



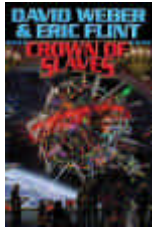
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Featured Releases



Crown of Slaves by

David Weber and Eric Flint

A new Honorverse paperback, but not about Honor Harrington. With its erstwhile ally Erehwon growing restive in the alliance, the Star Kingdom's Queen Elizabeth sends a mission to Erehwon led

by Captain Zilwicki and one of her nieces...PB \$19.95

Star Wars: Revenge of Sith by
Matthew Woodring Stover

Based on the screenplay of the movie, this novel brings the epic full circle, revealing at last just how the young Jedi, Anakin Skywalker, became the most evil villain in the galaxy, Darth Vader, and father to Luke and Leia. HC \$49.95



Stroke of Midnight by

Laurell K Hamilton

The forth sexy and escapist Meredith Gentry book will be available this month. See our website for a lengthy blurb.

HC \$49.95

Forthcoming Books

Odalisque, the first book in **Fiona McIntosh's** new series: *Percheron*, is due out in November.

Glenda Larke has sold a new series *The Miragemakers* to Voyager.

Tony Shillitoe has sold *Demon Horses* series to Voyager.

Ian Irvine has delivered the first in his "Children's War" series to Penguin.

Margaret Weis and **Tracy Hickman** are reuniting to write a new *Dragonlance* series: *The Dark Chronicles*.

Ask us for a free sampler (uncorrected proof of the first few chapters) of **Karen Miller's** upcoming fantasy novel *The Innocent Mage*. Limited quantities.

Star Wars

Check out our list of Star Wars related books on page 10 inside. Steve Sansweet, who handles fan relations for Lucasfilm, told *Now Playing Magazine* that *Star Wars* will live on in various TV projects beyond the upcoming final prequel film *Star Wars: Episode III—Revenge of the Sith*. Meet other fans at Sydney Skyforce: Lidcome May 8th <http://www.sydskyforce.starwalking.net>

Hitchhikers Guide to the Galaxy

Buena Vista International, being proud of their new film, has generously provided us many prizes for a competition to win double passes to a special preview on April 27th, in season movie passes, T Shirts and Hitchhikers Towels. Interesting answers to these questions will be selected and notified prior to the film's release on April 28th:

What ship did Zaphod steal?

What is the engine that powers the ship?

Who's house is demolished?

Who commissioned the building of earth?

What is the answer to life the universe and everything?

The competition is open to Infinitas Guild members. Email, post or drop in your answers by April 22nd.



TV and Movie News

Film rights for **Elizabeth Moon's** *Speed of Dark* have been optioned.

Diana Wynne Jones's *Howl's Moving Castle* has been shown in a private screening for the author. She was apparently delighted at the results.

Terry Pratchett has written some additional dialogue for the Troll Bridge movie currently being made in Australia. More information about the movie can be found at: <http://www.snowgumfilms.com/>
Sean McMullen has signed a deal with Inventive Entertainment (a new production company based in Canberra) to develop TV projects based on McMullen's works, with the first to be an adaptation of McMullen's short story *Voice of Steel*.

David Benioff (*Troy*) has been signed by Warner Brothers to write the script for *Ender's Game*, a film based on **Orson Scott Card's** SF novels *Ender's Game* and *Ender's Shadow*.

Christopher Eccleston has quit as the ninth Dr Who (effective end of Season 1) as soon as the first episode of the new series was aired and a new season ordered by the BBC.

Book Launch

Infinitas took part in the official launch of **Allan Mills's** novel *The Raft* at the NSW Writers centre recently. We have some signed copies available.



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Many books have more extensive information available on our website.

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

Fletcher Anthony

Spirits of the Earth (Inheritors 3)

Fern has found the mountain that has haunted her dreams and visions. Is this where her tribe must establish their home? Or must she forever wander till the end of time... In modern-day Australia, another Fern must bring together her past and future for the problems of the present to be resolved ... **PB \$18.95**

T A Arryn

Thirteen, Unlucky for Some

The vampire, Vauchin, and the khawlin, Aud, along with a mysterious companion, have plotted to abduct ten individuals to a selected cave down in the labyrinth of the Underworld of Sane. They are the chosen Thirteen members of the Legends of the Crystal Skull, who must be united in order to open a secret portal to other worlds. They experience terrifying events as they wander blindly through the labyrinth, their journey culminating in their arrival at the Dragon's Lair. **TP \$24.95**

Paul Auster

City of Glass

'It was a wrong number that started it, the telephone ringing three times in the dead of night, and the voice on the other end asking for someone he was not.' In the expert hands of David Mazzuchelli (Batman), Paul Karasik (Raw) and Art Spiegelman (Maus), Auster's dark and brilliant spin on the detective story has been given a unique and unexpected new life. **GN \$24.95**

Robin Wayne Bailey

Talisman (Dragonkin 02)

As the war between Angmar and Degarm continues to escalate, the Dragons confront the enmity of the Griffinkin as they search for three precious artifacts hidden by their great Dragon-leader Stormfire, that when reunited will point the way to a new homeland for the Dragonkin, in the second volume in the fantasy trilogy. **PB \$17.95**



K J Bishop

The Etched City

Fleeing the ghosts of their violent past, two former revolutionaries, the roguish, rakish Gwynn and the taciturn Raule, escape from the ruined and deserted Copper Country to the tropical city of

Ashamoil. As they salvage new lives from the rubble of the old, they discover that the ghosts of the past are also the ghosts of the future.

PB \$19.95

Robert Bloch

Night World

A sanitarium becomes the scene of untold terror for Karen Raymond and others as a vengeful killer stalks the halls, freeing the patients and brutally murdering the staff.

PB \$17.95

Ray Bradbury

Bradbury Stories

A collection of one hundred short stories features pieces written after 1943 and includes both popular favorites and lesser-known works of distinction that span six decades of the author's distinguished career. **TP \$36.95**

Simon Brown

Empire's Daughter

(Chronicles of Kydan 01)

Previously published as Born of Empire.

The only member of the Kevelem family that cannot access the realm of magic, Third Prince Maddyn Kevelem, a protector of Hamilay, is ordered to start a colony in the New Land, while eluding his former lover, who is seeking revenge for a past betrayal. **PB \$17.95**

Steven Brust

Sethra Lavode (Viscount of Adrilankha 3)

As an ambitious Dragonlord embarks on a plan to rebuild the ruined Empire in his own name, the Phoenix Zerika, the true heir to the throne, retrieves the Imperial Orb from the Paths of the Dead and, with the assistance of Sethra Lavode, launches a climactic battle of sorcery and arms to regain the Empire. **PB \$19.95**

Steven Brust & Megan Lindholm

The Gypsy

Pursuing the elusive gypsy Cigany, whose magical powers appear to be causing numerous deaths, seasoned police officer Stepovich finds himself drawn into the land of the Underworld, where the malevolent Fair Lady harbors dark designs for the city. **TP \$28.95**

Ramsey Campbell

The Overnight

Overseeing his reluctant staff during an overnight inventory, Woody works everyone to their limits to prove himself to his superiors but finds the job compromised by a series of bizarre events, including an employee's spontaneous illiteracy and another worker's death in a hit-and-run accident. **HC \$51.95**

Orson Scott Card

Shadow of the Giant (Shadow 04)

Having risen to one of Earth's most powerful strategists during the war between Ender and alien attackers, Bean finds his efforts to start a family compromised by his numerous enemies, a situation that forces Bean and Petra to leave Earth behind in the control of the Hegemon. By the author of Ender's Shadow. **HC \$52.95**

Robert Carter

The Language of Stones

The Realm is poised for war. Hal, its weak king, is dominated by his wife and her lover. Against them stand Duke Richard of Ebor and his allies; the two sides are on a bloody collision course. Gwydion is watching over the Realm. The dangerous stones are awakening, and their unruly influence is calling men to battle. Unless Gwydion and his apprentice, Willand, can unearth them, the Realm will be plunged into a disastrous civil war. But their enemies include men, monsters and a sorcerer who is as powerful as Gwydion himself.

