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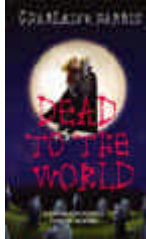
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Featured Releases

Dead to the World by **Charlaine Harris**

The 4th Sookie Stackhouse novel is out in paperback this month. Sookie, a small-town cocktail waitress with a talent for reading minds, finds herself saving a sexy vampire.



Ringworld's Children by **Larry Niven**

The 4th Ringworld book in paperback. Continue with the adventures of Louis Wu and Ringworld. The Ringworld books have had many years between them but still flesh out Niven's Known Space.

A Hat Full of Sky by **Terry Pratchett**

The third of the Discworld younger readers novels is now out in paperback. This is a direct sequel to *The Wee Free Men*.



See inside for more on these books...

Reward Vouchers

The rewards period has closed, and a new 6 month period started. Hundreds of reward vouchers have been earned by guild members. These may be kept at the shop or posted to you. Let us know your preference. Paper newsletter customers should have received their vouchers attached to this newsletter. Don't lose them, use them.

Hitchhikers Competition Winners

Congratulations to those who won movie tickets, T shirts or towels (the most useful thing to take hitchhiking around the galaxy). We were impressed with the depth of some of the submissions.

Sydney Writers' Festival

This year some of the festival is being held at the Parramatta Riverside Theatre. Meet authors, hear talks on publishing issues, participate and learn. There is a Kid's Night Out on 23rd May which should be great for parents encouraging their children to read. See more details at:

<http://www.riversideparramatta.com.au/whatson/whatson.asp>

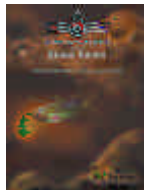
Upcoming Author Visits

Kate Forsyth on Saturday 25th June at 1pm promoting *The Shining City*, the second book in the Rhiannon's Ride series.

Robin Hobb on Saturday 23rd July 2005 at 1pm. She has a new fantasy book *Shaman's Crossing* coming out in hardcover and trade paperback at the end of this month.

This month we have **D S Meyers**, a self published American writer of a young adult science fiction adventure novel set on mars. He wrote it to promote the reinvigoration of space exploration. Find out more at: <http://www.manicraven.com/> He will be at Infinitas 6:30pm Thursday 12th May.

Adventures of the Manic Raven by D S Meyers
Life in Capital City was my dream. Being on moon city above Mars was supposed to be my path to success. I'm the one who designed the flight systems on the Manic Raven. I'm the one who implemented the software. I should be the one to pilot it!
TP \$15.95



Book signings are good for more than just fans of the particular author. If you would one day like to be a published writer, signings are a way to learn some of how another has achieved publication.

Awards

Lois MacMaster Bujold has won the nebula again, this time for *Paladin of Souls* as best novel. See the (apparently merry) faces of famous authors at:

http://www.locusmag.com/2005/News/04_NebulaAwards.html

Bill Congreve, who many of you would have met in the shop, has been shortlisted for the next Peter McNamara Award, to be awarded at Thylacon 2005, held in June in Hobart.

Interested in participating in an award process? The Ditmar Awards recognise Australian science fiction. Members can vote. <http://www.thylacon.com/awards.html>

Discworld Convention

The planned Australian Discworld Convention in Melbourne has been put back from January 2006 to February 2007. This is to better coordinate with Terry's schedules. <http://www.ausdwcon.org/news.php>



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Many books have more extensive information available on our website.

