



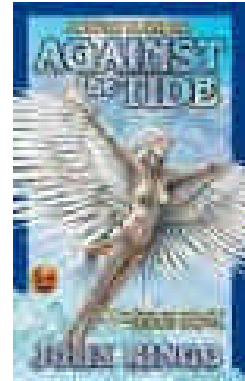
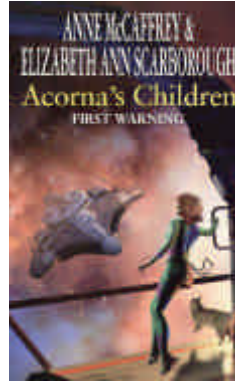
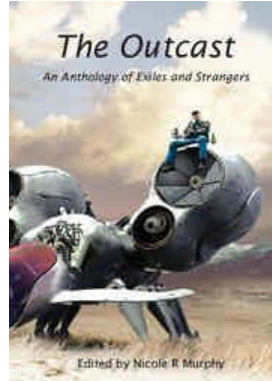
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Featured Books



Descent by **Sean Williams** and **Shane Dix**, the second Geodesica novel in paperback.

Engaging the Enemy by **Elizabeth Moon**, the third Trading in Danger novel, in paperback and hardcover.

The Outcast, an anthology published by the Canberra Speculative Fiction Guild. See inside for full details.

First Warning, the first in Acorna's Children by **Anne McCaffrey** and **Elizabeth Ann Scarborough**, in paperback.

Against the Tide by **John Ringo**, the third book in paperback.

Faith and Fire by **James Swallow**, the first of a new Warhammer 40 000 series, the Sisters of Battle in paperback.

News

Magic Casements 2006 Flash Fiction competition winners have been announced.

1st *Weeding* by Steven Cavanagh (published in this issue)

2nd *Breakfast with Edith* by Kathryn Adams

3rd *Red Hot Poker* by Bob Moore

Commended entries: *Paralysis* by Karen Maric

Journey to Melaka by Andrew Bennett

Iris Stones by Sue Felix

Red and Green Makes Brown by John Bartlett

Forever Autumn by Tony Williams

Infinitas donated prizes. Congratulations to all above winners and commended, out of a field of 140 entries.

Necronomicon 2006, a four day roleplaying convention will be on the Easter Long Weekend from the 14th to the 17th of April at the Newtown High School of the Performing Arts. There will also be a number of Collectible Card and Collectible Miniature (Clix) tournaments. Infinitas is providing prizes. Brochures are available in the shop, or information on-line at <http://www.necronomicon.org/necro06/index.php>

Leviathan 2006, a 2 day event of table top wargaming will be on the weekend of 22nd and 23rd April at Quakers Hill High School. There will also be figurine painting competitions, boardgames and trading card games. Run by the Western Suburbs Games Society, it is for experienced and novice players, adult and child, good fun to be had by all. Infinitas is proud to be donating prizes and assistance rewards to Leviathan. We will also have a small selection of products to sell on the Saturday. We have brochures and entry forms in the shop. <http://www.westernsuburbsgamesociety.com/>

Back Issues (2004 and earlier) of *Locus*, *Fantasy & Science Fiction*, *Analog* and *Asimov's* have been reduced to \$5 to clear shelf space. There are also other titles in our sales table. These are on a self serve basis, as most are not listed in our database and so we can't say what issues are available. Great value for serious fans.

Karen Miller has told us her next book will be *Stargate SG-1 Alliances* due Sept 06. Also coming is book one of a new fantasy trilogy with HarperCollins, *Godspeaker* due out May 2007.

Piazo Publishing have announced there will be no more *Amazing Stories* and *Undefeated* magazines. *Amazing Stories* has been published on and off for 80 years, but no more. The roleplaying magazines *Dragon* and *Dungeon*, however, Piazo continue to publish as official *Dungeon and Dragons* licensed product.

Robert Jordan has announced that he has been diagnosed with primary amyloidosis with cardiomyopathy, a rare blood disease. He asserts he will finish all his writing projects, but he also estimates this will take another 30 years of labour. Unfortunately, the median life expectancy of his condition with treatment is 4 years. More details can be found at: <http://www.tor.com/jordan/>

Prior to this bad news, in an interview with Locus magazine, Robert Jordan said the last of the main sequence books in *The Wheel of Time* series has a working title of *A Memory of Light*, and is shaping up to be a very long book. He has recently also committed to several other new books too.

Stanislaw Lem, Polish science fiction writer died on 27th March in Krakow at the age of 84. He wrote many novels (with millions of copies sold), notably *Solaris* which was twice made into a film. During his writing career, he has been the centre of several controversies, especially in conflict with American science fiction associations and reviewers. <http://www.lem.pl/>

David Feintuch died 16th March of a heart attack. His *Seafort* series has been popular amongst Infinitas readers, the first being *Midshipman's Hope*, space opera about a moralistic young naval officer. The logic used by characters in his stories hinted at Feintuch's legal background. Although he tried for many years to get a novel published, it did not happen until he was 50 years old, and then it was with great success, including winning the John W Campbell award.

Kurt Von Trojan, Vienna born Australian journalist and science fiction writer died last week after a short struggle with cancer. This news was shared around at Magic Casements.

Infinitas Flash Fiction

Weeding by Steven Cavanagh

Joseph's thick fingers wrenched an offending plant from the garden. He studied the witch's-broom tangle of roots and imagined them writhing feebly as life ebbed from the weed.

Hearing a bicycle bell, he looked up. A little girl, perhaps six years old, wobbled up the street on training wheels. A silky terrier trailed behind.

Joseph tossed the weed aside and reached for the gardening fork. The girl was not one of the usual children in the neighborhood. He knew; he watched them all.

"Little girl! Hey!"

The girl brought the bike to a halt by scraping her shoes on the road. Almond eyes peered at Joseph through a black fringe. The terrier flicked its ears.

Joseph stooped like a diving pelican. He plucked a runner of kikuyu from the soil and threw it onto the compost pile.

"You look funny, girl," said Joseph. "Do you know you look funny?"

The girl made no reply. Joseph jerked at a stubborn tap root.

"Where you from? You look Chinese to me. Is that right, missy? You a little Chineese girl?"

The girl remained silent, looking at him. The little terrier scratched its neck.

Joseph grunted, stabbing at the soil with a garden fork, "I'm wasting my time. As if you people could speak English prop—"

"Laos," said the girl.

"What?"

"We're from Laos."

"Louse?" said Joseph, a smirk creeping across his face. "That's like a flea, innit?"

He thrust the fork into the compost and left it there, the handle pointing like an accusing finger. "New in the neighborhood, huh?"

The girl nodded.

Joseph stood up, brushing soil from his knees. He scanned the street to make sure it was empty.

"Well listen, louse girl. I've lived in the area for forty-seven years. I go shooting with three council members and know how to get the whole district to shake their fist. I know what to put on paper, and what not to."

The girl made no reply. Joseph stooped and wrenched a paspalum plant from the garden as if retrieving a bayonet.

"I stopped them putting in a skate park. I blocked the housing commission development. If you people think I'm gonna just sit here while my place is overrun by a boatload of slo..."

Joseph's voice of intimidation trailed off when he saw the twinkle in the girl's eye. The twinkle became a spark, then a star, then a galaxy.

Energy streamed from the girl's eyes, eating at Joseph's arms and face like boiling water on butter. He only managed a gargling hiss before being reduced to component particles. A red-brown cloud settled over the compost like dandruff.

"That's the last one in this geographical segment," said the girl. "The humans should grow unimpeded now."

The dog looked up. "Your human disguise is coming off," it said.

The girl rubbed at her hand as she turned it over, then thrust it into the folds of her dress to hide the green thumb.

This story was the first place winner of the Magic Casements 2006 Flash Fiction competition. Steven is a member of the Infinitas Writers' Group. He has a story in The Outcast, one of our feature books this month.

Reviews

Odalisque by **Fiona McIntosh** reviewed by Josephine Crowley

<http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780732283391>

Fiona McIntosh has done it again!

Odalisque - book one of a new trilogy by this talented author is an exciting, indeed enchanting read.

I was captivated by the story of Percheron and its people, the intrigue of the Royal Court and the magic of several of its occupants. The author paints a vivid picture of the city and one really feels part of it all as one reads. An enjoyable book suitable for all.

As usual the author has left us with a cliff hanger and we look forward with excitement to book two in this series.

Iron Sunrise by **Charles Stross** reviewed by Tim

<http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9781841493367>

A nasty cult on a crusade. Heroes and villains easily mistaken. A doomsday weapon unleashed. A good civilisation in retaliation, a bad civilisation needing to be rescued. An omnipotent sentient AI. A naïve but brave teenager. A cynical and justifiably paranoid journalist. A volunteer member of the unexploded bomb team. Competing black ops spy teams. What a recipe for a science fiction adventure.

This book started like a collection of short stories, but soon the threads weave together to create a gripping plot. This is hard science fiction with plot and character development. The science is believable while being far advanced from our own. The story is laced with humour and an inventive nastiness. Readers who enjoy Iain M Banks will also like this style.

This is the second novel in the Singularity Sky universe, but it is the first I read and it worked alone. Background and scene setting is well communicated early in the book. I will read more Stross. I have found a new favourite author.

Two Women of Galilee by **Mary Rourke** reviewed by Josephine Crowley

<http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9781741163100>

In this book we listen to Joanna, wife of Herod's steward Chuza, as she reflects back on sections of her life and her friendship with Mary mother of Jesus the Nazarene. Glimpses of daily life unfold in the court of Herod, plus the daily activities of ordinary people in the early days of Christianity. In her quest to be healed of an illness, Joanna becomes a follower of Jesus and in so doing meets Mary and becomes her friend.

The Jesus in this story remains a remote figure, but Mary Rourke has painted a picture of his mother as a warm, caring, loving woman.

Although there are quotations from scripture at the beginning of each chapter, this book is a novel and not meant to be an accurate account of the life of Mary as told in the gospels. But in saying that it is an advantage to be familiar with the gospel stories, otherwise some of the significance of this novel will be missed. Mary Rourke is to be congratulated for setting her novel at a time in history when women were not greatly acknowledged. It is an ancient tradition to create a fictitious life story of a minor character from the gospels. This book does reflect Christian values and follows the unfolding story of the gospels. The author has a thorough knowledge of the scriptures and has tried to bring to life the Mary of the gospels.

I did not enjoy this novel. I found the story disjointed and difficult to follow, somehow it lacked the substance and grit to make it an interesting read. I was really taken by the two medieval figures depicted on the front cover and looked forward to reading *Two Women of Galilee*, but it was really a very shallow story and disappointing.

Monument By **Ian Graham** reviewed by Karen Maric

<http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9781841491967>

Ian Graham's debut novel is basically a 568-page fight scene in which the pace rarely lets up. The story takes place in the land of Druine, where the oppressive Pilgrim Church holds sway. *Monument* features an unlikely protagonist in the form of one Anhaga Ballas, a 45-year-old drunken vagrant with a penchant for thievery and violence. When Ballas unwittingly murders one of the Church's supporters, a Decree of Annihilation is issued against him — any citizen of Druine who comes across Ballas is absolved in advance of sin, if they execute him. And so Ballas must try and flee the country, to the fabled, perhaps non-existent land of Belthirran, which lies beyond a treacherous mountain range. Meanwhile, Church Wardens, a magically gifted member of an insect-like race known as the Lectivins, and numerous young men eager to prove their fighting prowess, are all desperately trying to do away with him...While not for the squeamish, this book is nevertheless an exciting, action-packed read.

Author Interview

The following material is being reprinted from the Del Rey Internet Newsletter. To subscribe to this free, monthly e-newsletter, visit <http://www.delreybooks.com>

Interview with Peter Hamilton, author of JUDAS UNCHAINED

Q: How necessary is it for a science fiction writer to keep up with the latest theories and developments in physics and other sciences, and how do you approach this in your own work?

Peter Hamilton: It's very necessary. However, there are levels involved in just how much research I do on any given branch of science or engineering. A story requires a basic understanding of the technology involved in order to describe it convincingly. I'll find out what I can to avoid any fundamental mistakes or inaccuracies, but beyond that I simply avoid going into any detail. Given the rate of technological progress, details can become out of date very rapidly.

Q: Here in the United States, we are seeing a strong attempt by conservative political forces, often acting at the behest of religious fundamentalists, to censor scientific inquiry and the reporting of data determined to be at odds with political or religious dogma. Is this a purely American phenomenon, or have you noticed it in England as well? How much of a threat is this, really, and what do you think can be done about it?

PH: It's not so noticeable in England. Of course, given that the majority of scientific funding comes from government, it is depressingly inevitable that a political agenda will creep in. Given an environment of free speech, then pressure can always be brought upon institutes and universities to maintain an honest, balanced outlook.

Q: I'm intrigued by the title of your new novel, Judas Unchained. The previous novel in the series, Pandora's Star, alluded clearly to the eponymous Greek myth, but the new title mixes at least two allusions, which seem at first glance to be somewhat contradictory. First and most obviously, there is the reference to Judas set free, presumably from Hell, but there is also an echo of Prometheus Unbound, the title of plays by, respectively, Aeschylus and Shelley. It seems jarring to conflate Judas, regarded as a betrayer, with Prometheus, viewed as the benefactor of humanity. Can you shed some light on this, and on the novel itself?

PH: I think you're reading slightly too much into this! I'd never considered a connection between Unchained and Unbound. A working title was Judas Unleashed. It basically alludes to a traitor being let loose to do his worst, which is what book two of the series concerns itself with.

Q: The number of characters and sub-plots stretching across both books is dizzying and dazzling. How do you keep them all straight while you're writing?

PH: Simple answer: with difficulty! I do take several months to write notes on various worlds and characters, and work out plot lines before I even start writing. Once that's been done, and I have the major events sorted out, I'll start combining them into chapter outlines. Even these aren't fixed in stone; all it means is that I know where characters start a chapter and where they have to be when it finishes. What happens between is a combination of any ideas I come up with as I'm writing and the broad guidelines set out by the notes.

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

Information on the Infinitas Groups

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

SF Discussion Group: Meets on the first Thursday of each month (excluding January) at 6.30pm in the shop. A topic is chosen each month by the attendees of the group for the following meeting. Contact the shop for the next topic. Always a lively discussion of science in the news, films, books and ideas. See our website for more info. Newcomers welcome

Thursday April 6th: Politics in science fiction.

Thursday May 4th: Science Fiction and the internet.

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. All welcome.

April 20th: L E Modesitt Jr *Legacies* (Fantasy)

The Ethos Effect (SF)

May 18th: Fiona McIntosh *Myrens Gift* (Fantasy)

Philip K Dick *Do Androids Dream of Electric Sheep?*(SF)

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 March

General Release

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| Micah | Laurell K Hamilton |
| Cally's War | John Ringo & Julie Cochrane |
| Aurealis 36 | |
| Sebastian | Anne Bishop |
| Sharper Than A Serpents Tooth | Simon R Green |
| Year's Best Australian | Bill Congreve & Michelle Marquart |
| Science Fiction and Fantasy | Nicole Murphy (editor) |
| The Outcast | C J Cherryh |
| Destroyer | Margo Lanagan |
| Black Juice | Harry Turtledove |
| Drive To The East | |

Media and Games Related Titles

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| Outbound flight | Star Wars |
| Faith and Fire | Warhammer 40K |
| Triple Zero | Star Wars |
| Fusion | Star Trek Voyager |
| Orion's Hounds | Star Trek Titan |
| Death Or Glory | Warhammer 40K |
| Rising | Stargate Atlantis |
| Xenology | Warhammer 40K |
| Siren Song | Stargate SG1 |

Science Fiction, Fantasy and Horror

Aurealis 36 PB \$12.50

Fantasy and Science Fiction April 2006 MAG \$9.95

Locus 542 March 2006 MAG \$16

C T Adams & Cathy Clamp

Touch of Evil

Betrayed by her former lover and falling victim to the bite of the Thrall, Katie Reilly finds herself transformed by the bite that has enhanced her natural psychic abilities and placed her in line to become queen of the parasitic Thrall, only to find herself falling for a handsome firefighter--and werewolf--who could hold the key to her salvation. **PB \$17.95**

Barth Anderson

The Patron Saint of Plagues

In a turbulent world of the near future, an outbreak of a deadly plague virus threatens to destroy precarious peace negotiations in Mexico, as well as the fate of the entire population of North and South America, as a team from the American Center for Disease Control, headed by Henry Stark, is smuggled over the dangerous U.S.-Mexico border to prevent a deadly worldwide epidemic. A first novel. **TP \$26.95**

V C Andrews

Girl in the Shadows

After the death of her parents, April Taylor, overweight and overwhelmed by the turmoils of adolescence, flees north to take a job looking after the elderly Mrs. Westington's deaf granddaughter, Echo, until the arrival of the girl's mother and her drug-dealing boyfriend puts both girls' lives in deadly danger. **HC \$51.95 PB \$19.95**

Neal Asher

Brass Man

On the primitive world of Cull, a knight errant called Anderson is hunting a dragon, little knowing that far away someone else (now more technology than human flesh) has resurrected a brass killing machine called "Mr Crane" to assist in a similar hunt encompassing star systems. When agent Cormac learns that this old enemy still lives, he sets out in pursuit aboard the attack ship Jack Ketch – whilst scientist Mika begins discovering the horrifying truth about that ancient technology ostensibly produced by the alien Jain.

Meanwhile, for the people of Cull, each day proves a struggle to survive on a planet roamed by ferocious insect-like monsters, while they slowly construct the industrial base that may enable them to escape to their forefathers starship – still orbiting far above them. But an entity with questionable motives, calling itself Dragon, assists them with genetic by-blows created out of humans and the hideous local monsters. And now the planet itself, for millennia geologically inactive, is increasingly suffering earthquakes... **PB \$19.95**

The Voyage of the Sable Keech

Sable Keech is a walking dead man, and the only one to have been resurrected by nanochanger. Did he succeed because he was infected by the Spatterjay virus, or because he came late to resurrection in a tank of seawater? Tracing the man's last-known seaborne journey, Taylor Bloc wants to know the truth. He also wants so much else – adulation, power, control – and will go to any lengths to achieve them.

An ancient hive mind, almost incomprehensible to the human race, has sent an agent to this uncertain world. Does it simply want to obtain the poison sprine that is crucial to immortality – and, if so, maybe Janer must find it and stop it. Meanwhile, still faced with the ennui of immortality, Erlin has her solitude rudely interrupted by a very angry whelk titanicus, and begins the strangest of journeys.

Deep in the ocean the Spatterjay virus has wrought a terrible change that will affect them all. Something dormant for ten years is breaking free, and once again the aftershocks of an ancient war will focus on this watery world. And Sniper, for ten years the Warden of Spatterjay, finally takes delivery of his new drone shell. It's much better than his old one: powerful engines, more lethal weapons, thicker armour. He's going to need it.

TP \$32.95

Pierce Askegren

Exit Strategy (Inconstant Moon 03)

After his twin sons are killed in a freak accident on Earth, Erik Morrison, immersed in grief and physically unable to attend their memorial service, must investigate the possible compromise of an artificial intelligence key, while an old enemy prepares to attack while Erik's defenses are down.

PB \$19.95

Robert Asprin

Myth Directions (Myth)

Skeeve, the gifted young court magician, joins forces with a scaley but clever Pervect and a charming demon thief to obtain the Trophy, in an interdimensional fantasy. **PB \$17.95**

Jean M Auel

Clan of the Cave Bear (Earth's Children 01)

Ayla is a courageous and indomitable young woman whose story begins when she is a five-year-old orphan adopted by the Clan, a group of Neanderthal. Ayla is cared for by the Clan's medicine woman Iza and its wise holy man Creb. Iza teaches her how to find food and the healing skills known only to her line, but Ayla must also learn the ways of the Clan. Full of curiosity, interest and rebelliousness, she does not always obey the Clan's rules - so she makes an implacable enemy of the group's future leader. Broud will do all he can to destroy her, but Ayla is a survivor. **PB \$22**

James Axler

Aftermath (Deathlands / Outlanders)

Features *The Mars Agenda*, in which a small group of men and women, after a nuclear firestorm, roam the Deathlands and become caught in the middle of a new war, and *Iceblood*, in which Kane and his Outlander companions search for the Chintamani stone to destroy Earth's enemies.