PB \$18.95

Jack L Chalker

The Return of Nathan Brazil (Well World)
A battle against the Dreels--intelligent viruses that invade and take over human bodies--leaves Well World threatened by its own defenses, hence a search to find Nathan Brazil, the only one capable of rectifying the situation. **PB \$17.95**

Dan Chernenko

The Scepter's Return (Scepter of Mercy 3)
After centuries of failing to reclaim the Scepter of Mercy, their only protection from the fallen god known as the Banished One, two kings must put aside their differences on a common quest to accomplish the task. **TP \$30.95**

Arthur C Clarke

The Ghost From The Grand Banks
It is 2010. In two years' time it will be the centennial of the sinking of the Titanic. Two of the world's most powerful corporations race to raise the vessel but there are other powers at work, and chaos theory comes into play as plans progress - and six preserved bodies are found. As operations proceed, the perfectly preserved body of a beautiful girl is found. She was not on the ship's passenger lists. The quest to uncover the secrets of the wreck and reclaim her becomes an obsession, and for some, a fatal one. **PB \$18.95**

Nancy A Collins

Paint It Black (Sonja Blue)
Sonja Blue has faced many monsters but none compare to the Other, the demonic alter ego inside her. Find out in this next instalment how Sonja will fair. **TP \$28**

Tony Daniel

Superluminal (Metaplanetary 02)
The solar system is torn by civil war when a conflict breaks out between the residents of the Met, a network of space cables spanning the inner planets and the pioneers of the outer planets, where the boundaries between human and artificial intelligence are indistinct. By the author of Metaplanetary. **PB \$19.95**

Mary Janice Davidson

Hello, Gorgeous!
Shopping maven and beauty salon owner-turned-bionic superspy, Caitlyn James, the government's new, reluctant, secret weapon, must track down a rebel cyborg, who happens to be dangerously sexy and well-equipped with special enhancements. **TP \$28.95**

Gail Dayton

The Compass Rose (One Rose 01)
The legends of the Godstruck were just that. Until, in an attempt to defend her people, Captain Kallista Varyl called on the One for aid and was granted abilities such as no one had seen in centuries. Now Kallista has been charged with a new destiny as one of the most powerful women in the land, but her power is useless if it cannot be controlled. Mastering her "Godstruck" abilities is the first step. The next, learning that she cannot unlock the secrets of the Compass Rose and defeat her nation's enemy alone. And finally she must stop a demon-possessed king.... **TP \$28.95**

Charles de Lint

Quicksilver and Shadow (Limited Edition)
Quicksilver & Shadow is the second volume (of a projected three) of Charles de Lint's Collected Early Stories. At nearly 150,000 words it's even larger than volume one, A Handful of Coppers, and includes the very obscure novella, "Berlin," and its counterpart "Death Leaves an Echo." **HC \$78**

Christine Feehan

Dark Prince (Carpathian 01)
In a vampire romance set in the Carpathian Mountains, a mysterious and darkly sensual stranger appears in the life of an unsuspecting American psychic.Reprint. **PB \$19.95**

Raymond E Feist

King of Foxes (Conclave of Shadows 2)
Tal's lust for vengeance will not be sated until the reasons behind his people's massacre, and more recent killings, have been uncovered and their architect revealed and punished. Tal must gather information on Laso Varen, a magician of terrible power and subtle craft, dangerous beyond contemplation. To do this means service with the sorcerer's master, Duke Kaspar of Olasko, and swearing loyalty to the very man he suspects of killing his family, even if it means becoming the Duke's right-hand man and tracking down his enemies, the members of the Conclave: Tal's own friends. **PB \$18.95**

Exile's Return (Conclave of Shadows 3)
Formerly absolute ruler of his nation, Kaspar has been cast into exile. Abandoned in the wilds of a continent on the other side of the world and left with nothing but his wits and determination, he must fight merely to survive. He starts his odyssey with a single goal: to return to his home and revenge himself upon the man who cast him down, Talwin Hawkins. But fate has other plans for Kaspar, and as he struggles against adversity, he encounters dangers greater than any he had imagined. More is at stake than he realised, and Kaspar is but a single player in a far bigger game than he realised, for pitted against the Conclave of Shadows are the agents of the Dark Empire, a looming menace that threatens not only Kaspar's homeland, but the entire world of Midkemia. **TP \$29.95**

Alan Dean Foster

Day of the Dissonance (Spellsinger 03)
With Clothahump, the wizard, dying of a mysterious ailment, Jon-Tom, the Spellsinger, and his motley companions embark on a perilous quest to search for a cure, encountering a forest of Fungoid Frankensteins, a parrot pirate, cannibal fairies, and the evil Wizard of Malderpot along the way. **PB \$17.95**

Frank Frazetta & James R Silke

Rise of the Death Dealer
A first half of a reprinted series inspired by the co-author's Death Dealer painting includes Prisoner of the Horned Helmet, in which a suffering hero must save the forest people from a violent conqueror; and Lords of Destruction, in which Gath seeks redemption from an innocent woman but is thwarted by a power-hungry nymph queen. **TP \$30.95**

David Gemmell

The Swords of Night and Day (Damned 2)
A thousand years after they fell in battle Druss and Skilgannon are revered throughout the war-torn lands of the Drenai. An ancient prophecy foretold that Skilgannon would return in his people's darkest hour. As the ageless evil of the Eternal threatens to drown the Drenai lands in blood, two legendary heroes will once again lead the way to freedom. **PB \$22.95**

Isabel Glass

Daughter of Exile
Raised in exile far from the capital city of Pergodi by her bitter father, the naive Lady Angarred Hashan journeys to Pergodi on her own to seek justice after her father is murdered while hunting in the forest and becomes caught up in a perilous world of palace intrigue, an enchanted king, a dying queen, and the long-lost family she has never known. **PB \$19.95**

Christopher Golden

Wildwood Road
Happily married for three years, Michael and Jillian Dansky find their lives and marriage transformed forever by an encounter with a lost little girl who leads them to a house haunted by a mysterious force that transforms Jillian into a cruel and vindictive woman and forces Michael into a dangerous quest to unravel the dark mystery surrounding him. **TP \$24.95**

Laurell K Hamilton

Stroke of Midnight (Merry Gentry 4)
I am Meredith Gentry, P.I., solving cases in Los Angeles, far from the peril and deception of my real home--because I am also Princess Meredith, heir to the darkest throne faerie has to offer. Some Unseelie nobles have waited centuries for my aunt Andais, Queen of Air and Darkness, to become weak enough that she might be toppled from her throne. Enemies unforeseen move against us--enemies who would murder the least among us. The threat will drive us to allow human police into faerie for the first time in our history. I need my allies now more than ever, especially since fate will lead me into the arm of Mistral, Master of Storms, the queen's new captain of her guard. **HC \$49.95**

Traci Harding

The Gene of Isis (Mystique 01)
Despite the time, distance and cultures that separate them, three women share several things in common. They belong to an ancient bloodline of Grail kings, protected by a Sion knight named Albrey, and they are each compelled to visit an ancient mountain in the Sinai. This mount contains the keys which may unlock a gateway to a dimension of light and the Gene of Isis. **TP \$29.95**

Anne Harris

Inventing Memory
The lives of two women, separated by millennia--Shula, a Sumerian slave chosen by Inanna, Queen of Heaven, for a mysterious destiny, and Wendy Chrenko, an overworked graduate student researching ancient Sumer, who volunteers for a dangerous scientific experiment--mysteriously intertwine. By the author of Accidental Creatures. **TP \$30.95**

Robert A Heinlein*Starship Troopers*

It is told through the eyes of Starship Trooper Johnny Rico, from his idealistic enlistment in the infantry of the future, through his rigorous training to the command of his own platoon of infantrymen. His destiny is a galactic war of unlimited violence and destruction, in which he and his fellow troopers scour the metal-strewn emptiness of space to hunt down a terrifying enemy - an insect life form which threatens the very future of mankind. **PB \$18.95**

Robert A Heinlein reprints

The Moon is A Harsh Mistress **PB \$18.95**

Stranger In A Strange Land **PB \$22.95**

Tunnel In the Sky **TP \$24.95**

John G Henry*Rule of Evidence (Universal Law 03)*

When the USS Michaelson's sister ship, the USS Manry suffers a devastating explosion, Lieutenant Paul Sinclair is stunned when his girlfriend and sole survivor, Lieutenant Jen Shen, is arrested for negligence and sabotage, which, after his own investigation, might prove to be true. **PB \$16.95**

Barb & JC Hendee*Dhampir (Dhampir 01)*

Magiere has cultivated a reputation as the most formidable vampire slayer in the land. Villagers welcome her with both awe and dismay, grateful to her for removing the undead menace, but finding themselves poorer for their salvation. Magiere has never had a problem with exploiting superstition for profit. Now, tired of this game, Magiere and her half-elf partner are ready to retire. But Magiere has attracted the attention of vampires who recognize her true identity and who fear her birthright and latent power. They will do anything to stop Magiere from realising her true potential. Reprint. **PB \$19.95**

C J Henderson & Dan Brereton*Neil Gaiman's Lady Justice**(Lady Justice 01)*

A trio of stories in which the spirit of Justice appears to wronged women to help them seek revenge on their male abusers features "Slow Death," "Woman About Town," and "Ravish'd Justice," in which an assistant D.A., feeling betrayed by the criminal justice system, comes up with a way to take justice in her own hands for a teenage rape victim. **TP \$38.95**

