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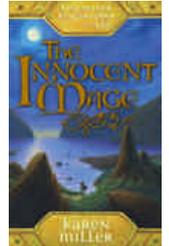
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Author Signing

Karen Miller will be visiting Infinitas Saturday 10th September at 1.30pm to promote her fantasy novel *The Innocent Mage*. Review below. Light refreshments will be provided at this event. Everyone is welcome, but if you can't make it, just call us to arrange to have your book signed for you anyway. We have some free samplers (first few chapters) of her novel available for anyone interested in trying before buying.



News

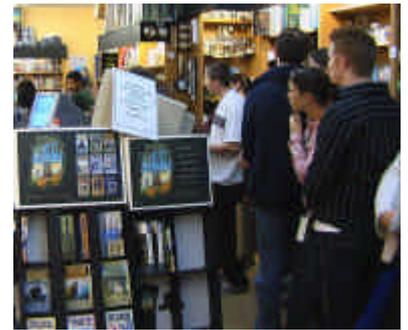
We currently have a large number of author signed books, having taken advantage of the recent conventions in Hobart and Melbourne to way-lay attending writers.

Queen Elizabeth is a Dr Who fan. British newspapers report she has ordered the current series in DVD for taking on holidays. Apparently she has been a fan since the series began years ago.



Robin Robb Visit

We enjoyed a very successful day on Sat 23rd July when author Robin Hobb visited. She very patiently signed many books, answered questions and chatted. There was quite a crowd. We now have many signed copies of her books, available at standard retail price, including books under her other writing name, Megan Lindholm, which she signed with that name.



Thanks to all of you who gave us feedback on the new electronic format of our newsletter. The response was definitely positive. Since a large proportion of customers indicted Crime as a book interest when filling out membership forms, we have decided to try listing a selection of crime and mystery titles, as well as some titles that don't quite (but almost) fit into our usual science fiction, fantasy or horror categories. These books are all in the one section of the newsletter, and are *by request only*. If you wander into the shop, you'll need to ask us to order them for you, as we don't know which of them will actually appeal to our readers.

Chris Bunch died recently. He wrote many science fiction and fantasy novels, including the military flavoured science fiction Sten series. His military experience showed in much of his writing with realistic scenarios of small group tactics in his stories.

James Doohan, one of the central actors of the original Star Trek series and movies, died on Thursday 21st July 2005. Star Trek fans will know and love "Scotty". With his accent and phrasing he added much character to the TV series and films. James was not Scottish, however, but Canadian. [More info and book listing.](#)

We have just received a long overdue small delivery from NESFA. Opening up the delivery gave us a pleasant surprise with several hardcovers by **Lois McMaster Bujold** being signed by the author.

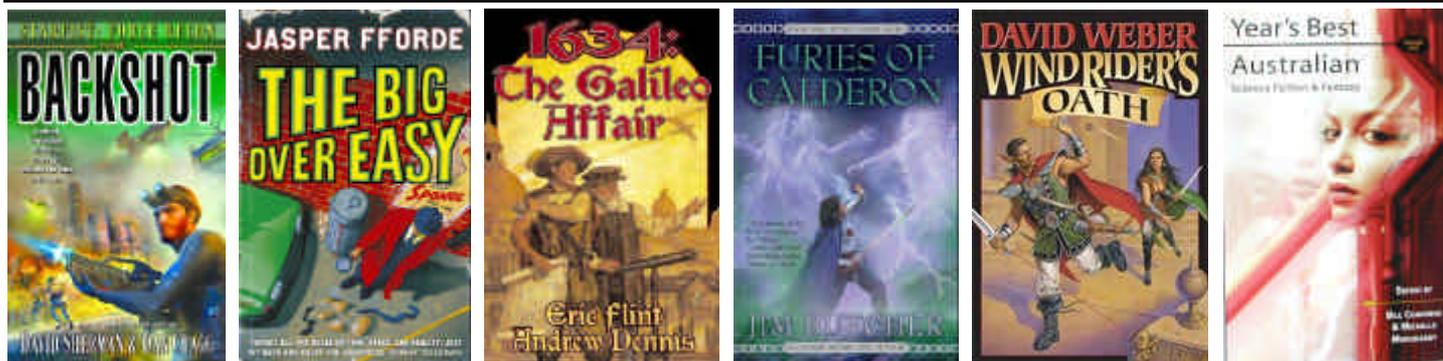
Books Alive 2005 is underway and Infinitas is a participating bookstore. This year's promotional book is Hell Island by Matthew Reilly, which is only available through the Books Alive scheme. More details available in store or at www.booksalive.com.au

Conflux 2006 is gaining momentum. Featuring Sir Arthur C. Clarke and Ray Bradbury via communications link, International Guests Ellen Datlow, Steve Jackson, Joan D. Vinge and Jim Frenkel, and Australian Guests

Kate Forsyth, Sara Douglass, Jackie French and Jason Paulos, plus the largest art show and film festival at an Australian SF Convention, with Exhibiting Guest Artists Nick Stathopoulos, Greg Bridges and Les Petersen. 9-12 June 2006, Canberra. www.conflux.org.au



Featured Books



Backshot by **David Sherman** and **Dan Cragg** book one in a new series, Special Ops, set in the Starfist universe.

Big Over Easy by **Jasper Fforde**

Furies of Calderon by **Jim Butcher**

1634: The Galileo Affair by **Eric Flint** and **Andrew Dennis**

Windrider's Oath by **David Weber**

Year's Best Australian Science Fiction and Fantasy Vol One edited by **Bill Congreve** and **Michelle Marquardt**, with stories by Lynette Aspey, Deborah Biancotti, Damien Broderick, Brendan D Carson, Rjurik Davidson, Terry Dowling, Brendan Duffy, Margo Lanagan, Geoffrey Maloney, Ben Peek, Cat Sparks and Scott Westerfeld.

Book Reviews

Urban Shaman by C E Murphy

Reviewed by Stuart Anderson

Joanne Walker, mechanic, cop, and unwitting urban shaman, is the latest ghoulish-kicking heroine in the supernatural-thriller genre.

She also heralds C.E. (Catie) Murphy as a potential new star to watch in the footsteps of Anita Blake, Tanya Huff and Jim Butcher.

Urban Shaman begins with Murphy writing at her delightful best. She introduces Walker as a smart and funny woman cop from Seattle with a wry outlook on life, yet with enough endearing quirks to break out of that same predictable archetypal mould. Her quirky observations and unforced style mark Walker an endearing character and Murphy a stylish writer of great promise.

We are hurled into the story immediately as Walker pursues, and is pursued by, the Wild Hunt - ghostly horsemen led by an ancient demi-god on a bloody mission of mayhem to ultimately destroy the world.

Equally endearing supporting characters are introduced - your gruffly good natured taxi driver, your drop-dead gorgeous ghoulish-bait blonde, your cross-dressing detective etc - not to mention the antagonist, the Horned God, Cernunnos. Or should that be "horny"? Our heroine seems to get the vapors over everyone except, perhaps, her cross-dressing pal.

Being a mechanic, our heroine tends to use a lot of vehicle analogies, so maybe it's fitting to say that the story starts well, picks up speed, then sadly the wheels fall off. After such a promising and enjoyable start, the tale never really kicks into

gear as our heroine literally stumbles from event to event, and she is tutored in her shamanic skills by an ethereal wolf while she is unconscious from the aforementioned stumbling. Yes, tragic.

There are more grizzly murders, however these are being committed by another mysterious antagonist and not the Wild Hunt which is strangely absent, evidently off somewhere searching for the plot.

It's a shame Murphy wastes such an enjoyable beginning, fine narrative style and likeable characters by failing to grasp the necessity of cause and effect and relying instead on deus ex machina. Tension disappears when we realize Walker can magically heal herself and her friends from the most gruesome wounds and saving the world becomes obscurely inevitable.

And it's also inevitable that the main antagonist, Cernunnos (the horny one), inevitably escapes no doubt to re-appear for the inevitable next book in the inevitable trilogy.

Let's hope C.E. Murphy learns to control her heroine's hormones, and her plot, to realize her considerable potential.

***Shaman's Crossing* by Robin Hobb (Book 1 of Soldier Son)**

Reviewed by Josephine Crowley

It was with great anticipation that I began to read book one in this new trilogy by Robin Hobb. The first few chapters were filled with interest and promise as I began to read about Nevare Gerar's home life and background. Then as he settled into life at the King's Cavalry Academy, I found the story almost repetitive, at times a little confusing, tedious and bogged down. Many of the characters at the academy were difficult to sort out and I found them somewhat confusing.

This first book is set in a more modern era than her previous trilogies. It has not got the excitement and anticipation generated by her other books, nor the mystery and fantasy that I expected. But with an author of this standing, book two in the series will be eagerly awaited.

Reviewed by Catherine M

Shaman's Crossing by Robin Hobb is the first book in a new trilogy. It is written in a similar style to the *Liveship Traders* trilogy. I really enjoyed her other trilogies and have been waiting for this new one. This book, like the other trilogies, is filled with complex character development and scene settings.

The central character, Nevare Gerar, is the second son and therefore in the very structured society is destined to be a soldier, like his father. The book introduces Nevare at the age of 8 and follows his coming into manhood after an early encounter with a mysterious Shaman character. Nevare is sent to the Kings Cavalry Academy where two thirds of the book is set. There he endures many hardships, many of which have to do with the political state of the society.

He himself starts out as a very obedient and unquestioning boy about his place and responsibilities in society. He is accepting of his preordained place in the world and cannot see why others, including women, are not so. We follow him through his painful awakening and how he becomes a catalyst for a huge change in the fabric of his ordered society.

I really enjoyed reading this book, even though at the beginning I thought reading about a young man's growth into manhood was not to my interest. But as I got further into the book I was waiting to read how the story and the character developed. By the end of the book I felt ready for the future adventures of the central character Nevare.

***The Innocent Mage* by Karen Miller**

Reviewed by Dan

The Innocent Mage tells of the coming of age of Asher, a young Olken man. He is the youngest of a large family of fishermen, and being youngest, gets the smallest return for his efforts. Asher is determined to make a better life for himself and his father, by making enough money to buy a boat, for only his father and himself. To do this he sneaks away to the city, where the beautiful Doranen live. The Doranen are fair, and use magic to do everyday tasks, while the Olken are plain, enjoy a simple lifestyle and are forbidden from working magic. The Doranen are now permanent residents in the Kingdom of Lur, having fled from an evil magician in their own realm hundreds of years ago. When they arrived, a magical Wall was constructed by Barl. Within the Wall, the weather is always fair, with sunny days and sufficient rain overnight for plants to grow, while outside the Wall Morg reigns. The King of the land, the Weatherworker, magically maintains the Wall. The heir to throne must possess a strong magic as he is also Weatherworker in Waiting. The problem for Prince Gar is that he has no magic, and as such cannot be heir. Shortly after he arrives in the city, Asher impresses the Prince and is offered a job within the palace grounds. What happens afterwards is a series of events that Asher, the former fisherman, would never have dreamed could happen to him.

I found this book to be quite fast paced throughout and the world to be well realised. There are multiple characters that a reader can feel for, which means you will probably want to see some characters do well, and others meet a nasty end. This is a world of magic, but not of magical creatures, with a good dose of intrigue mixed in. I enjoyed this book a lot, and I suffered the disappointment you get with good books of having reached the end.

Miss Glowlit's New Rules by Karen Maric

A pen hit the back of Miss Glowlit's head. She yelped. Admittedly, it was a goose quill pen, but still, the nib was iron. She drew in a deep breath and slowly turned from the board on which she was inscribing the Rules of Magic with swirls of her wand.

Jaelina. The little wretch was smiling unashamedly.

"Hey, Miss Got-No-Tits, I've gotta pee!"

"Then you should put your hand up, Jaelina. And it's Miss Glowlit."

"But I'm about to pee my pantaloons! And you had your back to me, Miss Go-Eat-Bricks. How could you see my hand?"

Everyone sniggered.

"You could have simply asked."

"You told us not to call out in class."

Everyone guffawed.

With a ragged sigh, Miss Glowlit turned back to the board. By doing so, she knew she had conceded defeat. She should have hauled the girl straight over to the Sorcerer-Disciplinarian's Hall: Jaelina had assaulted her! But last time Miss Glowlit had tried to discipline Jaelina, she had had the paint work on her carriage scratched. The very same afternoon. Jaelina might not have learned her lesson, but Miss Glowlit certainly had.

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"I can't control them! They walk all over me!" said Miss Glowlit, weeping into her sodden lace gloves.

"You're so young. This is only your first twelvemoon teaching," said the Head Sorcerer. "It will get easier."

Briel, professor of warrior spells, stormed into the tearoom. "I heard that horrid Jaelina boasting in the playground. Little wretch! Take her up to the disciplinarian, Melia."

"I can't. She'll wreck my carriage!"

Jaelina wrecked it anyway. When Miss Glowlit went to it — her spirits soaring at a few hours respite from the abuse and degradation — she discovered new scratches, all along the door panels. Her heart plummeted.

And caricature of a skinny woman, painted in brown, defaced the shiny blue rear. Written under it in appallingly unschooled letters was: Miss Got-No-Tits.

