.

Recent Signing

Fantasy author **Cecelia Dart-Thornton** visited Infinitas Thursday evening 25-11-04. Several people brought books in from home or purchased them for her to sign. Thanks to Anyez and Pan Macmillan for support. We still have a limited number of signed copies of *The Iron Tree* available for those who missed her. This is the first in her new trilogy *The Crowthistle Chronicles*.



Author signings are good fun. Come along to add value to your book collection, meet people who make a living out of books, to ask the author questions, or to just enjoy yourself. Infinitas is proud to support local authors.

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Expect to see these books out this month. Please give us a call if you are waiting for something specific and we will let you know the date the publishers have given for release, and when we expect to have it in-store. If you are really keen, order now, and we will let you know when your copy arrives. (Please note, we make this list for your information and do not automatically order all new releases.)

Prices include GST and are correct at time of printing but may change without notice.

Legend: PB = paperback, HC = hardcover, TP = trade paperback, Cass = cassette, CD = CD, GN = Graphic Novel

Science Fiction, Fantasy and Horror

Catherine Asaro

Schism

An estrangement between young Sauscony and her father threatens to tear apart the Skolian Empire when it initiates the war between Skolia and the Aristo Traders. **HC \$52.95**

James Axler

Uluru Destiny

In order to save humanity from being besieged by unimaginable evil, Kane and his band of rebels infiltrate the realm of an indestructible god-king who is planning to invade the sacred territory at Uluru and destroy its aboriginals who possess a great power. **PB \$16.95**

Kage Baker

The Life of the World to Come

Sent 150,000 years back in time from the twenty-fourth century as punishment for avenging the death of her lover, botanist and artifact preservationist Mendoza pines for her lost love and tends her garden, until a familiar time-traveling renegade arrives. **HC \$52.95**

Bruce Balfour

Prometheus Road

Unable to resist temptation, Tom journeys into the forbidden zones near the sunken city, bringing down the wrath of the gods, which forces him to travel down a mystical pathway called Prometheus Road, where he must fight for his survival against the artificial intelligences who control humanity. **PB \$17.95**

John Barnes

Gaudeamus

A science-fiction writer documents the bizarre experiences of his industrial spy college roommate, which involve a twice-stolen time-travel machine, a prostitute who deals telepathy drugs, and clown suit-wearing scientists who pilot a flying saucer. **HC \$51.95**

Stephen Baxter

Exultant

Set 25,000 years from now Exultant takes mankind into a millennial war for the control of the galaxy itself. A war against the unknowable, utterly alien Xeelee. Now the war has reached the galaxy's hot core, the Xeelee stronghold, and, impossibly, it seems that a final victory may be at hand. It is a victory that will rely on mankind's latest warriors. In a war for survival you are expected to live bravely and die young for the good of the greater. A massive selective breeding campaign has led to the best solution - child soldiers. But the Xeelee predate man by millions of years and they will not be easily beaten.

US HC \$52.95 UK HC \$55.00 TP \$32.95

Greg Bear

Dead Lines

Ring, ring. You're dead. Peter Russell lost a daughter to a serial killer. His marriage was the next casualty. Now he gets by as Mr Fixit for a film millionaire with a young wife on a big Hollywood estate infamous for its association with a historical scandal. The millionaire invests in a new kind of phone, the Trans. The

problem with the Trans is that not only can you talk to your friends on it, you can also talk to the dead - though that wasn't part of the design spec. The Trans accesses forbidden channels. It has disrupted the exit routines of the recently dead to wherever they should have gone. At first, Russell is only haunted by his dead daughter. Now there are phantoms everywhere. Many are ghosts of the living, people with nothing inside them, called wraiths. A cascade of transgression and murder is unleashed as sales of the Trans take off. Harried near to death himself by his murdered child, Russell must find out who killed her and find a way to put an end to it all, if it kills him. **PB \$18.95**