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

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

Science Fiction, Fantasy and Horror

Aurealis 33/34/35  **Mag \$34.50**

Lynn Abbey

Down Time Emma (Merrigan 04)
Emma Merrigan and her mother, who travel through space and time to prevent devastation from destroying future generations, decide to reconcile on a much-needed Caribbean cruise, but their work gets in the way when a tormented woman sends Emma back to the "wasteland." **PB \$17.95**

Douglas Adams

The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy
Picador's movie tie-in edition of this cult classic includes substantial extras from Executive Producer, Robbie Stamp: exclusive cast interviews, stories and photographs from the set. **PB \$25**

Hitchhikers Guide To The Galaxy: Tertiary Phase 3xCD (Hitchhikers 03)

New six-part BBC dramatisation of Life, the Universe and Everything. This release also features 25 minutes of material not broadcast on radio. **CD \$35**

Glenn Yeffeth

The Anthology At the End of the Universe Hitchhikers Guide to the Galaxy

A selection of essays dealing with every aspect of the series contains work from some of the genre's greats, including Cory Doctorow, Stephen Baxter, and Lawrence Watt-Evans, and covers topics as varied as Vogon poetry to the idea of the Internet becoming a real-life Guide. **TP \$30.95**

David Ambrose

The Man Who Turned Into Himself
Rick Hamilton has a premonition that his wife is about to die in a car crash. After a frantic dash to the scene he discovers that it is his car, not his wife's that is in the wreckage. His wife is there and alive, but, why, through her tears, is she calling him Richard and denying that they have a son? **PB \$18.95**

Kevin J Anderson & Alex Nino

The Orc's Treasure
Gree, a greedy, nasty, and ordinary Orc, stumbles upon a hidden treasure during a siege of a human castle, a precious cache that will transform his life forever. **HC \$51.95**

Piers Anthony

Phaze Doubt (Apprentice Adept 07)
PB \$17.95

Fiona Avery

The Crown Rose
The story of Isabelle of France, born heir to the throne. The year is 1240. It is the reign of King Louis IX. The Crown Rose portrays the mystery of one man who enters Isabelle's life at several key moments, becoming her icon, her soul's other half, and her destiny... a man who may, in fact, be much more than an ordinary man. His bloodline goes back to the Holy Land, and he is far, far older than he appears. **HC \$51.95**

Robin Wayne Bailey

Undersky (Dragonkin 03)
With the escalation of the war between Angmar and Degarm, the creatures of Wyvernwood confront the possible destruction of the Great Refuge in the battle between the two human forces, unless the Diamond Dragon, the Glass Dragon, and the Heart of All Dragons can join forces to reveal the path to a new homeland for the Dragonkin. **HC \$30.95**

R Scott Bakker

The Darkness That Comes Before (Prince of Nothing 01)

In a world scarred by an apocalyptic past, four people are swept up in the launch of an imminent crusade, during which they are ensnared by mysterious traveler Anasvrimbor Kellhus, whose magical, philosophical, and military talents have origins in a distant time. **TP \$32.95**

Nina Bangs

Wicked Nights

At the Castle of Dark Dreams, a popular attraction in an adult amusement park in which women make their fantasies come true in erotic role-playing games, a female talk-show host gets more than she had bargained for in the arms of Eric McNair, the castle's resident vampire. **TP \$28.95**

Ashok Banker

Armies of Hanuman (Ramayana 04)
For 13 long years, Rama and his companions in exile have defended themselves against the brutal incursions of the rakshasas of the wilderness. Finally, in the bitter battle of Janasthana, he achieves victory, and retires to the sun-dappled glades of Panchvati to wait out the last months of his exile. But unknown to Rama, the demoness Supanakha has survived and escaped - back to the hellish island-kingdom of Lanka. There, she provides the key to resurrect her stricken cousin Ravana, lord of the rakshasas. And the resurrected Ravana seeks vengeance against Rama. **PB \$22.95**

Curt Benjamin

Lords of Grass and Thunder (Seven Brothers)

After the death of his father at the hands of a demon, Prince Tayyichiut is groomed by his uncle to one day become the Khan of the Qubal clans, but his enemies foresee a very different future and release a dark magic to stop his rise to power, placing his fate in the hands of his destined bride. **HC \$51.95**