Tracy Hickman & Laura Hickman*Mystic Quest (Bronze Canticles 02)*

Twenty-three years after Galen Arvad's first adventure, his clan suffers through an endless war, leaving it up to a new generation of heroes to set out on life-changing journeys of their own, in search of a redemption that may be beyond the power of magic. **HC \$51.95**

Colby Hidge*Stargazer*

When her ship is attacked and Phoenix, a dangerous prisoner, is released from his cryo tube, Lilly must place her trust in Phoenix to save her planet of Oasis from the Ravigans while exploring a new world of sensual delight with this passionate criminal. **PB \$17.95**

Tom Holt*In Your Dreams*

Ever been offered a promotion that seems too good to be true? The kind where you snap their arm off to accept, then wonder why all your long-serving colleagues look secretly relieved. It's the kind of trick that deeply sinister companies like J.W. Wells & Co. pull all the time. And it's why, right about now, Paul Carpenter is wishing he'd paid much less attention to the gorgeous Melze, and rather more to a little bit of job description small-print referring to 'pest' control. **PB \$22.95**

Thomas Holt*Meadowland*

In 1037, a senior civil servant of the Byzantine empire faces a tedious journey to Greece, escorting the Army payroll. His only companions are a detachment of the Empire's elite Guard, recruited from Scandinavia. When the wagon sheds a wheel, he passes the time talking with two veterans, who have a remarkable story to tell; the Viking discovery of America. As he records the story, years later, he also considers its effect on the fourth member of the party; a young Norwegian guardsman who went on to become King Harald Hardradi, who died invading England in 1066. **HC \$45 PB \$22.95**

Shaun Hutson*Necessary Evil*

It was to be a routine job. Matt Franklin and his companions would rob the Securicor van. Simple. Until the job turned into a nightmare. Two of them are shot dead and another fatally wounded. But who is trying to wipe them out, killing not just them but their families too? How are the Government and the British army implicated? What lurks within a secret research establishment in the English countryside? Franklin has to find out. Finally the only one left alive, he tires of being the prey and decides to become the hunter. **PB \$19.95**

Jemiah Jefferson*Fiend*

Orfeo Ricari details his transformation into a vampire in nineteenth-century Paris, vividly recreating the unquenchable thirst and the power of immortality. **PB \$17.95**

Graham Joyce*The Limits of Enchantment*

The story of a young woman in the midlands in 1966. A woman who may be a witch. She and her family live on the margins of society. Nevertheless her family life is stifling and she seeks freedom with more outsiders, a group of beatniks, but fights to find acceptance there also. And all the time she is struggling with her fey powers. **HC \$29.95**

Stephen King*Song Of Susannah (Dark Tower 6)*

Roland and his band of followers face adversity from every side. Susannah Dean has been taken over by a demon-mother and uses the power of Black Thirteen to get from the Mid-World New York City. But who is the father of her child? And what role will the Crimson King play? Roland sends Jake to break Susannah's date with destiny, while he

himself uses 'the persistence of magic' to get to Maine in the Summer of 1977. It is a terrible world; for one thing it is real and bullets are flying. For another, it is inhabited by the author of a novel called Salem's Lot. **TP \$39.95**

E E Knight*Tale of the Thunderbolt (Vampire Earth 3)*

With the Earth under the control of the alien, vampiric Kur and their avatars, the Reapers, David Valentine, a member of the Resistance, disguises himself as the enemy to find a fabled weapon in the Carribean that could help them reclaim Earth and restore humanity. **PB \$17.95**

Dean Koontz reprints

False Memory **PB \$19.95**

By The Light of the Moon **PB \$19.95**

Justine Larbaestier*Magic or Madness*

Having lived on the run most of her life in order to avoid her grandmother and her magic powers, Reason is suddenly sent to live with her after her mother suffers a breakdown and quickly comes to realize that the rumors of her magical abilities are true when she is transported from Sydney to New York by simply walking through her grandmother's door. **HC \$34.95**

Ursula K Le Guin*Changing Planes*

It was Sita Dulip who discovered, whilst stuck in an airport, unable to get anywhere, how to change planes, literally. By a mere kind of a twist and a slipping bend, easier to do than describe, she could go anywhere, be anywhere, because she was already between planes. On the way back from her sister's wedding, she missed her plane in Chicago and found herself in Choom. The author, armed with this knowledge and Roman's invaluable Handy Planetary Guide, has spent many happy years exploring places as diverse as Islac and the Veksian plane. **PB \$18.95**

Tanith Lee*Metallic Love (Silver 2)*

Twelve years have passed since the end of The Silver Metal Lover. Silver has been melted down, and Jane has moved on. Loren is a slum child. One day, she discovers an illegal copy of Jane's book and it changes her life. Motivated by her desire to taste the life that Jane and Silver had, she runs away to the City. But Loren is not like the privileged and romantic Jane. Loren's cynicism is shattered when a new company brings back the robots that were destroyed twelve years before, only better, faster and more superhuman. Then Loren meets the new Silver, who is nothing like the original, and she realises that maybe everything in Jane's book is nothing but a pack of lies. **PB \$18.95**

*Venus Preserved**(Secret Books of Venus 4)*

A conclusion to the popular Secret Books of Venus quartet takes place in an alternate computer-regulated society, where an unexplained catastrophe claims several lives and points to a sinister threat that places the fate of the city in the hands of a traveler with a haunted past. **TP \$30.95**

Stephen Leigh

Dinosaur Conquest (Dinosaur Planet)

Traveling via Time Safari to the ages of dinosaurs, samurai, conquistadores, and more, Aaron Cofield and his friends witness the disintegration of history and are charged with restoring the time line before their enemies destroy them. **PB \$17.95**

Jonathan Lethem

The Fortress of Solitude

From the funky-up, messed-up Brooklyn of the 1970s to the present day, this stunning novel spans thirty years in the life of two best friends, Dylan and Mingus, their families and an entire neighbourhood. From their stories come the history of soul music, of graffiti art, of comic books, of experimented film and 'rock writing'. **PB \$24.95**

Gun With Occasional Music **PB \$22.95**

Girl In the Landscape **PB \$22.95**

As She Climbed Across the Table **PB \$22.95**

Amnesia Moon **PB \$22.95**

The Wall of the Sky, The Wall of the Eye
PB \$22.95

Ken MacLeod

Newton's Wake

Centuries ago, space settlers and soldiers fled to the stars from the sentient AI war machines that engulfed Earth. They colonised Eurydice, a planet whose rocks contain traces of its own war constructs. But now the long-dormant war machines are beginning to stir . . . **PB \$19.95**

Barry N Malzberg

The Day of the Burning

The earth's fate lies in the hands of George Mercer, a neurotic employee in New York's Department of Welfare who has been granted twelve hours to prove to the "Overlords" that the planet should not be destroyed. **TP \$30.95**

Todd McCaffrey

Dragonsblood (Pern 18)

A deadly plague has begun to wipe out the dragons and fire-lizards, leaving mankind no defence against the deadly Thread which has just begun to fall in the Third Pass. Tantalized by a song that seems to suggest that Lorana can find out how to heal the dragons, the Harper Kindan and Lorana race against time to solve the clues that Wind Blossom left behind. Can they find the cure in time to save Lorana's queen, Arith, and the rest of the dragons? If they don't, there will be no dragons left, and all life on the planet will be devoured. **HC \$49.95**

John Meaney

Paradox (Nulapeiron 01)

Centuries of self-imposed isolation have transformed Nulapeiron into a world unlike any other - a world of vast subterranean cities maintained by organic technologies. For the majority of its peoples, however such wonders have little meaning. Denied their democratic rights and restricted to the impoverished lower levels, they are subjected to the brutal law of the Logic Lords and the Oracles, supra-human beings whose ability to truecast the future maintains the status quo. But all this is about to change. **HC \$51.95**

L E Modesitt Jr

Wellspring of Chaos (Recluce 12)

After rescuing a neighbor's daughter from a violent attack by two aristocrats and finding a rape victim, a young expatriate mage, Kharl, the finest cooper in Brysta, discovers that he has run afoul of Egen, the corrupt and evil son of the local ruler, who embarks on a vicious campaign against him, leading Kharl on a perilous quest that brings him face to face with the mysteries of magical power. **PB \$19.95**

James A Moore

Rabid Growth

When everyone around him falls victim to random acts of violence, bizarre mutations, and bouts of rage, Chris Corin is blamed for the town's descent into terror and finds himself a pawn in a deadly game of evil where he must play for his life. **PB \$17.95**

Richard Morgan

Woken Furies (Takeshi Kovacs)

Takeshi Kovacs has come home to Harlan's World. An ocean planet with only 5% of its landmass poking above the dangerous and unpredictable seas. The First Families, the corporations and the Yakuza have a stranglehold on everything. Embarked on a journey of implacable retribution for a lost love, Kovacs is blown off course and into a maelstrom of political intrigue and technological mystery as the ghosts of Harlan's World and his own violent past rise to claim their due. Quellcris Falconer is back from the dead, they say, and hunting her down for the First Families is a savage young Envoy called Kovacs who's been in storage.

