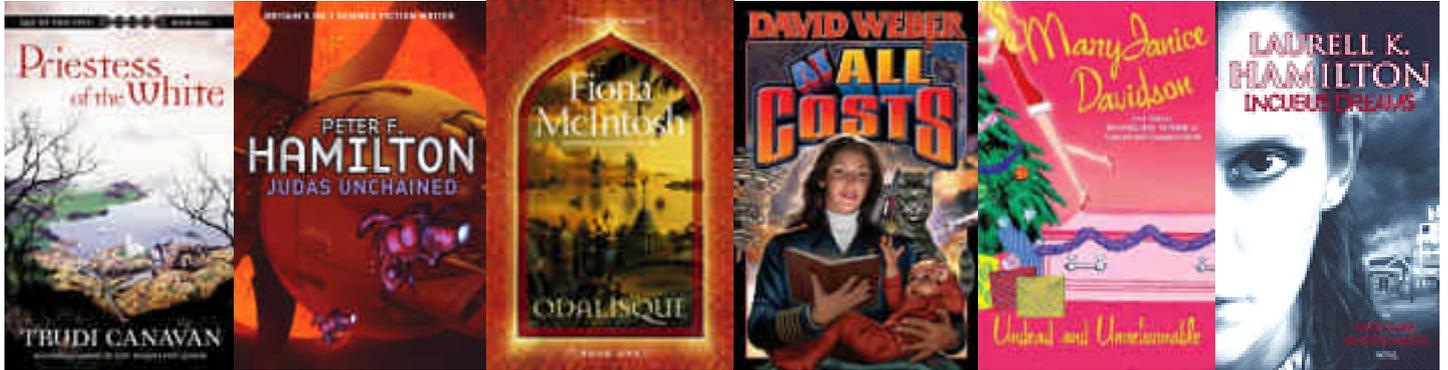




Featured Books



Trudi Canavan (Australian) *Priestess of the White*: 1st in a new trilogy out in paperback.

Mary Janice Davidson *Undead and Unreturnable*: A new hardcover, 4th in the Undead series.

Laurell K Hamilton *Incubus Dreams*: The 12th Anita Blake novel is out in paperback.

Peter F Hamilton *Judas Unchained*: The 2nd in the Commonwealth series.

Fiona McIntosh (Australian) *Odalisque*: The 1st in a new series, Percheron, in trade paperback.

David Weber *At All Costs*: The 11th Honor Harrington novel.

News

Thud the Boardgame is to be re-released with updated rules to tie in with the latest Discworld novel, *Thud!*.

Michael Crichton has signed with HarperCollins for 2 new books.

Jennifer Fallon has contracted to write a new 4 volume fantasy series with HarperCollins in Australia and Tor in the USA.

Dr Who has done well at the recent UK National TV Awards, with the series recently screened in Australia winning Most Popular Drama, Most Popular Actor and Most Popular Actress.

Stephen King and Marvel Comics are going to produce *The Dark Tower* series in comic books for 2006 release. The artist will be Jae Lee. The comics will include new stories of Roland, set in his younger years.

Margo Lanagan, who recently visited Infinitas, has received a writing fellowship from the Literature Board of the Australia Council for the Arts, in the form of grant paid in 2 instalments each of \$40 000. She will now give up the day job for full time writing. She has just completed a draft for a novel.

Scott Westerfeld's novel *So Yesterday* has won the Victoria Premier's Award for Young Adult Fiction. Scott is an American born Australian resident.

Charlaine Harris' *Southern Vampire* series set in rural Louisiana is to be the basis of a new TV series by Alan Ball of *Six Feet Under* and HBO. A pilot episode is to be produced next year, so it will be a while yet before it appears on our screens.

Katherine Kerr has just submitted a novel, *Golden Falcon*, to HarperCollins (UK) and Daw (US). It will be out in hardcover and trade paperback mid 2006.

Highway Patty Jansen

There is a bend in the road and the last glimpse of the suburbs slides from the rear vision mirror: black hills strung with orderly pinpricks of light, like a Christmas tree.

The road ahead is empty. Three white lines - two unbroken, one dotted - meet somewhere beyond the reach of the headlights.

The milky way arcs overhead and witnesses my progress. Black shadows of bush lurk on both sides of the road. By day, grooved tree trunks guard its secrets, under a veil of grey-green leaves. Brigralow, I think it's called, and its sapping monotony feeds the ghosts of imagination. If distances were measured in units of boredom, the stretch of highway from Rockhampton to Sarina would be the longest road in the world.

Old Bill from down the street swears that every time he drives along this road, he meets his wife. She waits for him at the spot where their car left the road and crashed into a fencepost; where he waited for more than an hour beside her mangled and bloodied body before help arrived.

Too late.

These days, he says he stops and offers her a lift. They talk about the kids and changes around town. Poor fellow.

A fuzz settles over the broadcast of the local radio station. I twiddle the dial, but I know it is no use. And I have again forgotten to bring my tapes.

Why did I tell Mum I'd be home tonight? Dad's 50th birthday is not until Sunday. I could have left tomorrow morning.

I stare ahead, wishing I was turning into my parents' driveway in Mackay. The clinking of beer bottles on the veranda, friends' and neighbours' voices, my sister's piercing laughter drifting on the night air. Home.

A distant light appears in the rear vision mirror; it grows until it splits in two. A car coming up behind me. Yes, this Laser is not the fastest car around. When I finish Uni, I will get a proper job and I'll buy a proper car. But then I won't drive it on this road. Ever.

My gaze keeps wandering to the rear vision mirror - there's nothing to watch ahead. The car approaches, its lights blinding me, but I cannot take my eyes off the mirror. Why doesn't it overtake? I speed up and so does the car behind. I slow down and it does the same.

Jesus, there's no need to remind me how much I hate this road.

A deep, reverberating honk tears the silence; for a split second, time stops. A huge truck looms up before me, like a monster with shining eyes.

I hold my breath and stare past the blinding headlights, sweaty hands clamping the steering wheel, hoping the road is where I think it is.

Where did it come from? Yes, I was watching the car behind me, but this section of road slices through the scrub as if cut by a giant hand along an invisible ruler. My sister and I used to play games, guessing how long it would be before a vehicle we spotted passed us. In the night, I should have seen a truck this size ages ago.

When my pulse returns to normal the car behind me is gone.

A small white cross flashes past in the glare of the headlights of my car. A memorial erected by relatives for someone who never came home from their journey.

Dave Helms. I remember because he was the same age as me - about two years ago. A life wasted. Fell asleep at the wheel on his way to a mate's wedding. Careened into the path of an oncoming truck. Bloody unlucky he was to meet a truck on this road. Traffic is so scarce that once when I was on a high school excursion, the bus driver stopped in the middle of the road and let us out for some star gazing. The milky way is beautiful out here.

The road goes on ahead; three white lines pointing to infinity. I try to sing a song, but my voice sounds hollow.

Half an hour later, another car approaches from behind. There are spotlights on the roof, a bullbar at the front. Hunters... young men with guns. And they are in a hurry. I slow down so they can pass. I look in the mirror. That is how I see it happen.

The car behind me swerves suddenly. Headlights flash, twist. Red sparks scatter in the dark as first the roof, then the side, then the wheels and the roof again connect with the bitumen.

In a moment of panic, I slam on the brakes and my car comes to a screeching halt. With trembling hands, I open the door and look behind me... into pitch darkness.

Nothing. The car behind me is gone.

On the road verge stands another memorial. A small white cross projecting an almost endless shadow in the headlights of my car. Written on it are two names. Young men, eighteen and twenty - brothers. I remember because their parents were on the news. I was in the living room at home. My mother stopped setting out the dinner things; she just stared at the screen without speaking and when she turned away, I caught her wiping her eyes. Two young lives wiped out in a second; their parents left with an empty house full of memories.

I lean against the car and listen to my wildly beating heart. It must have happened more than five years ago...

I stumble back into the car and drive on. I claw at the mobile phone on the seat next to me, peer at the screen to will it into action.

It is no use. Out here, there is no reception. The highway is dead; it is the domain of the ghosts. They are many; I am alone.

Three white lines point on ahead, towards Heaven.

All I see before me is an image of old Bill's face, almost a ghost himself. He had climbed on a table in the middle of the pub. Wagged a crooked finger at us as silence rippled out from where he stood. 'What I tell is true,' he said, but no one dared look him in the eye.

By the time the next car appears in my rear vision mirror, I have made a plan. The car is not real; if I stop, it will go away. I take my foot off the accelerator, eying the rear vision mirror while my car slows down, slower and slower until coming to a stop. The car behind stops as well. With trembling hands, I push open the door, step in the dust of the road verge, expecting the car behind me to vanish into the night, like the previous two cars.

Except it doesn't.

The noise from the engine sounds real; the dust swirling in the beams of the headlights is real, too. My gaze drifts to the windscreen, but I can't discern anything beyond shapes in its blackness. Shit. Here I am, in the middle of nowhere, facing some strangers on the side of the road. How much more stupid could I get?

As my breathing grates in the still air, the rear passenger door creaks open and a small figure emerges. A girl of about twelve. Glossy dark curls dance over her shoulders as she skips towards me.

I can only stare at her. In the glare of the headlights of the car, her skin has a peachy quality; it looks real. I reach out to touch her, but withdraw my hand. Somehow, I don't want to know.

'Who are you?' I stammer.

Real, live green eyes look at me. 'Evie Woods.'

She walks towards the passenger side of my car. 'Can you give me a lift?'

I frown at her and gesture at the car behind us, too stunned to string together a coherent sentence. 'But you just... What about them?'

'Oh, my parents.' She shrugs. 'They don't like going past here.' She flaps her hand at another white cross at the side of the road.

Her parents? Were they.... I glance sideways, but Evie isn't paying attention. She opens the door and gets in the car.

I am too stunned to think of objecting.

But I have to know. In a few steps, I am at the cross, kneel in the dust, squint at the letters scrawled in black felt pen across the white surface. A date, fifteen years ago, and two names: Terry and Susan Woods.

But then Evie... My gaze goes to my car, where I can see her struggle with the seat belt by the glow of the interior light.

Fifteen years ago... even if she survived the accident as a baby... she doesn't look fifteen; she's too young.

With a crunch of gravel, the car behind me reverses, turns, and leaves the scene, red tail lights vanishing around a bend. Leaving me alone... with a ghost?

Torn by indecision, I stand at the white cross, claw at the wood in hope of some heaven-sent idea. The night is still fresh; it will be hours until sunrise. Hours spent on the roadside in bitter cold. In front of my car, the three white lines reach into darkness. I wonder where they will lead.

No, I'm being ridiculous. I stumble back into the car. Evie's face is soft blue by the lights on the dashboard. She sits playing with her hair and looks very normal, very real. Her smile is real, too. I slip behind the wheel and I keep on driving, wiping my hands on my trousers, glancing at Evie. Decide that yes, she is real. And relax. But then she holds up my mobile phone. 'What's this?' My breath catches in my throat. 'It's a mobile phone,' and this is followed by a silence in which I can almost feel her frown. My heart beating wildly, I make excuses. She must be from a poor family, or live in an area where there is no coverage... or... my skin puckers into gooseflesh... died fifteen years ago. The question is on the tip of my tongue, but I don't want to ask. Then she says, 'Can you show me how it works?' 'I can't,' I reply and when the disappointed silence lingers, I continue, 'there is no reception here. I can show you when we stop in Sarina.' She smiles wryly. 'We don't stop in the towns. We guardians are not welcome there.' My heart misses a beat. 'Guardians?' But Evie smiles. 'Those who guard the road. Those whose souls are bound to the road by events from the past.' I open my mouth but don't know what to say. There is another long silence before I dare ask the question, 'Am I dead?' She shrugs. 'What is death but passage from one world into another?' I'm not in the mood for philosophy. 'Listen, I want to know. If I'm not dead, then why am I talking to you?' She gives a wry smile. 'Maybe I'd like to test your suitability as a guardian.' It takes a few seconds before I realise the implication of her words and in those few seconds the three white lines in front of me twist like spaghetti. The car hits the dirt. It bumps and jolts for what feels like an eternity and finally comes to a grinding, sliding, gravel-crunching halt. Gasping for breath, I look aside.

Evie holds up the mobile phone. 'It's working now,' she says and then she's gone. I stare out the window, but I am alone, the running of the engine like a roar in my ears. The headlights of my car peer through a cloud of dust. Out the front window looms a large white sign with black letters. 'Survive this drive'. A laugh escapes my mouth. Survive? Surely, I must be dead! I laugh and laugh until I start to cry. And slowly, it dawns on me. What did they call it again in the tv commercial? A microsleep? I pick up the mobile phone from the seat beside me. Evie was right. It is working again. I put it in my lap like a cherished cat and return to the road. Around the next corner, the street lights of Sarina embrace me with their warmth. Low timber houses, lush lawns like green fur in lantern light. Silent palms breathing tropical homeliness. I stop at the very first service station and head for the food counter. Coffee. Percolated, espresso, instant or a day old and reheated. I don't care, as long as it's black and strong. Seated on a cheerless plastic chair in front of the window, I sip from a styrofoam cup and stare out into the night, gibbering into my mobile phone. 'Yes mum, I know I'm late. Yes mum, I'm in Sarina. I'll be home in about an hour.' I head back to the car and stare in the direction from which I have just come. It hits me that in three days' time I will have to go the same way back. I will travel by day; I will make sure I'm well-rested. 'Test my suitability as a guardian' Have I ever had a more ridiculous daydream? A truck hurtles past on its way south. Black curls dance in the wind behind the open passenger window. A small hand sticks out and waves to me, and Evie's voice drifts on the wind, 'See you soon!'

Reviews

Undead and Unwed by **Mary Janice Davidson**, reviewed by Josephine Crowley

This is a horror story about vampires and their blood sucking and other unmentionable things. Full of pace and humour and the life of vampires in the dark hours and in particular Betsy who tells the story. Not for young readers this book is graphic and explicit and quite horrific. If you like this type of reading and are not subjected to bad dreams then this book is for you. However, I could say this author needs her mind washed out with soap and water.

Incubus Dreams by **Laurel K Hamilton**, reviewed by Dan

Anita is up to her armpits in supernatural goings on again. Of course it doesn't start that way. She starts this story at a nice, happy wedding (where she's a 'groomsman'), and things go well until she is called away from the reception to attend a crime scene where her supernatural expertise is needed. This is the start of the 'vampire hunter' plotline, involving a series of murders and the evidence of multiple vampires involved. There is also another plotline running throughout, dealing with Anita's burgeoning metaphysical abilities, and their demands on her.

Incubus Dreams is the 12th novel in the Anita Blake series, and is probably not the best place to start reading it. However, there was enough information given as the story progressed that as a first time reader I wasn't left wondering what was happening. This is a very racy vampire/supernatural story, and if you dislike your stories to have any gratuitous sex scenes, this is not for you.

At All Costs by **David Weber**, reviewed by Dan

Fans of Honor Harrington can rejoice. She's back, in a big way. After brief cameos in *Crown of Slaves* and *Shadow of Saganami* (both of which should be read before this book), David Weber brings his heroine back to centre stage.

Manitcore and Haven have resumed hostilities after tampering of diplomatic correspondence. Each side accuses the other of having done so, as neither government has actually done it. Instead, a small group on Haven has orchestrated the debacle, leaving Haven's President, Eloise Pritchard with a nasty situation that will need to be dealt with, since Haven struck the first blow in righteous indignation. To make things worse, both Mesa and the Solarians are stocking their fingers in and muddying the waters with well placed assassinations. Honor has been recalled to lead the newly reformed 8th Fleet. However, like the rest of the Manticoran Navy, it is short on ships. Honor will have to use her best tactical ingenuity to keep her fleet going long enough for reinforcements to arrive. Desperate times call for desperate measures, and both Haven and Manitcore find themselves facing increasingly desperate situations as each struggles to find a way to end the war in a decisive manner. The military battles in this book range from small to some of the largest in the Honorverse histories. Many old faces will disappear, and new ones emerge as the war rages on.

At All Costs is David Weber at his best. You can't help but cheer or weep as the characters meet each new hurdle.



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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. The next meeting is November 3rd.

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.

Next meeting November 17th. All welcome.

November SF: *Hammered* Elizabeth Bear
Fantasy *Legend* David Gemmel
December SF *Calculating God* Robert J Sawyer
Fantasy *Magician's Guild* Trudi Canavan

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.

Bestsellers for October

General Release

Knife of Dreams	Robert Jordan
Thud!	Terry Pratchett
Flight of the Nighthawks	Raymond E Feist
Shadow of Saganami	David Weber
Sliding Scales	Alan Dean Foster
A Feast For Crows	George R R Martin
Going Postal	Terry Pratchett
Exile's Return	Raymond E Feist
Where's My Cow	Terry Pratchett

Media and Games Related Titles

The Unseen Queen	Star Wars
The Deviant Strain	Doctor Who
Only Human	Doctor Who
Serenity Novelisation	
Serenity Visual Companion	
Fear Itself	Doctor Who
The Cost of Honor	Stargate SG1
Labyrinth of Evil	Star Wars
The Two Swords	Forgotten Realms
Promise of the Witch King	Forgotten Realms

Douglas Adams

Hitchhiker's Trilogy Slipcase (Hitchhiker's 1-5)

This slipcase includes:

The Hitchhikers Guide to the Galaxy: One Thursday lunchtime the Earth gets demolished to make way for a hyperspace bypass. For Arthur, sadly, the weekend's just begun.

The Restaurant at the End of the Universe: When all issues of space, time, matter and the nature of being are resolved, only one question remains: Where shall we have dinner?

Life, the Universe and Everything: In consequence of a number of stunning catastrophes, Arthur Dent is surprised to find himself living in a cave on prehistoric Earth. And then, just as things cannot possibly get any worse, they suddenly do.

So Long, and Thanks for all the Fish: Arthur Dent's sense of reality is in its dickest state when he suddenly finds the girl of his dreams. They go in search of God's Final Message and actually find it.

Mostly Harmless: At the end of it all, that's what we are. **PB \$59.95**

Piers Anthony

Heaven Cent (Xanth 11)

Prince Dolph, the great shapeshifter of Xanth, sets out to find the missing master magician Humphrey, accompanied by his skeletal friend Marrow, traveling to the isle of illusion, outwitting a crafty mermaid, and helping fire dragons while searching for a magic coin. Reprint. **PB \$19.95**

Currant Events (Xanth 28)

Astonished to discover that his twenty-eighth Xanth chronicle has already been written but is indecipherable, Muse of History Clio asks the Good Magician Humphrey to discover what has happened but is challenged to rescue Xanth's dragons from extinction before the world's wildlife is permanently thrown out of balance. **PB \$17.95**

Anne Baraou & Vincent Sardon

The Skeleton Family

Check with shop, publication of this book may have been cancelled.