Max Bertolini

Revelations
The art of Max Bertolini **HC \$49.95**

John Birmingham

Weapons of Choice (Axis of Time 01)
America's World War II fleet is decimated by a multi-national task force sent back in time from the year 2021, forcing Admiral Nimitz and Rear Admiral Spruance to make the potentially consequential decision to fight their own possible descendants. **PB \$19.95**

Damien Broderick 🇺🇸*Godplayers*

August Seebeck's ordinary life is interrupted by the realization that he is an unwitting participant in an interdimensional Contest of Worlds, thus embarking on a journey that will unravel the secrets of the universe. **TP \$30.95**

John Brosnan*Mothership*

Since the Day of Wonder no one has seen any of the Elite, the ruthless technocrat class that have ruled Urba for centuries. What most of the inhabitants don't realise is that their world is actually a giant spacecraft, built more than a thousand years ago to save as much of the Earth's population as possible before the sun went nova. The Elite were originally the ship's crew and they have become decadent, corrupt and cruel and the truth about Urba hidden. And now Jad and his courageous Prince are about to find out what happened to the Elite - and what's happening to the people of Urba. **PB \$18.95**

Jim Butcher*Dead Beat (Dresden Files 07)*

The only professional wizard in Chicago, Harry Dresden finds himself cast in the role of savior when the city is threatened by black magic and necromancy. **HC \$49.95**

P C Cast*Goddess of Light*

When Artemis and Apollo are sent to Las Vegas to grant the wish of interior designer Pamela Smythe, who longs for a man with god-like qualities, Artemis dares Apollo to become Pamela's dream man, making her innermost desires become a reality. **PB \$17.95**

Douglas Clegg*The Abandoned*

The evil lurking deep within an abandoned mansion in New York's Hudson Valley permeates the town, drawing a teenage girl, a little boy, and a young woman into a world of terror. **PB \$17.95**

Jack Cohen & Ian Stewart*Heaven*

Longing for nothing more than his simple trading life, Second-Best Sailor teams up with Servant-of-Unity XIV Samuel and another unlikely ally to help stave off an invasion by a Cosmic Unity mission fleet. **PB \$17.95**

Arthur Byron Cover*Rising Stars Combo*

Twenty years after a comet strikes the Earth near Pederson, Illinois, gifting 113 yet-to-be-born children with extraordinary super powers, the Specials, feared by normal humans because of their power, have dispersed across the globe, only to reunite to take on one of their own, known as Critical Maas, who has taken the city of Chicago hostage. **PB \$19.95**

James F David*Judgement Day*

Given a divine interstellar engine capable of transporting people to other worlds, Ira Breitling flees the Earth along with his remaining fellow followers of God in order to establish an uncorrupted planet far from the reaches of the powerful dark lord. **HC \$51.95**

James Dean*Baked to Death (Simon Kirby-Jones)*

Writer, vampire, and sleuth extraordinaire Simon Kirby-Jones becomes immersed in medieval mayhem when a renaissance fair comes to town bringing with it Tristan Lovelace, the man who made him a vampire, and murder. **HC \$45.95**

Philip K Dick*The Penultimate Truth*

World War III is raging - or so the millions of people crammed in their underground tanks believe. For fifteen years, humanity has been fed on daily broadcasts of a never-ending nuclear destruction, sustained by a belief in the all powerful Protector. Now someone has gone to the surface and found no destruction, no war. The authorities have been telling a massive lie. The search begins to find out why. **PB \$21.95**

Cory Doctorow*Eastern Standard Tribe*

Art, a member of the Eastern Standard Tribe--a secret society bound together by their sleep schedule, communicating via encrypted instant messaging and secret protocols, and sharing a love of Manhattan-style bagels, finds himself incarcerated in the nut-house, thanks to a cabal of friends and family, who are masquerading as management consultants. **TP \$26.95**

Someone Comes To Town, Someone Leaves Town

Having recently moved to a bohemian Toronto neighborhood, middle-aged entrepreneur Alan learns his next-door neighbor's struggle to conceal her wings and hides his own secrets about his unusual family, which includes Russian nesting doll brothers, one of whom is bent on revenge. **HC \$51.95**