Miss Glowlit bent closer to sniff the brown paint. Doggie waste, hardened with magic. Indissoluble. Except for a spell far beyond any lowly class teacher's skill.

She straightened up, and squared her shoulders in a determined way.

This time, Jaelina had gone too far.

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The following morning Miss Glowlit made certain she arrived at work early. She sat in her glass and ivory classroom with the door wide open.

Ten minutes before the first chime of the day, Jaelina sauntered in.

"Hey, Miss Go-Suck—"

Miss Glowlit interrupted her by reciting a spell expressly forbidden to teachers.

Ten minutes later, the rest of the class arrived.

"Now," said Miss Glowlit in an unfamiliar, steely voice, "you are all to copy down my new classroom rules."

One. Respect teachers always, she wrote on the board.

"Chalk!" exclaimed a student. "You're so out of touch, Miss So-Many-Zits."

Miss Glowlit clenched her jaw and kept writing until all the chalk was gone. Then she faced the class and, with one mighty blow, blasted the chalk dust from her hands. A white cloud gusted over the students. Coughs and splutters ensued.

"If any of you are wondering where Jaelina is today, I'm afraid I transformed her into a piece of chalk. Now, who'd like to break the next rule?"

This was a commended winner in the 2005 Magic Casements Flash Fiction Competition.



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Bestsellers for July

General Release

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| Harry Potter and the Half Blood Prince | J K Rowling |
| Shaman's Crossing | Robin Hobb |
| Every Which Way But Dead | Kim Harrison |
| The Crystal Gorge | David & Leigh Eddings |
| Ascent | Sean Williams & Shane Dix* |
| Warlord | Jennifer Fallon * |
| The Shining City | Kate Forsyth * |

* Australian Authors

Media and Games Related Titles

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| Taking Wing | Star Trek: Titan |
| The Gallifrey Chronicles | Doctor Who |
| Enemy Territory | Star Trek: IKS Gorkon |
| Breakdowns | Star Trek: SCE |
| Seeds of Rage | Star Trek: Original Series |
| Farthest Reach | Forgotten Realms |
| Hollow Men | Star Trek: Deep Space 9 |

New Release Information

The books listed in this catalogue are listed to be released during this month. All books listed are available for order. If there is something that you want that you cannot find listed, or is not in the shop, please ask us to order it for you.

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

Information on the Infinitas Groups

New members always welcome at all the groups, if interested just come along.

SF Discussion 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. Contact the shop for the next topic. Always a lively discussion of science in the news, films, books and ideas.

Review Group: The review group meets on the third Thursday of each month at 6.30pm. Two books (usually 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. The discussion is generally serious and insightful.

August Fantasy: *Curse of the Mistwraith* Janny Wurts
SF: *Ender's Game* Orson Scott Card
September SF: *The Real Story* Stephen Donaldson
Fantasy *Amazing Maurice & His Educated Rodents* Terry Pratchett

Writers' Group: 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, why not come along. Meetings are the 3rd Saturday of each month. Check out the website for more details.

Douglas Adams

The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy

Losing your planet isn't the end of the world... this is the film tie-in audio edition of Douglas Adams' perennially popular novel, read by the one and only Stephen Fry! 2005 finally sees the release of *The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy* movie from Disney Touchstone Pictures. Stars include Martin Freeman as Arthur Dent, Sam Rockwell as Zaphod Beeblebrox, Bill Nighy as Slartibartfast, supercool hip-hop artist Mos Def as Ford Prefect and the gorgeous Zoëy Deschanel as Trillian. Completely new characters were developed specially for the film by Douglas Adams before his death and will be played by John Malkovich and Anna Chancellor. Macmillan Audio Books' tie-in edition of this cult classic is a totally new production and is an important addition for any Hitchhiker's fan's collection. **CD \$59.95 CASS \$40**

The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy Graphic Novel (Hitchhiker's 01)

TP \$34.95

C J Adams & Cathy Clamp

Moon's Web

After suddenly developing psychic powers, Tony Giodone, a werewolf assassin-for-hire, matches wits with a terrifying adversary who is stalking and killing female shapeshifters after stealing their powers, when the girlfriend of Tony's former boss, a Mafia don, is kidnapped by the killer. **PB \$17.95**

Brian Aldiss

Non-Stop

In the distant future of galactic empires, the people of the Greene-tribe are shocked when they discover that they are not the center of a world of their own making, in a new edition of the classic science fiction novel, first published in 1958. **TP \$30.95**

Catherine Asaro

Misted Cliffs, The Aronsdale

Gifted with mage powers, Mel Dawnfield, in order to restore peace to the world of Aronsdale, must marry Cobalt the Dark, the heir to a family rife with cruelty and brutality, and, as enemies draw nearer, she must uncover the light hidden in her husband's soul to conquer the darkness. **TP \$28.95**

Isaac Asimov

I, Robot / Robots and Empire Robots

PB \$12.95

Pierce Askegren

Fall Girl (Inconstant Moon 02)

On Earth's Moon, Mesh reporter Enola Hasbo is plunged into a deadly game of sabotage and betrayal when she helps former corporate exile Erik Morrison investigate the origins of an ancient object of extraterrestrial design, a high-stakes mission that could end her career and her life. **PB \$17.95**

Tony Ballantyne

Recursion

A highly imaginative and enjoyable venture into a future era of conflict between mankind and the artificial intelligences and cities and planets it has carelessly fabricated. Herb returns to the remote planet he has been furtively trying to build a city on, to find it a swarming nightmare of self-replicating machinery. Eva has taken desperate steps to escape the tedium of her pointless life... only to end up in the super-intelligent clutches of a yellow mechanical digger. Constantine arrives at the remote part-idyllic, part-nightmare settlement of Stonebreak and - upsettingly - begins to confront the truth of his own unreality. Meanwhile, in the farthest reaches of outer space, the Enemy is plotting the final overthrow of the human race that created it. **PB \$19.95**

C J Barry

Unearthed

Tess MacKenzie is a successful singer/songwriter. Then Cohl Travers picks her up. Of course, it isn't exactly how she is used to being "picked up." Cohl drops down from outer space with his robot Pitz and zaps her -- so that they can save his father by acquiring a magical amulet, he says. All Tess has to do--supposedly--is sing some strange song on some ancient mystical planet they still have to find. Something pretty darn bizarre is going on, and Tess vows that she'll uncover everything. Very soon, it won't be just her or an ancient artifact but some powerful feelings: By the end of this crazy ride, everything is going to be unearthed. **PB \$17.95**

Stephen Baxter & Arthur C Clarke

Time's Eye (Time Odyssey 01)

1885, the North West Frontier. Rudyard Kipling is witness to a bizarre encounter between the British army and what appears to be an impossibly advanced piece of Russian technology. And then to a terrifying intervention by a helicopter from 2037. Before the full impact of this extraordinary event has even begun to sink in, Kipling, his friends and the helicopter crew stumble across Alexander the Great's army. Mankind's time odyssey has begun. It is a journey that will see Alexander avoid his premature death and carve out an Empire that expands from Carthage to China, beating the time-slipped army of Ghenghis Khan in a battle outside the ruins of Babylon in the process. And it will present mankind with two devastating truths. Aliens are amongst us and have been manipulating our past and our future. And that future extends only as far as 2037, for that is the date Earth will be destroyed. This is SF that spans countless centuries and carries cutting edge ideas on time travel and alien intervention. **PB \$19.95**

John Gregory Betancourt

To Rule in Amber (Dawn of Amber 03)

As Oberon takes up the reins of leadership to build a new empire on the foundations of that laid by his father, he confronts a host of challenges as he deals with old and new enemies, political intrigue, power-mad siblings, assassins, a mad father, and the King of Chaos. **PB \$17.95**

Ray Bradbury

The Cat's Pajama's

A collection of new short stories by the award-winning science fiction writer of *One More for the Road* and *I Sing the Body Electric* includes tales of twentieth-century rural life, Halloween terrors, and flights of fancy on Martian shores. **TP \$26.95**

John Birmingham Australian Author

Weapons of Choice (Axis of Time 01)

A near-future military experiment thrusts a multinational armada back to 1942, right into the middle of the US naval task force speeding towards Midway Atoll - and what was to be the most spectacular Allied triumph of World War II.

The twenty-first-century sailors are a shocking spectre for these veterans of Pearl Harbor - men who have never seen a helicopter or a nuclear weapon, and who have never encountered an African American colonel or a female Australian submarine commander. But they respect the armada's awesome firepower, and what it may mean to the war.

Initial jubilation is quickly doused by a shocking realisation - other ships may have made the trip - and may be in the hands of the Japanese. What happens next is anybody's guess... and everybody's nightmare. **PB \$19.95**

The Robertski Brothers

The Mcatrix Derided

Are you looking for Nemo, or are you looking for no-one? Gordon (or 'Nemo' as he's known in a variety of internet chatrooms) finds himself rudely awakened to the reality of his mundane existence. It turns out that far from being a workaday Database Coordinator, he is the inadvertent slave of Evil Machine Intelligences (TM) who are keeping his body sealed in a virtual-reality pod whilst distracting his mind with an elaborate virtual world. He, like the bulk of humanity (but not you, because you're reading this book which is about this world being a virtual world and how could that happen?), is trapped in the Mcatrix. But his awakener, the leader of the human resistance (the virile though small-framed Smurpheus) wants to do more than just free Nemo from this illusion. He thinks Nemo may be special. He thinks that Nemo just might be the No One, the nonentity whose ego is so insignificant it can confront the celebrity-obsessed Mcatrix on its own terms and bring it down. **PB \$14.95**

Simon Brown Australian Author

Born of Empire (Chronicles of Kydan 01)

The mighty Hamilayan empire has never been stronger. The Empress Lerena of the formidable Kevleren dynasty is sending an expedition, led by her cousin Maddyn, across the Deepening Sea to expand its borders and counter moves by its nearest neighbour and greatest enemy, the kingdom of Rivald.

But problems emerge. Lerena's unstable sister, Yunara, has been thwarted in love, and this makes her dangerous. Like all Kevlerens, she is able to harness the might of the Sefid, a field of seemingly limitless power beyond the grasp of ordinary people. The object of Yunara's obsession, the banished Maddyn, has defied Kevleren law and is having a child with a commoner. Lerena fears what destruction Yunara's anger may unleash.

Then news of an uprising against the ruling Kevleren family in Rivald reaches Hamilay. When the catastrophic truth behind the revolution is revealed, Lerena finds herself facing the greatest challenge to her power. The conflict between empire and kingdom is ignited, and both the old and the new worlds will be threatened by the fire of magic and war. **PB \$19.95**

Rival's Son (Chronicles of Kydan 02)

After surviving battle and sorcery, the city of Kydan now faces internal division between native and Hamilayan colonist. Strategos Galys Valera and her allies must forge a new city from the old in time to face the threat of a defeated enemy intent on bloody revenge.

Back in the old world, Empress Lerena of Hamilay, flushed with victory over her rivals, finds that she may yet have to go to war to finally secure her place as the most powerful Wielder of the Sefid, the great source of magic that shapes both city and empire. **TP \$30**

Jim Butcher

Furies of Calderon (Codex Alera 01)

In the land of Alera, where people bond with the furies (elementals of earth, air, fire, water, and metal) young Tavi struggles to cope with his lack of magical talent, until his homeland erupts into conflict between rebels and loyalists and Tavi discovers that he holds the key to his realm's survival.

PB \$19.95

Jacqueline Carey

Godslayer (Sundering 02)

One thousand years after pledging himself to the dark god Satoris, Lord Tanaros works to defend the citadel of Darkhaven from a human uprising, a situation that is complicated by Satoris's capture of the beautiful Elvish princess, Cerelinde. By the author of Banewrecker. **HC \$52.95**

Simon Clark

The Tower

Five people get more than they bargained for when they agree to housesit the Tower, an ancient residence where a dark evil waits to consume all visitors. **PB \$17.95**

Lindsay Clarke

The War At Troy (Troy 01)

The people who lived in those days were closer to gods than we are, and great deeds and marvels were commoner then, which is why the stories we have from them are nobler and richer than our own. So that those stories should not pass from the earth, I have decided to set down everything I know of the stories of the war at Troy - of the way it began, of the way it was fought, and of the way in which it was ended.

With these words, Phemius, the bard of Ithaca and friend to Odysseus, opens Lindsay Clarke's compelling retelling of the myths and legends that grew up around the war that was fought for Troy and have magnetised the imagination of the world ever since.

Here are the tales of two powerful generations of men and women, living out their destinies in the timeless zone where myth and history intersect and where the conflicts of the human heart are mirrored by quarrels among immortal gods. Peleus and Thetis, Paris and Helen, Agamemnon and Clytaemnestra, Achilles, Odysseus and Hector - all are given vigorous new life in a version of their stories which remains faithful to the mythic form in which they first appeared, yet engages the reader in a startlingly contemporary drama of the passions.

The War at Troy speaks to a world still racked by violent conflict in ways which address important aspects of our own experience while at the same time providing imaginative access to the rich store of mythology which is our heritage from the ancient world. **PB \$22.95**

The Return From Troy (Troy 02)

Return From Troy begins after the sacking of Troy, and covers Odysseus's trials and Agamemnon's fate.