TP \$29.95 HC \$39.95

Natasha Mostert

Windwalker

Seeking a refuge from her tragic past, Justine, a young photographer, takes a job as a caretaker for an old Palladian mansion in the English countryside, only to become increasingly drawn into the lives of the members of the last family to live in the house and falling victim to a mysterious stalker who seems to be watching her every move. **PB \$17.95**

Howard Myers, edited by Eric Flint

Creatures of Man

Offering a visionary view of the future, an anthology of short stories, many never before collected, includes the tale of a future world in which the key to victory can be found on the legendary lost planet Earth, a world in which there may no longer be any room for humankind's descendants. **PB \$19.95**

Sharon Penman

Prince of Darkness

Justin de Quincy is drawn into a high-level conspiracy when he is forced into a dangerous and uneasy alliance with his enemy, Prince John, after he is asked to investigate a forged document that implicates the prince in a plot to kill his brother, King Richard, a scheme that also endangers the woman Justin serves, Eleanor of Aquitaine. **HC \$51.95**



Judith & Garfield Reeves-Stevens

Freefall

U.S. Navy Captain Mitch Webber, oceanographer Cory Rey, and Air Force Major Wilhemina Bailey are reunited as they uncover dark secrets about the past and the death of a Russian cosmonaut during the epic struggle between the U.S. and the Soviet Union to be the first to land on the moon. **PB \$19.95**

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The Seven Hills (Hannibal 02)

In a new volume of alternate history, Rome once again rises to power after its devastating defeat by Hannibal's Carthaginian forces, but now commander Marcus Scipio is confronted by an all-new challenge. **HC \$49.95**

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Sean Russell

Shadow Road (Swan's War 03)

A century of enmity has ravaged the one kingdom, as the mighty families of the Renni and the Wills have fought for their right to the crown. But now the decades of bloodshed have roused the quiet river spirits from a timeless sleep, reviving a feud more deadly than any conflict of man. Alliances shift and loyalties are tested in the harsh civil war between the two great families, but a larger threat emerges. For the dark knight Hafydd has made a sinister alliance, leading him to eons old secrets, secrets that should remain hidden lest they destroy all lives they touch. Woken by the wars of man and nagar, even Death himself is preparing to leave his fell kingdom. And if the door to his domain cannot be shut, the feud between men and even the ancient wars of the nagar will be less than nothing besides the Armageddon that awaits. **HC \$45**

Geoff Ryman

Was (Fantasy Masterworks 43)

Was is the story of Dorothy. Orphaned as a child in the 1870s, she goes to live in Kansas with her Aunt Em and Uncle Henry. They face drought and poverty. They face each other. Alone, abused, Dorothy meets an itinerant actor called Frank and inspires a masterpiece. **PB \$22.95**

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Set in a world of intelligent and civilized dinosaurs, the geologist Toroca, son of Afsan the Far-Seer, searching for rare metals that are needed to take his species to the stars and discovering an artifact that may reveal the origins of the dinosaur world. **TP \$30.95**

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Transplanting his consciousness into an android body in order to escape death, Jake Sullivan finds himself falling in love with the android Karen, who is being sued by her son for his inheritance, a situation that is further complicated when Jake's biological body takes hostages and demands its mind back.

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Johannes Selhofer

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Sharon Shinn

Angel-Seeker (Samiria)

Forced to live as a servant in her cousin's household, Elizabeth journeys to Cedar Hills hoping to attract the attention of an angel, while Rebekah, who has been raised to hate the angels, comes to the aid of an injured angel near her village. **PB \$19.95**

Sharon Shinn

Mystic and Rider (Twelve Houses)

The Mystic woman Senneth, accompanied by a team of Shapeshifters and Riders, is sent by the king into the land of Gillengaria to investigate reports of retaliation against those who use magic and discovers a perilous region under the control of a fanatical cult out to purge Gillengaria of all magic users, in the first in a four-volume series. **HC \$49.95**

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Death In the Cards (Toadfern Mystery)

When a local "Psychic Fair" brings a host of mystics and soothsayers to Paradise, Ohio, local laundromat owner and stain removal expert Josie Toadfern finds her work cut out for her when she stumbles upon a body and runs afoul of a clever killer. **PB \$17.95**

Robert Silverberg

Star Of Gypsies

Yakoub was once the legendary King of the Rom, the Gypsy race that has into lords of the spaceways, the only pilots capable of steering ships safely between the many worlds of the Galaxy. Weary and proud, Yakoub has relinquished his power and lives in exile on a distant, icy world. In his absence, chaos fills the vacuum of power. The fate of the entire Galactic Empire hangs in the balance. Yakoub must journey across the cosmos and fight to regain his throne. Only then can he fulfill his dream, to return his people to their ancestral home of Romany Star. **PB \$30.95**

David Skibbins

Eight of Swords

Twenty years after a mysterious crime forces him to change his identity, Warren Ritter works as a San Francisco fortune teller and wonders if he actually has supernatural powers, a suspicion he puts to the test when his tarot deck predicts an acquaintance's death. **HC \$49.95**

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The Confusion (Baroque 02)

It is the late 1600s on the high seas. A group of Barbary galley slaves plot as they ply the oars of a pirate ship. These ten men have heard whispers of an enormous cache of Spanish gold. Together, they hatch a daring scheme to escape their chains, seize a ship, and find the treasure. The beautiful Eliza, toast of Versailles and spy extraordinaire, attempts to return to London with her baby, a child whose paternity is shrouded in mystery. As she makes her way home from the Continent, her ship is stopped by a French privateer and she is returned to the Sun King's court. Thrown back into a web of international intrigue, Eliza must contend with all manner of characters, including buccaneers, poisoners, Jesuits, financial manipulators, and even the stray cryptographer or two. **PB \$27.95**

Charles Stross

Iron Sunrise

When the planet of New Moscow was brutally destroyed, its few survivors launched a counter-attack against the most likely culprit: the neighbouring system of trade rival, New Dresden. But New Dresden wasn't responsible and, as the deadly missiles approach their target, Rachel Mansour is assigned to find out who was. The one person who does know is a disaffected teenager who calls herself Wednesday Shadowmist. But Wednesday has no idea where she might be hiding this significant information. Time is limited and if Rachel can't resolve this mystery it will mean the annihilation of an entire world. **HC \$39.95**

Travis S Taylor

The Quantum Connection (Warp Speed 2)

Steven Montana, computer whiz and hacker extraordinaire, was attending college in Ohio when his world fell apart. A swarm of huge meteors fell all over the world, on Europe, on the United States, and in particular on Steven's home town in California. In an instant, his family and all his friends were gone. The "meteor" onslaught that had orphaned him had actually been a brief and still secret war between the U.S and its enemies using a new warp drive technology that was more secret than top secret. Another secret was that U.S. had been sending faster-than-light ships to other star systems. Most secret of all was that unfriendly aliens were observing the Earth, and while U.S. spaceships were not quite in a war with the unknown aliens, they were shooting at the intruders. **HC \$49.95**

Jack Vance

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The centuries-long war between humankind and the reptilian basics culminates in an epic clash between the worlds of Aerlith, a planet populated by men who have raised a race of fierce dragons as their servants, and Coralyne, where a race of dragons is served by savage mutants who were once human. **PB \$17.95**

David Weber & John Ringo

We Few (Empire of Man 4)

Left stranded on the barbarian planet Marduk with a group of Royal Marines, Prince Roger MacClintock now faces an all new set of challenges as he and his faithful followers set out to recapture an interstellar empire from enemies who have killed Roger's brother, captured his mother, and branded Roger a traitor and outlaw. **HC \$52.95**



David Weber & Eric Flint

Crown of Slaves (Honorverse)

With its erstwhile ally Erewhon growing restive in the alliance, the Star Kingdom's Queen Elizabeth sends a mission to Erewhon led by Captain Zilwicki and one of her nieces, but upon arriving at their destination, they find Republic of Haven agent Victor Cachat, a conspiracy led by the Solarian League's military delegation, and a radical freed slave organization. **PB \$19.95**

Scott Westerfeld

The Risen Empire (Succession 01)

The undead Emperor has ruled the Eighty Worlds for sixteen hundred years. His is the power to grant immortality to those he deems worthy, creating an elite class known as the Risen. Along with his sister, the eternally young Child Empress, his power within the empire has been absolute. Until now. The empire's great enemies, the Rix, hold the Child Empress hostage. Charged with her rescue is Captain Laurent Zai. But Imperial politics are involved the stakes are unimaginably high, and Zai may yet find the Rix the least of his problems. **TP \$32.95 PB \$19.95**