TP \$26.95

John Barnes

The Armies of Memory

Learning that he is being targeted in an assassination plot as his fiftieth birthday approaches, Giraut Leones, a special agent for the human Thousand Cultures' shadowy Office of Special Plans, returns to his native world to recover top-secret information from an illegal underground colony.

HC \$52.95

K A Bedford*Orbital Burn*

In *Orbital Burn*, a seriously down on her luck unlicensed Stalktown PI named Louise "Lou" Meagher ekes out a sparse living solving petty crimes. She is chronically broke, clinically dead, and nervous about being evacuated from her home planet, Kestrel, which in nine days time will be hit by an unstoppable doomsday rock, known as the Bloody Bastard. **TP \$30**

Cat Bordhi*Treasure Forest (Forest Inside 01)*

Following the death of his grandmother, Ben is challenged to retrieve a treasure from the bottom of a pond without disturbing the water, assisted by his sister Sara, a wheelchair-bound private detective with a three-legged bloodhound, an acorn-flute homing device, a wise woman, a mysterious golden thread, and his grandmother's invisible presence. **TP \$28.95**

Ben Bova*Mercury*

The latest novel in Ben Bova's acclaimed Grand Tour of the Solar System, the enthralling story of humankind's first steps to explore Earth's closest neighbours in the universe. The closest planet to the Sun, Mercury is an airless, heat-scorched world where temperatures rise to four times higher than the boiling point of water. **PB \$21**

Marie Brennan*Doppelganger*

In order to master her full powers, Mirya is forced to seek out and destroy someone in the world who looks just like her, a doppelganger called Mirage, a bounty hunter who possesses lethal fighting skills, which could prove to be no match against the forces of magic. **PB \$17.95**

Terry Brooks*The Black Unicorn (Landover)*

When the wizard Meeks assumes the appearance of Ben Holiday, the real Ben becomes an outcast, in a volume from the Magic of Landover series. **MP3 CD \$51.95**

Wizard At Large (Landover)

When a spell to change the dog Abernathy into a human goes awry, Ben Holiday and his wife, Willow, journey to Earth to rescue their friend, while a mischievous imp is released into the Magic Kingdom. **MP3 CD \$51.95**

The Tangle Box (Landover)

Horris Kew, conjuror and confidence-trickster, had returned to the magical Kingdom of Landover, and Ben, on the advice of Questor Thews, the court wizard, and Abernathy, the court scribe, to alleviate the situation before it is too late. **MP3 CD \$51.95**

Fiona Buckley*To Sheild the Queen (Ursula Blanchard Mystery)*

Ursula Blanchard, a new member of Elizabeth I's entourage of ladies-in-waiting, is dispatched to quell rumors about the queen's scandalous affection for her married Master of the Horse, whose wife has died under suspicious circumstances. By the author of *The Fugitive Queen*. **TP \$26.95**

Orson Scott Card*Shadow of the Giant (Shadow 04)*

Having risen to one of Earth's most powerful strategists during the war between Ender and alien attackers, Bean finds his efforts to start a family compromised by his numerous enemies, a situation that forces Bean and Petra to leave Earth behind in the control of the Hegemon. By the author of *Ender's Shadow*. **PB \$19.95**

Robert Carter*The Giants' Dance*

To his fellow villagers Will is an ordinary man, lucky to have a loving wife and a healthy child. But the wizard Gwydion believes him to be a reincarnation of the greatest king the Realm has ever seen: Arthur. And now Arthur's time has come again.

War looms and the fate of the Realm hangs in the balance. But Will has his own reasons for joining Gwydion in his quest to prevent catastrophe. He yearns finally to learn the real secret of his identity; the secret Gwydion has been hiding from him since his birth.

As the Wars of the Roses rage, ancient British legends come to life in this brilliant reinvention of the fifteenth century. **PB \$19.95**

C J Cherryh*Pretender (Foreigner 08)*

After making planetfall on the world of Mosphiera, Bren and Ilisidi meet Lord Tatiseigi, an old ally who is not pleased to be harboring a human paidhi, and, while protecting Tibini's son and heir, find themselves in the middle of a civil war led by Lord Murini, the usurper aiji. **HC \$52.95**

Arthur C Clarke*Rama II (Rama 02)*

In 2130, an alien spaceship, Rama, entered our solar system. The first product of an alien civilisation to be encountered by man, it revealed many wonders to mankind - but most of its mysteries remained unsolved...Sixty-six years later, a second approaching spacecraft was detected; four years on, the Ramans are definitely returning. But this time, Earth is ready. And maybe now, with the arrival of Rama II, some of the questions posed by Rama will at last be answered. **PB \$19.95**

Lindsay Clarke*The Return From Troy (Troy 02)*

The Heroes Return is the second volume in this masterful retelling of the myths surrounding the Trojan War. In two parts the final novel begins by covering the return of Agamemnon to Mycenae, his murder by his wife Clytaemnestra in revenge for sacrificing their daughter and the consequences of that killing. The second part focuses on the adventures of Odysseus on his long struggle to return home to Ithaca and his wife Penelope. Both volumes end in an Afterword; relating the mythological themes and motifs of the stories to crucial aspects of contemporary experience. **PB \$22.95**

Douglas Clegg*The Attraction*

When a group of teenagers checks out the "mystery" in the back of a gas station, which is the remains of an ancient mummy, they unwittingly bring the attraction to life, unleashing a demon that is hungry for flesh. **PB \$17.95**

Kresley Cole*A Hunger Like no Other*

Seeking revenge for years of torture from the vampire horde, Laclain MacRieve, leader of the Lykæ Clan of werewolves, abducts the ethereal Emmaline, a young woman who is half Valkyrie and half vampire, and finds himself falling in love with his captive, unaware that only she holds the key to bringing peace to three rival clans. **PB \$17.95**

Cindy Cruciger*Revenge Gifts*

Making a living by coming up with ingenious ways for people to seek revenge through her online site, RevengeGifts.com, Tara finds herself attracted to her new neighbor, Howard, despite the bizarre things that begin to happen around the time he first showed up. **PB \$17.95**

Shirley Damsgaard*Charmed to Death (Ophelia & Abby Mystery)*

Five years after her close friend Brian is killed by an unknown assailant, another friend is killed in an almost identical fashion, and Ophelia Jensen, unable to count on her nemesis, police detective Henry Comacho, decides to utilize her unique psychic talents to find the murderer, before another victim turns up. **PB \$17.95**

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

A prequel to Song of the Axe finds the original prehistoric tribal family leader, Grae, rescued from a volcano by the powerful daughters of River Woman and leading his people into central and eastern Europe in search of safety and a better life. **PB \$16.95**

James F David*Thunder of Time*

A decade after a cataclysmic time disruption brings elements from the Cretaceous period into the twentieth century and forces humanity to take desperate survival measures, Office of Security Science director Nick Paulson discovers that the time manipulations are being caused by an unknown force in the center of dinosaur-infested jungle. By the author of Footprints of Thunder. **HC \$56.95**

Mary Janice Davidson*Undead and Unwed (Undead 01)*

The day I died started out bad and got worse in a hurry...It's been a hell of a week for Betsy Taylor. First she loses her job. Then she's killed in a freak accident only to wake up as a vampire. On the plus side, being undead sure beats the alternative. She now has superhuman strength and an unnatural effect on the opposite sex. But what Betsy can't handle is her new liquid diet...And whilst Betsy's mother and best-friend are just relieved to find out that being dead doesn't mean Betsy's can't visit, her new 'night-time' friends have the ridiculous idea that Betsy is the prophesied vampire queen. The scrumptious Sinclair and his cohorts want her help in overthrowing the most obnoxious power-hungry vampire in five centuries. (A Bella Lugosi wannabe who seen one to many B-movies.) Frankly Betsy couldn't care less about vamp politics. But Sinclair and his followers have a powerful weapon in their arsenal - unlimited access to Manolo Blahnik's Spring collection. Well, just because a girl's dead - er...undead - doesn't mean she can't have great shoes... **PB \$17.95**

Undead and Unemployed (Undead 02)

And the first who shall noe the Queen as a husband noes his Wyfe shall be the Queen's Consort and shall rule at her side for a thousand yeares.' The Book of the Dead'If that rat bastard Sinclair thinks I'm going to be his wife for a thousand years, he's out of his f'ing mind.' From the private papers of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth I, Empress of the Undead, Rightful Ruler of the Vampires, Consort of Eric I, Lawful King Nothing can make Betsy Taylor give up her shoe fetish - even dying and rising as the new Queen of the Vampires. Only being royally undead doesn't mean there aren't still credit card bills to be paid. Luckily, Betsy lands her dream job selling designer shoes at Macy's Department Store. Things couldn't be better - except for her new friends who keep pestering her while she's at work. As if she has time to socialise when there are deliciously sinful shoes to try on - and buy at a discount. It seems there's been a string of vampire murders in town and they're all clamouring for Betsy to do something about it. The worst part is she'll have to enlist the help of the one vamp who makes her blood boil: the oh-so-sexy Eric Sinclair. **PB \$17.95**

Dead and Loving It (Undead / Wyndham Werewolf)

The Wyndham werewolves--originally featured in the novel Derik's Bane--join the sexy vampires ruled by Betsy Taylor, the vampire queen, in a quartet of romantic novellas set in the world of the paranormal. **TP \$28.95**

Gail Dayton*The Barbed Rose (One Rose 02)*

As demon hordes threaten the Kingdom, launching full-scale magical attacks, military mage Kallista, separated from her new family, must journey to the four directions of the world to find the "Godmarked"--the only ones who can help her defeat the demon invaders. **TP \$28.95**

Philip K Dick*The Cosmic Puppets*

Yielding to a compulsion he can't explain, Ted Barton interrupts his vacation in order to visit the town of his birth, Millgate, Virginia. But upon entering the sleepy, isolated little hamlet, Ted is distraught to find that the place bears no resemblance to the one he left behind - and never did. He also discovers that in this Millgate Ted Barton died of scarlet fever when he was nine years old. Perhaps even more troubling is the fact that it is literally impossible to escape. Unable to leave, Ted struggles to find the reason for such disturbing incongruities, but before long, he finds himself in the midst of a struggle between good and evil that stretches far beyond the confines of the valley. Winner of both the Hugo and John W. Campbell awards for best novel, widely regarded as the premiere science fiction writer of his day, and the object of cult-like adoration from his legions of fans, Philip K. Dick has come to be seen in a literary light that defies classification in much the same way as Borges and Calvino. With breathtaking insight, he utilizes vividly unfamiliar worlds to evoke the hauntingly and hilariously familiar in our society and ourselves. **PB \$21.95**

David Drake*The Fortress of Glass (Crown of Isles 01)*

Journeying to the small kingdoms of the Isles to confirm his succession to the throne, Prince Garric and his companions find themselves separated by space and time by unusually strong magical forces and the supernatural Green Woman from the Fortress of Glass. **HC \$52.95**

Master of the Caudron (Lord of the Isles)

When humanity is threatened by dangerous levels of uncontrolled magic throughout the Isles, regent Garric or-Reise, accompanied by his sister, a shepherd, and a weaver-witch, works to unite their lands into a strong New Kingdom, a quest that is compromised by the schemes of an evil countess and her court wizard. **PB \$19.95**

Hal Duncan

Vellum

In 2017, as the end days approach, beings that were once human gather to fight to control the Vellum, but to the Irish angel Phreedom, it has become clear that there is no divine or diabolic plan at work, only a vicious battle between the hawks of Heaven and Hell, with humanity stuck in the middle. **TP \$30.95**

David Eddings

Domes of Fire (Tamuli 01)

At the conclusion of *The Elenium* the company of Pandion Knights led by Sir Sparhawk, having freed Queen Ehlana of Elenia from the spell which threatened her life, had marched on Zemoch, routed their enemies and defeated or destroyed the evil god Azash. Sparhawk returned to Elenia, where he and Ehlana were married.

But their peaceful reign is destined not to last long. A few years later, in the Tamul Empire far to the east, unrest is brewing which threatens the nations stability. Investigations show that the trouble is clearly of paranormal origin, and suspicion at first falls upon the Styrics. These suspicions prove unfounded, and indeed it is the pre-eminent Styric magician Zalasta who suggests that the Empire look westwards for assistance in solving their problems specifically, to the legendary warrior Sparhawk. **PB \$20.95**

Shining Ones (Tamuli 02)

Prince Sparhawk is pledged to fight the enemies of the Tamuli Emperor Sarabian with all the skill and cunning of a Pandion Knight. Meanwhile his Queen, Ehlana, educates Sarabian in the art of ruthless statesmanship. Sarabian is transformed from a mere puppet ruler into a formidable politician. But still trolls, vampires, werewolves, zombies, ghouls and ogres form a vast conspiracy to take over the Empire. Most disturbing of all are reported sightings of Shining Ones amongst the hordes. These luminous beings inspire more fear than the rest combined. And Sparhawk and his companions must resurrect the sacred jewel of the Troll-Gods to combat them.

Possession of the jewel makes Sparhawk as dangerous as any god, but gods are among his foes. And while Sparhawk defends the far-flung Tamuli Empire, he cannot also protect his beautiful Queen... **PB \$20.95**

Hidden City (Tamuli 03)

Sparhawk, the greatest of Pandion Knights, has offered freedom to the Troll-Gods trapped in the Blue Rose in exchange for their aid in fighting Cyrgon, the sinister god of the Cyrgai. But Cyrgon has turned to the unspeakable arts of Zemoch magic in his war against the Tamuli Empire. He has brought back to the world the very essence of evil which was cast out at the beginning of time by Azash and the other elder Gods. Klael! As ancient as the Blue Rose, and as powerful.

The ultimate battle between the Blue Rose and Klael must be fought – though Ehlana is held prisoner by the enemy in the Hidden City. **PB \$20.95**

Kate Elliott

Crown of Stars (Crown of Stars 07)

King Henry's kingdom has been ravaged by internecine warfare, in a conflict that has been both long and bloody. The bitter in-fighting within King Henry's court and the ceaseless attrition of raiders has weakened his reign and saps his strength.

Yet brute force alone will not be enough to stay the darkness that has been foretold as the shadow of the Cursed Ones has fallen.

The spell holding the exiled from the land is failing fast and Liath's wild sorcery may not be enough to stay the greatest threat this world has ever seen. **HC \$49.95 TP \$32.95**

Christine Feehan

Dark Demon (Carpathian)

Carpathians are an immortal race of beings with animal instincts and the ability to shape shift. Every Carpathian male is drawn to a life mate: a woman - Carpathian or human - able to provide the light to his darkness. Without her, the beast within slowly consumes the man until turning into a vampire is the only option. Natalya Shonski is a vampire hunter, descended from a revered line of Carpathians known as the Dragonseekers and the most powerful mage in history. She hates and fears both vampires and Carpathians alike and has spent her life fighting them. Carpathian Vikirnoff van Schreider is dangerously close to turning vampire when he discovers Natalya and realises that she is his lifemate. But Natalya is unlike any other Carpathian he has ever known - dangerous in her own right, she refuses to let him fight her battles, and she infuriates him with her cheerful disregard of his demands. But a sinister, mysterious power is after Natalya, and Vikirnoff has to convince her not only to trust him with her heart, but with her life as well. **PB \$19.95**

Jude Fisher

The Rose of the World (Fool's Gold 03)

This conclusion to the Fool's Gold trilogy follows three unpredictable gods as they try to escape the traitorous magician that is holding them captive, a desperate struggle that profoundly affects their world and the destiny of their peoples. **PB \$19.95**

Tracy Fobes

Portrait of A Man

Transported back in time to bring down the Patriarchy, Rourke of Calandor encounters the woman of his dreams in Alexis Conner, a woman obsessed with horror stories and haunted houses, who verifies the paranormal for a living. **PB \$17.95**

Andrew Fox

Fat White Vampire Blues

Vastly overweight thanks to a diet of blood from people who consume the fattiest diet in the world, vampire Jules Duchon is faced with a new vampire in his New Orleans neighborhood who wants to drive him out altogether and enlists the aid of Maureen, the obese stripper-vampire who created him, and Doodlebug, an undead cross-dresser, to eliminate his problems. **PB \$17.95**

Michael Jan Friedman

Tomorrow Men (Ultimates)

The Ultimates, a government-sponsored team of superheroes, join forces to save the planet from an enigmatic quintet of technologically advanced time travelers that originates from an alternate universe ruled by chaos, anarchy, and violence. **PB \$19.95**

David M Friedman

Harald

Once again, Harald, the most powerful general of his people, is called upon to leave his peaceful family life to defend his land from the encroachment of the Empire, which has sent its finest legions against Kaerlia's land, and only a return to an alliance of the Kingdom, Vales, and Ladies of the Order can stop the marauders. **HC \$49.95**

Jaiden Glendenning *Australian Author**Flotsam (Tangled Knotwork 01)*

Kahoo is the perfect champion of the Gods - mindlessly violent, emotionally crippled and none too bright. Their expectations are high, as always - he is to be the hope of humanity itself. If only he knew. Drifting in isolation on the oceans of his birth Kahoo and his people remain oblivious to his importance. To them he is but an ageing crew member, increasingly unstable and verging on crazed. His skills as a warrior have averted his culling thus far, but even they will not protect him forever. His only chance, a small boy whose wit and dreams have the power to save him ... and thereby the world. **TP \$24.95 HC \$39.95**

Placebo (Tangled Knotwork 02)

The Gods of the Dedanann, hidden away from the world for aeons, spring forth from the watery depths to right a wrong thought obliterated in tragedy. A threat, a mistake, and a wrongful killing pushing them, once more, to assume a more active role in the world. To become chief puppeteers in an effort to save the people of Tearmann. To again pull the strings of their people, the Dedanann, and save them from the oppressive clutches of their ancient enemy, the Fomorii. They, however, do not know that the very situation that they seek to remedy is a setup, an insidious plot designed to draw them out and engage them when they would otherwise have remained uninvolved. Nor do they realise that their 'puppets' had long ago learnt to act without strings, that their enemy was actually their friend and that all was not 'Godly' in their own ranks. One puppeteer means a choreographed story. Two means a messy one. Three, one hell of a knot. **TP \$29.95**

Christie Golden*In Stone's Clasp*

Flame Dancer Kevla of Arukan seeks the missing elements - Stone and Sea, Wind and Soul - that must join to preserve their world from destruction. Sensing that the Stone Dancer, the master of Earth magic, would be found in the icy north, she and her dragon companion fly to a country mired in an unnaturally long winter.

When at last they find Jareth, the Stone Dancer's own anger and pain make him reluctant to accept his destiny. His need for vengeance against the old gods who betrayed his people is powerful - powerful enough to lead the group farther into the snows, searching for the legendary Ice Maiden, who may be responsible for the forced winter. But betrayal doesn't come only from the gods - and the forces against them are vast. Before their quest is over, Kevla must realize that while Flame can break through the chill of the winter, Stone can withstand anything **PB \$18.95**

Terry Goodkind*Phantom (Limited Edition, leather bound)*

In the epic sequel to Chainfire, Richard desperately searches for his long-lost, amnesiac beloved, Kahlan Amnell, racing against time to find her before she can uncover the secrets of her lost identity, thereby making her vulnerable to evil and unleashing annihilation on the world around her. **HC \$350**

Laurell K Hamilton*Micah (Anita Blake)*

Vampire hunter extraordinaire Anita Blake arrives in Philadelphia to raise a witness from the dead so that his testimony can be taken with the help of Micah, the king of the wereleopards, but she is more fearful of spending time alone with Micah, her former lover, than dealing with a zombie.

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The Killing Dance (Anita Blake 06)

With a price on her head and professional hitmen on her trail, Anita Blake, vampire killer, zombie reanimator, and expert on the supernatural, receives unexpected assistance from an alpha werewolf and a master vampire. **HC \$51.95**

Kiss of Shadows (Merry Gentry 01)

Meredith, a runaway Elven princess posing as a human private detective with a specialty in supernatural crime, is confronted by a dangerous new adversary, Doyle, the chief bodyguard and assassin of Meredith's aunt, the Queen of Air and Darkness, as Meredith becomes caught up in one of her dreaded aunt's evil schemes. By the author of Obsidian Butterfly. Specially priced edition. **PB \$13.95**

Ray Hammond*Cloud*

It is 2033 and the world has changed forever. The first alien radio transmission has been received on Earth. The signals are impossibly complex, a torrent of encrypted information that no computer, and certainly no human, can crack. The decision to reply is made and messages of goodwill are beamed into space. Humanity waits for an answer.