A family of skeletons living in a beautiful mansion in a peaceful neighborhood, Vladimir, Hortense, and Igor Osting find their tranquility shattered by the arrival of obnoxious new neighbors who are not only camping out in the Ostings' garden but who are also determined to do anything to oust them from their home, including bringing in a host of monsters to assist them. **TP \$30.95**

Clive Barker

Clive Barker: Visions of Heaven and Hell

The creator of horror classics such as Hellraiser and Candyman presents a definitive collection of his paintings and drawings and takes readers through unexplored and forbidden realms, providing the true key to the mysteries of his imagination. **HC \$95**

T A Barron

The Great Tree of Avalon (Child of the Dark Prophecy)

As the peaceful world of Avalon is threatened with a series of mysterious droughts and the very stars begin to lose their light, Tamwyn, a wandering wilderness guide; Elli, an apprentice priestess; and Scree, a young eagleman, hold the fate of Avalon in their hands—but one of them is the child of the Dark Prophecy, destined to destroy it. **PB \$19.95**

Greg Bear

Quantico

There is a clash of cultures and generations within the FBI. But old and young face new kinds of criminal behavior - crimes unimagined in past decades, and tough to solve now. **HC \$49.95**

Sleepside; The Collected Fantasies

An exciting compilation of fantasy work from an award-winning science fiction and fantasy author features the stories "Webster," "The White Horse Child," "Sleepside Story," "Dead Run," "Through Road No Whither," "Richie by the Sea," "The Visitation," "Petra," and many more. **TP \$24.95**

Michael Beres

Grand Traverse

The year is 2040. The world is in chaos. A valiant few have taken on the struggle to help the planet through its violent, lethal pilgrimage into the future. A valiant few, dogged by evil.

Paul Carter, his family forced from their home by a toxic chemical spill, becomes an environmental activist. After winning a class-action suit against the chemical company responsible, he establishes a rural commune-style community. When his wife contracts breast cancer, his hopes and dreams rest on the destiny of his daughter, Jamie.

Jamie Carter, whose life has been irrevocably affected by the toxic chemical spill, is obsessed with the environment. Friends, including a Chernobyl survivor, encourage her to enter political life. Her ideas gain worldwide attention, catapulting her into a limelight that proves to be a double-edged sword.

Heather West has the compulsion needed for success in a politically divided, media-driven society. After a lawsuit that destroys her family, she uses her good looks and sex appeal to enter the world of television. But it's more than fame she craves. It's revenge. **HC \$51.95**

Chris Blaine

Dark Whispers

Purchasing a restored Victorian house called The Abbadon Inn in the picturesque shore town of Cape May, New Jersey, John and Karen Dalton stumble upon the love letters of Jack Cooney, a long-dead mobster, which reveal the bizarre and bloody history of the inn and open the door to the evil of the past. **PB \$17.95**

Caitlin Brennan

Song of Unmaking

Valeria turns to her former mentor, and one of the elite Riders, when in her quest to save the Aurelian Empire she reaches for too much power and has rooted a darkness inside her. **TP \$26.95**

Brom

The Plucker

In a shadowy world of make-believe, Jack and his box are stuck beneath the bed with other castaway toys, until the Plucker, a malevolent spirit, is unleashed on the world and threatens Thomas, the child who had abandoned Jack, and Jack is forced to join forces with Thomas's other toys--Monkey, the Nutcracker, and Snow Angel--to save the boy they love. **HC \$51.95**

Terry Brooks

Straken (High Druid of Shannara 03)

Imprisoned in the Druid's Keep, young Pen Ohmsford is separated from all and is at the mercy of usurper Shadea a'Ru, who will do anything to destroy the rightful High Druid. Although Pen obtained the magical staff called the Tanequil, Shadea has taken it from him. Without it, Pen cannot open the gateway to the Forbidden and rescue his aunt... **HC \$49.95 TP \$29.95**

Lois McMaster Bujold

The Vor Game (Vor 04)

Sent to the other side of the galaxy when he angers the High Command on his home planet, mercenary leader Miles becomes the only hope for his betrayed childhood friend, Emperor Gregor, and will become emperor himself if he fails. Read by Grover Gardner. **MP3 CD \$60**

L G Burbank & Adam Mock

The Soulless (Lords of Darkness 01)

An unlikely hero...

Mordred Soulis is the chosen one, the man ancient legends claim will save the world from great evil. There's only one problem. Before Mordred can become the hero of mankind, he must first learn to embrace the vampyre within.

A forgotten race...

With the help of a mysterious order, a king of immortals and a shape-shifting companion, Mordred is set on a dangerous course that will either save the human race or destroy it.

A timeless struggle...

Journeying across the sands of the Byzantine Empire; in the time of the Second Crusade, to the great Pyramids of Egypt and then on to the Highlands of Scotland, Mordred will face the Dark One. This evil entity is both Mordred's creator and the Soul Stealer he has become. As champion of mortals, Mordred must accept his vampyre-self... something he has vowed never to do. **HC \$24.95**

The Ruthless (Lords of Darkness 02)

Mordred Soulis, the Chosen One, has awakened from his healing slumber and must now continue his mission to save mankind. It is time to journey to the land of ice and snow, to the place where earth and heaven meet. It is time to enlist the aid of the second of the Vampyre kings, the mighty Lir.

It takes all the strength of Mordred's tortured soul to convince Lir to aid

him on his quest to save humanity. For the blood of all Norse flows through Lir's steely veins, including that of Odin's battle maidens, the Valkyries.

Together at last, the two sail across dangerous seas, discovering a new continent where Mordred seeks what he needs to defeat his nemesis, Vlad. The task is daunting. Plagued by the most wicked of temptations, Mordred finally gives in to weakness and finds himself a victim of the Spanish Inquisition. Once again, he is forced to reconcile the evil men do with that of his creator. Once again, he must question his own existence, and the once clear vision of his quest blurs and wavers.

And always, as time ticks slowly by, the destruction of mortals grows ever nearer. **HC \$24.95**

Trudi Canavan

Priestess of the White (Age of the Five 01)

The brand new trilogy from the bestselling author of The Magicians' Guild.

Auraya is chosen as the fifth White, a representative of the gods in the mortal world. Raised in a small village, Auraya's opinions often conflict with those of her fellow Circlians. But she is powerfully gifted, and has a talent for negotiation that could help to unite Northern Ithania. In an ancient lighthouse lives a sorceress, hidden since the rise of the Circlians. All other immortals are dead or missing since the Circle sent the first White to kill them. When a priest comes to the tiny village nearby, the sorceress is forced to flee, but events conspire to place her in trouble's path. Isolated within their mountainous terrain, the winged Siyee struggle to survive. Small and fragile, they are helpless against the 'landwalker' settlers taking their land. Auraya is sent to help them and also to enlist their aid. Then the White hear of a renegade sorcerer hunting travellers, and discover a sinister cult led by strange sorcerers. Sorcerers who may be as powerful as the White. **PB \$19.95**

Jack L Chalker

Twilight at the Wells of Souls (Well World)

As the rift in space rapidly approaches the Well World, petty squabbles among the forces on the planet are preventing the inhabitants from protecting Well World from a catastrophe that could destroy the entire universe, unless Nathan Brazil and Mavra Change can bring together the hostile natives by any means necessary--even death. **PB \$19.95**

Janine Cross

Touched By Venom (Dragon Temple Saga 01)

When she accidentally captures the dangerous attention of an eccentric dragonmaster, a rebellious Zarq Darquel and her delirious half-breed mother are forced to flee for their lives, until a vengeful Zarq, addicted to the dragon venom, must defy the social taboos of her society to foster a revolution. **TP \$28.95**

Cecelia Dart-Thornton

The Well of Tears (Crowthistle 02)

After Jewel and Eoin have fled from their native Slievemordhu to the kingdom of Narngalis, they tread a perilous path which ultimately leaves Eoin in the hands of the deadly unseelie wights. With nowhere else to go Jewel finds refuge amongst the plateau-dwellers at High Darioneth. Teeming with siofra, trows and other eldritch wights, their land is under the tight rule of the weathermasters and Storm Lord Avalloc, who have the power to tame and summon the winds...

When Jewel learns that the legendary Dome of Strang is no longer guarded, she decides to continue her journey to Oriethir to unravel the mystery of the hidden stronghold and with it the truth about her father's legacy. Jewel's discoveries lead her on an unexpected quest, accompanied by a handsome young weathermaster who has secretly fallen in love with her. Together they encounter marvels and misfortunes and discover that the key to all their riddles ultimately lies with the extraordinary Well of Tears. **TP \$32.95**

Mary Janice Davidson*Undead and Unreturnable (Undead 04)*

Betsy the vampire queen is faced with the trials and tribulations of the holiday season, as she struggles to cope with a half-sister who is the devil's daughter, an evil stepmother, a fiend living in her basement, killers and spirits running amok, and a spring wedding to plan with her one-time nemesis, Eric Sinclair. **HC \$45.95**

William C Dietz*For Those Who Fell (Legion of the Damned)*

The final line of defense for humankind, the Legion of the Damned, under the command of General William "Bill" Booly II and First Lieutenant Antonio Santana, takes on war on two fronts to protect the Confederacy after the alien Ramanthians acquire faster-than-light technology. **PB \$19.95**

Chris Dolley*Resonance*

Office messenger Graham Smith, an obsessive-compulsive mute with a unique talent for seeing things that others cannot in the world around him, meets Analise Mercado, a young woman who hears voices warning her about the men out to kill Graham, in the story of two people whose lives are fragmented across alternate realities and who hold the key to the future of a billion planets. **HC \$49.95**

Frederic S Durbin*Dragonfly*

On the eve of Hallowe'en, strange noises begin coming from the basement of Bridget Anne's uncle's funeral parlor, forcing Uncle Henry to call in his mysterious friend Mothkin to investigate, and when young "Dragonfly" follows him, she discovers the spooky and bizarre underworld of Harvest Moon. **PB \$17.95**

George Alec Effinger*When Gravity Fails*

Hired by a two-hundred-year-old underground crime lord to carry out a vengeance attack, Marid Audrian is altered with sophisticated surgical implants that will enable him to counter a deadly killer whose abilities have been enhanced by the personalities of history's most notorious psychopaths. By the author of Schrodinger's Kitten.

Note: This story has nothing to do with the physics of gravity failing. **TP \$28.95**

Philip Jose Farmer*The Unreasoning Mask*

Ramstan, captain of the al-Buraq, a rare model of spaceship capable of instantaneous travel between two points, attempts to stop an unidentified "creature" that is annihilating intelligent life on planets throughout the universe. **TP \$30.95**

Christine Feehan*Night Game*

A member of the Special Forces paranormal squad, Gator Fontenot embarks on a dangerous mission to capture Iris "Flame" Johnson, a beautiful weapon of destruction bent on vengeance, who has become the target of a lethal assassin. **PB \$22.95**

Alan Dean Foster*Running From the Deity (Flinx 11)*

As a Great Darkness threatens to engulf the entire universe, Flinx and his mini-drag companion Pip may finally get the chance to face down the ultimate evil. **HC \$51.95**

C S Friedman*When True Night Falls (Coldfire Trilogy 02)*

Seeking to destroy an evil force that threatens the planet Erna, warrior priest Damien Vryce renews a dangerous alliance with Gerald Tarrant, an immortal sorcerer known as the Hunter, and begins a treacherous quest to the eastern continent. **TP \$30.95**

Neil Gaiman*Anansi Boys CD (Unabridged)*

Fat Charlie Nancy is not actually fat. He was fat once but he is definitely not fat now. No, right now Fat Charlie Nancy is angry, confused and more than a little scared - right now his life is spinning out of control, and it is all his dad's fault. If his rotter of an estranged father hadn't dropped dead at a karaoke night, Charlie would still be blissfully unaware that his dad was Anansi the spider god. He would have no idea that he has a brother called Spider, who is also a god. And there would be no chance that said brother would be trying to take over his life, flat and fiancée, or, to make matters worse, be doing a much better job of it than him. Desperate to reclaim his life, Charlie enlists the help of four more-than-slightly eccentric old ladies and their unique brand of voodoo - and between them they unleash a bitter and twisted force to get rid of Spider. But as darkness descends and badness begins is Fat Charlie Nancy going to get his life back in one piece or is he about to enter a whole netherworld of pain? **CD \$150**

Kathleen O'Neal Gear & W Michael Gear*People of the Moon (People)*

They were called the Chaco Anasazi. They built thirty-foot-wide roads that crossed miles of mountains and mesas and constructed five story buildings which had more than 800 rooms.

Their priests and warriors presided over the conquered populations of Chaco Canyon via an extensive system of signal towers that could send messages across the vast distances day or night. Messages could be sent easily, and warriors could be dispersed to quell any rebellion within hours of the start of an uprising.

It all comes to a climax atop the mountain we now know as Chimney Rock. In the white light of the lunar maximum, the Pueblo gods will dance - and an empire will be engulfed in flames and mayhem. **HC \$50**

Christopher Golden & Amber Benson*Ghosts of Albion*

William and Tamara Swift, along with other allies known as the Ghosts of Albion, must stop a horrific plague that is infesting the slums of Victorian London and has released a host of hideous creatures that feed upon the populace and now threaten all of England. **TP \$26.95**

Karen Haber*Crossing Infinity*

Struggling with the conflicting emotions and urges of adolescence, sixteen-year-old Jasmine "Jaz" Andrews finds her life transformed forever by an encounter with Coriolas, sent to Earth as a refugee from a civil war on a distant planet, who possesses the unique ability to morph back and forth between genders. **HC \$30.95**

Laurell K Hamilton*Anita Blake Omnibus (Anita Blake 01, 02, 03)*

My name is Anita Blake but Vampires call me The Executioner.

GUILTY PLEASURES: Ever since the Supreme Court granted the undead equal rights, most people think vampires are just ordinary folks with fangs. I know better. But now a serial killer is murdering vampires - and the most powerful bloodsucker in town wants me to find the killer . . .

THE LAUGHING CORPSE: The only death 'big enough' to raise the ancient dead is a human sacrifice. I know, because I'm an animator. A rogue animator took on the job - now he's not just raising the dead . . . he's raising Hell. And it's up to me to stop it.

CIRCUS OF THE DAMNED: I've been wooed by the Master Vampire of the City but now a new vampire also wants me for his human servant. A war of the undead has begun. Over me. I would be flattered - if my life weren't at stake. **TP \$12.95** (price to be confirmed)

Bloody Bones (Anita Blake 05)

Hired to exhume two-hundred-year-old graves in the wake of a land dispute, Anita Blake becomes involved in local murders involving three dead teenagers and a bloodless corpse that makes her suspect that an evil force is preying upon the town. **HC \$51.95**

Incubus Dreams (Anita Blake 12)

As consultant to the Regional Preternatural Crime Investigation Unit, Anita Blake is called in on what appears to be a case involving a serial killer - a vampire serial killer - who may be preying on strippers. She's sure that none of the local vamps are responsible, but her judgement may be clouded by a conflict of interests. For she is, after all, the consort of Jean-Claude, the ever-intoxicating Master Vampire of the City - something both her human friends and her ex, the alpha werewolf Richard, are quick to point out.

Surrounded by suspicion and overwhelmed by her attempts to control her own primal lusts for vampire, werewolf and shapeshifter, Anita is about to be pushed to her limits - and beyond. **PB \$21.95**

Peter F Hamilton*Judas Unchained (Commonwealth 02)*

The high-action concluding novel of the Commonwealth Saga from Britain's No. 1 Science Fiction writer.

After hundreds of years secretly manipulating the human race, the Starflyer alien has succeeded in engineering a war which should result in the destruction of the Intersolar Commonwealth. Now, thanks to Chief Investigator Paula Myo, the Commonwealth's political elite finally acknowledges the Starflyer's existence, and puts together an unlikely partnership to track down this enigmatic and terrifying alien.

The invasion from Dyson Alpha continues with dozens of Commonwealth worlds falling to the enemy. The navy fights back with what it believes to be war-winning superweapons, only to find that the alien fleet has equally powerful weapons. How the aliens got them is the question which haunts Admiral Kime. Could it be that the Commonwealth's top-secret defence project has been compromised by the Starflyer's agents, or is the truth even worse? **HC \$66 TP \$32.95**

Ray Hammond*eXtinction*

Will there be a day after tomorrow?

Only one quarter into the 21st century and our planet is displaying disturbing symptoms: storms, floods, mud-slides, tornadoes and blizzards afflict the globe's surface, while heatwaves, droughts and deep-freeze are regular occurrences. Not to mention volcanoes and earthquakes. Many believe that mankind's consuming lust for economic growth is fast wrecking the world, while others insist these changes are all part of the planet's natural cycle. Whatever the truth, the most alarming factor is that the Earth is beginning to tilt on its axis - and worldwide panic is looming.

As governments, experts, corporations and disruptive forces squabble to be heard, it is up to a few individuals to seek a solution to the most horrifying geophysical scenario we have ever faced. **PB \$22**

James A Hetley*Dragon's Eye*

Two magical families living in the town of Stonefort, Maine--the shape-shifting Morgans and the Haskell witches--must overcome their individual differences to help young Gary Morgan claim his heritage and his family's alliance with the magical Dragon in order stop the evil machinations of a powerful drug lord and sorcerer. **TP \$28.95**

S E Hinton*Hawkes Harbour*

Haunted throughout his life by the cruel discrimination he endured for his illegitimacy, Jamie Sommers, believing himself destined to a life of crime, works as a smuggler and murderer on the high seas before encountering a dark force in a quiet Delaware seaside town that pushes him to the brink of insanity. **PB \$17.95**

Emma Holly*Strange Attractions*

Determined not to repeat her mother's mistakes, high school dropout and unrepentant heartbreaker Charity Wills jumps at the chance to attend college for free. There's just one little catch.

She must travel to the estate of reclusive physicist B.G. Grantham, who likes to play sex games as exotic as the particles he studies--and is obsessed with the thrill of being refused the one thing he craves. But Charity is more than up to the challenge--especially when Eric Berne, her sexy "keeper," lends a hand.

Behind the locked doors of Grantham's isolated mansion, the games begin. So does the education of Charity Wills--who's about to discover that the possibilities for sensual indulgence are beyond anything her wildest dreams ever allowed. **PB \$19.95**

Courting Midnight

Bored with his existence as the oldest living vampire, shape-shifting upyr Lucius White takes on the guise of a prosperous but eccentric local squire, only to become the target of every matchmaking mother in the neighborhood, but everything changes when he falls in love with the poor but high-spirited Theodora Becket. **PB \$19.95**

Matthew Hughes*Black Brillion (Archonate)*

Working against each other within the city-states of Old Earth, security serviceman Baro Harkless and hedonistic swindler Luff Imbry forge an uneasy truce in their shared goal of capturing con man Horselan Gebbling, who is posing as a religious healer. **PB \$17.95**

Shaun Hutson*Twisted Souls*

Imagine your worst fear. A fear that eats away at you - fear of death, of illness, of needles, of fire. Even of feelings. The people who live in Roxton know what it's like to live like that. But they have no choice.