Alfred Bester

The Deceivers

When his lover is kidnapped by the evil Duke of Death, Rogue Winter, King of the Maori Commandos searches the solar system for her and uncovers evidence of an unlimited energy source in the underground torture chambers of Triton. **PB \$17.95**

Terry Brooks

The Voyage of Jerle Shannara Trilogy

PB \$34.95

Mark Budz

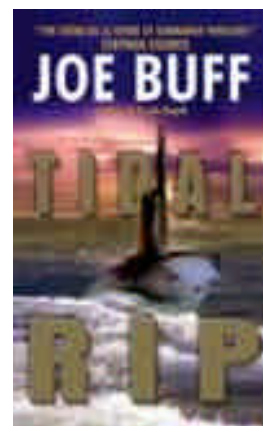
Crache

A survivor of an ecotecture disaster on the Mymercia asteroid, Fola Hanai races against time to stop a catastrophic biosystem failure before the entire population of Mymercia is killed, while a dangerous ultimate virus threatens to engulf the entire system on this post-ecocaust world. **PB \$17.95**

Joe Buff

Tidal Rip

Commander Fuller has distinguished himself in battle, becoming one of America's most inspirational heroes in its war with the Berlin-Boer Axis. But this time, Fuller is given an impossible mission. With the war hanging in the balance, Fuller must accomplish the impossible, or he will lose not only his life, but the war itself. Buff writes great near future alternate history, submarine warfare techno thrillers. **PB \$18.95**



Jacqueline Carey

Banewrecker

Hated by humans who believe him to be responsible for a war between the gods, the proud Satoris orders former mortal soldier Tanaros Blacksword to prevent an unfavorable prophecy from being fulfilled by capturing the Lady of the Ellylon and thwarting her alliance with the High King of Men. By the author of Kushiel's Avatar. **HC \$56.95**

Donn Cortez

The Closer

A dark terrifying psychological page turner featuring a vigilante serial killer. **PB \$16.95**

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Albert E Cowdrey*Crux*

Centuries after the human race is decimated by conflicts, a group of malcontents captures a time-travel device as part of a plot to assassinate a key historical figure, forcing security timesurfer Hastings Maks to make difficult ethical choices while protecting the timeline. **HC \$51.95**

Dan Cragg & David Sherman*Lazarus Rising*

Returning home after a victory against the alien race that would invade their home planet, the Marines of Company L's decimated third platoon find that their fractured government has been replaced by a ruthless new regime, a situation that is complicated by the appearance of an amnesiac war survivor. **PB \$17.95**

**Michael Crichton***State of Fear***TP \$29.95****Clive Cussler***Black Wind*

In the waning days of World War II, the Japanese tried a last desperate measure - two submarines bound for the west coast of the United States, their cargo a revolutionary new strain of biological virus. Neither sub made it to the designated target. Someone knows about the subs and what they carried, knows too where they might be, and has an extraordinary plan in for the prize inside. All that stands in the way are three people: a marine biologist named Summer, a marine engineer named Dirk, and their father, Dirk Pitt, the new head of NUMA. **HC \$49.95**

Bill DeSmedt*Singularity*

Jonathan Knox's knack for intuiting hidden relationships among seemingly isolated events serves his Fortune-500 clients well, but when federal agent Marianna Bonaventure blackmails him into helping her, Knox's talent is put to the ultimate test. Bonaventure is investigating a Russian industrialist suspected of trading in WMD research, but together they uncover something far more chilling: an attempt to capture a microscopic black hole and harness its awesome power to transform the world -- or end it! **HC \$52.95**

Philip K Dick*The Simulacra*

A few years from now the President of the USA will be an android and his entire government a fraud. Everyone in the country is maladjusted. Doesn't seem possible, does it? Welcome to the world of Dr. Superb, the sole remaining psychotherapist. **PB \$19.95**