Thirty years later, the signals suddenly dry up. And then scientists detect a huge space Cloud, immense in size, immeasurable in power, hurtling towards the Earth. And so, as one man desperately struggles to decode the initial alien transmissions, a united Earth prepares to launch a nuclear strike against a seemingly unstoppable foe.

But when the first part of the alien code is broken, humanity realises with a growing dread that the enemy may be closer than they knew. **PB \$19.95**

Robert A Heinlein*Glory Road*

Hired to work for a beautiful woman, Vietnam War veteran Oscar discovers his employer's identity as the empress of numerous universes and begins a quest to retrieve the stolen Great Egg, an adventure during which he faces such challenges as dragons, giants, and magical spells. **TP \$30.95**

Brian Herbert & Kevin J Anderson*The Road to Dune (Dune)*

A compilation of material celebrating - and adding to - the epic Dune novels. In this fascinating volume, the world's millions of Dune fans can now read - at long last - the unpublished chapters and scenes from the original Dune books; as well as correspondence with Frank Herbert relating to "Dune"; short stories by Brian Herbert and Kevin J. Anderson and also "Spice Planet", an original novella by Brian Herbert and Kevin J. Anderson, based on a detailed outline left by Frank Herbert. **PB \$19.95**

Tracy Hickman & Laura Hickman*The Mystic Empire (Bronze Canticles 03)*

A final installment of the series that began with Mystic Warrior and Mystic Quest finds Theona, a powerless member of an otherwise magical family; Arryk, a rebellious son from a faery kingdom; and Lunid, a hobgoblin academic, endeavoring to breach the barriers between their kingdoms. **HC \$52.95**

James P Hogan*The Two Moons*

In an omnibus edition containing the first two novels in the Giants series, two baffling outer space mysteries--the tomb of an ancient, unknown corpse in a grave on the moon and the discovery of a mysterious wrecked spaceship on Jupiter's moon of Ganymede--leads to humankind's encounter with a race of humanoid giants, in *Inherit the Stars* and *The Gentle Giants of Ganymede*. **PB \$19.95**

Robert E Howard*The Complete Chronicles of Conan: Centenary Edition (Conan)*

Conan the Cimmerian: the boy-thief who became a mercenary, who fought and loved his way across fabled lands to become King of Aquilonia. Neither supernatural fiends nor demonic sorcery could oppose the barbarian warrior as he wielded his mighty sword and dispatched his enemies to a bloody doom on the battlefields of the legendary Hyborian age. Collected together in one volume for the very first time, in chronological order, are Robert E. Howard's tales of the legendary hero, as fresh and atmospheric today as when they were first published in the pulp magazines of more than seventy years ago. Compiled by and with a foreword and afterword by award-winning writer and editor Stephen Jones. **HC \$55 TP \$35**

Madeline Howard*The Hidden Stars (Rune of Unmaking 01)*

Nearly forty years after the evil Princess Oriane ascends the throne to rule her land with dark sorcery performed by twelve monstrous priests, rumors, prophecies, and portents appear that deal with a mysterious and talented young girl, hidden from the evil forces, who is destined to battle Oriane herself. A first novel. **PB \$19.95**

Guy Gavriel Kay*The Summer Tree (Fionavar Tapestry 01)*

Five men and women find themselves flung into the magical land of Fionavar, First of all Worlds. They have been called there by the mage Loren Silvercloak, and quickly find themselves drawn into the complex tapestry of events. For Kim, Paul, Kevin, Jennifer and Dave all have their own part to play in the coming battle against the forces of evil led by the fallen god Rakoth Maugrim and his dark hordes. **PB \$20.95**

The Wandering Fire (Fionavar Tapestry 02)

As the evil of Rakoth Maugrim threatens the very existence of Fionavar, the five from our own world must cross over once again to play out their given roles: Kimberly to summon the dead from their rest and the undead to their doom; Dave to take his place in battle among the Dalrei of the Plain; Paul, Lord of the Summer Tree, once more to weave his own bright thread through the tapestry; Jennifer to become the agent of a timeless destiny; and Kevin to discover finally the part he is to play in the struggle to save the Weavers worlds from the Unraveller. **PB \$20.95**

The Darkest Road (Fionavar Tapestry 03)

The young heroes from our own world have gained power and maturity from their sufferings and adventures in Fionavar. Now they must bring all the strength and wisdom they possess to the aid of the armies of Light in the ultimate battle against the evil of Rakoth Maugrim and the hordes of the Dark.

On a ghost-ship the legendary Warrior, Arthur Pendragon, and Pwyll Twiceborn, Lord of the Summer Tree, sail to confront the Unraveller at last. Meanwhile, Darien, the child within whom Light and Dark vie for supremacy, must walk the darkest road of any child of earth or stars. **PB \$20.95**

David Keck*In the Eye of Heaven*

Losing his inheritance when a knight's believed-dead son turns up alive, Durand inadvertently participates in a murder and finds himself in the service of a duke's disgraced son, a situation that eventually causes him to participate anonymously in a series of tournaments. A first novel.

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Elizabeth Kerner*The Lesser Kindred (Song in Silence 02)*

A sequel to the author's *Song in the Silence* follows young Lanen Kaeler on her continuing discovery of love and the dragons of legend as she finds her happiness threatened by the demon-master Berys. **PB \$12.95**

Kassandra Kims*The Midnight Work*

Transformed into a vampire by her date, a mysterious artist named Olivier, Chicago college professor Sophie Aubrey soon discovers that he believes her to be the reincarnation of his long-lost love and is forced into an alliance with Olivier and his old friend, a sleazy French alchemist, to defeat the machinations of a crazed death fairy on a deadly vendetta. **PB \$17.95**

Russell Kirkpatrick *New Zealand**The Right Hand of God (Fire of Heaven 03)*

The conclusion of a superb feat of epic storytelling. Can the Company save their world?

The Company and the Arkhimm have scattered far and wide in their quest to warn Faltha of imminent invasion by the armies of the Destroyer. They now have possession of the Jugom Ark, the flaming Arrow of legend which, it is believed, will defeat their enemy. When Leith carries the Ark into the city of Instruere, thousands of people flock to him to fight for Faltha in the coming war. But Leith is finding it difficult to accept people's faith in him and his role as custodian of the Ark. Until the events of 2,000 years ago finally play out in the present ... **PB \$20.95**

Angela Knight*Master of Wolves*

In order to find the truth surrounding the murder of his best friend, a fellow cop and werewolf, Jim goes undercover, using his wolf form, but is distracted by his animalistic attraction to the new police-dog handler, Faith Weston. **PB \$19.95**

Dierdre Knight*Parallel Attraction*

When he discovers the secrets of time, which will destroy the enemy, during his travels, exiled alien king Jared Bennett finds himself powerfully drawn to Kelsey Wells, but when past and present collide, and the truth is revealed, their newfound love is put to the test. **PB \$17.95**

William Kotzwinkle*The Amphora Project*

Deep within the Junk Moon, a group of scientists has uncovered the secret to immortality, but an interloper from another dimension is threatening this important discovery and time is running out for two heroes to prevent the end of the universe. **TP \$26.95**

Glenda Larke *Australian Author*

The Heart of the Mirage (Mirage Makers 01)

The Exaltarch rules the Tyranian Empire through force and a network of spies known as the Brotherhood. In Kardiastan, Tyrans has forced out the Magor ruling class and imposed their own leaders.

Ligea Gayed, one of the top agents of the Brotherhood, is ordered to find a Kardiastan rebel leader and bring him to justice. A straightforward enough assignment for her, but all Ligea finds is mystery upon mystery. The rebels seem able to come and go at will and any attempt to pursue them across the desert ends in disaster.

Ligea has to face her own demons and her own violent past to discover the secrets of Kardiastan ... **PB \$19.95**

Tanith Lee

The Secret Books of Paradays

A single-edition collection of the author's classic Gothic fantasy works includes The Book of The Damned, a volume of three twisted fables on the lives of the Paradys; The Book of The Beast, which introduces the legend of a monster through the eyes of its victims; and two others. **HC \$70**

Simon Levack

Shadow of the Lords (Aztec 02)

An Aztec murder mystery featuring wily slave Yaotl.

Mexico, 1517. The Aztec capital is awash with fear and rumours. A strange figure has been seen running through the streets. A being with the face of a snake, his body covered with glittering green plumage: Quetzalcoatl - the Feathered Serpent. Is it an omen? Or is it the god himself, come to warn of impending disaster?

Yaotl, the Chief Minister's slave, has more immediate matters to worry about than omens and portents. Engaged in a desperate search for his son, he's on the run from his vengeful master, the all-powerful Lord Feathered-in-Black. If the Chief Minister catches him, Yaotl can expect a grisly fate.

Attempting to escape his master's bloodthirsty warriors, Yaotl stumbles upon a dismembered, unrecognisable corpse. As he pieces together the clues to who the dead man was and how he died, Yaotl finds himself drawn into an affair of greed, jealousy and lust among the ancient, secretive society of the feather workers, the Aztecs' foremost craftsmen. And, as he is to discover, the answers to those clues will provide the key to the search for his son.

But before he can solve the mystery, Yaotl will need his wits about him simply to stay alive . . . for Lord Feathered-in-Black and his henchmen are never far away . . . **PB \$18.95**

Jane Lindskold

Wolf Hunting

Summoned by the soothsayer-jaguar Truth, Firekeeper and her wolf companion work to identify a group of people who are utilizing forbidden ancient magic for sinister purposes. By the author of Wolf Captured. **HC \$56.95**

Morgan Llywellyn

Druids

Taken in by the chief druid of the Carnutes in Gaul, the Celt orphan Ainvar learns to master the druid mysteries of thought, healing, and magic, and discovers his destiny lies with Vercingetorix, the warrior king. **TP \$30.95**

Brian Lumley

Tarra Khash: Hrossak! (Tales of the Primal Land)

A second installment of the series that began with The House of Cthulhu finds barbarian Tarra Khash's treasure quest interrupted by a band of murderous thieves, a group of lamias, revenge-seeking golden idols, and elder gods from opposing sides. By the author of Necroscope. **HC \$49.95**

Ian R MacLeod

The House of Storms (Light Ages 02)

The enthralling sequel to the World Fantasy Award-shortlisted THE LIGHT AGES: a tale of love and power. **PB \$18.95**

Gregory Maguire

Wicked

When Dorothy triumphed over the Wicked Witch of the West in L. Frank Baum's classic tale, we heard only her side of the story. But what about her arch-nemesis, the mysterious Witch? Where did she come from? How did she become so wicked? And what is the true nature of evil? Gregory Maguire creates a fantasy world so rich and vivid that we will never look at Oz the same way again. Wicked is about a land where animals talk and strive to be treated like first-class citizens, Munchkinlanders seek the comfort of middle-class stability, and the Tin Man becomes a victim of domestic violence. And then there is the little green-skinned girl named Elphaba, who will grow up to become the infamous Wicked Witch of the West, a smart, prickly, and misunderstood creature who challenges all our preconceived notions about the nature of good and evil. **TP \$29.95**

Juliet Marillier *Australian Author*

Blade of Fortriu (Bridei Chronicles 02)

As the young king Bridei prepares to lead his forces in a major offensive against the Gaels, the princess Ana, a hostage at the court of Fortriu, is sent on a difficult journey north to make a strategic marriage with a chieftain she has never met. Her escort is led by a man she despises: the enigmatic Faolan, Bridei's assassin and spy. Their ill-fated expedition creates a reluctant bond between Faolan and Ana, which continues as they face unexpected perils at the chieftain Alpin's stronghold in the midst of mysterious Briar Wood. When Ana discovers a charismatic prisoner who seems bent on remaining within the bleakest of confinement, a conspiracy of silence meets her attempts to unravel the puzzle...

As Bridei's forces move down the Glen, it is revealed to those left behind that the king of Fortriu is marching towards not only defeat, but certain death. There is only one messenger who can reach him in time. To employ such an ally will set brother against brother, and endanger what has become dearest to Ana's heart...

Winner - 2005 Aurealis Awards - Best Fantasy Novel **HC \$59.95**

George R R Martin

The Armageddon Rag

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

Liz Maverick

Crimson Rogue (Crimson City)

In this exciting conclusion to the Crimson City series, Cydney Brighton, a rogue walking a thin line between heaven and hell, arrives in the City to discover her true nature with the help of a friend--part-man, part-machine--who will do anything to make himself whole. **PB \$17.95**

Anne McCaffrey & Elizabeth Ann Scarborough

First Warning (Acorna's Children 01)

Acorna and Aari are taking their daughter Khorii to meet some relatives at Maganos Moonbase. With them in the spaceship Condor are their android son Elviz, Captain Becker, Maak and the Makahomian Temple cats RK and Khiindi. En route they receive a distress call, a deadly plague is spreading throughout the star system. As Linyaari both Acorna and Aari are able to heal the sick, they are asked to go to the stricken planet of Paloduro to help the plague victims. They drop Khorii, Elviiz and Khiindi off at the moonbase first. The plague continues to spread and when a supply vessel sends the moonbase a distress call Khorii is determined to go and help, as she is a Linyaari healer too. Khorii, Elviiz, Khiindi and their friends Hap, Asha and Sesseli take a shuttle to the ship. However, by the time they get there only the young daughter of the Captain, Jaya, is left alive. They are forbidden to return to the moonbase in case they have become infected with the plague. They are then contacted by people from a nearby planet asking for help, where Khorii discovers that if she purifies the water it heals anyone in it. Meanwhile, Acorna and Aari have exhausted themselves trying to eradicate the plague, worse they have contracted a strain of the plague themselves and although it cannot make them ill they infect Becker and RK and are too weak to heal them. They send out an urgent distress call and Khorii arrives just in time to save Becker and RK. The plague is contained and Acorna and Aari are put into quarantine while Khorii and her friends come to the realisation that someone has deliberately created the plague. They set out on a mission to search for the creator of the plague, and to find a way to destroy it. **PB \$21.95**

Dennis L McKiernan

Once Upon An Autumn Eve (Winterwood 03)

In the sequel to Once Upon a Summer Day, Liaze, Princess of the Autumnwood, falls in love with the wounded knight who somehow has breached the boundary between her faery world and the land of mortals, only to have her beloved stolen from her by a dark force. **HC \$49.95**

L E Modesitt Jr

Alector's Choice (Corean Chronicles 04)

When the planet Corus approaches the time in which its artificially cultivated climate is ready to support the needs of a technologically superior race from a distant planet, the local people and their overseers, charged with preparing the planet, are unaware that their own existence will be threatened. **PB \$19.95**

Cadmian's Choice (Corean Chronicles 05)

The world of Corus is threatened by its global leaders' plans to redesign the planet in anticipation of a superior race's arrival, an effort that would reduce the psychic Pteridons to the status of a lesser race and render humans as little more than cattle. By the author of Scepters. **HC \$56.95**

Elizabeth Moon

Engaging the Enemy (Vatta's War 03)

Kylara Vatta has had to leave a glowing future as a military cadet far behind, and now carves out a living in the brutal, cut-throat world of interplanetary trading. Her chosen way of life is tough but rewarding, and she thinks she is more than capable of holding her own. And so she is, until a threat emerges that nobody could have foreseen... **PB \$19.95**

Moira Moore

Resenting the Hero

Bonded Pair Lord Shintaro Karish, an arrogant Source whose notoriety in and out of the bedroom makes him quite popular, and Dunleavy Mallorrough, a beautiful Shield, must cast aside their differences and deal with their mutual attraction, when they are sent in to save the city of High Scape. **PB \$18.95**

Vera Nazarian

Dreams of the Compass Rose

In a fantastical universe of interactive deities, mythical islands, and immortal love, a young warrior finds himself bound in servitude to a cruel princess before his fate is intertwined with that of a courageous servant who has been condemned by a mad conqueror **TP \$28.95**

Naomi Novik

His Majesty's Dragon (aka Temeraire) (Temeraire 01)

When the HMS Reliant captures a French ship and its priceless cargo, an unhatched dragon egg, Captain Will Laurence is swept into an unexpected kinship with an extraordinary creature and joins the elite Aerial Corps as a master of the dragon Temeraire, in which role he must match wits with the powerful dragon-borne forces of Napoleon Bonaparte. **PB \$18.95**

Robin D Owens

Sorceress of Faith

The Summoning continues.

With the sounding of the chimes, an Exotique is called.

With the world of Llandrana threatened by encroaching evil, the Sorcerers must do the unthinkable - summon an outsider to stop the insidious Darkness slowly taking control of their land, and poisoning the Sorcerers themselves.

Yet instead of a powerful warrior, grad student Marian Harasta arrives through the portal. She finds herself in the centre of a struggle between Sorcerers who want to use her incredible, untapped powers to augment their own. And as she fights to maintain her independence - including facing her first magical duel—she must decide whom to trust...

Still, the Darkness will not be ignored, and a desperate Marian must offer the Sorcerers aid in order to keep alive the chance to return home. Because divided, all will surely fall **PB \$19.95**

Michelle Perry

In Enemy Hands

How hard could it be to kidnap a pampered little rich girl? Especially if you're bounty hunter extraordinaire Dante Giovanni, who normally prowls the underworld in search of the most vicious criminals. Piece of cake, Dante thinks, when reclusive businessman Gary Vandergriff offers him a cool half million to bring home his estranged daughter, Nadia. Enter Nadia. His first meeting with her is stunning; both literally and figuratively. He foils an attempt on her life, and falls immediately under her spell. It's not gonna be hard duty, Dante thinks, keeping her safe from the Mexican drug lord

infuriated by her stepfather's expanding meth operation. He'll take her out of harm's way, no problem, get her back to her father, and enjoy the ride along the way. Everything is great. Until he delivers her into Enemy Hands. **PB \$17.95**

Terry Pratchett

Jingo (Discworld 21)

Neighbours... hah. People'd live for ages side by side, nodding at one another amicably on their way to work, and then some trivial thing would happen and someone would be having a garden fork removed from their ear. Throughout history, there's always been a perfectly good reason to start a war. Never more so if it is over a 'strategic' peice of old rock in the middle of nowhere. It is after all every citizen's right to bear arms to defend what they consider to be their own. Even if it isn't. An in such pressing circumstances, you really shouldn't let small details like the absence of an army or indeed the money to finance one get in the way of a righteous fight with all the attendant benefits of out-and-out nationalism... **PB \$19.95**

Last Continent (Discworld 22)

This is the Discworld's last continent, a completely separate creation. It's hot. It's dry... very dry. There was this thing once called the Wet, which no-one now believes in. Practically everything that's not poisonous is venomous. But it's the best bloody place in the world, all right? And it'll die in a few days, except... Who is this hero striding across the red desert? Champion sheep shearer, horse rider, road warrior, beer drinker, bush ranger and someone who'll even eat a Meat Pie Floater when he's sober? A man in a hat, whose Luggage follows him on little legs, who's about to change history by preventing a swagman stealing a jumbuck by a billabong? Yes... all this place has between itself and wind-blown doom is Rincewind, the inept wizard who can't even spell wizard. He's the only hero left. Still... no worries, eh? **THE LAST CONTINENT** is the twenty-second in Terry Pratchett's phenomenally successful Discworld series. Terry Pratchett would like it to be known that **THE LAST CONTINENT** is not a book about Australia, it's just vaguely Australian. **PB \$19.95**

John Ringo

Against the Tide (Talbot 03)

In the sequel to *There Will Be Dragons* and *Emerald Sea*, the United Free States confront an imminent full-scale invasion by the Changed legions of Roposa and the fascist forces of New Destiny, unless Edmund Talbot can muster new technical innovations, combined with new concepts and strategies, to repel them. **PB \$19.95**

Jennifer Roberson

The Novels of Tiger and Del Volume 2 (Sword Dancer 03, 04)

In *Sword-Maker*, Tiger scales a mountain to reach Dragon's Lair and to confront the force that has been wreaking havoc on the village, and in *Sword-Breaker*, Tiger and Del, falsely accused of murder, escape across the Punja Desert and discover that Tiger's sword has been cursed by the evil sorcerer Chosa Dei. **TP \$32.95**

Mary Rourke

Two Women of Galilee

In this stunning debut novel, journalist Mary Rourke offers a vivid panorama of life in first-century Galilee. Creating a richly imagined life for Joanna, a follower of Jesus mentioned briefly in the New Testament, Rourke also offers a new perspective on the world's most celebrated woman—Mary, Mother of Jesus.

