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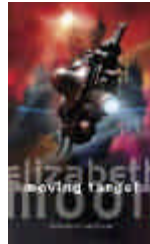
We have heard that there was a great party following the Aurealis Awards Ceremony, Brisbane Sat 22nd Jan. Congratulations to all the winners of the 2004 Aurealis Awards, being:

Peter McNamara Convenor's Award:		Cat Sparks
Science Fiction	Novel:	<i>Less Than Human</i> by Maxine McArthur
	Short Story:	<i>Come To Daddy</i> by Brendan Duffy
Fantasy	Novel:	<i>The Crooked Letter</i> by Sean Williams
	Short Story:	<i>Catabolic Magic</i> by Richard Harland
		<i>Weavers of Twilight</i> by Louise Katz
Horror	Novel:	<i>The Black Crusade</i> by Richard Harland & winner of Golden Aurealis
	Short Story:	<i>The Last Days of Kali Yuga</i> by Paul Haines
Young Adult	Novel:	<i>Midnighters</i> by Scott Westerfield
	Short story:	<i>Singing My Sister Down</i> by Margo Lanagan & winner of Golden Aurealis
Childrens'	Novel:	<i>How To Live Forever</i> by Colin Thompson
	Short Story:	<i>Beneath the Surface</i> by Gary Crew and Stephen Woolman

Featured Releases

Moving Target by Elizabeth Moon

The second Vatta's War novel is now out in paperback. Be warned, this is the same book as Marque and Reprisal, the title it is released as in the US.



The True Game by

Sheri S. Tepper has been re-released as an omnibus trade paperback. This is a classic and very original fantasy story. Highly recommended and an old favourite of both Dan and Tim.



Chainfire by Terry Goodkind

The trade paperback of the latest Sword of Truth novel is in store now.



The Good, The Bad and the Undead by

Kim Harrison is out in paperback. This follows on from her popular first novel: Dead Witch Walking.

See inside for more on these books...



Author Visit

Townsville author John Jetty visited Infinitas 27th Jan, so we now have signed copies of *The Blessings of Stefan*. This is an original SF novel about a blind population in a subterranean city where one man is born with sight. A review is on the website.

First in Series Specials

For readers after a good long read, the following Orbit books are each the first in a successful series. We have limited stocks of each priced at **\$12.95**, so if you are yet to enter these worlds, here's your excuse:

Robert Jordan:	Eye of the World
Robert Reed:	Marrow
James Clemens:	Wit'ch Fire
Elizabeth Moon:	Trading In Danger
Ian Graham:	Monument
Marianne de Pierres (Aus):	Nylon Angel

Nebula Awards

The 2004 Preliminary Nebula Ballot has been announced. This is the short list for the Best Novel Award:

<i>Paladin of Souls</i> by Lois McMaster Bujold
<i>Down and Out in the Magic Kingdom</i> by Cory Doctorow
<i>Omega</i> by Jack McDevitt
<i>Perfect Circle</i> by Sean Stewart
<i>Conquistador</i> by S.M. Stirling
<i>The Knight</i> by Gene Wolfe



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

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

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

Science Fiction, Fantasy and Horror

Steve Aylett

Karloff's Circus (Accomplice 04)

In *Accomplice*, friends don't shake hands. As an episode of *Accomplice* history comes to a close, the Circus of the Heart's Shell transforms the town square into a venue for hellish clowning. Sweeney's forces close in upon Barny from several directions. But is Dietrich right that humanity is more routinely evil than any mythical fright? Will Fang be re-united with his zombie family? What does doomed Eddie Gallo find outside *Accomplice*? Will Gregor survive a boxing match with a slob demon? Violaine's prophecy comes to pass. The troops do something useful. Two living Steinway Spiders attack. Rudloe confronts the Conglomerate with his cowardice. **PB \$18.95**

Kage Baker

Graveyard Game, The

In the sequel to *Mendoza* in Hollywood, two cyborgs of the Company, Lewis and Joseph, journey back in time to 1996 San Francisco to search for Mendoza, a banished fellow cyborg, to solve the mystery of her reappearing English lover and uncover some dangerous secrets about what the Company does with cyborgs it no longer wants in the field. **TP \$30.95**

Iain M Banks

The Algebraist CD **CD \$39.95**

Stephen Baxter

Behemoth: Mammoth, Long Tusk, Icebones (Behemoth Omnibus)

They have measured the slow pulse of the seasons as the Earth spins its stately annual dance. Their memories stretch back across the million-year cycles of the ice sheets. Their stories tell of the making of the world. And as the millennia have passed, their legends have served them well. And a thousand years from now, on a different world, they will be the difference between life and death, between extinction and a future as long as the past. **PB \$24.95**

Gregory Benford

Furious Gulf (Galactic Centre 5)

Escaping from the genocidal mech forces of their home world, the last survivors of Snowglade, under the command of Captain Killeen, journey toward the Galactic Center while facing hunger, desperation, and distrust. Reprint. **PB \$17.95**

John Gregory Betancourt

The Blind Archer

In an ancient Earth ruled by magic, young Ker Orum discovers the perils of sorcery as he journeys into a dark world of vision without sight as he takes on the deadly wrath of the Faceless Demons. **PB \$17.95**

Anne Bishop

Dreams Made Flesh

(Black Jewels)

A collection of four original novellas continues the saga of The Black Jewels trilogy as they trace the origins of the



mystical Jewels, chronicle a forbidden love affair between Lucivar and a simple hearth witch, explore a reality-altering clash between Saetan and a priestess, and follow the relationship between Jaenelle and Daemon after she sacrifices her magical gifts.

TP \$32.95

Ben Bova

Powersat

In the aftermath of a terrible space accident, spaceplane scientist Dan Randolph, who designed the vehicle as part of a plan to free America from its dependence on fossil fuels, realizes that his experiment was sabotaged and must outmaneuver terrorists, the government, and his creditors in order to prove himself.

