



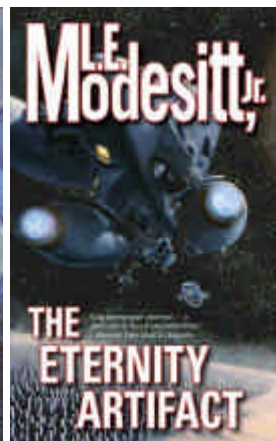
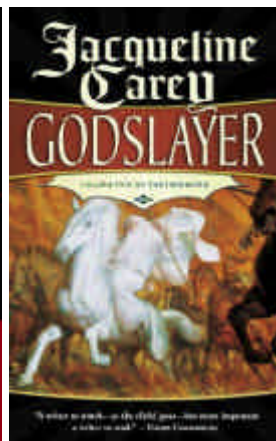
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Featured Books



Final Impact: World War 2.3 by **John Birmingham**, *3rd Axis of Time* in trade paperback, some signed copies!

Godslayer by **Jacqueline Carey**, volume 2 of *The Sundering* in paperback.

Phantom by **Terry Goodkind**, *Sword of Truth 10* in trade paperback and hardcover.

The Historian by **Elizabeth Kostova**, literary vampire story in paperback.

Dragon's Blood by **Todd McCaffrey**, a new *Pern* novel in paperback

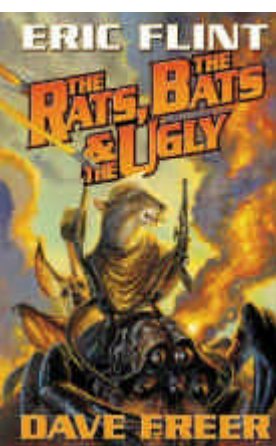
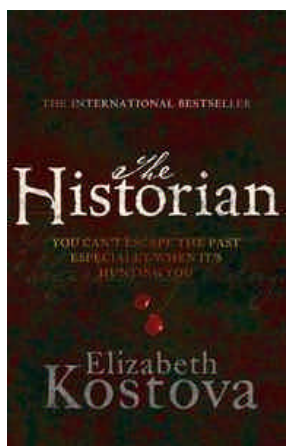
Sunrise Alley by **Catherine Asaro**, in paperback.

The Eternity Artifact by **L E Modesitt Jr**, in paperback.

The Night Watch by **Sergei Lukyanenko**, a Russian vampire story in trade paperback.

Dauntless by **Jack Campbell**, *The Lost Fleet 1* in paperback.

The Rats, The Bats and The Ugly by **Eric Flint** and **Dave Freer** in paperback.



Author Visits



Charles Stross visited on Saturday 29th July. He chatted with the many readers who came and signed many books. A very pleasant afternoon indeed. He told us he has planned books 4 to 6 in the Family Trade series, a third Laundry novel and the publishers want a third Eschaton novel. All good news.

We now have signed copies of his books. Tim and Dan highly recommend both his science fiction and fantasy.

Charles was accompanied by wife Feorag and their travelling companion, a baby Chthulu.

John Birmingham dropped by the shop last week. We see his visit as a sign of loyalty to his readers as he was trying to make available signed copies to the fans who have supported him on his blog: <http://birmo.journalspace.com/> In this we were please to assist.

We now have several (very limited quantities) signed copies of some of his titles.

He told us he has signed a contract for 3 more books: One set in the same world but approx 10 years after the events of Final Impact, one set in the 2020's of the same series and one unrelated, as standalone alternate history novel set in 1980 where the communist domino effect came true throughout Asia. We look forward to them.



News

David Gemmell died 28th July. He had lived with cancer for several years and undergone heart bypass surgery in July. There is more info at <http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/entertainment/5230762.stm> The Shield of Thunder, book 2 in his current series, Troy is due in September. At this stage we do not know if he has written the final book in this series. For an autobiographical, wonderful and so typically Gemmell short story see: <http://www.booksatransworld.co.uk/davidgemmell/home.htm>

Sara Douglass has submitted her next book, *The Serpent Bride*, which is book 1 in the Darkglass Mountain series dealing with Axis and Stardrifter and is set approximately 5 years after the Wayfarer Redemption conclusion.

Christopher Priest's novel *The Prestige* is being made into a movie due for release in 2007.

Noomi Novik has sold 3 new books in her *Temeraire* series.

Lynn Flewelling has sold book rights 4 and 5 in her *Night Runners* series.

By the Numbers By Steven Cavanagh.

Awaken...

Nnng?

Awaken...

Shut up.

Awaken Immediately.

No.

Your life signs are consistent with full consciousness. Briefing commences.

This is an automated message delivered to all combat assets of the 202nd Drop Pod Battalion, en route to the Congo 7 uranium mining colony.

Another drop? Already?

Your objective is the destabilization of public law, and disabling of the installation's transport systems.

Stupid Machine. Why don't they just say 'shoot anything that moves'? It's a no-brain mission. Even panic fire could do the job.

Wait a minute- did it say the 202nd?

Intelligence suggests that resistance will consist of seventy thousand mining union troops and remote combat platforms.

The MUTs are pretty tough. Should be a hell of a fight.

Your AC-70 personal drop pod has been provided with weaponry according to tactical analysis. During the mission you will utilize the KL-9 bloom electrolaser, the AC-111 high-amplitude anisotropic emitter, and hafnium grenades.

Yeah, yeah, yeah. Flash frier, popcorn maker and footballs. I get it, already.

Dark Energy isn't in the budget this time either, dammit.

Your unit has been chosen because of its outstanding field record and an extremely low human casualty rate of 0.72%. High command is extremely confident that you will fulfil the UNA's objectives within operational parameters.

Thank you for that rousing mechanical propaganda. Most of my mates died last mission, moron. Check your stats.

We have a legal obligation to advise you of the following. You are not, as you may believe, Corporal Sebastian Frost of the UNA's 112th Drop Pod Battalion.

What?

You are an artificially gestated human, inserted with Frost's memory imprint upon maturity. This can be self-verified by a physical examination, confirming the lack of Frost's unique markings and scars.

I'm not me? Pull the other-I have my hand again!

As such you fall outside military law's acceptable definition of a human being, and are not subject to any applicable constraints concerning human rights.

I'm not me!

Sweet Poontang, I'm a Vat Rat!

Our research suggests that combat soldier assets operate at 17% higher efficiency by first accepting the inevitability of their death.

No, no, not a Vat Rat!

Therefore we inform you that the rapid gestation of you and your unit has been achieved via Protein Kinase C inhibition, a controlled cancer now left to run its course. Your biological systems have an estimated life of thirty-nine hours, after which you will expire.

I'm dead! Oh, crap, I'm gonna die!

You bastards! If you think I'll--

Military psychologists have determined that combat personnel, recently advised of their terminal status, have an 87% probability of mutiny or self-destruction. We reduce this to 4% by advising you that Frost's wife and children, for whom you have a strong emotional attachment, are under serious physical risk should you attempt rebellion of any kind.

Amy? The boys? They wouldn't--

You are advised to prepare yourself for imminent combat.

I can get through this. I can sort it out. I just--

Your drop pod has just passed beneath an altitude of 800 feet. Should it evade drop countermeasures (an estimated 67% probability), the pod will unlock the weapon module at your feet upon landing.

OhcrapOhcrapOhcrap.

One of the President's duly appointed military representatives wishes you godspeed. Go forth now to protect the free world, in the name of The United Nations of America!

Steven Cavanagh is a member of the Infinitas Writers Group. He has appeared in Andromeda Spaceways Inflight Magazine, won this year's Flash Fiction competitions from both Magic Casements and the Australian Horror Writers Association, and appears in "Outcast: an anthology of Strangers and Exiles", available at Infinitas.

Reviews

Uglies by Scott Westerfeld, reviewed by Karen Maric

<http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780689865381>

Uglies is a young adult novel set in a world where all children are 'ugly' (that is, normal) until the age of sixteen, when they undergo an Extreme Makeover-type operation that transforms them into breathtakingly attractive 'pretties'. And, if the idea of being incredibly physically attractive isn't appealing enough, the newly made pretties also get to spend their days work-free, living in luxurious apartments where high-tech machines spit out whatever outfits and snacks the pretties request. Nights for the pretties are an endless cycle of booze-fuelled celebrations.

The novel begins with the main character, Tally, just weeks away from her sixteenth birthday. Tally is thrilled by the thought of becoming a pretty. However, after she meets the rebellious teenager, Shay, Tally's entire life is overturned. Shay has doubts about the operation - and suspects the government has sinister motivations for beautifying the populace - and so flees the city to live in the wilderness with a group of ugly-by-choice renegades. On discovering Shay's disappearance, the authorities refuse Tally her operation - unless she tracks down Shay and betrays her friend by revealing the renegades' location.

Tally's journey to find the renegades and the encounters she has with them will cause her to question everything she believes in, including what it means to be 'ugly'.

This thought-provoking novel is the first in what promises to be an exciting new trilogy from Scott Westerfeld.

What Fire Cannot Burn by John Ridley, reviewed by Brian Walls

<http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780446612036>

(Sequel to *Those Who Walk in Darkness*)

This is a cracking police procedural novel a follow up the 2003 novel. It is set in a world of tomorrow but not our tomorrow. It is a world of superpowered thugs & law-breakers, post The Age of Super-Heroes, as they have all been made illegal (at least in the USA). Comic book readers will be reminded of *Powers* by Brian Bendis.

Can ordinary human policemen & policewomen take on mutants & freaks, with abilities far beyond those of normal mortals? If normal guns cannot break their skin, what can they fight with? (A major plot line).

The two heroines, Soledad & Eddie, belong to the LAPD and are well-drawn & believable characters, fighting mutants, monsters and corruption & ethnic prejudice within their own ranks. (Very believable for anybody with a knowledge of that famous police force).

It contains a huge twist in this sequel - which I will not disclose. I didn't see that coming!

John Ridley is a writer of novels, screenplays & his own comic superhero series *The American Way*. I will be looking forward to his work in the future!

1788: Watkin Tench Seventeen Eighty-eight edited by Tim Flannery, reviewed by Garry Dalrymple

<http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9781875847273>

1788, By Watkins Tench, Edited by Dr. Tim Flannery 280 pages (C) 1996

1788, is an amazing find and it is amazing that it had not more recently been re-published. It is an original, contemporary at the time, account by Watkins Tench, an officer of the Marine contingent sent to Botany Bay of the founding of white settlement in Australia. The account was found and edited By Dr. Tim Flannery for a modern audience and it is a first hand accounts of the voyage out from England and of the first three years of the NSW settlement, 1788 to 1791. About a quarter of this book deals with the trip out, relations with the first inhabitants and a 'travelogue' about the colony as it was being set up. The final quarter is a miscellany of points and observations not fitting into the other three categories. I found that it presented a very different and very human picture of the stumbling and uncertain progress of the settlement and its inhabitants, very different from the 'founding fathers' narrow focus of the history I had been taught at school. It tells much of the time when European and Native Australians first interacted and when each society was essentially still independent of the other, a quality that was soon to disappear.

Priestess of the White by Trudi Canavan, reviewed by Stuart Wark

<http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780732278694>

Trudi Canavan is an Australian author whose *Black Magician* trilogy was an excellent series of fantasy novels. *Priestess of the White* is Canavan's newest novel, and is the first book in the *Age of the Five* series. The book is set in Ithania, a land beset by religious fervour and imminent warfare. The main character Auraya is a Priestess of the White, one of five heads of the Circlian religion.

Auraya and the other four Whites are instructed by their gods to unify all the various races of northern Ithania. This goal brings the Whites into conflict with strong sorcerers from the southern lands. The main premise of the book is the fight between two rival religions, the Circlians and the Pendatrians, and their respective perceptions of right and wrong. Canavan does include a third faction with the Dreamweavers, who don't worship either side's gods and who are basically persecuted by everyone.

Canavan details the world and its collection of people well, however, the populace is a fairly standard fantasy cast. One of the primary relationships in the book occurs between Auraya and Leiard, a Dreamweaver. This illicit love affair between individuals from very differing religions would appear to be the basis for significant internal conflict for both characters, but it isn't very well developed during the novel.

The book reveals a number of similarities to other mainstream fantasy, such as Robert Jordan's *Wheel of Time* saga. One particularly obvious parallel was Leiard hearing the voice of a long dead Dreamweaver from the past, a plotline strikingly reminiscent of Jordan's character Rand and his internal struggle with Lews Therin.

In spite of some flaws in the plot, *Priestess of the White* is a well written novel and moves at a good pace. Whilst I must admit that I enjoyed the *Black Magician* series more, it is still a recommended book for all fans of fantasy.

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Legend: PB = paperback, HC = hardcover, TP = trade paperback, Cass = cassette, CD = CD, GN = Graphic Novel, APB = mass market paperback, BPB = paperback approx 20cm x 13cm

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 3rd August Europe and Science Fiction
Thursday 7th September Science Fiction crime
Tuesday 5th October Spin-Offs eg: Torchwood

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.

Thursday August 17th:

John Ringo *There Will be Dragons* (SF)
Simon R Green *Blood and Honour* (F)
Mark Haddon *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the NightTime* (YA)

Thursday September 21st:

Greg Bear *Eon* (SF)
Traci Harding *Ancient Future* (F)

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 July

General Release

Engaging the Enemy	Elizabeth Moon
Danse Macabre	Laurell K Hamilton
Final Impact	John Birmingham
Forest Mage	Robin Hobb
Judas Unchained	Peter F Hamilton
Singularity Sky	Charles Stross
Oracle's Queen	Lynn Flewelling
Kitty Goes To Washington	Carrie Vaughn
Iron Sunrise	Charles Stross

Media and Games Related Titles

False Gods	Warhammer 40,000
War of the Dragon Queen	d20 Miniatures
Horus Rising	Warhammer 40,000
Betrayal	Star Wars
Rebel Storm Booster Pack	SW Miniatures
Aliens & Enemies	Doctor Who
Death on Naboo	Star Wars
Monster Manual IV	d20

Science Fiction, Fantasy and Horror

Analog July / August 2006

MAG \$13.95

Andromeda Spaceways Inflight Magazine #23

MAG \$7.95

Andromeda Spaceways Inflight Magazine #24

MAG \$7.95

Locus 546 July 2006

MAG \$15.95

Lynn Abbey

Rifkind's Challenge

Raised to hone a sword rather than perform the traditional duties of women in her male-dominated desert world, chieftain's daughter Rifkind finds a new home where she practices healing arts and raises a child, only to find herself called upon to fulfill her destiny as a sorceress. **HC \$51.95**

Joe Abercrombie

The Blade Itself (First Law 01)

Inquisitor Glotka, a crippled and increasingly bitter relic of the last war, former fencing champion turned torturer extraordinaire, is trapped in a twisted and broken body not that he allows it to distract him from his daily routine of torturing smugglers. Nobleman, dashing officer and wouldbe fencing champion Captain Jezal dan Luthar is living a life of ease by cheating his friends at cards. Vain, shallow, selfish and selfobsessed, the biggest blot on his horizon is having to get out of bed in the morning to train with obsessive and boring old men. And Logen Ninefingers, an infamous warrior with a bloody past, is about to wake up in a hole in the snow with plans to settle a blood feud with Bethod, the new King of the Northmen, once and for all ideally by running away from it. But as he's discovering, old habits die really, really hard indeed ... especially when Bayaz gets involved. A bald old man with a terrible temper and a pathetic assistant, he could be the First of the Magi, he could be a spectacular fraud, but whatever he is, he's about to make the lives of Glotka, Jezal and Logen a whole lot more difficult ... **HC \$59.95 TP \$29.95**

C T Adams & Cathy Clamp

Captive Moon (Sazi)

After one of his tigers is stolen and killed during a trip to Stuttgart, Sazi councilmember and entertainer Antoine Monier finds Tahira Kuric, a lovely Turkish-American shapeshifter from the rival clan Hayalet Kabile, in police custody in tiger form, but despite their animosity, they are forced into an alliance to bring down a rogue shapeshifter out to destroy the Sazi. **APB \$17.95**

Steve Alten

The Trench

Paleobiologist Jonas Taylor once dared to enter the perilous Marianas Trench, where the Megalodon shark has spawned since the dawn of time, and when it begins to terrorize the California coast, he must return to fight his ultimate battle. Reissue. **APB \$17.95**

Kevin J Anderson

Scattered Suns (Saga of Seven Suns 04)

The destructive hydrogues continue their war against humans and the fiery entities, the faeros a struggle that kills planets and extinguishes whole stars. Newly crowned MageImperator Jora'h, the leader of the ancient and vast Ildiran Empire, struggles with new knowledge he has learned: an ancient bargain and longstanding treachery that may finally bring peace with the hydrogues...though it could mean the extermination of the human race.

In the Terran Hanseatic League, Chairman Basil Wenceslas continues his redherring war against the Roamer clans, eager to achieve a decisive victory, even against a supposed enemy that poses no threat. Their homes destroyed, the wandering Roamers scatter into hiding, trying to keep their culture and government intact, even when faced with enemies from all sides.

Cesca Peroni, leader of the Roamers, finds herself stranded on a small icy outpost where miners have uncovered a hibernating army of alien Klikiss robots. Once released, these robots trigger another dark and ancient plot, one that could lead to a massacre across all humaninhabited planets.

APB \$19.95

Of Fire And Night (Saga of Seven Suns 05)

"In the fifth book of The Saga of Seven Suns, a climactic battle begins between the Ildiran Solar Navy, the Earth Defense Forces, the Roamers, green priests, Klikiss robots, and hydrogue warglobesa fury that will destroy many and change the landscape of the Spiral Arm forever" Provided by publisher. The covert sabotage of the Earth Defense Forces by alien Klikiss robots results in the deaths of millions and forces Ildiran MageImperator Jorah into a devil's bargain to protect his people, prompting a rebellion among the Roamers and green priests. **HC \$52.95 MP3 CD \$60**

Christopher Anvil

Trouble With Aliens

A collection of short novels and stories recounts the saga of the human war with the Outs, alien creatures possessing unique mental powers that they use to make humans see illusions and force them to obey them, after the humans discover and learn how to exploit their weakness. **HC \$49.95**

Alex Archer

Destiny (Rogue Angel)

Obsessed with the past, archaeologist Annja Creed, while exploring the caves of France, discovers a brotherhood of monks hiding a dark secret, a black-market occultist with his own agenda, and a historical artifact that links her to Joan of Arc, forever changing her destiny. **APB \$16.95**

Catherine Asaro

The Dawn Star

Mel Dawnfield, discovering that her magical powers are not strong enough to stop the growing rebellion within her husband's kingdom, finds a way to forge her spells into weapons of protection, which could either create a peaceful empire or bring about the destruction of her world. **TP \$30.95**

Sunrise Alley

When research scientist Samantha Bryton comes to the aid of a stranger who washes up on the beach near her home, she is unaware that he is the result of an experiment conducted by Charon, a practitioner of illegal robotics and android research, and finds herself on the run from a deadly criminal, with only an underground group of rogue AIs and androids that can help. **APB \$19.95**

Sarah Ash

Children of the Serpent Gate (Tears of Artamon 03)

Releasing five dragon-demons called Drakhouls--one of whom dwells within him--in his efforts to seize control of an ancient empire, a man discovers that his hold over the empire is crumbling as a rival nation searches for a true innocent to wield a powerful totem capable of banishing the dragon-demons forever, in the conclusion of the Tears of Artamon trilogy. **APB \$19.95**

Neal Asher

Prador Moon

The Polity Collective is the pinnacle of space-faring civilization. Academic and insightful, its dominion stretches from Earth Central into the unfathomable reaches of the galactic void. But when the Polity finally encounters alien life in the form of massive, hostile, crablike carnivores known as the Prador, there can be only one outcome... total warfare.

Chaos reigns as the Polity, caught unawares, struggles to regain its foothold and transition itself into a military society. Starships clash, planets fall, and space stations are overrun, but for Jebel Krong and Moria Salem, two unlikely heroes trapped at the center of the action, this war is far more than a mere clash of cultures, far more than technology versus brute force... this war is personal.

Epic in scope, unrelenting in action, Prador Moon delivers the blistering battles and astounding literary pyrotechnics that fans of Neal Asher, author of Gridlinked, The Line of Polity, and The Skinner, have come to expect. Prador Moon is Asher's latest and most shocking excursion into the Polity's universe of over-the-top violence and explosive action. Asher delivers a vivid, visceral, brilliantly intense space opera that you won't soon forget. **TP \$30.95**

Robert Asprin & Peter J Heck

Phule's Errand (Phule)

When his loyal butler runs off with the Omega Company's gorgeous new medic--or so it seems--Phule sets off after him, while General Blitzkrieg decides to make a surprise visit to Zenobia. **APB \$19.95**

James Axler

Lords of the Deep (Outlanders 38)

A nameless evil lurks below the Pacific. **PB \$16.95**

R Scott Bakker

The Thousandfold Thought (Prince of Nothing 03)

All opposition to the man once derided as the Prince of Nothing has vanished or been vanquished. Their leaders slain, the heathen Fanim have fled in disarray. One final march will bring the Holy War to the fabled city of Shimeh. But so very much has changed. Anasurimbor Kellhus, the Warrior-Prophet, now leads the Men of the Tusk. The cuckolded sorcerer Achamian serves as his tutor, betraying his school to keep safe the man he believes can prevent the Second Apocalypse. The Scylvendi barbarian, Cnaiur, succumbs finally to madness. The Consult, sensing the endgame of millennia of planning, work frantically to prepare for the coming of the No-God. The final reckoning is at hand. Faceless assassins will strike in the dead of night. Kings and Emperors will fall. The sorcerous Schools will be unleashed. And Anasurimbor Kellhus will at last confront his father and the dread revelation of the Thousandfold Thought. **TP \$32.95**

Mike Baron

Nexus Archives Volume 3

HC \$95

John Birmingham Australian Author

Final Impact: World War 2.3 (Axis of Time 03)

As history reaches a tipping point, the forces unleashed by the Transition threaten to overwhelm the world of 1942 and bring the future crashing down in ruins. Will Hitler and Tojo finish their race to build an atom bomb? Is another catastrophic wave of destruction about to sweep out of a revitalised Soviet Union? Ultimately, what price will Kolhammer and his people pay for disrupting their own past? In this explosive and astonishing conclusion to the trilogy, the consequences of interfering with history become terrifyingly clear. Not only must the Allies win the war against newly powerful enemies they would once have defeated, they must also save the world from annihilation. **TP \$32.95**

Terry Brooks

Armageddon's Children (01)

In a futuristic world in which civilization is near total collapse, evil forces control the ruins of the former United States, killing and enslaving the survivors, until Logan Tom embarks on a mission to find a child who bears a powerful magic that could save the world. **HC \$54.95**

Straken (High Druid of Shannara 03)

Imprisoned in the Druid's Keep, young Pen Ohmsford is separated from all who care for him, and at the mercy of the usurper Shadea a'Ru, who will do anything to destroy the rightful High Druid. Although Pen was successful in his mission to obtain the magical staff called the Tanequil, Shadea has taken it from him. Without the Tanequil, Pen cannot open the gateway to the Forbidden and rescue his aunt, the rightful High Druid.