Wife to Chuza, King Herod's chief steward, Joanna lives a life of luxury. Yet not even the finest doctors can restore her health. But Joanna has heard talk of a local healer, Jesus of Nazareth, whose mother is her own estranged cousin, Mary. So, intending to reconcile with her family and seek a meeting with Jesus, Joanna sets off on the dusty road to Nazareth.

Jesus indeed has the power to heal Joanna's body, but that is not all—her soul blossoms through friendship with Mary, and as one of his disciples. Then, as word of Jesus' miracles reaches Herod's court, the ruler becomes increasingly agitated and intrigue, treachery and murder cast dark shadows onto Joanna's new path. **PB \$22.95**

Savannah Russe

Past Redemption (Darkwing 02)

When a new recreational drug that intensifies sex with deadly consequences hits the streets, vampire Daphne, a member of Team Darkwing, goes undercover to infiltrate the drug cartel by seducing a gorgeous party boy, but her mission is endangered by the return of an ex-lover. **PB \$17.95**

Manda Scott

Dreaming the Hound (Boudica 03)

AD 57: much of Britannia has been under Roman occupation for over ten years, with key areas in the south and east administered as vassal states, where the tribes pay costly tithes to the Emperor in return for the right to continue living on their own lands. On the sacred isle of Mona, the Boudica or Bringer of Victory as Breaca has long been hailed, now knows for certain that her lover, Caradoc - betrayed, captured and kept hostage in Rome - will never return to her. She decides to leave Mona where she and her warriors have been waging a guerilla war, and to take the fight to the Ececi heartland where it is needed most. With her are her children, Cunomar and Grainne, and her best friend from childhood, ex-lover and dreamer, Airmid. But the once proud Ececi are a downtrodden and defeated people who are forbidden on pain of death to worship their old gods, and now scrape a living from the once fertile land. Across the sea in Hibernia, Breaca's half-brother Ban, is struggling to make peace with his fractured past. Soon, provoked by Roman aggression, he will sail to Britain to protect Mona, and from there he will go to Camulodinium, unite with his sister he and Breaca will face down the might of Rome in the bloodiest revolt the western world has ever known. **PB \$21.95**

Dreaming the Serpent Spear (Boudica 04)

AD 60: The flame of rebellion that has been smouldering for twenty years of Roman occupation has flared into a conflagration that will consume the land and all who live in it. There is no going back. The Boudica has been flogged and her daughters raped, and her son has burned a Roman watchtower in an act of blatant insurgency. This is the time to act: the Roman governor has marched his legions west to destroy the druidic stronghold of Mona, leaving his capital and a vital port hopelessly undefended in the face of twenty thousand warriors aching for vengeance. But to crush the legions for all time, Boudica must do more than lead her army in the greatest rebellion Britain has ever known. She must find healing for herself, for the land - and for Grainne, her eight-year-old daughter, who has taken refuge on Mona. Is revenge worth it under any circumstances, or is the cost more than anyone can bear? Colchester is burning and London is lost without hope. Amidst fire and bloody revolution, the Boudica and those around her must find what matters most, now and for ever. **DREAMING THE SERPENT SPEAR** is the final novel in Manda Scott's bestselling Boudica series. **TP \$35**

Tim Severin*Sworn Brother (Viking 02)*

London, 1019: A few months have passed since Thorgils has escaped the clutches of the Irish Church only to find himself at the centre of a capricious love affair with Aelfgifu, wife of Knut the Great, ruler of England, and one of the most powerful men of the Viking empire. A passionate relationship between two unlikely lovers begins to unfold, which forebodes uncontrollable consequences...

When Thorgils is finally on the run again, he meets Grettir, an outlaw who is feared by most for his volatile and brooding behaviour. The two men become travel companions and sworn brothers – which binds them together beyond death. At the gates of Byzantium, Thorgils loyalty is put to the ultimate test...

Sworn Brother continues an utterly compelling journey back in time to a world that is brimming with wonderfully crafted characters and their insatiable hunger for riches and renown. **PB \$19.95**

Sharon Shinn*Mystic and Rider (Twelve Houses)*

The Mystic woman Senneth, accompanied by a team of Shapeshifters and Riders, is sent by the king into the land of Gillengaria to investigate reports of retaliation against those who use magic. **PB \$19.95**

Susan Sizemore*Master of Darkness*

When vampire hunter Eden Faveau mistakes Laurent, a renegade vampire of Tribe Manticore, for her new partner, he's not about to correct her. He's stolen a laptop full of sensitive files from the Tribe leader, Justinian, and needs help cracking the encryption. At first he wants sexy and intelligent Eden only for her computer wizardry -- but soon he wants her for much, much more.

Working by night and growing closer every day, Laurent and Eden struggle with the passion that threatens to overwhelm them. But when Justinian captures Eden, and Laurent proves his loyalty to his Tribe in the most shocking of ways, Eden vows to kill Laurent for his deception. Can he find a way to prove his love for her before a full-on war breaks out between vampires and humans? **PB \$14.95**

Derek Smith Australian Author*Retribution and Other Reactions*

Canberra author Derek Smith brings together over a decade of his short fiction into the one volume. The majority of stories have been published previously in such magazines as RedSine, Aphelion, Quantum Muse, Antipodean and Planet Magazine. **PB \$20**

Wen Spencer*The Wolf Who Rules (Tinker 02)*

In the sequel to Tinker, Tinker, living in a near-future Pittsburgh near an interdimensional border with the land of the elves, and her elven noble lover, Wolf Who Rules, are confronted by an oni invasion as well as efforts to keep the peace between the humans and the supernatural beings, while Tinker deals with inexplicable nightmares that hold the key to Pittsburgh's future. **HC \$51.95**

Mary Stewart*The Crystal Cave*

Fifth century Britain is a country of chaos and division after the Roman withdrawal. This is the world of young Merlin, the illegitimate child of a South Wales princess who will not reveal to her son his father's true identity. Yet Merlin is an extraordinary child, aware at the earliest age that he possesses a great natural gift - the Sight. Against a background of invasion and imprisonment, wars and conquest, Merlin emerges into manhood, and accepts his dramatic role in the New Beginning - the coming of King Arthur. **PB \$22**

Peter Straub*In the Night Room*

Willy Patrick, an award-winning young-adult novelist, finds her life intersecting with that of a stranger, writer Timothy Underhill, when she experiences an eerie experience involving the death of her daughter and Timothy begins to receive bizarre communications from dead people he had known in his youth. **TP \$28.95**

Charles Stross*Toast*

Features a collection of short stories such as "Antibodies", "Bear Trap", "Extracts from the Club Diary", "A Colder War", "TOAST: A con report", "A Boy and His God", "Ship of Fools", "Dechlorinating the Moderator", "Yellow Snow", and "Big Brother Iron". **TP \$30.95**

Kimberly A Thomas Australian Author*DragonCrosse (DragonCrosse 01)*

Cassandra, Princess of Castlemaigne flees the castle and falls into the hands of Daniel Crosse, highwayman, thief and leader of the Country Gentlemen. **PB \$30**

Rob Thurman*Nightlife*

Holding the fate of the human world in his hands, Cal Leandros, who is only half human, must hide from his father and his otherworldly race who believe that he is the key to unleashing their hell on Earth. **PB \$17.95**

Peter Tremayne*Master of Souls*

On a storm-driven night, wreckers drive a ship onto rocks off the coast of Ireland. An Abbess leading a pilgrimage is killed and the young religieuse with her are abducted. An ageing scholar is murdered in the Abbey of Ard Fhearta. Do these events have a connection? Sister Fidelma and Brother Eadulf go to Ard Fhearta to examine the mystery. But the abbey stands in the territory of the Ui Fidgente, enemies of Fidelma and her brother, the King of Cashel, and danger threatens Fidelma and Eadulf from the moment of their arrival. What is the link that connects the crimes? Who is the mysterious 'master of souls' spreading death and corruption across the land? Has Uaman the Leper, Lord of the Passes, returned from the dead? **PB \$19.95**

Lisa Tuttle*The Silver Bough*

In a remote Scottish village, after a landslide cuts off all ties between the town and the outside world, the world of magic and legend come to life and the inhabitants discover that a single bite of a simple fruit can transform life as they know it. **HC \$45.95**

John Varley*Red Lightning*

The son of one of the pioneering explorers of Mars, a disgruntled Ray Garcia-Strickland is bored with life on the Red Planet and tired of the overdevelopment and tourist Earthies, but when Earth is struck by a mysterious object, causing a massive tsunami, he is forced to return to Earth to help solve one of its greatest mysteries. **HC \$49.95**

Wizard

An incredible planet-sized sentient creature orbiting Saturn, Gaea suffers from a debilitating breakdown, a form of schizophrenia that threatens Gaea's inhabitants as the planet wages war against itself. **PB \$19.95**

Elizabeth Vaughan*Warsworn (Warprize 02)*

When Lara disobeys her mate, Keir the Warlord, to use her healing talents to bring solace to a plague-stricken village, her actions have terrible consequences when both she and Keir are infected and a rival warrior, hoping to seize Keir's power, challenges him to a duel to the death, with Lara's life also hanging in the balance, in the sequel to Warprize. **PB \$17.95**

Tim Waggoner*Pandora Drive*

In the small town of Zephyr, Ohio, Damara, gifted with the ability to make dreams, fears, and fantasies a reality, is unable to control her powers as the townspeople's repressed desires, long-buried secrets, and nightmares are exposed, giving new meaning to the old saying "be careful what you wish for." **PB \$17.95**

David Weber & John Ringo*March Upcountry (Empire of Man 01 Audio)*

Unabridged audio cassette book. When his spaceship crashes en route to a ceremonial appearance on another boring planet, Roger MacClintock, a spoiled young prince, and his guardian Royal Marines must make a perilous trek across a planet whose jungles are filled with carnivorous plants, deadly predators, and enemy barbarians to seek safety. **CASS \$170**

David Weber*In Fury Born*

When her world is destroyed by seemingly unstoppable planet pirates and her family is slaughtered, former commando leader Alicia DeVries turns pirate herself, steals a cutting-edge ship from the Empire, and launches a campaign to seek revenge on those responsible, only to find that her fellow veterans are equally determined to stop her, in an expanded new version of the classic novel Path of the Fury. **HC \$54.95**

David Wellington*Monster Island: A Zombie Island*

One month after the most developed nations of the world fall victim to a global zombie plague, Gary Fleck, a New York City zombie who has retained his intelligence among a sea of mindless fellow victims, plots to destroy the rest of humanity, while on the other side of the planet, a sixteen-year-old student prepares to save her endangered peers. **TP \$28.95**

Sean Williams & Shane Dix *Australian Authors**Descent (Geodesica 02)*

Rebellion comes at a price.

The system of Bedlam has been devoured by a surge of nanotech. Believing that an artificial intelligence from Sol, the Archon, was behind the destruction, three unlikely allies begin plotting their revenge.

Human rebel Melilah Awad has fled deeper into the ancient labyrinth of Geodesica than anyone has ever dared, searching for its secrets. Isaac Forge Deangelis - former Exarch of Bedlam and guardian of Geodesica - will betray everything he believes in to see the Archon defeated. And pilot Palmer Horsfall, inhabited by another rogue Exarch, will risk her not-so-human life to avenge her sister's death.

Three Davids, against one Goliath. And whoever controls Geodesica controls the universe. **PB \$19.95**

Liz Williams*Banner of Souls*

In the far-distant future a flooded and shattered Earth is governed by the iron hand of the Martian Matriarchy. Martian warrior Dreams-of-War is despatched to Earth to guard a young girl called Lunae from an unknown threat. The clone of an extraordinary heritage, Lunae ages with unnatural speed and has the special talent of being able to alter time.

At the half-ruined city of Fragrant Harbour where Lunae resides with her malignant grandmothers and a member of the genetically modified race known as the kappa, Dreams-of-War encounters a host of intrigues centring on the sinister presence of an alien mission station nearby. When her protégé is nearly assassinated, the Martian warrior is forced to flee with Lunae to the flooded northern islands of what was once Japan. But then the child and the kappa go missing en route, leaving Dreams-of-War determined to return to the plains of Mars in order to discover the truth about Martian rule over Earth, and the nature of all the secrets behind it... **PB \$19.95**

Liz Williams*Darkland*

In the far-distant future Vali Hallsdottir, assassin of an organisation known as the Skald, is sent on a mission to the world of Nhem. Her assignment is to eliminate the destructive patriarchal regime of the Hierolath.

But shortly after her arrival, Vali finds herself betrayed by her mission partner, who is not the man he seems. Frey, once Vali's lover, has undergone a genetic transformation to disguise himself and has his own agenda for travelling to Nhem.

After Vali's escape from the clutches of the Hierolath's militia she goes in search of Frey in order to discover the reasons for his betrayal. Her journey takes Vali to Darkland, where sinister forces known as the vitki wreak havoc... **TP \$32.95**

Susan Wright*To Serve and Submit*

Granted her freedom by her master Lexander, a procurer for the pleasure house of Vidaris, Marja--accompanying a fallen noblewoman on a dangerous odyssey to save her world-- is forced to use every bit of skill, cunning, and strength at her command to survive in a brutal war threatening to engulf the land she loves, in an erotic fantasy. **TP \$28.95**

Sarah Zettel*Camelot's Honour (Camelot 02)*

Elen, the daughter of a Welsh chieftan, lives in the border territory with her widowed mother and her brother. Her family are keen to ally with King Arthur, but some of the other local chieftains, in particular Urien, are not so sure. One night Elen is called out to tend to a woman in childbirth, and when her mother offers her some strange advice before she leaves she realises with trepidation that she is going to the fae folk. In return for her aid in the safe delivery of a baby boy, the fae magically delay her return home; so when she arrives Urien's men have already left, leaving her home in ruins and her mother brutally butchered. Elen determines to ride to Arthur's court to beg for aid in driving out the invaders. What she doesn't know is that Urien is the paramour of Morgaine, the most powerful sorceress on the Isle of Britain, Arthur's half-sister and his deadliest enemy. Morgaine and Urien decide that Elen must not be allowed to reach Arthur. But they reckon without the valiant Geraint, younger brother of the renowned Sir Gawain. He is determined to prove himself worthy of his place at the round table, but when he meets Elen he will find there are things other than honour worth fighting for. **PB \$19.95**

Camelot's Sword (Camelot 03)

Lynet of Cameliard is the youngest child of Lord Kenan, who holds Castle Cnwclas in the name of Queen Guinevere. When Lynet's brother, Colan, murders their father the castle and its people are thrown into disarray. Leaving her elder sister Laurel behind as a hostage, Lynet sets off for Camelot to beg Guinevere to return to Cameliard with her and restore order. Meanwhile at Camelot, Lancelot's squire Gareth, youngest brother of the renowned Sir Gawain, is getting himself into all sorts of trouble, first by dallying too much with the ladies, then by losing a duel against an elderly knight, behaviour which reflects on the reputation of Lancelot himself. When Lynet arrives at court to make her appeal, Gareth sees a way to redeem himself. But the danger is greater than either of them could have realized. For Lynet's fugitive brother, Colan, has allied himself with Arthur's half-sister and sworn enemy, the sorceress Morgaine. Morgaine plans to use the troubles at Cameliard to bring about Guinevere's downfall, fatalling weakening Arthur. Can Gareth and Lynet put aside their growing feelings for one another in order to avert catastrophe? **TP \$29.95**

Anthologies

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Donna Maree Hanson, Maxine McArthur & Stuart Barrow *Australian Authors (Editors)**Encounters + Gastronomicon Bundle*

Encounters: An anthology of Australian Speculative Fiction, edited by Maxine McArthur and Donna Maree Hanson:

Twenty two stories from Australian writers with everything from vampire flatmates to android love, Encounters offers a fine mix of stories from both well-known names and exciting newcomers.

The Gastronomicon contains 20 stories and 22 recipes:

Fun speculative fiction stories and recipes to match! The latest anthology from the Canberra Speculative Fiction Guild is full of twisted stories and tasteful recipes, along with tasteful stories and twisted recipes. Spaceships are served with pikelets, werewolves with chocolate, and mermaids with tea. And there's pixies, spirits, beans, gods, damsels in distress, lots and lots of spices, thousand-year-old eggs and thoroughly modern bubble gum.

PB \$20

Kim Harrison, Kelley Armstrong, Lori Handeland & Lynsay Sands*Dates From Hell*

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Featuring an exciting Eve Dallas story from Nora Roberts writing as J. D. Robb, this riveting collection of paranormal romantic suspense defies reality, taking readers into a world where anything can happen. **PB \$19.95**

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Featuring contributions from Gordon Dickson, Orson Scott Card, Katherine Kurtz, and Robert Silverberg, this exceptional collection showcases eight short works that started some of the most acclaimed fantasy novels and series, including The Vampire Tapestry and Lost Boys. **PB \$18.95**

Jerry M Weiss (*Editor*)

Dreams and Vision

A collection of original short works by some of today's most popular children's authors includes Suzanne Fisher Staples's tale about a djinn in Pakistan, Charles de Lint's story about a summer in the mythical city of Newford, and Tamora Pierce's account of women's empowerment in the land of the Hartunjar. **HC \$40.95**

Young Adult

Lloyd Alexander

The High King (Prydain Chronicles 05)

Death Lord Arawn has stolen the black sword, Drynwyn, the most powerful weapon in the kingdom. At the request of Prince Gwydion, Taran rallies friends, old and new, to raise an army to march against Arawn's terrible warriors. Together, they must battle through a frozen wasteland to Mount Dragon. This is a climax of "The Chronicles of Prydain". **PB \$14.95**

Frank Baum

A Wonderful Welcome to Oz (Oz)

A trio of novels from Baum's popular fantasy series come together in an omnibus edition containing *The Marvelous Land of Oz*, *Ozma of Oz*, and *The Emerald City of Oz*, accompanied by a definitive introduction to the history of Oz and its characters by the best-selling author of *Wicked*. Reader's Guide included. **TP \$32.95**

Michael Buckley

The Sisters Grim (Fairytale Detectives)

'I don't want to hear another word about fairies and goblins and giants or Jack and the Beanstalk or Humpty Dumpty!' Sabrina raged. 'I know the difference between reality and a fairytale!' But she had hardly finished her rant when something fell out of the sky. It was monstrous and encircled the car and lifted it off the ground. Sabrina couldn't believe what she was seeing, but it was right there, right in front of her. It was a hand — a giant hand!

For Sabrina and Daphne Grimm, life hasn't been a fairytale. After the mysterious disappearance of their parents, the sisters are sent to live with their grandmother, Relda Grimm — a woman they believed was dead! They begin to unravel a mystery that reveals a family secret: they are descendants of the Brothers Grimm, whose famous book of fairytales is actually a history book. Snow White, the Three Little Pigs, the Big Bad Wolf — they're all alive and living in New York as Everafters. There is a giant loose in the town, and the sisters have to take on the family responsibility of being fairytale detectives. **HC \$19.95**

Michael Carroll

The Quantum Prophecy (New Heroes 01)

"The Quantum Prophecy", first in "The New Heroes" trilogy, takes place ten years after a great battle in which all the world's superheroes and supervillains disappeared. Nobody knows what happened to Titan, Energy, Paragon and their evil adversaries, but when 13-year-old Colin Wagner and his best friend Danny begin to develop strange powers, they realise that a new age of superhumans might be just beginning. Where will they go? Who can they trust? Above all, how will Colin and Danny use their new-found powers - for good or evil? Find out in this brilliant new series, an innovative and exciting reworking of the superhero genre. **PB \$14.95**

David Clement-Davies

The Alchemists of Barbal

Magic and murder, tyranny and treason all feature in this bold new fantasy from the bestselling author of *The Sight*.

The high stone walls of Barbal encircle a deep rift. At the heart of the city the Lord Alchemist, Mardak the Dark, reigns supreme. His pursuit of power has led the tyrannical ruler to treacherous deeds: seizing the opposing alchemist, Odog, and holding him hostage in the Ziggurat.