HC \$51.95

Rachel Caine

Chill Factor (Weather Warden 3)

Weather Warden Joanne Baldwin must now confront her ultimate challenge, a deeply disturbed teenager named Kevin, who has holed up in a Las Vegas hotel with the most powerful Djinn in the world to unleash a cataclysm on the world. **PB \$17.95**

P C Cast

Elphame's Choice (Goddess By Mistake)

A goddess has been born in Partholon, an ancient Greco-Roman civilization, the daughter of Epona's Beloved Incarnate and the centaur High Shaman--and her story of self-discovery will lead to her destiny and a very unexpected love. **TP \$28.95 PB \$18.95**

C J Cherryh

Collected Short Fiction of C J Cherryh

Vividly creating many worlds, mystical, alien, and futuristic, a collection of short stories, novellas, and novelettes from a modern master of science fiction includes "Cassandra," the Hugo Award-winning tale of a woman plagued by prophetic madness. **TP \$32.95**

Destroyer (Foreigner 07) **HC \$51.95**

Bernard Cornwell

Sharpe's Escape (Sharpe 20)

It is 1810 and the French are making yet another attempt to invade Portugal. Facing them is a wasted land, stripped of food by Wellington's orders, and Captain Richard Sharpe. But Sharpe is in trouble. His job as Captain of the Light Company is under threat and he has made a new enemy, a Portuguese criminal known as Ferragus. Sharpe, discarded by his regiment, wages a private war against Ferragus - a war fought through the burning, pillaged streets of Coimbra, Portugal's ancient university city. Sharpe's enemies are numerous but on his side he has Sergeant Patrick Harper, the Portuguese officer Jorge Vincent, and a prickly English governess whose first aim is to clean up Sharpe's language. Sharpe's Escape begins on the great, gaunt ridge of Bussaco where a joint British and Portuguese army meets the overwhelming strength of Marshall Massena's crack troops. It finishes at Torres Vedras, where the French hopes of occupying Portugal quickly die. **PB \$18.95**

Clive Cussler*Trojan Odyssey (Dirk Pitt)*

Dirk Pitt battles his most dangerous foe ever - with help from a very unexpected source. There is a black tide infesting the ocean off the shore of Nicaragua. Whilst trying to determine its origin, startling things begin to occur and the inhabitants of a floating resort find themselves directly in the path of a violent storm. Dirk and the NUMA crew rush to their rescue, but they discover that there is an all-too-human evil at work and the black tide is only a by-product of its plan. Soon its work will be complete - and the world will be a very different place . . . **PB \$19.95**

John R Dann*Song of The Earth (Song)*

A prequel to Song of the Axe finds the original prehistoric tribal family leader, Grae, rescued from a volcano by the powerful daughters of River Woman and leading his people into central and eastern Europe in search of safety and a better life. **HC \$54.95**

David & Leigh Eddings*The Elder Gods (Dreamers 1)*

They are called the Dreamers. They look like sleeping children. They are, in fact, Gods. There are eight elder Gods, four awake, four asleep, by turns. When they sleep, they sleep for eons. The only time the Gods are vulnerable is when the sleepers awake. Knowing this, the Ruler of the Wasteland, ambitious to become a God by destroying Gods, watches and waits, marshalling troops for war. So it is that the coming of the Dreamers passes unnoticed in the Wasteland. But the world is soon out of kilter, it is being dreamed, and the awakening of gods is no simple transition. The sleeping Gods are stirring. When they wake the battle will begin. There will be trickery and deception. Tribes of humans, creatures of the deep, the sea itself and the earth, the weather and the divinities, all will play their part in the epic struggle against the Ruler of the Wasteland. **PB \$18.95**

**David Farland***Lair of Bones (Runelords 04)*

In the wake of the defeat of the dark forces, Prince Gaborn, the Earth King, faces a final confrontation with his supernatural enemy Raj Ahten and with the Reavers in their own cavernous underground lair, where the evil sorcerer One True Master waits in the Lair of Bones for an epic struggle in which the very survival of all humankind is at stake. By the author of Wizardborn. **PB \$19.95**

Christine Feehan*Dark Secret (Carpathian)*

Vampire hunter Rafael De La Cruz will stop at nothing to possess Colby Jansen, a beautiful rancher and the woman he is destined to spend eternity with, who will do anything to protect her family from him and his brothers. **PB \$19.95**

Mary Gentle*1610: A Sundial in Grave*

Valentin Rochefort, professional duellist and down-at-heels aristocrat, arranges the assassination of Henri IV, King of France. Fleeing from the consequences, he makes for England, on the way picking up two companions - a young boy, Dariole, and a ship-wrecked 'demon'. Dariole is discovered first to be a girl, and then to be Rochefort's sister; the 'demon' is Tanaka Saburo, a Japanese samurai on an ambassadorial mission to England from the Shogun; and Rochefort is found by a pack of Hermetic mages and conspirators, who want him to arrange the same thing for King James I/VI of England as he did for Henri of France. Rochefort is blackmailed into arranging the death of King James at the performance of a Hermetic magic play. Meanwhile, Dariole is busy making forays into Shakespeare's theatre as England's first (and worst) female actor . . . 1610 really isn't Rochefort's year - And as the play's performance and the assassination approach, Rochefort's dreams of the future that may spring from this crucial year grow increasingly stranger and more contradictory. He realises he must act - but, how? What is the right choice? And how much of the future will depend on what he does? **PB \$27.95**

Terry Goodkind*Chainfire (Sword of Truth 09)*

Reluctant hero turned magical warrior Richard Rahl has long since learned the wizard's first rule (people are stupid and will believe almost anything) and accepted his fate. With his beloved Kahlan Amnell, the last Mother Confessor, he has battled unearthly adversaries, military foes, the Underworld, the malign and wild magic of the Old World, even the elements themselves. **HC \$59.95 TP \$29.95**

Angelica Gorodischer,**Translated by Ursula K Le Guin***Kalpa Imperial:**The Greatest Empire that Never Was*