Carole Nelson Douglas*Spider Dance*

In a sequel to *Femme Fatale*, diva-turned-detective Irene Adler, accompanied by her

faithful chronicler Nell, daredevil reporter Nellie Bly, and master sleuth Sherlock Holmes, works to outmaneuver her enemies and learn the truth about her secret birth, a mystery with ties to the California Gold Rush and a notorious woman. **HC \$51.95**

Femme Fatale

After being warned that her mother has become the target of an assassin, American diva-turned-detective Irene Adler heads for New York City, where she finds herself investigating a series of bizarre killings while trying to find her long-lost mother, unaware that intrepid journalist Nelly Bly has enlisted the aid of master sleuth Sherlock Holmes to uncover the truth about Adler's past. **PB \$19.95**

Ty Drago*Phobos*

In the wake of the political upheaval that followed his rescue of a Terran official from an extremist plot, Lieutenant Mike Brogue is sent to one of the small moons of Mars to help discover what has been killing people at the research station on Phobos. **PB \$19.95**

David Drake*Goddess of the Ice Realm*

The destiny of Garric and Sharina, Cashel and Ina is to reunite the island kingdoms of the Isles into one empire for the first time in a millennium. They seek to do this at a moment in history when the cosmic forces upon which magicians draw are at a thousand year peak. Wizards of even small learning are immensely powerful. Human greed and evil are reinforced by supernatural energies. In *Goddess of the Ice Realm*, Garric and his retinue reach the island city of Carcosa. Ina and her beloved, Chalcus, are sent to investigate a magical threat to shipping in the north. Cashel is translated into another world by evil magic, and Sharina to yet another. All of them face deadly dangers. And their world teeters on the brink. **PB \$18.95**

David Drake*The Far Side of the Stars*

In the wake of the peace accord between the Republic of Cinnabar and the Alliance, former warriors Lt. Daniel Leary and Signals Officer Adele Mundy make a living escorting wealthy nobles on an expedition to a remote section of the universe and find themselves taking on winged dragons, jealous lovers, an enigmatic oracle, and a deadly Alliance conspiracy. **PB \$19.95**

Jennifer Fallon (Australian author)*Warrior*

Marla Wolfblade is effectively ruling Hythria in her brother's name. The country is stable, there is peace and prosperity, and even her nemesis, Alija Eaglespike, High Arrior of the Sorcerers Collective, appears to have given up on her attempts to have her own husband elevated to the throne. Marla's problems involve deciding who will be given the honour of fostering her son, Damin; arranging marriages for her stepchildren; and finding something useful to do with her fractious and rebellious daughter, Kalan. Then the problems really start. Marla brings into the family the orphaned daughter of her third husband, Luciena Mariner, who carries a deadly secret.

Meanwhile, Brakandaran the Halfbreed arrives, determined to rescue a child with magical ability from Fardohnya. And in Fardohnya, King Hablet waits and plots to put an end to the Wolfblade line. But the real danger to Marla lies in the heart of her family. **PB \$18.95**

Arnie Fenner & Cathy Fenner*Spectrum 11*

A beautifully illustrated compendium of the best fantasy, science fiction, horror, and comic art from last year covers a wide range of work and artists. **TP \$57.95**

Alan Dean Foster*Sliding Scales*

A supposed vacation for Phillip "Flinx" Lynx, a young man with uncanny talents, and his mini-dragon protector, Pip, turns deadly when his supposed time of relaxation, reflection, and rest from his last dangerous adventure is turned upside down by all-new trouble. **HC \$51.95**

Spellsinger

Jonathan-Thomas Meriweather, a graduate student, part-time janitor, and would-be rock guitarist, is transported to a fantastical world, populated by sentient animals, to help the tortoise wizard Clothahump defeat the evil raiders that destroyed the town of Pelligrew, in the first volume in the classic fantasy series. **PB \$17.95**

Robin Furth*Stephen King's Dark Tower:**A Concordance Volume II* **HC \$54.95****R Patrick Gates***The Prison*