However, help is at hand in the shape of a young boy called Silas. Under the guidance of his charismatic mentor, Sultan Ash, Silas sets off for Barbal to free Odog, armed with nothing more than sheer determination - and a pure white pebble in his pocket. Unbeknown to Silas, the pebble is a Turnstone, a talisman bestowed with magical powers. **PB \$14.95**

June Colbert

The Last Boy

This is a futuristic adventure novel for 9 - 14 year olds.

Following an enemy attack using Pay Back Bombs the world lurches towards its Last Official Day. Fourteen-year-old Ben who has been hiding out in his parents' bomb shelter to pay his parents out, has no idea what has been happening. When he finally emerges, he finds he is the only person left in the world - or is he? Amidst the destruction, he notices freshly painted graffiti, indicating that somebody else is alive. But are they an enemy or friend? Ben's doubts and fears are recorded in his diary which gives this book great immediacy and poignancy. **PB \$14.95**

Eoin Colfer

The Wish List

'The one soul I tell you to look out for and you lose her.'

Meg Finn is in trouble. Unearthly trouble. A botched attempt to rob a pensioner's flat ends with a fatal gas explosion and puts Meg in a very sticky situation. Her soul is up for grabs as Heaven and Hell try every sneaky trick imaginable to claim it. Helping a lonely old man complete tasks on his wish list is her only chance. But even if she takes that chance, will she really have enough points to face up to St Peter? **PB \$16.95**

Jeanne du Prau

The People of the Sparks

When the people of the underground city of Ember follow Lina and Doon to the surface, little prepares them for what they will encounter. Leaving behind the darkness that has been their home for generations, they discover a world of colour, warmth and light. The people of the small village of Sparks seem willing to help them... at first... but life on the surface has its dark side too. Before long the villagers of Sparks become more reluctant to share their precious resources with the strange, new underground people. Lina and Doon watch in horror as the differences between the two groups grow into resentment, anger and hate. Somehow they must help overcome the distrust and bring the people of Ember and Sparks together. **PB \$17.95**

Catherine Fisher

Darkhenge

Rob's sister Chloe lies in a coma after a riding accident, trapped in a forest of dreams between life and death. But when a dark druid shape-shifts his way into Rob's life, despair turns to hope. Because the druid knows the way through the Unworld, where he claims Chloe is imprisoned. Could the

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Maurice Gee *New Zealand*

The Halfmen of O (O Trilogy 01)

'Nick had seen the birthmark on Susan's wrist. It had two parts. Each was shaped like a tear drop, curved like a moon. One was bright red and the other golden brown.'

Susan had always been a bit odd and never really got on with her cousin Nick, but the mark on her wrist draws them together in a frightening adventure. They are summoned to the beautiful land of O in a last-ditch attempt to save the planet from cruel Otis Claw and his followers, the evil Halfmen, who have lost every trace of human goodness and kindness. **PB \$16.95**

The Priests of Ferris (O Trilogy 02)

Face the High Priest. Face him alone. That was why she was back on O. To end the religion grown up in her name.

Susan Ferris and her cousin Nick return to the world of O, which they had saved from the evil Halfmen, only to discover that a hundred years have passed and O is now ruled by cruel and ruthless priests.

Susan is inspired by the dreams and prophecies related to her, to face the most dreadful dangers and free the inhabitants of O. **PB \$16.95**

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Nine-year-old Polly and her younger brother, Sam, find a corked bottle at the beach. Inside is an ancient parchment promising three wishes. Before their adventure is over, older brother Joe will disappear and Polly and Sam will have to journey under the sea to get him back! **PB \$8.95**

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Three feathers. Three flights. Three feathers fall out of the sky and into the hands of three siblings. Exactly what they are supposed to do with the feathers Joe, Polly, and Sam don't know. That is, until they see the words written by the wind and magic is once again a part of their lives. **PB \$8.95**

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We Crows find ourselves caught between earth and sky, between life as it was and life as it will be, between yesterday and tomorrow. Cousins, hear me, the wind has changed! It's springtime - hundreds of Crows set out on their yearly migration and converge at the Gathering Tree. This sacred Gathering is an opportunity for the six crow Clans of the Family Kinaar to assemble, to make decisions and to celebrate being together. But when young blood is lost, sacred laws are tested as an illegal Mob seeks revenge on a cat, and a schism threatens the unity of the flock. The Family's situation is made yet more precarious when a severe blizzard hits and the Crows are faced with the dilemma of where to find shelter. Breaking age-old decrees and working together may offer their only chance of survival... **PB \$14.95**

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Philip Reeve*Infernal Devices (Mortal Engines 03)*

Hester ran down the beach, firing her gun at the limpet until its black hull was lost in a boiling of white water. There was nothing to do but shout Wren's name over and over, hoarse, useless, her lonely voice the only sound remaining as the lap and wash of the Autolykus's wake faded into silence.

Anchorage is no more. The brave ice city that rescued Tom and Hester so long ago is now a static settlement — Anchorage-in-Vineland, a sleepy, hidden secret full of people who've forgotten hard times and children who never knew them. Bored children, like Wren Natsworthy, Tom and Hester's daughter. Wren is fifteen, and thinks she's eager for excitement. When the Lost Boys turn up on the beach, searching for the mysterious Tin Book, Wren's sure that her adventure is here for the taking. But trusting the Lost Boys is a dangerous start to any adventure, and before another day is out, Wren will find herself a captive, and then a slave, and then the bait that leads Tom and Hester back into perilous waters ... **PB \$16.95**

Mark Robson*Imperial Spy*

Femke, a gifted and resourceful young spy, is entrusted with a vital foreign mission by the Emperor. Her adversary, Shalidar, frames Femke with responsibility for two murders while she is visiting their neighbouring court... This is an interesting spy adventure story, set in a medieval-style fantasy world. **PB \$16.95**

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A baby girl is rescued from a snowy path in the woods. A baby boy is stillborn. A young Queen is taken ill. An ExtraOrdinary Wizard mysteriously resigns from his post. And all on the same night. A string of events, seemingly unconnected, begins to converge ten years later, when the Heap family receive a knock at the door. The evil Necromancer Dom Daniel is plotting his comeback and a Major Obstacle resides in the Heap family. Life as they know it is about to change, and the most fantastically fast-paced adventure of confused identities, Magyk and Mayhem, begin.

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Angie Sage*Flyte (Septimus Heap 02)*

The evil Necromancer DomDaniel has been disposed of, but something Darke is stirring. A Shadow pursues ExtraOrdinary Wizard Marcia Overstrand around, following her every move, growing stronger every day. Septimus senses something sinister is afoot, but before he can act, Jenna is snatched - taken by the most unlikely kidnapper. Septimus must rescue his sister but does not, at first, realise what he will be facing. **HC \$24.95**

Sarah Singleton*Century (Century 01)*

Mercy and her sister Charity have never questioned their daily routine. They live at night, sleep during the day, and see their widowed father only rarely. Then one day, Mercy is woken to find a snowdrop on her pillow. A sign of spring, and a hint at a possible different future. This novel is about an immortal family living in a twilight world. **PB \$16.95**

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When Elizabeth finds a green-tinged creature she's amazed to discover that it's actually a girl of her own age. Isabella has spent the last 300 years in the faery world, hiding from persecutors who accused her of being the daughter of a witch. Elizabeth has her own persecutors to face. A priest is hiding in her home, and the net is closing in. **PB \$16.95**

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When Sabine volunteers with her friends to run the psychic booth at their school's fundraising carnival, she soon discovers that the fake crystal ball she meant to bring was mysteriously replaced by a strange "witch ball" whose predictions are coming true, forcing Sabine to quickly solve the mystery before its final prediction becomes a deadly reality. **PB \$11.95**

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It's the annual handball competition at Horror High. The court is marked out in fresh blood and powdered teeth, and every student with their brain sewn in the right way is furiously perfecting their most devious death-plays. The heat is definitely on. Tony Bones-Jones is the molten hot favourite, but an unidentified masked assailant has come roaring up through the ranks. The Bonester isn't worried. He's dispatched the best Horror High could throw at him, and sent them limping off the court weeping like onion-chopping old women. But this masked opponent is different - it's as if he can anticipate Tony's every move. Is there some devilry at work here? Two champions, two destinies. Revenge will be sweet. **PB \$12.95**

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Prince Kered loses everything in the brutal Sarod invasion of Tararia- his family, his kingdom, his people and almost himself. **PB \$19.95**

Theresa Tomlinson

Wolf Girl

Anglo-Saxon England and Cwen, a poor weaver woman, employed at the newly built abbey of Whitby is accused of possessing a valuable necklace belonging to the royal family. If found guilty, the punishment could be death by stoning, burning or hanging. Wulfrun, Cwen's daughter, is desperate to prove her mother's innocence but wherever she turns for help she encounters lies and treachery. In this time of political turbulence in the north-east of England everyone has something to hide or is fighting for a cause in particular the beautiful Irminbergh who, entrusted with the care of the king's daughter, Princess Elfled, is determined to keep Wulfrun from influencing her charge. But it is Elfled who, after a stormy start, becomes Wulfrun's staunchest ally. Together they undertake journeys on horseback, battle against wind and weather, trace people from the past and remain undaunted by the imminent threat of danger from marauding armies. Their determination is rewarded by its results. Here is a superb storyteller at her best - **WOLF GIRL** is a novel that will hold the reader turning the pages until the last twist of the plot is revealed. **PB \$18.95**

Val Tyler

The Time Wreccas

The Guardians look after time for all people. Humans always rush around claiming that they do not have enough time, but no one thinks of guarding it. The Guardians do this and in every region of the world there is one who protects time for us all. In Greenwich, it is Old Father Tim. When the Wreccas, who populate the Underneath (below ground), send Snot to steal the Tick, their only intention is to wreak havoc on the Guardians who live Topside (above ground). They don't expect Snot to find out that she feels more at home Topside and that she really rather likes Tid (Old Father Tim's grandson) who she has to trick. And little do they know that without the Tick, time will stop forever. . . **PB \$14.95**

Catherine Webb

The Extraordinary and Unusual Adventures of Horatio Lyle

In Victorian London at the height of the industrial revolution, Horatio Lyle is a former Special Constable with a passion for science and invention. He's also an occasional, but reluctant, sleuth. The truth is that he'd rather be in his lab tinkering with dangerous chemicals and odd machinery than running around the cobbled streets of London trying to track down stolen goods.

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Scott Westerfeld *Australian Author*

Peeps

Okay, lets clear up some myths about vampires. First of all, you won't see me using the V-word much. In the Night Watch, we prefer the term parasite-positives, or peeps, for short.

The main thing to remember is that there's no magic involved. No flying. No transforming into bats or rats either. . .

After a chance encounter with a mysterious woman one night, Cal's life is changed forever. He's been infected with an insidious parasite. The good news: he's only a carrier. The bad news: he's infected all his former girlfriends - and now they've turned into what Cal calls 'Peeps'. The rest of us know them as vampires. And it's Cal's job to hunt them down, before they create even more of their own kind. . . **PB \$19.95**

Non Fiction

David Bodanis

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Robert Eaglestone

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J.R.R. Tolkien's *Lord of the Rings* have become among of the most popular books of the twentieth century while the recent film adaptations have made box office records. This book provides a comprehensive, informed, critical and theoretical analysis of both the book and film trilogies. The book is organised in four thematic sections. Beginning with an analysis of the critical history of Tolkien, the first section, 'Context and Criticism', examines and contrasts the historical and intellectual context of the books, films and their criticism. The second, 'Space, Place and Communities', turns to the philosophical and post-colonial concerns which structure contemporary understandings of the book and film. The third section, 'Gender, Sexuality and Class', shows how these issues are depicted in the novels and films. The final section, 'Tolkien's Futures', looks at the continuing influence of his work in both more traditional literary forms and in contemporary game and electronic narratives. **TP \$39.95**

Richard Feynman

Don't You Have Time to Think?

Richard Feynman was one of the most inspirational men of our times. He won the Nobel Prize, wrote equations on napkins in strip joints, cracked safes for fun while working on the atom bomb, upset those in authority, and touched countless lives. He also wrote hundreds of witty, eccentric, and moving letters to his family, friends, critics, colleagues, and devoted fans around the world. Now these letters have been brought together for the first time. From down-to-earth advice to eager students to discussions of time travel, blunt rebuttals to journalists to poignant exchanges with his first wife as she suffered from tuberculosis, they will introduce you to a unique person whose wisdom and lust for life inspired all those who came into his orbit. **PB \$26.95**

Lynn E Foster

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James Lovelock

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Lovelock argues that the only way for humankind to come to terms with Gaia now, and have a chance of surviving, is to embrace science and technology, not reject them. This is his passionate manifesto of how to do that and so lessen our impact on the Earth before it is too late. **TP \$29.95**

Alex G Malloy

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Hurricane Hex

Diana G Gallagher

A woman in peril, a storm prolonged --
consequences of a spell gone wrong.

Come together, quell the anger --
unite to save a friend in danger!

Despite the fact that it's hurricane season, Phoebe, Piper, and Paige decide to take a trip to the Sunshine State. After spending a few days at Phoebe's advice column seminar in Orlando, the Charmed Ones head a few miles north to pay a visit to Sharon Grant, Paige's best friend from college. They arrive just as a hurricane in South Florida changes course and starts heading toward them.

The three sisters soon discover that the dangerous storm isn't their only worry -- it seems that Paige's friend has taken up practicing folk magic with a quirky neighbor who has an unhealthy obsession with Florida folklore. Aware that large storms can affect magic in mysterious and catastrophic ways, the Charmed Ones must batten down the hatches and convince their hostess and her friend to stop casting spells before they find themselves trapped in the eye of a real mess. **PB \$14.95**

Doctor Who

Doctor Who Through Time: The History of a Television Classic

Andrew Cartmel

The quirky British television series Doctor Who is a classic both of science fiction and television drama. First broadcast in 1963, it has remained an influential TV presence ever since, with an eagerly anticipated new series airing in 2005. As a vehicle for satire, social commentary, or sheer fantasy adventure, Doctor Who is unparalleled. It was a show created for children, but it was immediately usurped by adults. Arriving at a time of upheaval in the popular arts in Britain, Doctor Who was born into a television tradition influenced by the TV plays of Dennis Potter, the cult television drama The Prisoner, the James Bond films and Stanley Kubrick's science fiction triptych - Dr Strangelove, 2001: A Space Odyssey and A Clockwork Orange. A British fantasy adventure that has unfolded across television screens over decades in the tradition of Lewis Carroll, Conan Doyle and HG Wells, the strength of Doctor Who has always been its writers and the ideas they nurtured. In this new history of the show, Andrew Cartmel (who was the script editor on Doctor Who from 1987 to 1990) looks into its social and cultural impact - providing a fascinating read for committed and casual fans alike. **HC \$39.95**

Audio: *The Invasion*

Arriving on earth in 1975 the Doctor, Jamie and Zoe discover the component manufacturers International Electromagnetics has a vice like grip on the world's technology. When he encounters the firm's company director, the Doctor realises that there is something very odd about Tobias Vaughan... Vaughan is in fact in alliance with the cybermen and together they are masterminding an aggressive invasion of earth. If the Doctor and his friends are to defeat them they must risk life and limb in an adventure of epic proportions. Eight episodes. Running Time: 3 hours and 50 minutes. **CD \$34.95**

10th Doctor: Stone Rose

Jacqueline Rayner

Mickey is startled to find a statue of Rose in a museum - a statue that is 2,000 years old. The Doctor realises that this means the Tardis will shortly take them to Ancient Rome, but when it does, he and Rose soon have more on their minds than sculpture. While the Doctor searches for a missing boy, Rose befriends a girl who claims to know the future - a girl whose predictions are surprisingly accurate. But then the Doctor stumbles on the hideous truth behind the statue of Rose - and Rose herself learns that you have to be very careful what you wish for... **HC \$19.95**

10th Doctor: Feast of the Drowned

Stephen Cole

When a naval cruiser sinks in mysterious circumstances in the North Sea, all aboard are lost. Rose is saddened to learn that the brother of her friend, Keisha, was among the dead. And yet he appears to them as a ghostly apparition, begging to be saved from the coming feast... the feast of the drowned. As the dead crew haunt loved ones all over London, the Doctor and Rose are drawn into a chilling mystery. What sank the ship, and why? When the cruiser's wreckage was towed up the Thames, what sinister force came with it? The river's dark waters are hiding an even darker secret, as preparations for the feast near their conclusion... **HC \$19.95**

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Justin Richards

Starfall - a world on the edge, where crooks and smugglers hide in the gloomy shadows and modern technology refuses to work. And that includes the Tardis. The pioneers who used to be drawn by the hope of making a fortune from the mines, can find easier picking elsewhere. But they still come - for the romance of it, or old-fashioned organic mining. Or in the hope of finding the lost treasure of Hamlek Glint - scourge of the spaceways, privateer, adventurer, bandit... Will the Tardis ever work again? Is Glint's lost treasure waiting to be found? And does the fabled Resurrection Casket - the key to eternal life - really exist? With the help of new friends, and to the horror of new enemies, The Doctor and Rose aim to find out... This book features the Doctor and Rose, as played by David Tennant and Billie Piper, in the acclaimed hit series from BBC Television. **HC \$19.95**

Short Trips 12: Seven Deadly Sins

David Bailey

The darker side of human nature is a terrible place. Its twisted pathways and dismal corners lie ready to lead even the most virtuous traveller astray. And when someone makes just one wrong step, the darkness is quick to close in and engulf them...

Between these covers, you will find seven tales of vice, exploring the dark places at the edge of the universe. The Doctor tries to stand against the tide, to bring even a chink of light, of hope, but what good is it when he cannot even save himself from the seven deadly sins?

Alone, these seven stories tell terrible tales of misadventure, misdeed and misery - together, they reveal an even darker story...

If there were no sin in the universe, there would be nothing for the Doctor to fight against. Wrongdoing, in one form or another, is what the Doctor sets out to stop. But the seven deadly sins are more than simply crimes or misconduct - they are pure, selfish emotions, unstoppable forces of desire. And humanity is nothing if not a slave to its desire.

Meet poor, dying Agatha, whose crippling envy of others' health is sending her mad; and the tribal chief whose burning hatred and craving for revenge is so powerful it twists reality. Witness the true-life crimes of Dead Man's Chestington and Black-Eyed Susan; and the hideous results of an eating contest gone horribly wrong. An old friend returns, and her inescapable infatuation reaches dizzying new heights - while the object of her affection makes his own tragic mistakes. And, throughout everything, there are those who are just trying to make a dishonest buck...

Seven Deadly Sins plumbs the depths of humanity's dark side. And it is also the tale of those who have travelled through time and space to hear the stories contained herein - and to relish the taste of their subjects' wretchedness... **HC \$53.95**

Short Trips 13: Short Trips: A Day in the Life

Ian Farrington

Each spin of the Earth - a revolution at an arbitrary rate decided by the vagaries of cosmic history - results in a period known as a day, a twenty-hour slice of time.

When you're time travellers, the concept of a day - from midnight to midnight - can get lost: the Doctor and his companions arrive on different planets in different eras at different times of the day. They can show up during someone's lunch break or when they're asleep, at the breaking of dawn or the coming of night.

Time, it seems, is very much of the essence...

In the early hours of the morning, a rock star gives a one-off comeback performance within a virtual reality dreamscape... Over breakfast, a woman waits for the love of her life to walk through the doors of a café... The afternoon sees vital peace talks between two warring factors... A new UNIT recruit faces a terror at dusk on his first day on the job...

Throughout their adventures, the Doctor and his companions meet many people - security guards on a night shift, mysterious space travellers riding the vortex, mobs of blobby kobolds, a family sitting down to watch TV - but all too often their interaction is brief, a fleeting connection in the web of history.

A Day in the Life features sixteen stories whose total 'running time' adds up to a single twenty-four-hour period: a fictional 'day in the life of the universe' made up of fragments from throughout time and space. Given the temperamental nature of the TARDIS and the round-the-clock events that go on every single day, it is no wonder that the Doctor often arrives at his destinations at differing times. As we leave one story and join the next, we switch location and era - but not the hands on the clock... **HC \$53.95**

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Gary Russell

A star like many others in the western spire of the Milky Way galaxy.

Around it, orbit its planets - each one has its own environment; its own history; its own circumstances.

The third planet of the ten is the most-densely populated. And, over time, its inhabitants have reached out to the other worlds.

There, they find surprises, wonders, danger.