Emma Tate had lived with her fear of losing everything for more than two years. Her job is in jeopardy, her parents have been killed in a car crash, her life is collapsing around her. She, her husband and two friends attempt to seek peace in a luxury house in the countryside close to Roxton for two weeks.

But the village of Roxton likes fear - it has a force within it which needs fear to sustain it and help it grow. And Emma and her companions cannot avoid becoming fearful . . .

For Emma and the others there will be no waking from this nightmare . . . **HC \$49.95**

Christian Jacq*The Way of Fire (Mysteries of Osiris 03)*

The young scribe Iker has finally realised that, in pursuing Pharaoh Sensusret with his hatred, he chose the wrong target, and that the real enemy is elsewhere. The enemy, the one who is attacking the Tree of Life at Abydos, is in fact the Herald, that individual who is rallying troops on the borders in order to invade Egypt and annihilate her. **HC \$49.95 TP \$29.95**

Carolyn Jewel*A Darker Crimson (Crimson City)*

Long ago the portal was sealed, and Los Angeles—now Crimson City—rid itself of demons for eternity. Or so Claudia Donovan believed. With the city's other "paranormals" more active than ever, and the treaty between the species all but dissolved, she and the rest of the CCPD have enough to handle.

But now her daughter has been kidnapped and she's learned that demons still exist—and that they are plotting. To whom can she turn for help? The vampire, Tiberiu Korzha, whose eyes promise death but whose lips taste of eternity? Or does salvation lie with the powerful Lath, he who inspires lust beyond name? Thirst, bitterness, despair—on the plane of Orcus, all these things await. But just as surely, beyond that portal are Claudia's daughter, victory and true love. And her first taste of... **A DARKER CRIMSON PB \$17.95**

Tamara Siler Jones*Threads of Magic*

As a series of young men from the distant regions of the kingdom vanishes mysteriously, with their bodies turning up later, Dubric Byerly, head of security at Castle Faldorrah and a man haunted by the ghosts of those demanding justice for their deaths, races against time to find the latest victim--Braoin, a teenage painter whose mother had once come to Dubric's aid--before it is too late. **PB \$17.95**

Paul Kearney*The Mark of Ran (Sea Beggars 01)*

The world is dying, forsaken by its Creator. Man schemes and plots and makes wars across it, forgetting that this turning earth does not belong to him alone. Another race once dwelled here. Some believe they were the last of the Angels, banished to this world for a forgotten crime; others that they were demons imprisoned here by a disgusted Creator. Rol Cortishane's quiet life is about to come to an end, for in him runs the blood of this Elder race. Driven from his home, he seeks refuge in the ancient citadel of Michal Psellos, where he is trained to be a killer of men, an assassin without pity. His tutor in murder is the beautiful and deadly Rowen - one whom he loves without hope. **THE MARK OF RAN** is the beginning of Cortishane's story. A tale in which he journeys across the breadth of this teeming, wicked world and finds a legendary Hidden City where the desperate and the dispossessed fight for survival. This is the first of the chronicles of Rol's great voyages, and those of his compatriots; a band of outcasts who took to the wide oceans of the world when every nation of the earth set its face against them. Ussa's Orphans they were called, the Beggars of the Sea. **PB \$22.95**

Sherrilyn Kenyon (see also Kinley MacGregor)*Night Play (Dark Hunter)*

Bride McTierney has just been dumped via FedEx. There's not much that could ease such a broken heart until Vane Kattalakis wanders into her shop and her life. Their whirlwind affair feels too good to be true. Deadly and tortured, Vane Kattalakis isn't what he seems. Most women lament that their boyfriends are dogs. In Bride's case, hers is a wolf. A Were-Hunter wolf. Wanted dead by his enemies, Vane isn't looking for a mate. But the Fates have marked Bride as his. Now he has three weeks to either convince Bride that the supernatural is real or he will spend the rest of his life neutered - something no self-respecting wolf can accept...But how does a wolf convince a human to trust him with her life when his enemies are out to end his? In the world of the Were-Hunters, it really is dog-eat-dog. And only one alpha male can win. Reprint. **PB \$19.95**

Greg Keyes*The Charnel Prince (Kingdoms of Thorn and Bone 02)*

In a second installment of the series that began with *The Briar King*, the queen of Crotheny finds her kingdom's defense against bloodthirsty forest-dwelling creatures thwarted by a conspiracy within the church, a situation that is complicated when Anne Dare, the heir to the throne, goes missing. **PB \$18.95**

Stephen King*Song of Susannah (Dark Tower 06)*

This pivotal instalment in the epic saga provides the key to the quest that defines Roland's life. In the next part of their journey to the tower, Roland and his band of followers face adversity from every side: Susannah Dean has been taken over by a demon-mother and uses the power of Black Thirteen to get from the Mid-World New York City. But who is the father of her child? And what role will the Crimson King play? Roland sends Jake to break Susannah's date with destiny, while he himself uses 'the persistence of magic' to get to Maine in the Summer of 1977. It is a terrible world: for one thing it is real and bullets are flying. For another, it is inhabited by the author of a novel called SALEM'S LOT. **SONG OF SUSANNAH** is driven by revelation and by suspense. It continues **THE DARK TOWER** series seamlessly from **WOLVES OF THE CALLA** and the dramatic climax will leave readers desperate to read the quest's conclusion. **PB \$19.95**

Salem's Lot, Illustrated edition

When a writer returns to his small Maine hometown, he discovers that the peaceful hamlet is being overrun by vampires and sets out to curb this ancient evil before it can spread, in a new edition of the horror classic that features fifty pages not in the original edition, as well as two previously unpublished short stories, and a new author introduction. **HC \$70**

Katherine Kurtz & Robert Reginald

Codex Derynianus (Deryni)

An A-to-Z guide to Katherine Kurtz's fictional world offers an encyclopedia to the seventeen-book saga she created, including genealogies, chronologies, and maps--all designed to introduce readers to the complexities of the Deryni universe. **TP \$30.95**

Sharon Lee & Steve Miller

Sword of Orion (Beneath Strange Skies 01)

As the surviving membership of the cruel Oligarchy plots to once again subjugate humanity, a teenager named Jerel Telemon holds the key to human survival, and he must be preserved from harm at all costs. **TP \$28.95**

Jane Lindskold

Wolf Captured

Raised by intelligent, language-capable wolves, Firekeeper and her wolf companion, Blind Seer, are kidnapped and brought overseas into the animal-worshipping world of the Liglimoshti, who want to acquire Firekeeper's ability to communicate with animals. **PB \$19.95**

Bentley Little

Dispatch

A man with a talent for writing letters that get results, from editorials to complaints to love letters--Jason Handford is delighted when he is offered a job to write letters for a living, until he discovers that his new career has horrific implications. **PB \$19.95**

H P Lovecraft

Shadows of Death: Terrifying Tales

A collection of chilling tales of the macabre and the supernatural brings together sixteen short stories by the American horror master, featuring such works as "The Doom That Came to Sarnath," "The Shunned House," "The Tomb," "The Shadow Out of Time," "The Dream Quest of Unknown Kadath," and others. **PB \$17.95**

Elizabeth A Lynn

Dragon's Treasure (Dragon 02)

In the sequel to *Dragon's Winter*, Kardur Atani, the Dragon of Chingura, has overcome his father's madness and his brother's treachery to take the throne and struggles to rule with justice while dealing with the ferocity that results from his dragon blood. **PB \$17.95**

Katie MacAlister

Blow Me Down

Two sworn enemies in the Internet virtual reality game "Buckling Swashes"--Amy, a financial analyst, and Corbin, the game's creator--must come together to expose a dastardly plot concocted by a gaming rival, discovering that love can conquer all in both fantasy and reality. **PB \$17.95**

Kinley MacGregor

A Pirate of Her Own

He is the Sea Wolf, a dreaded pirate who stops English navy ships and frees imprisoned American sailors. Few know Morgan Drake's name, and none guesses at his past. Except, that is, a nosy Savannah reporter named Serenity James. Determined to protect his secrets at any cost, Morgan sets sail for Savannah...and Serenity. All her life, Serenity has longed for adventure. As a woman, though, she's lucky even to be tolerated in her father's newspaper office. Then she's kidnapped by the bold, sexy pirate whose story fired her imagination, and in his embrace Serenity finds adventure beyond her wildest dreams. Reprint. **PB \$14.95**

Master of Seduction

The infamous pirate Black Jack Rhys never encountered a ship he could not board or a woman he could not bed. But the dashing brigand may have met his match in the fiery beauty who has vowed to bring him to justice ...

A fearless, flame-haired enchantress, Lorelei Dupree believes she has a duty to her fiancé and to the city of Charleston to help end the reign of the notorious Black Jack. But when the bold pirate eludes her carefully set trap, she suddenly finds herself the prisoner of the irresistible criminal they call "Master of Seduction." Once trapped in Jack's intoxicating gaze, Lorelei feels herself falling under the handsome rogue's sensuous spell. And now the terror of the high seas faces the one peril he never anticipated -- for though he has stolen so many hearts, he never dreamed he'd meet a woman who could so effortlessly conquer his own. **PB \$14.95**

David Marusek

Counting Heads

On a twenty-second-century Earth where life expectancy has increased to span centuries and robots perform most of society's work, a ragtag ensemble of unlikely heroes join forces to save the frozen living head of an assassinated leading citizen's daughter, who represents humanity's only protection against a genocide plot by wealthy immortals. **HC \$51.95**

A J Matthews

Follow

After narrowly surviving a serious car accident, Pamela Gardner walks away from the hospital physically recovered but haunted by recurring episodes of missing time, black-outs, visions, and dreams of ghostly women and stalked by a determined killer watching her every move. **PB \$19.95**

Anne McCaffrey

Dragonquest (Pern 02)

On Pern, men breed and train great fire-breathing dragons to help them fight the deadly silver Threads that fall from the sky, destroying all life-forms, whenever the Red Star passes near. Book available. **CD \$75 MP3 CD \$51.95**

The White Dragon (Pern 06)

Jaxom, a rebellious young aristocrat, and Ruth, his white dragon, fly into another time to retrieve the queen's stolen egg, thereby averting a dragonrider war, and find their planet threatened once again by a Threadfall. Book available. **CD \$88 MP3 CD \$51.95**

Dragonsdawn (Pern 09)

Deadly spores threaten the human colony of Pern unless the colonists, with help from geneticist Kitti Ping, can develop fire-breathing dragons to combat the menace. Book available. **CD \$75 MP3 CD \$51.95**

Jack McDevitt

Seeker

Thousands of years after the unsolved disappearance of an entire colony, antiquities dealer Alex Benedict stumbles upon a cup that appears to be from the Seeker, one of the colony's original ships, and, while attempting to establish the artifact's provenance, follows a trail that leads to the abandoned ship. **HC \$51.95**

Terry McGarry

Triad (Illumination 03)

In a conclusion to the tale that began with *Illumination* and *The Binder's Road*, a new power promises to turn the tide in the war of the coast, while the surviving defenders of the realm find themselves falling under a nightmarish attack, a situation that forces them to undertake a quest into the realms of the dead. **HC \$56.95**

Fiona McIntosh

Odalisque (Percheron 01)

The first novel in an exciting new series from the bestselling author of *The Quickening* trilogy. The old Zar is dying and everyone but his heir has reason to wish him dead. Herezah, his elegant wife, can finally take her yearned-for position as Valide Zara and rule through her son, Boaz, whilst the ambitious Vizier seeks to ingratiate himself with this scheming woman. Salmeo, the cruel Grand Master Eunuch, will gain more power through an alliance with the Valide, if only she can forget his vile treatment of her in earlier years. It seems that only Pez, the demented, deformed court clown, and Lazar, head of Percheron's security, truly care about Boaz. Lazar, charged with restocking the palace harem for Percheron's new young ruler, purchases the beautiful Ana. She is headstrong and gifted, and Pez and Lazar find themselves being helplessly drawn into the claustrophobic palace politics and a wider web of intrigue concerning an ancient, cyclical battle between the demon, Maliz, and the Mother Goddess. **TP \$29.95**

Juliet McKenna

Western Shore (Aldabreshin Compass 03)

Warlord Daish Kheda has been building political alliances, working to consolidate power over his new realm. Although he has saved his people from the twin evils of wizardry and dragons, he feels tainted by association with forbidden magic and fears he may bring great ill-fortune to his people. So Kheda resolves to once more join his Northern wizard allies in the hope of removing the dragon threat once and for all, and to seek whatever purification he can find. Only time can tell whether he will be condemned for his actions, or whether magic is less a sin than he was brought up to believe. He tells his son in secret that he may not return, and sets his face to the future. **PB \$21.95**

John Meaney

Context (Nulapeiron 02)

Isolated for twelve centuries, Nulapeiron's billions of inhabitants occupy a subterranean world and are ruled by an aristocracy upheld by Oracles, but now, Lord Tom Corcorigan, the commoner-turned-noble and warrior poet, is fatally wounded, his survival dependent upon a mysterious seer, and Nulapeiron is threatened by a vast, unknown enemy. **HC \$51.95**

Deborah Miller

Swarmthief's Dance

Long ago, there was war in Heaven. Rann, guardian of the Underworld, fought with the Nulefi, and in that battle the Nulefi were defeated. But though their bodies were destroyed, the spirits of the Nulefi remained, and they wander the world of Myr, cloaked in the shattered form of the Swarms, waiting for the moment of their revenge.

Now they have re-awoken, remembering the glory and power of their ancient days and one human boy, Vivreki, has witnessed that rebirth. The Swarm calls to him, pleads with him, whispers to him the secrets of a vanished age. To Vivreki this seems a miracle, but to his masters it is heresy. For very few now honour the elder gods, and those who still do keep silent about it.

In fear and peril of his life, Vivreki is hidden away from those that would kill him for his special knowledge. His memory is erased, his past denied, and a new life started for him half a world away. But the Nulefi have not forgotten Vivreki he alone can hear them, and now he alone can save them. And as the Nulefi struggle to reach their only ally in the world, Herrukal father of the gods discerns the rise of a new power on Myr. He will not tolerate another war, so even if the price of peace is the destruction of creation itself, then Herrukal will break the world. And only Vivreki can stop him. **TP \$32.95**

Mary Ann Mitchell

In the Name of the Vampire (Maquis de Sade 06)

In the sixth book of the ongoing *Marquis de Sade* saga, the master vampire is forced to join forces with an old nemesis to battle a new and deadly foe in his beloved city of Paris. **PB \$17.95**

L E Modesitt Jr

The Eternity Artifact

In a period five thousand years into the future in which the human race maintains an uneasy peace throughout thousands of planets, scientists discover a first sign of intelligent alien life when they locate a mobile planet, a finding that a shuttle pilot, an artist, and a history professor are dispatched to investigate. **HC \$50**

Michael Moorcock & Storm Constantine

Silverheart Multiverse

In the city of Karadur, trickster and thief Max Silverskin races against time to uncover the mystery of his heritage and a prophecy about his destined role as savior of two realms before the witch mark, the silverheart, can devour his heart, reluctantly joining forces with Lady Rose Iron, the daughter of the leader of the powerful Clan Iron, to find the secrets that can save the city. **HC \$51.95**

Justine Musk

Blood Angel

As a young Manhattan artist becomes haunted by disturbing dreams and a teenage orphan in Minnesota struggles to avoid a destiny of which he wants no part, California fans are falling under the spell of a new underground rock band and Asha, its charismatic lead singer. **PB \$17.95**

Bill Myers*The Presence (Soul Tracker 02)*

David Kauffman and his teenage son--along with a group of unusual characters--participate in an experiment connecting them to the spirit world, but when they are swept into a journey where the supernatural souls of people are exposed, they must overcome their innermost passions and break free of their captor--the head of the experiment and the murderer of David's daughter. **TP \$26.95**

Joseph Nassie*Heretic*

A modern-day Knight Templar, Cade Williams must draw on his unique talents and confront his personal demons as he tracks a ruthless cabal of necromancers responsible for the desecration of Templar cemeteries as they seek to seize control of the legendary powers of a lost holy relic.

PB \$17.95

Steve Niles*Guns, Drugs and Monsters (Savage Membrane 02)*

In the sequel to *Savage Membrane*, supernatural private detective Cal McDonald and his assistant Mo'Lock, head for Los Angeles, where they take on a savage pair of bestial killers, a bloodthirsty vampire, and other demons of the night in order to help an old friend. **PB \$17.95**

Constance O'Day-Flannery*Colliding Forces*

Reunited with her former lover, Marcus Bocelli, following the death of her mother, newscaster Deborah Stark is busy investigating a story about corruption at the highest levels of the company that owns her Philadelphia TV station, unaware that Marcus is hiding dark secrets about a mysterious organization known as the Foundation and about his ability to shape-shift. **PB \$17.95**

Greg Park*Veil of Darkness (Earthsoul Prophecies 01)*

As the Earthsoul weakens, the Veil separating life from death thins, allowing the demon God Maeon to press his realm ever closer to the world of men. With war sweeping across the nations, Jase Fairimor, heir of an ancient birthright, must locate a Blood Orb of Elsa and use it to rejuvenate the Earthsoul before she fails completely. There is just one problem: Jase fears he may be as dangerous as the enemy. **TP \$32.95**

Anne Perry*Angels in the Gloom*

It's March 1916, and Joseph Reavley, stumbling across the wastes of no man's land to rescue a comrade, is badly wounded. Sent home on sick leave, he finds recovery slow and hard. His sister Hannah is caring for him, but he can't share the grim reality of life in the trenches with her - anxious as she is about Archie, her husband, away at sea. War is changing England at a pace that Hannah finds alarming, and she wonders if the old certainties will ever return. But it's a delight to both her and Joseph when Shanley Corcoran, an old friend, comes to visit. Corcoran confides in Joseph that he's come very close to completing an invention that will paralyse the deadly German U-boats. Soon afterwards, however, disaster strikes. A brilliant young scientist is found murdered, and it's clear that someone has been betraying secrets to the enemy. Joseph's brother Matthew, of the S.I.S., comes down to investigate, and together the two men embark on a search that will solve the crime and lead them to the spy. **PB \$32.95**

Terry Pratchett*Thud! The Boardgame (Discworld)*

THUD – Officially Licensed DISCWORLD boardgame

Mongoose Publishing is proud to announce the release of THUD, an exciting DISCWORLD boardgame based on the battle between dwarfs and trolls, where players take the field in an all-out attempt to defeat their opponent. The fast-moving dwarfs must form up into defensive blocks as quickly as possible, before hurling their crazed axe-wielding comrades at the trolls. The slower, more ponderous, trolls must catch and clobber these whirling axe dervishes before they have a chance to properly organise...