A collection of fairy tales, oral histories, political commentaries, and fables intertwine to chronicle the complete history of a fabled-but imaginary-empire, in an introduction to the work of an acclaimed South American fantasy writer. **HC \$45.95**

Tara K Harper*Wolf In Night*

Raised in a strange world populated by telepathic wolves and mysterious aliens who guard against human encroachment, Nori has grown up in the wilderness, but when a dark and deadly force threatens the land, Nori and her lupine partner, Grey Rishte, a half-grown, ferocious wolf, flee into the unknown wilderness, pursued by hired hunters, to stop the danger. **PB \$17.95**

Kim Harrison*The Good, The Bad, And the Undead**(Rachel Morgan 02)*

Sexy supernatural bounty hunter Rachel Morgan prowls the dark streets of downtown Cincinnati as she confronts her ultimate challenge, an ancient, invincible enemy--the

vampire master--who is out to steal her very soul. **PB \$17.95**

M John Harrison*Climbers: A Novel*

Retreating from his failed marriage to Pauline, Mike leaves London for the Yorkshire moors, where he meets Normal and his entourage, busy pursuing their own dreams of escape. Travelling from crag to crag throughout the country, they are searching for the unattainable: the perfect climb. Through rock-climbing, Mike discovers an intensity of experience, a wash of pain, fear and excitement, that obliterates the rest of his world. Increasingly addicted to the adrenalin, folklore and camaraderie of the sport, he finds, for a time, a genuine escape. But it is gained at a price. This dark, witty and poetic novel is full of the rugged beauty of nature, of the human drive to test oneself against extremes, and of the elation such escape can bring. **PB \$21.95**

M John Harrison*Things That Never Happen*

Over the last thirty years, M. John Harrison has been inspiring readers and writers alike across the world. His return to science fiction in 2002 with the magnificent space opera Light was a monumental triumph, shortlisted for every major award in the genre. He combines brilliant storytelling with complex plots and evocative, mesmerising writing. Things That Never Happen is M. John Harrison's definitive collection of short fiction, twenty-four dazzling stories of science fiction and fantasy; the perfect introduction to one of Britain's most brilliant writers. **PB \$24.95**

Daniel Hecht*Land of Echoes (Cree Black)*

Seattle parapsychologist Cree Black is called in to work with Tommy Keeday, a brilliant student at a New Mexico boarding school for gifted Navajo teens, after the young man falls victim to an illness with bizarre and terrifying symptoms, which his family believes are caused by a chindi, a hostile spirit. **TP \$28.95**

Robert A Heinlein*Have Spacesuit, Will Travel*

Teenager Clifford "Kip" Russell wins second prize in a soap jingle contest, a used worn spacesuit, and, while trying on his prize in his backyard, suddenly finds himself on a space odyssey as a prisoner aboard the ship of a space pirate, headed toward the Moon and a series of encounters with many bizarre creatures and situations. **TP \$24.95**

Diana Wynne Jones*The Tough Guide to Fantasyland*

This authoritative A-Z constitutes an essential source of information for all who dare to venture into the imaginative hinterlands. It provides acute insights into such mysteries as how horses reproduce, the varying types of virgin and the importance of cloaks to those wondering about going on a quest with a fellowship (of the Ring or otherwise). Features include: a map, lively background on those you will meet, including: barbarian hordes, lots and lots of wild-seeming people advancing under a

cloud of dust in order to devastate more civilised parts and elves, who claim they did not evolve like humans. **HC \$19.95**

Gwyneth Jones

Midnight Lamp (Bold As Love 3)

Rufus O'Niall is dead and the green nazi occupation has been defeated, but at a huge cost to the three extraordinary people who saved England from the dark. Shattered and deeply changed by the sacrifices each of them had to make, Fiorinda, Axe and Sage are in hiding from their friends and fans on the Pacific coast of Mexico when they're tracked down by an emissary of Fred Eiffrich, President of the United States. He's got an offer they can't refuse. It's about a movie, allegedly. . . Sage finds himself drawn to an old flame. Ax has to fight dirty, for the future and against the might of a collapsing superpower. And Fiorinda, the magical daughter of the monster, whose memories of utter horror are threatening her sanity, struggles with a deadly addiction. **PB \$18.95**

Susan Kearney

The Challenge

Wounded while protecting the president of the United States, Secret Service agent Tessa Camen awakens to discover that she has been swept forward in time, into the arms of a gorgeous man named Kahn, who insists that she holds the key to saving Earth by taking part in an intergalactic challenge. **PB \$17.95**

Russell Kirkpatrick *New Zealand Author*

The Right Hand of God (Fire of Heaven 3)

The conclusion of a sweeping epic combining history and mythology. The Company and the Arkhimm were scattered far and wide in their quest to warn Faltha of imminent invasion by the armies of Bhurdwo, and to find the Jugom Ark, the Arrow with which the enemy may be defeated. Now they have the Ark, and thousands of people flock to fight for Faltha against the Destroyer. The Falthan army, although superior in numbers, and with the Arrow of Fire in their hands, is still defeated. They must all return to Instruere to sign the surrender... But in the final moments of despair, seeing a statue of the Most High, Leith is shocked to recognise the face - it is his crippled brother, Hal, who was killed in battle with the Destroyer. And so it is that the Most High fires an arrow at Kannwar the Destroyer, who loses his remaining hand, his other having been severed by the Most High thousands of years ago. Leith takes up the flaming Arrow and the battle for Instruere is joined. **TP \$24.95**

H R Knight

What Rough Beast

When occult debunkers Harry Houdini and Sir Arthur Conan Doyle get together to expose infamous occultist Maximillian Cairo as a fraud, they soon discover that Cairo wields a terrifying all-too-real power that unleashes a diabolical evil on the foggy streets of London, and they must race against time to stop the nightmare haunting the helpless city. **PB \$17.95**

Dean Koontz & Kevin J Anderson

Prodigal Son

(Dean Koontz's Frankenstein 1)