Pen has allies, but they are under siege as well his parents fleeing from the Druids, the Rock Troll Kermadec and the dwarf Tagwen far away, and the young elf Khyber Elessedil in deadly danger within the Druid's stronghold. Can the scattered band of friends join forces in time to defeat Shadea's evil plot? **APB \$18.95**

Steven Brust

Dzur (Vlad Taltos)

On the run for years after a devastating betrayal, short-statured former Jhereg captain, Vlad Taltos, secretly returns to his imperial city home to find that the rackets he once commanded are under the control of a mysterious cabal of women, and that a goddess may be playing tricks with his memory. **HC \$51.95**

Mark Budz

Idolon

Used as a test subject for the latest electronic and philm technology, Pelayo risks everything to find his cousin, Marta, who had come to the aid of Nadice, an indentured worker and smuggler hiding a forbidden pregnancy, after both women mysteriously vanish, while homicide detective Kasuo van Dijk investigates a related death that may involve a new kind of e-skin. **APB \$17.95**

Jack Campbell

Dauntless (Lost Fleet 01)

Returning from survival hibernation and assuming the command of the Alliance fleet, legendary hero Captain John "Black Jack" Geary must retrieve the stolen Syndic hypernet key to save the Alliance from destruction at the hands of the Syndics. **APB \$17.95**

Alan Campbell

Scar Night

For nine hundred generations, the city of Deepgate has hung suspended by giant chains over a seemingly bottomless abyss. In the unfathomable darkness below is said to reside the dread god Ulcis, "hoarder of souls", with his army of ghosts. Outside the city extend the barren wastes of Deadsands, inhabited by the enemy Heshette, so that safe access is guaranteed only by a fleet of airships.

At the hub of the city itself rises the Temple, in one of whose many crumbling spires resides a youthful angel, Dill, the last of his line. Descendant of heroic battle-archons, yet barely able to wield the great sword he has inherited from his forebears, he lives a sheltered existence under the watchful eye of Presbyter Sypes, who rules the Temple. For despite his sense of purposelessness, Dill has a destiny about to unfold – one that will take him down into terrifying depths of the pit in a desperate quest to save the teeming but precarious city from total annihilation at the hands of a cunning and resourceful traitor.

This magnificent and colourful epic of urban fantasy, the first in a trilogy, opens up an intricate new world of unforgettable characters and thrilling events, in the best tradition of Gormenghast. **HC \$59.95**

Jacqueline Carey

Godslayer (Sundering 02)

One thousand years after pledging himself to the dark god Satoris, Lord Tanaros works to defend the citadel of Darkhaven from a human uprising, a situation that is complicated by Satoris's capture of the beautiful Elvish princess, Cerelinde. **APB \$19.95**

Kylie Chan Australian Author

White Tiger (Dark Heavens 01)

Action, Intrigue, Demons and Dragons

Kylie Chan creates a fast and furious story balanced between the celestial and the mortal, the powerful and the innocent ...

Emma Donahoe has just started her new job as nanny to Simone, the daughter of John Chen, a very rich Hong Kong businessman. She understands that Simone may be a target for kidnappers but she does not expect to be drawn into a world of martial arts, magic and extreme danger, where both gods and demons can exist in the mortal domain.

When John and his American bodyguard, Leo, teach Emma their particular style of martial arts, they begin to realise that Emma herself is more than she seems ... **APB \$20.99**

Janine Cross

Shadowed by Wings (Dragon Temple Saga 02)

In the sequel to *Touched by Venom*, Zarq defies the Dragon Temple by undergoing the harsh training of an apprentice dragonmaster despite the ban against women, all the while struggling with her craving for the hallucinogenic dragon venom and trying to understand her link to the great beasts, a link that places her her terrible peril. **TP \$28.95**

Cecelia Dart-Thornton Australian Author

The Well of Tears (Crowthistle Chronicles 02)

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

When Jewel learns that the legendary Dome of Strang is no longer guarded, she decides to continue her journey to Orieltir to unravel the mystery of the hidden stronghold and with it the truth about her father's legacy. Jewel's discoveries lead her on an unexpected quest, accompanied by a handsome young weathermaster who has secretly fallen in love with her. Together they encounter marvels and misfortunes and discover that the key to all their riddles ultimately lies with the extraordinary Well of Tears... **APB \$19.95**

Kate Douglas

Wolf Tales II

Tia Mason, a naive, yet sensual Chanku, must fulfill her destiny with the help of Luc Stone, a special agent in the Pack, who, while preparing her for the erotic rituals of her people, becomes everything she wants in a mate. **TP \$26.95**

David Drake

Other Times Than Peace

A collection of military science fiction tales journeys to the past, present, and future as it chronicles the exploits of a squadron of space fighter pilots who are lost in an interstellar void when their mother ship is destroyed, a Roman soldier who must destroy a usurper who is a figurehead for alien invaders, and two Vietnam vets who battle an insectoid horror, among others. **HC \$51.95**

Harlan Ellison

Mind Fields

The Art of Jacek Yerka, the Fiction of Harlan Ellison **HC \$49.95**

Christine Feehan

Dangerous Tides (Drake Sisters)

Fate and passion enter Libby Drake's life in the form of gorgeous and brilliant biochemist Tyson Derrick, who draws her into a strange world where they are both the targets of a mysterious enemy. **APB \$19.95**

Raymond E Feist & Tad Williams

The Wood Boy / Burning Man

Burning Man: Breda is a teenaged girl learning what it means to be a woman in the ghostly ruins of the High Keep, where she lives with her stepfather Sulis the Apostate and carries on a secret affair with her lover, the soldier Tellarin. But she will learn many more lessons about life and love on one fateful night when her stepfather summons a strange spirit she calls the Burning Man. Graphic Novels. **TP \$30.95**

Jasper Fforde

The Fourth Bear (Nursery Crime Division)

The Gingerbreadman psychopath, sadist, genius, convicted murderer and biscuit is loose on the streets of Reading. It isn't Jack Spratt's case. He and Mary Mary have been demoted following Jack's poor judgement involving the poisoning of Mr Bun the baker. Missing Persons looks like a boring assignment until a chance leads them onto the hunt for missing journalist Henrietta 'Goldy' Hatchett, star reporter for The Daily Mole. The last witnesses to see her alive were The Three Bears, comfortably living out a life of rural solitude in Andersen's wood. But all is not what it seems. How could the bears' porridge be at such disparate temperatures when they were poured at the same time? Was there a fourth bear? And if there was, who was he, and why did he try to disguise Goldy's death as a freak accident in the nearby SommeWorld first World War theme park? The Gingerbreadman psychopath, sadist, genius, convicted murderer and biscuit is loose on the streets of Reading. It isn't Jack Spratt's case. He and Mary Mary have been demoted following Jack's poor judgement involving the poisoning of Mr Bun the baker. Missing Persons looks like a boring assignment until a chance leads them onto the hunt for missing journalist Henrietta 'Goldy' Hatchett, star reporter for The Daily Mole. The last witnesses to see her alive were The Three Bears, comfortably living out a life of rural solitude in Andersen's wood. But all is not what it seems. How could the bears' porridge be at such disparate temperatures when they were poured at the same time? Was there a fourth bear? And if there was, who was he, and why did he try to disguise Goldy's death as a freak accident in the nearby SommeWorld first World War theme park?

HC \$51.95 TP \$32.95 CD \$51.95

Eric Flint & Dave Freer

The Rats, the Bats and the Ugly

In the sequel to Rats, Bats & Vats, the team of metally gifted bats and rats, accompanied by their human leader, sets out to persuade an incompetent military bureaucracy that they are about to be invaded by a powerful alien conspiracy, joining forces with Fluff, the pet of one of the colony's ruling class, to save the world. **APB \$19.95**

Ray Garton

Live Girls

Seeking consolation after losing his job and his girlfriend, Davey Owen enters a small, dark club in the seedy precincts of the city and finds a world of uncontrollable ecstasy and unbelievable horror inhabited by savagely seductive vampires. **APB \$17.95**

Laura Anne Gilman

Bring It On (Retrievers)

While dealing with her complicated relationship with Sergei, retriever Wren Valere must choose sides when her fellow lonejacks, organizing a rebellion against the Mage's Council, are at risk. **TP \$30.95**

Terry Goodkind

Phantom (Sword of Truth 10)

Fantasy adventure on a grand scale, Phantom, is the next book from internationally bestselling author Terry Goodkind.

Kahlan Amnell remembers nothing but her name, and because of this she is the most dangerous woman alive.

If Kahlan doesn't soon discover her past, she will unwittingly become the instrument used to unleash annihilation upon the world. But if she is ever to unlock the truth, the evil itself will finally possess her, body and soul.

Terry Goodkind was born and raised in Omaha, Nebraska, where he also attended art school, one of his many interests on the way to becoming a writer. Besides a career in wildlife art, he has been a cabinet maker, violin maker, and he has done restoration work on rare and exotic artefacts from around the world. In 1983 Goodkind moved to the forested mountains he loves. There, in the woods near the ocean, he built the house where he and his wife, Jeri, live, and came at last to tell his own stories. **HC \$59.95 TP \$32.95 MP3 CD \$60**

Naomi Hatchman Australian Author

Zeera the Space Pirate Vol #1

Meet Zeera, a young Amazon looking for a way to make a name for herself as a space pirate.

Discover how much dumb luck really counts towards your survival when you have no courage, no talent, and no clue. But hey, the beer's free!
Booklet \$5

Michele Hauf

Rhiana

Preyed upon by a cavalcade of vicious dragons, the people of St Renan are snatched up when they venture beyond the village walls.

Yet Rhiana Tassot—who senses the dragons from a distance, who can determine between their attack scent and their mating scent, who is blessed with the instincts of a dragon, who dares stand before the fiery beasts without flinching—cannot use her skills to defend her home. For the lord of St Renan forbids her to track the beasts—not out of fear for her safety, but out of some twisted desire to protect the dragons. So conflict is raging within and without the village, when a long-held secret begins to stir beneath their very feet. Rhiana's knowledge of dragons is no accident... **BPB \$19.95**

Robert A Heinlein

Stranger in a Strange Land

When Valentine Michael Smith, born and raised on Mars, arrives on Earth, he stuns Western culture with his superhuman abilities and complete ignorance of human values and mores. **MP3 CD \$51.95**

Time for the Stars

Originally published for a young adult audience in the 1950s, a classic Heinlein tale depicts a future world where overpopulation has necessitated travel to other planets in spite of limited communications technology, a challenge for which identical twins Tom and Pat are enlisted for a human telepathy project. **HC \$49.95**

Frank Herbert

Dune (Dune 01)

This Hugo and Nebula Award winner is widely to be considered the most prescient SF novel ever. It tells the sweeping tale of a desert planet called Arrakis, the focus of an intricate power struggle in a byzantine interstellar empire. Arrakis is the sole source of Melange, the "spice of spices." Melange is necessary for interstellar travel and grants psychic powers and longevity, so whoever controls it wields great influence. The troubles begin when stewardship of Arrakis is transferred by the Emperor from the Harkonnen Noble House to House Atreides. The Harkonnens don't want to give up their privileges, however, and through sabotage and treachery they cast young Duke Paul Atreides out into the planet's harsh environment to die. There he falls in with the Fremen, a tribe of desert dwellers who become the basis of the army with which he will reclaim what's rightfully his. Paul Atreides, though, is far more than just a usurped duke... **BPB \$22.95**

Emma Holly*Midnight Desire*

In 1349 Scotland, Gillian, an immortal shapeshifter, succumbs to forbidden passion with mortal Aimery Fitz Clare, a master falconer who captures her heart, in *Catching Midnight*, and in *Luisa's Desire*, Luisa, an immortal desperate to escape her dangerous desires, journeys to a spiritual refuge in Tibet, where she discovers true passion. **TP \$28.95**

Tanya Huff*The Blood Books Volume 1 (Blood 01, 02)*

Contains *Blood Prince*, in which P.I. Vicki Nelson, witnessing a dark magic attack on Toronto, joins forces with her former police partner and a writer to track down the source of the attacks, and *Blood Trail*, in which Vicki must turn to a vampire for help when peaceful werewolves are hunted by a faceless enemy. **APB \$19.95**

Walter H Hunt*The Dark Crusade (Dark 03)*

The Dark Path introduced a new alien force into the delicate balance of power. This force was the actual puppet-master of the human-zor war and now wishes to bring both worlds under its madness inducing shadow. The Dark Ascent brought into focus a secret conspiracy that is disrupting the balance of power on both a military and metaphysical level.

But the same ancient philosophy of the zor race that prophesied "the Dark Wing" has also foreseen a hero that will meet the new menace – a hero now mystically embodied in a rebellious space commodore by the name of Jackie Lappierre.

Now in *The Dark Crusade* as armadas clash and outposts fall, the overly confident alien menace is forced to confront a zor human alliance that has been warned, their covert and insidious plans of infiltration now exposed... But all is not as it seems to be. The "vuhl menace" may not be the ultimate enemy, and the all-powerful puppet-masters that have lurked in the shadows have entered the endgame where the mysteries of alien prophecies may have already determined the outcome. **APB \$16.95**

Dean James*Baked to Death*

Writer, vampire, and sleuth extraordinaire Simon Kirby-Jones becomes immersed in medieval mayhem when a renaissance fair comes to town bringing with it Tristan Lovelace, the man who made him a vampire, and murder. **APB \$17.95**

Sherrilyn Kenyon*Dark Side of the Moon (Dark Hunter)*

Susan Michaels is a reporter on a mission to resurrect her professional reputation. And she only has to brave her cat allergy at a local animal shelter to follow the lead that could get her off the tabloid beat forever. But she gets more than she bargained for when she inadvertently adopts one of the cats... As soon as she gets home the cat turns into a gorgeous naked man. Ravyn is entirely unique a WereHunter who became a DarkHunter as well. Suddenly, Susan is pulled into Ravyn's mysterious world one full of danger and magic. And, despite the way he makes her sneeze, despite the danger that swirls around him, she can't resist him... **HC \$55**

Elizabeth Kostova*The Historian*

Late one night, exploring her father's library, a young woman finds an ancient book and a cache of yellowing letters addressed ominously to 'My dear and unfortunate successor.' Her discovery plunges her into a world she never dreamed of - a labyrinth where the secrets of her father's past and her mother's mysterious fate connect to an evil hidden in the depths of history, and she unwittingly assumes a quest she will discover is her birthright - a hunt for the truth about Vlad the Impaler, the medieval ruler whose barbarous reign formed the basis of the Dracula myth. Deciphering obscure signs and hidden texts, reading codes worked into the fabric of medieval monastic traditions, and evading terrifying adversaries, one woman comes ever closer to the secret of her own past and a confrontation with the very definition of evil.

Elizabeth Kostova's debut novel is an adventure of monumental proportions - a captivating tale blending fact and fantasy, history and the present, with an assurance that is almost unbearably suspenseful - and utterly unforgettable. **BPB \$24.95**

Naomi Kritzer*Freedom's Sisters (Dead Rivers 03)*

Imprisoned because of her efforts to free escaped slaves and her relationship with Tamar, a member of the bandit Alashi tribe, Lauria's only hope of escaping the vengeance of the powerful Greek sorceresses, the Sisterhood of Weavers, is her blood-sister, Tamar, who must venture into an unknown magical realm, to find her. **APB \$17.95**

Mercedes Lackey & Ellen Guon*Bedlam's Bard (01)*

Eric Banyon, a Renaissance Faire musician, must help Korendil, a young elven noble, prevent an evil elven lord from conquering. Special introductory priced edition. **APB \$11.95**

Jane Lindskold*Brother to Dragons, Companion to Owls*

Thrust from the asylum in which she was raised, Sarah struggles to start over in a beautiful and tragic world under the leadership of the Head Wolf, but finds her supernatural talents threatening her ability to assimilate and placing her in the path of those who would use her for nefarious purposes. **TP \$30.95**

Bentley Little*The Burning*

Four strangers--a young college student, a single mother, a park ranger, and a cross-country traveler--are drawn together when a train carrying an unimaginable evil, raised from the bowels of hell, preys on their darkest fears. **APB \$19.95**

Sergei Lukyanenko*The Night Watch*

All that stands between the darkness and the light is The Night Watch.

Walking the streets of Moscow, indistinguishable from the rest of its population, are The Other. Possessors of supernatural powers and capable of entering the Twilight, a shadowy world that exists in parallel to our own, each owes allegiance either to The Dark or The Light. The two factions, having long before realise that an open struggle can only create chaos and disaster, coexist in an uneasy truce, each side aware of, and keeping a close eye on, the other's activities around the city. Despite their leanings towards good and evil, their aim is not mutual destruction, but rather the maintenance of the precarious balance between the two.

Anton, an young Other, who owes allegiance to the Light, is a Night Watch agent, patrolling the streets and Metro of the city, as he protects ordinary people from the vampires and magicians of the Dark. On his rounds, Anton comes across a young woman, Svetlana, who he realises is under a powerful curse that threatens the entire city, and a boy, Egor, a young Other, too young to have committed to either The Dark or The Light and as yet unaware of his own enormous power, whom Anton narrowly saves from vampires.

Anton is assigned a partner, Olga, a powerful female Other who is in the form of an owl in punishment for a past error of judgement. Together with their colleagues in the Night Watch, they struggle to remove Svetlana's curse and to protect Egor from the vampires that pursue him.

Set in a vividly realised postSoviet Russia, where vampires operate under license and Good and Evil exist in a Cold Warlike balance of power, The Night Watch is a pageturning fantasy thriller, an international bestseller that represents the most original writing in its genre since Anne Rice's AN INTERVIEW WITH A VAMPIRE. **TP \$32.95**

Ken MacLeod*Learning the World*

The great sunliner But the Sky, My Lady! The Sky! is nearing the end of a fourhundredyear journey. A shipborn generation is tense with expectation for the new system that is to be their home. Expecting to find nothing more complex than bacteria and algae, the detection of electronic signals from one of the planets comes as a shock. In millennia of slow expansion, humanity has never encountered aliens, and yet these new signals cannot be ignored. They suspect a fast robot probe has overtaken them, and send probes of their own to investigate.

On a world called Ground, whose inhabitants are struggling into the age of radio, petroleum and powered flight, a young astronomer searching for distant planets detects an anomaly that he presumes must be a comet. His friend, a brilliant foreign physicist, calculates the orbit, only to discover an anomaly of his own.

The comet is slowing down . . . **APB \$19.95**

Violette Malan*The Mirror Place*

When Max Ravenhill, a history professor, meets Cassandra, he enters the realm of Faerie, where he discovers his true identity as the Prince Guardian and must choose between his old life and becoming someone else to fulfill his destiny as the savior of the Natural Cycles of the Lands. **TP \$30.95**

Alan Marshall Australian Author*This Pointless Thing Called Life (01)*

2 CD set. Audio novel. **CD \$16**

A Lee Martinez*Gil's All Fright Diner*

Hired by the owner of an all-night diner to eliminate the zombie problem that is costing her customers, werewolf Duke and vampire Earl tackle an even stickier adversary who is out to take over the diner, in an adventure involving an amorous ghost, a jailbait sorceress, and a pig-latin occult.

APB \$17.95

A Lee Martinez*In the Company of Ogres*

Appointed to the head of the wayward Ogre Company when his immortality proves valuable on several occasions, Never Dead Ned finds himself in charge of such fellow monsters as a two-headed ogre, a seductive siren, and a suicidal goblin. **TP \$28.95**

Julian May*Sorcerer's Moon (Boreal Moon 03)*

For sixteen years King Conrig Ironcrown has ruled High Blenholme, battling both to preserve the Sovereignty he ruthlessly established over the four provinces of the island kingdom and to repel the invading Salka monsters that threaten them all. His hope for the future is his heir, Prince Orrion, whose betrothal to a princess of the province of Didion should assure the future peace of High Blenholme. But Orrion has no interest in the girl, and is determined to marry instead his childhood sweetheart, Lady Nyla. Orrion's madcap twin, Corodon, dreams up a scheme to keep Orrion and Nyla together by asking the supernatural Beaconfolk, who appear as lights in the sky, for a magical intercession. The twins are unaware that the Beaconfolk are fighting their own battle with others of their kind; to them all humans, even princes, are but pawns to be used in their own conflict. Their granting of Orrion's wish comes in a manner the twins far from expected, and precipitates chaotic infighting amongst the folk of High Blenholme. As battles rage both on the ground and in the sky, the only hopes for peace can be found deep in the old King's murky past. His former spy, Deveron Austrey, has secret magical powers and no love for the Beaconfolk. And while many of his subjects no longer remember the King's first wife, Maudrayne, she has never forgotten that her son is the true heir to the throne of High Blenholme. **HC \$55**

Brett McBean Australian Author*The Mother*

Hitchhiking along the Hume Highway, a woman searches for the man who killed her daughter. Her only clue—left in her daughter's final phone message—is that the man has a tattoo on his left arm saying 'Die Mother'.

With her daughter dead and with nothing to live for, the mother is on a path of self-destruction. Consumed by guilt and the desire for revenge, her personality and appearance begin to alter. Becoming almost wild, she forgets her real name and where she used to live and work.

Each driver she meets on her dangerous journey could be the killer—and each lift she accepts could be her last. **APB \$19.95**

Anne McCaffrey & Elizabeth Ann Scarborough*Second Wave (Acorna's Children 02)*

In the sequel to First Warning, Khorii, the rebellious daughter of the legendary Acorna and her lifemate, Aari, accompanied by her android "brother," search for the cause of the mysterious and deadly plague before those responsible use it to cripple an entire star system. **HC \$51.95**

Todd McCaffrey*Dragonsblood (Pern 18)*

Pern AL 50: the geneticist Wind Blossom is nearing the end of her long life and is painfully aware that the colonists are running out of the modern technology the settlers brought with them to Pern and that they are forgetting how to use what they do have. Society is beginning to revert to a feudal system and Wind Blossom is concerned that future generations may be hit by an illness they have no tools to fight and that mankind may subsequently be wiped off the face of Pern. AL 507: Lorana is training to be an animal healer but when she arrives at Benden Weyr she impresses a golden dragon and becomes a dragonrider. However, a deadly and mysterious plague begins to wipe out the dragons, leaving mankind no defence against the deadly Thread which has just begun to fall. Lorana has two firelizards who manage to travel Back in time to Wind Blossom's era. Wind Blossom discovers what is wrong with the dragons and comes up with a cure. She also devises a way to leave clues for Lorana so that she can discover the cure in her time and save the dragons, and thus the future of mankind on Pern. **APB \$21.95**

Erin McCarthy*High Stakes*

With election year upon him, vampire politician and wealthy casino owner Ethan Carrick embarks on a search through Las Vegas for a suitable First Lady, a quest that leads him to sweet Brittany Baldizzi and her protective, no-nonsense, surprisingly sexy sister Alexis. **TP \$26.95**

Fiona McIntosh Australian Author*Odalisque (Percheron 01)*

The first novel in an exciting new series from the bestselling author of The Quickening trilogy. The old Zar is dying and everyone but his heir has reason to wish him dead. Herezah, his elegant wife, can finally take her yearned-for position as Valide Zara and rule through her son, Boaz, whilst the ambitious Vizier seeks to ingratiate himself with this scheming woman. Salmeo, the cruel Grand Master Eunuch, will gain more power through an alliance with the Valide, if only she can forget his vile treatment of her in earlier years. It seems that only Pez, the demented, deformed court clown, and Lazar, head of Percheron's security, truly care about Boaz. Lazar, charged with restocking the palace harem for Percheron's new young ruler, purchases the beautiful Ana. She is headstrong and gifted, and Pez and Lazar find themselves being helplessly drawn into the claustrophobic palace politics and a wider web of intrigue concerning an ancient, cyclical battle between the demon, Maliz, and the Mother Goddess. **APB \$20.99**

Chris McMahan*The Calvanni (Jakirian Cycle 01)*

The time is Storm Season on the world of Yos, when the twin suns eclipse and the planet is plunged into bitter cold. It is usually a time of quiet, when the wise lock their doors, praying for the demons of the red sun-Goddess Uros to pass them by. Yet deep in the Caverns of Maht, Hukum, the Sorcerer-Lord of cavern-dwelling Eathal, plots his Vengeance.