This new version of the game is released with a brand new variant of the game! Koom Valley Thud is a fast paced frantic game which plays in a very different manner to the original game. Here the speedy dwarfs must capture the trolls' magic stone and escape the board with it while the lumbering trolls have to squish the dwarfs in order to properly protect their treasure.

Two games of strategy and skill that combine the magic of DISCWORLD with an entirely unique approach to board game playing. **\$80**

Calendar 2006: Discworld Calendar (Discworld)

Our inspired collection of award-winning illustrators give us their own unique interpretations of Terry Pratchett's phenomenal Discworld. Each full-page illustration also appears on the back; there are biographies of the artists as well as the author on the inside front page. The calendar dates are exhaustively researched and include major real-time calendrical data for the UK, Australia, New Zealand, Canada and the United States. Artists briefed include Edward Miller, Les Edwards, Sandy Nightingale, Jackie Morris, David Frankland, David Wyatt, and, of course, Paul Kidby, Terry Pratchett's favourite portrayer of the Discworld. Terry Pratchett himself has chosen some of his favourite scenes to be illustrated. The only time the cover for the new Discworld novel is seen in its entirety, as the artist intended. **Calendar \$29.95**

Lords and Ladies (Anniversary Ed) (Discworld 14)

When you start believing in Spirits, you start believing in demons, and then before you know where you are, you're believing in Gods. And then you're in trouble.' Reality is all very well in small doses. It's a perfectly conventional and convenient way of neutralising the imagination. But sometimes when there's more than one reality at play, imagination just won't be neutralised, and the walls between realities come tumbling down. Unfortunately there's usually a damned good reason for there being walls between them in the first place. To keep things out. Things who want to make mischief and play havoc with the natural order. **PB \$19.95**

John Ringo*Emerald Sea (Talbot 02)*

Duke Edmund Talbot and Lieutenant Herzer Herrick are sent to the Southern Isles to enlist the assistance of the mer-folk--people who, before the worldwide collapse of technology, had altered their bodies into the shape of mythical sea dwellers--in the battle against the fascist dictators of New Destiny, in the sequel to *There Will Be Dragons*. **PB \$19.95**

Anne Rice

Christ the Lord

Incomparable in its boldness and daring, this is the book that Anne Rice was born to write: a novel about the formative years of the greatest immortal of all, a visceral rendering of part of the greatest story ever told. Evoking this crucial time in the life of Christ, based on the Gospels and her intense research into the period, Anne Rice vividly recreates these years of drama, confusion, and enlightenment. The story opens when the boy is seven, in cosmopolitan Alexandria where the family fled just before Herod's massacre of the innocents - and where they have prospered as carpenters. Word comes that Herod is dead, and the family takes ship back to Israel, a land colonised by Rome, fought over by Jews and Arabs, in a time of insurrection and confusion after the death of a tyrant king. (With its powerful and heavy-handed Roman occupying force trying to keep order, amid bandit insurgents, disorder and anarchy, there are uncanny parallels with the present day...) It's an astonishing child's eye view - part innocent, part knowing - of Jewish life in these turbulent years of occupation, and the boy's growing awareness, first of his extraordinary powers (he can kill a rival boy with a look, or he can make it snow with a wish), the whispered mysteries surrounding his birth and finally of the untold tragedy that his coming visited on the children of others... Full of biblical references and informed by the history of Judaism, from the Flight to Egypt to the return to Nazareth, from the Fall of the Temple in Jerusalem to its rebuilding... one of the unexpectedly original aspects of the story lies in the unmistakable Jewishness of the boy as he grows to manhood, steeped in the laws, rituals and traditions of his people. As he grows, he begins to discuss and dispute with the Elders in the temple, and to ask questions that cannot be answered. At the end he is, at 13, on the brink of manhood, torn between the pain of enlightenment and reconciliation with God and his future., foreshadowed here in his Passover visit to the Great Temple of Jerusalem...

In a totally unexpected way, this is the culmination of what Anne Rice started with INTERVIEW WITH THE VAMPIRE - taking a supernatural story, about life, death, good and evil, resurrection and immortality, beyond the wildest probabilities and making it so real and palpable, so imbued with detail, that the narrator and hero, who are one and the same, come fully alive for the reader. **TP \$32.95 HC \$62.95**

Anne Rice Value Collection

A chilling omnibus collection of three of Anne Rice's spellbinding novels about a family of witches includes Lasher, The Witching Hour, and Taltos, narrated by Joe Morton, Lindsay Crouse, and Tim Curry, respectively. Books available. **CD \$70**

Adam Roberts

The Snow

The new Adam Roberts novel is a story of global apocalypse, old hatreds and new beginnings. It is his best novel to date. And this is how the world will end . . . 'The snow started falling on the sixth of September, soft noiseless flakes filling the sky like a swarm of white moths, or like static interference on your TV screen - whichever metaphor, nature or technology, you find the more evocative. Snow everywhere, all through the air, with that distinctive sense of hurrying that a vigorous snowfall brings with it. Everything in a rush, busy-busy snowflakes. And, simultaneously, paradoxically, everything is hushed, calm, as quiet as cancer, as white as death. And at the beginning people were happy.' But the snow doesn't stop. It falls and falls and falls. Until it lies three miles thick across the whole of the earth. Six billion people have died. Perhaps 150,000 survive. But those 150,000 need help, they need support, they need organising, governing. And so the lies begin. Lies about how the snow started. Lies about who is to blame. Lies about who is left. Lies about what really lies beneath. **PB \$19.95**

Justina Robson

Living Next-Door to the God of Love

Following on from her brilliant previous novel, Natural History, Justina Robson again takes into a series of worlds and dimensions we would never have otherwise imagined.

Metropolis is a city of superheroes where you can become anyone you like - fight all day, party all night... Sankhara is a universe where everything is remade by night, according to the inhabitants deepest, darkest dreams... Koker Ai is a city of another time and space, where Intana, courtesan to the court of a decaying empire, has just discovered a warrior who cannot die...

Jalaeka has been many things in his short lifetime: a war captive, a prostitute, a pilgrim, a pirate, a princess in a glass coffin and a physics student at MIT. Now he's looking for someone to make him into something that can duel a god, for the all-powerful entity which created him is coming to take him back.

Francine is a fifteen-year-old runaway, out to find a definition of love she can believe in. She finds a Palace whose rooms are made of bone, flowers and the hearts of heroes. She finds a scientist looking for the lost light of the universe. She finds herself at the centre of an unstoppable conflict that began long before she was born. **HC \$59.95**

Sean Russell

The Shadow Road (Swan's War 03)

A century of enmity has ravaged the one kingdom, as the mighty families of the Renni and the Wills have fought for their right to the crown. But now the decades of bloodshed have roused the unquiet river spirits from a timeless sleep, reviving a feud more deadly than any conflict of man.

Alliances shift and loyalties are tested in the harsh civil war between the two great families, but a larger threat emerges. For the dark knight Hafydd has made a sinister alliance, leading him to eons old secrets, secrets that should remain hidden lest they destroy all lives they touch.

Woken by the wars of man and nagar, even Death himself is preparing to leave his fell kingdom. And if the door to his domain cannot be shut, the feud between men and even the ancient wars of the nagar will be less than nothing besides the coming doom. **PB \$21.95**

Geoff Ryman

The Child Garden (Science Fiction Masterworks 61)

In a semi-tropical London, surrounded by paddy-fields, the people feed off the sun, like plants, the young are raised in Child Gardens and educated by viruses. And the Consensus oversees the country, 'treating' non-conformism. Information, culture, law and politics are biological functions. But Milena is different: she is resistant to viruses and an incredible musician, one of the most extraordinary women of her age. This is her story and that of her friends, like Lucy the immortal tumour and Joseph the Postman whose mind is an information storehouse for others, and Rolfa, genetically engineered as a Polar Bear, whose beautiful singing voice first awakens Milena to the power of music. **PB \$22.95**

Al Sarrantonio

Sebastian of Mars (Mars)

The assassination of Haydn, queen of Mars, draws her son, Sebastian, into a dangerous confrontation with enemies both at home and abroad, including his mother's nemesis, the warrior-woman Frane, who launches a revolt that forces him into exile in the shadow of Olympus Mons, where he prepares to make his final stand. **PB \$17.95**

Robert J Sawyer*Frameshift*

In a near-future thriller, a scientist's complex battle against deadly diseases is challenged when he and his wife are targeted by an ex-Nazi war criminal and a corrupt insurance company's plot to render them guinea pigs in a bizarre genetic experiment. **TP \$30.95**

James H Schmitz*The Witches of Karres (Karres 01)*

Captain Pausert, a freelance space trader, gets more than he had bargained for when he frees three slave children from their masters, only to discover that the seemingly harmless little girls are three of the notorious Witches of Karres. **PB \$19.95**

Robert Scott*The Hickory Staff (Eldarn 01)*

Steven Taylor is an assistant bank manager in a quiet little Mid-West town; his roommate Mark Jenkins is a high school history teacher. Steven's bored with his job; the thought of going through all the accounts that haven't had a single transaction in the past 25 years sounds even more boring - until he discovers one old prospector left \$17,000 in October 1870; it's now worth 6.3 million dollars. There's a safe deposit box too, 17C, that's never been opened in all those years. And it would have remained closed if Steven hadn't been browsing through a Denver antique store: as well as a dresser for his sister, he found a new girlfriend, Hannah, the owner's daughter . . . and, in a jar of oddments, the long-missing key to Idaho Springs Safety Deposit Box 17C. And without that key, he'd never have found the tapestry that sucked him and Mark into the land of Rona in the strange new world of Eldarn, where they are immediately captured by a group of Ronan resistance fighters. Rona has been occupied by Malakasia for nearly a thousand Twinmoons. Now an evil tyrant rules the land, but he wants more: he wants the key that will open the path for an ancient evil to manifest once and for all. And Steven and Mark need this same key if they are ever to get home to Idaho Springs... **HC \$55 TP \$29.95**

Hideaki Sena*Parasite Eye*

The award-winning novel that help inaugurate the "J-Horror" wave, along with Koji Suzuki's Ringuis presented here--a suspenseful story of biology rebelling against humanity. **HC \$51.95**

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William Mark Simmons*Habeas Corpses (03)*

Pursued by humans, monsters, and government agencies alike because of his infection with half the combinant viral strain that transforms the living into the undead, Christopher Csejthe is hurtled into the afterlife by an assassination attempt and comes face to face with an evil kept alive since Nazi Germany who needs only his blood to find immortality. **HC \$45.95**

Linnea Sinclair*Gabriel's Ghost*

Court-martialed for a crime she did not commit and sentenced to a remote prison planet, former captain Chasidah Bergren finds herself deeper in trouble when she kills a brutal guard in self-defense and comes face to face with Gabriel Sullivan, a mercenary and smuggler who offers a ticket to freedom, but she soon discovers that the price may be higher than she wants to pay. **PB \$17.95**

Susan Sizemore*Crave the Night (Vampire 01, 02, 03)*

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Maria V Snyder*Posion Study*

After she is given a reprieve from her death sentence, Yelena faces mounting disasters as rebels plot to seize Ixia, her life is once again threatened, and the chief of security is attempting to poison her. **HC \$40.95**

Jennifer St Giles*His Dark Desires (Trevelyan 02)*

In the sequel to Mistress of Trevelyan, impoverished young widow Juliet Boucheron is faced with the loss of her ancestral New Orleans home thanks to a series of break-ins by someone looking for a rumored cache of Civil War gold, unless her mysterious boarder, Stephen Trevelyan, can uncover the culprit. **PB \$17.95**

Neal Stephenson*The System of the World (Baroque 03)*

The year is 1714. Daniel Waterhouse has returned to England, where he joins forces with his friend Isaac Newton to hunt down a shadowy group attempting to blow up Natural Philosophers with 'Infernal Devices' - time bombs. As Daniel and Newton conspire, an increasingly vicious struggle is waged for England's Crown: who will take control when the ailing queen dies? Tories and Whigs clash as one faction jockeys to replace Queen Anne with 'The Pretender' James Stuart, and the other promotes the Hanoverian dynasty of Princess Caroline. Meanwhile, a long-simmering dispute between Newton and Gottfried Wilhelm Leibniz comes to a head, with potentially cataclysmic consequences. **PB \$27.95**

S Andrew Swann*The Dwarves of Whiskey Island*

A political reporter for the Cleveland Press, Kline Maxwell is now covering the beat in a city overrun by fantastical creatures--elves, dragons, ogres, gnomes, dwarves, mages--from another dimension, until he is called in by a dwarf who wants him to investigate the unexplained "suicide" of a former City Council President. **PB \$17.95**

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Golgotha Run (Dark Future: Eddie Kalish 01)

Plunged into all-out corporate war over an alien artefact, country boy Eddie Kalish is going to have to use all his skills to come out alive. **PB \$14**

Judith Tarr

Rite of Conquest

William, the bastard son of a Norman duke and a magical woman of Druid descent, is the man destined to free England from Saxon rule and to bring back magic to Britain, but first he must master his own innate magical talents, with the help of Mathilda, a beautiful French noblewoman. **PB \$19.95**

J R R Tolkien

Letters From Father Christmas

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World Before (City of Pearl 03)

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Harry Turtledove

End of the Beginning (Days of Infamy 02)

In the wake of Japan's attack on Pearl Harbor and their successful invasion and occupation of Hawaii, America must marshal its military forces to reclaim the islands from the enemy, in an alternate history sequel to Days of Infamy. **HC \$51.95**

Carrie Vaughn

Kitty and the Midnight Hour

When Kitty Norville, a midnight-shift DJ for a Denver radio station and a secret werewolf, accidentally launches "The Midnight Hour," a late-night advice show for the supernaturally disadvantaged, desperate vampires, witches, and werewolves begin to call in from across the country, and Kitty becomes the target of a sexy werewolf-hunter and several homicidal undead. **PB \$17.95**

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Orphaned as an infant, Filamena Ziani grows up as the protected, much younger sister of Tullia Ziani, the most famous courtesan in sixteenth-century Venice, until a mysterious stranger offers her a gift (a single ripe plum) and an invitation to walk along the lover's path that will transform her life forever. **HC \$40.95**

David Weber

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When renegade dragons hatch a plan to enslave humankind, a pair of separately raised dragon-magic brothers and a Parliament emissary work to overcome a dangerous human-dragon army in order to restore peace. By the author of Mistress of Dragons. **HC \$51.95 CD \$95**

H G Wells

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With his face swaddled in bandages, his eyes hidden behind dark glasses and his hands covered even indoors, Griffin the new guest at The Coach and Horses is at first assumed to be a shy accident-victim. But the true reason for his disguise is far more chilling: he has developed a process that has made him invisible, and is locked in a struggle to discover the antidote. Forced from the village, and driven to murder, he seeks the aid of an old friend, Kemp. The horror of his fate has affected his mind, however and when Kemp refuses to help, he resolves to wreak his revenge. **PB \$16.95**

The First Men in the Moon

When penniless businessman Mr Bedford retreats to the Kent coast to write a play, he meets by chance the brilliant Dr Cavor, an absent-minded scientist on the brink of developing a material that blocks gravity. Cavor soon succeeds in his experiments, only to tell a stunned Bedford the invention makes possible one of the oldest dreams of humanity: a journey to the moon. With Bedford motivated by money, and Cavor by the desire for knowledge, the two embark on the expedition. But neither are prepared for what they find: a world of freezing nights, boiling days and sinister alien life, on which they may be trapped forever. **PB \$17.95**

Martha Wells*Ships of Air (Fall of Ile-Rien 02)*

Ile-Rien has fallen to a ruthless army of sorcerers intent on conquering all civilization. Now a small band of heroes aboard a majestic rescue ship must undertake an epic journey to preserve the remnants of a once-great land and drive the heartless invaders back to the shadows.

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Eileen Wilks*Mortal Danger*

Lily Yu, an agent in a special unit of the FBI's Magical Crimes Division, is assigned with finding Harlowe, a magnetic cult leader in possession of an ancient evil, a mission that tears her world apart and forces her to place her trust in Rule Turner, a werewolf and her sworn life mate. **PB \$17.95**

Walter Jon Williams*Conventions of War (Praxis 03)*

Two desperate human warriors, separated by light-years, Lord Gareth Martinez and guerrilla fighter Caroline Sula, pursue separate paths in their battle against the ruthless insectoid Naxid, who set out to dominate in the universe in the wake of the chaos that resulted from the fall of the tyrannical Shaa, in the epic finale of the trilogy that began with *The Praxis* and *The Sundering*. **PB \$19.95**

F Paul Wilson*Infernal (Repairman Jack)*

Reunited with his distant judge brother after a mutual tragedy, Repairman Jack reluctantly joins his sibling on a treasure hunt off the coast of Bermuda and discovers an ancient artifact with bizarre and dangerous powers. By the author of *Midnight Mass*. **HC \$52.95**

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How do you spot a robot mimicking a human? How do you recognise and then deactivate a rebel servant robot? How do you escape a murderous 'smart' house, or evade a swarm of marauding robotic flies? In this dryly hilarious survival guide, roboticist Daniel H. Wilson teaches worried humans the keys to quashing a robot mutiny. From treating laser wounds to fooling face and gait recognition, besting robot logic to engaging in hand-to-pinch combat, *How to Survive a Robot Uprising* covers every possible doomsday scenario facing the newest endangered species: humans. And with its thorough overview of current robot prototypes - including giant walkers, insect, dog, and snake robots - *How to Survive a Robot Uprising* is also a witty yet legitimate introduction to contemporary robotics. **PB \$19.95**

Gene Wolfe*The Wizard Knight (Wizard Knight omnibus)*

The Wizard Knight springs from the myths, legends and literature of times past. A teenager passes from Earth to a magical realm of seven worlds, where he is given a hero's adult body and named Able. Though forced to act as a man, inside he is still a boy, even as he sets off to find his destined sword and become a knight. In his quest he battles giants, meets gods, heroes and a sorceress (who repeatedly tries to seduce him), and serves the mercurial dragon king Arnthor in a war that could end everything. **TP \$39.95**

John C Wright*Orphans of Chaos*

Raised in a strict British boarding school, five orphans discover that they possess unusual powers, from psychic premonitions to the ability to rearrange matter, and when they learn that they have been kidnapped from their parents and are not aging at the same rate as other people, they formulate a desperate escape plan. **HC \$51.95**