In a dramatic reworking of Mary Shelley's classic horror novel, Detective Carson O'Connor and her partner, Michael Maddison, are confronted by a vicious serial killer who stalks the city streets in search of victims that possess the humanity missing in himself, and uncover a link to an ages-old conspiracy in which their quarry is not only a homicidal maniac but also his deranged maker. **PB \$19.95 CASS \$52.95 CD \$60**

Michael P Kube-McDowell

Altermities

Skillfully disguised within a sixteen-story office building known as the Tower lies the secret of President Robinson's government--a building housing a gateway to alternate realities, which can be manipulated toward good or evil. **TP \$26.95**

Mercedes Lackey

Burning Water (Diana Tregarde 1)

Discovering that local cattle mutilations and a series of ritualistic murders are the work of a risen Aztec god, Guardian witch Diana Tregarde and psychic police detective Mark Valdez team up to protect the human race. **TP \$30.95**

Mercedes Lackey & Roberta Gellis

This Scepter'd Isle

The evil Unseleighe Sidhe will do anything to prevent the rise to the throne of a red-haired child destined to ascend the throne and usher in a golden age of art, music, and literature, while the good Sidhe of Elhame Avalon race against time to find the child, protect her from the dangers of the human and elven worlds, and ensure that she will become Queen Elizabeth I of England. **PB \$19.95**

Mercedes Lackey & Josepha Sherman

Stoned Souls

Grieving over the death of his twin brother, Conal, an elven car racer, joins his human friend Dottie, an ace auto mechanic, on a vacation to Florida. He encounters some troubled teenagers and discovers dangerous portents that the human world is about to be invaded by the evil elves of the Unseliegh Court. **HC \$49.95**

Edward Lee

Flesh Gothic

Five very special people return to sinister Hildreth House to uncover the truth about the supposedly haunted mansion in which a bloody massacre led to the slaughter of thirteen people who had come to the house to partake in diabolical and debauched revels and the disappearance of the fourteenth. **PB \$17.95**

Edward M Lerner

Moonstruck

Assigned to be the liaison between Earth and the aliens in a gigantic starship who claim to represent a federation of intelligent races, Kyle Gustafson begins to become suspicious about the aliens' peaceful intentions and joins forces with an alien ally, regarded as a freak among her own kind, to stop a potential conspiracy. **HC \$49.95**

H P Lovecraft, edited by Peter Straub

H P Lovecraft: Stories

A collection of classic works by the turn-of-the-twentieth-century horror master offers insight into his unique style and includes such pieces as, "The Shadow Out of Time," "The Colour Out of Space," "The Shadow Over Innsmouth," and "At the Mountains of Madness." **HC \$70**

Katie MacAlister

Sex, Lies and Vampires

Il Harris finds true love with the enigmatic Adrian Tomas discover the power of true love to conquer everything during a class that teaches participants how to lift centuries-old curses, deal with vengeful demon lords, and cope with sexy vampires, mummies, and other occult challenges. **PB \$17.95**

George R R Martin

The Armageddon Rag

Journalist Sandy Blair's investigation into the bizarre killing of a rock promoter takes him back into the lives of old friends, enmeshes him in a demonic plot, and threatens to make him a murderer. **TP \$30.95**

Todd McCaffrey

Dragonsblood (Pern 18)

With the dragons of Pern dying and the only person who can save them long dead, the grieving dragonriders find clues in the lyrics of an ancient ballad to long-forgotten knowledge and secrets hidden somewhere in Benden Weyr, but to save the dragons, one young woman must make the ultimate sacrifice. **HC \$51.95 MP3 CD \$51.95**



Patricia A McKillip

Alphabet of Thorn

Working in the royal library as a translator, Nepenthe, a young orphan, becomes obsessed with a strange book, given to her by a young mage during the coronation of the new Queen of Raine and written in an unknown language of thorns, and discovers a volume that begins to reveal her destiny, one that entwines her fate with that of the young queen. **PB \$28.95**

Robert A Metzger

Cusp (Picoverse 2)

In the sequel to the Nebula Award nominee Picoverse, a mysterious entity plots to control human evolution by taking over CUSP, the powerful supercomputer designed to run on the software of the human mind. **HC \$51.95**

Keith Miller

Book of Flying

When Pico falls in love with one of the winged people in the City by the Sea, the orphaned young librarian embarks on quest to find the mythical Morning Town, a magical place where those like him who are wingless may gain their wings, encountering a variety of unusual characters and learning valuable lessons about life, love, and determination along the way. A first novel. **TP \$28.95 PB \$21.95**

Elizabeth Moon

Moving Target (Vatta's War 2)

Was called *Marque* and *Reprisal* in US edition. Ky Vatta was a military cadet destined for great things, until an act of kindness incurred her Academy's wrath and ended her career. Instead of the expected disgrace, her rich trader family gave her captaincy of a small ship, to sell for scrap. In flagrant disregard of orders, she saw the opportunity to make a profit and save the ship. Several upgrades later, Ky is determined to retain the ship and her independence in the cut-throat world of interplanetary trading. But a threat emerges that challenges even her sharp wits and, if she survives, could leave the military forever in her debt . . . **PB \$19.95**

Steve Niles

Savage Membrane

(Cal McDonald Monster Hunter 1)

A sworn enemy of the monsters that prey on the innocent of the world, Cal McDonald embarks on the strangest case of his career as he investigates a series of bizarre deaths in Washington, D.C., in which the victims' brains are missing from their skulls. **PB \$17.95**

Anthony O'Neill

The Lamplighter

In misty 19th-century Edinburgh a headstrong orphan girl is taken to a hunting lodge and sacrificed to a mysterious figure – 'the lamplighter'. Twenty years later four prominent men are brutally murdered. What monster is responsible? Is there a connection between the victims? And what of the orphan girl, now an anguished young woman, who claims to have dreamt the murders, and repeatedly blames 'the lamplighter'? Leading the official investigation is Carus Groves, an aging and conceited police inspector. Leading the unofficial investigation are Thomas McKnight, a philosophy professor, and his young assistant, the Irish cemetery attendant Joseph Canavan. Using all the talents at their disposal – reason, logic, intuition, philosophy and sheer luck – these men independently unveil the secret of the young woman's torment, and in doing so penetrate the very Gates of Hell... **PB \$22.95**