Stephen Donaldson*The Runes of Earth**(Last Chronicles of Thomas Covenant 01)*

Dr. Linden Avery, the Chosen, Covenant's companion, is drawn back to the Land, seeking her adopted son, stolen by Lord Foul, and desperate to stop the evil being caused by Covenant's now-mad wife Joan and his son Roger. And though she believes Covenant dead, he keeps sending Linden messages: 'Find me' and 'Don't trust me'. The land is in turmoil, and Lord Foul has plans for them all... **TP \$35**

Sara Douglass 🇺🇸*Darkwitch Rising (Troy Game 03)*

It is the seventeenth century, and once more the players of the Troy Game are assembled. The Troy Game is determined that in this life nothing should go wrong, and so it plots and manipulates. But it cannot outmanoeuvre Asterion, who has constructed a nightmarish lair. It is here that he manages the ultimate trickery in order to obtain the kingship bands, the Game and Cornelia-reborn, Noah Banks; nothing, in this life, shall stop him. Except Ariadne. The ancient Darkwitch has risen from the dead, and she brings with her a terrible secret that will not merely tear both the Game and land apart, but devastate any chance for Noah and her lover, Brutus, to be together.

HC \$45**Shannon Drake***Wicked*

When Camille Montgomery begs him to spare her stepfather's life, the fearsome Earl of Carlyle, who hides his scarred face behind a mask, decides to use her as a pawn in a dangerous game of deception and revenge until love and passion enter the picture. **PB \$18.95**

Steven Erikson*Midnight Tides**(Malazan Book of the Fallen 05)*

After decades of warfare, the five tribes of the Tiste Edur have finally united under the implacable rule of the Warlock King of the Hiroth. To the south, the expansionist kingdom of Lether has devoured all of its less-civilised neighbours with rapacious, cold-blooded hunger. All, that is, save one: the Tiste Edur. And beneath the suffocating weight of gold, or by slaughter at the edge of a sword, it seems the Tiste Edur must fall. Or so Destiny has decreed. As the gathering for a pivotal treaty between the two nears, ancient forces are awakening. **PB \$22.95**

Andreas Eschbach*The Carpet Makers*

On an extinct world where carpet makers once dedicated entire lifetimes to weaving elaborately knotted carpets for their emperor out of the hairs of their wives and daughters, a group of strangers arrives to examine the history of the carpets and makes an astonishing discovery. **HC \$51.95**

David Farland*Worlds of the Golden Queen*

In a single-volume collection of The Golden Queen and Beyond the Gate, a cloned queen hides from her interstellar kingdom's insectoid attackers with the aid of three companions, one of whom rises to the throne and endeavors to prevent the insectoids from using a genetic weapon. **TP \$30.95**

Robert Fleming*Havoc After Dark: Tales of Terror*

From Spanish Harlem to a Caribbean isle shadowed by a haunted voodoo moon, this collection of short stories partners traditional horror with political and sociological terror, vividly depicting a dark realm of serial killers, satanic traditions, black magic rituals, Nazi torture, and slavery. **PB \$17.95**

Eric Flint*The Rivers of War*

In a tale of alternate history set on America's western frontier, the Cherokee are united in the face of mutual enemies, finding allies among the politicians of the day and escaped slaves, forming an Indian Nation that will play an important role in such conflicts as the Battle of Horseshoe Bend and the Battle of New Orleans. **HC \$52.95**

James Alan Gardner*Gravity Wells: Speculative Fiction Stories*

A collection of short fiction featuring fourteen tales of speculative fiction that explore topics ranging from the unknown mystery of everyday experience to the secrets of the cosmos, from peanut butter sandwiches to space drives. **TP \$32.95**

Kathleen O'Neal Gear*It Sleeps In Me*

Unable to forget her passionate first marriage to the murderously jealous Flint, Black Falcon tribe High Chieftess Sora learns of her ex-husband's death from a mutual friend who subsequently displays Flint's personality and an uncanny knowledge of her secrets. **PB \$28.95**