Cedrin, a street-wise calvanni (knife-fighter), is summoned to the secret underground tunnels of the Brotherhood of the Night. There, Cedrin is forced to join in a rebellion against the rulers of his native Athria. Caught between the threat of death and his suspicions that all is not what it seems, he must try to keep his friends alive and escape.

Ellen, daughter of the assassinated Athrian Sarlord, is named as heir before his death. She struggles to assert herself as the new ruler, little suspecting the civil war that will be unleashed on Athria within days. **TP \$29.95**

Gabriel Mesta*Martian War*

An ingenious speculative novel is written based on the premise that H. G. Wells's classic science fiction novel *The War of the Worlds* describes actual historical events--rather than a fictional account--that Wells himself witnessed during a fierce struggle for control of Earth. **TP \$28.95**

L E Modesitt Jr*The Eternity Artifact*

In a period five thousand years into the future in which the human race maintains an uneasy peace throughout thousands of planets, scientists discover a first sign of intelligent alien life when they locate a mobile planet, a finding that a shuttle pilot, an artist, and a history professor are dispatched to investigate. **APB \$19.95**

Sarah Monette*Melusine*

Felix Harrowgate, a handsome, well-respected wizard among his aristocratic peers, finds his dark past as an abused slave coming back to haunt him and joins forces with Mildmay the Fox, a thief and assassin, to stop the demons of darkness. **APB \$19.95**

Alexis Morgan*Dark Protector*

Devlin Bane, an immortal Paladin warrior in the centuries-long battle against evil, is destined to die and be revived over and over again in his quest to protect humankind from the Others, until he finds himself coming ever closer to losing his humanity and falling in love with Dr. Laurel Young, the Handler who revives him every time he dies. **APB \$17.95**

Scott Nicholson*The Farm*

When her mother moves them to the Blue Ridge Mountain town of Solom, Jett, unable to deal with Gordon, her creepy new stepfather who regales them with tales of a blood-drinking scarecrow, discovers that Gordon's farm is harvesting an unimaginable evil. **APB \$17.95**

Naomi Novik*Throne of Jade (Temeraire 02)*

Captures the Napoleonic period and layers history with imagination by adding a Dragon Air Force to the battle for England. Temeraire is a Celestial dragon, the most highly-prized of all draconic breeds; famed for their intelligence, agility and most of all for the Divine Wind. **TP \$24.99**

Patti O'Shea*Eternal Nights*

When they discover that smugglers are stealing priceless artifacts from the alien city on Jarved Nine, Captain Kendall Thomas and Special Ops agent Wyatt Montgomery, working together to try to gather evidence, become trapped in an deadly underground of darkness where passion explodes between them. **APB \$17.95**

Paul Park*A Princess of Roumania*

Raised by her adoptive family in a quiet Massachusetts town, teenager Miranda Popescu is astonished to discover that she is a princess from an alternate world that has been split by a deadly political battle. **APB \$19.95**

John Passarella*Kindred Spirit*

Popular television reporter Hallie Moore seems to have it all. She's young, single, attractive, and her signature "best of" segments - Hallie's Comets - seem primed to send her career sky-high. Yet Hallie is haunted by the unsolved rape and murder of her identical twin, Heather. On the first anniversary of the brutal crime, Hallie visits her sister's memorial and - suddenly, inexplicably - experiences her twin's memories of the murder.

Convinced she's been touched by Heather's spirit, Hallie recalls the near telepathic bond the two shared during childhood. Is it possible that bond persists - even from beyond the grave? Compelled to solve her twin's murder, Hallie finds herself drawn to Heather's husband and six-year-old son and, unknowingly, puts herself into the killer's lethal orbit. For in his twisted mind, he believes he's been given a chance to commit the perfect murder...again. **PB \$16.95**

Adam Roberts*The Va Dinci Cod*

Something fishy is going on in the world of artistic scholarship. How can there possibly be a link between the hidden cod of Leonardo Da Vinci's paintings and the over fishing of the North Atlantic fish stocks. Could it be that Leonardo Da Vinci, the greatest genius of his age and inventor of the photocopier and mousemat, had a chilling insight into European Union Fishing policies? Only one man can find out. Robert Hangdog, international scholar, master spy and action hero. Oh and Bezu Fish. **PB \$14.95**

Kim Stanley Robinson*Fifty Degrees Below Zero*

Frank Vanderwal of the National Science Foundation in Washington, DC has been living a paleolithic lifestyle in a tree house in Rock Creek Park ever since a big flood of the Potomac destroyed his apartment block. The flood was just the beginning. It heralded a lot of bad-weather news. Now the Gulf Stream has shut down and the Antarctic ice sheet is melting. The good news is that Frank is part of an international effort by the National Science Foundation to restabilize Earth's climate. He understands the necessity for out-of-the-box thinking and he refuses to feel helpless before the indifference of the politicians and capitalists who run America. The bad news is that Frank has fallen in love - with a woman who is not who she seems. He discovers that their first meeting was no accident: he was on a list all along! Her ulterior motive is political and she expects Frank to spy for her. And thus Frank is drawn into the world of Homeland Security, and other, blacker Washington security agencies as the presidential election year heats up. Then suddenly it's winter ... It's winter like the ice age, fifty degrees below. As hellish conditions disrupt the lives of even the most important people, there is a convergence of meteorological and human events with Frank at the centre - catastrophe is in the air. This unforgettable story from the master of alternate and future history brings tomorrow into new focus with startling effect. **APB \$20.99**

Justina Robson*Keeping It Real (Quantum Gravity 01)*

The Quantum Bomb of 2015 changed everything. The fabric that kept the universe's different dimensions apart was torn and now, six years later, the people of earth exist in uneasy company with the inhabitants of, amongst others, the elven, elemental and demonic realms. Magic is real and can be even more dangerous than technology. Elves are exotic, erotic, dangerous and really bored with the constant Lord of the Rings references. Elementals are a law unto themselves and demons are best left to themselves. Special agent Lila Black used to be pretty but now she's not so sure. Her body is now more than half restless carbon and metal alloy machinery. A machine she's barely in control of. It goes into combat mode, enough weapons for a small army springing from within itself, at the merest provocation. As for her heart ... well ever since being drawn into a Game by the elven rockstar she's been assigned to protect, she's not even sure she can trust that anymore. **TP \$29.95 HC \$59.95**

Michelle Sagara*Cast in Shadow*

Kaylin, a Hawk who patrols and polices the City of Elantra, must face her greatest fear when children become the prey of a serial killer, forcing her to return to Nightshade, where she must team up with a powerful Dragon lord she knows she cannot trust. **APB \$17.95**

Lynsay Sands*A Bite to Remember (Bite 02)*

Despite her best intentions, private detective Jackie Morrisey finds herself falling for her latest client, seductive vampire Vincent Argeneau, who has hired her to stop a killer from turning him into dust. By the author of *A Quick Bite*. **APB \$17.95**

Love is Blind

Notoriously klutzy and completely blind without her glasses, lovely Lady Clarissa Crambray catches the eye of scarred Napoleonic war veteran Adrian Montfort, Earl of Mowbray, who views her as a delightful challenge--and the perfect candidate for becoming his wife. **APB \$17.95**

John Saul*In the Dark of Night*

The Brewster family's idyllic summer vacation at Phantom Lake turns to horror when their teenage son and his friends stumble upon a mysterious secret room, filled with a variety of disassembled objects, in their rental home, a room that has a strange influence over the boys, as they begin to suffer from nightmares, and another boy vanishes. **MP3 CD \$51.95**

Karl Schroeder*Lady of Mazes*

When the human civilization of Teven Coronal is threatened by powerful invaders, brilliant but troubled Livia Kodaly attempts to safeguard the ringworld's fragile ecologies and human diversity. By the author of *Ventus and Permanence*. **APB \$19.95**

Gena Showalter*Enslave Me Sweetly (Awaken 02)*

Eden Black walks among humans, protecting them from the murderous evil of other-worlders who abduct and enslave. And though she appears to be human herself, Eden is an alien, a Raka, distinguished by her golden hair and skin, and gifted with the ominous ability to kill without remorse - and with total accuracy. That is, until the fateful night she has one shot to eliminate her target, a human slaver - and misses. "Failure" is not in Eden's vocabulary. Neither is "partner" - but that's what she is forcibly assigned after recovering from her disastrous mission. A sexy, steely-nerved human agent, Lucius Adaire enjoys nothing more than sparking the fury - and rousing the desire - of the fiery female assassin too proud to admit defeat. Locked in an assignment they cannot afford to lose, Lucius and Eden find themselves bound in two high-stakes, heart-pounding games: the sensual web of kill or be killed, and the erotic dance of seduction. **TP \$29.95**

Kathryn Smith*Be Mine Tonight*

Cursed to a nightmarish existence as a vampire after drinking from a hellish cup of damnation rather than the Holy Grail, Chapel has spent nearly six centuries roaming the night alone, until he encounters Prudence Ryland, a beautiful but dying young woman seeking the promised deliverance of the Grail. **APB \$15.95**

Whitley Strieber*The Grays*

A fictional account of the conspiracy behind alien presence on Earth traces the decades-long manipulation of human bloodlines in a small Kentucky town by a group of aliens, an effort that terrifies nine-year-old Conner when he struggles to understand what he was bred to be, while government officer Michael Wilkes launches a sinister plan to ensure the survival of humanity. **HC \$51.95**

Thomas Tessier*Rapture*

When Jeff Lisker, a successful California businessman, fixates on his old school friend Georgianne Slaton, now a Connecticut housewife, as the object of his desire, he is willing to go to any lengths to make her his own. **APB \$17.95**

Charles Vess*The Book of Ballads*

Illustrated and presented by one of the leading artists in modern fantasy, here are the great songs and folktales of the English, Irish, and Scottish traditions, re-imagined in sequential-art form, in collaboration with some of today's strongest fantasy writers.

Here is New York Times bestseller Neil Gaiman with *The False Knight on the Road*; popular mystery author Sharyn McCrumb's version of *Thomas the Rhymer*; acclaimed children's writer Jane Yolen with *King Henry* and *The Great Selchie of Sule Skerrie*; popular novelist Charles de Lint's contemporary reworking of *Twa Corbies*; *Bone* creator Jeff Smith with *The Galtee Farmer*; Emma Bull's version of *The Black Fox*, and much, much more.

Introduced by award-winning editor and writer Terri Windling, and finished with full lyrics and discographies of the classic versions of these songs and tales, *The Book of Ballads* is an event in the worlds of fantasy and graphic storytelling alike. **TP \$24.95**

Dan Vining*The Next*

A cynical private detective and a member of the "Sailors"--people who drift between the worlds of the living and the dead--Jimmy Miles follows the trail of a mysterious woman to San Francisco, where he is forced into a painful confrontation with his own troubling past and tragic obsessions, a seductive femme fatale, and the discovery of the true mission of the Sailors. By the author of *The Quick*. **HC \$49.95**

Shiloh Walker*Hunting the Hunter*

When he finally finds the mysterious woman who was there the night his bounty hunting partner had been murdered, Kane Winter discovers that Kendall is a vampire who protects the weak and innocent, and, delving into her world, vows to possess her for all eternity. **APB \$17.95**

Jo Walton*Farthing*

In an alternate post-World War II London in which an upper-crust political group has overthrown Churchill and negotiated peace with Hitler, Lucy, ostracized since her marriage to a Jewish man, is unexpectedly invited to a family gathering only to find her husband framed for a ritualistic murder. **HC \$52.95**

Lynne Warren*Moonlight, Wine and Stakes*

Welcome to Las Vegas, the entertainment capital of the world! It's also the Vampire, Were and Demon capital of the world but that's nothing you'll see in the brochures. Amidst the nightlife and the tourists, Eden Camden does what she can to keep evil at bay. Along with her Warlock guardian, Elliot, they take on the worst in a city that doesn't sleep and is forever in a state of flux and bizarre happenings.

And now a Master Vampire has come to town and he plans on keeping Eden as his pawn and plaything forever **APB \$19.95**

Jules Watson Australian Author*The Dawn Stag (Dalriada)*

AD 81. Agricola, the ruthless governor of Roman Britain is intent on capturing the last unconquered territory in Britain Alba: Scotland. Rhiann is an Alban priestess and princess who submitted to a political marriage to Eremon, an exiled Irish prince. Out of duty, grew love a powerful and desperate love that will bind them together through conflict and betrayal. Now in them lies the hope of a nation. For Agricola's army is formidable brilliantly armed and heavily supported. To the people of Alba it is a wall of steel and fire advancing across their homeland, bringing with it desolation. The predestined day draws near: the armies of Alba and Rome will meet in an epic battle to decide the fate of a country. Rhiann searches for guidance in the spirit world, little realizing how big a part she will play in this endgame. Eremon knows only that he must risk and sacrifice many lives, perhaps even his own... **PB \$21.95**

Kit Whitfield*Benighted*

An employee of the Department for the Ongoing Regulation of Lycanthropic Activity, Lola Galley, an ordinary human in a world in which nearly all the population is lycanthropic, sets out to bring to justice the rogue lune responsible for the mauling of an old friend, who is found murdered before the culprit can be brought to trial. **TP \$30.95**

Kit Whitfield*Bareback*

Biology is destiny.

For those born feet-first, life is normal. Civil rights are enshrined in law, the world is a comfortable place, and every full moon night, you lock yourself in a secure room to fur up in peace. But for those born head-first, the damage done is more than just physical. For a non, locked in his or her human skin, is first and foremost a conscript, drafted at eighteen into DORLA, the Department for the Ongoing Regulation of Lycanthropic Activity. For a DORLA agent, insultingly referred to as a 'bareback', full moon creates a battle zone, where they patrol the silent night in search of citizens breaking the curfew. The rest of the month is a civil service nightmare, mopping up the after-effects of the trespasses, the fights and the maulings. DORLA has lasted centuries, since the Inquisition first set it up, and it's no less hated now than it was then.

Lola Galley, twenty-eight and already a scarred veteran, is assigned to defend a curfew-breaker who mutilated a good friend of hers. She doesn't want the case, but she's used to doing things she doesn't want. Only something happens: her maimed friend is murdered before her client can be tried. Lola wants justice. She'll settle for the truth. But in a divided world, asking for the truth may bring answers that you don't want to hear.

Kit Whitfield has created a world that is wholly, unnervingly convincing. BAREBACK shows her to be a novelist of rare gifts and astonishing imagination. **TP \$32.95**

Jack Whyte*Knights of the Black and White (Templar Trilogy 01)*

Shortly after his initiation into the Order of the Knights Templar, Sir Hugh St. Clair is drawn into the turbulence and violence of the First Crusade, until, broken by the savagery and slaughter, he is united with fellow members of the Order on a quest to uncover the true roots of the secret society that has guided their family for generations, in the first volume in a new historical trilogy. **HC \$51.95**

Mike Wild*Hell on Earth (Caballistics Inc)* **APB \$16****Kim Wilkins Australian Author***Rose and the Veil of Gold*

Beyond this world, behind the veil of history, lies the kingdom of the Rus ...

When an ancient golden bear is found walled up in a dilapidated St Petersburg bathhouse, researcher Daniel St Clare and his frosty colleague Em Hayward set out for Arkhangelsk to verify its age. But in the deep of night they are mysteriously set adrift, sinking ever deeper into the secrets and terrors of the Russian landscape. Daniel's lost love, the wild and beautiful Rosa Kovalenka, knows the only way to save him is to outwit the haunted Chenchikov family ... or is it Papa Grigory, full of tales and riddles of times past, who will free them? He might instead destroy them all in order for his world to survive... **BPB \$22.99**

Paul Witcover*Tumbling After*

Sharing forbidden secrets in their Chesapeake Bay home, twelve-year-old twins Jack and Jilly Doone play imaginative games by moonlight until a near-drowning awakens a strange power in Jack, bringing him into the world of Kestrel, a mutant who battles members of his kind who would exterminate the human race. **TP \$28.95**

Chris Wooding*The Ascendency Veil (Braided Path 03)*

The war that is tearing apart the ancient Empire of Saramyr is reaching its apocalyptic conclusion. The Weavers have stepped from the shadows and taken control, the capital is a demonhaunted nightmare, the land ridden by pestilence. New, terrifying demons, immune to all but magic, have been unleashed on the cities and armies of the resistance movement. And the Aberrant hordes are seemingly without end. As the madness of the weavers takes hold their tactics become even more crazed and bloody, and thousands are dying on both sides. Someone must stop the weavers, someone must discover the secrets of what lies at the bottom of the massive pits they have dug across Saramyr. This is the final volume of what has proved to be one of the most original, exotic and exciting epic fantasies of the 21st century. Chris Wooding melds an extraordinary imagination with deft characterisation and a flair for gripping plots. **PB \$19.95**

Jack Yeovil*Krokodil Tears (Dark Future)* **APB \$16**

Anthologies

Ellen Datlow, Gavin J Grant & Kelly Link Editors*The Year's Best Fantasy and Horror 19th Annual*

A new nineteenth collection of the finest short fantasy and horror fiction published during the previous year features an eclectic assortment of works by China Miéville, Bruce Sterling, Jeffery Ford, Barbara Rhoden, and many other notable authors, along with a year-end wrap-up in publishing, film, comics, and manga. **TP \$40.95**

MaryJanice Davidson, P C Cast, Susan Grant & Gena Showalter*Mysteria (Mysteria)*

Four sensual tales center around Mysteria, a magical place where the supernatural has coexisted peacefully with the mortal world until the bewitching ladies of this realm unleash a campaign of seduction that will be talked about for centuries. **APB \$19.95**

Sherrilyn Kenyon, Robin D Owens & Rebecca York*What Dreams May Come*

A trio of paranormal romances includes Road of Adventure by Robin D. Owens, Rebecca York's Shattered Dreams, and Knightly Dreams by Sherrilyn Kenyon, in which a young woman betrayed by love finds romance with a handsome hero who literally steps off the pages of a paperback romance novel. **APB \$19.95**

Denise Little Editor*Hags, Sirens and other Bad Girls of Fantasy*

Centering around the most dangerously divine women in fantasy, all of whom thrive on magical mayhem and decadent desires, this sensational collection of original short stories features contributions from Jean Rabe, Scott William Carter, Laura Resnick, and Rosemary Edghill. **APB \$19.95**

Non Fiction

Emmanuel Carrere

I am Alive and You Are Dead: A Journey Into the Mind of Philip K Dick

This is an unforgettable biography of the visionary grand master of science fiction, Philip K. Dick. Emmanuel Carrere follows Dick's strange odyssey from his traumatic beginnings in 1928, when his twin sister died in infancy, to his lonely end in 1982, beset by mystical visions of swirling pink light, three-eyed invaders and messages from the Roman Empire. Drawing on interviews and both published and unpublished sources, Carrere traces Dick's multiple marriages, paranoid fantasies and dizzying encounters with the drug culture of California. As disturbing and engrossing as any novel by Philip K. Dick himself, Carrere's unconventional study interweaves life and art to reveal the maddening genius whose writing foresaw - from cloning to reality TV - a world that looks ever more like one of his inventions. **PB \$26.95**

Julie Phillips

James Tiptree Jr: The Double Life of Alice B Sheldon

A profile of the successful woman author who hid behind the male pen name of James Tiptree, Jr., to publish popular short works of science fiction in the 1970s describes her childhood explorations of Africa with her mother, work as an intelligence officer during World War II, and shocking suicide. **HC \$56.95**

William Terdoslavich

The Jack Ryan Agenda

What impact did Red Storm Rising have on Ronald Reagan's policy for dealing with the Soviet Union? Was A Clear and Present Danger a trial balloon for the administration's international war on drugs? Did the climax of Debt of Honor foreshadow the actual terrorist plans for 9/11?... And how did Jack Ryan, a lowly analyst, wind up becoming the President of the United States? Was it wishful thinking or a choreographed road map for the time when the defence of America was placed firmly in the hands of backroom strategists? The Jack Ryan Agenda places each of Tom Clancy's Jack Ryan novels (from his bestselling debut *The Hunt for the Red October* to his latest *The Teeth of the Tiger*) within the historical context of the US/International situation at the time each book was published. The Clinton years are examined as well; during this time, Clancy occasionally embraced a "by any means necessary" modus operandi that included Special Forces assassins taking on rogue environmentalists. Turning to film, *The Jack Ryan Agenda* explores how the movie versions differ from the Clancy's canon - and notes the author's displeasure with the way Hollywood liberals took liberties with his story lines. **BPB \$29.95**

Young Adult

The Return of the Skeleton Man

When Molly and her parents attend a conference at Mohonk Mountain House, Molly begins to fear that she is being watched by the very man who kidnapped and tried to kill them all the previous year. **HC \$34.99**

Deborah Abela Australian Author

Mission in Malta (Max Remy Superspy 08)

Could a seemingly easy mission to look after a scientist and his bloodsucking leeches be Max's most dangerous mission yet?

Max and Linden have been sent on a mission by Chief Harrison to be personal guards for a close friend of his. Max is excited about the mission until she learns they are to mind Alfonzo Martina, the world renowned leech expert who is attending the World Annual Leech Conference. Not a fan of animals, especially small, slimy, bloodsucking ones, Max soon discovers their mission isn't just about leeches. The two spies uncover a wretched plan to ruin the world - and if they don't act quickly the planet will only be hours away from a thirsty end. **PB \$14.95**

Hilari Bell

Rise of the Hero (Farsala Trilogy 02)

Legend has it that when Farsala most needs a warrior to lead it, Sorahb will be restored by the god Azura. That time has come. After a devastating loss to the army of the Hrum, Farsala has all but fallen. Only the walled city of Mazad and a few of the more uninhabitable regions remain free of Hrum rule, and they seem destined to fall as well. Farsala needs a champion now. Three young people are waging battle as best they can. Soraya, Jiaan, and Kavi, their lives decimated by the Hrum, are each in a personal fight against their common enemy. Apart, their chances are slim, as none of them is Sorahb reborn. United, perhaps they can succeed. But only Time's Wheel can bring them together -- if it turns the right way. If it doesn't, Farsala is surely doomed. In the sequel to the critically acclaimed *Fall of a Kingdom* (formerly titled *Flame*), the first book of the Farsala Trilogy, Hilari Bell draws readers deeper into the mythical land of Farsala and weaves an epic tale of destiny and danger. **PB \$12.95**

Melvin Burgess

Sara's Face

Sarah is going to have a face transplant. She has allowed herself to be drawn into the orbit of a highly manipulative and ruthless pop-star. He is going to take her discarded face to cover his own scarred and damaged one. But as the time of the operation approaches, those closest to her suspect that Sarah is changing her mind. Is she being pressured into it? Is the wealthy pop-star her benefactor - or her gaoler? **HC \$29.95**

P W Catanese

The Mirror's Tale (Once Upon A Time)

Bert and Will, the twin sons of the baron of Ambercrest, are best friends. They do everything together and can't help it if trouble just seems to...find them. But the baron is fed up and has decided that separation will keep them out of mischief. One twin, he proclaims, will stay in Ambercrest for the summer, while the other will be sent to The Crags -- a foreboding, rocky outpost on the edge of the kingdom. It is there, hidden in a forbidden black chamber, that one of the boys discovers a bejeweled and mysterious mirror. What is the precious object? And why does it make him feel so...powerful? Soon the twins' kinship is replaced by dark magic and deceit, and a kingdom hangs dangerously in the balance. What becomes of one who is ruled by the forces of evil? And can brotherly love conquer a consuming quest for power? **BPB \$9.95**

David Clement-Davies

The Telling Pool

When Rhodri is summoned to the Telling Pool little does he know the consequences for himself, his family and the future peace of the land. While his father is fighting in the Holy Wars, Rhodri must confront his own battles at home and be braver and more resourceful than he could have ever thought possible. Leaving behind his ailing mother, the beautiful Sarah and his friend William, Rhodri embarks on an awesome and epic journey darkened by thieves, rogues, an evilhanded sorceress and his own haunting nightmares. It will take all of Rhodri's strength, intelligence and maturity to come out of this task alive. But Rhodri will find help in unusual and unlikely places and the difficult choices he makes along the way will shape his true destiny in this multilayered and exciting fantasy novel. **BPB \$15.95**

Stephen Cole

Day of the Dino-Droids (Astrosaurs 07)

A fabulously fast and extra-exciting addition to the brilliant *Astrosaurs* series.