Kim Wilkins

Giants of the Frost

Lindsay has chosen career over love, but starts to question this choice when she finds herself working at a remote research station off the coast of Norway. In this world the Old Gods still watch the affairs of humanity, and one of them has become fixated on Lindsay, certain that she is the reincarnation of a woman he fell in love with over 1000 years before; a love which threatened the existence of Asgard. Love and desire are soon running out of control, as the supernatural obliterates Lindsay's refuge in scientific rationalism. **PB \$22.95**

Liz Williams

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Martian warrior Dreams-of-War is not pleased to be dispatched to Earth to guard a young girl called Lunae from an unknown threat. The clone of an extraordinary heritage, Lunae ages with unnatural speed and has the talent of being able to alter time. When her protégé is nearly assassinated, the Martian warrior is forced to flee with her to the flooded northern islands of what was once Japan. But then the child and the kappa go missing, leaving Dreams-of-War to return to the plains of Mars in order to discover the truth about Martian rule over Earth, and the nature of the intrigues behind it. **TP \$32.95**

Nine Layers of Sky

Once a Soviet rocket scientist, Elena Irinovna now cleans office buildings until she crosses paths with Ilya Muromyets. An 800-year-old remnant of Russia's glorious and fabled past, Ilya is now a heroin addict dreaming of a death that will never come. The two are brought together by a strange artefact Elena has found, which offers a glimpse into another dimension, creating a dangerous breach in a world Elena only thought she knew. Fighting their own inner demons, as well as those from across the breach, Ilya and Elena embark on a harrowing trip between nations and worlds. **PB \$19.95**

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(Wolves of Willoughby Chase 13)

Malise, the Witch of Clatteringshaws lives in a disused Ladies Convenience at the end of a coach park in Caledonia overlooking Loch Grieve. In London, Simon Battersea has inherited the throne of England but he is not happy with his lot. There are other possible claimants to the throne and Dido departs to Scotland to find get help from Malise. Meanwhile England is invaded by the Saxon Wends and Simon also goes northwards with his army. Can Simon defend his realm successfully and will Dido find a legitimate heir to the throne so that she and Simon can live in peace? **HC \$32.95**


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Paddy McCann is a fourteen-year-old boy who can't ride a bike or a skateboard; he has never eaten a hamburger and has no idea what a lipstick or a clotheshorse is. But that's because Paddy is a boy living in the third millennium. His mission in 3005AD is to get through life without losing the plot, or anything else, but can he succeed? This year Paddy has the opportunity to study history using Actual Research; however, when he finally visits the 21st century, the challenge to experience the past without changing the future proves to be too much for him. **PB \$14.95**

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Captain Teggs is no ordinary dinosaur, he's an astrosaur! On the spaceship DSS Sauropod, along with his faithful crew, he fights evil and eats a lot of grass! In this first adventure, the herbivore astrosaurs have to face a fearsome enemy, a band of greedy carnivorous raptors who have kidnapped two athlete dinosaurs from under Teggs's nose. Can the Captain save the dinosaurs, escape from terrifying T-Rexes and still save the Dinosaur Games? **PB \$12.95**

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Teggs and his crew are trying to transport some very rare and precious eggs across the galaxy to a safe haven where they can hatch. But their mission is under threat from some rather greedy oviraptors! When they arrive at their destination they find that the planet is not quite what they were expecting, it's much larger and strangely egg-like. **PB \$12.95**

Louise Cooper*The Last Secret (Sea Horse)*

Tamzin is trying hard to come to terms with the loss of Moonlight, whom she now knows is the Blue Horse, the kind spirit who is trying to protect her. Although the evil spirit of the Grey Horse has been quiet for some time, Tamzin is inexplicably drawn towards a rocky outcrop just off the coast and goes out in a little boat to investigate. Soon she realises it is a trap and the Grey Horse has succeeded in capturing her in his den. The Blue Horse and the Grey Horse face each other for the final time while Tamzin tries desperately to escape. **PB \$14.95**

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Mel Romans lives for comics and wants to be a comic book artist, and "Gargoyle: Champion of the Universe" is his biggest obsession. Gargoyle and his enemies are more than just sketches to Mel. In fact, sometimes he thinks the hero is his only friend. So when the comic's creator, Ambrose Armstrong, is locked away for believing his characters have come to life and escaped, Mel has a hunch he's not as crazy as everyone says. Mel sets out to find the truth about these living toons. But can he handle the fiends in the flesh? **PB \$14.95**

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When Abren becomes conscious of her surroundings she is struggling to get out of the flooded river Severn with a beautifully embroidered cloth clutched in her arms. What is she doing in the water, who is she, where can she go? So begins the unfolding of a story, that snakes and turns like the river itself, surprising the reader on every level. **PB \$16.95**

Brian Jacques*Loamhedge (Redwall)*

What secrets lie in the ruins of Loamhedge? When young haremmaid Martha Braebuck arrived at Redwall Abbey, she was unable to walk and no beast knows why. The answer lies far away at the ancient, ruined abbey of Loamhedge. And two old Redwall warriors, are determined to help. But as they leave, a murderous band of Searats is heading for Redwall Abbey, and their leader, Raga Bol, is a mighty vicious beast. One brave badger, Lonna Bowstripe, wants revenge on Bol and his crew, and the fate of Redwall, and young Martha Braebuck, will depend on him. **PB \$14.95**

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Cadel Piggott is a seven-year-old genius with a knack for systems. But when he gets in trouble with the police his parents are forced to take him to a therapist, Dr Thaddeus Roth. But Thaddeus is not who he seems and introduces the young Cadel to a world of genetically enhanced misfits who are determined to take over the world. It is only when Cadel meets Sonja, a disabled girl with a powerful mind that can match only his, that his emotions start to catch up with his intellect. But is it too late? Will the forces of evil subsume even this super-intelligent genius? **PB \$16.95**

Diana Wynne Jones*Conrad's Fate (Chrestomanci 5)*

Conrad is young, good at heart, and yet is apparently suffering from the effects of such bad karma that there is nothing in his future but terrible things. Unless he can alter his circumstances he is doomed. Conrad is sent in disguise to Stallery Mansion to infiltrate the magical fortress that has power over the whole town of Stallchester, and to discover the identity of the person who is affecting his Fate so badly. He has to put an end to them, or he won't last the year. And things start to go very strangely for Conrad from the moment he meets the boy called Christopher. **TP \$19.95**

Lene Kaaberbol*Serpent's Gift (Shamer 3)*

Dina has inherited the Shamer's Gift from her mother: she can shame even the most hardened wrong-doers, simply by looking into their eyes. But now she discovers a far more terrifying inheritance: her father is a Blackmaster and has the Serpent Gift for lie and illusion. And when he comes to claim his daughter, Dina and her family are catapulted into reckless flight and danger. **PB \$17.95**

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In each of these five stories fantasy is at work in unusual and powerful ways. There's also a common theme of the pull that buildings have over people, whether they become houses in which characters find safety and comfort or prisons that can trap and oppress. **PB \$14.95**

Ruth Manley*The Plum Rain Scroll*

Marishoten, the evil Black Iris Lord, seeks to overthrow the Mikado and usurp the Chrysanthemum throne. But first he must find the Plum-Rain Scroll, which holds the three secrets which will help him to achieve his victory. Two unlikely companions set forth to seek the Scroll before Marishoten can achieve his evil design. Their quest takes them far into the countryside, where they are joined by seven more companions. When this group finally arrive in Miyako, they come face to face with their enemy. **PB \$18.95**

John Marsden *Winter*

"I came home when I was sixteen." Winter has been away a long time. Mystery surrounded her departure, and mystery surrounds her return. Winter has come home to find answers. Her past is confused, muddled, almost lost. Somehow she has to find that past. Somehow she has to make sense of it. If there is to be hope in her future, Winter must find the answer to the greatest question in her life. **PB \$14.95**

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Smelly Sergeant Stinkbug arrives on Earth with a plan to kidnap the king of the world, but he ends up with Ricky's little cousin Lucy instead. Now it's up to Ricky and his Robot to save Lucy and the rest of mousekind from a stinky situation! **PB \$9.95**

Richard Poole*Jewel and Thorn (Book of Lowmoor 1)***HC \$24.95****Chris Priestley***White Rider*

London, 1716. The streets are full of spies and buzzing with intrigue. Jacobite rebels are being rounded up and hanged at Tower Hill, and on the outskirts of London the roads are haunted by a mysterious Highwayman known only as The White Rider; a robber so fierce that he kills his victims simply by pointing at them! Tom Marlowe, caught in the fascinating heart of events, is resolved to get to the bottom of them. With the help of his mentor, Dr Harker, Tom is determined to discover who is behind the White Rider's gruesome mask. But Dr Harker seems to be keeping secrets of his own. **PB \$16.95**