Simon R Green*Deathstalker Coda (Deathstalker 08)*

Two Deathstalkers must fight for the survival of Humanity: Lewis, in the present, and Owen in the past. While Lewis and his companions lead rebel forces against the evil usurper, Emperor Finn, the exiled King Douglas raises an army from the downcast and oppressed peoples of the Rookery. And Owen must seek out the dread secret that has turned Hazel d'Ark into the Terrorby travelling back in Time, visiting the Empire at different levels of its development. **TP \$29.95**

Karen Haber*Crossing Infinity*

Struggling with the conflicting emotions and urges of adolescence, Jasmine Andrews finds her life transformed by an encounter with a refugee sent to Earth from a civil war on a far planet, who possesses the ability to morph back and forth between genders. **HC \$30.95**

Barbara Hambly*Dead Water*

Set in turbulent nineteenth-century New Orleans, free man of color Benjamin January finds himself on a perilous steamboat ride that becomes an inescapable journey of death and murder. **PB \$17.95**

Charlaine Harris*Dead to the World (Sookie Stackhouse 04)*

Sookie Stackhouse comes to the aid of Eric, a sexy vampire with amnesia, and finds herself caught up in a deadly struggle among werewolves, vampires, and witches as she tries to save Eric from whoever took his memory and who now wants his life. **PB \$18.95**

*Dead As A Doornail**(Sookie Stackhouse 05)*

Sookie Stackhouse turns sleuth to investigate a mysterious sniper who has set his sights on the local changeling population, especially when her own brother Jason, a newly transformed were-panther, becomes the prime suspect in the deadly series of attacks. **HC \$47.95**

Elizabeth Haydon*Elegy For A Lost Star**(Symphony of Ages 05)*

Rhapsody becomes caught in the middle of an epic struggle between two dragons that pits son against mother, as the seeds of chaos threaten to engulf the world. **PB \$19.95**

Robert A Heinlein*Citizen of the Galaxy***PB \$24.95***Starman Jones***PB \$24.95***Alamo Bay (Blaze of Glory 01)*

The first book charting the rise, fall and rebirth of Will Tannen. Written by X-Men writer Tony Lee and drawn by Sam Hart and Rod Reis. **TP \$30**

James P Hogan*Mission To Minerva*

The discovery of a space suit containing an ancient human skeleton prompts the discovery of the existence of the culture of Thuria, a giant race of humanoids, as well as other universes in which less benevolent "human" civilizations vie for control of Earth. **HC \$52.95**

Tanya Huff*Smoke and Shadows (Blood 06)*

A former ally of private detective Vicki Nelson and vampire Henry Fitzroy, Tony Foster embarks on a career as a producer of the new TV series Darkest Night, a show about the adventures of a vampire detective, but lethal dark forces tamper with his success. **PB \$17.95**

Christian Jacq*Beneath The Pyramid (Judge of Egypt 01)*

Summoned to investigate the deaths of five guards standing watch over the tomb of Kheops, a young novice judge is dismayed to find the city of Memphis a hotbed of greed and corruption. Judge Pazair's refusal to sign a document he doesn't understand leads him to stumble on a monstrous plot to assassinate the pharaoh, Ramses the Great. **PB \$18.95**

Jane Jensen*Dante's Equation*

In Jerusalem, a Rabbi unearths a pattern within the hidden codes of the Torah. In Seattle, a physicist begins work on a wave-pattern theory that could change the face of science forever. In Orlando, intelligence operative Calder Farris uncovers a clue to a devastating threat to national security. Off the coast of Florida, reporter Denton Wyle receives information that could blow the lid off every missing persons case in the history of mankind. Soon their investigations will uncover a common link and, as their paths converge, the future of all mankind will hang in the balance. **PB \$19.95**