Captain Teggs is no ordinary dinosaur - he's an astrosaur! On the incredible spaceship DSS Sauropod, along with his faithful crew, Gypsy, Arx and Iggy, Teggs rights wrongs, fights evil and eats a lot of grass!

The crew of the Sauropod hit trouble when their ship is pulled into a strange, tiny black hole. Spat out in the DSS HQ, they meet up with their boss, Admiral Rosso, who is behaving a little oddly. And when the rest of the astrosaurs begin to show signs of weirdness, Teggs decides to investigate. The clues seem to point to some kind of dino-droid! Can the astrosaurs work out what's really going on? **PB \$14.95**

Grace Dugan Australian Author

Silver Road

In the peasant village of Obrel, Zuven, a young foundling, wants nothing more than to devote her life to religious service. But there's a mystery to Zuven's past. Something that others have taken great lengths to keep from her . . .

Far from Obrel, the noblewoman Yelela defies her family by training to become a soldier. She enrolls in a military school in the capital, and there uncovers the Righteous Arrow, a secret society plotting to overthrow the king.

Haga, champion swordsman and the son of a powerful baron, has dedicated his life to the Righteous Arrow's cause. But when Zuven runs away, he despairs of ever seeing the plans fulfilled. As their Journeys diverge and intertwine, as battles are fought and corruptions are exposed, each will learn that destiny is a compelling force . . . but not even destiny can overcome the individual. **BPB \$19.95**

Helen Dunmore

The Tide Knot (Ingo 02) TP \$19.99

Alex Duval

Bloodlust (Vampire Beach)

Jason and his sister have just moved to Malibu - to a town full of rich kids whose lives revolve around money, fashion, cars and parties. Jason gets swept along by the excitement and is flattered to be included - and also very flattered by the apparent interest of the stunning Sienna. But these rich kids hide a dark secret and soon Jason finds that their parties involve a little more than the usual alcohol and music! When their secret is revealed, Jason has to decide if he can accept the status quo. Everyone else seems to be able to... and it might just mean he could get closer to Sienna...

A fabulously glam and sexy take on the classic vampire story - these vamps can live pretty normal lives, no garlic or coffins for them! **PB \$17.95**

Initiation (Vampire Beach)

Jason and his sister have moved to Malibu and now live in a town full of very beautiful, very rich, very cool people - who just happen to be vampires. Jason is pretty obsessed with the sexiest girl in town, Sienna Devereux - and has little time to spend worrying about the rest of the vampires. But as Thanksgiving approaches and Jason's Aunt Megan comes to stay, he realises that there's something weird going on in De Vere Heights. Could Megan be involved somehow? And when his old friend Tyler turns up too, and starts to mess with the wrong people, Jason starts to understand that they're all playing with something much more dangerous than it first seemed...

Another brilliantly commercial and accessible read with massive appeal. **PB \$17.95**

Kate Forsyth Australian Author

Wishing For Trouble

Ben and Tim have always been told to "be careful what you wish for", but they don't know what this really means until one day Tim discovers a magic wishing ring - and a whole lot of trouble! Before they know it, Ben and Tim and their cousins, Nick, Emmy and Lach, find themselves fighting for their lives - and a few other people's, too - in a besieged castle full of knights and swords and a rather bossy countess. But soon they realise that making wishes is not as easy as it sounds, and that they will have to be very clever indeed to get themselves out of this mess! **BPB \$12.95**

Cornelia Funke

The Thief Lord

Two orphaned children are on the run, hiding among the crumbling canals and misty alleyways of the city. Befriended by a gang of street children and their mysterious leader, the Thief Lord, they shelter in an old, disused cinema. **PB \$19.99**

Gill Harvey

Orphan of the Sun

Thirteen-year-old orphan, Meryt-Re, lives with her uncle's family in Set Maat, the home of the pharaohs' tomb-builders. Under pressure to marry Ramose, a dull, plodding stonecutter, she resists, and begs for guidance from the gods, but she's unable to decipher the message behind her vivid dreams. When her cousin falls gravely ill, her uncle accuses her of turning the gods against him and banishes her from the house. Meanwhile, Meryt discovers other strange and suspicious activities going on in the village. It is not until she meets Teti, the village wise woman, that Meryt can begin to unravel the meaning of her dreams and in so doing, solve the mysteries surrounding her. **BPB \$15.95**

Eva Ibbotson

The Beasts of Clawstone Castle

Can two children foil an outrageous criminal plot with the help of some of the funniest and maddest ghosts ever invented?

Clawstone Castle is ancient and famous, but its elderly owners have no money. In its great park live a legendary herd of wild white cattle that have roamed there since the days of the Druids, and now their future is threatened.

Rollo and Madlyn come to stay with their uncle and aunt and, with the help of a mysterious recluse in the castle library, they collect an impressive team of phantoms who agree to help them turn Clawstone into a tourist attraction. There's a bloodstained bride, an aristocrat whose chest is permanently gnawed by a rat, a girl who was sawn in half in a circus, a pair of feet without a body, and more.

Paying visitors soon pour through the gates. But then a terrible fate befalls the cattle, and the ghosts and the children find themselves facing some very sinister enemies. **BPB \$14.95**

Julia Jarman

The Time Travelling Cat and the Aztec Sacrifice

Topher Hope is distraught when Ka, his devoted cat disappears, leaving a word on his computer: TENOCHT*I*TLaN

Wasn't that the home of the blood thirsty Aztecs? Then she must be in dreadful danger. But when Topher travels back to the time of the Aztecs, he finds trouble from another source. The Aztecs think Ka is one of their gods, but El Sol, a piratical Spanish conquistador, thinks she is a witch.

Can Topher save Ka from El Sol, rescue Pima, a girl the Aztecs want to Sacrifice, and escape from the wondrous, floating city of Tenochtitlan before it is destroyed? **PB \$14.95**

A J Lake

Coming of Dragons (Darkest Age 01)

It is the Dark Ages and something evil is stirring. A ship sailing from Noviomagus across the channel to Gaul is caught in a ferocious storm and dashed against the rocks. There are only two survivors of the wreck, both children, and they are tossed up on the shore with a mysterious trunk. An old man rescues them from the beach. He seemed to know they would be coming, and he also appears very interested in the trunk. They cannot escape what lies inside, it is both good and evil, but binds itself to their destiny and sets them on a path which they are forced to follow, and face what lies at the end. **BPB \$15.95**

Ursula K Le Guin

Voices (Chronicles of the Western Shore 02)

Memer is a child of rape; when the Alds took the beautiful city of Ansul, they desecrated or destroyed everything of beauty. The Waylord they imprisoned and tortured for years until finally he is freed to return to his home. Though crippled, he is not destroyed. His life still has purpose. Memer is the daughter of his House, the daughter of his heart. The Alds, a people who love war, cannot and will not read: they believe that in words lie demons that will destroy the world. All the city's libraries, the great treasure trove of knowledge of ages past, are burned, except for those few volumes secreted in the Waylord's hidden room. But times are changing. Gry Barre of Roddmant and Orrec Caspro of Caspromant have arrived in the city. Orrec is a storyteller, the most famous of all: he has the gift of making. His wife Gry's gift is that of calling; she walks with a half lion who both frightens and fascinates the Alds. This is Memer's story, as well as Gry's and Orrec's . . . it is the story of a conquered people craving freedom. **HC \$29.95**

Tanith Lee

Law of the Wolf Tower

Orphan-slave Claidi knows nothing but the House, with its lavish extravagance, mindless ritual and cruelty. Then Nemian, an enigmatic prisoner, promises escape and safety if she will free him and journey to his city through the wild and savage Waste. But nothing is as it seems and no one is ready for Claidi's passion for freedom and her determination to destroy the Law of Wolf Tower once and for all. Award-winning author Tanith Lee is well-known for quality older fantasy fiction. The Law of Wolf Tower was short-listed for the Guardian Children's Fiction Prize. Ages: 11+

BPB \$16.95

Peter J Murray

Bonebreaker

A spine-chilling tale. Sinister things have been happening to Billy, but will he be able to figure out what is causing them before whatever's causing them finds him? Billy couldn't be more excited to be going on holiday with his friend Calum's family, relieved even to escape the creepy things that have been happening at home. But when the sinister things continue and get worse, he discovers a past history he never knew he had is catching up with him. As well as whatever is haunting him. Another gripping, unputdownable adventure from Peter J Murray, guaranteed to keep you up at night! Ages: 9-11 **PB \$15.95**

Jenny Nimmo

Charlie Bone and the Hidden King (Charlie Bone 05)

Charlie Bone awakes one morning to find the city covered with snow and all the animals gone. Where have they gone - and why? Blessed the dog tells Billy there was a terrible shuddering of the earth and immediately after, he saw a witch with two shadows crossing the hall in the Bloor's Academy. Could the discovery of an ancient mirror, and the movement of the shadow in the Red King's portrait have something to do with it? And a strange girl appears outside Charlie's house. She tells him he must follow her to find the animals. Can he trust her, and will she perhaps lead him to find someone he lost long before the animals?

The spellbinding final book in the best-selling series. **BPB \$16.95**

Kerrie O'Connor

Through the Tiger's Eye (Tiger's Eye 01)

Just then Tongue decided to take matters into his own paws. He sniffed the air, barked, shot across the floor of the pit and disappeared. Lucy and her little brother Ricardo follow their puppy and the mysterious, golden-eyed Tigercat into a secret tunnel leading to a foreign country - a country where children are held prisoner in the jungle. Lucy still didn't understand anything and it still felt crazy, but suddenly it was also simple; if Rahel was going to risk rescuing the little girl and the other kids, then Lucy had to help, even if she didn't have a clue how. Through the Tiger's Eye is a pageturner; a dashing adventure crammed with action, mystery and vivid detail. O'Connor's impish imagination is exceptionally vivid and will delight children of all ages. If there's any justice, she'll become as sought after as Rowling. 'Cameron Woodhead, The Age' **BPB \$15.95**

By the Monkey's Tail (Tiger's Eye 02)

In this sequel to the acclaimed Through the Tiger's Eye, Lucy and her best friend Janella - not to mention Lucy's younger brother Ricardo - again join forces with Rahel, Carlos and the other children from Telares. The magic tunnel to Telares, hidden in the bush behind Lucy's house, is open again, and Rahel and co. have come down from a rebel base in the mountains. This time, their task is to return tiny Angel to her grandparents in Telares City, along with a key to the dragon chest in Lucy's bedroom and a halfwoven rug from the jungle jail where the Telarean children were once enslaved. Accomplishing this involves a trip along an underground river, a boat chase and a daring rescue when Carlos is captured by Bulls soldiers. Packed with action, this is a pacy, involving read spiced with warmth and humour - irresistible. Reviews of Through the Tiger's Eye include: 'O'Connor's impish imagination is exceptionally vivid and will delight children of all ages. If there's any justice, she'll become as sought after as Rowling.' 'The Age' 'Hotly tipped to challenge Harry Potter,' 'Adelaide Advertiser' brought back the magic I experienced the first time I read Harry Potter full of high adventure and mystery . . . a real pageturner. O'Connor's characters are beautifully drawn, and the fast-paced, easy style will ensure Through the Tiger's Eye finds an enthusiastic audience.' *Magpies* **PB \$15.95**

Michael Parker Australian Author

Doppelganger

A black tunnel began to form around me. My room started to spin. Desperately I tried to cry out but I couldn't make a sound. Then, like shattering glass, I crashed straight through the tunnel and out to the other side. Propelled out of his safe, ordinary world, Andrew is caught in the midst of a desolate city, torn apart by vicious gang wars. Here, the rules of survival are simple - you follow the pack, or you die. Dragged into one gang's brutal takeover campaign, Andrew has no choice but to embark on an unthinkable mission, in an attempt to sever the connection between the two worlds forever. If he succeeds, he will destroy everything in his life. But if he fails, hundreds will die - in both worlds. **BPB \$19.95**

J T Petty

Clemency Pogue: The Hobgoblin Proxy (Clemency Pogue 02)

As a baby, Kenneth Mess was stolen from his cradle and replaced with a clay replica. Now he is being raised underground by Clemency Pogue's hobgoblin friend Chaphesmeeso, so that he will eventually become a hobgoblin himself. But that can't happen until the clay baby dissolves. And that won't happen, since Inky, the changeling, rarely washes. Which means that the world of Make-Believe is in serious danger.

Once again, an adventure is underfoot for Clemency Pogue as she tries to make the world safe for Make-Believe. **HC \$14.95**

Tamora Pierce

First Test (Protector of the Small 01)

Kel faces Lord Wyldon, who is against girls becoming knights. But Kel is not a girl to underestimate, as everyone is about to find out... **BPB \$16.99**

Page (Protector of the Small 02)

Kel confronts the prejudices that come with being a female in a man's world until one day a group of pages is trapped by bandits, and the boys depend on Kel to lead them. **BPB \$16.99**

Squire (Protector of the Small 03)

Kel is chosen by Lord Raoul to be his squire and must also prepare for the last challenge that stands between her and her dream of knighthood.

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Lady Knight (Protector of the Small 04)

Kel has finally achieved her lifelong dream of being a knight but she feels torn between a duty she has sworn to uphold and a quest that she feels could turn the tide of war. **BPB \$16.99**

Rick Riordan

The Lightning Thief (Percy Jackson and the Olympians)

The gods of Olympus are alive in the 21st Century. They still fall in love with mortals and have children who might become great heroes, but most of these children meet horrible fates at the hands of monsters by the age of twelve. Only a few learn the truth of their identity and make it to Half Blood Hill, a Long Island summer camp dedicated to training young demigods. Such is the revelation that launches young Percy Jackson on a quest to help his real father, Poseidon, avert a war among the gods. With the help of Grover the satyr and Annabeth the daughter of Athena, Percy must journey across the United States to catch a thief who has stolen the original weapon of mass destruction - Zeus' master bolt. Along the way, they face a host of mythological enemies determined to stop them. Most of all, Percy must come to terms with a father he has never known, and an Oracle that has warned him of betrayal by a friend. **BPB \$16.95**

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When Karl and Finn find themselves in possession of a notebook they discover it contains a scientist's top-secret research into creating new living species from scratch. Although initially developed for environmental improvement, the research can also be used as a highly dangerous weapon and Karl and Finn are plunged into a nightmare which is spiralling out of control... **BPB \$16.95**

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Araminta Spook is just like any girl. She likes bats, ghosts, werewolves and vampires. One of Araminta's greatest ambitions is to see a ghost, and living in Spook House with her aunt and uncle there is a fair chance she will. Then her Aunt Tabitha drops a bombshell: they are moving. The boiler is a MENACE, plus there are a few other issues relating to dust and spiders. Araminta is not going to take this lying down and devises an array of Cunning Plans. She is determined to stay, and perhaps there is still a chance her greatest ambition will come true, too . . . **HC \$14.95**

Araminta Spook: The Sword in the Grotto (Araminta Spook)

What do you buy someone for their 500th birthday? Araminta is desperately trying to think of the perfect gift for her favourite ghost, Sir Horace, but it's hard to buy gifts for someone with no specific hobbies and no body. Then an inspired idea leads to trouble when all does not go as planned, and Araminta wonders whether she'll ever see Horace or her family again, let alone have time to organise the party. **HC \$14.95**

Marcus Sedgewick

The Dark Horse

A boy destined to lead his clan; a girl raised by wolves; a stranger with a sealed box. These are the elements of this powerful novel, set on a rocky northern coast in a distant time, in a small community who live in dread of the coming of the legendary warrior tribe, the Dark Horse. Told in part by the boy, Sigurd, himself, it is a dark and dangerous story of conflict and betrayal. With its strong sense of time and place and the magic of a primitive people, *The Dark Horse* again confirms the exceptional talent of Marcus Sedgewick. **PB \$14.95**

The Foreshadowing

It is 1915. 17 year old Sasha Fox is the privileged only daughter of a respected doctor living in the wealthy seaside town of Brighton. Her brothers, Edgar and Tom, have gone to war. Sasha has a terrible gift. She can see the future. Her premonitions show her untold horrors on the battlefields of the Somme, and worse still, what will happen to Edgar and Tom. Like the prophetess Cassandra, who foretold the tragedies of Troy, Sasha is trapped by power. No one will believe her. Her family have lost faith in her. She is determined to win them back, whatever the price. Stylishly written in poetic prose, this is a portrait of a world full of threat and a heroine resourceful enough to try to change the path of Fate. **BPB \$14.95 CD \$39.95**

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Darren Shan

Demon Thief (Demonata 02)

A huge, jagged patch of light forms at the foot of my bed. Then a shape presses through. I'm too horrified to scream. It's a monster from my very worst nightmare. Pale red skin. Dark red eyes. No nose. Sharp, grey teeth. As it leans further forward I see a hole in the left side of its chest, and inside dozens of tiny, hissing snakes. The monster frowns and stretches a hand towards me. When Kernel Fleck's brother is stolen by demons, he must enter their universe in search of him. It is a place of magic, chaos and incredible danger. Kernel has three aims: learn to use magic, find his brother, stay alive. But a heartless demon awaits him, and death has been foretold. **BPB \$14.99 Cassette Audio \$35.99**

Kate Thompson

The Fourth Horseman

A chilling tale about terrorism, the consequences of genetic experimentation and the riders of the apocalypse, from Whitbread Children's Book Award winner Kate Thompson

The first time Laurie and her dad see the white rider watching them from the deep, cool shadows of the trees, he is alone. Laurie is convinced that his appearance has a meaning, that somehow he is trying to tell them something - something her dad needs to pay attention to. Is the rider somehow linked to the genetic research into squirrels that Laurie is helping her dad with in the lab?

When a second rider with a bloody sword appears alongside the first, and then a third and a fourth, Laurie knows she must try to understand who they are and what they represent. With the help of her brother and his best friend, she discovers what the riders mean but will it be too late to stop the inevitable chain of events that has been set in motion...? **HC \$32.95**

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Media Related

Alias APO

Namesakes

Greg Cox

What's in a name? Apparently everything.

A killer is targeting women in the Los Angeles area who share a name with Sydney Bristow's former aliases. Sydney wants the case, but she's already hot on the heels of a terrorist armed with a secret formula for a super-explosive.

While Sydney and Dixon try to prevent the terrorist from creating a man-made tsunami aimed at the United States, Weiss and Nadia are tasked with catching the Alias Killer. Jack and Vaughn quietly embark on their own investigation into the alias killings and begin to suspect that the murderer may be an ex-coworker resentful of Sydney for shutting down the shadow organization SD-6 years ago.

As Sydney struggles to stay focused and stop a ruthless man with mass destruction on his mind, she can't help but wonder, Will APO find the Alias Killer before another one of my unsuspecting namesakes pays the price? **APB \$14.95**

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Aeon Flux

Four hundred years in the future, the last of Humanity will live behind the protective walls of Bregna, an idyllic utopia built to shelter them from the deadly jungle growing beyond. Life in Bregna is perfect, or as perfect as the government can make the people believe. But not everyone is fooled by their mood-altering propaganda-a small band of freedom fighters wish to see things change, and they just might manage to pull off this impossible dream with the help of their top secret agent, the sexy, deadly Aeon Flux. As Bregnan authorities prepare a new weapon to use against the jungle pounding at their walls, Aeon prepares to turn their plans against them. But this time she is not alone-she has been instructed to train a new agent, a fiery young woman named Sithandra, who may not be all that she appears . . . **TP \$26.95**

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John Shirley

The Dark Knight takes on his ultimate enemy, a psychotic mastermind called White Eyes, who plans to use a host of deadly new weapons, along with his allies, Gotham's racist Bavarian Brotherhood, to pursue his goal of the white supremacist takeover of America. **APB \$17.95**

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Laura Burns

Phoebe can't believe her luck -- finally, she's met the perfect guy. Daniel's got everything going for him and Phoebe's smitten. Smitten, that is, until Paige, trying to figure out what the weird thing is about this guy, sees a demon in Daniel's living room. Sure, Daniel's more perfect than anyone should be, but in league with a demon? Phoebe can't believe it.

Phoebe's not the only one having trouble with love. Leo's been so busy with his Whitelighter duties, he seems to have forgotten about his wife and son. And to make matters in the Manor even worse, Paige fears she's lost her powers. Life with the Charmed Ones is never a walk in the park, but things seem to be getting out of control. Can the sisters set everything straight before their lives fall into utter chaos? **APB \$14.95**

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Stephen James Walker

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Representing the Fifth Doctor adventures, starring Peter Davison, comes Spare Parts, written by Marc Platt and focussing on the early days of the Doctor's old foes, the Cybermen.