Correctional officer Tim Stage, working in the East Gardener Correction Institute known as "The Hill," which was once the site of an insane asylum, is faced with unimaginable horror when the vengeful spirits of former mental patients take over the bodies of the prisoners. **PB \$15.95**

Michael Gerber*Barry Trotter & the Dead Horse*

Barry Trotter is pretty disreputable and unpleasant. And he smells. Imagine what he was like when he was a kid. Well, imagine no longer! Due to the arrival of an unexpected tax bill on the author's doormat and a completely absurd plot device, now you can meet Barry and all the rest when they were still spot-ravaged, hyperactive newcomers at Hogwash. **HC \$19.95**

William Gibson*Neuromancer*

Case, a burned-out computer whiz, is asked to steal a security code that is locked in the most heavily guarded databank in the solar system, in a special twentieth anniversary edition of the influential novel. **HC \$51.95**

Steven Gould*Reflex*

Davy, who uses his teleportation abilities in government cases, is taken captive by a mysterious group of people who set about brainwashing him to harness his powers for their own purposes, a situation that forces Davy's teleportation-capable wife, Millie, to secure his rescue. **HC \$51.95**

Susan Grant*The Scarlet Empress*

U.S.A.F. fighter pilot Cameron "Scarlet" Tucker awakens from biostasis in the year 2176, where she finds herself in the very capable hands of Prince Kyber, while trying to locate her best friend Banzai Maguire and stop a world revolution. **PB \$17.95**

Laurell K Hamilton*Incubus Dreams*

In her role as consort of Jean-Claude, the seductive Master Vampire of the City, Anita Blake is faced with a dangerous conflict of interest, and her struggle to control her fierce desires, when she is called in to assist with the search for a vampire serial killer preying on strippers. **TP \$29.95**

Steven Harper*Offspring*

When Bellerophon, a beautiful forest planet rife with psychics known as the Silent, comes under attack by its political enemies, Kendi Weaver, along with a small group of the Silent, must save the Dream from being destroyed. **PB \$18.95**

James A Hetley*The Summer Country*

Growing up poor in Naskeag Falls, Maine, Maureen Pierce finds her life transformed forever by an encounter with Brian Albion, who claims that she has inherited a blood legacy with ties to the fantastical world of Merlin and Mordred. **PB \$16.95**

Tom Holt*Tall Stories*

Omnibus of Expecting Someone Taller and Ye Gods **PB \$26.95**

Saints & Sinners

Omnibus of Paint you Dragon and Open Sesame **PB \$26.95**

Robert E Howard*Bloody Crown of Conan*

A second collection of sword and sorcery tales featuring Conan the Cimmerian continues the fantasy adventures of the sword-wielding warrior, barbarian, and king, in an illustrated volume. **TP \$32.95**

John Howe

Myth and Magic Poster Collection **\$35.95**

Sarah A Hoyt*Any Man So Daring*

PB \$16.95

Matthew Hughes*Black Brillion: A Novel of the Archonate*

Working against each other within the city-states of Old Earth, security serviceman Baro Harkless and hedonistic swindler Luff Imbry forge an uneasy truce in their shared goal of capturing con man Horselan Gebbling, who is posing as a religious healer. **HC \$49.95**

Conn Iggulden*Emperor: The Field of Swords*

Following the defeat of the Spartacus rebellion, Julius Caesar and Marcus Brutus return to challenge powerful senators to become one of the Consuls of Rome. Political opposition, family quarrels, armed rebellions and corruption make this a highly contemporary

scene, fuelled by the intrigue of the major characters, who are now developing as full adults. to Caesar and Marcus Brutus. They must decide whether to cross the Rubicon – together or singly – and to take the fight to Rome itself. **TP \$29.95**

Gwyneth Jones*Life*

A fictional biography of the brilliant Anna Senoz, a scientist who makes a momentous discovery about the X and Y chromosomes. Her discovery provokes widespread sexual rage and impacts cruelly on her career, her marriage, and her child. Ultimately, Anna faces a challenge that the practice of science alone cannot meet. **TP \$38.95**