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Joshua Cross's enemy, Leirtod, is back with a vengeance. Swept back to 1590s London and placed in the care of Dr Dee, the Queen's Conjuror, mathematician, astrologer, and occasional dabbler in the occult, Joshua soon discovers that his friend Dido is in mortal danger. With Dee's aid Joshua must reach her before Leirtod does and death is dealt. Dee however is surrounded by his own demons: spies set up to burn him for his Catholic sympathies. **PB \$14.95**

Malcolm Rose*Traces: Framed! (Traces)*

Aged just 16, Luke Harding is the youngest person ever to qualify as a Forensic Investigator. Luke has barely had time to celebrate when Malc, his Mobile Aid to Law and Crime, calls him to their first case. A student has been mysteriously shot dead with an arrow. An elusive killer is at large and all the evidence points to Luke himself. **PB \$12.95**

Traces: Lost Bullet (Traces)

In the slums of London, Luke and Malc investigate a doctor's murder. They find a bullet wound to her head, but rain has washed away the bullet, and all other clues. As more innocent victims die, pressure builds on Luke and Malc to find the culprit before the bizarre shooting spree becomes an all-out massacre. **PB \$12.95**

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Tony is a nine-year-old horror story addict, so he can hardly believe his luck when a little vampire called Rudolph lands on his windowsill one evening. Together the two have a series of hilarious adventures involving visits to Rudolph's home, The Vampire Family Vault, where Tony hears chilling tales of the cemetery keeper (the vampires' sworn enemy) and narrowly escapes the clutches of Rudolph's Great-Aunt Dorothy. The story reaches its climax at a disastrous supper party to which Tony has rashly invited the vampire and his sister, Anna, to meet his parents. **PB \$15.95**

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Winx Club: Secret Powers (Winx Club 01)
Bloom leads an all-too-ordinary teenage life, until she finds herself smack in the middle of a battle between an angry ogre and a real-life fairy princess. That's when she discovers that she has magic powers and sets her sights on attending the College of Alfea, a school for aspiring fairies in the magical realm of Magix. But it doesn't take long for Bloom to realise that Alfea is a far cry from the Earth. **PB \$7.95**

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For her first midterm at Alfea, Bloom has to pass a survival test in the Magical Reality Chamber. But when the witches of Cloud Tower sabotage the exam in order to reveal the true strength of Bloom's dragon fire power, sparks fly and Bloom has a lot more to worry about than grades! **PB \$9.95**

R L Stine

One Night In Doom House (Mostly Ghostly 03)

Dragged into a haunted house by his friend Aaron, Max finds some objects that he thinks might help his ghost friends Nicky and Tara. But when he takes them home for further research, he upsets a whole colony of evil ghosts and sends a crazy human-melting Heat Ghost after the girl of his dreams! When Max realizes what he's done, he embarks on a wild ride across town to keep the ghost from melting his classmates. Will he make it in time - or will his whole school melt into the ground, with all his friends inside? **PB \$12.95**


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This summer Max is going to Camp Snake Lake - where he will have to swim in a lake filled with poisonous snakes... where a Headless Ghost roams the fields... where he and his mostly ghostly friends Nicky and Tara will continue the dangerous search for Nicky and Tara's parents. But first Max will have to face the evil spirit Phears again. Can Max learn the secret that will destroy this most terrifying ghoul for good? **PB \$12.95**

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Join Wilbur the Weird and his friends on their mystical journey into the unknown. One night, this adventurous strong-minded little elf has a dream and is visited by Fang, the 'God of the Sky.' Fang commands him to go on a quest wherever his spirit takes him. Together with his pet owl Snowy, and his beloved Ivy, Wilbur, with newfound strength and courage sets out on his quest. But will they succeed on their dangerous mission? **PB \$14.95**

Val Tyler

The Time Wreckas

The Guardians look after time for all people. Humans always rush around claiming that they do not have enough time, but no one thinks of guarding it. The Guardians do this and in every region of the world there is one who protects time for us all. In Greenwich, it is Old Father Tim. When the Wreccas, who populate the Underneath, send Snot to steal the Tick, their only intention is to wreak havoc on the Guardians who live Topside. They don't expect Snot to find out that she feels more at home Topside and that she really rather likes Tid (Old Father Tim's grandson) who she has to trick. And little do they know that without the Tick, time will stop forever. **HC \$24.95**

Steve Voake

The Dreamwalker's Child

Sam Palmer hates living in the countryside - he has no friends and life is dull. Until a bizarre bicycle crash leaves his body in a coma. Now he has far bigger problems. Sam awakes in Aurobon, a world similar to his own, and discovers that his accident was part of an elaborate abduction. Dark forces led by the brutal Odoursin need him for a deadly agenda, one that threatens to reach beyond Aurobon and into his own world. Aided by Skipper - an adrenalin-loving girl pilot - Sam must join the fight against Odoursin and find a way to return home. **TP \$19.95**

John Ward

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The Stone of Sorrow begins some months after the end of *The Secret of the Alchemist* in Provence, France. A new mix of strange characters and weird events brings Jake and Helen together again: this time they are further along the way to understanding the true power of *The Philosopher's Stone*: life eternal. Yet others seek it too: the face-shifting Zoë and the counterfeit teacher, Macintosh Raeburn; the blood-chilling Doctor Negulescu, deceased but controlled by another through the art of metempsychosis; and the horrifying, centuries-old Draganu. **PB \$15.95**

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Upon moving to Bixby, Oklahoma, fifteen-year-old Jessica Day learns that she is one of a group of people who have special abilities that help them fight ancient creatures living in an hour hidden at midnight; creatures that seem determined to destroy Jess. **PB \$13.95**

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Brian Greene

A Field Guide to Dinosaurs

Sensational discoveries during the past decade have shed new light on the most intimate details of dinosaurs' lives, from their appearance and diet to their behaviour, their family structures - even their sex lives. Renowned dinosaur artist Luis V. Rey and palaeontologist and writer Henry Gee have seamlessly integrated all of the most recent discoveries. **HC \$39.95**

Michel Houellebecq

The Fabric of the Cosmos

PB \$26.95

Toni Johnson-Woods

H P Lovecraft: Against the World, Against Life

Required reading for anyone interested in the origins of horror fiction, the author takes the reader inside the mind of this unparalleled artisan of terror and the macabre, building on his adoration for Lovecraft to craft a compelling account of the author's life and legacy. **HC \$36.95**

Emma Jones

The Literary Companion

If you've ever picked up a novel and settled down in a nice comfy chair, rummaged through a second-hand bookshop or spent hours in the library thumbing through the volumes you mean to read one day, then this is the book for you. Within these pages are hundreds of facts, figures, stories, quotes and items of trivia about reading and writing from the earliest printed books to today's best-sellers. It's the only book about books that you'll ever need. **HC \$24.95**

Media Related

The Action Heroine's Handbook

Compiles information from action movies and television programs, including "Aliens," "The Matrix," and "Scream," to teach readers skills such as how to outrun a fireball, profile a serial killer, and land a failing helicopter. **HC \$27.95**

The Action Heroes Handbook **PB \$24.95**

The Amityville Horror

Jay Anson

Provides a chilling account of the four weeks of terror experienced by an Amityville, Long Island, family after moving into a house in which a particularly gruesome mass murder had once been committed. **PB \$17.95**

Movie Goers Companion

Rhiannon Guy

HC \$24.95

Angel

Angel: Casefiles Volume 2

Paul Ruditis & Diana G Gallagher

A second companion guide to the popular hit television series includes exclusive cast and production interviews, cast profiles, annotated episode summaries, a day-on-the-set journal, photo inserts, behind-the-scenes info, and more. **TP \$29.95**

Five Seasons of Angel: Science Fiction and Fantasy Writers Discuss Their Favorite Vampire

Glenn Yeffeth

A collection of essays explores the different characters and themes relating to the cult television series Angel, including Angel as victim, Lindsey's moral center, and the role of Spike. **TP \$36.95**

Batman

The Batman Handbook

Scott Beatty

At one time or another, we've all fantasised about being super heroes. The problem has always been that radioactive spider bites and sun-inspired superpowers are a bit hard to come by. But with *The Batman Handbook*, this lifelong fantasy can finally become a reality. **PB \$27.95**

Blake's 7

Blake's 7: The Radio Adventures

This attractive CD collection includes the thrilling space adventures *The Sevenfold Crown* and *The Syndeton Experiment*, plus additional bonus material. **CD \$35**