Naomi Kritzer*Freedom's Apprentice (Dead Rivers 02)*

Once a trusted aide to Kyros, a powerful military commander, who hunted down his escaped slaves, Lauria has switched her loyalties to the Alashi, a bandit tribe, and joins forces with her blood-sister Tamar to free those slaves she once returned to captivity, risking everything in a dangerous alliance with her one-time enemies. **PB \$17.95**

Lynn Kurland*Dreams of Stardust*

Journeying to Seakirk castle to research jewels for his latest creation, Jake Kilchurn is transported back in time to medieval England where he finds the woman of his dreams in Amanda de Piaget, but the constraints of time threaten their love. **PB \$19.95**

Mercedes Lackey & Rosemary Edghill*Mad Maudlin (Bedlam's Bard)*

Discovering that he has an unknown younger brother named Magnus who has run away to escape his dysfunctional family, Eric Banyon, races against time to find the missing teenager before he falls prey to Bloody Mary, an evil demon that preys on children and destroys anyone who has seen her. **PB \$19.95**

Mercedes Lackey*Sanctuary Dragon (Joustors 03)*

Kiron discovers that the world has a dark side when he attempts to enter into Altan noble society and, with the help of Lord Ya-tiren's daughter Aket-ten, who possesses special gifts, exposes a plot orchestrated by the Magi to take over Alta with a powerful weapon. **HC \$51.95**

Tim LaHaye & Jerry B Jenkins*The Rising*

In exchange for her promise to raise her son to worship Lucifer, the devil grants Marilena Carpathia a child that is destined to grow up to become the greatest evil the world has ever known. **HC \$52.95**

Michael Laimo*The Demonologist*

Plagued by strange voices in his head, Bev Mathers is hurtled into a realm more terrifying than insanity where a hellish force has taken control of his mind, body, and soul. **PB \$17.95**

Keith Laumer*Imperium*

Explore alternate realities that include an Earth destroyed in an atomic holocaust, where the Magna Carta was never signed, or where homo sapiens stand at the lowest point on the biological spectrum. Omnibus of Worlds of the Imperium, Assignment in Nowhere, and The Other Side of Time. **HC \$51.95**

Plague of Demons and Other Stories

A collection of short science fiction novels includes the title story, in which John Bravais is surgically transformed into a powerful warrior and finds himself pitted against invisible wolf-like aliens who prey on fallen North African fighters. **PB \$19.95**

Sharon Lee & Steve Miller*The Crystal Soldier (Great Migration 01)*

Centuries ago, mankind fought an unbeatable adversary across the galaxy. The war ground to a standstill and the Enemy withdrew. Believing they had won, the citizens of the galaxy rebuilt. Now, hundreds of years later, the Enemy is back, and this time they'll stop at nothing less than the extinction of the galaxy. **HC \$52.95**

Balance of Trade (Liaden Universe 08)

The story of how an ordinary Terran became the pivot point in galactic clash of cultures, and how the more he tried to be just like his father, the less the universe seemed inclined to help. More than that, he became living proof that a knowledge can be dangerous. **TP \$34.95**

Jane Lindskold*Child of a Rainless Year*

Remembering her exotic Las Vegas childhood, the flamboyant mother who abandoned her, and the foster parents who agreed to change their identities in order to adopt her, Mira Fenn returns to the home of her past and discovers her own latent powers. **HC \$52.95**

Brian Lumley*Deadspawn (Necroscope 05)*

When the spirits of the slaughtered victims of a maniacal killer contact Necroscope Harry Keogh, asking him to apprehend the murderer, the vampire hunter embarks on a mission that could cost him his soul. **PB \$19.95**

Elizabeth A Lynn

Dancers of Arun (Chronicles of Tornor 2)
Taken from his home in Torner Keep to Elath where he is trained to use his telepathic powers, Kerris sets out in search of his brother Kel following an attack by Aesch. **PB \$17.95**