The book is in two parts. The first part charts the return of Agamemnon to Mycenae, his murder by his wife, Clytaemnestra - in revenge for sacrificing their daughter - and the consequences of that killing. The second part focuses on the adventures of Odysseus on his long struggle to return home to Ithaca and his wife, Penelope.

HC \$54.95 TP \$29.95

Will Clarke*Lord Vishnu's Love Handles: A Spy Novel*

Having only used his psychic abilities to improve his lifestyle, Travis Anderson finds his circumstances faltering after a damning IRS audit, an event that propels him into alcoholism and drug abuse before he meets a cult member who challenges Travis to use his powers for good. **HC \$47.95**

James Clemens*Shadowfall (Godslayer 01)*

Four thousand years ago, a great war took place among the gods, which shattered their heavenly realm. This Sundering created the land of Myrillia, where near-invincible gods live amongst men.

Yet the weapon that fashioned the Sundering may also strike down the immortals, as failed Shadowknight Tylar discovers. He witnesses the death of a god, whose blood heals his deformities but brands him a Godslayer and a hunted criminal.

Tylar flees with now god-like powers, seeking to avenge the god's death and clear his name. He must ultimately confront the greatest god of all and face the supreme treachery . . . **TP \$29.95**

Loren L Coleman*Cimmerian Rage (Conan Legends of Kern 02)*

When the Vanirs seek vengeance against warrior Kern, the "Wolf-Eye," for his courageous act of defiance, Kern must gather together an army to stop the Vanir and their supernatural henchman by unleashing the fury of Cimerian rage passed down from Conan. **PB \$17.95**

Ly de Angeles*The Quickening*

The Sidhe, masquerading as a ragged bunch of musicians, artists, and fortunetellers, bring the light of the ancient mysteries to those who are lost, but when Robin, son of the forest god is kidnapped, the Sidhe may be too late to rescue him from a twisted "Inquisition." **TP \$32.95**

Charles de Lint*Someplace to Be Flying (Newford 06)*

Searching for a half-animal, half-human race that is believed to haunt the city's most troubled urban areas, photojournalist Lily inadvertently teams up with downtown resident Hank and finds herself enmeshed in a brutal turf war in which nothing is as it appears. Reprint. **TP \$30.95**

Adrian d'Hage*The Omega Scroll*

The Pope's health is failing and the Cardinal Secretary of State, the ruthless Lorenzo Petroni, has the Keys to St Peter within his grasp. Three things threaten to destroy him: Cardinal Giovanni Donelli has started an investigation into the Vatican Bank; journalist Tom Schweiker is looking into Petroni's past; and, even more dangerously, the brilliant Dr Allegra Bassetti, one of the world's foremost authorities on archaeological DNA, is piecing together fragments of the Omega Scroll in war-torn Jerusalem. Donelli, Schweiker and Bassetti must fight for their lives in a deadly race for the scroll. The Vatican will stop at nothing in its quest to keep the prophecy hidden.

At the CIA's headquarters in Langley, Virginia, Mike McKinnon is investigating a number of missing nuclear suitcase bombs and suspects they are connected to the warning in the Omega Scroll.

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Dr. Jim Parsons is hurled into the future and discovers the enormous consequences of the technocrats' seizure of control and their creation of an American paradise free from poverty and disease. Reprint. **TP \$23.95**

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Kate Elliott*In the Ruins (Crown of Stars 06)*

After tsunamis, earthquakes, and firestorms ravage the earth, a dying king's wish sets in motion a chain of events that pits the survivors of this devastation against each other, and their only hope in lifting the darkness and restoring peace to the world is to find the forbidden magic. **HC \$52.95**

Jasper Fforde*Big Over Easy*

It's Easter in Reading - a bad time for eggs - and no one can remember the last sunny day. Humpty Dumpty, well-known nursery favourite, large egg, ex-convict and former millionaire philanthropist is found shattered beneath a wall in a shabby area of town. Following the pathologist's careful reconstruction of Humpty's shell, Detective Inspector Jack Spratt and his Sergeant Mary Mary are soon grappling with a sinister plot involving cross-border money laundering, the illegal Bearnaise sauce market, corporate politics and the cut and thrust world of international Chiroprody. As Jack and Mary stumble around the streets of Reading in Jack's Lime Green Austin Allegro, the clues pile up, but Jack has his own problems to deal with. And on top of everything else, the JellyMan is coming to town... **HC \$44.95 TP \$32.95**

Eric Flint & Andrew Dennis*1634: The Gallileo Affair (Ring of Fire 03)*

As the Thirty Years War continues, the inhabitants of Grantsville confront Cardinal Richelieu of France, who will do anything to stop a threat to his power. They also work to prevent plague in Venice and rescue Galileo from a heresy charge. **PB \$19.95**

C S Friedman*The Wilding*

As the Great War between Braxi and Azea rages on, a Braxin Kesserit warrior on a deadly mission, an Azean Mediator searching for her true destiny, and a renegade psychic unite to fulfill a prophecy that will unleash an ancient vendetta. **PB \$19.95**

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When her remote research laboratory is firebombed and her most deadly test subject escapes, reclusive scientist Dr. Elise Hanover joins forces with her former lover, FBI agent Nic Franklin, to stop a shadowy evil, but the secret she hides could destroy both their mission and her growing relationship with Nic. **PB \$17.95**

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Pixies Allegro and Largo, while trying to make Nolan Monroe, a tormented Earl, and Tessa Ballard, a spy for the British crown, fall in love, must find the shape-shifting heir of Shederin before the power of human love is diminished and the world of Jubilant is destroyed. **PB \$15.95**

John Twelve Hawks*The Traveller*

In the shadows of our modern society, an ancient conflict between good and evil is being fought. A life-and-death battle we will never see, between those who wish to control history and those who will risk their lives for freedom and enlightenment Los Angeles: a city where you have to work hard to live beneath the surface. Gabriel and Michael Corrigan are trying to do just that. Since childhood, the brothers have been shaped by the stories that their mystical father, a man of strange powers and intuition, has told them about the world in which they live. After his violent death, they have been living off the grid that is, invisible to the intricate surveillance networks that monitor our modern lives. London: Maya, a tough and feisty young woman, is playing at being a citizen, is playing at leading a normal life. But her background is anything but. Trained to fight since she was a young girl, she is the last in a long line whose duty is to protect the gifted among us. When she is summoned to Prague by her ailing father, she learns that Gabriel and Michaels lives are in danger and are in desperate need of protection. Prague: Nathan Boone, a disciplined and amoral mercenary, watches Maya leave the meeting with her father before brutally killing him. Tasked to hunt down the brothers, he tracks Maya as she seeks to fulfil what turns out to be her fathers last command. When Maya flies to California to find them, an extraordinary chase begins, the final running battle in the war which will reveal the secret histor **TP \$32.95**

Lian Hearn Australian Author*Across the Nightingale Floor (Otori 01)*

A brilliantly imagined, seductive tale of war and intrigue, the intensity of first love, and the tragedy of betrayal. Set in an imaginary, ancient Japanese society, it is the story of Takeo, a young man born to a spiritual people known as the Hidden. Unbeknownst to him, his father was a celebrated assassin and a member of the Tribe, an ancient network of families with extraordinary, preternatural skills. When his village is pillaged, Takeo is rescued and adopted by the mysterious Lord Otori Shigeru. Under his tutelage, Takeo learns that he too possesses the skills of the Tribe, and with this knowledge he embarks on a journey that will lead him across the nightingale floor and to his destiny within the walls of the black-walled fortress at Inuyama. On his journey, Takeo falls in love with the beautiful Kaede, who has acquired the reputation of bringing death to any man who desires her. Their passion for each other will be dangerous for all who travel with them. **PB \$21.95**

Grass For His Pillow (Otori 02)

Bound by the bargain he made with the Tribe, Takeo must join them and put his skills at their service. But their cruelty and injustice force him to try to escape. He is immediately sentenced to death by the Tribe and as winter draws in, he flees over the mountains to Terayama, helped by the

outcaste, Jo-An.Kaede, devastated by Takeo's leave-taking, returns to her parents' home. She is pregnant with Takeo's child, but she and Shizuka decide to tell everyone that Kaede secretly married Shigeru and it is his child. She finds her house neglected and her estate almost ruined. Her mother is dead, her father is on the verge of insanity. Kaede is determined to educate herself and her sisters and save her domain. Then her father dies in mysterious circumstances: did he take his own life or was he murdered? She and her sisters face starvation in the coming winter, and Kaede enters into a pact with the strange, intriguing but sinister nobleman, Lord Fujiwara, in return for food and money. When Kaede learns that Takeo is still alive and where he is, she journeys to see him... **PB \$21.95**

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A beautiful, haunting evocation of a time and place just beyond the reach of an outside world, the third and final instalment of the Tales of the Otori transports us once again to a medieval Japan of Hearn's imagination, a land of formal ritual and codes, harsh beauty and deceptive appearance. Otori Takeo and Shirakawa Kaede are now married and more resolved than ever to strengthen their domains. Yet their hasty marriage has enraged Arai Daiichi, the warlord who controls most of the Three Countries, and has insulted the nobleman Lord Fujiwara, who considered Kaede betrothed to him. Follows Takeo and Kaede as they attempt to consolidate their powers and fulfil the holy woman's prophecy: Your lands will stretch from sea to sea, but peace comes at the price of bloodshed. Five battles will buy you peace, four to win and one to lose. **PB \$21.95**

Robert A Heinlein

Podkayne of Mars

While accompanying their uncle, a wily politician, on a trip from Mars to Earth, Podkayne and her brilliant, but pesky brother are caught in a plot to keep Uncle Tom from an important conference. **PB \$17.95**

Amanda Hemingway

The Greenstone Grail

Bartlemy Goodman is approximately 1500 years old. An albino of Greek parentage, he was born in Byzantium amidst the decline of the Roman Empire and now resides in the village of Thornyhill, England with his dog, Hoover.

Bartlemy is one of the Gifted. But long experience has taught him the perils of the power of the witch-kind, and so throughout the ages he has channelled his considerable talents into cooking, his culinary prowess becoming the stuff of legend: he worked for the Borgias, was among the first to discover chocolate, and even taught the likes of Escoffier.

On a warm evening in 1991, a young homeless woman holding a baby turns up on Bartlemy's doorstep, and he senses destiny at work. The woman's name is Annie Ward and her son, Nathan, is an exceptional child, as Annie cannot account for his conception. Her husband, Daniel died in a car accident so Nathan cannot be his. Soon Bartlemy comes to believe that the boy was created beyond the Gate of Death by a superior being, for a special purpose - one that may threaten all of witch-kind - and that it is his job to protect him.

Whilst Nathan grows and Bartlemy continues to watch over the small family, strange occurrences begin to plague the village. The Thorn family, who gave their name to the village, have lived close by since pre-Christian times, and were once the guardians of a strange cup of greenish stone set with jewels. When it was lost - sold to a Jewish collector in Austria by the black sheep of the family, who absconded with it in the 1920s - the family's fortune soon followed suit. Rumoured to have been stolen by the Nazis, the cup has now turned up at Sotheby's, and the last of the Thorns is determined to get it back by proving the original sale false.

Bartlemy joins his friend, Rowena Thorn, in her campaign. But the matter becomes complicated and sinister when Nathan discovers the body of the Austrian owner in the wood nearby, and begins to experience disturbing visions involving the cup itself. **PB \$18.95**

Sandra Hill

Wet and Wild

Transported through time to become a Navy SEAL, a former and rather befuddled Viking, easily takes the military training in stride, but has a hard time unraveling the mysteries surrounding the modern-day woman. **PB \$17.95**

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Feeling a lack her entire life because she possesses none of the mystical powers inherited by her sisters, Gillian MacDonnell is disturbed by the strange visions that plague her after her father arranges her marriage to Nicholas Lyon, Earl of Kincreag, a man rumored to have murdered his previous wife. **PB \$17.95**

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When the virginal Prince Orkhan escapes from "The Cage of the Imperial Harem," he finds himself declared the new Sultan and thus embroiled in the perversions, excesses, and temptations of the royal court. **TP \$28.95**

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The Conspiracy of Evil (Mysteries of Osiris 02)

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Band of Gypsies (Bold As Love)

Hard times and sweet music: scandal and betrayal for Ax as England embraces the fearsome new world order

Ax Preston, former dictator, returns to England; he's agreed to take up the job of Green President. At close quarters he finds some outrageous details in the contract, so the Triumvirate decamps for Paris, to sit out the first hard winter after the A team destroyed crude oil in ostentatious poverty. He's quite certain he can negotiate a better deal. But while Ax and Sage and Fiorinda are embarrassing the English government over conditions in the new slavery labour camps, bad things are happening for the President of the USA. Fred Eiffich's enemies in Washington are about to drop a bombshell, one that will shatter any hope of a return to former realities, former certainties. What happened at Lavoisier is not over. It's coming back, it's never going to end. Not while Fiorinda lives . . . or her child. **HC \$49.95 TP \$29.95**

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The Dare (Challenge 02)

In the sequel to The Challenge, Dora, the sentient computer, yearning to be human and to experience true emotion and desire, transfers her computer mind into the perfect body in order to attract the attentions of Zical, but Dora's efforts to figure out how to work her clumsy new body and threats to the galaxy interfere with her attempts to make Zical love her. **PB \$17.95**