Charmed

Mystic Knoll

Diana G Gallagher

Desperate for some much needed time off, the three sisters find their vacation plans turned upside down when late flights and poor directions land them in a mysterious town afflicted by a series of abnormal occurrences. **PB \$12.95**

Doctor Who

Script Doctor

TP \$40.95

Andrew Cartmel

Evil of the Daleks

The Doctor, played by Patrick Troughton, witnesses the final end of the Daleks in this exclusive recording of a classic lost BBC television adventure, with linking narration by Frazer Hines. **CD \$35**

9th Doctor: The Death Players

Jac Rayner

Rose and the Doctor return to present-day Earth to visit Rose's mum, and become intrigued by the latest craze the video game, *Death to Mantodeans*. Is it as harmless as it seems? And why are so many local people going on holiday and never returning? Meanwhile, on another world, an alien war is raging. The Quevvils need to find a new means of attacking the Mantodeans. Searching the galaxy for cunning, warlike but gullible allies, they find the ideal soldiers on Earth. Will Rose be able to save her family and friends from the alien threat? And can the Doctor play the game to the end and win? **PB \$14.95**

Journey Into Space

Operation Luna Collection

Charles Chilton

Charles Chilton's classic science fiction trilogy stormed the BBC airwaves during the 1950s. This first volume features the complete series of *Operation Luna*, as well as the documentary *Another Journey Into Space* and an excerpt of rare footage from an otherwise lost episode. **CD \$95**

Justice League of America

Crisis on Infinite Earths

Marv Wolfman

As a mysterious force makes its way through multiple levels of reality, annihilating everything, including countless dimensions, in its path, Superman, Batman, Wonder Woman, the Flash, and other superheroes confront their greatest challenge--to stop the interdimensional threat before it destroys everything. **HC \$47.95**

Green Lantern 01: Sleepers

Mike Baron & Christopher Priest

Earth's powerful superhero Kyle Rayner, the Green Lantern, must somehow bring together enough heroes from the planet's past and present to stop an alien threat to the continuity of space and time, in the first volume in an epic trilogy. **PB \$17.95**

Star Wars

Revenge of the Sith

Matthew Woodring Stover

Based on the screenplay of the movie, *Star Wars: Episode III*, the novel brings the epic full circle, revealing at last just how the young Jedi, Anakin Skywalker, became the most evil villain in the galaxy, Darth Vader, and father to Luke and Leia. When the novel opens, the Clone Wars are still in full cry, and numerous Jedi have already been lost. Anakin is struggling with his dual life: Jedi Knight and husband (in secret) to Padme Amidala. The time is drawing near for the machiavellian Darth Sidious, the Sith Lord determined to wrest control of the galaxy from the Republic - to draw tight the noose he has been creating around Anakin Skywalker, and create a new Sith Lord with unmatched dark-side Force powers. **HC \$49.95**

Art of Star War: Revenge of the Sith

Jonathan Rinzler

A lavishly designed companion to the forthcoming third episode in the *Star Wars* odyssey provides previously unseen movie artwork, including character sketches, costume and set designs, models, digital images, paintings, and animation storyboards, and includes an officially illustrated screenplay by George Lucas. Movie tie-in. **HC \$70**

Making of Star Wars Revenge of the Sith

Jonathan Rinzler

An insider's tour of the making of the latest *Star Wars* film provides photographs from the Lucasfilm archives, portraits of its actors and creators, and a behind-the-scenes look at everything from set designs to character development to special effects magic. **TP \$45.95 HC \$70**

Official Price Guide to Star Wars Memorabilia

Jeremy Beckett

Provides a definitive overview of the full array of *Star Wars* memorabilia and collectibles, furnishing detailed descriptions and price listings for thousands of items, ranging from action figures and comics to promotional items, movie props, and more. **PB \$36.95**

Star Wars Super Collector's Wish Book 3rd Ed

HC \$60

Geoffrey T Carlton

Star Wars Trilogy 25th Anniversary Edition

George Lucas

Twenty-five years after the phenomenon was born, *Star Wars* remains one of the greatest fantasy sagas ever told. Follow the spectacular adventures of Luke Skywalker, Han Solo and Princess Leia as they battle the forces of evil in a desperate race to rid the spaceways of the shadow of Darth Vader. The *Star Wars Trilogy* is a must-read for anyone who wants to relive the excitement, the magic and the sheer entertainment of this legendary saga - now and for ever. **PB \$27.95**

Revenge of the Sith Incredible Cross Sections

Intricate cross-section artworks show the full range of spectacular new vehicles and spaceships from the new movie - including a four-page fold-out of the enormous Separatist Cruiser on which Emperor Palpatine is held hostage. Main artworks are supplemented with an array of cross-section and spot artworks to highlight other craft or additional aspects of the vehicles. **HC \$29.95**

Revenge of the Sith Visual Dictionary

James Luceno

High-quality annotated photographs and stills from the movie explain every important feature of the characters, creatures, costumes, droids and equipment found in the climactic, final prequel. **HC \$29.95**

The Best Awful

Carrie Fisher

Suzanne Vale is back, juggling ex-husband, ex-stardom, ex-addiction, current motherhood and approaching breakdown. She's just about getting by. But 'just about' isn't enough. When Suzanne decides to become the best - the best partner, the best mother, the best company and daughter and celebrity - slowly (and then very quickly) her life gets out of control. **PB \$19.95**

Miniatures

Revenge of the Sith Miniatures

This set contains 4 standard miniatures plus 2 exclusive miniatures, Supreme Commander Greivous and Obi-Wan Kenobi, quick start and advanced rulebooks, 20-sided die, a checklist for the *Revenge of the Sith* set, fold-out gameboard, and counters. **Box \$30**

Revenge of the Sith Booster Pack

In each booster box, there is 7 random miniatures with very rare, rare, common and uncommon miniatures inside. **Box \$20**

Younger Readers

Galactic Crisis

Ryder Windham

The new movie is set during the Clone Wars, a complex struggle between the forces of good and evil. This book is the perfect primer for new fans, explaining all the background to the conflict. Who are the Sith and why do they want to wipe out the Jedi? Who exactly is Darth Sidious? All is revealed! **PB \$9.95**

Star Pilot

Laura Buller

This book allows the young reader to imagine they are sitting in the pilot seat of all the best, fastest and most exciting spaceships in Star Wars. What is the biggest ship? Which is the fastest vehicle? This fun-packed Reader has all the facts! It also includes several ships from the new movie, Revenge of the Sith. **PB \$9.95**

Revenge of the Sith Ultimate Sticker Book

More than 60 full-colour stickers - including Anakin Skywalker, Obi-Wan Kenobi, Yoda, Chewbacca, Emperor Palpatine, Darth Vader, R2-D2, C3PO, General Grievous - and many more new characters! **TP \$9.95**

Revenge of the Sith Funfax

The Star Wars: Revenge of the Sith Funfax contains 96 pages of diary, film and character information, puzzles and games. There are bookmarks, door hangers plus an extra three pages of stickers. This six-ring binder contains bright and fun information, making it ideal for children to use both at home and at school. **\$14.95**

Games Related

Arcana Unearthed

The Dragon's Return

Delve deeper into the evolving Diamond Throne saga in this anthology featuring a dozen new stories from such fantasy authors as Monte Cook, Ed Greenwood and others. **PB \$13.95**

Dragonlance

New Adventures 06: Dragon Day

Stan Brown

The sixth title in an all-new Dragonlance series for young readers features a new group of young companions who band together for friendship and excitement during the golden age of the Dragonlance world. **PB \$13.95**

Rise of Solamnia 01: Lord of the Rose

Douglas Niles

This series will explore the post-war era in Solamnia, a central region of the Dragonlance world, continuing key story elements from the War of Souls series. **PB \$15.95**

Eberron

Lost Mark 01: Marked For Death

Matt Forbeck

Marked for Death begins a new epic trilogy set in the world of Eberron. **PB \$13.95**

Forgotten Realms

House of Serpents 02: Viper's Kiss

Lisa Smedman

The second title exploring the political intrigues of the yuan-ti race. **PB \$13.95**

Icewind Dale 1/Legend of Drizzt 4:

The Crystal Shard

R A Salvatore

This is the first ever release of this novel in hardcover, the classic tale of Salvatore's signature dark elf character Drizzt Do'urden. **HC \$50**

Shandril's Saga 02: Crown of Fire

Ed Greenwood

PB \$15.95

Warhammer 40K

Blood of the Reik

Matt Ralphs

The lands of the Empire are savage and wild, and are inhabited by strange folk and untameable beasts. From burgeoning cities to lonely villages, from rivers to mountains, life passes for the many and varied denizens of the Empire. This beautiful, landscape format art book collects together never before published sketches and drawings, detailing the rich and dangerous world of Warhammer. **TP \$49.95**