Ian R MacLeod

The House of Storms

To save her only son, Alice Meynell, the great grandmistress of the Telegraphers Guild, makes a bargain with her former lover in exchange for a cure, a pact that could have painful repercussions for her son when he has to choose between duty and love. **HC \$51.95**

Michael Marshall

The Lonely Dead

PB \$18.95

Blood Angels

TP \$29.95**A Lee Martinez**

Gil's All Fright Diner

Hired by the owner of a diner to eliminate the zombie problem that is costing her customers, werewolf Duke and vampire Earl tackle an even stickier adversary who is out to take over the diner. **HC \$49.95**

Richard Matheson

Earthbound

Vacationing at a lonely beachside cottage in the hopes of rekindling their troubled marriage, David and Ellen Cooper find their plans thwarted by the appearance of enigmatic stranger Marianna, who works to seduce David whenever Ellen is away. **TP \$28.95**

Alex McDonough

Dragon's Blood (Scorpio 02)

Fugitive alien Scorpio and his human ally, Leah de Bernay, race across time and space, from the age of the dinosaurs to a Russia on the eve of revolution to the killing fields of Cambodia, as they struggle to escape the pursuit of the Savage Hunters. **PB \$17.95**

Dennis L McKiernan

Once Upon a Summer Day

(Winterwood 02)

Borel, Prince of the Winterwood, embarks on a perilous journey through the land of Faery toward a confrontation with the dark forces of evil, drawn by his dreams of a beautiful young woman in terrible danger. **HC \$49.95**

Red Slippers: More Tales of Mithgar

In a tavern in Port Arbalin, a group of worldly travelers gathers together, drinking and telling tales of fantastical adventure set in the realm of Mithgar. **PB \$17.95**

Robin McKinley

Deerskin

When her growing beauty begins to resemble her mother's too closely, Princess Lissar must flee her father's wrath, accompanied by her loyal dog Ash, and, in doing so, she unlocks a door into a world of magic. **TP \$28.95**

Rosalind Miles

Isolde (Isolde 01)

Set in Ireland, Cornwall and Camelot, it offers a new version of the familiar legend, with Celtic magic and mythology, but grounded in the Arthurian world of Merlin, Arthur and Guenevere. **PB \$18.95**

The Maiden of the White Hands (Isolde 2)

The second in the Arthurian trilogy from the author of "Guenevere". **PB \$18.95**

Caiseal Mor

The Well of Yearning (Wellspring 01)

Guy d'Alville had been a Knight of the Hospital before he was expelled from the order for failing in his duties. He blames the loss of his fortune on a Templar knight from Ireland. But in his quest for vengeance, Guy discovers ancient forces afoot. Aoife, Queen of the Night, is gathering her armies to assault the realm of mortals. Recognising a shadowed soul, She promises Guy the High-Kingship of Ireland in exchange for his help. **PB \$18.95**

Jill Morrow

The Open Channel

When their daughter Julia begins to experience a series of realistic medieval dreams and visions, Kat and Stephen Carmichael risk everything to battle an ancient evil that is plotting to use their daughter as a spiritual channel into the modern world. **PB \$18.95**

John Myers Myers

Silverlock

Shipwrecked off Baltimore and rescued by a mysterious sailor, A. Clarence Sheldon is taken to a land where he undertakes a journey that leads to encounters with Beowulf, Robin Hood, Huck Finn, Don Quixote, the Green Knight, and the goddess Circe, culminating in a descent into Hell. **TP \$30.95**

Larry Niven

The Burning Tower (Golden Road 02)

Whandall Placehold was two years old when a lordkin, possessed by the firegod, burnt his city to the ground. When the firegod attempted to master Whandall it discovered he was unlike the other lordkin, for Whandall resisted the urge to burn his city and sought instead to bend the firegod to his own will. Now Whandall continues his quest to find the dark truth of the firegod's power and to free the lands he has usurped. **HC \$49.95**

Ringworld's Children (Ringworld 04)