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FBI operative Amanda Lane makes a disturbing discovery: Hathaway Balkmandy, her main suspect, can make any woman want him... When Bolt Tanner gets assigned to the case, he finds himself with a smart, gorgeous partner... who's dangerously incapacitated! They must discover the source of Hathaway's strange effect fast, because only Bolt's exquisite sensual attention is keeping Amanda from succumbing to Hathaway... the man who killed her sister! Heroes, Inc. **PB \$7.25**

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When the silver that protects the borders between the Otherworld, a Sidhe realm, and the Shadowlands, a mortal realm, is stolen, three powerful women--Nessa, Delphinea, and Cecily--battle the forces of evil determined to destroy their kingdoms. **PB \$17.95**

Julie Kenner

Carpe Demon (Adventures of a Demon-Hunting Soccer Mom 01)

A one-time demon hunter who has put her career on hold for life as a housewife and mother, Kate Conner finds herself back in business when a murderous demon interrupts her preparations for a dinner party designed to get her husband elected to County Attorney, and she discovers that the dead demon did not come alone, in the first volume in a hilarious new series. **TP \$28.95**

Sherrilyn Kenyon

Night Embrace (Dark Hunter 04)

Talon was once a Celt warrior cursed by his ancient gods. Following the murder of his sister, the dying Talon had made a deal with the goddess Artemis. He had been given one act of vengeance against the clan who betrayed him, in exchange for his soul and his eternal service as a Dark-Hunter. Talon has sworn to fight Daimons and rescue the human souls they've captured. He has never had cause to regret this choice - until he meets Sunshine Runningwolf. The unconventional Sunshine should be Talon's perfect woman. She is beautiful, sexy and isn't looking for a long-term commitment. But the more time Talon spends in her company the more he starts yearning for dreams of love and family that he buried centuries ago. But loving Sunshine would be dangerous for both of them. Talon is destined never to know peace or happiness while his enemies still seek to destroy him and everyone close to him... **PB \$19.95**

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Dark-Hunter Wulf is an ancient Viking warrior with a useful but extremely aggravating power - amnesia. No one who meets him in person can remember him five minutes later. It makes it easy to have one-night stands, but hard to have a meaningful relationship, and without true love he can never regain his soul. Then he meets Cassandra, the one woman who can remember him. However, as the princess of the cursed race Wulf is sworn to hunt, she is forbidden to him... **HC \$59.95**

Seize the Night (Dark Hunter 10)

Valerius isn't a popular Dark-Hunter - he's a Roman, which means that the largely Greek Hunters have a major grudge against him and his civilization for superceding them. To make things worse, he's very conscious of his aristocratic background and breeding. So it serves him right when he runs into Tabitha Devereaux. She's sassy, sexy, and completely unwilling to take him seriously. Not to mention Tabitha is also the sister-in-law of Kyrian, a former Dark-Hunter and Val's mortal enemy. What Tabitha does take seriously is hunting and killing vampires - and soon she and Val have to grapple with the deadliest of all Daimons - one who's managed to come back from the dead, and one who holds a serious grudge against both of them. To win against evil, Val will have to loosen up, learn to trust, and put everything on the line to protect a man he hates and a woman who drives him nuts. **HC \$59.95**

Sins of the Night (Dark Hunter 11)

In the realm of the Dark-Hunters there is a code of honour that even immortal bad boys must follow. No human can be harmed. Dark-Hunters are the protectors, the good guys. Yet every few centuries or so, there is always one who thinks himself above the Code. Even worse, there is always one who decides to convert others to his cause...Alexion is the defender of the code that governs the immortals. He is judge, jury and executioner: if they step over the line it's his wrath they will face. For centuries Alexion has survived alone. Isolated and haunted by his human past, he has learned to distance himself from his emotions and his role ensures that even his fellow Dark-Hunters give him a wide berth. However, this time the rogue Dark-Hunter is an old friend. Alexion cannot destroy him without at least allowing him one last chance at redemption. But to do this he needs the help of a female Dark-Hunter who goes by the name Danger. And the last time Alexion ran into her, she tried to kill him... **HC \$59.95**

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When Sir Isaac Newton uncovered the secrets of alchemy, he could never have imagined the tragic results. Dark sorcery rules. Europe is lost and the American colonists have been driven south. The demonic creatures known as the Malekim won't tolerate even a flicker of hope. Any who oppose them - Franklin, Voltaire and even the mysterious daughters of Lilith - will be swept away.

However, Benjamin Franklin and his secret society, the Junto, manage a precarious existence founded on the mutual trust of Native Americans, whites, and freed blacks. And as armies and alchemy clash, the Choctaw shaman Red Shoes witnesses a vision of an ancient, implacable evil - and of a young boy who shines as brightly as an angel - the fallen, avaricious kind... **PB \$19.95**

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When the rock band Wanderlust attracts the attention of Master Jeffries, a psychic vampire who preys on the musicians and their fans, band protector and witch Diana Tregarde prepares for a confrontation with Jeffries with the help of an attractive vampire. Reprint. **TP \$30.95**

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When a gold coin is stolen from the body of a dead gypsy girl, a horrific curse is unleashed on the Savoy family, bringing a nightmare of death, unless they can find and return the coin to her grave. **PB \$17.95**

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A mass-murderer is killing off the people of the street, but when they realize what is happening, they begin to fight back. A reporter, sent for human interest stories, decides to live among them to learn the truths about their lifestyles and gets caught up in the battle of life and death. **TP \$38.95**

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When the peace between the resident vampires, werewolves, and mortals of Crimson City is threatened, Keeli Maddox must turn to her enemy, a slayer, for help in restoring the balance, an unholy alliance that erupts in deadly desire. **PB \$17.95**

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Trapped in ancient Scotland with time traveler Duncan Campbell when lightning strikes the time crystals at Jacob's Well, modern-day doctor Samantha Riley is mistaken for the Queen of the Fairies and decides to claim Duncan as her consort, until an evil plot threatens to destroy them all. **PB \$17.95**

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Fleur Dumont, a young woman living in Los Angeles, a city ruled by darkness and the creatures of the night, in which a precarious balance between the vampires, werewolves, and humans holds the peace, encounters the one man who can understand her, a tormented protector who has lost everyone and everything he has ever loved. **PB \$17.95**

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A first installment of a new trilogy finds Khorii, the disenchanting daughter of the famous "unicorn girl," encountering a derelict spaceship adrift in space before tackling a mysterious plague with ties to an unknown enemy's attack. By the authors of Acorna's Triumph. **HC \$51.95**

Karen Miller Australian Author*The Innocent Mage (Kingmaker, Kingbreaker 01)*

Enter the kingdom of Lur, where magic is wielded by few and others are imprisoned if they dare try. The Doranen have ruled Lur with magic since they arrived centuries ago after fleeing Morg, the mage who started a war in their homeland. To keep their lands safe the Olken - Lur's original inhabitants - are forbidden to use magic. Any Olken who breaks the law will be executed. Gar has come to Lur's capital city to make his fortune. He finds himself working in the royal stables and in time becomes a mediator between the Olken and the Doranen. Soon, he will have enough money to return home and set up his own fishing fleet. But there is unrest among the Olken. It has been prophesied that the Innocent Mage will be born, and the Circle is dedicated to preserving the magic of the Olken until the saviour arrives. The Circle have been watching Gar, and as the city streets are filled with Olken rioters, his life takes a new turn ... **PB \$18.95**

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Stripped of his immortality and rendered invisible by a curse, Adam Black seeks help from Gabrielle O'Callaghan, the only woman who can see him, but their subsequent romance is challenged by a dangerous conspiracy and haphazard circumstances in Gabrielle's own life. **PB \$17.95**

James A Moore*The Pack (Serenity Falls 02)*

Serenity Falls, a town plagued by demonic power, finds a savior in a mysterious stranger who has come to battle the forces of evil, but who soon discovers that his greatest enemy is what is buried deep within the earth in the graves of the restless dead. **PB \$17.95**

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Labeled a traitor and abandoned by his own people in the land of his enemies, Aldric Talvalin, an Alban high clan-lord, in order to restore his honor, embarks on a perilous journey with the help of some powerful allies to the dark city Drakksborg, where he will confront the dreaded Warlord. **PB \$19.95**

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The ultimate skeptic when it comes to the mystical, Seattle cop Joanne Walker comes to the aid of a woman claiming to be hunted by Cernunnos, an ancient Celtic god who leads the Wild Hunt, a situation that brings her face to face with an angry god and awakens in her shamanic powers that she must learn to harness to save the world from an unleashed Wild Hunt, in the first volume in a new series. A first novel. **TP \$28.95 PB \$18.95**

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As the Stony Man cybernetics team races against time to crack the doomsday code of the D. C. mafia, Mack Bolan goes undercover as a Mob hit man, cutting the ties of the syndicate and exposing a traitor at the highest level of the government. **PB \$13.95**

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Melanie Rawn

The Star Scroll (Dragon Prince 02)

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John Ringo & Tom Kratman

Watch on the Rhine (Posleen 07)

With his store of experienced military personnel at a dangerously low level and confronting a crisis following the destruction of Northern Virginia, the Chancellor of Germany is forced to call on the remnants of the brutal Waffen SS to boost his power. **HC \$51.95**

J D Robb

Origin In Death (Eve Dallas 21)

New York police lieutenant Eve Dallas and her partner Peabody enter the hallowed halls of the Wilfred B. Icove Center for Reconstructive and Cosmetic Surgery on an open and shut case of self-defence. But before they can leave they are called to another crime scene. Dr. Wilfred B. Icove himself has been found dead in his office - murdered in a chillingly efficient manner: one swift stab to the heart. Struck by the immaculate condition of the crime scene, Dallas suspects a professional killing. Security discs show a stunningly beautiful woman calmly entering and leaving the building - the good doctor's final appointment. Known as 'Dr. Perfect,' the saintly Icove devoted his life to his family and his work. His record is clean. Too clean for Dallas. She knows he was hiding something and suspects that his son - and successor - knows what it is. Then, like father like son, the young Dr. Icove is killed - with the same deadly precision. But who is the mystery woman - and what was her relationship with the good doctors? With her husband, Roarke, working behind the scenes, Dallas follows her darkest instincts into the Icoves' pasts.

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C J Ryan

Dexta

A low-level bureaucrat with the Department of Extraterrestrial Affairs, Gloria VanDeen uses her position as the current emperor's ex-wife and occasional playmate to take an off-Earth assignment to broker a peace agreement between the rebellious creatures of Mynjhino and their human overlords. **PB \$17.95**

Robert Sawyer

Foreigner (Quintaglio Ascension 03)

A third installment of the series that began with Far-Seer and Fossil Hunter finds the Quintaglios race of intelligent dinosaurs endeavoring to develop space-travel capabilities, an effort that is compromised by the discovery of a second intelligent species. **TP \$28.95**

Tim Severin

Sworn Brother (Viking 02)

London, 1020: a few weeks have passed since Thorgils has escaped the clutches of the Irish Church only to find himself at the centre of a capricious love affair with Aelfgifu, wife of Knut the Great, ruler of England, and one of the most powerful men of the Viking empire. A passionate relationship between two unlikely lovers begins to unfold, which forebodes uncontrollable consequences...

Forced to flee the realm, Thorgils teams up with Grettir, an outlaw feared for his volatile and brooding behaviour. The two men become travel companions and sworn brothers - which binds them together beyond death. At the gates of Byzantium, Thorgils' loyalty is put to the ultimate test... Sworn Brother continues an utterly compelling journey back in time to a world that is brimming with wonderfully crafted characters and their insatiable hunger for barbaric war and expansion. **TP \$30**

David Sherman & Dan Cragg

Backshot (Starfist Special Ops 01)

The Marines of Fourth Force Recon's second platoon are sent to the planet Atlas to investigate Jore Lavager, the charismatic leader of the enigmatic Union of Margelan, and the potentially dangerous secrets he may be hiding, secrets that could change forever the balance of power in human space. **PB \$17.95**

Robert Silverberg*Gilgamesh*

A historical fantasy re-creates the legend of the Sumerian demi-god and king Gilgamesh, slayer of monsters and master of unsurpassed treasures, who searches for the key to immortality. **PB \$19.95**

Wen Spencer*A Brother's Price*

In a world where males are rare and treated like property, Jerin Whistler, after a daring rescue, falls in love with a princess, and he must, amidst political tensions, prove his worth to her sisters in order to win her hand in marriage. **PB \$17.95**

Stephanie Spinner*Quicksilver*

Hermes, Prince of Thieves and son of Zeus, relates why the seasons change, the history of the Trojan War, his friendship with Pegasus, and many more adventures in the world of Greek mythology. **HC \$32.95**

Allen Steele*Coyote Rising (Coyote 02)*

The starship Alabama, bound for the new world of Coyote, was hijacked by its crew in a desperate bid for freedom from the repression of a post-US world order on earth. They then had to flee their homes with the arrival of a new batch of colonists, this time ruled by a repressive government embodying all of Earth's problems and prejudices. Now, the iron-fisted colonial governor is building a bridge to exploit the virgin territory where the Alabama's crew are believed to have resettled. But a movement is underway to reclaim Coyote for those who truly love freedom—a full-scale rebellion in which the men and women on both sides of the fight will learn the true price of liberty. **PB \$19.95**