Janny Wurts*Traitor's Knot (Alliance of Light 04)*

The gripping penultimate instalment of the *Alliance of Light*, and volume seven in *The Wars of Light and Shadow* series. When half-brothers Lysaer and Arithon defeated the *Mistwraith*, its revenge left them cursed to lifelong enmity. Having conquered the maze and achieved self-redemption, Arithon, Master of Shadow, is now the guest of the formidable sorcerer, Davien the Betrayer. No-one knows how his influence will affect Arithon's recovered mage power or his newly awakened rogue talent for prescience. Meanwhile, Arithon's enemies will stop at nothing to achieve his downfall. The Koriani enchantresses are determined to make him their captive and their pawn. And as the *Alliance of Light* fanatics regroup after their defeat, the core of their priesthood now stands corrupted by a dark cabal who plot to enslave their leader, Lysaer, and use the *Mistwraith's* curse as their own private weapon to break the world's order. The sorcerers of the Fellowship compact are sorely beset, and the clans are counting their ruinous losses. Arithon, who holds their last hope of survival, chooses the most dangerous course - heart and mind, he dedicates himself to avoiding killing, though allies and enemies muster for war, single-minded and blind to the consequences. **PB \$19.95**

Jack Yeovil*Demon Download (Dark Future: Demon Download 01)*

Meet Vatican hitwoman Chantal Juillerat. This tough, resourceful operative is drawn to the American Midwest in her hunt for an insidious demon cult. **PB \$14**

J Steven York*Scion of the Serpent (Conan Hyborean Adventures: Anok, Heretic of Stygia)*

Orphaned by his father's murder and on the run from the unknown killer, Anok Wati, a young warrior, has built a new life in the Stygian slums, until he makes a bargain with an ancient and forbidden god to go undercover as a member of the sinister cult of the snake-god Set and destroy them from within. **PB \$17.95**

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Seventy-five years after a fierce alien battle in New York City, its survivors forge an uneasy truce that hinges on the sacrifice of twelve-year-old Melantha Green, who is pursued by a technology-wielding truce coalition and protected by a young married couple, a savvy NYPD detective, and a former Ellis Island clerk. **PB \$19.95**

C S Lewis

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Chronicles of Narnia, 7 in 1 Movie Tie-In

The Chronicles of Narnia have enchanted millions of readers over the last five decades, and the magical events described in C.S. Lewis's immortal prose have left many a lasting memory. For here is a world where a witch decrees eternal winter; where there are more talking animals than people; and where battles are fought by centaurs, giants and fauns. All seven chronicles are bound together in this new paperback edition, which boasts a stunning new cover. **TP \$39.95**

Gregory Bassham & Jerry L Walls

The Chronicles of Narnia and Philosophy

The director of the Center for Ethics and Public Life presents a series of essays on the philosophical implications of the Narnia series, exploring Lewis's perspectives on gender, the Nietzschean "master morality" among Narnia's villains, and much more. **TP \$36.95**

George Beahm

Passport to Narnia

Passport to Narnia is a beginners guide to C.S. Lewis' classic *Chronicles of Narnia* offering a book-by-book synopsis of the series, and an in-depth look at the forthcoming movie series. Passport to Narnia also includes a biography of Lewis, along with interviews, photos, a guide to C. S. Lewis' England and more. **PB \$27.95**

Ian Brodie

How the Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe Came To Life **PB \$19.95**

David G Downing

Into the Wardrobe: C S Lewis and the Narnia Chronicles

Furnishes an in-depth critical analysis of the seven volumes in the enchanting fantasy series in context of the life, teachings, and spiritual views of C. S. Lewis, discussing the author's love of medievalism, literary craft, the books that shaped his own ideas, and the stories themselves, and includes an entertaining glossary of unusual and invented words used in the *Narnia Chronicles*. **HC \$40.95**

Michael Gerber

The Chronicles of Blarnia

A much loved classic of fantasy literature written by a grumpy, pipe smoking don in a smelly tweedy jacket being turned into a massive worldwide cinema hit. Where have we seen that before? *Lord of the Rings* was, of course, immense when it got the Hollywood treatment. Narnia will match it. Bored of the *Rings* was an international bestseller. Now Mike Gerber moves on from his awesome Barry Trotter success to line up the next big target. **HC \$19.95**

E J Kirk

Chronicles of Narnia: Beyond the Wardrobe

Just in time for the live-action movie of *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe* - in late December 2005 - this full-colour official guide is packed with everything there is to know about *The Chronicles of Narnia*'s characters, themes and author. It contains information on the stories, heroes, enemies, creatures, places, battles, magic and the sources that inspired Lewis, all presented in a format that's inviting to adults as well as to teens, who may be new to Narnia or longtime fans. Sporting a still from the movie on its cover and containing never-before-seen conceptual art from the films, this full-colour book also includes definitive Narnia artworks and archival photographs. The layouts have been thoroughly researched to ensure they are modern and accessible, drawing on successful formats such as the *Lord of the Rings* tie-ins, which sold more than 1.5 million copies. The *Chronicles of Narnia* have sold over 15.5 million copies since 1994. Since the series first appeared in the 1950s, more than 85 million readers worldwide have discovered the wondrous world of Narnia. It is as popular today as ever, with adults as well as children, coming ninth in the BBC's Big Read, the biggest ever popular survey of adult reading preferences. This official guide will take those who watch the movie even deeper into the world of Narnia, drawing on all seven books to satiate adult viewers and readers hungry to discover more details about the Narnia phenomenon.

TP \$29.95

Perry Moore

Chronicles of Narnia: Official Movie Companion

See how C. S. Lewis's amazing land of Narnia was brought to the big screen in the major motion picture *The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*. Go behind the scenes and discover how the magic was made! Included inside are: never-before-seen images from the movie; exclusive behind-the-scenes stories; an in-depth discussion with director Andrew Adamson; actor profiles and interviews; Anna's Journal -- an on-the-set diary from actress Anna Popplewell, who portrays Susan Pevensie; and reflections and stories from those who meticulously created the costumes, armor, weapons, creatures, sets, beasts, and special effects. **TP \$35**

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Six different scenes from the world of Harry Potter, illustrated in a classic artwork style and with a vast array of pops, levers and sliders to explore! Fly the Ford Anglia across the sky, participate in a Quidditch match and see Harry encounter a dragon in the Triwizard Tournament. **PB \$19.95**

Lloyd Alexander

Fantastical Adventures of the Invisible Boy **PB \$14.95**

Taran Wanderer (Prydain Chronicles 04) **PB \$14.95**

Isabel Allende

Forest of the Pygmies (03)

From one of the world's best loved storytellers, the trilogy that began with *City of the Beasts* comes to a thrilling climax. Alexander Cold knows all too well that his grandmother, Kate, is never far from an adventure. When National Geographic commissions her to write an article about the first elephant led safaris in Africa, they head with Nadia Santos and the magazine's photography crew to the blazing, red plains of Kenya. Days into the tour, a Catholic missionary approaches the camp in search of his companions, who have mysteriously disappeared. Kate, Alexander, Nadia and their team, agreeing to aid the rescue, enlist the help of a local pilot to lead them to the swampy forests of Ngoub. There, they discover a clan of pygmies who unveil a harsh and surprising world of corruption, slavery and poaching. Alexander and Nadia, entrusting the magical strengths of Jaguar and Eagle, their totemic animal spirits, launch a spectacular and precarious struggle to restore freedom and return leadership to its rightful hands. The final instalment of Isabel Allende's celebrated trilogy soars with radiant settings, spirits, beings - and the transformation of an extraordinary friendship. **PB \$22.95**

Steve Augarde

Celandine

Set seventy years before *THE VARIOUS*, the second book in the trilogy follows the adventures of young Celandine at the onset of the First World War. Having run away from her detested boarding school, Celandine is too afraid to go home in case she is sent back. As she seeks shelter in the Wild Wood near her home, little does she think she will encounter in a world where loyalty and independence is fiercely guarded, and where danger lurks in the most unlikely places. Celandine's troubled character finds both refuge and purpose among the secret tribes of little people that she alone believes in. These novels are full of mystery, beauty and adventure; this second novel is both page-turning and life-affirming. This is a truly remarkable trilogy. **TP \$27.95**

Paul Bajoria

The God of Mischief (Printer's Devil 02) **HC \$24.95**

Holly Black & Tony DiTerlizzi

The Spiderwick Boxed Set

It all started with a mysterious letter left at a tiny bookstore for authors Tony DiTerlizzi and Holly Black. Its closing lines: "We just want people to know about this. The stuff that has happened to us could happen to anyone." Little could they imagine the remarkable adventure that awaited them as they followed Jared, Simon, and Mallory Grace and a strange old book into a world filled with elves, goblins, dwarves, trolls, and a fantastical menagerie of other creatures. The oddest part is in entering that world, they didn't leave this one!

Five captivating books! One thrilling adventure! The Spiderwick Chronicles **HC Set \$69.95**

Arthur Spiderwick's Field Guide to The fantastical World Around You (Spiderwick)

It all began with a strange, mysterious correspondence left for authors Tony DiTerlizzi and Holly Black at a small New England bookstore. Written by three siblings, the letter told of their great-great-uncle Arthur Spiderwick and an unfinished tome filled with eyewitness accounts of creatures otherwise thought to be the stuff of legend. In the #1 New York Times bestselling serial the Spiderwick Chronicles, readers were enthralled by the account of the those siblings, Jared, Simon, and Mallory Grace, as they battled dwarves, goblins, elves, and a diabolical ogre in their efforts to hold on to their uncle Spiderwick's life work. Now, through the combined efforts of the Grace children and authors Tony DiTerlizzi and Holly Black, Simon & Schuster is thrilled to present that work to you!

Beginning with a thoughtful and informative introduction, progressing through six exhaustive sections featuring thirty-one faerie species, and culminating with an addendum that includes observations supplied by Jared Grace, this long-awaited compendium to the worldwide Spiderwick phenomenon delivers enough information to satisfy even the most demanding faerie enthusiast. Not only will readers learn the habits and habitats of the fourteen fantastical creatures featured in the New York Times, USA Today, and Publishers Weekly bestselling chapter books, but they will be delighted and astonished by an additional seventeen creatures. Also included are dozens of snippets from Arthur Spiderwick's personal journal as well as cameos from a few series favorites.

With so much to offer, this book is destined to be pored over for generations to come! **HC \$34.95**

Malorie Blackman*Deadly Dare Mysteries*

A fantastic bumper collection of three mystery stories by best-selling author Malorie Blackman!

In DEADLY DARE, there's a new craze at Theo and Ricky's school. The rules are simple. Write a dare, put it in the bag and take turns to pick one out. But on the night Ricky does his dare and enters the deserted warehouse he disappears. What secrets does the warehouse hold and how much does new girl Angela know about what happened? Theo needs to find the answers before it's too late... There's nothing unusual about getting emails from your dad... unless he died a few months ago. In Computer Ghost Jade asks Theo, Ricky and Angela for help to find out what's going on. Could the mysterious, desperate messages really be from the ghost of Jade's dad? One thing's for sure. Whoever - or whatever - is sending the emails wants something badly and they'll stop at nothing to get it... Theo, Ricky and Angela have to become Lie Detectives to uncover the truth about top inventor, Darius Marriott, after he comes to give a talk at school and collapses. Who is out to get him and why does their friend, Bullet, seem so personally involved? The friends are determined to get to the bottom of it all - but that could prove to be much harder, and more dangerous, than they think... **PB \$18.95**

Timothy Carter*Attack of the Intergalactic (Soul Hunters)*

Twelve-year-old Conrad, lover of science fiction, has dreams that feature him as a space adventurer named Hester, but nothing has prepared him for the truth. **PB \$13.95**

Grace Cavendish*The Feud (Lady Grace Mysteries 06)*

There is much excitement at Court as the famous painter Levina Teerlimc arrives to paint the Queen's portrait. The Maids of Honour are recruited to help entertain the Queen during the sittings, and to pose for the painter whilst the Queen is busy. They love being in the studio but have to beware as deadly arsenic is used in one of the paints! One of Lady Grace's fellow Maids of Honour, Carmina, begins to act rather strangely - she seems confused and always tired. Her family has recently been involved in a feud with another noble family after her father was killed in a jousting tournament - is it possible that Carmina is being poisoned? Could the painter or her assistant be involved? Can Grace solve the mystery and discover the truth behind the strange happenings at Court? **HC \$19.95**

Zoran Drvenkar*Tell Me What You See*

Berlin, Christmas, the dark of night...

Sixteen-year-old Alissa and her best friend Evelin set off on their secret pilgrimage to the grave of Alissa's dad, as they've done every year since he died. Lost in the cemetery, scraping through thick snow to feel out the names etched on icy tombstones, Alissa stumbles into a subterranean crypt. By candlelight, she detects a child's casket with a veined purple plant growing up through its lid. Strangely compelled, she opens the coffin, severing the dark growth from its roots — which had wormed their way into the corpse's heart. Soon the hypnotic plant takes hold of Alissa, too. Seduced by visions, she starts to lose sight of reality. Can Evelin save Alissa from her terrible new powers and from Simon, her stalker ex-boyfriend? **PB \$16.95**

Debbie Federici*Sign of the Crescent*

Orphaned, seventeen-year-old Taryn, troubled by bizarre dreams, incapacitating vertigo from MGeniBere's disease, and strange sensations of power emanating from her crystal pendant, finds herself drawn to the mysterious Erick, a knight from a parallel world who saves her from abduction by the evil Zumars but who could ultimately be her greatest enemy. **PB \$17.95**

John Flanagan*The Ice Bound Land (Ranger's Apprentice 03)*

Help can arrive from the most unexpected places. Will and Evanlyn are bound for Skandia as the captives of the fearsome Skandian wolfship captain, Erak. Halt has sworn to rescue Will, and he will do anything to keep his promise - even defy his King. Expelled from the Rangers, Halt is joined by Horace as he travels through Gallica towards Skandia. On their way, they are constantly challenged by freelance knights - otherwise known as thieving thugs. But Horace knows a thing or two about combat, and he soon begins to attract the attention of knights and warlords for miles around with his uncanny skill. But will they be in time to rescue Will from a life of slavery? **PB \$14.95**

Sandra Forrester*Witches of Bailiwick (Beatrice Bailey 05)*

The fifth and newest Beatrice Bailey adventure begins as the two teenage apprentice witches Beatrice and Teddy are on their way to the shopping mall. But before reaching their destination, they have a frightening encounter with a strange young man who identifies himself as Ganef, a pickpocket. It soon turns out that Ganef means no harm to the young witches. He has travelled from a town near the castle of Bailiwick, and now hopes to bring Beatrice and her friends back with him to assist in the long-running struggle against the evil sorcerer, Dally Rumpel. Before long, our heroes find themselves in strange and scary places, such as the Shaking Bridge and Thieves' Lair. **PB \$12.95**

Brian Froud & Ari Berk*Lady Cottington's Pressed Fairy Letters*

All about fairies, these letters contain everything from wisdom to suggestions to chastisement. Lady Cottington has made notes in the margins not to mention smashed fairies throughout (will she EVER STOP this nasty habit?!). And the fairies...ah the fairies...they too have done their part, sprinkling magic and mayhem throughout. **HC \$39.95**

Erin Hunter*Moonrise (Warriors New Prophecy 02)*

Darkness, air, water, and sky will come together. . .

Several moons have passed since six cats set out from the forest on an urgent journey to save all their Clans. Now those six are traveling home again, but on their way through the mountains, they meet a tribe of wild cats who seem to have their own set of warrior ancestors. . . and their own mysterious prophecy to fulfill. Stormfur can't understand their strange fascination with him, but he knows the danger they face is real.

Meanwhile, back in the forest, Firestar's daughter Leafpaw watches ThunderClan's world crumble around her, as the humans' terrible machines destroy more and more of their home. Will the queesting cats make it back in time to save the Clans, or will they be too late?

. . . and shake the forest to its roots. **HC \$34.95**

Dangerous Path

ShadowClan has a dark new leader, but will he be satisfied with his power now -- or does his desire for revenge burn even more strongly? Fireheart fears that there is a connection between the rise of Tigerstar and the terrible dreams of danger that haunt his nights. Meanwhile, a mysterious threat has invaded the forest, placing every cat's life in peril. Fireheart's beloved leader has turned her back on their warrior ancestors, and Fireheart can't help but wonder if she's right. Has StarClan abandoned them forever? Ages 8 - 12 **PB \$12.95**

Robert Ingpen

Voyage of Poppykettle

Set in ancient Peru, there is a village of miniature people who lead a peaceful life sailing and fishing. But when the Spanish invade, the little community has to find a new home. The intrepid fishermen transform an old tea kettle into a ship and set out on the high seas to find the land 'beyond the horizon.' They dodge ferocious iguanas, crash onto reefs, and nearly sink in a terrible storm, but finally the kettle comes to rest on a strange new land the little Peruvians can call home. **HC \$24.95**

Betsy James

Long Night Dance

Fifteen-year-old Kat is more her father's housekeeper than his daughter. Just like all Upslope women, Kat is required to stay close to the hearth and as far away from Downshore and its savage people as possible. Kat must remain respectable -- and that means covering her wild red hair, finding a husband to care for, and never singing, swimming, or dancing.

But Kat knows there must be more to life -- she can feel it in her heart. She can hear the call -- the sound of drums beating, drawing her to the forbidden beach. When Kat can no longer resist the call, she discovers what she thinks is a fatally injured seal washed up on the shore. Instead, she has found a Rig, one of a charmed race of mythical seal people. The only way to save this mysterious man is to defy her father and her community and seek aid in Downshore. But does Kat have the strength to stand on her own? **PB \$12.95**

P B Kerr

The Akhenaten Adventure (Children of the Lamp 01)

Non-identical twins Jonathan and Philippa Gaunt live in New York. The early arrival of their wisdom teeth when the twins are aged 12 coincides with an ominous earthquake in Egypt, and heralds strange dreams and a trip to London. There they meet eccentric Uncle Nimrod. He tells them the truth about their background -- they are born of a Djinn mother and as a result they themselves have Djinn powers. Nimrod himself turns out to be an important figure in the Djinn world and soon the children find themselves in the midst of a titanic battle of good and evil set across three continents. **PB \$16.95**

The Blue Djinn of Babylon (Children of the Lamp 02)

John and Philippa Gaunt, twelve-year-old twins who have recently discovered that they are descended from a long line of Djinn and in possession of magical powers, continue their extraordinary adventures in this sequel to *The Akhenaten Adventure*. When the powerful book of Djinn magic goes missing, John and Philippa are called upon to return. Only the book isn't really missing. The trap was set and Philippa is abducted by the Djinn. In this latest instalment in the twin's magical adventures, John and his uncle must find Philippa before it's too late. **HC \$24.95**

Alan MacDonald

The Spy From the Wreck (Devil's Trade 02)

Will watched the ship fight for its life, hoping for a miracle. But soon after nine o' clock, it struck the reef with a terrible rending and splintering of timber. He saw a man drop from the cross-trees and fall into the seething cauldron below...