The Ringworld is dying. And this time even Louis Wu may be unable to save it. Even if Louis can escape the Tunesmith he will then have to survive in a galaxy ravaged by interstellar war and deadly political intrigue. For the Ringworld is no longer a secret and entire civilisations now battle to control its power. **PB \$19.95**

William F Nolan

Wild Galaxy: Selected Science Fiction Stories

An anthology of nineteen short collects the best of a five-decade writing career, with stories ranging from the hilarious and zany to the serious and chilling. **HC \$52.95**

Andre Norton

Three Hands For Scorpio

Kidnapped and left to die in the underground Dismals as part of a plot to shift a balance of power, the triplet princess daughters of a border lord use their telepathic powers to uncover a secret that may help save their people from a long-standing threat. **HC \$49.95**

Beast Master's Planet (Beastmaster 1, 2)

Becoming a rancher on the frontier planet of Arzor after the earth is destroyed by an alien, Hosteen Storm establishes a telepathic rapport with the local animals and becomes a protector to the planet's aboriginal colonists and their natural resources. Omnibus of The Beast Master and Lord of Thunder. **HC \$51.95**

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Information on the Infinitas Groups

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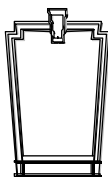
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Predisposed

by Steven Cavanagh

Christina skipped along the footpath. She had reached her aunt's street when the air in front of her smudged, like a splash of water on a painting. A giant lizard clacked onto the footpath, glanced at her and said "Oh, bugger".

Christina was moving too fast to stop. The reptile felt like the padding on the balance beam at school. She fell back onto her bottom. The creature remained upright.

Although the lizard was three times her seven-year-old height, Christina did not scream. Its mouth held a natural smile, like a kookaburra, and it was so nicely dressed. It wore a crystal waistcoat with gold buttons, a white cravat and its tail was crisscrossed with electronic jewellery. It held a triangle of silvery paper in its little fore claws, like it was preparing to deliver a speech.

They regarded each other for a moment.

Christina climbed to her feet. "Hello" she said politely, concluding that the reptile didn't fit her father's description of a stranger.

"On behalf of the merged clans, good sun-above-horizon to you," it read from the triangle. "Am I totally awesome speaking?"

"You talk funny," said Christina.

The lizard blinked.

"On the opposite, girlfriend," it replied. "Many multi-sense recordings survived the passing of your species. I not only mouth-speech, but even have put my tooth upon the inflections of your time period, dude!"

It leaned closer. "Excuse purposeful rushing. My group of species has... will... overpopulate this planet soon after our arrival. We seek to dispose to bygone time periods what cannot be reused in our own. Will this be cherished gifts by your species?"

Christina's stare was blank.

"We want to give things to you that we don't want any more," said the lizard.

"My older sister gives me clothes," contributed Christina. "They don't fit".

"Do not fit?" echoed the reptile. "Ah, your era is overpopulated also. We cannot expect you to desire more matter, brother".

It tapped its hind claws on the path. "We had hoped our disposals would be valuable to you. Now I must locate elsewhere to dump it all. Bugger".

Christina pondered its words as she did any incomprehensible adult conversation.

"Dad dumps rubbish," she suggested hopefully. "It's a long way though".

"That's it!" The lizard flicked its tongue. "Your species is briefly dominant only. Instead of dumping in our past, we can move it a long way, to your distant past!"

Christina pointed across the street to some colour-coded bins. "When dad runs out of room, he puts rubbish in the recycle bin".

The lizard shook its tail sadly. "As ethics dictate, the bodies of our species group are the only things we cannot recycle".

It touched a button on its waistcoat with a fore claw. "But now the problem is solved! Large gratitudes. You ancients are smaller than I anticipated, but are most wise". The air smudged, and it was gone.

Christina picked up the paper triangle, carefully crossed the road and put it in the bin.

This story was one of the commended stories of the 2005 Magic Casements Flash Fiction competition sponsored by Infinitas Bookshop. Congratulations to Steven, a member of the Infinitas Writers Group.