Charles Stross*Iron Sunrise*

Rachel Mansour, an agent for Old Earth, must join forces with a disaffected teenager calling herself Wednesday Shadowmist as she races to find out who was responsible for the destruction of the planet Moscow. **PB \$19.95**

Lucy Sussex Australian Author*A Tour Guide in Utopia*

Contains a number of award-winning stories, such as 'La Sentinelle', and 'Merlusine'. Epic, ethereal and earthy; stories of strong and funny characters full of human foibles; stories about ideas. Stories that walk you to the edge of the comfortable world and set your feet along the invisible line. Smart and compelling, inventive and challenging, this is speculative fiction at its very best. **PB \$24.95**

Thomas Tessier*Finishing Touches*

While on an extended holiday in London, Dr. Tom Sutherland has a torrid affair with Lina, a mysterious surgeon's assistant, who leads him into a dark world of dangerous desire where all of his fantasies soon become terrifying nightmares when he comes face-to-face with evil. **PB \$17.95**

Michele Veillon*Shelby and the Shifting Rings (Defender of Time 01)*

When orphaned Shelby Shodworth first arrived at Ms. Peabonnet's Academy for Girls, she knew it would be an adventure, but she never bargained for a mysterious stranger, a magical sword, and a curious star-shaped amulet that powers a hidden time machine. With the help of her brainy friend Molly MacPac, both girls stumble through a twisting labyrinth of questions. What Shelby doesn't realize is the answers she seeks will change her life—forever. **TP \$22.95 HC \$38.95**

S L Viehl*Bio Rescue (StarDoc Bio Rescue 01)*

The leader of a squadron of SEAL (surgically enhanced/altered lifeform) pilots, Lieutenant Dair mu T'resa is delighted by her new role as an interstellar paramedic, unaware that she is about to face the opposition of a lupine species with a hatred of natives from her planet. **PB \$19.95**

Afterburn (Stardoc Bio Rescue 02)

Assigned to protect the delegates of the Allied League of Worlds during a peace summit on K-2, the homeworld of the underwater-living 'Zangians, Sub-Lieutenant Burn mu Znora and his Bio Rescue team are confronted by danger in the person of the daughter of one of the ambassadors, a young woman hiding a deadly secret that could alter the fate of four worlds. **HC \$49.95**

Minda Webber*The Remarkable Miss Frankenstein*

Tired of being the laughingstock and failure of her famous Frankenstein family, Clair sets out to win a prize offered by The Journal of Scientific Discovery for the Discovery of the Decade and sets out to venture into the castle of Baron Huntsley, in an attempt to prove that its owner is actually a vampire. **PB \$15.95**

David Weber*Windrider's Oath (Oath 3)*

Journeying to the Sothoii Wind Plain as a representative of the War God, Bahzell is selected to become the first hradani windrider in history, an honor that brings as much resentment as respect and a situation that is complicated by the plots of the goddess Shigu, the Queen of Hell, and her supporters and the romantic overtures of Baron Tellian's daughter. **PB \$19.95**

H G Wells*War of the Worlds*

From the planet of war they came to conquer the Earth - The night after a shooting star is seen streaking across the sky, a cylinder is discovered on Horsell Common. Fascinated and exhilarated, the local people approach the mysterious object armed with nothing more than a white flag. But when gruesome alien creatures emerge armed with all-destroying heat-rays, their rashness turns rapidly to fear. As the rays blaze towards them, it soon becomes clear they have no choice but to flee - or die. Soon, the Martians begin a sinister invasion of the world. Destroying all in their path with

black gas and burning rays, they brutally make their advance, feasting on the warm blood of still-living human prey. The forces of the Earth, however, may prove harder to beat than they at first appear . . . **PB \$19.95**

Tuno-Bungay

A combination of social satire and science fiction, this novel presents the story of George Ponderovo, a young man who leaves college to help his Uncle Edward market a pleasant-tasting but bogus medical cure-all named Tono-Bungay. **TP \$28.95**

Chris Wooding

The Skein of Lament (Braided Path 02)

The grip of the Weavers on Saramyr's rulers has grown ever tighter. And all the while the blight that they have brought to the land grips ever more harshly. This cannot last and, sure enough, the land is slipping into civil war. In the growing chaos Kaiku and the orphaned heir-Empress must fight for their destiny and their survival as Saramyr succumbs to the twisting of the Weave and the unknowable ambitions of the secretive Weavers. Chris Wooding has created a vivid and turbulent world with an authentic oriental air and its own rich and ancient history. Across this world plays an action packed plot of politics, violence and betrayal. **PB \$19.95**

The Ascendency Veil (Braided Path 03)

The war that is tearing apart the ancient Empire of Saramyr is reaching its apocalyptic conclusion. The Weavers have stepped from the shadows and have taken control, the Emperor not even their puppet anymore. The capital is a demon-haunted nightmare, the land ridden by pestilence. New, terrifying demons, immune to everything but magic have been unleashed on the cities and armies of the resistance movement. And the aberrant hordes are seemingly without end. As the madness of the weavers takes grip their tactics become even more crazed and bloody and thousands are dying on both sides. Someone must stop the weavers, someone must discover the secrets of what lies at the bottom of the massive pits they have dug across Saramyr. **HC \$49.95 TP \$29.95**

William F Wu

Warrior (Isaac Asimov's Robots in Time 03)

Certain that its destruction is imminent, MC Governor, the largest and most intelligent experimental robot ever built, uses the Third Law of Robotics to break itself down into six smaller robots and scatter them throughout Earth's past. **PB \$17.95**

Collections

Mike Ashley

The Mammoth Book of New Comic Fantasy

The latest edition of a popular collection of fantasy and sci-fi comedy includes selections from Neil Gaiman, Terry Jones, Tom Holt, and others, with stories about a wizard with an aversion to magic, a vampire football game, and much more. **TP \$28.95**

John Gregory Betancourt

Horrorscape 2: New Masterpieces of Horror (Horroscape 02)

The second in a two-volume set, this collection of twelve dark fantasy and horror tales by some of the genre's leading masters features Brad Strickland's "Her Wild Wild Eyes," "Graves" by Joe Haldeman, "The Dark Country" by Dennis Etchison, and other works by Ramsey Campbell, Thomas F. Monteleone, Alan Rodgers, and John J. Ordovery. **PB \$17.95**

Bill Congreve & Michelle Marquardt Australian Authors

Year's Best Australian Science Fiction and Fantasy Vol One

Australian's science fiction and fantasy writers have come of age. You'll find the traditional, the street-smart, the amusing and the adventurous. From urban fantasy to the myths, dreams, and warriors of the future; from the death of the nation to its rebirth; this collection plots a course across the works of the leading writers and dynamic newcomers of the genre. Includes a list of recommended reading. **PB \$19.95**

Ellen Datlow, Kelly Link & Gavin J Grant

The Year's Best Fantasy and Horrors 18th Annual Collection

A new eighteenth collection of the finest short fantasy and horror fiction published during the previous year features an eclectic assortment of works by John Farris, Jay Russell, Margo Lanagan, and many other notable authors, along with a year-end wrap-up in publishing, film, comics, and manga. **HC \$70 TP \$40.95**

Gardner Dozois

Galileo's Children: Tales of Science Vs Superstition

HC \$51.95

Jeff Gelb & Michael Garrett

Stranger By Night Hot Blood

From two sisters with a penchant for revenge from beyond the grave to a hitchhiker's last ride, this darkly sensual collection, filled with tales of unspeakable horror and deadly desire, features contributions from Ramsey Campbell, Brian Lumley, and Graham Masterton. **PB \$15.95**

Robert Hood (Australian Author) & Robin Pen

Daikaiju!

Astounding stories of absurd size and impossible dimension. Mammoth mega-fauna. Apocalyptic adventure. Surreal suspense. Catastrophic comedy. Monstrous metaphysics. Almost 30 tales of giant monsters are contained in this anthology. Most contributors are Australian authors. **TP \$32.95**

Tanya Huff & Alexander Potter

Women of War

An unrivaled collection of stories from some of the best science fiction and fantasy writers centers around strong, daring women protagonists who, by standing their ground on distant worlds, in space, and here on Earth, hold the fate of the universe in their hands. **PB \$17.95**

Mercedes Lackey & Rosemary Edghill

Bedlam's Edge

A magical compilation of urban fantasy tales by some of the genre's leading practitioners features works by Roberta Gellis, Dave Freer and Eric Flint, Diana Paxson, Mercedes Lackey, and Rosemary Edghill, among others. **HC \$52.95**

Sharyn November

Firebirds

Sixteen original stories showcase some of the genre's most admired authors, including multiple award-winners Diana Wynne Jones, Garth Nix, Lloyd Alexander, Nancy Farmer, and Meredith Ann Pierce. An ALA Best Book for Young Adults. **PB \$14.95**

Harry Turtledove, S M Stirling, Mary Gentle & Walter Jon Williams

Worlds That Weren't

Presents a collection of four novellas that explore alternate history, including "The Daimon," in which Sokrates leads his soldiers to victory over the Spartans, and "The Last Ride of German Freddie," in which Nietzsche finds himself in Tombstone, Arizona, in works by Harry Turtledove, S. M. Stirling, Mary Gentle, and Walter Jon Williams. **PB \$17.95**

Harry Turtledove & Noreen Doyle

The First Heroes

An anthology of fourteen fantasy tales set in the Bronze Age includes Gene Wolfe's journal of a man from the future who travels with mythical and historical figures, Judith Tarr's tale of a town that dispatches a goddess to learn about the God of Chariots, and Harry Turtledove's story about mythical beings witnessing the impact of the first humans on the earth's natural order. **TP \$30.95**

Young Adult

Deborah Abela

The Venice Job (Max Remy Superspy 07)

Venice is in danger. Someone is threatening to destroy the city - and they've already detonated one bomb. Max, Linden and Toby join forces with a young Italian spy, Luca Cavello, to track down the culprit. Max agrees to meet the blackmailer at the famous Rialto Bridge - but before she can identify them, she's pushed into the stormy canal waters. Are Max's rescuers as innocent as they seem? Why do the blackmailers know Spyforce's every move? Most importantly, can Max stop being clumsy in front of the good-looking Luca and complete the mission before Venice is lost forever? **PB \$14.95**

Isobelle Carmody Australian Author

Little Fur (Legend of Little Fur 01)

Little Fur is an elf troll who dwells in a secret wilderness within an ancient human city, where she lives peacefully as a healer of small creatures. One day, danger threatens the wilderness and all who dwell there, and Little Fur must venture into the city in search of protective magic, guided by her friend Crow and two street-wise cats.

Little Fur knows she may have to face brutish trolls and the terrifying greeps who roam in the night when humans sleep, but the greatest danger of all will be the legendary and terrifying humans. **HC \$19.95**

Ken Catran NZ Author

Black Ships Ablaze

In the great siege of Troy, a slave boy of the hero Achilles and a slave girl of the famous Helen fight for their lives as battle rages and the black-sailed Greek ships burn in the harbour. When the treacherous wooden horse enters the city, slave girl and boy join forces on this last night of blood and fire and escape. Ages 10-12 **PB \$14.95**

John Christopher

Tripods Boxed Set

The Tripod trilogy and its prequel--The White Mountains, When the Tripods Came, The City of Gold and Lead, and The Pool of Fire--are boxed in this collection of tales about the mysterious visitors from outer space who take over the Earth. **PB \$40.95**

Louise Cooper

Merrow

Kiran, Jay and Robyn have been best mates for years, hanging out together in their idyllic hometown on the Cornish coast. Now that they've turned sixteen, they have one last summer before they have to get serious about the rest of their lives. But their lives change for ever when Kiran attempts to save a stranger from drowning and fails. From that moment on he is obsessed with the girl whose body is never found. Imagining that he can see her everywhere, shunning the company of Robyn, his devoted girlfriend, and testing his friendship with Jay, whose loyalty is shadowed by his growing feelings for the vulnerable Robyn. Robyn is blindly determined to help Kiran over his apparent 'breakdown', but soon both she and Jay are having their doubts as to whether the ghost girl, the Merrow, as they call her, exists after all, and all three are drawn into a sinister and nightmarish search for the truth... **PB \$17.95**

D W Cropper

Bonechillers

In the tradition of the Goosebumps series, a collection of horror tales features twin vampires, cackling devils flying over rooftops, and seven-headed beasts. **PB \$17.95**

Terry Deary

The Prince of Rags and Patches (Tudor Chronicles 01)

It is 1601 and Queen Elizabeth I is dying. Will Marsden lives in Marsden Manor in the north of England. Will is training to be a knight and listens avidly to the true tales of adventure and intrigue told by the family every night around the roaring fire. When a visitor arrives bearing letters from the dying Queen to James VI of Scotland and a body is found in the woods soon after, Will sets out to find the murderer, helped by Meg, the quick-witted serving girl. Great Uncle George's tale of the disappearance of the Princes in the Tower over a hundred years ago provides Will with a vital clue. **PB \$14.95**

The King in Blood Red and Gold (Tudor Chronicles 02)

When a mysterious stranger turns up at Marsden Manor asking for help, young Will Marsden and his grandfather jump at the opportunity for adventure. Riding north to Scotland, Grandfather tells Will how his own father fought for Henry VIII at the battle of Flodden Field. Then, as now,

there were fierce skirmishes on the Borders between the English and the Scots Reivers - cattle thieves. But neither of them realises what danger the handsome stranger is leading them into. Luckily, Meg, the quick-witted serving girl, steps in. Parallel stories of murder and intrigue build to a vivid climax. **PB \$14.95**

Gideon Defoe

Pirates! An Adventure With Scientists

1837: the Victorian Era approaches and the golden age of piracy draws to a close. Worried that his pirates are getting bored with a life of winking at pretty native ladies, sitting about on tropical beaches, and trying to stick enough jellyfish together to make a bouncy castle, the Pirate Captain decides it's time they had an adventure. A chance encounter with the young Charles Darwin - embarked upon the voyage of discovery that will one day make him famous - leads the Captain and his rag-tag crew from the exotic Galapagos Islands to the fog filled streets of Victorian London, where they encounter grisly murder, vanishing ladies, a diabolical Bishop, the Elephant Man, and have an exciting trip to the zoo. **PB \$12.95**

Tobias Druitt

Corydon and the Island of the Monsters

TP \$24.95

Catherine Fisher

Scarab (Oracle 03)

We are again in the distant land of deserts and islands ruled by one god whose wishes are conveyed through the Oracle. The Archon, child god-on-earth, returns from his journey across the desert to the Well of Songs, to find the tyrannical General Argelin has seized control and his reign of madness is oppressing the Two Lands. He has publicly denounced the gods, and established a reign of terror. Mirany is in hiding, and the Nine are scattered. Will Argelin's obsession bring the Rain Queen's wrath down on them all? And whose is the sinister new power hidden in the sign of the Scarab? In the descent into anarchy, Mirany and the Archon must attempt the final, impossible journey of the soul. Through the Nine Gateways into death. And back. **PB \$17.95**

Kate Forsyth Australian Author

Dragon Gold

"With these magic words, I begin my spell.