Thompson O'Rourke

Dinocroc

A genetic engineer at Gereco Corporation is conducting a series of experiments on growing giant prehistoric crocodiles, experiments that lead to disaster when one of the ancient reptiles escapes into the murky waters of Grant's Lake and terrorizes the local residents of a once peaceful community. **PB \$17.95**

Paul Preuss

Arthur C Clark's Venus Prime Volume 2

An exceptionally gifted and beautiful woman named Sparta is sent to rescue a team of scientists trapped on Venus and in the process uncovers evidence of her past as a product of advanced biotech engineering. **PB \$17.95**

Jerome Priesler

Wild Cards (Tom Clancy's Power Plays)

When an anonymous e-mail alerts UpLink Technology's operatives to suspicious activity

on an exclusive island resort, Pete Nimec goes undercover to investigate.

Located off the coast of Trinidad, Rayos del Sol is not just a playground for the world's richest and most powerful people - it's also the headquarters for a joint fibre optic and oil refinery project run by UpLink and Sedco Oil. What Nimec discovers is a plot to drain oil from the United State's strategic petroleum reserve and sell it to outlaw nations. And when the island's highly trained security force is sent to take Nimec out - heaven on earth erupts into hell . . . **PB \$19.95**

Robert Reed

The Well of Stars (Marrow 02)

The Great Ship is home to a multitude of alien races and a near-immortal crew. They have toured the Milky Way for millennia, the best and the brightest from a thousand worlds, but the true purpose of the Ship has remained hidden. Now, time is running out. The huge spacecraft is heading for the dark, immense, region of space known as the Ink Well, and the only entity in the universe more vast and mysterious than the Great Ship is lying in wait. **PB \$19.95**

John Ringo

Against the Tide (Talbot 3)

In the sequel to *There Will Be Dragons* and *Emerald Sea*, the United Free States confront an imminent full-scale invasion by the Changed legions of Roposa and the fascist forces of New Destiny, unless Edmund Talbot can muster new technical innovations, combined with new concepts and strategies, to repel them. **HC \$51.95**

J D Robb

Visions In Death (Eve Dallas 19)

New York Police Lieutenant Eve Dallas reluctantly accepts help from a psychic to solve a string of gruesome murders in 2059 Manhattan, but when her partner Peabody almost becomes the next victim, the stakes are raised. **PB \$19.95**

Fred Saberhagen

Berserker Death (Berserker omnibus)

Three complete novels from the popular Berserker saga come together in an omnibus edition that contains *The Berserker Wars*, *Berserker Blue Death*, and *Berserker Kill*, in which pursuers race against time to stop a Berserker that has stolen a biolab filled with human zygotes. **HC \$51.95**

E E 'Doc' Smith

Triplanetary (Lensman 1)

Earth becomes the ultimate prize in an interstellar war in which the Arisians, the elder race of the galaxy, use their advanced mental science to embark on a breeding program throughout the galaxy to produce super warriors who can repel evil Eddorian invaders, in the first volume in the classic science fiction series. **PB \$17.95**

Theodore Sturgeon

Man Who Lost the Sea (Complete Stories of Theodore Sturgeon 10)

Written between 1957 and 1960, these short stories by the sci-fi master establish the author as a fine craftsman of short fiction in the genre,

taking readers from the space race of the 1950s on Earth to Mars and beyond, in such works as "The Man Who Told Lies," "A Touch of Strange," "It Opens the Sky," "The Graveyard Reader," and the title story. **HC \$70**

Sheri S Tepper

The True Game (True Game 1, 2, 3)

Reprint of the omnibus of this well loved classic. Gathers the acclaimed author's science-fiction trilogy, encompassing *King's Blood*, *Four*, *Necromancer Nine*, and *Wizard's Eleven*, stories that helped to ignite the *Dungeons and Dragons* gaming fad. Reissue of a great story. In a world where people live their roles, with strengths and weaknesses, magics and alliances, the *True Game* is played like chess, as the purpose for living, but it brings death to the losers, for the chess pieces are real people... **TP \$32.95**

Book Review by Julianne

Shards of Honour by Lois McMaster Bujold

Part of the Omnibus *Cordelia's Honor*

(*Shards of Honour* and *Barrayar*) **PB \$19.95**

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The Barrayar culture appears to have Japanese influences with many references to honouring the emperor and his wishes. There is much emphasis placed upon Lord Vorkosigan's role as an established noble who abides by his word and places great store in doing the honourable thing, as opposed to the younger plebeian staff and their desires for power and reputation.

Shards of Honour is a story about doing the right thing, at whatever the cost. The story tells about how two people from different cultures see through their differences of upbringing to the strength of their inner being.

This book reminded me greatly of the books by Anne McCaffrey, in particular the *Cattenni Series* and *Restoree*. It is a science fiction novel that has romantic influences. The book was well written, with strong and articulate characters, providing the reader with enough background information about both cultures to see their different perspectives on situations. *Shards of Honour* is a quick and easy read which I thoroughly enjoyed, and I would recommend this book to readers who enjoy a well written story.

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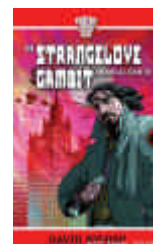
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by David A. McIntee

Do you know Wong Fei-Hung? Do the 10 Tigers of Canton ring a bell? What about Butcher Lam? Or the legend of "the no-shadow kick"? Does the words "once upon a time in ... China" grab the imagination?

If not, why the hell not, "gwaillio"! The legend of Wong Fai-Hung, Master of Kung Fu, Chinese militia-patriot, Doctor & super-patriot, has been the subject of more movies than any other human being (unless you argue that Vlad Tepes was an actual human being) (the jury is still out on Sherlock Holmes & Dr. Watson)!