Paul Kearney*Mark of Ran*

The world is dying, forsaken by its Creator. Man schemes and plots and makes wars across it, forgetting that this turning earth does not belong to mankind alone. Another race once dwelled here. Some think they were the last of the Angels, banished to this world for a forgotten crime; others that they were demons imprisoned here by a disgusted Creator. Rol Cortishane's quiet life is about to come to an end, for in his family runs the blood of this Elder race. Driven from his home, he seeks refuge in the ancient tower of Michal Psellos, where he is trained to be a killer of men, an assassin without pity. His tutor in murder is the beautiful and deadly Rowen, whom he loves without hope. **TP \$39.95**

Greg Keyes*A Calculus of Angels*

1722: A second Dark Age looms after the devastating impact of an asteroid, unnaturally drawn to Earth by dire creatures who plot against the world of men. Sir Isaac Newton and his young apprentice, Benjamin Franklin, have taken refuge in ancient Prague, seeking the secrets of aetheric beings whose vast powers and new sciences have so nearly destroyed humanity. But their safety is tenuous, as Peter the Great marches his unstoppable forces across Europe. Half a world away, Blackbeard the pirate leads a party of colonial luminaries back across the Atlantic to discover what has befallen the Old World. **PB \$19.95**

Stephen King*Wolves of the Calla*

In the fertile lands of the East, the farming community has been warned the wolves are coming back. Four gunslingers, led by Roland of Gilead, are also coming their way. And the farmers of the Calla want to enlist some hard calibers. **TP \$39.95**

Dean Koontz*Life Expectancy*

Jimmy Tock comes into the world on the very night his grandfather leaves it. Rudy Tock spends long hours walking the corridors between the expectant fathers' waiting room and his dying father's bedside. It's a strange vigil made all the stranger when Josef Tock suddenly sits up in bed and speaks coherently for the first and last time since his stroke. What he says before he dies is that there will be five dark days in the life of his grandson – five

dates whose terrible events Jimmy will have to prepare himself to face. What awaits Jimmy? As the novel unfolds, picking up Jimmy's story at each of these crisis points, the path he must follow will defy every expectation. And with each crisis he faces, he will move closer to a fate he could never have imagined. For who Jimmy Tock is and what he must accomplish is a mystery as dangerous as it is wondrous – a struggle against an evil so dark and pervasive only the most extraordinary of human spirits can shine through. **HC \$49.95 TP \$29.95**

Nancy Kress*Beggars In Spain*

A human who has been genetically modified never to require sleep, extraordinarily intelligent Leisha Camden and her kind become outcasts in a repressive and violent campaign designed to drive the "Sleepless" from human society. **TP \$28.95**

Mercedes Lackey*Pheonix and Ashes*

Upon the death of her father, Eleanor Robinson falls victim to her stepmother, a cruel Elemental Master of Earth, who makes her a virtual slave, until Reginald Fenyx, who was once a heroic pilot, returns home, and together these two lost souls must find the courage to overcome evil. **HC \$51.95**

Fairy Godmother

Elena Kloviss was supposed to be her kingdom's Cinderella, until fate left her with a completely inappropriate prince! So she set out to make a new life for herself. But breaking with The Tradition was no easy matter, until she got a little help from her own fairy godmother. Who promptly offered Elena a most unexpected job. Now, instead of sleeping in the chimney, she has to deal with arrogant, stuffed-shirt princes who keep trying to rise above their place in the tale. And there's one in particular who needs to be dealt with. Sometimes a fairy godmother's work is never done. **PB \$17.95**

Margo Lanagan (Australian author)*Black Juice*

Ten outstanding stories that intrigue, shock, delight and move the reader to tears with their imaginative reach, their complexity, their unpredictability, their subtlety and their humanity. **PB \$21.95**