Hear me, first star, hear me well.

Send me dragon's gold, from the days of old.

The spell has been cast, let the magic last."

Ben wants to get a dog. Badly. But his mum says they'll have to move to a bigger house first, and they can't afford it. So Ben, his brother Tim and their friend James decide to find some dragon's gold. They have to meddle with magic to do it, though, and that is always a dangerous thing to do.

Next thing they know a fire-breathing dragon has kidnapped James' sister Sarah and they have to find some way of rescuing her without getting fried! They're in for a marvellous magical misadventure. **PB \$12.95**

Mariah Fredericks

Head Games

Escaping reality through on-line gaming, Judith finds herself a real-life admirer. **PB \$16.95**

Pamela Freeman Australian Author

The Murderers' Apprentice (Quentaris)

Like her father and mother before her, Merrith is apprenticed to become an assassin with the Murderers' Guild. But Merrith is hopeless with a dagger and sword, inept at mixing poison and isn't quite okay with the idea of killing people anyway. Merrith's talents, it seems, lie elsewhere.

Just as she is due to begin her apprenticeship, the Guild of Soothsayers instruct Merrith to join an expedition to the rift caves, and it comes with a warning: if she fails to go, Quentaris will be destroyed.

Can Merrith save Quentaris from devious Sorrell, the leader of the expedition? And will she discover her true vocation and escape her supposed destiny as a professional murderer? **PB \$14.95**

Susan Geason Australian Author

Death of A Princess

Who killed Princess Isis? When the Pharaoh's beautiful eleven-year-old daughter, Isis, dies under suspicious circumstances, rumours fly around the harem of Mer-Wer. Set in Ancient Egypt during the reign of the mighty Ramses II, Death of a Princess is a spellbinding mystery. **PB \$14.95**

Jutta Goetze Australian Author

Snow Wings

'Something weird's going on!' Manfred grasped a handful of mist. 'It has the consistency of black fairy floss.' He sniffed it. 'But it smells like tar.' With the arrival of the black cloud, things begin to go wrong. Avalanches block the valley, animals disappear and black snow falls. Manfred and his friends - Dieter the mountain boy, Georg the baker's son, bossy Anne, spoiled Ziggi and I Don't Know (who can't even remember his name) - are catapulted onto the strange snow-covered landscape beyond the cloud. In a race against time they must unlock the power of the king's crystal and return it to its rightful owner. And every step of the way they are stalked by sinister Shadows, formidable foes who prey on fear itself. **PB \$15.95**

Kerry Greenwood Australian Author

The Rat and the Raven

Set in the future, Kerry Greenwood's sci-fi thriller is the story of an unusual group of characters who go on a quest to discover who is controlling all that is left of civilisation. **PB \$18.95**

Alex Gutteridge

Princess Posy, Knight in Training

Princess Posy's parents want her to follow the family tradition of being a royal princess, but her heart is set on becoming something much more exciting...

Posy has packed her prettiest dresses and her sparkliest jewels - she's off to Knight School! She's going to be a noble knight. There are royal princes to rescue, fire-breathing dragons to tame and mysterious mazes to conquer before this girl hangs up her golden spurs in these three wonderful adventures. **PB \$12.95**

Victoria Hanley*The Light of the Oracle*

Possessing a unique gift, Bryn is sought out by the Master Priest to become a student at the Temple of Oracle, yet despite the honor, Bryn has bad feelings upon her arrival and begins to sense that she was brought there for a specific purpose. **HC \$32.95**

Robert J Harris*Leonardo and the Death Machine*

Leonardo and the Death Machine is first and foremost a thriller, set against the background of Renaissance Italy. However, the Leonardo of the title is in fact Leonardo da Vinci. This is a totally fictional adventure, but it could have happened.

When we first meet Leonardo, we find him apprenticed to a successful artist in Florence. But although he yearns to be a great artist himself, he's rather disillusioned with his apprenticeship, which has made him more of an errand boy than an art student. Then, when an impromptu street football match ends in an arm injury for his friend Sandro (whom history will know as Botticelli), Leonardo leaps at the opportunity to help out the unfortunate painter who has been commissioned to paint a portrait for the rich Medici family. Little does our young hero know that soon he will be dragged into murder and intrigue, and will be fleeing for his life! **PB \$14.95**

Judith Heneghan*Stonecipher*

It's 1874. Jago Stonecipher has to live with his unscrupulous uncle, Archibald Callow, a fair ground charlatan, a crude performer of illusions. One night, he overhears a whispered conversation about depriving someone of their inheritance, involving a man called Ambruster. Then, when the very man Ambruster assaults Jago, and accuses him of stealing, he decides to help defeat him. But the cunning plots and the trials of deceit are much more complicated than anyone could have anticipated, and Jago becomes hopelessly embroiled in it all. What with criminal magistrates, left-for-dead brothers, and a beautiful (but amazingly naive) heroine, in the end Jago has no choice but to take ship from Southampton for Rio. Trouble follows him out at sea, and he is left having to defend himself and his friend against unscrupulous and grasping villains. But we have seen that a boy from steerage can always outwit higher class opponents, and this story is no exception! **PB \$14.95**

Lene Kaaberbol*Shamer's War (Shamer 04)*

Davin's never been good at telling what's brave and what's merely stupid, but when he tries to stop Nico from following his destiny, he knows he's crossed the line. And now his sister, Dina, is caught up in Nico's quest. Her Shamer's Gift means she can bring humiliation to the most hardened villain, simply by looking him in the eye. But faced by Nico's deadliest enemy, Dina knows this won't be enough... **PB \$17.95**

Victor Kelleher Australian Author*Goblin in the Snow (Goblin)*

Gibblewort the horrible Irish goblin is driving his goblin mates crazy, so they pack him off to Austria for a winter holiday, only at the last minute 'Austria' becomes 'Australia' and Gibblewort ends up in the Snowy Mountains in ski season. Speeding snowboards, giant snowballs, talking fish everywhere Gibblewort goes, trouble is sure to follow! **PB \$11.95**

Dogboy

He is born on a bare hillside near the end of the Dry Time. Abandoned by his mother, cared for and suckled only by a dog, he becomes a creature of the wilds. To the poor villagers, he hardly appears human at all, and they reject him.

Yet the dog-boy, as he is called, proves to be a survivor. Against the odds, and in spite of his savage upbringing, he grows into a 'special' child - someone destined to change the lives of all who cross his path. **PB \$18.95**

Katherine Langrish*Troll Mill (Troll Fell 02)*

Troll Mill follows Peer's adventures as he struggles to get the mill working again. At Troll Mill, however, you never know what kind of sneaky creatures are lurking in the shadows, waiting to jump out at you ...

Troll Mill follows Peer Ulfsson, his dog Loki, Hilde and their friends and family three years on from where we left them in Troll Fell.

Returning from a day's fishing with his friend Bjorn, and with a violent storm brewing, Peer is shocked when Bjorn's wife, Kersten, rushes past, thrusts her young baby into Peer's arms and throws herself into the sea. What kind of creature would do this and will Kersten ever return? **TP \$19.95**

Jan Mark*Electric Telepath*

Elijah longs to be a scientist, to follow in the footsteps of his heroes. But as a member of the Horebite church such dreams will never be possible. Instructed by his father and his church to listen for The Still, Small Voice that will inform his life, Elijah finds himself trapped between a modern world and an ancient belief system; until the discovery of his hidden scientific apparatus brings these two worlds together with unexpected results... **PB \$15.95**

Linda McNabb*Seventh Son*

Jaxon is the seventh son of a seventh son. He was also an apprentice wizard - until he made a huge blunder and was banished from his village by Wizard Argus. A year later, while travelling with a very troublesome young dragon who has befriended him, he finds notices offering a large reward for him and returns to find out who is looking for him. It is the old wizard, who desperately needs his help.

Someone is stealing all the magic from the world and if it isn't fixed soon the world will begin to fall apart. Jaxon goes with Wizard Argus, Sef (a new apprentice), and Tess - the wizard's other apprentice - to the vale of the wizards to see the Wizard Council. Here they find the Head of the Council, Kramar, is the one stealing the magic.

In another scintillating fantasy adventure from Linda McNabb, the children and the dragon go in search of magical copper sand which will cancel the spell and return magic to the world. Will they find the Desert Witch and make it in time to Dragon's Breath, the great volcano, in time to stop Karamar completing his spell? **PB \$14.95**

Cliff McNish*Silver City (Silver 02)*

A silver child keeps watch over the child-city of Coldharbour as danger threatens. Milo, transformed into a luminous silver child, keeps watch over the teeming city of Coldharbour, now filled with children from all over the world. We meet Tanni and Parminder, who lead the frightening Uneathers, children who are virtually human drills. But who is controlling them? Why are they draining Thomas of his beauty? Where is the Roar?

And what is the significance of the mud dolls that Jenny makes? In an intense and page-turning story, the destinies of these magical children unfold as battlelines are drawn around them for the biggest fight ever between good and evil. **PB \$14.95**

James Moloney Australian Author

Malig Tumora (Doomsday Rats 03)

Berrin has been one of only a handful of humans to escape the control of the evil Malig Tumora. But when Berrin emerges onto the creek bank after a scorpion-like cannon has flooded the tunnels, Malig Tumora's servants, the gruesome-looking Gades, recapture him. Imprisoned within Malig Tumora's menagerie, Berrin meets Aden, an unusual boy with a powerful learning ability. Together, the boys face many challenges as they complete a series of tests aimed at identifying a suitable clone that will make all remaining humans obsolete. But Berrin and Aden face a more immediate threat when they come face-to-face with Malig Tumora's most terrifying creation: a computer that turns against its own creator, successfully enlisting the support of the Gades in return for a blood promise. Berrin's mission intensifies as he sets out to find the moths that are capable of destroying the purple flower, the fragrance of which controls the humans under Malig Tumora's power. When all hope seems lost, can the boys escape the bloodthirsty Gades and complete the task of saving humankind from a horrifying fate? Ages 9-13 **PB \$14.95**

Josie Montano & Mary Serenc

Cross-Eyed Jack

A group of kids are working on a horror movie together, when they are flung back in time to the year 1867. There, they get caught up in a mystery surrounding the "Pigtail" nugget, stolen by a bushranger named Cross-Eyed Jack. They collect evidence regarding the disappearance of the nugget that could hold the solution to the mystery in the present. Ages 8-12 **PB \$14.95**

Peter J Murray

Mokee Joe: The Doomsday Trail (Mokee Joe 03)

The battle takes a new and deadly twist. Molly and Hudson return to earth with a bump. Their enemy's strength seems ever more potent. Can they succeed before Mokee Joe wreaks vengeance on the whole world? **PB \$14.95**

Gary Paulsen

Time Hackers, The

When someone uses futuristic technology to play pranks on twelve-year-old Dorso Clayman, he and his best friend set off on a supposedly impossible journey through space and time trying to stop the gamers who are endangering the universe. **HC \$28.95**

J T Petty

Clemency Pogue: Fairy Killer

Only a child so quick-witted as Clemency Pogue, upon finding herself attacked by a wicked, invincible fairy, would remember a lesson learned from the story of Peter Pan. She shouts "I don't believe in fairies," and when it doesn't work, keeps shouting it until the horrible little creature drops as dead as a gossamer-winged doorknob. But then a mischievous hobgoblin arrives to tell Clem that she's killed six other fairies around the globe, some bad, but mostly good. Even if it was a mistake, it's now Clem's duty to set the world aright. **HC \$12.95**

Michael Pryor Australian Author

Nightmare in Quentaris (Quentaris)

Arna Greentower and her Old Tree Guesthouse are experiencing tough times. Employees mysteriously disappear, deliveries go astray and business is dragging. But Arna's foster-daughter Nisha, a fire magician, is determined to save her guardian's business from collapse.