This is the adventures of William Hartnell, Barbara, Ian Chesterton & Vicki - Shaw Brothers style! That's right - Dr. Who & company in a wide-screen kung fu epic, circa 1865, complete with an extraterrestrial invasion, Shaolin monks & the resurrected 1st Emperor of China, Qin Shi Huangdi!!

If you loved the original Dr. (my favourite, along with Tom Baker) this is a real treat - you can easily imagine William Hartnell being "crotchety" & equally curious, the Tardis travellers acting heroically & the dialogue being appropriate to the time, or should I say the times?

The extraterrestrial angle is treated subtly & comes across more like possession & a case of very bad feng-shui, than an invasion of solid space-travelling creatures.

The character of young Wong Fei-Hung is treated sympathetically, indeed all the Chinese characters, bar one, are given the heroic treatment.

If you ever wanted to see Barbara propose to Ian or witness Dr. Who beat up a kung fu master, this is the epic for you. The heroes even recite (not sing) the words of that immortal hit song "Everybody was kung fu fighting"!

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Witchblade Combo

John DeChancie & John J Miller

Sara Pezzini, a New York City homicide detective who secretly wields the Witchblade, a powerful ancient weapon, in a pair of adventures that includes Talons, in which a trail of bodies seems to lead back to the Russian Mafia, and A Terrible Beauty, in which Sara and her partner, Jake, search for those responsible for a rash of killings dubbed the "Machete Murders." **PB \$19.95**

accessible to new players. It features all new graphic design, two-colour interior printing and its hardcover binding. **HC \$70**

The Broken Covenant of Calebais Revised

This classic adventure has been revised and expanded. Although the plot, setting, and atmosphere remain the same as earlier versions, the text has been almost completely rewritten to integrate into the newest and best version of *Ars Magica* - the 5th ed. **\$40**

Babylon 5 RPG

The Rangers

Inside you will find the full history of the Anla'shok, the various tools and weapons available to Rangers, details of important sites of the Anla'shok, new prestige classes, new feats and more. **\$50**

Babylon 5 Pocket Rulebook

Your favourite science fiction RPG, now condensed into a handy pocket-sized edition! Contains all the essential rules and stats from the main rulebook, enabling you to carry just this and the Mongoose Pocket Player's Handbook to the table. **\$40**

Into the Crucible

Far more than a single scenario, *Into the Crucible* builds on the foundations laid by the *Fiery Trial*, weaving together a far-reaching story arc for players to experience and enjoy. Four modules, suggestions for links with the main B5 storyline of Season 2 and a wealth of information. **\$50**

Buffy the Vampire Slayer RPG

Character Journal

Record your character stats, skills, maneuvers, Qualities, Drawbacks, description, contacts, friends, memorable quotes and much more in this must-have gaming accessory. **\$10**

Conan RPG

Free Companies

Inside you will find rules for the looting and the destruction of innocent lives. Information about the various mercenary organisations feasting on the flesh of the Hyborian kingdoms. Covering how mercenary life can bend, break and change a character, how they come into their service and why they remain. New feats and multiclass options. **\$50**

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The Black Company Campaign Setting

Now for the first time, the world of the Black Company is yours to explore. Based on Glen Cook's dark & gritty Black Company fantasy novels. Inside this massive tome you'll find, a complete overview of the novels, geographical overview, new rules, new classes, skills, feats, complete combat system, new prestige classes, a complete bestiary of monsters and a complete index of the Black Company members. **HC \$90**

d20 Dungeons & Dragons:

Complete Adventurer

This supplement provides everything you need to sharpen the skills and enhance the abilities of characters of any class. Along with new classes, prestige classes, feats, spells, monsters, and magic items, *Complete Adventurer*

provides alternate uses for skills and other options that expand the capabilities of the most versatile characters. **HC \$50**

d20 Eberron: Grasp of the Emerald Claw

This adventure may be used as the conclusion to the storyline from *Shadows of the Last War* and *Whispers of the Vampire's Blade* or as a stand-alone adventure. Designed to challenge 6th level characters, it sends them on a perilous journey to the heart of the mysterious and uncharted continent of Xen'drik. **TP \$17**

d20 Iron Kingdoms: Iron Kingdoms World Builder's Guide

It's finally here, the world guide that includes a full colour detailed map of the Iron Kingdoms, resources and industry maps for all regions, complete details for every city, industry, people, points of interest, politics, comprehensive timeline and history, 400 pages richly illustrated, and details on the Monarchs and Rulers of every kingdom. A must have companion volume to the *Iron Kingdoms Character Guide*. **HC \$80**

d20 Legend of Five Rings:

Hidden Emperor

A complete and updated history of the War against the Darkness, new mechanics and adventures, a complete campaign setting, updated stats for over forty of the most important personalities in this era. Dual stat. **\$50**

Fireborn RPG

The Fire Within

The official *Fireborn* Introductory adventure. It brings the players together, shows them the intrigue and danger of magic, and takes them into the mythic age with a flashback of devastating import. Simultaneously, it gives both game masters and players alike a chance to learn the game's dynamic dice system while exploring the darkest corners of modern London. **\$30**

Midnight RPG

Forge of Shadow

A sourcebook for *Steel Hill* - includes locations, maps, and adventure hooks, details on the Brotherhood of the Black Sword, Legion of the Splintered Skull, and the Bloodguard of Cruach Emyrn, including stat blocks for powerful NPC's and new prestige classes and creatures that guard the Forge of Shadow. **\$30**

Mutants and Masterminds

Noir

Take your *Mutants and Masterminds* campaign from the gleaming skyscrapers to the mean streets! *Noir* describes the film noir genre for your superhero adventures. **\$36**

Neo Orsus

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The elements have been sundered, and the world is ruled by magick, where Gods play with the lives of men, and where evil has a new face. As seen at Macquarie Con, this new and exciting RPG is Australian born and bred. The box set includes a hardcover gamelords compendium, hardcover players oracle, act 1