Only one man survives the wreck -- a Frenchman named Louis Junot. Britain is at war with Napoleon's France and as Louis recovers at the Angel Inn many of the villagers are convinced that Will and his mother are harbouring a dangerous French spy. When they demand Louis's blood, Will is forced to choose -- he can't let Louis be taken, possibly even murdered, but can he trust him? But when a rival gang of smugglers threatens an attack on the village, it seems that, spy or not, the Frenchman could be their only hope... **PB \$14.95**

John Marsden

Incurable (Ellie Chronicles 02)

The next book in *The Ellie Chronicles*, following *While I Live*, the post-war series featuring the immensely popular Ellie Linton, heroine and narrator of the *Tomorrow Series*.

"I held my line. I knew from the war, if not from shooting rabbits, that we were safe enough for the first moments. It is too impossible to hit a target like us from a helicopter that's rocking and rolling and trying to find its target. But maybe this guy had new equipment or maybe he was a brilliant shot or maybe he was just plain lucky. Bullet holes tore through the ute like a huge metal-punch was suddenly and roughly slamming a simultaneous line of them from our rear to our front."

Ellie has struggled to put the war behind her and lead a normal life. Although what's normal about your parents having been murdered; trying to run a farm and go to school; and bringing up a young boy who's hiding terrible secrets about his past? **HC \$29.95**

Angela McAllister

Digory the Dragon Slayer

Digory is an ordinary, quiet, dreamy and gentle boy. He likes playing his lute, singing songs and picnicking in the forest - quite unlike all the other boys in his village of Batty-by-Noodle. When he stumbles upon a large tooth while poking about in the sticks and nonchalantly tucks it in his hat, little does he suspect the awesome welcome he will get on his return to the village that day. Hailed as a hero for slaying a dragon (which, as we know, he never did) and hurriedly knighted for his courageous act, Digory is sent off on his deaf horse, Barley, to be a chivalrous knight and perform chivalrous deeds. Digory is not really a dragon slayer but, in spite of this fact, will he be able to live up to his name, save the day and the damsel of his dreams? **PB \$14.95**

William Nicholson

Seeker

People said the Nomana warriors had magic powers. They carried no weapons. Wore no armour. They had no need. They were the Noble Warriors of the true way, and none could stand against them. Until *Seeker*. All his life, Seeker has yearned to join the Nomana. To fight alongside them. To learn their spiritual ways. To find glory. Until the day he discovers that this noble sect are perhaps not as noble as they seem. Seeker sets out to uncover the truth, whatever the cost. **PB \$16.95**

Garth Nix

The Seventh Tower (Vol 1-3)

'To steal a Sunstone,' Tal repeated to himself. It was the last resort, the only thing he could think of that would save him and his family. He'd tried everything else.

It was also the riskiest thing he could imagine. It was a hard climb just to get where he was, but that was nothing. On the other side of the Veil, there would be guards and traps — powerful Spiritshadows that could chew up his Shadowguard in a second and capture Tal...It would be the Hall of Nightmares for him then, or worse, and disaster for the family...

A long time ago, darkness fell upon the Castle. A veil was created over the world, upholding the rule of magic. One war ended...and another silently began. Tal has spent his whole life in the darkness. He knows nothing else of the world. Far below the Castle, there lives an Icecarl warrior named Milla. Her fate and Tal's are irreversibly linked. Together they will discover the secrets behind the veil — and the forces desperately trying to tear it apart.

From dream worlds to nightmare visions, brilliant magic to fierce combat, this is an epic story of darkness, light and all the shadows in between. **HC \$24.95**

Dale Peck

Drift House

When three young children go to Newfoundland to stay with an eccentric uncle, they have no idea of the adventures that lie ahead of them. On arrival at his house they realise quite quickly that life here will be different to New York. The house looks like a ship and seems to be beached on the hillside! Even stranger, when the children awake the following morning they realise that the house is floating on the sea of time, being drawn closer and closer to the great drain, and the name Drift House begins to make sense. The only help at hand are some not-so-trustworthy mermaids and some really quite decent pirates. Can the children, their uncle and his talkative parrot deal with all the dangers? **PB \$15.95**

Jan Pienkowski

Jan Pienkowski The Fairy Tales

Enter an enchanted world where dashing princes' rescue beautiful princesses, where wicked stepmothers do battle with good fairies, and where romance, danger and excitement captivate the reader. This glorious collection of four of the most beloved of European fairytales will weave its spell on you.

Faithfully translated from the original French and German, each tale remains true to the stories first collected by Charles Perrault and Brothers Grimm over two hundred years ago. Jan Pienkowski's exquisitely beautiful silhouettes decorate each page and complete the atmosphere of magic and enchantment. **HC \$35**

Tamora Pierce

The Fire in the Forging (Circle of Magic 03)

The Winding Circle mages were supposed to aid drought-stricken Gold Ridge. But with their magics tangled and entwined, Tris, Sandry, Daja and Briar only add to the valley's problems. As flash-fires close in about the castle, the four struggle to master their unpredictable power before it's too late... **PB \$14.95**

Terry Pratchett

The Johnny Maxwell Slipcase

A fabulous collection of three of Terry Pratchett's children's titles - each featuring Johnny Maxwell and his friends.

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JOHNNY AND THE DEAD When Johnny discovers he can talk to the dead, he has bad news for them. They're going to have to move. . .

JOHNNY AND THE BOMB There's more to the local bag lady than some dubious black bags. Suddenly Johnny and his friends find themselves back in 1941 - in the Blackbury Blitz. . . **PB Box \$29.95**

Philip Pullman

Northern Lights (His Dark Materials 01)

When Lyra's friend Roger disappears, she and her daemon, Pantalaimon, determine to find him. The ensuing quest leads them to the bleak splendour of the North, where armoured bears rule the ice and witch-queens fly through the frozen skies — and where a team of scientists is conducting experiments too horrible to speak about. Lyra overcomes these strange terrors, only to find something yet more perilous waiting for her — something with consequences which may even reach beyond the Northern Lights... **HC \$29.95**

The Subtle Knife (His Dark Materials 02)

Will is twelve years old and he's just killed a man. Now he's on his own, on the run, determined to discover the truth about his father's disappearance. Then Will steps through a window in the air into another world, and finds himself with a companion — a strange, savage little girl called Lyra. Like Will, she has a mission which she intends to carry out at all costs. But the world of Cittagazze is a strange and unsettling place. Deadly soul-eating Spectres stalk its streets, while high above, the wing beats of distant angels sound against the sky. And in the mysterious Torre degli Angeli lurks Cittagazze's most important secret — an object which people from many worlds would kill to possess... **HC \$29.95**

The Amber Spyglass (His Dark Materials 03)

Lyra and Will, the ordinary children who were left in such extraordinary danger at the end of *The Subtle Knife*, find themselves in the final part of the story facing even greater perils. But there are old friends who come to their aid — not least Iorek Byrnison, the armoured bear, and the scientist, Dr Mary Malone. There are new allies: the Gallivespian, hand-high dragonfly-riders with poisonous spurs on their heels, and the mulefa, strange wheeled creatures with the power to see Dust. And there are new dangers, including a journey to the worst world of all — a journey that exerts a terrible cost on both children. But they will not be children for much longer. And as they come into adulthood, not only are they vulnerable to the Spectres, those shimmering soul-destroyers from Cittagazze, but also they have to face, without knowing it, the challenge posed by the fate that has been approaching Lyra all of her life. And the survival of everything finally comes to depend on one simple action: one simple response to one simple story. **HC \$29.95**

The Scarecrow and His Servant

A wonderful tale of two friends: a scarecrow made of straw and turnip, and his servant, a clever little boy named Jack. Their journey of discovery takes them into hilarious situations and terrifying dangers, but Jack's common sense always saves the day. **PB \$14.95**

Emily Rodda*Tales of Deltora (Deltora Quest)*

This special edition to delight all Deltora fans, is the foundation on which the series of fifteen best-sellers was built. The amazing secrets of Deltora are revealed. Emily Rodda revisits the traditions and legends of Deltora to create a rich cultural tapestry of Deltora history. This lavish publication is the final word on Deltora, the land of monsters and magic. It features magnificent colour plates by Marc McBride. **HC \$29.95**

Gillian Rubenstein*Space Demons (Space Demons 01, 02, 03)*

First there was Space Demons. Then there was Skymaze. The ultimate computer game, Shinkei, is a game so powerful that it has the potential to make thoughts, desires and even dreams come true. The players, Andrew, Ben, Elaine and Mario, are drawn in by the power of the game, but are soon struggling against its artificial intelligence. Its creator, Professor Ito, knows it must be destroyed, but not before the players are released from its thrall. This new edition of a classic Australian fantasy trilogy brings together in one volume Space Demons, Skymaze and Shinkei. **PB \$22.95**

Chris Ryan*Black Gold (Alpha Force 09)*

Alpha Force are in the Caribbean, diving, when a sudden oil spill draws them into a new mission. All their skills - powerboating, scuba-diving and jetskiing - are needed when an underwater bomb explodes. And then an assassin strikes. **PB \$16.95**

Untouchable (Alpha Force 10)

Set in Scotland. Alpha Force are helping out on a survival outdoors adventure holiday programme for problem youngsters when they stumble across evidence of an illegal drugs laboratory, hidden high on the moors on the laird's land. High-speed chases with quad bikes and 4x4 vehicles across country along with survival skills like rafting, abseiling and hiking bring this 10th actionpacked adventure to the UK with a dramatic storyline focusing on one of today's major problems - designer drugs and their manufacture. **PB \$16.95**

Ellen Schreiber*Vampire Kisses*

The mansion on top of Benson Hill has been empty and boarded up for years. But a new family has moved in. A family that never ventures out during the day. Who are these creepy people -- especially the handsome, dark, and elusive Alexander Sterling? Or rather, what are they? Could the town gossip actually be true? Are they vampires? Raven, who secretly covets a vampire kiss, both at the risk of her own mortality and Alexander's loving trust, is dying to uncover the truth. Ages 12+ **PB \$12.95**

Lemony Snicket*The Loathsome Library (Series of Unfortunate Events 1-6)*

A Boxed set of the first six books in the Series of Unfortunate Events. **HC \$99**

Caroline Stevermer*College of Magics (College of Magics 1)*

An alternate early twentieth-century world finds young Faris Nallaneen banished from the land she is supposed to inherit and sent to the College of Greenlaw, where she masters magical powers that will help her reclaim her dukedom. She hopes to use the magic she learns to force her despotic uncle to give up control. **PB \$15.95**

River Rats

Nearly twenty years after the holocaust called the Flash has destroyed modern civilization, Tomcat and a group of other orphans face danger as they steer an old steamboat over the toxic waters of the Mississippi River. **PB \$17.95**

Caroline Stevermer & Patricia C Wrede*Sorcery and Cecelia or The Enchanted Chocolate Pot*

In 1817 in England, two young cousins, Cecilia living in the country and Kate in London, write letters to keep each other informed of their exploits, which take a sinister turn when they find themselves confronted by evil wizards.

While Kate is at the Royal College of Wizards, she nearly is poisoned with a dangerous cup of hot chocolate while Oliver must find a way to break the spell of being turned into a tree, in a tale of magic set in Regency London. **PB \$17.95**

The Grand Tour

Kate and Cecy and their new husbands Thomas and James embark on a honeymoon in Europe, but when they arrive in France, mysterious and possibly magical events unfold, ranging from the arrival of a lost coronation treasure to the strange disappearance of a glove. **PB \$17.95**

Paul Stewart & Chris Riddell*Winter Knights (Edge Chronicles 08)*

In the great floating city of Sanctaphrax, blizzards howl through the streets as the Edgeworld descends into an endless winter. Quint, the son of a sky pirate, has just begun his training at the Knights Academy - training that involves heading out over the Edge on tethers to develop his flying skills. But when Quint breaks the rules and head out to Open Sky on his own, he runs into the great sky leviathans known as cloud-eaters and must use all his skill and ingenuity if catastrophe is not to strike the Edgeworld. **HC \$39.95**

G P Taylor*Tersias*

1756: London is living through one of its darkest times - a comet has just missed the Earth, leaving the city in chaos and the people fearing an apocalypse. Tersias, the blind boy oracle, has predicted the comet and sees visions of the future through the darkness. As Tersias's powers strengthen, people who seek to use them are drawn from the shadows; Malachi, a charlatan magician, Jonah, a desperate highwayman and Lord Malpas, a keeper of mysterious powers. But none of them is aware of a much darker force that torments Tersias's soul **HC \$29.95 TP \$22.95**

Colin Thompson*Castles*

In this fantastical world there are castles in space, floating castles, castles in the sky and castles made of glass. Each one hides a royal family and there are all the usual mazes, puzzles tricks and messages waiting to be discovered. Colin Thompson's wonderfully detailed artwork reaches new heights of ingenuity and invention in this brilliant new book. **Picture Book HC \$32.95**

Matt Whyman*So Below*

In a bid to escape from a mysterious pursuer, Yoshi takes refuge below the streets of London - and finds a world away from our own. Here, in this sprawling, multi-layered network of tunnels, panic rooms, vaults, catacombs and lost waterways, he discovers his own vital part in a mission to tap into ancient forces underpinning the capital. **PB \$14.95**

Elvira Woodruff*The Ravenmaster's Secret*

It's 1735. Forrest Harper's life inside the Tower of London consists of three ways to pass the time: chores, chores and more chores. His only friends are the spirited ravens he tends with his father. So when vicious Scottish rebels are captured, Forrest can't wait to prove himself by standing guard. If only Forrest's prisoner hadn't turned out to be the noble and daring Maddy. If only Maddy wasn't about to be executed. Now, as Forrest chooses between friendship and family, safety and escape, he and Maddy must flee, somehow navigating the cold, dank corridors of the Tower. **PB \$10.95**

Collections

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John Heffernan*Haunted Australia*

Ghosts, spirits, spectres, spooks, apparitions, ghouls, banshees, Quinkans, feather-foots, poltergeists, and doppelgangers. They come with a host of different names. But if you ever actually meet one, what you call it will be the last thing on your mind.

Celebrated children's author John Heffernan has compiled ghost stories from across Australia for this sometimes scary, sometimes funny, but always mysterious new title. With spooky tales from the city and the bush, from olden times to present day — all drawn from actual accounts — this new collection looks at haunted houses, spectral ships, eerie islands, ghastly gaols, and all manner of ghosts! Haunted Australia is perfect for young readers who love to be terrified! **PB \$14.95**

Emma Holly et al*Hot Spell*

An original anthology of paranormal romance tales features Emma Holly's *The Countess's Dancing Boy*, about a love affair between a lonely widowed countess and a demon; *The Breed Next Door* by Lora Leigh; Shiloh Walker's *The Blood Kiss*; and Meljean Brook's *Falling for Anthony*, in which a childhood friend comes back from the dead to protect her brother from evil. **TP \$28.95**

Stephen Jones*Mammoth Book of Best New Horror 16*

A new edition of the popular annual compendium of horror and dark fantasy works includes short stories and novellas by such writers as Kim Newman, Neil Gaiman, and Ramsey Campbell, in an anthology complemented by contact addresses and a fan's necrology. **TP \$28.95**

Mercedes Lackey, Tanith Lee & C E Murphy*Winter Moon : Moontide / The Heart of the Moon / Banshee Cries**Moontide* by Mercedes Lackey

In an isolated land where the lure of the "Moontide" leads to shipwrecks, a woman is torn between obeying her father or her king. When she chooses to follow a Fool, she discovers magic she'd never expected...at a price that might be too high....

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Struggling under the curse of a dead comrade, Clirando, a warrior priestess unready to face the powers trapped within her, must face "The Heart of the Moon" to reveal what has been hidden....

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Justin Richards

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Of the 100+ episodes of Doctor Who which are absent from the television archives, only two elements survive: off-air sound recordings and 'telesnaps'. For each 25 minute episode of Doctor Who, approximately 70 off-screen photographs exist. Since 1998 BBC Audio has successfully published the soundtracks of these missing stories, with addition linking narration. This new MP3-CD series now marries the sound with the telesnaps, to present a slideshow of images from the episodes and going some way to 'reconstructing' the original film episodes. MP3-CDs can be played on any compatible player. To view the visual elements, a PC or Mac home computer is required. In The Power of the Daleks, the Doctor has regenerated for the first time, leaving his two companions suspicious of him being an imposter. But when the TARDIS materialises on the planet Vulcan, they must fight for their lives together - against the Daleks... Running Time: 150 minutes. **CD (MP3) \$29.95**

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Terrance Dicks

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Kate Westbrook

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Star Trek

Original Series Vulcan's Soul 01: Exodus

Susan Shwartz & Josepha Sherman

One year after the end of the Dominion War, the Romulan Star Empire comes under attack by a mysterious and alarmingly powerful enemy calling itself the Watraii, a species with a long-standing vendetta against the Romulans. Yet though they remain tenuously allied, the Federation, the Romulans, and the Klingons are unready to become embroiled in another sustained conflict, forcing Ambassador Spock, Admiral Uhura, Admiral Chekov, Captain Saavik, and some unexpected allies to defy their governments in order to meet the new threat head-on. But the first blood drawn may prove to be among the dearest of all.

Unknown to the defenders, the secret behind the Watraii's attack is buried in Vulcan's violent ancient past, during the time of Surak himself, when the proto-Romulans -- staunch opponents of Surak's reforms -- were compelled to take their chances among the cold and distant stars. Now Spock must begin the first leg of a long and dangerous road to learn the truth...before his hopes for the future become ashes. **PB \$14.95**

Next Generation: Death In Winter

Michael Jan Friedman

Long before Captain Jean-Luc Picard took command of the legendary Starship Enterprise, he fell deeply and hopelessly in love with Doctor Beverly Crusher. Though, for one reason or another, Picard never acted on his feelings, he found a measure of contentment as Beverly's close friend, colleague, and daily breakfast partner.

But when Doctor Crusher leaves her position on the Enterprise to become the chief medical officer of Starfleet, the brightest light in Picard's life is taken from him. And he has hardly resigned himself to his loss when he learns that Beverly has been declared missing in action on a distant planet -- and presumed dead.

Kevratas is a bleak, frozen world on the far side of the Romulan Neutral Zone where the Federation has become the plague-ravaged natives' only real hope of survival and freedom. Starfleet has no recourse but to send in another team to try to save the Kevrata -- and Picard is the natural choice. Critical to the success of his mission are two colleagues who served under him when he commanded the Starship Stargazer -- Pug Joseph, a man with a past to live down, and Doctor Carter Greyhorse, who has served time for attempted murder -- as well as a Romulan who left his people years earlier and never expected to return. Together, they follow the trail of Beverly Crusher to Kevratas, determined to succeed where the doctor failed.

On the Romulan homeworld, meanwhile, the political vacuum created by the demise of Praetor Shinzon has been filled by his staunchest supporter, Senator Tal'aura. But there are those who oppose her, including Commander Donatra and the warbird fleets under her command, because of the way Tal'aura has mishandled rebellions on the Empire's subject worlds.

And one rebellion in particular; the movement for self-determination on frigid Kevratas.