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Wu Ch'eng-en

Prince Tripitaka, a young Buddhist priest, has undertaken a dangerous quest to travel to India to retrieve sacred scriptures from a temple. On his way he finds three unruly companions who become his disciples: the greedy pig creature Pigsy, the river monster Sandy - and Monkey. Hatched from a stone egg and given the secrets of immortality, the mischievous trickster Monkey can fly through the air, ride on clouds, become invisible and transform himself into other shapes. And these skills prove very handy when the four travellers come up against the dragons, bandits, demons and evil wizards that seem determined to get in their way. **BPB \$16.95**

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The Man of Steel was once a teenager, facing all the regular problems of growing up, and then some. As well as too much homework, the pressure of trying to fit in and trouble with the opposite sex, Clark Kent has to deal with emerging superpowers, meteor freaks and a best friend who will turn out to be his worst enemy. Featuring comprehensive material from five seasons of the hit TV show, Smallville: The Visual Guide follows Clark's development from a shy farm boy, to the brink of fulfilling his superhero destiny. **HC \$29.95**

Star Trek

Exile of Khan Noonien Singh: To Reign In Hell

Greg Cox

At last -- the untold chapter in the history of Star Trek's most notorious villain, KHAN. Searing and powerful, To Reign in Hell masterfully bridges the time period between Khan Noonien Singh's twenty-third-century revival in the Original Series classic episode "Space Seed" and his unforgettable return in the acclaimed feature film Star Trek II: The Wrath of Khan. Haunted by the memory of Khan's murderous campaign of vengeance, James T. Kirk now revisits the forbidding world of Ceti Alpha V to discover for himself what ultimately drove Khan to madness. There, buried beneath the desolate surface of a dying planet, Kirk and his allies find the untold story of their greatest foe -- and of the woman who loved him: Lieutenant Marla McGivers of Starfleet. Along with Khan's genetically engineered followers from the twentieth century, Khan and Marla are left on Ceti Alpha V with the hopes of building a new life together. Although the planet is savage and untamed, Khan dreams of carving out an empire even greater than the one he once ruled on Earth. But when global catastrophe strikes, Khan must use every ounce of his superhuman strength and intellect to wage a fearsome battle against the planet, his people...and the growing darkness in his own soul. **APB \$16.95**

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Susan Shwartz & Josepha Sherman

Tensions remain high as the United Federation of Planets, the Klingon Empire, and the Romulan Star Empire attempt to maintain their fragile post-Dominion War peace in the wake of the brutal attack by the mysterious Watraii that ended with the loss of Admiral Pavel Chekov. When Admiral Uhura receives intelligence regarding a Watraii base that may contain more than one surprise, she sends Ambassador Spock, Captain Saavik, Ruane, Captain Montgomery Scott, and Lieutenant Commander Data on a covert mission to learn its secrets... But the true secrets of the Watraii have their basis millennia in the past. In the time of Surak, Vulcans were at a crossroads, on the cusp of either embracing logic or succumbing to emotion and destroying themselves. With Surak's blessing, a group of Vulcans left their turbulent homeworld to find their destiny among the stars -- but the stars prove themselves even more unforgiving than the sands of Vulcan's deserts, as Karatek, the reluctant leader of the exiles, must struggle to hold the community together. **HC \$49.95**

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Lucien Soulban

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Ree Soesbee

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Ed Greenwood

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Boris Akunin

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In the dying days of the Nineteenth Century, the small Russian town of Zavolzhsk is shaken out of its sleepy rural existence by the arrival from St Petersburg of a Synodical Inspector with a hidden agenda and a dangerously persuasive manner. Meanwhile, in the nearby country estate of Drozdovka, one of the prized white Bulldogs – prized because of its one brown ear, and its propensity to drool – belonging to the cantankerous lady of the house has been poisoned. The old widow has taken to her bed, sick with fear that her two remaining dogs may face a similar fate, and the many potential beneficiaries of her will wait fretfully to see whether or not she will recover. Sister Pelagia: bespectacled, freckled, woefully clumsy and astonishingly resourceful is summoned by the Bishop of Zavolzhsk to investigate the bulldog's death. But her investigation soon takes a far more sinister turn when two headless bodies are pulled out of the river on the edge of the estate. Pelagia and the White Bulldog is a very enjoyable read: a book of considerable charm in which a classically worked mystery plot with a twist in the tail is played out through highly engaging characterisations (major and minor) against a background of splendidly vivid local and historical atmosphere. All great Akunin fun! **TP \$29.95**

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APB \$17.95

M C Beaton*The Perfect Paragon (Agatha Raisin Mystery)*

Recovering after nearly being killed by both a hired assassin and her former secretary, Agatha Raisin is looking for a low-key case and takes on an investigation into Robert Smedley's possibly adulterous wife, until her client turns up dead, poisoned with weed killer, leaving his young wife the prime suspect to inherit a fortune. **APB \$17.95**

Ted Bell*Pirate*

When the free world is threatened by an oil-hungry Red China and her secret allies, Alexander Hawke works with British Naval Intelligence and the CIA to uncover a dangerous scheme intended to topple America and establish China's international supremacy. **APB \$22.95**

Spy

Sent on a dangerous political mission to South America, intelligence operative Alex Hawke is challenged to employ his unique training as well as his agency's latest high-tech gadgetry in order to survive. **HC \$52.95**

Carol Lea Benjamin*Without A Word (Rachel Alexander Mystery)*

Reluctantly agreeing to track down a distraught man's wife who went missing five years earlier, private investigator Rachel Alexander finds the case further complicated by the woman's traumatized daughter, who has been wrongfully accused of a stabbing murder. **APB \$17.95**

Laurien Berenson*Watchdog (Melanie Travis Mystery)*

Delighted to be starting her job and showing her standard poodles, Melanie Travis is dismayed when her brother Frank concocts yet another scheme to make money, and when his financial backer is murdered and Frank is the number one suspect, she races against time to clear her brother's name.

APB \$17.95

Lisa Tawn Bergren*The Begotten (Gifted)*

In 1339, at the height of the Inquisition, as prophesied by St. Paul in a letter that has been hidden by the Church, the Gifted, a group of men and women, possessing mysterious spiritual gifts, prepares to gather, racing against time to find the rest of the Gifted ones and to decipher the ancient prophecy of their coming, before their enemies can destroy them. **HC \$49.95**

Ethan Black*At Hell's Gate*

Investigating the murder of a man whose body was dumped in the East River, NYPD detective Conrad Voort discovers that the crime is related to a missing computer containing information about terrorist activities, a case that pits him against adversaries who force him to abandon everything he has ever believed in. **APB \$19.95**

Terri Blackstock*Night Light*

When an unexplained crisis sweeps out all of the electronics on the planet, the Brannings are faced with a choice--hoard their possessions to survive or put their trust in God and offer their resources and hearts to others--but when they find a family of children living alone in a filthy apartment, the search for their mother leads the Brannings to a powerful new purpose that will transform their community and themselves. **TP \$30.95**

Elizabeth Bloom*The Mortician's Daughter*

Assisting in the investigation into the beating death of her best friend's son, suspended NYPD officer Ginny Lavoie returns to her New England childhood home to discern the killer among suspects ranging from a homeless Vietnam vet to the victim's stepfather. **HC \$51.95**

Jay R Bonansinga*Twisted*

When a respected Tulane professor is brutally murdered, leaving behind notes that reveal a shocking link between a serial killer wreaking havoc in New Orleans and an ancient Mayan civilization, FBI profiler Ulysses Grove teams up with journalist Maura County to stop this madman in his tracks. **APB \$17.95**

Rhys Bowen*Evan Blessed (Constable Evans Mystery)*

When Constable Evan Evans investigates the disappearance of a woman who vanished on Mt. Snowdon, his search uncovers a strange bunker with handcuffs and chains, but the case takes a bizarre turn when Evans's own fiancée disappears. **APB \$17.95**

Evanly Bodies (Constable Evans Mystery)

Welsh Constable Evans investigates when a young Pakistani girl vanishes at the same time that she is being forced into an unwanted, arranged marriage, and a man is shot to death while eating breakfast in his home, the first of a series of killings, and discovers an unlikely link between the crimes. **HC \$49.95**

Michael Bowen*Putting Lipstick on A Pig*

When hard-hearted attorney Vance Hayes dies in a nighttime winter snowmobiling accident, no one mourns his passing, especially fellow lawyer Rep Pennyworth, until he and his wife Melissa discover that his death could be linked to a dangerous threat against Vietnamese-American court reporter Sue Key. **HC \$51.95**

Screenscam

Rep Pennyworth and his wife Melissa investigate when he is hired by the contentious Charlotte Buchana, who claims that her novel, *And Done to Others' Harm*, is the basis for the film *Contemplation of Death*, directed by Hollywood legend Aaron Eastman, but Pennyworth soon discovers that there is more at stake than money. **TP \$30.95**

Unforced Error

While at a re-enactment of a Civil War battle in Kansas City, Rep and Melissa Pennyworth stumble upon the dead body of her best friend's boss, and now, with her best friend as the prime suspect in the case, Melissa and Rep, harnessing the power of copyright law and literature, set out to solve the crime. **TP \$30.95**

Lilian Jackson Braun*Cat Who Dropped A Bombshell*

While the town of Pickax is swept up in its sesquicentennial celebrations, Koko has developed a strange new hobby: he drops himself from balconies, occasionally landing in the oddest of places. When a young man comes to visit his wealthy relatives, Koko plummets straight on to his head! Meanwhile, a hurricane is brewing, and the visitor's family members soon fall deathly ill. Qwill has his work cut out for him because Pickax as foreshadowed by Koko is about to be hit by a bombshell. **APB \$18.95**

Simon Brett*The Stabbing in the Stables (Fethering Mystery)*

During an evening visit to Long Bamber Stables, Jude and Carole Seddon stumble upon the body of the co-owner of the stables, Walter Fleet, whose death is attributed to the "Horse Ripper," an enigmatic perpetrator wanted for mutilating mares throughout West Sussex, but their investigation uncovers plenty of other suspects in the murder. **HC \$49.95**

The Witness at the Wedding (Fethering Mystery)

An engagement party for Carole Seddon's son takes a strange turn when the reclusive father of the bride mysteriously vanishes during the party, only to be found brutally murdered the following morning. **APB \$19.95**

Suzanne Brockman*Breaking Point*

When Gina Vitagliano, the young woman he had rescued during a vicious terrorist hijacking, is kidnapped once again and her abductor offers to release her in exchange for a man called Jones, Max Bhagat races against time to find the elusive former U.S. Special Warfare operative as part of desperate gamble to save the woman he loves. **APB \$19.95**

Christopher Brookmyre*A Tale Etched in Blood and Hard Black Pencil*

They first met at primary school, Martin, Colin, James, Eleanor, Karen, Robbie, Boma, Helen, Scot, Joanne. Together they were taught the alphabet and their tables, some of them fought each other and they all learned how to recognise the laws of the pack - the strong, the weak, the bampots. Through secondary school, puberty and adolescence they progressed through the system, their relationships shifting, sometimes coalescing, often fracturing. Then twenty years later one of them is dead, one is in intensive care and another is in custody charged with murder. And on the fringes of the investigation are others from that original class - the detective inspector, the lawyer, the local hard man and the pub owner. Does knowing someone since childhood enable one to know who is capable of killing in adulthood? Or is there some nugget in their shared experience which explains the messy murder scene in the hills outside Glasgow? With characteristic brio, humour and style, Christopher Brookmyre has created not so much a whodunnit, but a why-didn't-we-see-this-one-coming. **HC \$49.95 TP \$32.95**

Sandra Brown*Ricochet*

Her husband's pride and joy, Elise Laird is a trophy wife ten years his junior. Rumour has it that she married him for his money. They couldn't be more wrong. When detectives Duncan Hatcher and DeeDee Bowen are summoned to the sumptuous home of Judge Laird in the middle of the night, they know that discretion is key to their investigation and to keeping their jobs. Elise has shot and killed a burglar in selfdefence, but there is something suspicious about the whole affair. Determined to learn the truth, Duncan puts his career and his integrity in jeopardy. Then Elise seeks him out and makes an incredible allegation. His first instinct is to dismiss it as the lie of a guilty suspect but then Elise goes missing... With nonstop suspense and trademark plot twists, Brown shows her talent for placing her main characters in impossible situations, where one's worst enemy may be one's own conscience... and trusting the wrong person could mean the difference between life and death. **TP \$32.95**

Ricochet

Investigating the alleged shooting of a burglar in the home of a high-profile Savannah district judge, detectives Hatcher and Bowen suspect the judge's dutiful trophy wife's declarations of innocence and find the case complicated by the judge's notorious soft-on-crime tactics. **HC \$52.95**

Ken Bruen*Calibre*

When the so-called "Manners Killer," a serial murderer who selects his victims from among those who are publicly rude, begins to send letters about his crimes to the Southeast London police squad, cantankerous Inspector Brant vows to put a stop to his lethal crime spree. **TP \$26.95**

Ellen Byerrum*Raiders of the Lost Corset (Crime of Fashion Mystery)*

Bursting at the seams with excitement to be in France, Crimes of Fashion columnist Lacy Smithsonian is dishing the dirt on haute couture, only to find herself up to her stilettoes in mystery when the supposed Rousseau family lost treasure, a jewel-lined corset, brings about the death of a corset designer. **APB \$17.95**

Andrea Camilleri

Rounding the Mark (Inspector Montalbano Mystery)

Two seemingly unrelated murders draw Sicilian sleuth Inspector Montalbano into a dangerous world of illicit trafficking in human lives and test both his personal endurance and his loyalty to the institution he serves. **TP \$26.95**

Ward Carroll

Militia Kill

After a mission in Iraq goes wrong, Navy SEAL Ash Roberts is reassigned to South Dakota, where he must rescue an ATF agent from the clutches of the Badlands Militia, a group of deadly paramilitary warriors who, armed with loads of firepower, are determined to reorder society. **APB \$19.95**

Dennis Chalker & Kevin Dockery

Weapons Grade (Home team)

Former Navy SEAL Ted Reaper and his team of elite warriors track an IRA-trained assassin who has teamed up with America's worst enemies, who are preparing to use a biological weapon left over from the Soviet's Cold War program against innocent civilians. **APB \$19.95**

Barbara Cleverly

The Bee's Kiss (Detective Joe Sandilands Mystery 05)

A fifth installment in a Golden Dagger Award-winning series finds a returned Joe Sandilands enjoying Jazz Age London, until a high-profile bludgeoning death at the Ritz embroils him in an investigation complicated by three additional suspicious deaths and pressure by Scotland Yard to close the case. **HC \$51.95**

Mark Cohen

Bluetick Revenge (Pepper Keane Mystery)

Agreeing to help a Witness Protection Program candidate steal a champion dog from her sadistic biker gang leader ex-boyfriend, Colorado private eye Pepper Keane finds the case complicated when he pretends to help the biker. **APB \$17.95**

Max Allan Collins

The Last Quarry

Coming out of retirement to do one last--and extremely lucrative--job for a media magnate, professional killer Quarry finds himself unable to take out his target, a young, beautiful librarian. **APB \$17.95**

Susan Conant

Scratch the Surface (Cat Lover's Mystery)

Felicity Pride turns sleuth when she finds a cat and a corpse on her doorstep, investigating suspects that range from an avid pet-hater and a highbrow professor to her primary rival in the field. **APB \$17.95**

Rose Connors

False Testimony

A defense lawyer struggles with her ethics throughout two cases involving a U.S. senator suspected in the disappearance of a female staffer and a second client who is on trial for the murder of a priest. **APB \$17.95**

Robin Cook

Crisis

Through a crisis of medical malpractice emerges evidence of how the medical profession itself is being harmfully transformed by the intrusion of powerful business interests. Not least is the growing prevalence of "Concierge Medicine" where public-service doctors will take on private patients for a fee.

In this enthralling story, which again features Dr Laurie Montgomery and Dr Jack Stapleton (whose long-term professional relationship here takes on a new twist), Robin Cook continues to enthrall us with his deep personal insight into contemporary medicine but also provides readers with the biggest surprise ending found in any of his many bestselling novels. **HC \$59.95 TP \$32.95 CD \$80**

Vena Cork

Art of Dying

Appearances are not what they seem. Rosa Thorn is enjoying the limelight at the opening of her late husband's memorial art exhibition, but what is about to happen is more traumatic than she could ever have anticipated. Friends emerge from the past offering something more sinister than goodwill. Behind the smiles lurk obsession and greed, and in the intensely personal and strange world of the Artist, old scores, rivalries and thwarted ambitions threaten Rosa's very existence. Who can she turn to when art and death embrace in the most chilling way imaginable? **APB \$19.95**

Ellen Crosby

The Merlot Murders (Wine Country Mystery)

Returning to her Virginia vineyard home after the unexpected death of her father, Lucie Montgomery is dismayed by her father's gambling debts, which are complicated by the discovery that someone had a lot to gain from her father's death and the sale of his winery. **HC \$49.95**

Clive Cussler

Dark Watch (Oregon Files Dirk Pitt)

The author of the bestselling NUMA and Dirk Pitt series returns with an all-new novel of adventure and intrigue featuring his unbeatable hero of the high seas-Juan Cabrillo. Cabrillo and his motley crew aboard the clandestine spy ship Oregon have made a very comfortable and very dangerous living working for high-powered Western interests. But their newest clients have come from the Far East to ask for Cabrillo's special brand of assistance: a consortium of Japanese shipping magnates whose fortunes are being threatened by brutal pirates trolling the waters of Southeast Asia. Normally, such attacks on the high seas are limited to smaller ships and foreign-owned yachts-easy targets on the open ocean. Now, however, giant commercial freighters are disappearing. But when Cabrillo confronts the enemy, he learns that the pirates' predations hide a deadly international conspiracy-a scheme of death and slavery that Juan Cabrillo is going to blow out of the water. **APB \$19.95**

Mary Daheim

Saks and Violins (Bed-And-Breakfast Mystery)

When world-famous musician Dolph Kluger drops dead of rhubarb poisoning during a reception at the Hillside Manor B&B, proprietor Judith McMonigle Flynn launches her own investigation to uncover a killer, but her case is complicated by the theft of her cousin Renie's credit card and disappearance of her violinist neighbor Rudi Wittener's valuable bow. **HC \$49.95**

Jim DeFelice*War Breaker*

Former CIA agent Michael O'Connell once helped Pakistan build a small fleet of undetectable nuclear bombers, and now the CIA wants him to steal the planes, before the region is engulfed in a bloody war. **APB \$17.95**

Adrian d'Hage*The Omega Scroll*

A Dead Sea Scroll has lain undisturbed in a cave near Qumran for nearly two thousand years. The Omega Scroll contains both a terrible warning for civilisation and the coded number the Vatican fears the most. The Pope's health is failing and the Cardinal Secretary of State, the ruthless Lorenzo Petroni, has the keys to St Peter within his grasp. Three things threaten to destroy him: Cardinal Giovanni Donnelly has started an investigation into the Vatican bank; journalist Tom Schweiker is looking into Petroni's past; and the brilliant Dr Angela Bassetti is piecing together fragments of the Omega Scroll. While they fight for their lives in a deadly race for the scroll, the Vatican will stop at nothing to keep the prophecy hidden.

At the CIA's headquarters in Virginia, Mike McKinnon suspects a number of missing nuclear suitcase bombs are connected to the warning in the Omega Scroll. In the Judaen Desert a few more grains of sand trickle from the wall of a cave. The countdown for civilisation has begun. **APB \$19.95**

Michael Dibdin*Back to Bologna (Aurelio Zen)*

When the corpse of the shady industrialist who owns the local football team is found both shot and stabbed with a Parmesan knife, Italian police inspector Aurelio Zen is called to Bologna to oversee the investigation. Recovering slowly from surgery, and fleeing an equally painful crisis in his personal life, Zen is only too happy to take on what at first appears to be a routine and relatively undemanding assignment. But soon a worldfamous university professor is shot with the same gun, immediately after publicly humiliating Italy's leading celebrity television chef, and the case intertwined with the fates of an earnest student of semiotics and a mysterious young immigrant who claims to be from Ruritania spins out of control, and Zen is in no condition to rise to the challenge. There's also a wild card in the pack, Tony Speranza, Bologna's most flamboyant private detective. Back to Bolognais dazzlingly plotted, features a cast of vivid and idiosyncratic characters, and along the way delivers both comic and serious insights into the realities of today's Italy. **PB \$19.95**

Garry Disher Australian Author*Kittyhawk Down*

An unidentified man is fished out of the sea with an anchor strapped to his waist. And for Detective Inspector Hal Challis, this sparks the beginning of a chilling series of shotgun killings. As Challis investigates, a farmer on the peninsula erupts into violence and is the target of a massive manhunt. Meanwhile Challis's own emotional life is strained, and some of his police colleagues have allowed their public and private responsibilities to blur. And then Challis finds some aerial photographs in the possession of his friend Kitty that link her to the murders. **BPB \$22.95**

Michael Dobbs*Churchill's Triumph*

At the close of World War Two, in 1945, the most powerful men alive Winston Churchill, Roosevelt and Stalin gather to survey the smoking ruins of Europe at the famous Yalta Conference. They must try and create a future where the atrocities of the last few years could never happen again. But as the negotiations begin that will eventually change the map of the world, the tension and pressure on political partnerships intensifies. In the fight against Hitler, Churchill's difficult relationship with the leaders of the Allied Powers, Roosevelt and Stalin, becomes a power struggle that will have the most dramatic global consequences. **A+ PB \$19.95**

Mike Doogan*Lost Angel*

When Faith, the teenage granddaughter of Moses Wright, the founder of the Christian commune of Rejoice, mysteriously vanishes, the elders of the Alaskan commune enlist troubled former cop Nik Kane--a man who lost his career and family while serving time for a crime he did not commit--to help find the missing girl. **HC \$51.95**

John Dunning

The Bookman's Promise (Cliff Janeway) **APB \$18.95**

The Sign of the Book (Cliff Janeway) **APB \$18.95**

Paul Eddy*Flint (Flint 01)*

Undercover cop Grace Flint is cool, quickthinking and fearless under pressure. Until an operation to trap international moneylaunderer Frank Harling goes wrong and Grace is almost beaten to death. After reconstructive surgery, Grace is physically restored to an icy beauty. But inside, her superiors fear that she has been irreversibly damaged. So when she insists on returning to duty, there are those who are certain she's going to crack. And when her new target reveals a link to Frank Harling, Grace refuses to back off. Determined to track down the man who almost destroyed her, Grace is on a collision course with her worst nightmare. . . **APB \$19.95**

Flint's Law (Flint 02)

Grace Flint: The best undercover cop in the business and since plastic surgeons rebuilt her shattered face probably the most beautiful. Now Flint has a new career running operations, and she's running headlong into trouble. Operation Pentecost: An elaborate sting designed by Flint to trap Karl Kremer, former East German spy turned financial manipulator. But Pentecost has become a snare for Flint's undercover agents. One agent is already dead, and the evidence of treachery is mounting. Mandrake: MI6 codename for the traitor close enough to Flint to anticipate her every move. Who is Mandrake and who in the US government is determined to protect him? In Paul Eddy's stunning second novel Grace Flint is back in the firing line, tougher, bolder (and in more trouble) than before. **APB \$19.95**

Ake Edwardson

Never End

Detective Chief Inspector Erik Winter returns in a hard-boiled murder mystery about the dark and dirty underside of upstanding family life. There's a heatwave in Gothenburg. But while carefree school-leavers celebrate in the sunshine, tragedy waits to pierce the heady days of summer. It is late when nineteen-year-old Jeanette bids goodbye to her friends and sets off for home. She takes a shortcut through a city park - a decision which will add hours to her journey... Next morning the police come to question Jeanette about the rape, but in her desperation she has already scoured all traces of the crime away.

Chief Inspector Erik Winter and his colleagues are reminded of a rape and murder case which remains unsolved after five years. Could this be the work of the same person? As more girls fall victim, each of them strangled, Winter grows increasingly certain that each crime holds the key to the others.

Scratching around for clues, the police find themselves drawn into the underground clubland of Gothenburg. A concrete connection between the murders still eludes them, but their list of suspects is growing: the spurned ex, the surly father, the naive school friends, the uncooperative victim; someone knows much more than they are letting on. Whose dark secret is threatening the young women of Gothenburg? **PB \$21.95**

Sun and Shadow

Meet Erik Winter: not a stereotypically glum detective. The youngest chief inspector in Sweden, he wears sharp suits, cooks gourmet meals, has a penchant for jazz and is about to become a father.