Jane Lindskold*Wolf Captured*

Raised by intelligent, language-capable wolves, Firekeeper and her wolf companion, Blind Seer, are kidnapped and brought overseas into the animal-worshipping world of the Liglmoshti, who want to acquire Firekeeper's ability to communicate with animals. **HC \$50.00**

James Lovegrove*Worldstorm*

'When the Worldstorm first stirred in the distant reaches of the earth, the people of the earth were torn asunder and thrown into disarray. For a time, all was panic and terror. But out of this panic and terror and division a new order coalesced, and the four Inclinations were known, and named' Or so at least one of the old stories has it. Elder Ayn doesn't really

know why the Worldstorm comes to wreak devastation on the world anymore than the next man. But, being a previsionary he does know the exact time and nature of his death. He will be murdered and he will do nothing to prevent the killing blow. Elder Ayn also knows why he has left the splendid academic isolation of Stonehaven and gone out into the world. He knows where his quest will take him. But he's not about to tell his scribe, Khollo. And meanwhile the world's order is breaking down. War is brewing between the Earth and the Fire Inclined. People who can shake the ground with a fist or pull fire out of the air with a simple thought. A storm is coming. And a girl who fears she is Extraordinary is about to learn the truth... **HC \$55.00 TP \$32.95**

Elizabeth A Lynn

The Watchtower

When Tornor Keep, a northern fortress, is captured by the forces of Col Istor, Ryke, Tornor's captain of the guard, serves the conqueror until he escapes with Errel, the true heir to the fortress and the only hope of his occupied land. **PB \$17.95**

Julian May

Conqueror's Moon

Conrig Wincantor, Prince Heritor of Cathra, has a vision: to unite the whole island of High Blenholme under Cathran sovereignty. He has so far been thwarted in this ambition by his cautious, aging father, King Olmigon, who, though weak with illness, still clings firmly to the reins of the government. Now Conrig has hit upon a scheme that will convince the Lords that his plan can succeed. He has formed an alliance with Ullanoth, princess of the remote northern province of Moss and a fearsome sorceress. With her help his army will have the advantage it needs to subdue the only domain refusing to sign his Edict of Sovereignty. But before Olmigon will give his consent he insists on making a pilgrimage to the Oracle of Emperor Bazekoy, there to ask the one question permitted to a dying monarch, which the Emperor must answer truthfully. Meanwhile, Ullanoth tends her own schemes. Possessing the talent to call on the unearthly powers of the Beaconfolk, mysterious otherworldly beings who appear as lights in the sky, her power is undeniable. But the Lights are fickle, and their interference in human affairs unpredictable. If Ullanoth calls on them to help Conrig, they are likely to extract an unforeseeable price. **PB \$18.95**

Julian May

Ironcrown Moon

King Conrig Ironcrown now rules the entire island of High Blenholme. But the peace he achieved after ruthlessly uniting its four quarrelling kingdoms into a sovereignty is about to be challenged by enemies both mortal and supernatural. Rumours abound that his vengeful first wife, Maudrayne, believed to have committed suicide when she discovered

his infidelity, is in fact still alive and about to reveal a secret that could cost Conrig his throne. A more tangible threat is posed by the ambitious sorcerer Beynor, and his crony, Conrig's traitorous former alchemist Kilian, who have stolen a trove of currently inactive moonstones capable of drawing tremendous power from the mysterious supernatural Beaconfolk. After initiating a civil war, the pair hope to utilise this power to vanquish Conrig's fatally divided realm and rule it themselves. The King's unlikely champion is his royal intelligencer, Deveron, a young man secretly possessed of magical talents. But Deveron is torn between his loyalty to the iron-willed king and his own conscience. The resulting clash involves not only human beings, but also the ancient races who inhabited High Blenholme before them – and who now intend to take back their lost homeland. **HC \$49.95 TP \$29.95**