So begins a desperate struggle -- not only for the freedom of the long-oppressed Kevrata but also for the soul of the Romulan Empire. Before it's over, destinies will be forged and shattered, the Empire will be shaken to its ancient foundations, and Jean-Luc Picard's life will be changed...forever.

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Trish Biggar

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Featuring more than 3,000 out-of-this-world color images, an insider's-perspective text, and production specifications, this is a gorgeous tribute to the most successful movie saga of all time. **HC \$199.95**

Where Science Meets Imagination

Just saying the words Star Wars evokes images of whooshing light sabers, Luke Skywalker's landspeeder racing above the sand, and epic battles between the forces of good and evil that take place in the farthest reaches of space. STAR WARS: WHERE SCIENCE MEETS IMAGINATION explores how George Lucas's incredible use of science and technology may have presaged--and at times directly influenced--the future of life on Earth and beyond. From commercial space flight and super-speed trains that levitate by magnetism to robot servants and microscopic nanorobots that perform surgery internally, scientists inspired by Star Wars are taking fictional ideas and turning them into reality. In the next twenty years, human soldiers will be outfitted like stormtroopers, impervious to chemical weapons and equipped with superhuman endurance. Such advances, while monumental, also raise huge ethical questions. The book gives voice to the scientists and creators of the technologies whose stories describe the complexities and consequences of such advances. Perfectly timed to coincide with the DVD release of the final film in the prequel series and to take full advantage of the 9-city exhibition as well as Star Wars's cross-generational appeal, STAR WARS: WHERE SCIENCE MEETS IMAGINATION will delight both fans of the films and the technologically savvy. **HC \$60**

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In the summer of 1958, Dave Robicheaux and his half-brother Jimmie are just out of high school. Jimmie and Dave get work with an oil company, laying out rubber cables in the bays and mosquito-infested swamps all along the Louisiana-Texas coastline. They spend their off time at Galveston Island, fishing at night on the jetties, the future kept safely at bay, the past drifting off somewhere behind them. But on the Fourth of July, change approaches in the form of Ida Durbin, a sweet-faced young woman with a lovely voice and a mandolin. Jimmie falls instantly in love with her. But Ida's not free to love - she's a prostitute, in hock to a brutal man called Kale, who won't let her go. Jimmie agrees to meet Ida at the bus depot, ready for the road to Mexico. But Ida never shows. Dave and Jimmie want to believe she skipped town, but they know, deep down, that Ida Durbin never got to leave. That was many years ago - before Dave Robicheaux began his long odyssey through bars and drunk tanks and skin joints of every stripe. Before the Philippines and Vietnam. Now, an older, well-worn Dave walks into Baptist Hospital to visit a man called Troy Bordelon, who wants to free himself of a dark secret before he dies. A bully and a sadist, he has a lot to confess to - but he chooses to talk about a young girl, a prostitute who he glimpsed briefly as a kid, bloodied and beaten, tied to a chair in his uncle's house. Dave realises he can't let the past go. **TP \$29.95**

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When a shocked Robert discovers a group of gossipy old women snooping through other people's mail -- even threatening to destroy it! -- he knows something must be done. Perhaps he could hire the kindly train porter, who recently helped haul bags for a young widow and her newly arrived German grandfather, to sort through the mail in an orderly (and private) fashion? But when the porter is found dead, and a red swastika is found painted on the pretty widow's grandfather's shop window, Robert knows that something much deeper, and much darker, is happening in his sleepy little town.

Even back at Grace and Favor, where Lily and Robert live, things are falling apart. The Harbinger brothers -- Voorburg's favorite handymen, who've been hired to work on the mansion's grounds -- have just unearthed a very, very old skeleton -- right in the Brewsters' front yard! Could the two murders be related? It's up to Lily and Robert to find out the truth before their quiet community is torn apart by hatred, secrets, and a killer who may have set his sights on Grace and Favor. . . . **HC \$45**

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The Academy is called in to assist in the discovery of a young woman's remains in Massachusetts. She has been tortured, sexually abused, her body tattooed with handprints. The same sort of handprints Lucy saw on her latest pick-up. Meanwhile, Scarpetta and Marino are investigating the disappearance of a family in Florida. A neighbour has appealed to them directly, insisting that the local police are not taking the case seriously. But as they search and find the tell-tale signs of abduction rather than disappearance, they also discover that somebody had assumed the caller's identity, and she is now dead. They've been set up. And it becomes terrifyingly clear that someone is tracking their every move. **HC \$49.95**

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Normally, such attacks on the high seas are limited to smaller ships and foreign-owned yachts - easy targets on the open ocean. Now, however, giant commercial freighters are disappearing. But when Cabrillo confronts the enemy, he learns that the pirates' predations hide a deadly international conspiracy - a scheme of death and slavery that Juan Cabrillo is going to blow out of the water. **TP \$29.95**

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When the corpse of the shady industrialist who owns the local football team is found both shot and stabbed with a Parmesan knife, Italian police inspector Aurelio Zen is called to Bologna to oversee the investigation. Recovering slowly from surgery, and fleeing an equally painful crisis in his personal life, Zen is only too happy to take on what at first appears to be a routine and relatively undemanding assignment. But soon a world-famous university professor is shot with the same gun, immediately after publicly humiliating Italy's leading celebrity television chef, the case - intertwined with the fates of an earnest student of semiotics and a mysterious young immigrant who claims to be from Ruritania - spins out of control, and Zen is in no condition to rise to the challenge. There's also a wild card in the pack - Tony Speranza, Bologna's most flamboyant private detective. Back to Bologna's dazzlingly plotted, features a cast of vivid and idiosyncratic characters, and along the way delivers both comic and serious insights into the realities of today's Italy. **TP \$29.95**

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Originally built to house the workers of Victorian London, Balaklava Street is now an oasis in the heart of Kentish Town and ripe for gentrification. But then the body of an elderly woman is found at Number 5. Her death would appear to have been peaceful but for the fact that her throat is full of river water. It falls to the Met's Peculiar Crimes Unit, led by London's longest-serving detectives, Arthur Bryant and John May, to search for something resembling a logical solution. Their initial investigations draw a blank and Bryant's attention is diverted into strange and arcane new territory, while May finds himself in hot water when he attempts to save the reputation of an academic whose knowledge of the city's forgotten underground rivers looks set to ruin his career. In the meantime, the new owner of Number 5 is increasingly unsettled by the damp in the basement of her home, the particularly resilient spiders and the ghostly sound of rushing water. Pooling their information to investigate hitherto undiscovered secrets of the city, Bryant and May make some sinister connections and realize that, in a London filled with the rich, the poor and the dispossessed, there's still something a desperate individual is willing to kill for - and kill again to protect. With the PCU facing an uncertain future, the death toll mounts and two of British fiction's most enigmatic detectives must face madness, greed and revenge, armed only with their wits, their own idiosyncratic practices and a plentiful supply of boiled sweets, in a wickedly sinuous mystery that goes to the heart of every London home.

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After a stint at the FBI Behavioral Science Unit, Jeannette Phisance uses all of her investigative and profiling skills to help search for an elusive killer dubbed the "Garbage Man." The victims are young black males found during the city's maddeningly high homicide rate, so nobody notices a serial killer's pattern at first. But the pressure is on to nab the perp before the grisly news makes its way into a spotlight in the national media. Teamed with two dubious homicide detectives, Jeannette courses through the brutish streets of New Orleans from the Ninth Ward to the French Quarter, while close at home a family secret unravels and threatens to thrust her life into disarray. She goes through the most fascinating and frustrating time in her life, and things only get complicated as she draws in on the tail of the killer. **TP \$34.95**

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A. Scott Fenney is a hotshot corporate lawyer at a big Dallas firm. At 33, in the prime of his life, he rakes in \$750,000 a year, drives a Ferrari and comes home every night to a mansion in Dallas's most exclusive neighbourhood. He also comes home to one of Dallas's most beautiful women, with whom he has a much-loved daughter, Boo. For Fenney, life could not be better. But when a senator's son is killed in a hit-and-run, Fenney is asked by the state judge to put his air-conditioned lifestyle on hold to defend the accused: a black, heroin-addicted prostitute - a very different client to the people Fenney usually represents. And, more importantly, she is not going to be paying Ford Stevens \$350 an hour for the privilege of his services. Under fire from all sides, Fenney drafts in a public defender to take the case on. Yet as Scott prepares to hand over to Bobby, he feels increasingly guilty about the path he is taking, because Scott still believes in the principle of justice. **TP \$29.95**

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The manager of a New Orleans haunted-tour company, Nikki DuMonde finds herself in the middle of this suspenseful tale of paranormal visitations, nightmares, and murder. **PB \$18.95**

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Anna Heymes, the wife of a senior government official, is suffering from amnesia and terrifying hallucinations. In Paris 10th arrondissement - the Turkish district - two police officers are trying to solve the mystery of the atrocious torture and subsequent killing of three clandestine Turkish women workers. As they investigate they discover that the 'Grey Wolves', a ruthless group of far-right Turkish mafia members, might be responsible for these murders. Simultaneously, Anna finds out that she had highly complicated facial surgery and looks nothing like she did before. The link between her and the three victims becomes increasingly obvious and her past is revealed. She has no choice but to face an astonishing and horrible truth. **PB \$23.95**

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Agreeing to help refurbish Eastport's disreputable old Harlequin House, a one-time hideout for wounded gangsters, do-it-yourself expert Jacobia "Jake" Tiptree and her friend, Ellie White, uncover the skeleton of a notorious 1920s flapper, an unsavory discovery that is complicated by the all-too-fresh corpse sitting next to the old one. **PB \$17.95**

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Determined to spend the summer repairing her Eastport, Maine, fixer-upper, Jacobia "Jake" Tiptree hires local house cleaner Bella Diamond to take care of her house and teenage son, Sam, but her plans take a backseat when her new housekeeper begins receiving death threats. **PB \$17.95**

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Bishop in the Old Neighbourhood, The Blackie Ryan

When three people are murdered within a church that has long represented a bulwark against change in its venerable Chicago neighborhood, bishop "Blackie" Ryan enlists a psychic cop, a beautiful Sicilian attorney, and his own late father in what he believes is a campaign of terror. **HC \$51.95**

Norman Green

Way Past Legal

When you cross the line, there's no going back ...

A father, a bird watcher, a career criminal, Manny Williams never thought one score would change his life. But when he and his violently unstable partner, Rosey, inadvertently take on a couple of Russian gangsters, Manny's left with more money than he ever dreamed of ... and more trouble than he can handle. His only option is to take the cash, snatch his adoring, five-year-old son, Nicky, out of foster care, and run as far and fast from New York as they can go.

The desperate flight ends in the desolate wilds of Maine, where a stranger with a kid tends to attract a lot of local attention -- some of it sympathetic, some of it downright unfriendly. But the allure of a simple life among simple folk in the northern New England woods can prove fatal when brutal, dangerous men will stop at nothing to get back what's theirs. And suddenly Manny has more to lose than ever before. **PB \$19.95**

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Hired by a beautiful woman to investigate the death of her father, a famous DJ, CJ Floyd uncovers a mystery that stretches back fifty years to the doo-wop era and implicates the mafia, payola, and backroom studio deals that continue to have reverberations into the present. **TP \$28.95**

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Hoping to find her father, or at least discover what happened to him, Carmen Nguyen hires C.J. Floyd to investigate the thirty-year-old mystery--an investigation that will re-open old war wounds for both Nguyen and Vietnam war veteran C.J. **HC \$49.95**

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In the sequel to Executive Actions Secret Service agent Scott Roarke once again matches wits with a mysterious assassin who has managed to remain one step ahead of him, but the situation is complicated by the crash of Air Force One and the installation of the Speaker of the House as the new president, setting the stage for a master terrorist's dark plan. **HC \$47.95**

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Following a terrifying lead about planned terrorist attacks in America that would target children, CIA director Kirk McGarvey risks his wife's safety and his career to investigate controversial suspicions about a suicide bomber's identity. **HC \$52.95**

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Puzzle Lady Cora Felton is confronted by a stalker who is using her own crossword column to follow her every move, a situation complicated by her niece Sherry's domestic crisis involving her ex-husband and new bride, as she races against time to unmask a killer. **HC \$49.95**

C S Harris

What Angels Fear

The prime suspect in the brutal rape and murder of a young woman whose body is left on the altar steps of an ancient church, Sebastian St. Cyr, a young aristocrat haunted by his experiences in the Napoleonic Wars, becomes a fugitive, joining forces with an unlikely group of allies as he flees a ruthless powerbroker with ties to the Prince Regent. **HC \$49.95**

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Spending her days with her friends and nights with a sometime boyfriend, British bookstore worker Justine struggles to forget painful events from her past, including her older sister's suicide, a semester in a New England university, and her relationship with a Hollywood star, a situation that changes when the star disappears, leaving her a mysterious message. A first novel. **HC \$47.95**

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As a serial killer stalks the senior citizens of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, seventy-five-year-old Gladly Gold and a group of eccentric retirees match wits with a handsome young police detective as they launch their own investigation to find the culprit, before another of their number falls prey to the murderer. **PB \$17.95**

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Steve Solomon is the sharpest lawyer ever to barely graduate from Key West School of Law. Victoria Lord is fresh from Yale, toiling for an ambitious D.A. and soon to be married. And Katrina Barksdale is a sexy former figure skater charged with killing her incredibly wealthy, incredibly kinky husband. With all three tangled in the steamiest trial of the century, the case is sure to make sparks fly, headlines scream - and opposites attract. But with Solomon inventing his own laws and Lord sticking to the real ones, these two can't stop squabbling, even after teaming up to defend the glamorous widow. With crooks, con men, and a cast of colorful characters swirling around Solomon, and an anxious fiance waiting for Lord, the two attorneys begin to believe their luscious client has been lying through her perfect teeth. Now Solomon and Lord must solve the case before they end up in ruin, in jail, or in bed. **PB \$14.95**

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James Barbour Matlock is a Vietnam veteran and college professor - but now the US government have an assignment for him. They want him to investigate what seems to be a large-scale dope and prostitution business; and they'll go to any lengths to find the answers they need. Matlock is soon trapped in a maze of unrelenting terror, as the people he cares for most are under threat. Would he have accepted the job if he'd known just what it would mean? But the faceless men in Washington only care about one thing: that Matlock is the perfect man for the job - for a reason that is deadly, violent and extremely disturbing... **PB \$19.95**

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A sequence of mathematical symbols holds the key to a series of murders that Oxford mathematician Arthur Seldom and his assistant, a young Argentine mathematics student, must put together to find the killer before he can strike again. **HC \$47.95**

Sujata Massey*The Typhoon Lover*

Interviewing for a mysterious job opportunity, antiques dealer Rei Shimura undertakes the task of finding and authenticating an ancient Middle Eastern pitcher that has disappeared from Iraq's national museum, an endeavor that is complicated by a passionate Japanese collector and a typhoon. By the author of *The Pearl Diver*. **HC \$49.95**

Peter May*The Firemaker*

In Beijing to lecture on forensic pathology, Margaret Campbell, a forensic pathologist from Chicago, is forced into an uneasy alliance with Li Yan, a Chinese police detective who wants nothing to do with an American scientist, as they join the hunt for a serial killer who burns his victims' bodies. **HC \$51.95**

Paul McAuley*White Devils*

Nicholas Hyde, a volunteer charity worker in Africa, is part of a team which is ambushed by small, ape-like creatures - pale, fierce and preternaturally strong - who slaughter most of the group in a matter of minutes. 'Diable blanc' the team's government observer calls them - 'white devils' - but after the rescue he falls in with the official story and claims instead he saw only rebel troops in body paint. The cover-up seems to originate from Obligate, the company that effectively owns the Congo. Shell-shocked and angry, Nicholas refuses to cooperate. He knows what he saw, and he will tell the truth. And that's when people around him start to die. On his quest to find out the truth, Nick journeys into the heart of darkness of 21st century Africa - the Dead Zone. There, he will discover a reality almost too horrifying to contemplate. **PB \$18.95**

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Charles McCarry*The Miernik Dossier*

A republication of a first novel by the author of Old Boys finds a small group of international agents embarking on a car trip from Switzerland to the Sudan, a journey marked by the actions of one of the travelers, who might be the leader of a terrorist group responsible for starting the Cold War. **HC \$51.95**

Andy McNab*Aggressor*

Ex-deniable operator Nick Stone seems to be living his dream, not a care in the world as he steers his camper van round the surfing and parachuting centres of Australia, a board on the roof, freefall rig behind him, and a beautiful young backpacker at his side. But when he witnesses on TV the massacre of children in a terrorist siege the other side of the world, long-suppressed memories are triggered and Nick finds himself catapulted once more into working for the American secret services - only this time, of his own free will. As events unfold in the bleak, medieval villages of Azerbaijan and teeming streets of modern Istanbul, it isn't long before Nick discovers the true objective of the mission on which he has embarked. His talents are being misused by those who stalk the corridors of power... and he is determined to make a stand. Hurlled at breakneck pace through a deadly landscape of greed, violence and ever-shifting allegiances, the reader will be left in no doubt that McNab is the master of the genre - and AGGRESSOR is McNab at his searing, blockbusting best. **HC \$62.95 TP \$32.95 CD \$35**

Bob Morris*Bahamarama*

Having served two years in prison for a crime he did not commit, former professional football player Zack Chasteen hopes to reunite with his girlfriend in the Bahamas, but when his trip turns dangerous and his girlfriend's ex-lover is murdered, he turns to a police superintendent and a Taino mystic for help. **PB \$17.95**

John Mortimer*Rumpole and the Penge Bunlow Murders (Rumpole)*

The story of Rumpole's first client takes place fifty years earlier and follows the fledgling barrister's participation in the trial of a man accused of murdering his father and a friend with a German pistol, a case that established Rumpole's career and began to shape his cantankerous personality. **TP \$28.95**

Warren Murphy & Richard Sapir*Frightening Strikes (Destroyer 141)*

When a giant squid dies in a Chicago aquarium, leaving its eggs charged with electricity, it is up to Remo to enter the fray and confront this high-wattage foe. **PB \$16.95**

Tim Myers*Death Waxed Over (Candlemaking Mystery)*

When his ruthless competitor, Gretel Barnett, is killed a few feet away from him, Harrison Black, owner of At Wick's End, has no interest in investigating the crime for himself, until he becomes the prime suspect in her murder. **PB \$17.95**

Richard North Patterson*Conviction*

When the body of eleven-year-old Thuy Sen is found in San Francisco Bay, the police swiftly charge Rennell and Payton Price with her grisly murder. A twelve-person jury, helped along by an incompetent lawyer for the defence, are quick to find the brothers guilty - and to sentence them both to die for their crimes.