Nisha and friend Tal seek to uncover the secrets behind the forbidden room and the memory-eating powers of its menacing occupant. But he is only one of Arna's enemies. Former business rival and fugitive Gorv is back in Quentaris to bring Arna down. Ages 9-14 **PB \$14.95**

Rick Riordan

Percy Jackson and the Olympians: The Lightning Thief

The gods of Olympus are alive in the 21st Century. They still fall in love with mortals and have children who might become great heroes, but most of these children meet horrible fates at the hands of monsters by the age of twelve. Only a few learn the truth of their identity and make it to Half Blood Hill, a Long Island summer camp dedicated to training young demigods. Such is the revelation that launches young Percy Jackson on a quest to help his real father, Poseidon, avert a war among the gods. With the help of Grover the satyr and Annabeth the daughter of Athena, Percy must journey across the United States to catch a thief who has stolen the original weapon of mass destruction - Zeus master bolt. Along the way, they face a host of mythological enemies determined to stop them. Most of all, Percy must come to terms with a father he has never known, and an Oracle that has warned him of betrayal by a friend. **HC \$35 PB \$19.95**

Chris Ryan

Fault Line (Alpha Force 08)

The Bravo Two Zero mission, conducted by the SAS behind Iraqi lines, involved eight members of the regiment in one of the most famous stories of courage and survival in modern warfare. Ryan was hurt in combat, eventually struggling alone across the desert into Syria and freedom. **PB \$14.95**

Marcus Sedgewick

The Dark Flight Down (Book of Dead Days 02)

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Disillusioned by the darker side of Venice, English cataloguer Daniel Forster discovers a lost musical masterpiece within a library of dusty manuscripts and is drawn into a treacherous game of deception that spans three centuries, from the periods of Vivaldi and Rousseau to the present. **TP \$30.95**

Jack Higgins*A Fine Night For Dying / Midnight Runner***PB \$12.95****Jane Hill***Grievous Angel*

When Justine Fraser found herself on a semester exchange in America, she had no idea that the quirky Nicky Bonnet - a brief, steamy fling - would, years later, turn out to be one of Hollywood's biggest heart-throbs. Sexy, moody, outrageous Nicky is to die for, and when he goes missing, his enigmatic suicide note spins the media into a frenzy. Justine has been following Nicky's rise to stardom, unable to ever really let him go, and as she scans the newspaper headlines, she immediately knows that his suicide note is meant for her and her alone - a desperate plea for help and the lone clue to solving the mystery of his sudden disappearance. Leaving her job in London, she flies to America to find him. Slowly piecing together the fragments of Nicky's life and their history together, she makes the startling discovery that the Nicky Bonnet she is looking for may turn out to be an entirely different person from the one she fell in love with. Too late to turn back, she has no choice but to finish a journey that can only lead to betrayal, violence and revenge. **TP \$32.95**

Susan Hill*The Pure in Heart*

The Pure in Heart continues the story of Simon Serrailler. In the opening pages, Simon is on a painting holiday in Venice, trying to come to terms with the brutal murder of a young woman who had been in love with him. But soon a telephone call summons him home. He has family problems to face - and the stress and daily grind of running a busy police station. In Lafferton, an English cathedral town, Susan Hill has brilliantly created an ordinary community with detail so sharp and true to life readers feel that these people are their own neighbours and friends. And that terror and evil are in their very midst... A little boy is snatched as he stands with his satchel at the gate of his home, waiting for his lift to school. A severely handicapped young woman hovers between life and death. An ex-con finds it impossible to go straight ... **TP \$32.95**

Jane Stanton Hitchcock*Social Crimes*

When her husband of twenty years dies under mysterious circumstances, leaving his fortune--and Jo's position in society--to a mysterious French countess, Jo Slater, once one of New York's leading grande dames, comes up with an ingenious scheme to seek revenge that is designed to recoup her fortune and reclaim her "throne," with only a little murder standing in her way. **PB \$17.95**

Charlie Huston*Six Bad Things*

In the sequel to Caught Stealing, Hank Thompson finds himself on the run from Federales, Russian mobsters, the U.S. Border Patrol, and two supposed surfer-bum allies, after he eliminates a would-be blackmailer who had threatened both Hank's parents and the money he had stolen.

TP \$26.95**Arnaldur Indridason***Tainted Blood*

A man is found murdered in his Reykjavik flat. There are no obvious clues apart from a cryptic note left on the body and a photograph of a young girl's grave. Detective Erlendur is forced to use all the forensic resources available to find any leads at all. Delving into the dead man's life he discovers that forty years ago he was accused of an appalling crime. Did his past come back to haunt him? Finally, Erlendur's search leads him to Iceland's Genetic Research Centre in order to find the disturbing answers to the mystery.. **PB \$23.95**

Morag Joss*Fruitful Bodies (Sara Selkirk)*

Professional cellist and amateur sleuth Sara Selkirk returns to investigate the mysteries surrounding the Sulis Clinic, a health clinic run by the attractive Dr. Golightly where her friend and former teacher, Joyce Cruikshank, is working and where her ailing close friend, distinguished pianist James Ballantyne, is a reluctant patient. **PB \$17.95**

Juris Jurjevics*The Trudeau Vector*

In the forbidding climate of the Arctic Circle, metal cracks like glass, rubber shatters, plastic crumbles, and world famous scientists are dying horrific deaths and no one knows why. As the international team of scientists at the spectacular Trudeau Research Centre prepare for six months of unrelenting winter, three of their colleagues are found dead on the ice, their pupils missing, their bodies contorted in ghastly, unnatural positions, hardened from the inside out. Cause of death: unknown. Dr Jessica Hanley, the talented and unorthodox American epidemiologist, is summoned to the isolated station to investigate the cause of these grisly deaths before the unthinkable becomes reality. Halfway around the world in Moscow, Admiral Rudenko, well past retirement age, is summoned to locate a submarine that has suddenly and inexplicably disappeared in the waters he once knew well the Norwegian fjords. Ideally suited to this sensitive assignment and conveniently expendable Rudenko must locate and retrieve this rogue ship at any cost. Their missions will converge explosively in the unforgiving extremes of the Arctic night. Brilliantly crafted and terrifyingly convincing, The Trudeau Vector delves into the precarious, volatile area where science and politics clash, with potentially disastrous results. ly and inexplicably vanished from central command's radar. The die is cast. Their missions will cross paths, and bring them up against hazards much bigger than microbes-scientific megalomania, lingering cold war tensions, w **TP \$29.95**

K'wan*Hoodlum*

The scion of one of the city's most notorious crime families, Shai Clark, unlike his older brother Tommy, has always shunned his father's criminal underworld, until his father is murdered, Tommy is removed from the equation, and Shai finds himself the reluctant head of his father's empire. By the author of Street Dreams. **TP \$30.95**

Marne Davis Kellogg*Priceless*

Auction-house maven and master jewel thief Kick Keswick gives up her life of crime when she falls in love and settles down with Scotland Yard commander Thomas Curtis, but her complacency is shattered when another thief begins emulating her old techniques and Thomas disappears with her secret cache of gems. **PB \$17.95**

Gordon Kent*Force Protection*

After two terrorist attacks on U.S. forces overseas, Naval Intelligence officer Alan Craik is called in to uncover the truth about and to find out who is responsible for the incidents, while in the U.S., Craik's wife, LCDR Rose Siciliano, faces her own battle to defend her family against the same ruthless enemy. **PB \$17.95**

Simon Kernick*The Crime Trade*

When Operation Surgical Strike, a police sting designed to catch Columbian drug traffickers in the act of selling a large consignment of cocaine to undercover police officers in a Heathrow hotel, goes horribly wrong, suspicion quickly falls on one of the officers involved: 'Stegs' Jenner. But Stegs is no ordinary undercover cop. Something of a maverick, with a chequered disciplinary record, he's always lived life on the edge. With his close friend dead in the shoot-out, he now determines to go it alone. Enter DI John Gallan and his partner DS Tina Boyd, part of the Serious Crime Squad investigating the murder of ex-gangster turned informer, Slim Robbie O'Brien. Slim Robbie had helped the Gallan and Boyd set up the operation, and is now dead too, shot with his mother in his council flat in Islington, while events at Heathrow were taking place. Meanwhile Stegs Jenner is working to his own agenda, developing a plan he's been thinking about for a long, long time. Revenge, he decides, is a dish best taken very, very cold. But is he the man the police are after? As Gallan, Boyd and DI Asif Malik inch ever nearer to the man responsible for the Heathrow shooting, they uncover a murderous conspiracy that will take them to the heart of one of London's most notorious criminal gangs. What they cannot know is that they've also embarked on a collision path that will lead one of them straight into the rifle sights of the enemy. **PB \$21.95**

A Good Day to Die

When Dennis Milne - now living under an assumed identity in the Philippines - hears that his old friend and colleague Malik has been gunned down in a restaurant, he decides to go back to the violent city he once called home, and bring the murderer to book. Milne arrives in a pre-Christmas London which is cold and hostile. But he is no longer a policeman; no longer charged with keeping the peace and upholding the law. Although his old friends at the Kings Cross station do not know that Milne is back in town, it soon becomes clear that his arrival has been expected by men who are after his blood. Hungry for revenge and determined to uphold his own very rough brand of justice, Milne's search for the person behind his friend's death leaves a trail of death and destruction that is more wide-reaching than even he could have expected. **TP \$32.95**

J A Konrath*Bloody Mary (Jack Daniels)*

Chicago Police Lieutenant Jacqueline "Jack" Daniels struggles to cope with a turbulent personal life--an ailing mother, jealous boyfriend, difficult ex-husband, hyperactive cat, and partner in the midst of a midlife crisis--while tracking down a vicious serial killer who is littering the city with pieces of his victims. By the author of *Whiskey Sour*. **HC \$47.95**

Dean Koontz*Velocity*

William Wiles is an easygoing thirty something, a bartender who lives a quiet life alone until a serial killer singles him out not to kill him, but to force him to decide who the next victim will be. On his SUV Billy finds the first note, which requires him to 'choose' a victim: a lovely blonde schoolteacher, or an elderly woman? Billy pays an informal visit to an acquaintance, Lanny Olson, who is a policeman, and who thinks the note is a prank. The schoolteacher dies. The next note offers more choices. Lanny has to take this note seriously, but the deadline runs out before he can decide how to make his involvement official. Billy doesn't hear from him again, because Lanny himself has become the next victim. There will be more communications from the killer, more hideous choices, with ever tighter decision times, and with each choice Billy is drawn deeper into an accelerating nightmare which steadily becomes more personal, more confrontational, until he is isolated, with no one to turn to and no one to rely on but himself. Finally he must risk everything to save the intended victims. **TP \$29.95**

William Kent Krueger*Blood Hollow*

Dismissing circumstantial evidence that incriminates a young man in the murder of his girlfriend in Aurora, Minnesota, former sheriff Cork O'Connor confronts local bigotry and bureaucracy in order to find the true killer, a case that is complicated by Cork's past and a series of apparent miracles. **PB \$19.95**

Tim LaHaye*The Secret on Ararat (Babylon Rising 02)*

Michael Murphy, a field archaeologist and scholar of biblical prophecy, embarks on a perilous new quest that takes him to Mt. Ararat in search of Noah's Ark, an expedition that leads to dramatic discoveries about the Bible's prophecies and revelations about the evil about to be unleashed on humankind. **TP \$28.95**

David Lawrence*Cold Kill*

Winter. Crime scene: a London park at dusk. DS Stella Mooney stares down at the brutalized body of a young woman. From the shelter of nearby trees Robert Kimber is watching events ... watching Stella. Next morning he walks into a Notting Hill police station and confesses to the murder. But Stella has her doubts about this killer. **TP \$29.95**

John le Carre*Absolute Friends*

Follows the lives and fates of two friends and fellow ex-spies, Ted Mundy and Sasha, as they attempt to change their lives and the world in which they live, chronicling their exploits from West Berlin in the 1960s, through the politics of Cold War Europe, to the terrorism of the present day. **PB \$19.95**

Laura Lippman*By A Spider's Thread*

Private detective Tess Monaghan gets more than she had bargained for when she is hired by Mark Rubin, an Orthodox Jew, to find his missing wife and three children, who had apparently walked away from Rubin with the help of a mysterious ex-con named Zeke. **PB \$19.95**

Holly Lisle*Last Girl Dancing*

Atlanta detective Jess Brubaker, determined to find the truth surrounding her sister Ginny's disappearance, goes undercover in a sordid nightworld with her partner, and lover, Hank Kamien, where they both become the target of a serial killer who holds the key to finding Ginny. **PB \$17.95**