A couple entertain a stranger in their Gothenburg apartment, but his choice of death metal music isn't quite what they had in mind - this particular illicit rendezvous will prove to be their last. For more than a week a newspaper boy has watched his deliveries piling up behind a front door. The loud music playing inside the apartment seems an odd choice for 5 a.m. and the boy becomes increasingly afraid. What greets Chief Inspector Erik Winter and his team when they arrive appears as a stage setting, grotesquely symbolic in its composition. While Inspector Winter trawls the classifieds in men's magazines in search of the missing third person from this sinister party, a trail from the clues left by the killer leads into the cult world of the gothic. A riddle of nightmares, of good versus evil, of sun and shadow. Chief Inspector Erik Winter puts his sharp intellect to work on the case. But he has other things on his mind: the murder has taken place very close to home, and his pregnant girlfriend is nervous. Now every shadow in the corridor adopts a sinister shape. Every silent phone call holds a particular menace. When the investigation unearths a possible link between the murders and the police force, even friendly faces are not to be trusted and, when the killer strikes again, Winter is in a race against time to protect both the city and his family from this threatening evil. **PB \$21.95**

Jennifer Egan

The Keep

Two decades after taking part in a childhood prank whose devastating repercussions changed their lives forever, two cousins are reunited to work on the renovation of a medieval castle in Eastern Europe, a remote, eerie site profoundly influenced by its bloody past, where the two are cut off from the outside world and doomed to reenact the horrific event from their past. **HC \$49.95**

James Ellroy

Suicide Hill

Assigned as liaison officer to an FBI investigation into a series of ingenious bank robberies, LAPD homicide detective Lloyd Hopkins uncovers unsavory information about his sworn enemy, the commander of the Internal Affairs Division, Fred Gaffney. **TP \$26.95**

Janet Evanovich

Smitten

Hired as a construction worker by the virile Matt Hallahan, single mother Lizabeth Kane finds herself falling in love with her boss, in spite of their many differences. **APB \$19.95**

Jimmie Ruth Evans

Murder Over Easy (Trailer Park Mystery)

When her boss at the Kountry Kitchen diner is accused of murdering one of his employees, Wanda Nell Culpepper--mother, waitress, and intrepid sleuth--believing in his innocence, gets into hot water as she tries to bring the real killer to justice. **APB \$17.95**

Joseph Finder

Killer Instinct

Jason Steadman is a thirtyyearold sales executive living in Boston and working for an electronics giant. He's a witty, charismatic guy who's well liked at the office, but he lacks the 'killer instinct' necessary to move up the corporate ladder. To the chagrin of his ambitious wife, it looks as if his career has hit a ceiling. Jason's been sidelined. But all that will change one evening when Jason meets Kurt Semko, a former Special Forces officer just back from Iraq. Looking for a decent pitcher for the company softball team, Jason gets Kurt, who was once drafted by the majors, a job in Corporate Security. Soon, good things start to happen for Jason and bad things start to happen to Jason's rivals. His career suddenly takes off. He's an overnight success. Only too late does Jason discover that his friend Kurt has been secretly paving his path to the top by the most 'efficient' and ruthless means available. After all, Kurt says, 'Business is war, right?' But when Jason tries to put a stop to it, he finds that his new best friend has just become the most dangerous enemy imaginable. And now it's far more than just his career that lies in the balance. A riveting tale of ambition, intrigue, and the price of success, Killer Instinct is Joseph Finder at his best. **TP \$29.95**

Vince Flynn

Consent To Kill (Mick Rapp 07)

For ten years, Mitch Rapp has fought on the frontline of the War on Terror. His bold actions have saved the lives of thousands - but in the process, his list of enemies has grown inexorably. There are even those within his own government who would like to see him eliminated. This title is from the author of "Memorial Day". **PB \$18.95**

G M Ford

No Man's Land

When a desperate hostage situation forces him into a cross-country journey in the company of a pair of escaped convicts, Frank Corso finds himself trailed by a collection of law enforcement agencies and craven media personalities as he works to end an ensuing spree of killing and mayhem. **APB \$17.95**

Frederick Forsyth

The Afghan

When British and American intelligence catch wind of a major Al Qaeda operation in the works, they are primed for action - but what can they do? They know nothing about the attack: the what, where or when. They have no sources in Al Qaeda, and it's impossible to plant someone. Impossible, unless...

The Afghan is Izmat Khan, a five-year prisoner of Guantanamo Bay and a former senior commander of the Taliban. The Afghan is also Colonel Mike Martin, a 25-year veteran of war zones around the world, a dark, lean man born and raised in Iraq. In an attempt to stave off disaster, the intelligence agencies will try to do what no one has ever done before - pass off a Westerner as an Arab among Arabs - pass off Martin as the trusted Khan. It will require extraordinary preparation, and then extraordinary luck, for nothing can truly prepare Martin for the dark and shifting world he is about to enter. Or for the terrible things he will find there...

THE DAY OF THE JACKAL, THE DOGS OF WAR, THE ODESSA FILE - the books of Frederick Forsyth have helped define the international thriller as we know it today. Combining meticulous research with crisp narratives and plots as current as the headlines, Forsyth shows us the world as it is, in a way that few have ever been able to equal. And the world as it is today is a very scary place... **TP \$32.95 HC \$54.95**

Brian Freeman

Immoral

The disappearance of a beautiful teenage girl from the streets of Duluth, Minnesota, the second in a year, draws Lieutenant Jonathan Stride into a dark and dangerous conflict with the heart of evil as his search for a serial killer captures him in a web of secrets, lies, obsession, illicit desire, and death that will transform his life. **APB \$17.95**

Stephen Frey

The Protégé

The head of the world's most powerful private equity firm, Christian Gillette reluctantly cooperates with a shadowy government agent in exchange for new information about the death of his father, while, at the same time, two of his firm's up-and-comers compete for his attention, a situation that is complicated by an attempt on Gillette's life. **APB \$19.95**

Ashley Gardner

A Covent Garden Mystery (Regency England Mystery)

When street girls begin disappearing from Covent Garden and no one seems to care, Captain Gabriel Lacey of the 35th Light Dragoons decides to look into the matter and finds his worst fear realized when his own daughter disappears and his wife's dark past is revealed. **APB \$19.95**

W Michael Gear

The Athena Factor

The latest target in a series of celebrity attacks, Hollywood actress Sheela Marks and her security head, Lymon Bridges, hire private investigator Christal Anaya to discover the motives behind the attacks, which are linked to the machinations of a secret corporation and a powerful sheik.

APB \$19.95

David Gibbins

Crusader Gold

The elusive Crusader Gold: the greatest prize missing from the final bloody conflict of the Crusades. For many it is the Jewish menorah, the huge golden candlestick looted by the Romans in AD70 when they sacked the Temple in Jerusalem and marched through Rome in triumph. It was carried off to Constantinople. Now, nobody knows where it is. Some Jewish activists today think it survived and is concealed in the Vatican. Some think it took another altogether more extraordinary turn, at the beginning of history itself... Jack Howard is the only man who can find out. But the clock is ticking against him. Will ancient history give up one of its darkest secrets? The quest to find out takes him from the fall of the Roman Empire to the last days of Nazi power and uncovers a trail more thrilling than anyone could have imagined. **TP \$32.95**

Norman Green

Dead Cat Bounce

When his daughter, who has been working as an exotic dancer, comes to him for help in dealing with a stalker, a mysterious and violent customer who refuses to leave her alone, Stoney enlists the aid of Fat Tommy and Tuco to help him come up with a way to protect his daughter from the man's dangerous schemes. **TP \$28.95**

Shooting Dr Jack

Three men--the flamboyant Fat Tommy Roselli, his junkyard partner Stoney, and Turco, their street-smart apprentice--work out their various aggressions and redemptions on the unforgiving street, but suddenly they find themselves taking all kinds of heat--from the cops, the feds, a local drug lord, and professional assassins--when two bodies turn up on their property. **APB \$19.95**

Kerry Greenwood Australian Author

Flying Too High (Phryne Fisher)

When the much disliked Mr. McNaughton of the Sky-High Flying School receives a fatal blow to the head, Phryne Fisher steps in to prove that Bill, McNaughton's son, is not the murderer. **HC \$51.95**

Michael Gregorio

Critique of Criminal Reason

An electrifying historical thriller a journey into the dark streets of Prussia where a deadly serial killer has a city at his mercy. It's 1793, and Hanno Stiffeniis is a magistrate in Prussia. He has been called to investigate a spate of murders which has reduced the city to a state of terror, under the watchful gaze of his mentor, Immanuel Kant. Four people have died, and there is no sign of an end to the killing spree. Tension inside the city is heightened by the imminent threat of invasion; Napoleon is menacing the borders of Prussia, so whilst hunting for the murderer, the city of Konisberg is forced to deal with scheming whores, necromancers who claim to speak with the victims, and the scum of the Prussian army. When the killer tries to murder him, the magistrate finds himself confronted by the demons of his own past. Therein lie the sinister source of those murders, and the true reason he has been enticed back to Konigsberg... Hugely atmospheric, entertaining and intelligent, Critique of Criminal Reason is the first in a series of compelling crime novels set in Prussia featuring Hanno Steffeniis. **TP \$32.95**

Lucretia Grindle*The Faces of Angels*

A hot day in Florence, and disillusioned newly wed Mary Warren is desperate to escape her husband Ty's possessive eye, just for a moment. Breaking away from their tour group in the Boboli Gardens, Mary wanders into a beautiful, shady tunnel of trees. But the tranquil setting conceals a complex maze, and a masked killer. Mary is viciously attacked and Ty, arriving at the scene, is brutally murdered. Later nicknamed the Honeymoon Killer, Karel Indrizzio is arrested and later dies. Mary returns to Philadelphia, her scars a raw reminder of that day. But one man, Italian journalist Pierangelo, believes he can help her recovery, and when Piero begs her to return to Florence a year later, Mary enrolls in an Art History course at the university and rents an apartment with fellow student Billy Kalczeski. In this city Mary's dark secret, known only to Piero, cannot stay buried for long. For there is now another killer stalking the women of Florence, and there is something about his technique that is frighteningly familiar. Piero is in the midst of following his deadly trail and Mary soon recognises the implications: this is either a copycat killer, or her husband's murderer is still at large. **HC \$35**

Batya Gur*Murder in Jerusalem (Michael Ohayon)*

When film designer Tirzah Rubin is crushed to death on the set of her director-husband's latest film, Chief Superintendent Michael Ohayon launches an investigation that links the woman's murder to a larger network of social and political unrest and violence. **HC \$51.95**

Bethlehem Road Murder

When the murdered body of a young woman is discovered in an attic in the closed Baka neighborhood of Jerusalem, chief superintendent Michael Ohayon navigates the area's complex culture and finds his investigation hampered by a past love. By the author of *Murder on a Kibbutz*. **TP \$28.95**

Carolyn Haines*Bones To Pick*

When a local girl is found dead in a cotton field and her lover stands accused of the crime, southern belle and fearless P.I. Sarah Booth Delaney is hired by the suspect's brother to expose the real killer, a dangerous assignment that pits her against the rich and powerful. **HC \$45.95**

Kerry Hardie*The Bird Woman*

Her marriage and health shattered by a clairvoyant experience, northern Irish Presbyterian Ellen McKinnon moves in with Liam, a sculptor in southern Ireland, where her efforts to suppress her psychic abilities are complicated by her manifestation of healing abilities. **HC \$51.95**

Karen Harper*Hurricane*

With lashing rain and brutal winds bearing down on them, residents of southwest Florida prepare to evacuate. But Julie Minton cannot leave. Her fourteen-year-old daughter, Randi, left home earlier that morning to go jet skiing with Thad Brockman – a boy Julie barely knows. Now Randi and Thad are missing and the hurricane, that hours ago was just another routine warning, has turned toward shore. Julie has only the help of Thad's father, Zach Brockman, and together they begin a race against time to find their children... Before long, however, the pair discover that they must not only battle Mother Nature, but also an enemy willing to use the danger and devastation of the storm for its own evil ends. **APB \$14.95**

Ellen Hart*The Iron Girl (Jane Lawless Mystery)*

While sorting through the belongings of her late lover, Christine Kane, Minneapolis restaurateur Jane Lawless is shocked to discover a gun that could hold the clue to not only Christine's death, but also the murders of three members of the Simoneau family. **TP \$30.95**

Donna Hay*No Place For A Woman*

Finn Delaney is a twentysomething woman leading a curious double life. As far as her father Joe is concerned she works in a beauty salon, but when Finn leaves the house every morning she has a very different destination in mind. Widower Joe has tried to turn his little girl into a princess, just like his wife would have wanted. Yet Finn's one ambition is to join her father's construction business and work alongside him. But Joe tells her the building trade is 'no place for a woman', so Finn takes matters into her own hands - with consequences she could never have anticipated... Gina Tate has been brought up to believe that a woman's job is to look good and say nothing. Years spent trying to please her difficult father and live up to her glamorous family have left her emotionally fragile. Ousted from the family business, she finds herself working for their arch rivals. Gina and Finn might not have much in common - but they both have something to prove... **BPB \$21.95**

Jack Higgins*The Bormann Testament*

Risking his very existence, Special Agent Paul Chavasse must find a manuscript written by Martin Bormann, Hitler's private secretary and an influential member of the Third Reich, that exposes former Nazis before it falls into the wrong hands. **APB \$19.95**

Without Mercy

Intelligence operative Sean Dillon and his colleagues in Britain and the United States beat back a terrible enemy, but at an equally terrible cost. One of them was shot, another run down in the street. Both were expected to survive - but only one of them does. **APB \$19.99 CASS \$24.99 CD \$29.99**

Susan Hill*The Risk of Darkness (Simon Serrailleur 03)*

Simon Serrailleur's story began in *THE VARIOUS HAUNTS OF MEN* (about a serial killer) and continued with *THE PURE IN HEART* (about a kidnapped schoolboy) Susan Hill is not afraid to tackle difficult issues, nor to face up to the realities of stress in an ordinary English police station. Her third crime novel, *THE RISK OF DARKNESS*, even more compulsive and convincing, follows up the child abduction and explores the crazy grief of a widowed husband, a derangement which turns to obsession and threats, violence and terror. Meanwhile, handsome, introverted Simon Serrailleur, whose cool reserve has broken the hearts of several women, finds his own heart troubled by the newest recruit to the Cathedral staff: a feisty female Anglican priest with red hair... *THE RISK OF DARKNESS* is packed with action and adventure. Like *VARIOUS HAUNTS*, it hinges on a terrific twist which comes as a complete surprise to the reader; and like *THE PURE IN HEART*, it deals in depth with complex daily problems. **TP \$32.95**

Susan Hill*The Pure in Heart*

A little boy is kidnapped as he stands with his satchel at the gate of his home, waiting for his lift to school. A severely handicapped young woman dies. Has someone who loves her helped her out of this world? This novel, set in the English Cathedral town of Lafferton, features the enigmatic policeman, Detective Chief Inspector Simon Serrailier. **PB \$21.95**

Jilliane Hoffman*Last Witness*

Heading a task force that is investigating a series of police officer murders, agent Dominick Falconetti pursues leads that a missing gang member with drug connections may be responsible, while prosecutor C. J. Townsend begins to suspect that she may know more about the investigation than she realized. **APB \$19.95**

David Hosp*The Betrayed*

14-year-old Amanda Creay arrives home from school to find her mother murdered: her throat slit, her corpse brutalised, subjected to the most appalling torture before she died. A piece of incriminating evidence at the scene leads to the swift arrest of a local drug dealer. Case closed. But local cop Jack Cassian has questions. The victim, Elizabeth Creay, came from one of Washington's wealthiest and most powerful families. So why was she living in such a rough part of town? Why is her mother, the icily formidable Lydia Chapin, proving so hostile and unhelpful to the police investigation? Where is the dead woman's computer? The answers lead only to further questions -- and before he knows it, Jack Cassian is unearthing disturbing secrets that stretch back more than fifty years. A shameful conspiracy that reaches into the highest levels of government. A dark secret that someone will kill to keep... **TP \$29.95**

Harry Hunsicker*Still River (Lee Harvey Oswald Mystery)*

During a seemingly simple assignment, private detective, Gulf War veteran, and loner Lee Henry Oswald is drawn into the dark and dangerous world of high-stakes drug lords and double-dealing real estate developers as he races against time to save the life of his partner. **APB \$17.95**

Adrian Hyland Australian Author*Diamond Dove*

Emily Tempest has been away from Central Australia for a long time - uni, travel, dead-end jobs. Finding trouble all over the world. Now she's back at Moonlight Downs, the community where she grew up, half in the Aboriginal world, half in the white. And true to form, there's trouble. An old friend brutally murdered and mutilated. An old enemy the only suspect. Until Emily starts asking questions. **BPB \$22.95**

Uzodinma Iweala*Beast of No Nation*

Recruited by a unit of guerrilla fighters after the brutal murder of his father by militants, a west African student falls under the spell of his dangerous commander and finds his new life increasingly contrasting with his former existence of family times, school friendships, and church services.

TP \$22.95

J A Jance*Dead Wrong*

Juggling a family and a career is never easy-and it's becoming a real challenge for Sheriff Joanna Brady. Coping with the impending delivery of her second child as well as a staff shortage, the last things Joanna needs are two serious crimes.

First, the body of an unidentified man is found in the desert, all of his fingers savagely severed. Following the scant clues, Joanna learns that the victim was an ex-con who had served twenty years in prison after confessing to the murder of his pregnant wife. During his last days he was seen following and photographing a young woman.

Then one of Joanna's officers is brutally attacked and left for dead while on an unauthorised stakeout. Because the officer is one of its own, the department throws its resources into finding her attacker.

But the murder haunts Joanna. Being a sheriff is no longer an empty position she wants to hold-somehow it has become what she is. Her job is to avenge man's inhumanity toward man, and finding out who the victim was and why he is dead is what she has been summoned to do with her life. Strapping on a bulletproof vest, she'll risk everything to see that justice is done. **HC \$55**

Quintin Jardine*Dead and Buried*

DCC Bob Skinner has a failed marriage on his hands, and a death on his conscience, but little time to deal with either as he faces the biggest challenge of his career within the secret corridors where dark power is wielded. As his hunt develops, he goes to the very top the Prime Minister lest he himself becomes collateral damage. Meanwhile, back in Edinburgh, Skinner's daughter is being harassed by a stalker. Can he protect her? A bookmaker has taken one gamble too many and paid his debt in a gruesome fashion. Is it an underworld vendetta, or something more sinister? Alongside it all, a casual call to the Chief Constable sets him on a personal crusade which quickly points to a bigamist at work. Or is it worse? Four crimes, four crises: can Skinner and his people solve them? Indeed, can they survive them? **TP \$32.95**

Dorothy Johnston*The White Tower*

Blaming her mild-mannered son's suicide on his addiction to a role-playing Internet game, a mother enlists the aid of computer crime consultant Sandra Mahoney to uncover the truth about how a game killed her son. **HC \$49.95**

Chris Jordan*Taken*

When her son Tommy is kidnapped, widow Kate Bickford is forced to play a deadly game with a twisted abductor who not only wants money, but wants her to follow something he calls The Method. **HC \$52.95**

Graham Joyce*Requiem*

Traveling to Jerusalem after the sudden death of his wife, Tom Webster meets a mysterious old woman, whom he comes to believe is the spirit of Mary Magdalene trying to reveal a secret from the past. **APB \$19.95**

Juris Jurjevics*The Trudeau Vector*

When three members of the Trudeau Research Center scientific team are murdered at the onset of an arctic winter, epidemiologist Jessica Hanley finds her investigation intersecting with the secret mission of a decorated admiral from Moscow, who has been assigned to locate a missing submarine. **TP \$28.95 PB \$19.95**

H R F Keating*One Man and His Bomb*

Working around the clock to find the terrorists responsible for a series of attacks in Europe, Detective Superintendent Harriet Martens finds her investigation taking an all too personal turn when her twin sons fall victim to a bombing, leaving one dead and the other seriously injured, as she races against time to stop a devastating attack that could destroy all plant life. **HC \$51.95**

Faye Kellerman*Garden of Eden and Other Criminal Delights*

A must-have book for Faye Kellerman's many fans. The collection contains: One never-before-published short mystery, THE GARDEN OF EDEN, featuring Peter Decker and Rina Lazarus, who investigate the death of a next-door neighbour; Two Decker-Lazarus short mysteries; BULL'S EYE, the debut of Cindy Decker, who works with her father to solve the fatal shooting of a police academy instructor; and A WOMAN OF MYSTERY, in which Rina Lazarus, aided by Peter Decker, solves the mystery of a student with missing memory. Nine crime/mystery short stories, including MUMMY AND JACK, which Faye cowrote with her son, Jesse. **TP \$32.95**

Lee Charles Kelley*Dogged Pursuit*

Former police officer-turned-kennel owner Jack Field is in the middle of preparations for his wedding to Maine state medical examiner Dr. Jamie Cutter when a young woman's body is found in a nearby lake, a corpse that could be that of his missing employee, but when they launch their own probe into the crime, they find themselves matching wits with a sadistic serial killer. **APB \$17.95**

Jack Kerley*The Broken Souls*

It looked like an abattoir when they found the mutilated body of the young journalist inside her car. If Carson Ryder and his partner had known what they were getting into, they would never have taken the case. But, it's too late, and what looked like the work of a lone madman has wrapped themselves round all sorts of strange areas. **HC \$55**

Simon Kernick*A Good Day to Die (Business of Dying 02)*

A dark, gritty, utterly page-turning novel set in London's meanest of mean streets.

When Dennis Milne - now living under an assumed identity in the Philippines - hears that his old friend and colleague Malik has been gunned down in a restaurant, he decides to go back to the violent city he once called home, and bring the murderer to book.

Milne arrives in a pre-Christmas London which is cold and hostile. But he is no longer a policeman; no longer charged with keeping the peace and upholding the law.

Although his old friends at the King's Cross station do not know that Milne is back in town, it soon becomes clear that his arrival has been expected by men who are after his blood. Hungry for revenge and determined to uphold his own very rough brand of justice, Milne's search for the person behind his friend's death leaves a trail of death and destruction that is more wide-reaching than even he could have expected. **PB \$21.95**

Relentless

John Meron, a happily married father of two who's never been in trouble, receives a phone call that will change his life for ever: his friend Jack Calley, a high-flying City lawyer, is screaming down the phone for help. As Meron listens, Calley is murdered. His last words, spoken to his killer, are the first two lines of Meron's address.

Confused and terrified, Meron scoops up his children and hurries out of the house. Just in time. Within minutes, a car pulls up outside, and three men get out. It's clear that they're coming for him. He's being hunted and has no idea why.

And with his wife missing, an unidentified corpse in her office, and the police after him for murder, his life's about to get one hell of a lot worse.