Welcome to the solar system. **HC \$53.95**

Short Trips 15: Short Trips: History of Christmas

Simon Guerrier

Christmas is a time for many things. For family and old acquaintances. For giving, for receiving, for feasts and celebration. For huddling round the warmth of the fire, sheltered from the dark and the cold outside.

And the monsters.

It's also the busiest time of year for the mysterious Doctor, whether he's caught-up in the violence of ancient Rome, taking Leonardo da Vinci on a day-trip to the stars, or popping in on the very first Christmas on the moon. Spend Christmas with the Doctor. If you dare. **HC \$53.95**

Short Trips 16: Short Trips: Farewells

Jacqueline Rayner

'After all, who knows, if I go down well, I might even make it my farewell performance.'

Sometimes it's easy to say goodbye - to a friend, to a way of life, to a lover. Sometimes it's heartbreaking. And sometimes they just won't take the hint.

Say hello to 14 stories of goodbyes, as the Fourth Doctor contemplates his mortality after a funeral; a young man goes to murderous lengths to stop Jo Grant from leaving him; the First Doctor considers his flight from Gallifrey; the Fifth Doctor desperately tries to get rid of an unwanted companion - and more.

Featuring stories by Paul Magrs, Steve Lyons, Steven A. Roman, Joseph Lidster and many more. **HC \$53.95**

Audio: Tenth Planet

The year is 1986 and at the South Pole the crew of the Snowcap Base have detected a new plant on their radar. The arrival of the Doctor, Ben and Polly at the Base coincides with another landing - that of a spaceship whose humanoid passengers have used cybernetics to replace their limbs and vital organs. Battling alongside the humans to save their planet, the Doctor appears to weaken and age before the eyes of his companions. An ultimate collapse appears to signal his death, but then... Running Time: 1 hour and 50 minutes. **CD \$29.95**

Mythbusters

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A colorful and entertaining companion to the popular TV series features in-depth examinations of urban legends and myths, as well as the scientific principles behind them, and also includes bonus experiments for kids to try at home. **TP \$30.95**

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Harlan Coben

Deal Broker

Investigator and sports agent Myron Bolitar is poised on the edge of the big time. So is Christian Steele, a rookie quarterback and Myron's prized client. But when Christian gets a phonecall from a former girlfriend, a woman who everyone, including the police, believes is dead, the deal starts to sour. Suddenly Myron is plunged into a baffling mystery of sex and blackmail. Trying to unravel the truth about a family's tragedy, a woman's secret and a man's lies, Myron is up against the dark side of his business - where image and talent make you rich, but the truth can get you killed. **PB \$9.95**

Max Allan Collins & Kathy Reichs

Bones (TV Tie In) (Bones)

Dr. Temperance Brennan, a highly skilled forensic anthropologist who works at the Jeffersonian Institution and writes novels as a sideline, has an uncanny ability to read clues left behind in a victim's bones. Law enforcement calls upon her to assist with murder investigations when the standard methods of identifying a body are useless. Brennan often finds herself partnered with special investigator Seely Booth of the FBI's Homicide Investigation Unit. Booth, a former Army sniper who mistrusts science and scientists, believes the key to solving crimes lies in discovering the truth from good old-fashioned detective work. Brennan's equally brilliant colleagues at the Jeffersonian's Medico-Legal Lab include earthy and bawdy Angela Montenegro, who's created a unique way to render an original crime scene in a 3-D computer image; Brennan's assistant, Zack Addy, a young prodigy whose genius IQ actually gets in the way of finishing any of the several doctorates he's begun; "the bug guy" Dr. Jack Hodgins, who's an expert on insects, spores and minerals, but conspiracy is his hobby; and Brennan's boss, the imposing lab director Dr. Daniel Goodman. "We hope my readers will realize that it's another manifestation of Tempe, and that they are in on this inside joke" says the real Reichs. **PB \$19.95**

Buried Deep (Bones)

Forensic anthropologist Dr. Temperance Brennan is called in by Special Agent Seely Booth to assist in the investigation into a bag of skeletal remains, complete with note, that has been left on the steps of a federal building. **PB \$19.95**

Jennifer Colt

The Mangler of Malibu Canyon

When their wealthy Aunt Reba stumbles upon a decapitated corpse in her new Malibu beach house, identical twins and private detectives Kerry and Terry McAfee take on the case, which is soon complicated by their cousin Robert, who arrives carrying the missing human head and no memory of his actions. By the author of The Butcher of Beverly Hills. **TP \$24.95**

Michael Cordy*The Lucifer Code*

What Happens to us when we die? Oblivion. Or so believes Dr Miles Fleming, a brilliant, young neuroscientist who has developed a device capable of reading human brainwaves. But when his own brother contacts him after being certified dead for six whole minutes, Fleming wonders if he's got it all wrong. His search for the truth uncovers a terrifying religious conspiracy to stage the most ambitious experiment the world has ever seen - to prove beyond doubt the existence of a heaven or a hell. As the world awaits the final judgement, Fleming must confront his own demons to save not only his own soul but that of all humanity. THE LUCIFER CODE pits the faith of religion against the certainty of science in a heartstopping thriller which explores our deepest fears. **PB \$21.95**

Robert Crais*The Two Minute Rule*

Devastated by the murder of his estranged police officer son on the day of his own release from prison, former bank robber Max Holman launches a renegade investigation and discovers that the chief suspect, a gang kingpin, is being deliberately and wrongfully targeted by the LAPD. By the author of The Forgotten Man. **HC \$51.95**

Bill Crider*A Mammoth Murder*

Texas Sheriff Dan Rhodes returns to action after eccentric Bud Turley's discovery of a large tooth purported to belong to Bigfoot leads to the murder of Bud's closest friend. By the author of A Bond with Death. **HC \$49.95**

Mary Daheim*The Alpine Quilt*

Sheriff Milo Dodge and Emma Lord, the editor of the weekly Alpine Advocate, join forces to uncover a killer, who uses poison as a weapon, from among the members of a local quilting society. **PB \$17.95**

Kay David*Not Without Proof*

In the high-stakes business of hired assassins, a hero can be deadly

Staying alive is all the proof he needs -

Stratton O'Neil was the black sheep of The Operatives, an elite group of hired assassins. But a botched assignment forces him underground, and no one but the desperate will hire him - until an international diamond cartel needs a killer to stop a killer. Dealers are turning up dead in South America - the latest in a Rio de Janeiro hotel room. To Stratton, it looks like the work of The Operatives. Jennifer Rodas, the slain dealer's assistant, is the next target and Stratton must protect her. But it's nothing personal. Stratton is no hero - until an attempt is made on his own life, and he realises the cartel has set him up.

Now Stratton has no choice but to draw Jennifer into his dark world of high-stakes murder and intrigue. They're on the run, in a race against time to bring justice down on the cartel - before they bring him down. **PB \$14.954**

Jeffrey Deaver*Twelfth Card*

Geneva Settle is a bright young high school student from Harlem writing a paper about one of her ancestors, a former slave called Charles Singleton. Geneva is also the target of a ruthless professional killer. Criminalist Lincoln Rhyme and his policewoman partner Amelia Sachs are called into the case, working frantically to anticipate where the hired gun will strike next and how to stop him, all the while trying to get to the truth of Charles Singleton, and the reason that Geneva has been targeted. For Charles Singleton had a secret - a secret that may strike at the very heart of the United States constitution, and have disastrous consequences for human rights today. And Sachs is going to have to search a crime scene that's 140 years old before she can stop the killer. **PB \$19.95**

Ted Dekker*Showdown*

A stranger named Marsuvees Black appears and announces he has come to bring hope and grace to the mountain town, Paradise, offering dazzling love, faith, and fun to residents, but as dark clouds and sandstorms shut Paradise off from the rest of the world, the unthinkable happens in an ultimate collision between good and evil. By the author of Obsessed. **HC \$47.95**

Tim Dorsey*The Big Bamboo*

Putting his failure to find everlasting life behind him, loveable serial killer Serge Storms and his stoned-out sidekick Coleman head west in order to put the Sunshine State back on Hollywood's radar, encountering a hilarious blend of mayhem, kidnapping, madness, and murder amid the glamour of Tinseltown. By the author of Torpedo Juice and Cadillac Beach. **HC \$51.95**

Laura Durham*For Better Of Hearse (Annabelle Archer Mystery)*

Chased out of a posh hotel kitchen by a knife-wielding Chef Henri, wedding planner Annabelle Archer comes to the aid of an old friend, when the city's most despised culinary artist turns up dead, impaled on an ice sculpture, and Georgia Rhodes, the hotel's sometimes temperamental catering executive, becomes the prime suspect in the grisly killing. **PB \$17.95**

Clive Egleton*The Renegades*

When a British secret service agent is killed in a London restaurant shoot-out, supposedly caught in the crossfire of a robbery involving underworld drug gangs, Peter Ashton discovers that one of the other victims had ties to terrorist organizations and that a major cover-up is underway to hide a terrorist conspiracy about to launch a deadly operation. **HC \$51.95**

Anthony Eglin*The Lost Gardens (English Garden Mystery)*

When a human skeleton is unearthed during the restoration of Wickersham Priory's magnificent gardens, eccentric former professor of botany and amateur sleuth Lawrence Kingston launches his own investigation into the crime. By the author of The Blue Rose. **HC \$49.95**

Kate Ellis*Marriage Hearse (Wesley Peterson Murder Mystery)*

When Kirsten Harbourn is found strangled and naked on her wedding day, DI Wesley Peterson makes some alarming discoveries. Kirsten was being pursued by an obsessed stalker and she had dark secrets her doting fiancé, Peter, knew nothing about. But Kirsten's wasn't the only wedding planned to take place that July day in South Devon. At Morbay register office a terrified young girl makes her wedding vows. And a few days later her bridegroom is found dead in a seedy seaside hotel. As Wesley investigates he suspects that his death and his bride's subsequent disappearance might be linked to Kirsten's murder. Meanwhile the skeleton of a young female is found buried in a farmer's field - a field that once belonged to the family of Ralph Strong, an Elizabethan playwright whose play, 'The Fair Wife of Padua' is to be performed for the first time in four hundred years. Is this bloodthirsty play a confession to a murder committed in the reign of Queen Elizabeth I? Or does it tell another story, one that might cast light on recent mysteries? **HC \$55**

Loren D Estleman*Nicotine Kiss (Amos Walker)*

Convalescing after a near-fatal shooting, hard-boiled detective Amos Walker learns that the cigarette smuggler who had saved his life has gone missing, a case that is complicated by the man's suspected involvement in a counterfeiting operation with ties to terrorism. By the author of Poison Blonde. **HC \$49.95**

Nancy Fairbanks*Bon Bon Voyage (Culinary Mystery with Recipes)*

Food columnist Carolyn Blue's much anticipated gourmet cruise aboard the luxury liner Bountiful Feast to the Canary Islands does not turn out the way she had expected, thanks to the presence of her mother-in-law, the disappearance of a female passenger, and the discovery of a corpse on board the ship. Original. **TP \$26.95**

G G Fickling*A Kiss For A Killer (Honey West)*

Gorgeous L.A. private detective Honey West launches her own investigation when she becomes the prime suspect in the murders of her one-time lover, L.A. Rams quarterback Rip Spensor, and Angela Scali, an Italian Hollywood bombshell, following the trail of a killer to a nudist colony.

TP \$28.95

Sharon Fiffer*Hollywood Stuff (Jane Wheel Mystery)*

Heading to Hollywood when Wren Bixby, owner of Bix Pix Flix, purchases the rights to her story, private detective Jane Wheel becomes embroiled in a big city murder mystery when a screenwriting friend is accused of killing his old writing partner and follows a trail of clues that lead to a lucrative scheme involving the buying and selling of Hollywood memorabilia. **HC \$49.95**

Joanne Fluke*Cherry Cheesecake Murder (Hannah Swenson Mystery With Recipes)*

When Main Street in Lake Eden becomes a movie set, a clever killer rewrites the script and bakery owner Hannah Swenson, while trying to decide which marriage proposal to accept, must sift through a cast of suspects before the film wraps with an even deadlier ending. **HC \$45.95**

Christopher Fowler Britian*The Water Room (Bryant and May Mystery 02)*

Arthur Bryant and John May of London's Peculiar Crimes Unit are called in when an elderly woman is found dead inside her own home with her lungs filled with river water, launching an investigation that brings them face to face with a rising death toll, a killer with a unique motive for murder, and dark secrets hidden in London's underground. **PB \$17.95**

Dick Francis*Knockdown*

Jonah Dereham, an English jockey turned horsebuyer, buys a steeplechase racer at Ascot Sales for Mrs. Kerry Sanders and a tie-in with a horse-trading racket and murder for himself. **PB \$19.95**

Elizabeth George*With No One as Witness*

When an adolescent boy is found murdered under bizarre circumstances, New Scotland Yard acting superintendent Thomas Lynley and his colleagues tie the crime to a series of killings but find the case complicated by racial issues. By the author of A Place of Hiding. **PB \$19.95**

Lee Goldberg*The Dead Letter (Diagnosis Murder 06)*

When Dr. Mark Sloan receives a package containing files, audiotapes, and videos from infamous P.I. Nick Stryker after his death, Mark has evidence that could put away some of the most powerful people in Los Angeles and must discover which one of them resorted to murder. **PB \$17.95**

Janice Graham*The Tailor's Daughter*

Rejecting an undesirable marriage in favor of working at her father's prestigious Savile Row tailoring firm, hearing-impaired Victorian gentlewoman Veda Grenfell reluctantly accepts the advances of unpredictable heir Harry Breadalbane, whose future earldom rests in the uncultivated wilderness of the Yorkshire moors. By the author of Firebird. **HC \$51.95**

Tim Green*Kingdom Come*

Having made his construction company into a multi-billion dollar corporation that has brought out the competitive worst in his friends and family members, Bob King reveals a massive public offering that would render him CEO for life, a situation that prompts his second-in-command's wife to plot his murder. **HC \$51.95**

John Grisham*The Summons / The King of Torts*

PB \$12.95

Michael Gruber*Night of the Jaguar*

Miami detective Jimmy Paz risks everything to save his daughter and stop a series of murders involving the gruesome killings of affluent Cuban-American businessmen, crimes that could be tied to the murder in Colombia of an American priest and the arrival in south Florida of an Indian shaman armed with the power of his god, Jaguar. **HC \$51.95**

Jane Haddam*Hardscrabble Road (Gregor Damarkian)*

Retired FBI agent Gregor Demarkian is called in by a local legal project to probe the circumstances surrounding the death of a former client, following a complex maze of clues that could be tied to the arrest of a local Philadelphia right-wing radio talk-show host for illegal drugs, a nearby Benedictine monastery, a Nobel laureate leftist academic, and a homeless advocacy group. **HC \$52.95**

Carolyn Haines*Penumbra*

The daughter of a white mother and black father, beautician and undertaker's assistant Jade Dupree comes to the aid of her white half-sister, Marlana, when the woman is found badly beaten and her young daughter kidnapped, embarking on an investigation with the assistance of a white deputy sheriff to find her niece before it is too late. **HC \$49.95**

Denise Hamilton*Prisoner of Memory (Eve Diamond)*

When the son of a Russian TmigrT is found murdered in Los Angeles, reporter Eve Diamond finds herself searching for clues in her own family's past, a situation that is complicated by a young man who claims to be her long-lost cousin, on the run from the Russian mafia. **HC \$49.95**

Lyn Hamilton*The Orkney Scroll (Archeological Mystery)*

When one of her clients falls victim to a scam and becomes the prime suspect in a murder investigation, Toronto antiques dealer and amateur sleuth Lara McClintoch follows a trail leading to Scotland's remote Orkney Islands and into the middle of a centuries-old Viking mystery. **HC \$47.95**

Robert Harris*Enigma / Archangel* **PB \$12.95****Carolyn Hart***Dead Days of Summer (Death on Demand Mystery)*

Bookstore owner Annie Darling goes undercover to pursue a clever killer who has framed her husband Max for murder, when Max mysteriously vanishes en route home and his car is found with a murder weapon in the trunk and a beautiful young woman dead nearby. **HC \$49.95**

Death of the Party (Death on Demand Mystery)

When her husband's latest case takes them to a remote private sea island, Annie's initial delight turns to horror when she realizes that she and her husband have been marooned along with numerous suspects from the case her husband is investigating. **PB \$17.95**

Kenneth J Harvey*Inside*

Fourteen years after being wrongfully convicted of a murder Mister Myrden is pardoned and released from prison. Stepping back into the world, he feels overwhelmed and disoriented on the outside. When he returns to his old neighbourhood, a street where violence lurks behind practically every door, he finds himself out of place and ambivalent to his wife who is living in another man's house, to his friends who want both to celebrate and provoke further violence, and to the one million dollars compensation he has received from the government. What Myrden wants is his daughter, who is married to an abusive man, and his beloved granddaughter out of that neighbourhood. In a fit of rage, he makes a decision that will save his granddaughter from the cycle of abuse, but will result in his own destructive lurch back to prison. *INSIDE* is a dazzling novel about the institutions that we create in order to keep people confined, and about how the dynamic of a destructive family often shuts its children off from the vast possibilities of the world. **HC \$57.95**

Pete Hautman*The Prop*

Working as a prop poker player at an Arizona casino, Pecky Kane becomes unwittingly involved in a scam against her employer, a plot that is complicated by her daughter's drug problems and a high-stakes band of murdering robbers. **TP \$28.95**

Mo Haydor*Pig Island*

Journalist Joe Oakes makes a living exposing supernatural hoaxes. A born sceptic, he believes everything has a rational explanation. But when he visits a secretive religious community on a remote Scottish island, everything he thought he knew is overturned. Questions mount: Why has the community been accused of Satanism? What has happened to their leader, Pastor Malachi Dove? And perhaps most important, why will no one discuss the strange apparition seen wandering the lonely beaches of Pig Island? Their confrontation, and its violent and bloody aftermath, is so catastrophic that it forces Oaksey to question the nature of evil, and whether he might not be responsible for the terrible crime about to unfold. In her compulsive and haunting new novel, Mo Haydor dares her readers to face their fears head on and to look at what lurks beneath the surface of everyday normality. *PIG ISLAND* is about the unspeakable things people can do to each other. Brace yourself for a terrifying read. **HC \$45**

Sue Henry*Murder at Five Finger Light (Jessie Arnold Mystery)*

Invited to a housewarming party at her friends' recently acquired old lighthouse on the Alaskan Inside Passage, sled dog racer Jessie Arnold is delighted to spend the weekend with friends restoring the old building until a guest ends up dead and an unknown killer cuts off all radio and telephone communications. **PB \$17.95**

The Tooth of Time (Maxie and Stretch Mystery)

Heading for New Mexico in her mini-Winnebago, Maxie McNabb and her dog, Stretch, find their cross-country odyssey and her plans to learn how to weave interrupted by the attempted suicide of a local woman despondent over the infidelity of her middle-aged husband and by the schemes of a sleazy con man and by Maxie's plans to seek justice. **HC \$49.95**

Greg Herren*Mardi Gras Mambo*

Go-go dancer turned private investigator Scotty Bradley, along with his boyfriends Frank and Colin, arrives in New Orleans for Mardi Gras, but Ecstasy, murder, and the Russian mob thwart his plans of decadence and debauchery. **TP \$28.95**

David Hewson*The Lizard's Bite*

Things are looking up for Nic Costa and Gianni Peroni – their humiliating exile in Venice is nearly at an end, and their long-awaited holiday is about to begin. So when they are ordered to investigate an apparently open-and-shut case, a fire in a glass foundry that has claimed two lives, all they want is to wrap it up quickly. However, as they dig more deeply into the insular glass-making region of Murano and the strange Arcangeli family, things don't quite add up.

Under pressure from above to finish quickly so that urbane British millionaire Hugo Massiter's property deal can be concluded, events spiral quickly out of control with devastating consequences...

Costa and Peroni find themselves embroiled in a clandestine and dangerous investigation into the shadowy world that lies beneath Venice's sparkling façade – and where the usual rules do not apply. **HC \$44 TP \$32.95**

The Sacred Cut

For the first time in decades, The Eternal City is paralysed by a blizzard. And a gruesome discovery is made in the Pantheon - one of Rome's most ancient and revered architectural treasures. Covered by softly falling snow is the body of a young woman - her back horribly mutilated. But before Costa, Peroni and Rome's Questura can begin a formal investigation the US Embassy has brought in its own people, FBI agents who want the case closed down as quickly and discreetly as possible.