Anne McCaffrey

Acorna's Triumph

Now, with Acorna's Triumph, Acorna faces her most difficult challenge ever. She has defeated slavers, a deadly international conspiracy, and the vicious alien Khleevi, only to endure the loss of her beloved Aari, distant in both time and space. Now, finally, Aari has returned, and together they can finish rebuilding their home world. But Aari is oddly changed, to the point where he barely remembers Acorna - much less their love - and his actions grow more and more sinister... As Acorna tries to stop a vicious criminal from destroying innocents, a new complication arises. Sensing the Linyaari weakness, the deadly Khleevi return, determined to take back the planet-for good. In this dark time, it will take all of the unicorn girl's courage and determination to rescue Aari and stop the alien menace once and for all.

PB \$19.95

Jack McDevitt

Polaris

Sixty years after the disappearance of the wealthy passengers and crew of the luxury space yacht Polaris, found empty and adrift in space, antiquities dealer Alex Benedict sets out to uncover the truth about the Polaris and to reveal the fate of those aboard the ship.

HC \$51.95

Oisín McGann

The Gods and Their Machines

In an alternate universe whose conflicts resemble those of the Middle East, the scientifically advanced Altians and the devout warrior Bartokhrin respectively view each other as conquering oppressors and barbaric terrorists, a situation that challenges the belief systems of a young fighter pilot and a tomboy freedom fighter who are thrown together in a shared quest to save both their worlds. **HC \$40.95**

Fiona McIntosh (Local author)

Bridge of Souls

War looms between Morgravia and Briavel, and the threat from the Mountain King grows stronger. Struggling against time and repulsed by his latest disguise, everything Wyl Thirsk has striven to prevent is happening – including the marriage of his beloved Queen Valentyna

of Briavel to the reviled King Celimus. Even worse, the final curse of The Quickening demands he becomes sovereign of Morgravia. Clinging to an ominous suggestion from the increasingly powerful Finch, Wyl walks his most dangerous path yet – straight back into the brutal clutches of King Celimus. Is Wyl doomed to follow the path of The Quickening, or will he succeed in shaping his own destiny? **PB \$18.95**

Robin McKinley

Sunshine

There are places in the world where darkness rules, where it's unwise to walk. Sunshine knew that. But there hadn't been any trouble out at the lake for years, and she needed a place to be alone for a while. Unfortunately, she wasn't alone. She never heard them coming. Of course you don't, when they're vampires... They took her clothes and sneakers. They dressed her in a long red gown. And they shackled her to the wall of an abandoned mansion-within easy reach of a figure stirring in the moonlight. She knows that he is a vampire. She knows that she's to be his dinner, and that when he is finished with her, she will be dead. Yet, when light breaks, she finds that he has not attempted to harm her. And now it is he who needs her to help him survive the day... **PB \$22.95**

Chris Moriarty

Spin State

UN Peacekeeper Major Catherine Li hides her true identity as an illegal clone, until a perilous mission takes her back to her brutal planet of origin to investigate the death of a renowned scientist, Li's genetic twin, and is forced to rely on Cohen, a seductive artificial intelligence, to save her life. **PB \$17.95**

Kenneth Morris

Book of Three Dragons

Originally published in 1930 and featuring the author's previously unpublished ending, a tale based on The Mabinogion and other Welsh Celtic legends follows the adventures of Manawyddan, a man who is forced to choose between immortality and the destruction of the Island of the Mighty. **TP \$24.95**

William F Nolan

Nightworlds

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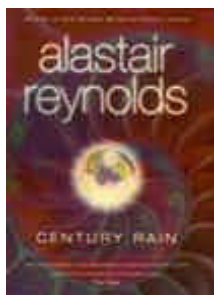
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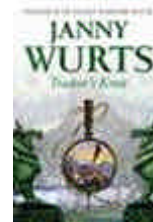
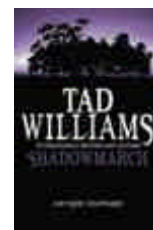
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Coteries examines the 'family unit' of Kindred society. Broken down by sect and clan relations, this book sheds light on how groups of disparate vampires set aside their differences to protect themselves against the hostile world. Trust doesn't come easily. **HC \$50.00**

Explore Space with Double Points



In the spirit of illuminating science fiction with science fact, until Christmas all our telescopes, microscopes and binoculars will attract double guild points. As well as our floor stock, check our major supplier's website www.splendourtrading.com.au for the larger models available.