"*The Brigands Lair*", full set of dice and a character sheet. Check them out at www.neo-orsus.com. **Box \$120**

Paranoia RPG

Crash Priority

Includes 3 time saving sets of instant troubleshooter players characters, all with built-in rivalries and suspicions about each other. 5 mini-missions and 21 pre-made player characters. **\$30**

Spycraft RPG

Battlegrounds

This play-aid introduces the realms of squad combat and battlefield subterfuge. Enter one of the five furious war zones tailored for rapid fire game play. New vehicles for use in any setting. Alternate rules for realistic critical injuries. Plus a complete new post-apocalyptic campaign setting, with rules for radiation & chemical poisoning, W.M.D.'s and more. **\$50**

Information on the Infinitas Groups

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

Readers' Group: The readers group meets on the first Thursday of each month (excluding January) at 6.30pm in the shop. A topic is chosen each month by the attendees of the group for the following meeting. The next meeting will be Thursday February 3rd and the topic is *Best Books of 2004*.

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

Thursday February 17th 6.30pm: Jack McDevitt's *Engine of God* (SF) and Raymond E Feist's *Talon of a Silver Hawk* (F)

Thursday March 17th 6.30pm: Sheri S Tepper's books, particularly *The Gate To Women's Country* (F) and *Singer From the Sea* (SF-ish)

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

Book Review by April H.

Starman by Sara Douglass Book 3 of the *Axis Trilogy* PB \$19.95

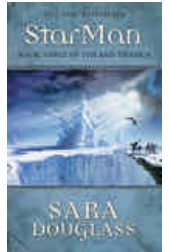
Starman is the 3rd book of the Axis Trilogy following *Battleaxe* and *Enchanter*. Although a large book, 709 pages, this book keeps the readers interest, drawing you toward the culmination of prophecy. Identities are finally revealed and hidden powers released. The suspense is certainly kept up from beginning to end. Will there be a rosey future for all our beloved characters or will more lives be destroyed by prophecy?

Starman and the Axis Trilogy are written in the tradition of High Fantasy and include elements of romance, magic, religious fantasy, ecofantasy and epic battle fantasy. Like all good fantasy, it is about the battle between good and evil; different cultures and belief systems needing to learn to live together in harmony in order to prevail against evil, in this case embodied by Gorgrael the Destroyer.

This 3rd book is about Axis now accepting himself as 'Starman'. His wife, Azhure learns of the secrets from her past, and her and Axis true identities. Faraday, Axis exlover, goes to replant the forests, which must be completed before Axis can win his battle with evil. Without the help of the Trees, the weapon needed to destroy Gorgrael cannot be created. There is also the promise of betrayal in the prophecy, and though we know his identity at the end of book two, is he the only one and will the Avar people decide to join Axis against Gorgrael, or will their apathy and prejudice mean the destruction of everything Axis has fought for.

Sara Douglass is a brilliant author who crafts a multilayered story with complex ideas. This story can be discussed on many levels, as a fantasy story and as a moral story. This is one of the best fantasy series by an Australian author I've read and is up there with authors like David Eddings and Raymond Feist.

Highly Recommended.



Book Review by Julianne.

Fantastic Cat - edited by Andre Norton and Martin H Greenberg PB \$24.95

Fantastic Cat is an anthology of stories about cats written by a diverse range of authors, some well known and some that I had never heard of. As with all anthologies, they present the reader with a great opportunity to meet new authors. The stories varied from country, time, place and background with my favourite stories in the book being *Critical Cats* by Susan Schwartz and *The Execution* by A.R. Major.

In a nutshell the authors presented the following story lines:

Bomber and the Bismarck by Clare Bell tells the story of Bomber the warrior cat who is out for revenge on the World War 2 German Warship the Bismarck.

A Puma and a Panther by Wilanne Schneider Belden is about two cats and their familiar children on Halloween.

The Last Gift by Elizabeth H. Boyer tells the charming story of how cats were created by the Jotuns for Isolf, a lonely maid.

Paper-cut Luck by Patricia B Cirone is set in Asia and takes us on the journey of a little girl and her paper-cut luck cat to rescue her family from imprisonment.

Shado by Marylois Dunn is a charming story showing the lengths that 'cat' will go to please his friend 'white cat'.

In Bastet's Service by P.M. Griffin a human enters the service of the cat goddess Bastet to help rescue a troubled cat and in turn herself.

Shadows by Carolyn Inks tells the legend of a man and his bonded camilacat and their dance against evil in the land of Duval.

The Execution by A.R. Major is a humorous tale about King Grey Whiskers IV and his inventive way of serving justice to a dog that dares to break his edicts.

Hermoine at Moon House by Ardath Mahar shows what havoc a wizard's own familiar's kittens can cause to the stargazing community of the time.

Quest of Souls by Ann Miller and Karen Rigly is the story of a cat and a boy who struggle to defeat the soul robbers.

Edes Earrings by Sasha Miller is the story of how a wizard's familiar becomes a woman.

Clara's Cat by Elizabeth Moon is the story of how her cat revenges Clara against her niece.

Hob's Pot by Andre Norton is the story of a cat and spirit that attempt to protect a family / house that goes wrong.

The Queen's Cat's Tale by Elizabeth Ann Scarborough is set during the time of Camelot, and presents the story of Arthur, Lancelot and 'her mistress' from the prospective of the Queen's Cat.

The Keep Shape Spell by Mary H Schaub is the story of an injured cat that seeks shelter and help during a storm at a Wizard's home and the changes that occur because he becomes hungry.

Of Age and Wisdom by Roger C Schloben is a tale with an oriental flavour about cats and dragons.

Critical Cats by Susan Schwartz is the account of Puff the cat and the influence that Merlin a dying cat has on Puff to follow his destiny.

In Carnation by Nancy Springer, the final story in the book is about 'cat' and her final incarnation and her desires as she awakens from her last 'cat nap'.