Robert Ludlum & Philip Larkin*The Moscow Vector (Covert One)*

Russia's authoritarian leaders are preparing a blitzkrieg campaign designed to overrun Eastern Europe before the West can intervene. To succeed in this risky enterprise, however, they must first sow confusion and fear in the ranks of their enemies. With that in mind, they turn to Konstantin Malkovic - one of the world's wealthiest and most powerful men. Malkovic possesses a newly developed, genetically keyed bio-weapon. Undetectable and incurable, HYDRA is the perfect assassin's tool. Created using a strand of each victim's DNA, it is the ultimate precision-guided silent killer. Only Lieutenant Colonel Jon Smith and his Covert One operatives can stop this murderous conspiracy and thwart the Kremlin's bid to restore Russian to her former power... **HC \$45 TP \$32.95**

Gayle Lynds*The Coil (Masquerade 02)*

In a sequel to Masquerade, former CIA agent Liz Sansborough's quiet life is shattered when her Cold War assassin father's past catches up with her, a situation that results in her cousin's kidnapping and the blackmailing of several prominent figures. **PB \$17.95**

Patricia MacDonald*The Girl Next Door*

Returning to her New Jersey hometown when her father is paroled from his imprisonment for murdering her mother, struggling actress Nina Avery, believing in her father's innocence, finds her life threatened and digs into her neighbors' pasts in order to stop the real killer. **PB \$17.95**

Petros Markaris*Deadline in Athens (Inspector Costas Haritos)*

Athens homicide detective Inspector Costas Haritos is called in to investigate the slaying of a renowned TV journalist, killed in her broadcast studio just as she is to announce some sensational news, and becomes swept up in the cutthroat and nasty world of the Greek media. **TP \$26.95**

Margaret Maron*High Country Fall (Deborah Knott)*

Taking an out-of-town assignment in a privileged community to put distance between herself and her hyper-reactive family, recently engaged judge Deborah Knott finds her peaceful break disrupted by a local murder that she becomes determined to solve. **PB \$17.95**

Sujata Massey*Pearl Diver, The*

Recently engaged and undertaking a lucrative job to furnish a trendy Japanese restaurant, antiques dealer and part-time sleuth Rei Shimura finds herself investigating a link between the disappearances of her cousin and a war bride who went missing thirty years earlier. By the author of *The Samurai's Daughter*. **TP \$26.95**

Amanda Matetsky*How To Marry A Murderer Paige Turner*

Mystery novelist, crime magazine reporter, and detective's girlfriend, Paige Turner gets a chance to hone her keen skills of detection when a popular TV personality, after telling Paige that she believes someone is out to get her, falls to her death, headfirst onto the hood of her limousine. **PB \$17.95**

Val McDermid*Blue Genes / Clean Break*

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Ralph McInerney*Blood Ties (Father Dowling)*

Father Dowling becomes involved when an adopted young woman's search for her birth parents leads to murder as he and attorney Amos Cadbury risk the heartbreak and peace of two families as they seek the killer of Martha Lynch's biological father. **HC \$51.95**

Andy McNab*Deep Black*

Nick Stone's future has never looked as bleak. The only person he's ever loved is dead. The only people who might give him a reason not to join her have turned their backs. Until a chance encounter with a man he saved ten years ago appears to throw him a lifeline... But on the bullet and bomb scarred streets of Baghdad, second chances are in short supply. A simple quest becomes a journey to the heart of a chilling conspiracy; too late, he realizes that he is being used as bait - to lure into the open a man he believes can offer some salvation, but whom the darker forces of the West will stop at nothing to destroy... From its violent and shocking opening in the Muslim enclaves of Bosnia, through vivid, lightning-paced action in war-torn Iraq, this unforgettable story proves Andy McNab yet again to be the master of the modern thriller, a writer at the very top of his game. .

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Evan McNamara*Superior Position*

While former Army sniper and small-town Colorado deputy Bill Tatum investigates the murder of a reporter, who was investigating "mountain sprawl" and other environmental issues, a killer prepares to take down the next target. **PB \$19.95**

Benjamin E Miller*Silent Assault*

When a mysterious plague breaks out on the USS Vermont, a submarine laden with nuclear weapons, the crew starts dying one by one as a faceless enemy prepares to seize the ship's nuclear warheads and unleash a war of epic proportions. **PB \$19.95**

Rick Mofina*The Dying Hour*

When a stranger stops to help her while she is stranded on the road during a bad storm, Karen Harding enters a realm of terror and hopelessness when her so-called "savior" takes her hostage, keeping her captive in the darkness as he prepares to kill her. **PB \$17.95**

Marcia Muller*Cape Perdido*

When an outside corporation threatens the livelihoods of the citizens of Cape Perdido with its water harvesting plan, four people are swept up in efforts to save the town, including a community liaison specialist from New York City, an environmentalist haunted by his past, a restaurateur, and a former lumber mill owner who harbors personal secrets. By the author of Point Deception **HC \$51.95**

Magdalen Nabb*Property of Blood*

Olivia, an American-born model, married Count Ugo Brunamonti, a feckless, soon impoverished aristocrat. After his death, she supported her children by starting a fashion house which has prospered. When she is kidnapped, the crime is reported to Marshal Guarnaccia by her daughter, who may have been the intended victim. Kidnapping is almost a second business for the Sardinians nominally engaged in raising sheep in the Tuscan hills. They inhabit a vast wilderness where a victim can be hidden away forever, and where those searching for her will be quickly spotted. The government's official policy is not to permit the payment of ransom. But if the money isn't paid, the kidnappers cannot let their victim go free. It would set a bad example. In this case, Guarnaccia suspects another problem. Can it be that Olivia's children are unwilling to pay the ransom? Is this more than a random crime? **PB \$21.95**

The Innocent

It is spring in Florence and everyone around Marshal Guarnaccia seems to be in love, even his own son. The case he is working on, the murder of a young woman, seems to present no particular problems. No distressed parents, no political or influential connections, no pressure from the media. The investigation takes him only a few steps from home, to the Boboli gardens and to the artisans' quarter - where he knows everybody and everybody knows him. The locals also trust him - until he seems to be accusing one of them - then everything changes. A second death follows and Guarnaccia is convinced that it is his fault. The case becomes one of the most distressing he's ever had to handle. Burdened with guilt, he finds it impossible to trust his own instincts any more. But he has to learn to do so before he can get at the truth. **TP \$32.95**

James Patterson*The Midnight Club / Hide and Seek*

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David Poyer*Command, The Dan Lenson*

Assuming the command of the first Navy warship operated by a fully integrated male and female crew, Dan Lenson journeys to the Persian Gulf to intercept a smuggling operation and prevent a terrorist attack. By the author of Black Storm. **PB \$17.95**

Nichola Rinaldi*Between Two Rivers*

Farro Fescu, concierge, janitor and general factotum, oversees the lives of the residents of Echo Terrace, collecting their mail, organising their taxis, fixing problems with their apartments. There is Nora Abernooth, who lives with a menagerie of birds, snakes and monkeys who provide much-needed company since the death of her husband. In the penthouse is Harry Falcon, multimillionaire and founder of the country's biggest frozen-food company, who is slowly dying of cancer. In the Harry Houdini suite is Dr Tattafruge, cosmetic surgeon to the stars and specialist in sex change operations. Maggie Sowle lives a quiet life in the Helen Keller apartment, sewing quilts that will hang in galleries around the world. Abdul Saad is a young Muslim making his way in the mortuary business, still living at home with his parents but dreaming of a better life and of the woman he loves. Karl Vogel sits in his apartment, surrounded by walls painted blue to remind him of the skies he used to fly through as a Luftwaffe ace back in the bad old days. And of course, Luther Rumfarm, making more and more money on the bond market and, not so quietly, buying up all the apartments he can. Farro Fescu watches them all . . . not that he doesn't have worries of his own. **PB \$23.95**

Harold Robbins & Junius Podrug*The Betrayers*

Having built a business empire after surviving the Siege of Leningrad and witnessing his mother's starvation, determined mogul Nick Cutter falls in love with the sensuous Luz, unaware that she harbors a plan to challenge corrupt politicians and that he will have to battle a Caribbean dictator to win her heart. **PB \$19.95**

M J Rose*The Halo Effect*

Prominent New York sex therapist Dr. Morgan Snow finds her life taking a dangerous turn when her client, a high-priced prostitute, gives her a manuscript vividly detailing all of the sexual favors and fantasies she has performed for the city's most powerful men, and then disappears. **PB \$17.95**

Greg Rucka*A Gentleman's Game (Queen and Country)*

Following a devastating terrorist attack on London, Tara Chace, Head of Special Operations for the British Secret Intelligence Service, goes back into the field to retaliate against those responsible, setting herself up as bait to trap the killers before they can strike again, in a novel based on the Eisner Award-winning graphic novel series. **PB \$17.95**

Catherine Sampson*Falling off Air*

Abandoned by her boyfriend after having twins, Robin Ballantyne's hopes of getting on with her life are shattered when her ex-boyfriend and an activist neighbor are murdered by someone who has set Robin up for the crimes. A first novel. **TP \$28.95**

C J Sansom*Dark Fire*

It's 1540 and the hottest summer of the sixteenth century. Shardlake has lived quietly, building up his legal practice and avoiding politics. However, his involvement with a murder case, defending a girl accused of killing her young cousin, brings him once again into contact with Thomas Cromwell - and a new assignment...

The secret of Greek Fire, the legendary substance with which the Byzantines destroyed the Arab navies, has been lost for centuries. Now an official of the Court of Augmentations has discovered the formula in the library of a dissolved London monastery. When Shardlake is sent to recover it, he finds the official and his alchemist brother brutally murdered - the formula has disappeared.

Now Shardlake must follow the trail of Greek Fire across Tudor London, while trying at the same time to prove his young client's innocence. But, as at Scarnsea, nothing is as it seems... **PB \$19.95**

Harold Schechter

The Mask of the Red Death (Edgar Allan Poe)

In the wake of two brutal murders in mid-nineteenth-century Manhattan, a human attraction at P.T. Barnum's American Museum is accused, and writer Edgar Allan Poe, believing in the man's innocence, deduces that an increasingly dangerous killer is responsible. **TP \$28.95**

Lisa Scottoline

Killer Smile

When she receives personal threats and an associate is murdered, young lawyer Mary DiNunzio realizes that her latest case, involving a World War II internment camp suicide, may have deadly modern-day ties. By the author of *Dead Ringer*. **PB \$19.95**

Karin Slaughter

Faithless

There are many ways to die. But some are more terrifying than others - A walk in the woods takes a sinister turn for police chief Jeffrey Tolliver and medical examiner Sara Linton when they stumble across the body of a young girl. Incarcerated in the ground, all the initial evidence indicates that she has, quite literally, been scared to death. But as Sara embarks on the autopsy, something even more horrifying comes to light. Something which shocks even Sara. Detective Lena Adams, talented but increasingly troubled, is called in from vacation to help with the investigation - and the trail soon leads to the neighbouring county, an isolated community, and a terrible secret... **HC \$48.95**

Alexander McCall Smith

No 1 Ladies' Detective Agency (Precious Ramotswe)

Working in Gaborone, Botswana, sleuth Precious Ramotswe investigates several local mysteries, including a search for a missing boy and the case of the clinic doctor with different personalities for different days of the week. **PB \$17.95**

Julie Smith

Louisiana Lament (Talba Wallis)

When an arts patron is found shot to death, poet and fledgling detective Talba Wallis is entreated by her sister, who has been accused, to find the real killer, a case that takes Talba from bait shops to literary parties and reveals the victim to be a hated con artist who neglected her children. **PB \$17.95**

Jeff Stetson

Blood on the Leaves

The only African-American prosecutor in Jackson, Mississippi, James Reynolds finds himself in the morally challenging position of prosecuting a brilliant professor, a second-generation civil rights leader who has been accused of the vigilante killings of whites previously acquitted for hate crimes. A first novel. **PB \$17.95**

Denise Swanson

Murder of a Smart Cookie (Scumble River)

When a scuffle breaks out at the First Annual Route 66 Yard Sale involving her mother, school psychologist Skye Denison, while dealing with a raucous battle of the sexes and bakesale blunders, finds herself accused of murder when her former summer-job boss is found dead. **PB \$17.95**

Christopher Wakling

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Leaving their routine London jobs to join a backpacking trip through the Himalayas, Kate Cox and Ethan Hughes suddenly find themselves abducted by Muslim terrorists, who plan to use them as hostages as part of their unyielding and violent ideological struggle against the West. By the author of *The Immortal Part*. **TP \$28.95**

Ayelet Waldman

Murder Plays House (Mommy-Track)

Former public defender Juliet Applebaum finds her new life as a stay-at-home mother, her anticipation of a new arrival in the household, and a search for a larger home interrupted by her investigation into a local murder. **PB \$19.95**

Liza Ward

Outside Valentine

Haunted by the serial murders committed by Charles Starkweather and Caril Ann Fugate years earlier, Manhattan collector of antiquities Lowell finds the case further complicated by a self-appointed teen detective, while Caril Ann remembers the killing spree and her feelings of being out of control. A first novel. Reader's Guide available. **TP \$28.95**

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An African-American homicide detective in the LAPD's elite Robbery-Homicide Division, Charlotte Justice becomes caught up in a sensitive case involving a cold-blooded murder in LA's Koreatown, a killing that launches a media frenzy and has profound repercussions for the city's mayoral race. **PB \$17.95**

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