TP \$32.95

Stephen King*Green Mile CD*

At Cold Mountain Penitentiary, along the lonely stretch of cells known as the Green Mile, killers such as 'Billy the Kid' Wharton and the possessed Eduard Delacroix await death strapped in 'Old Sparky'. Guards as decent as Paul Edgecombe and as sadistic as Percy Wetmore watch over them. But good or evil, innocent or guilty, none has ever seen the brutal likes of the new prisoner, John Coffey, sentenced to death for raping and murdering two young girls. Is Coffey a devil in human form? Or is he a far, far different kind of being? There are more wonders in heaven and hell than anyone at Cold Mountain can imagine. In THE GREEN MILE, Stephen King builds the tension page by page and then delivers a revelation that will truly blow your mind. **CD \$75**

Kimani Kinyua*The Brotherhood of Man*

Their inseparable childhood friendships complicated by their complex adult vocations, a photographer, a jazz artist, a professional thief, and a detective struggle with their disparate values, the Italian mafia, and the FBI. **TP \$30.95**

Dean Koontz*The Husband*

What would you do for love? Would you die? Would you kill? We have your wife. You can get her back for two million cash. Landscape gardener Mitchell Rafferty thinks it must be some kind of a joke. He was busy planting beds of impatiens for one of his clients when his phone rang. Now he's standing in a normal suburban neighbourhood on a bright summer day having a phone conversation out of his darkest nightmare. Whoever is on the other end of the line is dead serious. See that guy across the street? Rifle fire shatters the stillness as the man goes down, shot in the head. The caller doesn't care that Mitch has no way of raising such a vast sum. He's confident that Mitch will find a way. If he loves his wife enough. Mitch does love her enough. He's got seventy-two hours to prove it. He'll pay anything. He'll pay a lot more than two million dollars. A story of love, tenacity and courage with the pace of a runaway train, from its tense opening to its shattering climax, The Husband is a thriller that holds the reader in its relentless grip. **TP \$32.99**

Mr Murder

Mystery writer Marty Stillwater finds his life and family threatened by a psychotic killer professing to be the real Marty Stillwater who embarks on a campaign to eliminate Marty and claim his family. **APB \$19.95**

William Kent Krueger

Mercy Falls

Responding to a domestic disturbance call on the Ojibwe reservation, Tamarack County sheriff Cork O'Connor barely escapes a sniper attack and stumbles into the investigation of a Chicago businessman's murder, a dual case that is complicated by an attractive security consultant and Cork's rival half-brother. **APB \$19.95**

Tim LaHaye & Bob Phillips

The Europa Rising (Babylon Rising 03)

The first two bestselling BABYLON RISING novels established Michael Murphy as one of the most exciting heroes of recent times, a biblical archaeologist whose incredible discoveries do more than simply take him to dangerous, exotic places they place him foursquare in the path of the greatest evil facing mankind today. Now, in THE EUROPA CONSPIRACY, the search for one of the Bible's most fascinating and prophetically significant artifacts pits Murphy against an opponent he knows only too well a man known only as Talon. A man whose appetite for mayhem is matched only by that of his shadowy masters. And their dire plans for the world are about to take a terrible leap forward. Unless Murphy can stop them... With THE EUROPA CONSPIRACY, Tim LaHaye once again shows how his thrillminute storytelling and deep understanding of the Bible have combined to make him one of today's most popular fiction authors. **APB \$18.95**

The Edge of Darkness (Babylon Rising 04)

Biblical archaeologist Michael Murphy stumbles upon clues to an ancient evil as he follows a trail to the long-lost temple of Dagon, the deadly Philistine deity that is half-human and half-fish. **HC \$52.95**

Terrill Lee Lankford

Blonde Lightning

While working on pre-production for his latest movie, a film thriller called Blonde Lightning, Hollywood studio executive and amateur sleuth Mark Hayes and his partner, Clyde McCoy, investigate a series of acts of sabotage perpetrated by someone who will do anything to prevent the film from being completed. **APB \$17.95**

Michael Lawson

The Second Perimeter (Inside Ring 02)

Called in to investigate a low-level case of fraud at a U.S. naval base, Joe DeMarco, a troubleshooter for the Speaker of the House, and his friend Emma, a retired DIA agent, are stunned to discover that a dangerous espionage ring is led by a ruthless female spy intent on revenge on Emma, whom she holds responsible for her own shattered life, in the sequel to The Inside Ring. **HC \$51.95**

Richard Laymon

Laymon Collection Volume 4

BEWARE! Elsie doesn't normally shut shop early, but neither is it normal for meat cleavers to fly through the air by themselves, or for Elsie to wind up on the meat counter neatly wrapped and jointed. Something very strange is happening in the small town of Oasis and everyone had better... BEWARE! DARK MOUNTAIN It was supposed to be a peaceful escape for the two families camping high in the California mountains. But they made the mistake of camping at Mesquite lake, home to two of the wilderness's most terrifying inhabitants: an aged hag with gruesome powers and her depraved son whose unnatural lusts even she cannot control... **BPB \$18.95**

Richard Le Normand

Escape to Death

In 1947 Marcel, Peter and Gerda, working for a special branch of the secret service, run an escape route from Germany, through France and Spain, to their castle on the Portuguese coast. The clients are minor war criminals; each one carries a case of gold, stolen from their concentration camp victims.

Unbeknown to the escapees, on arrival at the castle these Nazis are taken out to sea by launch to a non-existent freighter, eliminated, and their gold recovered. This is their 'escape to death' . . .

Karl, a distant relative and protégé of Adolph Hitler, hopes to revive the Nazi party and become the second führer of Germany. He arrives in Portugal from South America to find out what has happened to his colleagues and the gold.

Marçel, Helga and Gerda, having survived the motor accident that killed all the clients, arrive at the castle to find total carnage. Stephen, Marçel's boss, arrives from London to help, and to cover-up the operation.

So begins a cat and mouse game in which Karl tries to kidnap the girls and recover the gold. Mick, an Australian survivor of the Spanish civil war, becomes involved with his ketch and a classic battle between good and evil is played out on land and sea. **TP \$24.95**

A Killer At Large

A sixteen-year old boy is brutally raped by German soldiers and deported to France where he escapes, and becomes obsessed with revenge.

After joining the French Resistance and proving his worth, he is chosen for a covert British Special Services 'operation'.

A non-stop, no frills, action-packed roller coaster of a thriller, thoroughly researched and written by master story teller Richard Le Normand, a Jerseyman who lived through the Occupation and who is now retired and lives on the Gold Coast in Queensland, Australia. **TP \$24.95**

Jeff Lindsay

Dearly Devoted Dexter (Dexter Morgan)

A secret assassin working as a blood spatter analyst for the Miami Police Department, Dexter Morgan finds his efforts to seek domestic tranquility with his girlfriend, Rita, and her children undermined by a nasty psychopath terrorizing the city, a case complicated by the kidnapping of Dexter's nemesis, Sergeant Doakes. **TP \$26.95**

F P Lione

Skells (Midtown Blue 03)

Night after night, NYPD cop Tony Cavallucci has run-ins with skells--people who cause trouble for cops trying to keep the peace but who Tony sees as people who need compassion--and as he struggles to keep up with a job that drags him down, he finds little solace from his family, which is at war with itself. **TP \$26.95**

Laura Lippman*To The Power of Three*

Baltimore County homicide sergeant Harold Lenhardt faces a particularly baffling case involving three former high school best friends, including one who has been killed, a second who has been rendered comatose from a self-inflicted gunshot wound, and a third who continuously changes her story. **APB \$19.95**

Holly Lisle*I See You*

Paramedic and widow Dia Courvant, haunted by the tragic death of her husband, finds herself drawn to Detective Brig Hafferty after a series of deadly car crashes brings them together, but when she receives a message from beyond, warning her of danger, she wonders if she can trust Brig. **APB \$17.95**

Robert Ludlum & Patrick Larkin*The Moscow Vector*

Determined to rebuild their shattered empire, Russia's increasingly authoritarian leaders are preparing a lightning military strike designed to overrun several Central Asian republics before the West can intervene. To succeed, they must first sow confusion and fear in the ranks of their enemies so they can turn to Konstanin Malkovic. One of the world's wealthiest and most powerful men, he has control over an undetectable, unstoppable and incurable bioweapon, the perfect assassin's tool. Created using a microscopic strand of each victim's own DNA, it is the ultimate precision-guided silent killer. Only Lieutenant Colonel Jon Smith and his Covert One operatives can stop this murderous conspiracy and thwart the Kremlin's bid to Russia to her former power ... **PB \$19.95**

Barry Maitland*Spider Trap*

'... Brock and Kolla, a pair of crime fiction's finest.' The Age-Skeletons are discovered in Cockpit Lane, a poor black area of inner south London, and DCI David Brock and DS Kathy Kolla of Scotland Yard's Serious Crimes Branch are called in to investigate. The discovery that the victims died on the day of the Brixton riots, over twenty years before, lead Brock and Kolla on a dark and dangerous journey into the heart of the West Indian community in London—a journey in which past and present come together in an intricate web of deception and intrigue, as Brock rediscovers the hand of a formidable old antagonist, Spider Roach. In a desperate search to find a crucial piece of missing evidence, Brock and Kathy unwittingly set in train a series of events that end in a shocking, violent conclusion. Written with Maitland's characteristically vivid sense of character and place, *Spider Trap* is Maitland at his scrupulously-plotted, complex and compelling best. There is no doubt about it, if you are a serious lover of crime fiction, ensure Maitland's Brock and Kolla series takes pride of place in your collection.' *Weekend Australian* **TP \$29.95**

Tucker Malarkey*Resurrection*

A tale inspired by the discovery of the Gnostic Gospels in 1940s Egypt finds Gemma Bastian, the daughter of a renowned late archaeologist, raising troubling questions about her father's death, which occurred during his attempt to recover and make public the lost Gnostic Gospels. **HC \$51.95**

Catherine Mann*Blaze of Glory*

A brand-new, heart-pounding tale featuring Catherine Mann's heroic Special Ops unit.

Air Force Captain Bobby 'Postal' Ruznick wouldn't consider a job that didn't occasionally scare him to death. But nothing gets under his skin like sexy profiler Dr Grace Marie Lanier.

Dr 'Uptight' Lanier couldn't tolerate his risk-taking ways when they'd met on assignment a year ago, and now it looks as though the two of them are stuck with each other once again.

Being paired with Bobby's Special Ops crew sends Grace Marie into a tailspin: Not only does she have an assignment of utmost importance to complete, but also it seems she's got little choice but to seek help from the one man who threatens her orderly world the most—Bobby.

And with one week to stabilise a situation that could destroy the lives of countless others, Bobby and Grace Marie are about to learn that to save the world, they may have to risk their hearts. **APB \$14.95**

Seth Margolis*Closing Costs*

Possessing a talent for exposing the weaknesses of her rivals and playing them off of one another, Lucinda orchestrates three large deals that become subject to the real estate market's twists and turns, as well as such factors as embezzlement, forgery, and dot-com busts. **HC \$51.95**

Margaret Maron*Rituals of the Season (Deborah Knott Mystery)*

Her upcoming nuptials complicated by her overbearing family, renovations on her house, and the impending arrival of her fiancé's young son, judge Deborah Knott tackles an additional challenge when a murder takes place. By the author of *Last Lessons of Summer*. **APB \$17.95**

Winter's Child

One month after her marriage to Deputy Sheriff Dwight Bryant, judge Deborah Knott finds their situation tested when Bryant's ex-wife takes flight with their eight-year-old son, forcing Bryant to launch a determined search to find the boy before he comes to harm. By the author of *Last Lessons of Summer*. **HC \$51.95**

Edward Marston*The Princess of Denmark (Nicholas Bracewell Mystery)*

Invited to Denmark to perform in honor of their widowed patron's marriage to a Danish bride with vague ties to the royal family, Nicholas Bracewell and his Westfield's Men troupe suddenly find themselves embroiled in political intrigue, religious dissension, and murder as they discover that there is a traitor in their ranks. **HC \$51.95**

Jennifer Martin*The Huna Warrior*

Kat Romero, a California high school vice-principal, suddenly finds herself connected to the mysterious world of the Hawaiian kahuna—experts in the ancient tradition of Huna, able to walk on hot lava, heal broken bones instantly, and even pray an enemy to death. When a renegade kahuna in Maui targets Kat as his foremost enemy, she uses her newfound powers to protect herself, her students, and her family from the deadly magic sent her way. **TP \$30.95**

Kat Martin*Scent of Roses*

When the pregnant and scared wife of a migrant worker claims to be visited by the ghost of a young girl who warns her to flee the Harcourt estate, family counselor Elizabeth Conner convinces Zack Harcourt to look into the history of the house, an investigation that unearths murder and pure evil. **APB \$19.95**

Steve Martini*Double Tap*

Retired professional soldier Emiliano Ruiz has been charged with the murder of Madelyn Chapman with whom he had been conducting a love affair. Seemingly irrefutable evidence points to Ruiz as the perp, not just the exotic and exclusive pistol used to kill her, but also the method employed a 'double tap', by which members of the military kill assailants in kidnap situations with two bullets, one to bring them down and one to keep them down. But when defence attorney Paul Madriani learns that Chapman had been involved in developing the biggest and most comprehensive 'spying' software programme ever commissioned by the US government, it looks to him as though the murder was about more than just a lover rebuffed. Determined to clear his client, Madriani exposes himself to the potentially deadly attention of greedy, corrupt and ambitious men with everything to lose. **A+ PB \$19.95**

Brandon Massey*The Other Brother*

The Reid family is torn apart when Isaiah Battle, harnessing an unimaginable dark power, vows to claim his true birthright as Gabriel Reid's half-brother from their father's extramarital affair and is determined to take everything Gabriel has, including his job, his money, and his fiancée.

TP \$28.95

Medieval Murderers*Sword of Shame (Medieval Murderers)*

From its first arrival in Britain, with the Norman forces of William the Conqueror, violence and revenge are the cursed sword's constant companions. From an election-rigging scandal in 13th century Venice to the battlefield of Poitiers in 1356, as the Sword of Shame passes from owner to owner, it brings nothing but bad luck. **TP \$29.95**

Tainted Relic, The

July, 1100. Jerusalem lies ransacked. Amidst the chaos, an English knight is entrusted with a valuable religious relic: a fragment of the True Cross, allegedly stained with the blood of Christ. The relic is said to be cursed: anyone who touches it will meet an untimely and gruesome end. Several decades later, the Cross turns up in the possession of a dealer, robbed and murdered en route to Glastonbury. Investigating the death, Bernard Knight's protagonist, Crowner John learns of its dark history. In Oxford in 1269, the discovery of a decapitated monk leads Ian Morson's academic sleuth William Falconer to uncover a link to the relic. In 1323, in Exeter, Michael Jecks' Sir Baldwin has reason to suspect its involvement in at least five violent deaths. Thirty years later, several suspicious deaths occur in Cambridge -- and, once again, the tainted relic has a crucial part to play. Finally, it's despatched to London, where Philip Gooden's Nick Revill will determine its ultimate fate. **PB \$19.95**

Paul McAuley*Mind's Eye*

A strange piece of graffiti daubed on the window of a north London restaurant is the catalyst that propels Alfie Flowers into an intriguing mystery involving the mysterious Nomads' Club, the rituals of a lost tribe, a series of spectacularly gruesome murders and a secret history of espionage and mind-altering patterns -- glyphs -- connected with the disappearance of his father some twenty years before. As Alfie is to discover, the source of the glyphs is hidden amidst the chaos of post-war Iraq. There, deep inside an ancient network of caves, lie powerful secrets sought by people with sinister and dangerous motives. People who are determined to prevent Alfie and the Nomads' Club from interfering with their plans. Whatever it takes. **PB \$19.95**

Keith McCarthy*A World Full of Weeping (Eisenmenger-Flemming Forensic Mystery)*

Hoping to experience an idyllic rest at the fairy-tale castle home of her childhood friends after undergoing treatment for cancer, solicitor Helena Flemming finds herself caught up in a bizarre investigation after a man is found dead in his car at the edge of the castle estate, a case in which she teams up with former forensic pathologist John Eisenmenger. **HC \$51.95**

Kathleen McGowan*The Expected One*

When journalist Maureen Paschal begins to research her new book, she discovers that she is destined to play a key role in an epic international quest to gain control of a priceless series of scrolls, written in the first century by Mary Magdalene and hidden in the wilds of the French Pyrenees, that can only be uncovered by a special seeker known as the Expected One. **HC \$52.95**

Ralph McInerney*The Prudence of Flesh (Father Dowling Mystery)*

Father Dowling comes to the aid of a former classmate, Gregory Barret, who had left the priesthood twenty-five years earlier, when he is sued by a woman alleging that he had sexually exploited her as a child, a case that is complicated by the son she claims is his and by the discovery of a corpse that has washed up on the shore of Lake Michigan. **HC \$51.95**

Jack J Miller*Millionaire City*

A Church cartel called T.E.R.A., in existence since the fall of the Roman Empire and the creation of the Catholic Church, owns and controls a secret, high technology city hidden in the canyons of Colorado, USA. The residents are only millionaires and billionaires. In 2002, the mayor is kidnapped. Incredible secrets risk revelation by the disillusioned mayor. His daughter and her former boyfriend, an ex CIA analyst, start a chain reaction of murders and revenge. **HC \$51.95**

Camille Minichino*The Oxygen Murder (Peridoic Table Mystery)*

In the Big Apple on vacation, Gloria Lamerino and her husband, homicide detective Matt Gennaro, plan a holiday visit with Matt's filmmaker niece, Lori Pizzano, but their plans take a back seat to murder when Gloria stumbles upon the body of Lori's camerawoman in a Times Square loft.

HC \$51.95

Tara Moss Australian Author

Fetish

A Spine-chilling novel from the most glamorous woman in crime writing

Makadde Vanderwall is a psycho-magnet.

She's beautiful, single, an international fashion model and a student of forensic psychology. And her best friend has just been brutally murdered.

Mak has arrived in Australia on assignment from her native Canada, but the catwalks and catfights of the modelling world are soon overshadowed.

In attempting to find her friend's killer she meets detective Andy Flynn and becomes caught up in the hunt for the perpetrator of the Stiletto Murders - the most violent signature killings Australia has ever seen. But how far can she trust the cynical policeman?

As Mak gets drawn further into the case, she becomes enmeshed in a deadly cat-and-mouse game, unaware that she has become the obsession of a sadistic psychopath ... **APB \$9.99**

Margaret Murphy

Weaving Shadows (Clara Pascal)

Still traumatized by her own recent kidnapping, attorney Clara Pascal takes on a seemingly simple child custody experience that draws her into the criminal investigation of convicted killer Ian Clemence, recently released from prison and the prime suspect in a new series of crimes. **APB \$17.95**

Now You See Me

When Megan Ward goes missing, suspicion falls on the stalker seen outside her house. The police would love it to be so simple, but the closer they look the more mysterious Megan herself becomes. They find no photos, no passport, no family or friends from an earlier life. Only the corrupted computer files in Megan's strangely impersonal room. Meanwhile Patrick Doran, owner of Safe Hands Security, is living his own nightmare. A hacker has breached his computer network, where he thought he had safely buried his past. But when her landlady is murdered, the shadowy Megan reemerges. And the woman who supposedly doesn't exist becomes very real, very elusive and very dangerous. **APB \$19.95**

Warren Murphy & Richard Sapir

Holy Mother (Destroyer 144)

When Dawn Summens is possessed by Kali, an ancient Hindu goddess bent on world domination, she becomes the high priestess of a new, sex-crazed cult, and Remo, drawn into Dawn's lair, loses all self-control, which could transform him into an ancient Destroyer. **APB \$16.95**

Barbara Nadel

After the Mourning

It is October 1940 and undertaker Francis Hancock is called out to Epping Forest to attend to the corpse of a young gypsy girl who has died suddenly. At the wake, a gypsy named Lily claims to see a vision of the 'Blessed Virgin'. Meanwhile the Military Police are looking for a German gypsy Martin Stojka who they believe is a Nazi spy. Then Lily is found stabbed through the chest. Could it be a crime of passion or cold blooded murder? Is Martin Stojka who he says he is? There is someone lurking in the shadows who will stop at nothing to find what Martin has in his possession... **TP \$32.95**

Dance With Death

A body is discovered in a cave in the remote region of Cappadocia, Turkey. The woman died of gunshot wounds, and her corpse has lain undisturbed for twenty years. Who is she and who killed her? Inspector Ikmen is summoned from Istanbul to investigate but discovers a complex web of intrigue. Was it her boyfriend, driven mad by love, or her husband, believing she would never bear the son he wanted so badly? When it is revealed the girl was pregnant when she died, the whispers and accusations increase. Ikmen, stifled among a rural community thriving on legend, folklore and intrigue, begins to think he will never see clearly through the lies surrounding this case. One thing, however, is clear: the past is as potent as the present. **APB \$19.95**

Jennifer Paddock

Point Clear

Quitting her two dead-end, part-time jobs in an attempt to find herself, twenty-seven-year-old Caroline Berry visits a grand southern hotel in Alabama only to find herself caught up in the turmoil of Hurricane Ivan, a crisis during which she meets a champion swimmer who subsequently goes missing. **TP \$26.95**

James Patterson, et al

Thriller: Stories to Keep You Up All Night

In his role as Editor on Thriller, James Patterson writes about the trailblazing nature of this anthology and has included an introduction to each story, describing the writer, his or her work, and the story. **TP \$29.95**

George Pelecanos

The Night Gardener

When the body of a local teenager turns up in a community garden, veteran homicide detective and former Internal Affairs investigator Gus Ramone teams up with T. C. Cook, a legendary, now retired detective, and Dan "Doc" Holiday, his former partner who left the force under a cloud of suspicion, to finally put to rest a monster. **HC \$51.95**

Don Pendleton

Slaughter House (Executioner 332)

While undercover as the point man for a U.N. commando force in Malaysia, Mack Bolan, assigned to stop the sale of blackmarket nukes, delves into a dark Asian underworld filled with white slavery, prostitution, and drugs to stop the Triads from destroying humanity. **APB \$13.95**

Blood Dynasty (SuperBolan 109)

When the witnesses willing to testify against the Suvarov crime family are murdered, Mack Bolan, pitted against Valentina Suvarov, the heir apparent with an unquenchable thirst for blood, arrives in Moscow to bring this deadly opponent to justice--and to prove that the Executioner always wins. **APB \$16.95**

Suzetta Perkins

Behind the Veil

Finding himself in over his head in the wake of his embezzling practices and his affair with a married neighbor, securities executive Jefferson Myles finds his situation complicated by his mistress's husband's discovery of both the affair and Myles's illegal activities, which also involves the sale of stolen military ammunition to a rebel group in Honduras. **TP \$28.95**

Marisha Pessl*Special Topics in Calamity Physics*

Having moved from one academic outpost to another throughout her childhood at the side of her aphorism-prone father, Blue van Meer attends the elite St. Gallway School in her senior year, where she falls in with a charismatic group of friends before the deaths of a teacher and student awaken her analytical instincts. A first novel. **HC \$52.95**

James Phelan Australian Author*Fox Hunt*

When the world faces a deadly threat from a lost weapon, Lachlan Fox, disillusioned exNavy operative, is forced back into action. Lachlan Fox has made a career out of being in the wrong place at the wrong time. As a shore assault specialist in an Australian Navy Clearance Diver Team, he came up against bad guys and even worse odds. Having been discharged from the Navy, Fox tries to enjoy the quiet life, but during a visit from his best friend Alister Gammaldi, Fox's life is thrown out of balance. On a diving trip off Christmas Island the pair recover an obviously military but unidentifiable pod from the sea floor of the Indian Ocean setting in motion a chain of events that will drag them both into the corrupt world of international politics and arms races. From East Timor and Christmas Island to Grozny, Washington to New York, Venice to Iran, Lachlan Fox is forced back into action to save the world from a deadly threat. **TP \$32.95**

Carmen Posadas*The Last Resort*

Depressed over the death of his mother and feeling that there is nothing left to live for, Rafael Molinet, an elderly, introverted Spaniard living in London, makes plans for his suicide, but his plans take a backseat when he becomes involved in the investigation into the murder of a Madrid playboy at a lavish Moroccan resort. By the author of Little Indiscretions. **TP \$28.95**

Tim Powers*Three Dates to Never*

More than fifty years after Einstein makes a horrific scientific discovery, Frank Marrity and his young daughter, Daphne, visit the home of Frank's deceased grandmother, unaware that she had been the secret daughter of the legendary scientist, they are being monitored by the Mossad and an occult European cabal, and Daphne has in her possession the key to an ultimate secret weapon. **HC \$52.95**

Mark Ragg Australian Author*The Dickinson Papers*

A priceless exhibition of the papers of poet Emily Dickinson goes missing on arrival in Sydney. Jock, a lonely single father who loves poems, books and stories of all kinds, starts to follow the newspaper articles about the theft, and finds himself increasingly drawn to the mysterious and brilliant Lola, the curator of the exhibition. Both nursing wounded hearts and damaged lives, slowly they begin to reach out to each other through letters, emails and occasional encounters. When the police start receiving clues from the thief - marked on Sydney road maps - Jock finds himself drawn into the hunt. But in a city with a story on every street corner, can he tell the hints from the red herrings in time to find the exhibition and win Lola's heart?