Twelve years later, Payton is days from his execution, and overworked pro bono lawyer Teresa Peralta Paget, her husband Chris and stepson Carlo, a recent Harvard law graduate, become convinced not only that Rennell didn't receive a fair trial, but that he's innocent. Racing against the clock and against insurmountable legal obstacles, Teresa, Chris, and Carlo desperately try and stop the execution of an innocent man. **PB \$19.95**

Martin O'Brien*Jacquot and the Angel (Jacquot 01)*

In the Second World War, four Resistance fighters are executed by the Gestapo in France's Occupied Southern Zone. More than fifty years later a wealthy German family, resident in Provence, is brutally murdered. When a local gardener is arrested and charged, Daniel Jacquot of the Cavaillon Regional Crime Squad is convinced they have the wrong man. Four hundred miles away, in Alsace, Marie-Ange Buhl knows it for certain. Marie-Ange is a psychic and has 'helped' the police before. She comes to Provence and begins to investigate with Jacquot, and together they uncover a secret that goes back more than half a century, a story of love and betrayal, hatred and blackmail in which his own family had a tragic part to play. **TP \$32.95**

Robert B Parker*Melancholy Baby (Sunny Randall)*

Upset by her ex-husband Richie's upcoming marriage, private detective Sunny Randall takes the case of college student Sarah Markham, a troubled young woman searching for her birth parents, but her investigation uncovers dangerous secrets that could not only shatter Sarah's life but also lead to painful secrets about her own past. **PB \$19.95**

Robert B Parker*A Triple Shot of Spenser (Spenser)*

A trio of best-selling novels featuring the inimitable Boston private detective follows Spenser as he revisits a crime from his past in Pastime, becomes embroiled in a deadly war against a local street gang in Double Deuce, and investigates the murder of a quintessential suburban wife and mother in Paper Doll. **TP \$26.95**

James Patterson*Mary, Mary*

Vacationing in Disneyland with his family when he receives instructions to investigate an actress's murder outside of her Beverly Hills home, FBI agent Alex Cross learns that the attack was the latest in a series of celebrity killings linked to the elusive Mary Smith, who proves more challenging than Alex anticipates. **HC \$56.95**

Don Pendleton*Soft Target (Executioner 323)*

Mack Bolan must piece together the clues in time, when new intelligence indicates the relentless enemy is planning to unleash a highly orchestrated chain of violence across the United States. **PB \$13.95**

Louise Penny*Still Life*

'Three Pines is made up of good people, but one of us is festering.' The discovery of a dead body in the woods on Thanksgiving Weekend brings Chief Inspector Armand Gamache and his colleagues from the Surete du Quebec to a small village in the Eastern Townships. Gamache cannot understand why anyone would want to deliberately kill well-loved artist Jane Neal, especially any of the residents of Three Pines - a place so free from crime it doesn't even have its own police force. But Gamache knows that evil is lurking somewhere behind the white picket fences and that, if he watches closely enough, Three Pines will start to give up its dark secrets... **TP \$32.95**

Anne Perry*A Christmas Guest*

In a second installment of the series that began with *The Briar King*, the queen of Crotheny finds her kingdom's defense against bloodthirsty forest-dwelling creatures thwarted by a conspiracy within the church, a situation that is complicated when Anne Dare, the heir to the throne, goes missing. **HC \$34.95**

Cathy Pickens*Done Gone Wrong*

Living in the small Southern town of her childhood after being fired from her big-city law firm, attorney Avery Andrews is called in by high-profile lawyer Jake Baker to assist in a case in Charleston, South Carolina, but the job becomes serious when a young doctor is found dead, a prostitute vanishes, and a suicidal gunman goes on a shooting rampage. By the author of *Southern Fried*. **HC \$49.95**

Douglas Preston & Lee Child*Mount Dragon*

Guy Carson, a brilliant researcher at GeneDyne, is delighted when he is transferred to Mount Dragon, the company's high-security genetic engineering lab, until he discovers that scientists there have concocted a killer virus that threatens all humankind. **PB \$13.95**

Robert J Randisi*Cold Blooded*

New York Police Department Detective Sergeant Dennis McQueen has a difficult investigation on his hands in which all the bodies involved have been found frozen, a case that will require his cooperation with Fire Department of New York Fire Marshal Mason Willis. **PB \$17.95**

Ruth Rendell*End In Tears*

A lump of concrete dropped deliberately from a little stone bridge over a relatively unfrequented road kills the wrong person. The driver behind is spared. But only for a while... It is impossible for Chief Inspector Wexford not to wonder how terrible it would be to discover that one of his daughters had been murdered. Sylvia has always been a cause for concern. Living alone with her two children, she is pregnant again. What will happen to the child? The relationship between father and daughter has always been uneasy. But the current situation also provokes an emotional division between Wexford and his wife, Dora. One particular member of the local press is gunning for the Chief Inspector, distinctly unimpressed with what he regards as old-fashioned police methods. But Wexford, with his old friend and partner, Mike Burden, along with two new recruits to the Kingsmarkham team, pursue their inquiries with a diligence and humanity that make Ruth Rendell's detective stories enthralling, exciting and very touching. **TP \$32.95**

Robert Reuland*Semiautomatic*

Having resolved an explosive case in a controversial manner, Andrew Giobberti has been exiled from the high-powered DA's Homicide Bureau to the dusty decay of the Appeals Bureau. But the powers that be want this brilliant, difficult prosecutor back in the courtroom. They're counting on Giobberti's courtroom brilliance to ensure a guilty verdict for murder suspect Haskin Pool. It seems a straightforward enough case - a robbery gone bad, leaving a well-loved grocer in a pool of his own blood. The press has poured a lot of ink on the story, pressuring local police to get a killer behind bars. But Giobberti has a habit of uncovering nothing but the whole truth. It doesn't take long for him to realize this case stinks. There's a conspiracy to convict that reaches well up the political hierarchy and it's fully expected that Giobberti will play a key role in this seamy drama. **PB \$23.95**

Gregory David Roberts*Shantaram*

Having escaped an Australian maximum security prison, a disillusioned man loses himself in the slums of Bombay, where he works for a drug mafia kingpin, smuggles arms for a crime lord, forges bonds with fellow exiles, and finds love with an elusive woman. A first novel. **TP \$30.95**

Heather Rose*The Butterfly Man*

If Lord Lucan escaped his past, what was his future?

On 7th November, 1974 a young English nanny named Sandra Rivett was murdered in London's West End. Her employer, Lord Lucan, was named as her attacker. It was widely assumed he had mistaken her for his wife. Lord Lucan disappeared the night Sandra Rivett died and has never been seen since.

Henry Kennedy lives on a mountain on the other side of the world. He is not who he says he is. Is he a murderer or a man who can never clear his name? And is he the only one with something to hide?

Set in Tasmania, Africa and London's Belgravia, *The Butterfly Man* is an absorbing novel about transformation and deception, and the lengths to which we will go to protect the ones we love. **PB \$24.95**

Greg Rucka*Private Wars*

When the torture and murder of Dina Malikov unleashes a brutal power struggle, Tara Chase, Head of Special Operations for the British Secret Intelligence Service, heads for Uzbekistan, accompanied by an enigmatic man who may not be what he seems, to rescue Dina's pro-Western husband and son before they are murdered as well. **HC \$49.95**

Jonathan Santlofer*Killing Art* **HC \$45****Lisa Scottoline***Killer Smile*

A World War II suicide in an internment camp has ominous links to an on-going murder case...

Attorney Mary DiNunzio gets a terrifying telephone call while she's working late, then she finds a shadow lurking at her front door. When a lawyer very close to her turns up dead, Mary begins to suspect that there is a sinister connection with the case she's been working on...

Add to that the fact that everybody around Mary has decided she's not allowed to be a Young Widow anymore, and they're fixing her up with blind dates from hell.

When a killer comes after her, it's more than any girl can handle but Mary isn't just any girl. **PB \$19.95**

Lynn Sholes & Joe Moore*The Grail Conspiracy*

In the Middle East on assignment, ambitious young TV journalist Cotten Stone encounters an archaeological expedition that has uncovered the world's most priceless religious relic, the Holy Grail, but the relic is stolen, and Cotten must join forces with priest John Tyler to stop an abominable experiment that threatens to unleash hell on Earth. **TP \$30.95**

Michael Slade*Swastika*

As Special X, an elite team of investigators, gets closer to Swastika, a group of Aryans determined to cleanse society, they uncover a horrifying government conspiracy linked to World War II-era Germany and become hunted by relentless killers who want this secret buried forever. **PB \$19.95**

Patricia Smiley*False Prophets*

Living with her mother after her divorce, business manager Tucker Sinclair works toward a hoped-for partnership by evaluating an expansion scheme, but when she declares the plan unsound, she is accused of someone else's unethical practices, a situation that is worsened when a dead body is discovered on Venice beach. A first novel. **PB \$17.95**

Patricia Smiley*Cover Your Assets*

When a college boyfriend strolls back into her life after dumping her to marry her former best friend, Tucker Sinclair is charged with the personally difficult task of solving his subsequent murder, a case that is challenged by a biker gang, a narcissistic soap star, and a hoard of mistresses.

HC \$49.95

Alexander McCall Smith*Friends, Lovers, Chocolate*

In this second novel in the Sunday Philosophy Club, Isabel Dalhousie's niece, Cat (she of the unsuitable boyfriends) is invited to a wedding in Italy. This means that Isabel is left in charge of Cat's delicatessen - a task to which the redoubtable moral philosopher proves more than equal. She is intrigued by the customers, of course, given her irrepressible tendency to take an interest in the business of others, and one man in particular attracts her attention. He is recovering from heart surgery - a heart transplant in fact - and when Isabel gets to know him a bit better he reveals an extraordinary aspect of being the recipient of another's heart. Isabel is drawn into an investigation of the facts behind the transplant, with disturbing results. Her enquiries take time, but not so much time as to prevent romantic entanglements, both for Isabel and her housekeeper, Grace. And as for chocolate - that proves to have some very interesting philosophical ramifications - at least in the mind of Isabel Dalhousie. **CD \$39.95**

Gretchen Sprague*Death by Thunder*

When her uncle falls to his death in the mountains of upstate New York, California photographer Janet Upton, with the assistance of a teenage profTgT, sets out to prove that he has been murdered, a case that may be linked to the death of a woman in the same place eight years earlier. By the author of *Murder in a Heat Wave*. **HC \$51.95**

Mariah Stewart*Dark Truth*

More than twenty years after her father was arrested, convicted, and executed for killing several college students, Nina Madden, shaken by lingering doubts about the crimes, returns to Stone River to investigate a killing spree that bears a striking resemblance to those for which her father was executed, joining forces with Wes Powell to uncover the truth. **PB \$14.95**

Whitley Strieber*Little Town Lies*

Burned out from her social work career, Sally Hopkins takes on an investigative job for her sheriff uncle in east Texas, a case involving a series of arsons and animal killings that suggest the work of a budding serial murderer. **HC \$49.95**

William G Tapply*Bitch Creek*

Working as a fishing guide in Maine, Stoney Calhoun, an amnesiac with no memory of his past, turns sleuth when his friend and fellow fishing guide is found murdered and discovers, much to his surprise, that he many have been the original target of the killer and that he has had training in the process of investigation. **TP \$26.95**

Scarlett Thomas*Seaside Lily Pascale Mystery*

The death of twins poses a problem for part-time sleuth Lily Pascale, who must find time in her busy schedule as a university professor to investigate the crime. **HC \$51.95**

Margaret Truman*Murder at the Washington Tribune (Capital Crimes)*

When two attractive young women are found murdered in the nation's capital, disillusioned Washington Tribune crime reporter Joe Wilcox invents a serial killer stalking the city, but when his long-lost brother Michael, who has spent years in an Illinois mental institution, shows up, Joe begins to suspect that Michael could be the real thing. **HC \$51.95**

Murder at Union Station (Capital Crimes)

As Louis Russo, former mob hit man and government informant, travels to Washington, D.C., by train, two men are at Union Station awaiting his arrival—the young writer whose forthcoming book is based on Russo's life, and the man who will kill him. **PB \$17.95**

Scott Turow*Ordinary Heroes*

All parents keep secrets from their children. My father, it seemed, kept more than most.

Whilst mourning the death of his father, Stewart Dubin, a journalist covering the courtroom beat, decides to research the life of a man he had always respected, always admired, but possibly never quite loved.

As a young, idealistic lawyer, David Dubin had been sent to the European Front during the last terrible months of the Second World War ostensibly to bring charges against a brave American hero, Robert Martin, who had suddenly, inexplicably, gone local. No longer following orders from his superiors, Martin has become a liability.

But as Dubin learns more about Martin and the demons possessing him, he finds himself falling in love with Martin's enigmatic ex mistress a woman of incredible courage and dangerous anger. And someone who will do anything to protect her comrade-in-arms.

Stewart discovers a journal written by his father, and realises that he had risked everything to let his captured hero go. But he also learns of his incredible courage in the face of battle, the shattering moral consequences for those caught in the chaos of war and, finally, the secret his father had died protecting. **TP \$32.95**

Pablo Tusset*The Best Thing That Can Happen to a Croissant*

The son of a wealthy Barcelona family spends his days on the Internet and his nights engaged in limitless hedonism, but when the president of the family business disappears, he strikes out across Europe to solve a mystery. **TP \$28.95**

James Twining*The Double Eagle*

Tom Kirk is about to retire. Scaling tall buildings and stealing priceless artworks is no longer the way he wants to spend his life. But there are those who don't intend to let him go, and when a gold coin turns up in the body of a murdered priest, the scene is set for a global treasure hunt in which intrigue and suspense walk hand in hand with murder. The coin is the fabled Double Eagle, a priceless artefact that should never have left the mint. Now it's back in circulation, and the FBI want it at any cost. Jennifer Browne is an agent on her last chance, sent to London to find Tom Kirk. He has one choice help the FBI or face the rest of his life in prison. But if he does as they demand, he may very well have signed his own death warrant. **PB \$19.95**

Fred Vargas*Have Mercy on Us All (Commissaire Adamsberg Investigates)*

When a Parisian town crier receives anonymous, ominous messages warning of an imminent outbreak of the Black Death, genius detective Commissaire Adamsberg and his straight-edged sidekick, Danglard, begin to suspect that the predictions are linked to strange marks that have appeared on doorways, a mystery that is complicated by a suspicious death. **TP \$28.95**

Elaine Viets*Just Murdered (Dead End Job Mystery)*

While working at an upscale bridal salon, Helen Hawthorne is forced to unleash her keen skills of detection once again when a wealthy, obnoxious mother-of-the-bride is murdered by an unusual weapon, a wedding dress, and she is accused of the crime. **PB \$17.95**

Dying in Style

Hired to inspect the stores of designer Denessa Celedine anonymously, mystery shopper Josie Marcus's less than stellar report is the least of the designer's problems, after she is found strangled with one of her own expensive snakeskin belts. **PB \$17.95**

Tina Waincott*In Too Deep*

Tired of her shallow and wealthy lifestyle, society writer Winslow Talbot takes on the case of a young Cuban girl, horribly disfigured in a hit-and-run boating accident, launching an investigation that leads her to Alex Diaz, editor of a local Miami newspaper, who warns her about her involvement, and to a killer who will do anything to stop her. **PB \$17.95**

Minette Walters*The Devil's Feather*

When five women are brutally murdered in Sierra Leone, Reuters correspondent Connie Burns questions the arrest of three rebel soldiers for the crimes. No one listens. In the wake of a vicious civil war which saw hundreds of thousands killed and displaced, the rape and murder of women is of little consequence. And who cares if child soldiers are beaten into a confession? With little to go on, except her witnessing of a savage attack on a prostitute, Connie believes a foreigner is responsible - a man who claims to have been in the SAS and works as a bodyguard to a Lebanese diamond trader. She remembers him from Kinshasa when he was a mercenary for Laurent Kabila's regime, and she suspects he uses the chaos of war to act out sadistic fantasies against women. Two years later in Iraq, the consequences of her second attempt to expose him are devastating. Terrified, degraded and destroyed, she goes into hiding in England and tries to rebuild the person she was before being subjected to three days of conditioning in a Baghdad cellar. In the process, she strikes up a friendship with Jess Derbyshire, a loner whose reclusive nature has alienated her from the rest of the Dorset community where she lives. Seeing parallels between herself and Jess, Connie borrows from the other woman's strength and makes the hazardous decision to attempt a third unmasking of a serial killer, knowing he will come looking for her... **TP \$29.95**

Kate Wilhelm*The Unbidden Truth*

When music professor Louise Braniff offers Barbara Holloway a large retainer to defend a young woman accused of murder, Barbara cannot even begin to anticipate the bizarre case awaiting her, or what the verdict relies upon. **PB \$17.95**

The Price of Silence

Todd and her husband move to what seems to be a wonderful Oregon town when she is offered a position at their local newspaper, but when a little girl goes missing, Todd delves deeper and discovers that this secretive community has a very dark past. **HC \$49.95**

Lee Wood*Kingdom of Lies*

The drowning death of a visiting American college professor specializing in the study of eighteenth-century English royalty while attending a local conference draws Leeds Inspector Keen Dunliffe into a dangerous undercover assignment to befriend Dr. Jillie Waltham, an American colleague of the victim. **HC \$51.95**

Stuart Woods*Two-Dollar Bill (Stone Barrington)*

Reluctantly taking in a smooth-talking Texan who possesses a cache of rare two-dollar bills and who survives an apparent attack on his life, Manhattan attorney Stone Barrington becomes increasingly concerned about the man's credibility when a dead body is found in his own house. **PB \$22.95**

Stuart Woods*The Prince of Beverly Hills*

Demoted after a run-in with a superior, Rick Barron, a detective with the Beverly Hills police force, lands a job with the security detail at Centurion Pictures, and uncovers a blackmail scheme that threatens the studio's business. **PB \$19.95**

Stephen Woodworth*In Golden Blood*

Desperate to escape from her ability to solve crimes by communicating with the dead and from the organization that has used her talents, Natalie Lindstrom takes a job with an archaeologist in the mountains of Peru to uncover a long-lost treasure trove of priceless artifacts, only to find herself caught up in a five-hundred-year-old web of greed, betrayal, rage, and murder. **PB \$17.95**

Nina Wright*Whiskey on the Rocks (Whiskey Mattimoe Mystery)*

Recently widowed, thirty-three-year-old real estate agent Whiskey Mattimoe is adjusting to a new life with a purse-snatching, mischievous Afghan hound, but when a client turns up dead at one of her property listings, she becomes caught in the middle of a dangerous scheme involving identity fraud, the theft of priceless artworks, and murder. **TP \$28.95**

M J Zellnick*Murder at the Portland Variety (Libby Searle Mystery)*

In 1894 Portland, Oregon, actress Vera Varabella is found murdered in tunnels used by white slavers, a crime police believe was the result of a botched kidnapping, but seamstress Libby Seale, suspicious that Vera's death is linked to the disappearances of other young performers, launches her own investigation with the help of reporter Peter Eberle. A first novel. **TP \$28.95**