News

Successful Start for Review Group

Well aware there are many readers passionate about their books, and privy to many lively discussions by readers meeting by chance in the shop, we initiated a new group to meet monthly in the shop, the Infinitas Review Group. As over time the group produces written reviews, they will appear on the web site for sharing with all. Six enthusiastic readers arrived and over soft drink and chips we shared our thoughts. The night was warm, so we sat in the yard outside the back door until after the sunlight failed. Some brought prepared reviews which were read, leading us into in-depth discussions of the books. Books discussed were: *The Sparrow* by Maria Doria Russell, C S Lewis's *Narnia* series, *Killashandra* by Anne McCaffrey, Sara Douglass' *Axis* trilogy and David Weber's *Honor Harrington* series.

If interested in discussing books in detail, feel welcome to join us. We are diverse and relaxed but passionate about books. Bring a brief written review of the chosen book for an informed discussion. The group chooses an author, series or title for each meeting well in advance to allow ordering (if necessary), reading and preparation. For more details on upcoming meetings see information below.

Discworld Convention

The First Australian Discworld Convention will take place in Melbourne on 20th-22nd January 2006. More details can be located at <http://www.ausdwcon.org/>

Bibliophile Horror

You have probably noticed most books list other books by the same author or in the same series on a page at the front of the book. I was amused by Daniella's shock when a reader presented just this page, without the rest of the book, to order more books. (Tim)

Civic Arcade A Better Location

We are still settling into our new location, which although it has less floor space has turned out better for passing trade. Since the move many new book lovers have found us and joined the Infinitas Guild. Welcome to all.

Recent improvements include finally getting new signage in the arcade, installing storage bookshelves high against the rear wall and improvements to the window display. Air conditioning is scheduled for installation this month (finally!).

Email Bounces

Unfortunately, our emails do not always get through. We suspect we get rejected by some spam filters. Normally we only send emails to notify about special events like author signings, to distribute this newsletter and for correspondence pertaining to book orders. Please "white list" our email address bookshop@infinitas.com.au. Note our mail servers (mx records) use a numerical hostname of 69.93.23.162, some anti-spam software is suspicious of numerical hostnames. We all suffer spam problems, but please don't shut us out, and keep us up to date with your current email address. We would like to reduce the frequency of email bounces.

Information on the Infinitas Groups

New members always welcome at all the groups, if interested come and try.

Readers' Group: The readers group meets on the first Thursday of each month (excluding January) at 6.30pm in the shop. A topic is chosen each month for the following meeting. The next meeting will be Thursday, December 2nd and the topic is *Heroes and Clichés*.

Review Group: The review group meets on the third Thursday of each month. Two books (one science fiction, one fantasy) are chosen for each meeting with participants encouraged to have read at least one prior to the meeting and bring their review/s along for discussion. Upcoming meetings are:

Thursday December 16th, 6:30pm: On Basilisk Station (SF) by David Webber, *Dragonclaw* (fantasy) by Kate Forsyth
Thursday January 20th 6:30pm: *Shards of Honor* (SF), *The Curse of Chalion* (fantasy), both by Lois McMaster-Bujold

Writers' Group: Infinitas has been host to a writers group for over 8 years now. In 2002 *Passing Strange*, an anthology of short stories by members of the group was published by Mirrordanse Books. The group is for people who are currently writing (or even trying to write) science fiction, fantasy and horror related stories and pieces. If you think this might describe you, and you'd like to get involved in a group with others who understand what the genre is about, contact the shop or check out the website for more details.