I really enjoyed some of the stories within this anthology whilst others were an enjoyable one off read. Some of the authors really captured the essence of cats and they consequently came to life in the pages. If you are looking for something to read that will not take up a lot of time, or that you can put down and pick up at your leisure then this is a good book for you. Most of the stories are light hearted and easy to read, and the book can be read story by story or between other books depending on your mood. If nothing else, you may discover a couple of new authors to try out in the future with full length novels. Maybe, just maybe you may even gain a greater understanding of the mysterious cat!

News

McCaffrey

Fans of Anne McCaffrey will be interested in an interview of Todd McCafferty in which he talks of his mother's influence, their collaboration and forthcoming books. <http://www.randomhouse.com/delrey/catalog/display.pperl?isbn=0345441249&view=qa>

Website Upgrade

We have changed hosting for our website. Some links from other sites may send you to our old address, but www.infinitas.com.au should always send you to the current site. Please update any links you can or let us know, so we can email the right person.

Robert Jordan

We now have an ISBN for both UK hardcover and trade paperback of Robert Jordan's book 11! No price, tentative release date of October...

CJ Cherryh

According to her blog, CJ has just completed the manuscript for the 8th Foreigner novel (Defender, the 7th is released this month in hardcover). She is now hard at work on her next book, Fortress of Ice. If you've ever wondered what goes into writing a novel, how many words/pages you can write each day, why not check out her blog at <http://www.cherryh.com/www/progress.htm> and see just how much an established writer can get done each day. She has the daily summary for the past 2 books online.

Bestsellers for January

General Release

Seduced by Moonlight

Laurell K Hamilton

Moving Target

Elizabeth Moon

The Ethos Effect

L E Modesitt Jr

Bite

Laurell K Hamilton et al

Far Side of the Stars

David Drake

Acorna's Triumph

Anne McCaffrey

& Elizabeth Ann Scarborough

Media & Gaming Products

Star Wars Clone Wars:

Yoda Dark Rendezvous

Doctor Who: Match of the Day

Star Trek Voyager: Enemy of My Enemy

Mechwarrior Dark Ages: Scorpion Jar

Star Trek Original Series: Ex Machina

Star Trek: Captain's Blood

Book Review by April H

Dragonclaw by Kate Forsyth, Book 1 of The Witches Of Eileanan

Dragonclaw by Kate Forsyth, is the first of a six book series. Set on a world where magic is a part of nature and seeming much like an old Scottish fairy story. It even has a 'Lochness Monster', though it is not called that. Unlike most fantasy stories, it is not centred around one central hero or heroine, but is a tableau of a group of witches and their rebellion against an evil sorceress, who is not what or who she appears. It is the story of a journey, and the personal battles of each of the characters on their quest. They encounter fairy beings, dragons and evil witch hunters. They are continually being chased, as all witches and creatures of magic are outlawed and to be caught means torture and death.

Dragonclaw is not an easy book to categorise, though it has aspects of other fantasy stories by having dragons and a king of thieves ruling an underground, witches and magical beings, it is like no other. One character in the book speaks of history being formed by 'The Spinners' who weave their lives; each of them being threads which only when looking back, can you see the tapestry of life as they are woven together. This book is much the same. The reader follows individuals who seem to be separate threads only sometimes coming into contact, but looking back, create a complete picture of their interconnected lives. *Dragonclaw* is only an introduction, though much happens, we are introduced to the many threads, which weave together.

If you long for great battles and epic fantasy, this book is not for you. It is a quiet read. The witches of this coven are earth witches, who, as part of their initiation, swear to do no harm except in self-preservation. Some follow this dictum to the point of strict vegetarianism. The animals are seen as of equal worth as human beings. This story is about a small groups battle for freedom and fight to change the world they live in.

Although I would not want to pigeon-hole this book as being more interesting to one sex or the other, it feels like a very female orientated book, full of subtleties, slowly building a picture of this world and the characters in it. **PB \$19.95**

Popular Blokey Stuff

In the spirit of Valentines Day on February 14th, we suggest books to amuse, encourage or educate your valentine.

The Art of Seduction Around the World

The phrasebook that speaks the language of LURVE! Packed with choice pickup lines in six different languages; French, German, Spanish, Italian, Russian and English The ultimate travelling companion for the roving romantic. **HC \$12.95**



The Art of Kissing

47 page booklet of instructions on how to be a good kisser. Dated (published 1936) and somewhat sexist, its straight advice amuses whilst still being practical in a very non politically correct way. **PB \$4.95**

Five Languages of Love

Gary Chapman

Learn how to let your nearest and dearest know that you still love her/him. Even within a loving relationship, we don't always think the same as our partner. Remember to communicate in their language, not just your own. **PB \$19.95**



Dating and Sex:

Worst Case Survival Handbook

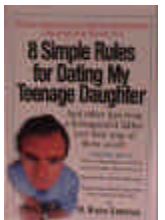
How to: determine if your date is an axe murderer, have sex in a small space, deal with a cheating lover, remove difficult clothing. **PB \$29.95**



8 Simple Rules for Dating My Teenage Daughter

W. Bruce Cameron

Tips from a beleaguered father on how to have a meaningful conversation through a slammed door, reclaim the family bathroom and ensure she doesn't leave the house dressed like that! (You don't expect that any of them work, do you?). **PB \$29.95**



The Man-ual

Hunter S Fulgham

The guy's guide to being a "Man's Man". Amaze friends, intimidate enemies, charm women. A book chock full of things a real man would know, such as how to kick a hangover, how to measure a woman's cup size, how toilets work in space & how to care for a good cigar. And that's only the beginning!

PB \$26.95

The Modern Lover

Jason Tesauro & Phineas Mollod

A playbook for suitor's, spouses and ringless carousers. Packed with wit and insightful commentary, this is the definitive guide for guys negotiating the road from bachelor pad to bedroom fads to brand new dad. **TP \$24.95**