But Costa is determined to find out why - and as the FBI grudgingly admits that this corpse is not the first, the mutilations of the woman's body point to Leonardo Da Vinci's Vitruvian Man - and to a conspiracy so sinister and buried so deep, that only two people know its true, crazed meaning.

PB \$19.95

Tami Hoag*Dead Sky (Kovac)*

Karl Dahl is accused of the brutal murder of a young woman. With his criminal record for a variety of offences, including burglary and spying on women in their homes. Prosecutor Chris Logan argues that Dahl is a serial killer in the making. The defence, however, convinces the judge of the leap between burglary and murder, and that Dahl's previous convictions should be withheld from the jury. Judge Carrie Moore agrees. It's an unpopular decision, and one that backfires when she is vilified in the press and receives hate-mail. Kovac and Liska are assigned to the case. Never fond of authority figures, Kovac isn't happy with the assignment. He knows the hours that go into bringing a prosecution and that often that hard work is dismissed by a lawyer or judge only too quick to discard a key piece of evidence. Over the weeks he's with her, Kovac's feelings for Moore and her life soften. And then she's kidnapped. His immediate suspicion falls on Carrie's soon-to-be-ex-husband, who turns out to have a double life. It's a case that will take Kovac down a strange, dark trail of smoke and mirrors, where no one is who they seem to be and everyone is guilty of something. **TP \$29.95**

Prior Bad Acts (Kovac)

Assigned to protect a judge whose unpopular ruling regarding a potential serial killer has led to threats, Minneapolis homicide detective Sam Kovac and his partner, Nikki Liska, find their case taking a whole new direction when the judge is kidnapped and they discover that the suspect list is far larger than anyone could have expected. **HC \$52.95**

Alesia Holliday*Blondes Have More Felons*

Attorney December Vaughn's first client, whose wife died because of defective insulin, pits her against a major drug company determined to stop her in her tracks, but this blonde bombshell, with a little help from her friends, proves that she has what it takes to win the case. **PB \$17.95**

Victoria Houston*Dead Boogie (Loon Lake Fishing Mystery)*

When Peg Garmin is murdered in the company of two exotic dancers, this bizarre triple homicide leads Lew, Osborne, and Ray to one of the richest families in Chicago who will do anything to keep their dark secrets buried forever. **PB \$17.95**

Roberta Isleib*Final Fore (Golf Lover's Mystery)*

While preparing for the U.S. Women's Open, Cassie Burdette finds herself on edge when her favorite caddie goes missing, a rival player is poisoned, and threatening e-mails and messages dodge her every move, proving that the competition is deadly. **PB \$17.95**

Lee Jackson*The Last Pleasure Garden*

A sinister figure stalks the gas-lit groves of Cremorne Gardens, the last pleasure-ground on the banks of the Thames. His weapon, a sharp pair of scissors. His victims, young women in the first bloom of youth. His crime - merely to remove a lock of their hair. Inspector Decimus Webb of Scotland Yard suspects a harmless lunatic is at large. But when morbid obsession turns to murder, even Webb's loyal sergeant begins to doubt his judgement. As the press and his superiors clamour for answers, Webb's investigations lead him to Rose Perfitt, aspiring debutante and daughter of a respectable stock-broker. Will she fall prey to 'The Cutter' or does a worse fate beckon? One thing is certain - only Decimus Webb can save her. Lee Jackson's third Inspector Webb novel takes the reader into the forgotten world of the Victorian pleasure-garden, in a gripping mystery of garish gas-light and dark secrets. **HC \$45**

P D James*Children of Men*

Under the despotic rule of Xan Lyppiat, the Warden of England, the old are despairing and the young cruel. Theo Faren, a cousin of the Warden, lives a solitary life in this ominous atmosphere. That is until a chance encounter with a young woman leads him into contact with a group of dissenters. Suddenly his life is changed irrevocably, as he faces agonising choices, which could affect the future of mankind. **PB \$19.95**

Innocent Blood

Philippa Palfrey, adopted as a child, believes herself to be the motherless, illegitimate daughter of an aristocratic father. At eighteen she exercises her right to find out the truth. What she discovers will change her life forever. Philippa enters a new and terrifying world and soon comes to realize that she is not the only one interested in her parents' whereabouts. **PB \$19.95**

The Murder Room

Commander Adam Delgliesh is already acquainted with the Dupayne Museum in Hampstead, and with its sinister murder room celebrating notorious crimes committed in the interwar years, when he is called investigate the killing of one of the trustees. He soon discovers that the victim was seeking to close the museum against the wishes of both staff and fellow trustees. Everyone, it seems, has something to gain from the crime. When it becomes clear that the killer is prepared to kill again, inspired by the real-life crimes from the murder room, Dalgliesh knows that to solve this case he has to get into the mind of a ruthless killer. **PB \$19.95**

Skull Beneath the Skin (Cordelia Gray Mystery)

Hired to protect a beautiful but neurotic actress, Cordelia Gray soon becomes embroiled in a case as dangerous to her own life as it is mysterious. Clarissa Lisle hopes to make a spectacular come back in a production of *The Duchess of Malfi*, to be played in Ambrose Gorrings's sinister castle at Courcy Island. Cordelia is there to ensure her safety following the appearance of a number of poison-pen letters. But it soon becomes clear that all are in danger. Trapped within the walls of the Gothic Castle, the treacherous past of the island re-emerges, and everyone seems to have a motive for sending Clarissa 'down, down the hell'. Marking the return of Cordelia Gray, *The Skull Beneath the Skin* is a complex mystery that more than lives up to its predecessor, *An Unsuitable Job for a Woman*. **PB \$19.95**

Unsuitable Job For A Woman (Cordelia Gray Mystery)

Meet Cordelia Gray: twenty-two, tough, intelligent and now sole inheritor of the Pryde Detective Agency. Her first assignment finds her hired by Sir Ronald Callender to investigate the death of his son Mark, a young Cambridge student found hanged in mysterious circumstances. Required to delve into the hidden secrets of the Callender family, Cordelia soon realises it is not a case of suicide, and that the truth is entirely more sinister. **PB \$19.95**

J A Jance, Lee Charles Kelley, Virginia Lanier & Chassie West

Bark M For Murder

Four leading mystery writers bring together a quartet of crime stories featuring four popular sleuths and their clever canine sidekicks. **PB \$17.95**

Craig Johnson

The Cold Dish

After decades of peace between the white and Native American communities of early American Wyoming, a young man who was once convicted for raping a Cheyenne girl is found dead, prompting sheriff Walt Longmire, his deputy Victoria Moretti, and friend Henry Standing Bear to investigate. A first novel. **TP \$28.95**

Faye Kellerman

Straight Into Darkness

In 1920s Munich, Germany, homicide detective Axel Berg is called to deal with an evil killer. Berg considers himself apolitical and as an outsider living a routine life, and he's been of no interest to those with power. But senior officers work to their own agendas, and he is under the threat of making a mistake with deadly consequences. **PB \$19.95**

Laurie King

Locked Rooms (Mary Russell and Sherlock Holmes)

Returning to her former home of San Francisco in 1924, Mary Russell and her husband, eminent detective Sherlock Holmes, are confronted by dark secrets of the past that continue to haunt Mary's dreams and by a mysterious stranger who could hold the key to unraveling the puzzle that has been tormenting her. **PB \$17.95**

Richard Kunzmann

Bloody Harvests

After a child's mutilated body is discovered in a ditch, detective Harry Mason needs to discover whether this gruesome death is the work of a serial murderer or a muti killer butchering children to make powerful "medicine" from their body parts. His police partner, Jacob Chabalala, is forced to reconsider his beliefs as both a tribesman and a cop, becoming increasingly convinced that this time they are dealing with a genuine witch – perhaps powerful enough to subvert the investigation itself.

The two friends relationship deteriorates as the case progresses and cultural tensions grow. They are still no closer to identifying the killer, when a second murder occurs. Meanwhile a young British reporter, Nina Reading, has been conducting her own investigation into slave-trafficking, thus putting herself in deadly danger. Harry's discoveries and Nina's revelations unite and lead them even deeper into an awesome spiritual underworld in Hillbrow, where money and fear reign supreme. But their enemies will stop at nothing to protect their bloody harvests - including the kidnapping of Harry's own child. **PB \$19.95**

Rita Lakin

Getting Old Is the Best Revenge (Getting Old 02)

Senior citizen private detective Gladly Gold and her eccentric team of cohorts risk everything to identify the killer who has been stalking wealthy socialites when the murderer turns up aboard their Bingo cruise, in the sequel to *Getting Old Is Murder*. **PB \$17.95**

Starling Lawrence

Montenegro

In an age just before World War I, an agent of a powerful Englishman is sent to the Balkans to see if they can take advantage of the decline of the Ottoman Empire, but the agent finds himself falling in love with a woman who is married to a powerful Montenegrin Serb. Reader's Guide available. **TP \$28.95**

Donna Leon

Blood From A Stone (Commissario Brunetti)

On a cold Venetian night shortly before Christmas, a man is killed in a scuffle in Campo San Stefano. The closest witnesses to the event are the tourists who had been browsing the man's wares before his death - fake handbags of every designer label. Officially termed a *venditore ambulante* or *extracomunitario*, the dead man was working as a *vu cumprà*, one of the many Black Africans purveying goods outside normal shop hours and without work permits. Arriving on the scene, Commissario Brunetti's response matches that of everybody involved: why would anyone kill a *vu cumprà*? With few social connections and little money, in-fighting amongst these workers is the obvious answer. But once Brunetti begins investigating this Venetian underworld, he discovers that matters of great value are at stake within the immigrant society. Warned by Patta, his superior, to resist further involvement in the case, Brunetti only becomes more determined to unearth the truth behind this mysterious killing. However, reluctant as he is to let this event be smugly relegated to the category of 'not worth dealing with', how far will Brunetti be able to penetrate the murky subculture of Venice's illegal community? **PB \$21.95**

Through a Glass Darkly (Commissario Brunetti)

A luminous spring day in Venice, and Commissario Brunetti and his sidekick Vianello play hooky from the Questura along the Grand Canal to rescue Vianello's friend Marco, who has been arrested during an environmental protest. They get him released, only to be faced by the fury of the man's father-in-law, who owns a glass factory on Murano. The old man is seething with rage, and his daughter shares her fear with Brunetti that he will actually harm her husband. But it is not Marco who has uncovered the guilty secret of the glass foundries, nor he whose body is found lying in front of the furnaces which burn at 1400 degrees C. night and day. The victim has left clues in a copy of Dante and Brunetti must enter an inferno to discover who is poisoning the land and fouling the waters of Venice's lagoon. A man is dead - but will politics and expedience prevent the killer from striking again? **PB \$32.95**

Rett MacPherson

Dead Man Running

When genealogist Torie O'Shea is asked by a local journalist to research the family background of her Missouri hometown's two mayoral candidates--incumbent Bill Castlereagh and his challenger, Torie's stepfather Sheriff Colin Brooke--her investigation turns up a shocking secret from her town's past. By the author of *Thicker Than Water*. **HC \$49.95**

Henning Mankell

Chronicler of the Winds

One night the baker Jose Antonio Maria Vaz hears gunfire from the deserted theatre next door to his bakery. Bemused he races up to the uppermost gallery and there beneath him on a spot-lit stage is the wounded body of Nelio, the fabled street urchin, renowned throughout the city for living on his wits. Gasping, Nelio asks to be taken to the roof to breathe in the beautiful air, fresh off the indian ocean. There on the theatre roof, his life ebbing away, Nelio begins his story. At the age of five, Nelio witnessed his village burn to the ground, and the brutal massacre of his people by bandits. He himself escaped by chance; a man handed Nelio a gun and ordered him to shoot another boy, instead he turned the gun on the bandit, shot and ran. He made his way to the coast, encountering bizarre characters en route who gave him guidance. Upon arrival in the city Nelio joined a rough street gang, and began a very different way of life. A dazzling departure from the master of crime, Henning Mankell's *CHRONICLER OF THE WINDS* takes us to the African continent, a place for which the author has a great passion. An expertly crafted fable. **TP \$32.95**

The Man Who Smiled

After killing a man in the line of duty, Inspector Kurt Wallander finds himself spiralling into an alcohol-fuelled depression. He has just decided to leave the police when an old friend approaches him for help investigating his father's suspicious death. Kurt doesn't want to know. But then his friend is found shot dead. Against his better judgment, he returns to work to head what may now have become a double murder case. An enigmatic big-business tycoon seems to be the common denominator in the two deaths. But while Wallander is on the trail of the killer, somebody is on the trail of Wallander, and closing in fast. **PB \$21.95**

Nancy Martin

Cross Your Heart and Hope to Die (Blackbird Sisters Mystery)

When her boss is found bound in pantyhose and shot execution style, Nora Blackbird launches an investigation that brings her face to face with some of the most glamorous suspects in the City of Brotherly Love. **PB \$17.95**

Charles McCarry

The Last Supper

A woman's tragic death in a vehicular homicide minutes after her lover, Paul Christopher, leaves for Vietnam gives way to details about Christopher's youth and the origins of the CIA in the clandestine operations of the OSS during World War II. **HC \$51.95**

Val McDermid

The Distant Echo

The past, for instance.

That night in the cemetery.

The girls body in the snow, her blood scarlet against the white ground

Four a.m. on a freezing Fife morning and four drunken students stumble upon the body of a woman lying in the snow. Rosie has been raped, stabbed and left for dead in an ancient Pictish cemetery. And the only suspects are the four young men now stained with her blood.

Twenty-five years later the police mount a cold case review of Rosies unsolved murder and the four are still suspects. But when one of them dies in a suspicious house fire and another in a burglary gone bad, it seems that someone is pursuing their own brand of justice. For the remaining two there is only one way to avoid becoming the next victim find out who really killed Rosie all those years ago **PB \$19.95**

Killing the Shadows

A killer is on the loose and hes blurring the line between fact and fiction. His prey the writers of crime novels. But this murderer is like no other; his bloodlust shatters all the conventional wisdom on how serial killers operate And for one woman the desperate hunt to uncover his identity becomes a matter of life and death.

Professor Fiona Cameron is an academic psychologist who uses computer technology to track serial offenders. She vowed never to work for the Met again after they went against her advice and badly screwed up an investigation as a result. But when her lover, thriller writer Kit Martin, tells her a fellow crime novelist has been murdered, Fiona cant help taking an interest.

With the killer striking again, Fiona is caught up in a race against time, not only to save a life, but to bring herself redemption, both personal and professional. **PB \$19.95**

A Place of Execution

Winter 1963: two children have disappeared off the streets of Manchester; the murderous careers of Myra Hindley and Ian Brady have begun. On a freezing day in December, another child goes missing: thirteen-year-old Alison Carter vanishes from the isolated Derbyshire hamlet of Scardale, a small-inward-looking community which has little contact with the outside world. For the young George Bennett, a newly promoted inspector, it is the beginning of his most difficult and harrowing case: a murder with no body, an investigation with more dead ends and closed faces than hed have found in the anonymity of the inner city, an outcome which reverberates down the years.

Decades later he finally tells his story to journalist Catherine Heathcote, but just when the book is poised for publication, Bennett unaccountably tries to pull the plug. He has new information which he refuses to divulge, new information that threatens the very foundations of his existence. Catherine is forced to reinvestigate the past, with results that turn the world upside down.

A Greek tragedy in modern England, *A Place of Execution* is a taut psychological suspense thriller that uniquely explores, exposes and explodes the border between reality and illusion in a multi-layered narrative that turns expectations on their head and reminds us that what we know is what we do not know. A monstrous tale of deception, the technique of the telling is the greatest deception of all. **PB \$19.95**

Gregory McDonald*Fletch Reflected*

Receiving word from an old flame who has recently become engaged to a billionaire inventor's son, Fletch and his newfound son, Jack, learn that a member of the billionaire's household staff may be targeting her future father-in-law for murder. **TP \$26.95**

Iain McDowell*Killing For England*

Chief Inspector Jacobson and DS Kerr had been on leave when the body of a young black man, Darren McGee, had been fished out of the River Crow. The autopsy had pointed to suicide by drowning. But now Darren's cousin, Paul Shaw, is in town: a top-notch investigative journalist with an axe to grind and a claim that Darren had really been the victim of a racially-motivated murder. Jacobson isn't convinced. But when Paul Shaw turns up as dead and as terminally-wet as his cousin, Jacobson and Kerr are faced with a baffling double-murder to investigate. And a dangerous confrontation lies ahead with the murky world of the Far Right. **PB \$19.95**

Making a Killing

Chief Inspector Jacobson is starting to wish he'd stayed on holiday. The Crowby Crawler, a notorious serial rapist, is back on the streets with a mob of baying vigilantes at his heels. It's almost a relief - professionally, at least - when he's assigned what appears to be an open and shut murder case. Bored, adulterous Jenny Mortimer lies dead on the driveway and her jealous, domineering husband Gus hasn't the shred of an alibi. Even when DS Kerr casts doubt on the simplicity of the case, Jacobson isn't overly concerned. If Gus hasn't done it, Jacobson has his eye on another suspect just as close to home: Jenny's youthful, bohemian lover, Kevin Holland. But when Jacobson starts to investigate Gus Mortimer's business interests it soon becomes clear that this simple crime of passion is anything but... **PB \$19.95**

Perfectly Dead

Chief Inspector Jacobson hates drug-related cases. Not least because it means he has to work with the drug squad. But there's no alternative when a local dealer turns up burnt, battered and dead. Just another hopeless, pointless sink estate incident in the middle of a grey, Crowby February. But even so Dave Carter's torched body is the stuff of bad dreams. Death doesn't get any grimmer, Jacobson thinks. But that's because Jacobson, DS Kerr and Crowby CID are still forty-eight hours away from the 'Perfect Family' killings... five dead in a leafy suburb where bad things aren't supposed to happen. And the only witness may never speak again. **PB \$19.95**

Study in Death

Dr Roger Harvey, a high-flyer headed for the academic first division, has pursued his career and women with equal passion. But now he's just another murder statistic; his body has been lying in his flat for four days when a small-time burglar literally stumbles over it on his way out with the stereo. DS Ian Kerr and DCI Jacobson of Crowby CID can discern no obvious motive. Harvey didn't do serious drugs, have a criminal record, and wasn't gay. Not even Harvey's closest friends, John Kent and his beautiful wife, Annie, seem able to throw any light on the situation. Despite Jacobson's dependence on booze and fags, and the fact that Kerr's marriage is disintegrating faster than his boss's liver, the two men are experienced policemen. But to solve the case they have to untangle the dark threads of a mystery which threatens to unravel in seemingly every direction.

PB \$19.95

Ian McEwan*Saturday*

A successful, happily married neurosurgeon, Henry Perowne is drawn into a confrontation with Baxter, a small-time thug, following a minor motor vehicle accident on the way to his regular squash game, an encounter that has savage consequences when Baxter, believing that the doctor has humiliated him, visits the Perowne home that evening during a family reunion. Reader's Guide available. **TP \$30.95**

Jill McGown*Unlucky for Some*

Detective Chief Inspectors Lloyd and Hill spearhead a high-profile investigation into the murder of Wilma Fenton, a woman killed the same night she won a huge pot at bingo, as they confront a series of apparently motiveless killings and an increasingly hostile press. **PB \$17.95**

Susan Cummins Miller*Detachment Fault (Frankie MacFarlane Geologist Mystery)*

When her brother's girlfriend disappears, one of her students is murdered, and a fellow professor is killed, geologist Frankie MacFarlane discovers that these brutal crimes are linked by a rare alexandrite ring and must use her deductive skills to unearth a killer. **PB \$17.95**

Richard Montanari*The Skin Gods*

Philadelphia detectives Jessica Balzano and Kevin Byrne match wits with a depraved murderer with a hidden agenda who is transforming cinematic murders into crimes with real-life victims by recreating fictional Hollywood movies--and who has now set his sights on Byrne's teenage daughter.