Ravenor 01: Ravenor

Dan Abnett

A former pupil of the notorious Inquisitor Einsenhorn, psyker Gideon Ravenor, forever bound to a force-chair following a catastrophic accident caused by the dark agents of Chaos, must draw on all his psychic talents and available alien technology, to track down the mysterious enemies of humankind in the name of the Emperor. **PB \$19.95**

Ravenor 02: Ravenor Returned

Dan Abnett

Inquisitor Ravenor and his warband must confront the interference of corrupt Imperial officials as they investigate the spread of a mysterious substance known as flects. **HC \$40.95**

Ultramarines: Nightbringer

Graham McNeill

A dark military fantasy set in the futuristic Warhammer 40,000 universe follows an elite group of near-immortal warriors, under the command of recently promoted Ultramarines Captain Uriel Ventris, as they battle rebellion and alien encroachment within humankind's empire. **PB \$17.95**

World of Darkness

Vampire the Requiem 02:

Blood In, Blood Out

Lucien Soulban

Duce Carter must face the ghosts of his past in the second novel in the Vampire the Requiem series. **PB \$13.95**

Role Playing Games

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Arcana Evolved: Monte Cook's Arcana Evolved

This book integrates and revises the contents of Monte Cook's Arcana Unearthed, The Diamond Throne, and Arcana Unearthed Screen and Player's Guide. Discover new PC races like the dragonlike Dracha, classes like the ritual warrior, evolved versions of all races, new champion and totem warrior types, and dozens of new spells, spell templates, feats, manifestations, equipment, and more. **HC \$100**

Dungeons & Dragons: Sandstorm

Explores the impact of desert conditions and extreme hot-weather environments on every aspect of game play. Also included are new races, spells, feats, magic items, prestige classes and monsters associated with deserts and other wastelands. **HC \$50**

Miniatures: Deathknell Booster Pack

Contains a randomised selection of figures chosen directly from titles such as Libris Mortis, Monster Manual III, Complete Adventurer and the Eberron Campaign Setting. 8 random pre-painted plastic miniatures plus stat cards for each. **Box \$20**

Exalted

Book of Bone and Ebony

Details the black art of Necromancy, and many other important facets of the Underworld. From the secrets of Stygia to the construction of necromantic war machines and new ghostly Arcano and Underworld creatures, this book offers all the information you need to unlock the power of death in any game involving Abyssals or the Heroic Dead. **TP \$50**

GURPS

Infinite Worlds

GURPS Infinite Worlds combines and updates material from GURPS Time Travel, GURPS Alternate Earths, and GURPS Alternate Earths 2 into one full-colour volume, and gives dozens of new worlds to explore as well! This is the complete genre book on both alternative-world gaming and time travel. **HC \$70**

Hero System

The Ultimate Mystic

TP \$50

Judge Dredd Wargames

Gangs of Mega-City One Box Set

Inside this box set you will find: a 96 page full-colour rulebook, plastic sprues to make 12 gangers in 30mm scale, card terrain and templates, large playing map and dice. Everything you need to wage Sci-Fi street gang war in the future. **Box \$100**

Starship Troopers

Starship Troopers The Wargame

Written by Andy Chambers, the all new Starship Troopers miniatures game is a full blown sci-fi slaughterfest pitting the rugged Mobile Infantry against the full weight of the Arachnids. This box set provides everything you need to get started in the Starship Troopers game. **Box \$150**

World of Darkness

Vampire the Requiem:

Bloodlines: The Hidden

This is the first in a new Vampire series that focuses on the refinements and abuses of undead blood. Drawn from the shadows are 12 bloodlines from all five clans, lineages that diverge from the clans and that have dedicated the ages to keeping their existence secret. 1 new ritual blood magic, 10 new devotions, 7 new disciplines, 35 new powers and 12 new bloodlines contained herein. **\$50**

Werewolf The Forsaken: Character Pad

The pad contains 10 character sheets for each of the six tribes. **TP \$20**

Bestsellers for March

General Release

<i>The Raft</i>	Alan Mills *
<i>The Etched City</i>	KJ Bishop*
<i>The Black Crusade</i>	Harlan Ellison*
<i>Aurealis 32*</i>	
Moving Target	Elizabeth Moon

Media & Gaming Related

Crimson Tears	Warhammer 40,000
Tales of the Slayer 4	Buffy
Lord of Night	Warhammers 40,000
Shatterpoint	Star Wars
To the Slaughter	Doctor Who

*Australian titles

Dan's Recommendations

Dhampir	Barb & JC Hendee
The Crystal Shard	RA Salvatore
Trading in Danger	Elizabeth Moon
Chrestomanci series	Diana Wynne Jones
Crown of Slaves	
	David Weber & Eric Flint

Tim's Recommendations

Orphanage	Robert Buettner
Hominids	Robert J Sawyer
Trading in Danger	Elizabeth Moon
Swords of Night and Day	David Gemmell

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 by the attendees of the group for the following meeting. The next meeting will be Thursday 7th April with the topic of Science Fiction and the Internet.

Review Group: The review group meets on the third Thursday of each month. Two books (one science fiction, one fantasy) are chosen by group members 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:

April 21st Review books:

SF: Trading in Danger by Elizabeth Moon.

Fantasy: The Baker's Boy by J V Jones.

Writers' Group: Infinitas has been host to a writers group for over 8 years now. 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.

This story was one of the three equal first place winners of the 2005 Magic Casements Flash Fiction competition sponsored by Infinitas Bookshop. Congratulations to Elaine, a member of the Infinitas Writers Group.

We Have the Technology by Elaine Shipp

Captain Waldec glanced down at the report. His crew had been busy, but then he expected nothing less.

"The blue planet has no defense against us. Even their spacecraft are unarmed. I believe there will be little or no resistance."

"No weapons at all?" Commander Pasturel sounded surprised.

"They have nuclear capabilities but we can neutralise them."

"There is little time, Captain, before our fleet arrives. Ensure you have completed the research study of Earth." The comms screen went blank.

The Captain turned to his First Officer. "Juro, concentrate on the satellites. Prepare to remove their communication array before the attack."

"Yes, sir."

"Sir?" Observation Officer Kinwe's voice was raised in alarm. "I'm tracking a small craft... *this just isn't possible!*"

"What is it?"

"I've never seen anything like it, sir. It's travelling over the speed of light." Kinwe checked the readings again.

"They don't have that technology!" The Captain leant over the screen. "Can we move closer?"

"No, sir. We are undetected here."

They watched as the blip on the screen accelerated and then stopped, and then repeated the process.

"What is it *doing*?" The Captain pondered aloud.

"Hopping, Sir."

"I can see that with my own eyes, Officer Kinwe."

"Sorry, Sir." Kinwe swallowed and kept his eyes focused on the screen.

"To accelerate and decelerate in that short a time, the engine must be extremely powerful. Scan for more information." The Captain paused and then murmured under his breath, "If they have concealed this, what else don't we know?"

"The craft is three rimm by one rimm, and has ten life forms on board, sir."

"Is that all?" The Captain began to pace. "To move that fast we would need an engine three times the size of that craft." He stopped and gripped Kinwe's shoulder. "Three rimm, you say?"

Kinwe nodded quickly. His hands flew over the console. "It's impossible... impossible!" Kinwe muttered over and over as he scrambled to find out more. "I cannot get any readings on engines, weapons or what radio frequencies they use."

"How can they mask those? Even we don't have the technology to do that." Alarm flashed across the Captain's face before he hid it behind his usual stern expression.

"Captain, shall I contact Command?" Juro asked.

The Captain squared his shoulders. "Yes, tell them to abort. Kinwe, pull yourself together and gather every detail you can about that craft." *Who knows what they have aimed at us!* he thought. "Pilot, get us out of here."

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Flying across the Pacific, Santa Claus turned towards Australia. He liked the southern hemisphere – much warmer this time of year.

"Ho! Ho! Ho!"

The sleigh began to descend into Sydney, a little red beacon lighting its way.

Awards News

British Science Fiction Association Awards, announced at Eastercon:

<http://www.paragon2.org.uk>

Best novel: *River of Gods* by Ian McDonald,

Best short fiction: *Mayflower II* by Stephen Baxter's, and

Best artwork: Cover by Stephan Martiniere of *Newton's Wake* (by Ken MacLeod)

Philip K. Dick Award, for best original paperback published in the US in 2004, is *Life* by Gwyneth Jones, with a special citation given to *Apocalypse Array* by Lyda Morehouse.

Hugo Awards at 2005 World Science Fiction Convention: Interaction in Glasgow

Best Novel nominees are: *The Algebraist* by Iain M. Banks, *Iron Council* by China Miéville, *Iron Sunrise* by Charles Stross, *Jonathan Strange & Mr Norrell* by Susanna Clarke, and *River of Gods* by Ian McDonald.