HC \$51.95

Christopher Moore*A Dirty Job*

Charlie Asher, a neurotic and anxious hypochondriac who hates change, gets more than he had bargained for when his wife dies of a freak medical condition on the day his new daughter, Sophie, is born, as he is confronted by the challenges of being a widower, a single parent, and the focus of a strange and deadly series of bizarre occurrences. **HC \$51.95**

David Morrell*Creepers*

CREEPERS is a suspenseful, gripping joy-ride of a thriller. With customary brilliance, David Morrell, the father of the modern high-action thriller, inexorably draws you in to a story that will haunt you for nights to come **PB \$19.95**

Kate Mosse*Labyrinth*

Discovering a pair of crumbling skeletons in the Pyrenees mountains during an archaeological dig, volunteer Alice finds herself targeted by a ruthlessly ambitious woman and a dangerously powerful man, while eight hundred years in the past, Alais, the daughter of a crusader, is charged with safeguarding the location of the Holy Grail. **HC \$52.95**

Ryu Murakami*In the Miso Soup*

When tour guide Kenji is hired by Frank, an American with bizarre habits, to show him the seamier side of Tokyo's nightlife, the man's strange behavior leads Kenji to suspect that he might be the serial killer who has been terrorizing the area. **TP \$28.95**

Dwayne Murray Sr*The Mouse That Roared*

Read what happens to Sandra Lyte after she defies her religious parents' wishes by entering a "lustful" beauty contest. After being thrown out of the only home she ever knew, Sandra travels to New York City in hopes of starting a new life. Unaware and naive about what life is like in the heart of the city, Sandra finds herself caught in a whirlwind of drugs, abuse, power, and murder. This rollercoaster ride is filled with action and suspense. Just be sure to exhale after every chapter. **TP \$28.95**

John J Nance*Orbit*

Winning a passenger seat on the American Space Adventure's 2009 launch, Kip Dawson finds himself facing death and doggedly typing his epitaph on the ship's computer after a micrometeorite damages the capsule and kills the pilot, a situation during which he is unaware that his writings are being pushed to the Internet and read by a horrified public. By the author of *Saving Cascadia*. **HC \$49.95**

Saving Cascadia

No one thinks it can happen here. Washington State's Cascadia Island has been the focus of seismologist Doug Lam's intensive research. Formed by earthquakes centuries ago, the unstable landmass needs only the slightest trigger to unleash a devastating catastrophe.

No one hears the warnings. A wealthy developer stands to make millions from the construction of a luxury resort on Cascadia -- and no scientist's theories of calamity will stop him. But on the eve of the complex's grand opening, terror rolls in with unstoppable force.

No one will survive. Seismic rumblings along the Northwest Corridor escalate to deadly tremors that put hundreds of lives on the line. With the island imploding and the military ill-supplied, Doug and his girlfriend, pilot Jennifer Lindstrom, race to evacuate the island by air while dreading the worst: the upheaval signals the approach of a killer tsunami. **PB \$16.95**

Tom Neale*Copper Kiss*

FBI agent Vincent Piper is back in London, determined not to screw up this time. But the love of his life, high-class call girl Celeste Young is in trouble. Her brother is putting together an online sex.blog but one by one the call girls are being murdered. Piper works his way deeper into the case and realises the American Government is involved - that people are prepared to pay a terrible price for their political ambitions. Moving from New York and California through to the streets of Soho in London, *COPPER KISS* culminates in a shoot-out on the bleak mudflats of the Norfolk coast, where Piper confronts the man who has targeted the woman he loves... **TP \$32.95**

Patrick Neate*City of Tiny Lights*

Cricket aficionado, devoted son, part-time private investigator and occasional idol to West London's thug-ites, Tommy Akhtar is hired by a lovely prostitute to uncover the whereabouts of a missing friend, last seen meeting a client at a local hangout, but his case takes a dark turn when he becomes embroiled in a sinister murder investigation. **TP \$28.95**

Hakan Nesser*Borkmann's Point*

In the quiet coastal town of Kaalbringen, an ex-con is brutally murdered with an axe. Then the body of a wealthy real-estate mogul is found, also the victim of a violent attack. There appears to be a serial killer on the loose, and Chief Inspector Van Veeteren is called in to help out the local investigation. In his whole career he has only ever had to leave one case unsolved, but he's never faced this kind of killer. As details surrounding the murders are collected, Van Veeteren finds that he has few leads; nothing links the two victims. But then there's another murder, and one of Van Veeteren's colleagues, a promising female detective, goes missing -- perhaps she has come too close to the truth...

In this riveting novel, full of fascinating, quirky characters and powerfully intriguing motives, Håkan Nesser introduces English-speaking readers to a detective already beloved by his European readership, and spins a story that leaves even hardened crime fans chilled. **TP \$32.95**

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

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. **PB \$19.95**

Vincent H O'Neil*Murder in Exile*

Living temporarily in a dilapidated cottage in Exile, Florida, and taking a job as a lowly fact checker for an insurance company while recovering from bankruptcy, Frank Cole is called in to investigate the hit-and-run death of a young man, only to become convinced that the man was murdered and that the case is tied to major corruption in local industry. Winner of the 2005 Malice Domestic/St. Martin's Press Best First Traditional Mystery Contest. **HC \$47.95**

Sara Paretsky*Fire Sale*

Death, conspiracy and burning buildings - coming home wasn't meant to be like this. A dangerous, depressed place reeking of bad memories, South Chicago is a neighbourhood private investigator V.I. Warshawski left a long time ago. But now she's back, drawn to the streets of her childhood once again to do a favour for a friend. It was never going to be easy - and when the mother of a local girl asks her to look into claims of sabotage at the factory where she works, V.I. quickly finds herself caught up in something far more sinister. They say home is where the heart is, but now, as she lies by the roadside with a piece of hot, twisted metal embedded in her shoulder, looking up at the factory's smouldering remains, Warshawski is beginning to wonder whether a trip down memory lane was such a good idea after all... *FIRE SALE* marks the glorious next step for V.I. Warshawski - one of the most complex, compelling characters in modern crime fiction - and confirms Sara Paretsky's position as one of the world's leading crime writers. **HC \$45**

Robert B Parker*Cold Service (Spenser)*

When his friend, Hawk, is brutally injured after helping protect another man, Boston private detective Spenser throws himself into Hawk's rehabilitation and investigates the Ukrainian mob he believes is responsible for the attack. **PB \$19.95**

Sea Change

When the body of a recently divorced Florida heiress washes ashore in Massachusetts, police chief Jesse Stone learns of the woman's past appearances in an erotic video and finds it suspicious that the victim's parents and twin sisters seem unaffected by her death. By the author of Appaloosa. **HC \$51.95**

Owen Parry*Rebels of Babylon*

When a Yankee heiress is murdered in Civil War-era, Union-occupied New Orleans, prim Methodist detective Abel Jones launches an investigation that takes him from the French Quarter alleys, to nearby plantations, to the local bayous, in a case that is complicated by regional superstition.

PB \$19.95

Jill Paton Walsh*Debts of Dishonour*

Hoping to attract a generous endowment, St Agatha's College, Cambridge, invites fabulously wealthy Sir Julius Farran to dine. The evening is a disaster for everyone but Imogen Quy: Farran invites her to come and work for him. She declines, but when Farran dies, suddenly and shockingly, she has to look into it. His death left a large hole in his company accounts that could mean financial ruin for St Agatha's. To save her college, Imogen starts to cast her cool eye over the financier's heirs, employees and enemies. What is right about the death of Sir Julius? What is wrong about it? And why did it happen? After all, her name rhymes with 'why'. **HC \$55**

James Patterson*4th of July*

A young man is found dead in a seedy hotel room; electrocuted in his bath with a toaster. This is the second electrocution murder Lindsay Boxer has come across and the message left in graffiti on the wall at the scene of the crime is the same: NOBODY CARES ANYMORE. What does it refer to? The one clue Lindsay and her partner Jacobi have is that a black Mercedes was spotted at the scene of both murders. But when they follow a car they think is connected, they get more than they bargained for. Full of the high suspense and fast-moving plotlines for which James Patterson is best known, this promises to be the most exciting Women's Murder Club case yet. **PB \$19.95**

Iain Pears*The Portrait*

Journeying to a remote French island to sit for a portrait that is painted by his tormented artist friend, an influential London art critic recalls the early years of their friendship, his own influence over aspiring artists, and the power struggle between subject and artist in the course of the sitting. By the author of An Instance of the Fingerpost. **TP \$26.95**

Don Pendleton*Vanishing Point (Stony Man)*

When a bloodthirsty Japanese cult teams up with Iraqi terrorists, all hell breaks loose as they hijack a U.S. aircraft carrier and take a Japanese scientist hostage, and the Able Team, a group of Stony Man operatives, are sent in to stop them before they unleash global destruction. **PB \$16.95**

Otto Penzler *Editor**Murder at the Racetrack*

An anthology of original short mysteries set against horse racing backgrounds includes contributions by such top genre writers as Lawrence Sanders, Max Allan Collins, Lorenzo Carcatena, H. R. F. Keating, Jan Burke, John Lescroart, and Joyce Carol Oates, among others. **TP \$28.95 HC \$51.95**

Anne Perry*Long Spoon Lane (Charlotte and Thomas Pitt)*

In a Victorian-era London beset by anarchists, detective Thomas Pitt investigates the mysterious death of Magnus Landsborough, the young son of aristocrat Lord Sheridan Landsborough, during a violent gun battle between police and rioters. **PB \$18.95**

Dark Assassin

While on patrol near the Waterloo Bridge, Inspector William Monk, a superintendent with the Thames River Police, and his men witness the deaths of a young couple, but as Monk tries to determine if the deaths were the result of an accident, suicide, or murder, he stumbles into the middle of a conspiracy with ties to the highest levels of government. **HC \$52.95**

Thomas Perry*Nightlife*

When the cousin of L.A. crime boss Hugo Poole is found shot to death, the man's missing girlfriend, Tanya Starling, becomes the prime suspect, but as Portland homicide detective Catherine Hobbes investigates the crime, she discovers that her search has become complicated by the parallel probe of P.I. Joe Pitt and by a deceptive killer who is becoming more efficient and elusive with each murder. **HC \$51.95**

Elizabeth Peters*Tomb of the Golden Bird*

In 1922, as her husband Emerson unsuccessfully tries to persuade his rival Howard Carter to turn over digging rights in the Valley of the King to him, Amelia Peabody and her family head for Luxor to search for the long-lost tomb of King Tut, only to become embroiled in a dangerous web of kidnapping, betrayal, and intrigue that may involve Emerson's charming half-brother. **PB \$52.95**

Jodi Picoult*The Tenth Circle*

When the ghost of his murdered fourteen-year-old daughter identifies her boyfriend as her killer, an overprotective father with a secret past decides to take the law into his own hands, a choice that takes him from a small New England community into the wilds of the Alaskan bush. By the author of Vanishing Acts. **HC \$52.95**

Amy Pirnie*Let Heaven Fall*

Doubting that her solicitor husband died accidentally, widow Sue Bennett becomes increasingly suspicious when their flat is robbed, a situation for which she tracks her husband's activities in the months before his death and discovers an establishment conspiracy. **HC \$51.95**

Henry Porter*Brandenburg Gate*

The Communist government in East Germany on the verge of collapse, Dr. Rudi Rosenharte, an ex-Stasi former agent turned art scholar, is forced into a dangerous game when the secret police kidnap his family in an effort to force him to seek out his old lover, Annalise Schering, in order to retrieve possible information she might have, but unbeknownst to authorities, the woman is dead. **HC \$49.95**

Andrew Pyper*The Wildfire Season*

Of all the end-of-the-world places he could have run to after he was burned, Miles McEwan chose Ross River. Buried deep in the vast wilderness of the Yukon, it seemed the perfect place to escape the past. Best of all, he could carry on doing the job he loved – fighting fire. But five years on, Miles is still troubled by phantoms of his previous life: the young man whose agonizing death preys on his conscience, and the woman he abandoned as a consequence. And in the dark forest around Ross River violence is brewing. A small party, out to track bear, is about to encounter nature in its wildest and most ferocious guise. Elsewhere a killer is going about his work, quietly and ruthlessly. As the survivors of the hunting party are picked off one by one and fire rages through the mountains, Miles embarks on a desperate rescue mission, driven by love for a daughter who, until this dangerous summer, had been a perfect stranger. The Wildfire Season is a remarkable tour de force – an edgy psychological thriller, a supernatural chiller, a terrifying tale of untamed nature, a poignant love story and a riveting follow-up to Andrew Pyper's bestselling Lost Girls. **PB \$19.95**

Patrick Quinlan*Smoked*

Exacting revenge against a crime boss who used one of his bombs to kill innocent people, aging bomb-maker Smoke Dugan finds himself on the run and hiding in Maine, where his girlfriend and he are systematically targeted by some of the modern world's most notorious lowlifes. **HC \$49.95**

Patrick Redmond*All She Ever Wanted*

For Tina Ryan, love is refuge for the weak. Following a tormented childhood, she has reinvented herself to become Chrissie, strong and in control, and nothing, not even a man, will ever be allowed to threaten that. When love does enter her life, it threatens this new personality. Control must be maintained and love must be on her terms. **TP \$29.95**

Kathy Reichs*Cross Bones*

An orthodox Jew is found shot dead in Montreal, the mutilated body is barely recognisable. Extreme heat has accelerated decomposition, and made it virtually impossible to determine the bullet trajectory. But just as forensic anthropologist Dr Temperance Brennan is attempting to make sense of the fracture patterning, a mysterious stranger slips her a photograph of a skeleton, assuring her it holds the key to the victim's death. The trail of clues leads all the way to the Holy Land where, together with detective Andrew Ryan, Tempe makes a startling discovery - but the further Tempe probes into the identity of the ancient skeleton, the more she seems to be putting herself in danger. **PB \$19.95**

Ruth Rendell*The Killing Doll / Live Flesh* **PB \$12.95****M J Rose***The Delilah Complex*

A gripping tale of sex and murder

At the Butterfield Institute Dr Morgan Snow, New York's top sex therapist, sees everything from the abused to the depraved. The Scarlet Society is a club of powerful and sexually adventurous women. And when a man they've recruited to 'dominate' goes missing, they are frantic with worry. Then a photograph of his lifeless body is sent to a newspaper and their lives become a twisted nightmare.

Feeling violated, the women turn to Dr Morgan Snow. But what starts out as counselling quickly becomes a murder investigation. As a second, then third member disappears, Dr Snow finds herself drawn into the dark, tangled secrets of her clients - and a terrifying chase to stop a killer before it's too late. **TP \$27.95**

Craig Russell*Blood Eagle*

The first victim had her lungs ripped out. When another woman is found murdered in the same horrific and ritualistic way, it is clear that a serial killer is terrorising the city. But there is no precise evidence to link the two cases, except for a taunting email that threatens yet more killings. Detective Jan Fabel is haunted by the murders and their possible connection to a subsequent series of rapes by masked attackers. His desperate attempts to stop the killer before more victims are discovered, gradually uncovers layer upon layer of intrigue and violence. How can he track down a murderer who leaves no trail, whose victims seem purposefully random and whose motive reaches into the darkest recesses of the human soul? In his first crime novel, Craig Russell introduces us to a new detective hero, Jan Fabel - half-Scottish, half-German - a man of conscience and imagination. Russell has also created a richly textured scenario where the City of Hamburg plays a central role - it is a city where the old Germany combines increasingly with the new, where gangs from Turkey and the Ukraine battle for supremacy. **PB \$21.95**

Chris Ryan*The Watchmen / The Kremlin Watch* **PB \$12.95****Lisa Scottoline***Devil's Corner*

The moment that Vicki Allegritti, a Philadelphia born, wise-cracking, lively and energetic attorney, is held at gunpoint by a frightened looking teenager, she realises that investigating drug dealers is even more dangerous than she'd anticipated. Especially when she knows that her partner has been left dying over by the screen door. Suddenly, the rendezvous with a female confidential informant has lost all sense of routine and Vicki knows she's going to be hauled over the coals. Then she meets Reheema Bristow, a suspect with brains, beauty and attitude to boot, and Vicki loses it with her, earning herself a suspension from work.

She heads off to her friend Dan for comfort, but how comfortable can you be with a happily married man whose very presence makes you tumble over your words and go weak at the knees? It's all too much for Vicki, and ever hot-headed, she decides to track down the teenager who nearly killed

her. After all, what else has she to do on a snowy, lonely afternoon in Philly? Her search leads her to another encounter with Reheema, and soon the women realise that they can help each other out; each has her own investigation to follow, each her own personal ambition to achieve. Downtown Philly may have seen some sights, but none quite so fast, feisty and fashionable as Vicki and Reheema, snaking through the snow on wheels no car shop would sell a speedway driver, let alone a couple of girls out for a ride... **PB \$19.95**

Dirty Blonde

A fast, furious and compulsive thriller from the bestselling author of Devil's Corner.

Attractive, sexy, and tough-minded, Cate Fante has just become a federal judge – though she isn't quite sure she belongs. At only thirty-six, Cate feels as if she's joining the world's most exclusive retirement village. She's intimidated by a job described in the Constitution of the United States. And she worries inwardly that she only looks the part; dark blonde hair in a chignon and a Chanel suit donned like overpriced armour. But Cate keeps all her doubts a secret.

And, as it happens, much more.

For Cate leads a dark, double life – one that she doesn't even tell her best friend about – and it comes shockingly to light with a murder in a case before her. Overnight, her secrets are spilled all over the tabloids, her boyfriend dumps her, and her judgeship hangs in jeopardy. And when a killer comes after her, she runs for her life – embarking on a trip that ends in her own mysterious past. **HC \$59.95 TP \$32.95**

Seymour Shubin

Witness to Myself

Haunted by a past tragedy that led to an unspeakable crime, Alan Benning, a successful lawyer, is determined to learn the truth about what happened long ago, forcing him to confront his own dark secrets. **PB \$17.95**

Daniel Silva

A Death in Vienna

Sent to Vienna to authenticate a painting, art restorer and occasional spy Gabriel Allon sets out to uncover the truth about a photograph of an unnamed man who had brutalized his mother during the final days of World War II. **PB \$19.95**

Prince of Fire

The New York Times bestseller sees former spy Gabriel Allon on the trail of an elusive master terrorist.

On a bright morning in Rome, a terrible explosion rips a hole in the Israeli embassy. Moments later, four gunmen cut down survivors as they stagger from the burning building.

Gabriel Allon is hastily recalled to Israel and drawn once more into the heart of the secret service he'd hoped to leave behind. For the blast has led to a disturbing discovery: a dossier that strips away Allon's secrets and lays bare his history. A dossier that has fallen into terrorist hands. **PB \$19.95**

Susan Sizemore

Scandalous Miranda

Thumbing her nose at the proper conventions of upper-class British society, lady Miranda Hartwell is determined to employ a male personal secretary, unaware that the gorgeous Andrew "MacGregor" is really Andrew MacLeod, an undercover spy assigned to protect her from unexpected danger. **PB \$14.95**

David Skibbins

High Priestess

San Francisco fortune teller Warren Ritter once again is forced to confront his troubled past when a former acquaintance, now the wealthy leader of a church dedicated to Satan, blackmails him into investigating two of the congregation's leading members. By the author of Eight of Swords. **HC \$49.95**

Alexander McCall Smith

Blue Shoes and Happiness (Precious Ramotswe)

Precious Ramotswe and her able assistant, Grace Makutsi, launch an investigation into local advice columnist Aunty Emang, who somehow may be linked to trouble at a local medical clinic and the cobra that somehow ended up in Precious's office, while Grace confronts her own troubles with her greedy uncles and her wealthy fiancé, Phuti Radiphuti. **HC \$45.95**

Annie Solomon

Blackout

Framed for a murder she did not commit, book dealer Margo Scott, a onetime black ops agent whose memory has been erased, is concerned about her amnesia and by her extraordinary fighting skills--which she has no memory of ever learning--and finds herself pursued by the police, her former agency, and a mysterious watcher. **PB \$16.95**

Domenic Stansberry

Chasing the Dragon

Working for a shadowy security company, embittered former San Francisco police officer Dante Mancuso is directed to return home and rekindle past relationships in order to infiltrate a heroin smuggling operation. By the award-winning author of The Spoiler. **TP \$28.95**

Marianne Stillings

Sighs Matter

Despite her reluctance to become involved with a cop, Claire finds Taylor back in her life when a deranged killer targets her for death and the sexy detective returns to protect her. **PB \$15.95**

Wallace Stroby

The Heartbreak Lounge

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