A quirky and engaging novel, THE DICKINSON PAPERS is at once a modern love story, a tribute to a great poet and a love letter to the city of Sydney. **TP \$32.95**

Raiko Raichev*The Hunt for Sonya Dufrette*

Twenty years after a little girl disappears during the melee of Charles and Diana's royal wedding, Antonia Darcy, a divorced assistant librarian at the Military and Naval Club, puzzles over the ongoing bizarre behavior of the child's family and their absent former nanny. **HC \$52.95 TP \$28.95**

Christopher Reich*Patriot's Club*

The Patriots' Club. It has existed for two hundred years. A secret organization controlled by the country's most influential citizens. In that time it has exercised an iron grip on the country's direction. But all that is about to change. Thomas Bolden is an all-American success story. He has overcome his past to carve out a brilliant career on Wall Street. Bolden is a man who has it all. Until, in the blink of an eye, his world is turned upside down. A kidnapping sends him fleeing for his life. Within hours he is wanted for murder. As he endures one harrowing hour after another, he makes a series of ever more startling discoveries. Yet nothing is more shocking than the truth Bolden learns about the past and his own inevitable confrontation with the Patriots' Club. **A+ PB \$19.95**

Bob Reiss*The Side Effect*

In the wake of the president's resignation, the death of the chairman of Lenox Pharmaceuticals, the world's most powerful drug company, sends former FBI agent-turned-security chief Mike Acela on a dangerous quest to uncover the truth about his death, an investigation that embroils him in the middle of Project HR-109, a top-secret project with profound implications for the entire human race. **APB \$17.95**

Jewell Parker Rhodes*Voodoo Season*

A sequel to Voodoo Dreams finds Marie Levant beginning her medical residency in New Orleans's Charity Hospital in the wake of culture shock and increasingly violent dreams, which give way to an awareness of her ancestral heritage as an African and a voodoo queen. **TP \$28.95**

Phil Rickman*The Smile of A Ghost*

The border town of Ludlow has it all: exquisite medieval streets, an imposing ruined castle, a parish church the size of a cathedral and a weight of history and legend. Wealthy people, famous people, have come to Ludlow to live. A sad teenage boy comes here to die... dramatically, at sunset, in a fall from the ruins. Accident or suicide? Either way, no great mystery. Or is there?

Robbie Walsh was the nephew of former Detective Sergeant Andy Mumford, newly – and reluctantly – retired from West Mercia CID. When Mumford's ailing mother becomes convinced she's still seeing her dead grandson in the old town, he brings in Merrily Watkins, parish priest, single mum and Deliverance consultant to the Diocese of Hereford. Is it dementia, delusion or something even more disturbing?

Both scepticism and the dark underside of belief threaten Phil Rickman's engagingly open-minded heroine in this brilliantly structured, atmospheric thriller. **APB \$19.95**

Stella Rimington*Secret Asset*

MI5 Intelligence Officer Liz Carlyle feels marginalised when her boss Charles Wetherby pulls her out of the Counter Terrorist Committee and tasks her to investigate a tip that years ago the IRA planted a sleeper in one of the branches of British Intelligence.

To Liz, who had been involved in tracking terror cells posing a major threat to the security of the nation, the danger posed by an IRA sleeper seems minimal. But Liz is proven wrong.

The sleeper is no longer working for the IRA; his fanatical hatred of the British has led him to team up with British born Al Qaeda supporters. He is their planner, their Mr Big. And they have a plot to destroy a major British establishment.

It is essential that Liz discovers who this sleeper is and gets inside his mind, to figure out the target and the terrorists' ingenious plan to circumvent the tight security.

The lives of the very flowering of British youth are at stake. **HC \$45**

Karen Robards*Superstition*

Pawley's Island, South Carolina, seemed an idyllic place, until an unsolved murder – the grisly stabbing of teenager Tara Mitchell and the disappearance of her two friends – disturbed the peace. In the 15 years since the murders, all who have lived in the mansion where it happened has left in fear, claiming that the dead girls haunt the house. TV reporter Nicky Sullivan believes this story could be her big break, and arranges for a live television seance in an attempt to contact the girls. But it all goes horribly wrong when, during the show, a young woman is murdered in exactly the same way as Tara was all those years ago. Nicky's producers order her to continue, and in doing so she meets enigmatic police chief Joe Franconi. But, as the tension between them grows, another identical murder occurs. This time, there is a menacing note warning that the original killer has come back to claim three more lives. Two down, one to go... Could Nicky be the killer's third victim? **APB \$19.95**

Michael Robotham*Lost*

Vincent Ruiz is lucky to be alive. A bullet in the leg, another through the hand, he is discovered clinging to a buoy in the River Thames, losing blood and consciousness fast. It takes six days for him to come out of his coma, and when he does, his nightmare is only just beginning. Because Vincent has no recollection of what happened, and nobody believes him.

A mile away from his body, a boat was found covered in blood – Vincent's and that of three others. Forensics say at least one of them must be dead. Vincent, a police detective, had signed his service pistol out of the station armoury, despite being on leave. Many murder suspects fake amnesia, and the investigating team are not sure this case is any different . . . The only clue is a picture in his pocket, a photograph of a young girl, Mickey Carlyle, who disappeared three years ago. And though Mickey is presumed dead, Vincent has the nagging doubt that she is alive and in terrible danger . . . **APB \$19.95**

M J Rose*The Venus Fix (Dr Morgan Snow)*

While working with several patients who are addicted to Internet Web cam pornography, Dr. Morgan Snow, one of New York's top sex therapists, finds herself faced with murder when someone's obsession with real-time fantasies takes a deadly turn. **APB \$17.95**

Joel C Rosenberg*The Copper Scroll*

After two rogue CIA mercenaries are trapped in a cave while searching for a hoard of relics under the Israeli-Syrian border, presidential advisor Jon Bennett and his fiancée, CIA agent Erin McCoy, are caught up in a mystery that could radically reshape the Middle East and trigger the end of days. **HC \$51.95**

Joel N Ross*Double Cross Blind*

Locked in a British military asylum after been wounded in a bloody massacre resulting from his own brother's betrayal, American Tom Wall is offered a chance of freedom if he can pretend to be his traitorous brother to persuade a captured Nazi spy to reveal his sources, in a thriller set on the eve of the Pearl Harbor attack. A first novel. **APB \$17.95**

Greg Rucka*Private Wars*

When the torture and murder of Dina Malikov unleashes a brutal power struggle, Tara Chase, Head of Special Operations for the British Secret Intelligence Service, heads for Uzbekistan, accompanied by an enigmatic man who may not be what he seems, to rescue Dina's pro-Western husband and son before they are murdered as well. **APB \$17.95**

John Sandford*Dead Watch*

Early morning, Virginia, and a woman is on the run. Her husband, a former US Senator, has been missing for days. Kidnapped? Murdered? She doesn't know, but she thinks she knows who's involved, and why. And that she's next. Hours later in Washington DC, a mobile phone rings. The White House chief of staff needs Jake Winter NOW. His chief investigator and an Army Intelligence veteran, Winter knows how to move quickly and decisively, but he's never faced a problem like this. The disappearances are bad, but when the blackened body shows up barb-wired to a tree, Winter knows there is much worse to come. Large forces are at work, determined to do whatever it takes to achieve their ends. Winter will have to use all his resources not only to prevail, but to survive. The safety of the nation depends on it... **TP \$29.95**

Andrea Seigel*To Feel Stuff*

Moved into the Brown University infirmary for her status as a medical anomaly, college student Elodie Harrington shares a brief and intense affair with a fellow patient before beginning to see a ghost and falling under the jurisdiction of ambitious doctor and professor Mark Kirschling. By the author of Like the Red Panda. **TP \$28.95**

Shari Shattuck*The Man She Thought She Knew*

Her engagement to handsome detective Evan Paley challenged by a mysterious turn of events that results in a stranger's murder and her fiancé's abduction, Los Angeles socialite Cally Wilde receives a cryptic message about Evan's whereabouts and embarks on a high-stakes chase through the Hollywood hills. By the author of Lethal. **TP \$26.95**

Robin Shope & Susan Wales

The Replacement

When Jill Lewis, a top-notch investigative reporter, jumps at the chance to cover the story of a high-profile senator who was assassinated, her fiancé John, an FBI agent, mysteriously disappears. **TP \$28.95**

James Siegel

Deceit

Publicly fired for his "crying wolf" journalism tactics, disgraced star reporter Tom Valle stumbles upon an unimaginable conspiracy while covering a fatal road accident outside of a small California desert town, a discovery he fears no one will believe. By the author of *Derailed*. **HC \$51.95**

Daniel Silva

The Confessor

Art restorer Gabriel Allon is trying to put his secret service past behind him. But when his friend Benjamin Stern is murdered in Munich, he's called into action once more.

Police in Germany are certain that Stern, a professor well known for his work on the Holocaust, was killed by right-wing extremists. But Allon is far from convinced. Not least because all trace of the new book Stern was researching has now mysteriously disappeared . . .

Meanwhile, in Rome, the new Pope paces around his garden, thinking about the perilous plan he's about to set in motion. If successful, he will revolutionize the Church. If not, he could very well destroy it . . .

In the dramatic weeks to come, the journeys of these two men will intersect. Long-buried secrets and unthinkable deeds will come to light, and both their lives will be changed for ever . . . **APB \$19.95**

A Death in Vienna

Art restorer and former secret agent Gabriel Allon hasn't been back to Vienna since a terrorist bomb tore his family apart. But when an old friend is almost killed there, in an explosion at the Wartime Claims and Inquiry Office, Allon is compelled to investigate.

From the moment he arrives in Vienna, however, it's clear that people are hampering his search for the truth. And when a Holocaust survivor who could link a senior politician to Nazi atrocities is killed, Allon realises that he's already too deep into a conspiracy - one that goes right to the heart of his own family.

Soon, Allon must decide between revenge and justice . . . **APB \$19.95**

The English Assassin

A sometime spy by trade and an art restorer by preference, Gabriel Allon arrives in Zurich to clean the work of an Old Master for a millionaire banker - only to find himself standing in his client's blood and framed for the murder.

Without warning, Allon is drawn into a spiralling chain of events involving Nazi art theft, a decades-old suicide, and a bloody trail of killings - some of them his own. The spy world Allon thought he had put aside will envelop him once again. And he will have to battle for his life against the assassin he helped to train. **APB \$19.95**

The Messenger

Recovering from a showdown with a master terrorist in Jerusalem, art restorer and spy Gabriel Allon is enlisted by a ruthless papal secretary to assist in the investigation of a murdered Swiss guard whose killer may be targeting the pope. By the author of *Prince of Fire*. **HC \$51.95 TP \$32.95**

Karin Slaughter

Triptych

When Atlanta police detective Michael Ormewood is called out to a murder scene at the notorious Grady Homes, he finds himself faced with one of the the most brutal killings of his career: Aleesha Monroe is found in the stairwell in a pool of her own blood, her body horribly mutilated.

As a one-off killing it's shocking, but when it becomes clear that it's just the latest in a series of similar attacks, the Georgia Bureau of Investigation are called in, and Ormewood is forced into working with Special Agent Will Trent of the Criminal Apprehension Team - a man he instinctively dislikes.

But then, only twenty-four hours later, the violence Michael sees around him every day explodes in his own back yard. And it seems the mystery behind Monroe's death is inextricably entangled with a past that refuses to stay buried... **TP \$32.95**

Faithless

A walk in the woods takes a sinister turn for police chief Jeffrey Tolliver and medical examiner Sara Linton when they stumble across the body of a young girl. Secreted in the ground, all the initial evidence indicates that she has, quite literally, been scared to death. But as Sara begins an autopsy, something even more horrifying comes to light. **APB \$19.95**

Meta Smith

The Rolex Club

Having briefly worked as an exotic dancer in order to pay the bills, Dez successfully applies the skills she has learned from a world-weary fellow dancer to her hip-hop ambitions and attracts the attention of a record producer who could provide her with her big break, an opportunity that is threatened by a person from her past. **TP \$28.95**

Scott B Smith

The Ruins

While partying on holiday in Cancun two young American couples befriend a German tourist named Mathias, and three friendly Greeks. Mathias had been travelling with his brother, Heinrich, who's disappeared off to the Mayan ruins with a woman working on an archaeological dig. Mathias is worried for his brother and, using a hand-drawn map Heinrich had left behind, sets off in pursuit. The Americans and one of the Greeks join him in his adventure to the interior. After an exhausting journey, the six reach a Mayan village. But there they receive a frightening reception and turn around, despairing of ever finding Heinrich and the ruins. Following a camouflaged trail out of the village, the group come to a hillside covered in bright red flowers. As they pause at the base of this hill, transfixed by the beauty of the vision, a horseman approaches behind them. It's one of the Mayans; he's got a gun and, in his own language, orders them away from the hill. In the midst of the confrontation, one of the group steps backward, into the flowering vine. The Mayan falls silent then orders all six up the hill. As they follow the trail across the hilltop and down the slope they see yet another group of Mayans waiting for them, weapons out-and a mound, covered with the flowering vine. They examine it and find Heinrich's corpse, shot full of arrows. They are mystified. And the Mayans won't let them leave. Trapped, the group try to figure out a way to survive until someone comes to find them, imagining they've been made irrational by thirst and hunger. But as they move through their first twenty-four hours, another, far more terrifying foe reveals itself... **HC \$42.95 HC \$51.95 CD \$60**

Stephen Smith *Australian Author*

Stranger

Gav's a dope-grower - the best gear in Sydney - and he's connected to the local kingpin, Biggsy. But it's a world that's starting to bore him stupid. Then he gets a hysterical call from Julie, his girlfriend, saying his best friend Wayne has her at knifepoint and is threatening to rape her if he doesn't come round with \$10 000. Wayne is insane, a speed addict from hell. Gav doesn't know it, but Wayne and Julie have been sleeping together and the phone call is the start of a plot to get their hands on Gav's stash: his money and his dope. When Gav turns up, Wayne goes ballistic and beats him to a pulp. He and Julie race out west from Sydney in Gav's car - further and further into the bush, till all they get is red dust and barred-up towns, suspicion and madness. Gav's heart is broken, his nose has been beaten into his face, his business is destroyed, and all he can think of is revenge - on the both of them. Lucky he's met one of Biggsy's debt collectors who boasts of the hits he's done. Trouble is he's never actually killed anyone. But for \$10 000 he'll give it a go. No worries. What unravels is a wild saga of out-of-control speed freaks; pig-shooting drug parties; a schizophrenic hitman, lecherous hippies, appalling violence, and a disturbing and gripping insight into a horrible but strangely compelling and hilarious world beyond the city limits. **PB \$23.95**

Ian Spiegelman

No Way Home

After the slaying of his wife, New York private investigator John March made an uneasy peace with grief and guilt. But his truce came at a price: a life of solitude and rigid self-discipline. It was a hard bargain, but one he was willing to make - until he met Jane Lu. But with that hope came a terrible reminder of how fragile happiness can be. **PB \$21.95**

Olen Steinhauer

36 Yalta Boulevard

A member of the homicide department of the people's militia, State Security Officer Brano Sev is sent to the village of his birth to interrogate a potential defector, but his mission is complicated by a murder in which he becomes the prime suspect, sending him into exile in Vienna and into the heart of high-level political intrigue. **TP \$28.95**

Liberation Movements

When a plane carrying a People's Militia homicide investigator is hijacked by Armenian terrorists, only to explode in midair, two detectives--a secret policeman and a homicide detective--are assigned to the case, only to find their investigation leading to a seemingly insignificant, seven-year-old killing and to a web of political intrigue and secrecy. **HC \$51.95**

Steve Stern

The Angel of Forgetfulness

In a trilogy of connected stories that revolve around an unfinished manuscript and a fallen angel's relationship with his half-mortal son in 1900 New York, three people depart from their ordinary lives in the wake of a series of extraordinary adventures. By the award-winning author of *The Wedding Jester*. **TP \$30.95**

Chris Stewart

The Fourth War

Assigned a seemingly impossible task of finding and destroying a cache of missing warheads, CIA paramilitary agent Peter Zembeic and the pilot-commander of a B-2 squadron develop a desperate plan to save the world from the threat of nuclear terror. **APB \$17.95**

Cristina Sumners

Familiar Friend

When Mason Blaine, the much disliked chairman of the university's Spanish department, is found murdered, Reverend Kathryn Koerney joins forces with Harton, New Jersey, police chief Tom Holder to follow the trail of a killer through the hallowed halls of academia and uncover an unexpected morass of adultery, betrayal, ambition, revenge, and murder. **APB \$17.95**

Leonie Swann

Three Bags Full

After a herd of sheep discover their shepherd, George, pinned to their pasture with a spade, they embark on a life-changing investigation to nail his murderer. Nightly ruminations in the hayshed, secret group expeditions down to the human village, and some wild metaphysical speculating lead the woolly detectives into the unexpectedly shadey life of their (very crooked) dead shepherd. Large, voluminous, characterful sheep fill the pages of this ingenious murder mystery. While some of the detectives insist on chewing the evidence, Miss Maple, their smart and upright leader keeps her cohorts in line as the herd uncovers the inexplicable ways of their human counterparts, and even of themselves. **HC \$35**

Lisa Teasley

Dive

Complications are the result when two very different people--Ray Rose, a charming Florida construction worker--plagued by guilt over a violent crime he had committed a year earlier, and Ruby Falls, a lovely L.A. animator whose life is torn apart when she stumbles upon a bloody crime scene--both fleeing their respective pasts, become involved with each other. A first novel. **TP \$30.95**

Peter Temple

The Broken Shore

A wounded cop. The Victorian coast. Not as restful as it should be. **BPB \$22.95**

F X Toole

Pound For Pound

Dan Cooley has buried his beloved wife of 40 years and all of his children. The responsibility of single-handedly raising Tim Pat, his only grandson, is the one thing strong enough to rescue him from loneliness and despair. When Dan, a legendary boxing trainer, schools his eight-year-old grandson in 'the sweet science', he sees a natural athlete emerge, the possibility of an Olympic medal and the validation of a sport to which Dan has given his greatest gifts. When a cruel twist of fate intrudes on his plans, Dan is plunged into the blackest of depressions. Meanwhile, Eloy Garza, a has-been fighter battling his own demons in the shape of a morphine bottle, struggles to prevent his grandson, Chicky, from being taken in by the crime, drugs and corrupt trainers of San Antonio's boxing circuit. Without admitting that he once met Dan Cooley in the ring - in a fight that ended both men's careers and left them haunted by their shortcomings - Eloy sends Chicky in search of the gifted trainer and cut man, knowing that Chicky's only chance at greatness lies far beyond Eloy's meagre reach.

Set in towns where violence is the norm and success stories take on an almost mythic importance, POUND FOR POUND is an old-fashioned novel with a heart, peopled with unforgettable characters - bloody but unbowed - who ultimately find solace in one another. **TP \$32.95**

P J Tracy*Snow Blind*

When the murdered bodies of two Minneapolis police officers are discovered in the aftermath of a snowman-building contest, detectives Magozzi and Rolseth become embroiled in a grueling investigation that is complicated by an inexperienced sheriff and discoveries that link the killings to the Monkeewrench team. By the authors of *Dead Run*. **HC \$51.95**

Peter Tremayne*Badger's Moon (Mystery of Ancient Ireland)*

Following the brutal murders of three young girls during three subsequent full moons in the seventh-century kingdom of Muman, the king's sister Fidelma of Cashel and her companion, Brother Eadulf, must restore order to their panicked village before the moon's next cycle. **APB \$17.95**

John Updike*Terrorist, The*

In his extraordinary and highly charged new novel, John Updike tackles one of America's most burning issues - the threat of Islamist terror from within. Set in contemporary New Jersey, *Terrorist* traces the journey of one young man from radicalism to fundamentalism to terrorism, against the backdrop of a fraying urban landscape and an increasingly fragmented community. In beautiful prose, Updike dramatizes the logic of the fundamentalist terrorist - but also suggests ways in which we can counter it, in our words and our actions. **HC \$45**

Louise Ure*Forcing Amaryllis*

Working as a trial consultant for civil cases in Tucson, Calla Gentry finds her career and sense of security shattered by her sister's rape and subsequent suicide attempt, after which Calla is assigned to help in the trial of a wealthy landowner's son whose crimes have disturbing parallels to the attack on her sister. A first novel. **APB \$17.95**

Andrew Vachss*Mask Market*

When a client who had hired him to find a missing woman is gunned down just minutes after their meeting, Burke launches an investigation to find Beryl Preston, a girl he had rescued from a brutal pimp some twenty years earlier and returned to her father, a quest that leads him into the darkest depths of human evil and into a confrontation with his own past. **HC \$51.95**

Ayelet Waldman*Bye-Bye, Black Sheep (Mommy-Track Mystery)*

Juliet's and Al's fledgling detective agency gets its most challenging case to date when they take on an investigation into the murder of an addict and prostitute, the sister of Heavenly, who will do anything to bring a killer to justice, despite the difficulty of going undercover when one is a tall, gorgeous transsexual. **HC \$47.95**

Ayelet Waldman*The Cradle Robbers (Mommy-Track Mystery)*

Married, mother-of-two sleuth Juliet Applebaum gets more than she bargained for when she is hired by Sandra Lorgeree, an inmate at Dartmore State Prison, to find the child she had surrendered to foster care and his missing foster parents, but her case takes a bizarre turn when her client is knifed to death in prison. **APB \$19.95**

Louise Welsh*The Bullet Trick***TP \$29.95****Juliet Wills***The Diamond Dakota Mystery*

It's March 1942, and one of the last planes out of Java is about to wing terrified Dutch refugees away from the advancing Japanese army. At the last minute, a mysterious brown paper package is thrown to its pilot, Russian air ace Captain Ivan 'Turc' Smirnoff. Heading for the supposed safety of Australia, the ill-fated DC-3 flew straight into the path of three Japanese Zeroes returning from a devastating air raid on Broome. Under heavy fire, Smirnoff miraculously landed the badly damaged plane on an isolated beach on the far northwest coast. The survivors were eventually found, but not before several had died from their injuries or thirst. In the confusion, the package was forgotten. Here, for the first time, is the full story of what really happened to Smirnoff's lost diamonds. **TP \$26.95**

Robert Wilson*Hidden Assassins*

A routine investigation into a fire turns up something far more sinister: remnants of bomb-making equipment. Suddenly, Falcon finds himself at the centre of a full-scale terrorist alert. As panic sweeps the city, emptying its bars and restaurants and sparking false alarms and evacuations, Falcon's family connections in Morocco quickly make him a central figure in the investigation, allowing him to use his relationships to establish a vital source of information. A bizarre picture begins to emerge, linking apparently Islamist terror acts to a shadowy and well-connected Catholic organization bent on revenge. Reports of arms deals and stolen radioactive material begin to circulate as a fifteen man cell lands in Seville. But it is only when the cell goes missing that Falcon makes the most terrifying discovery of all. **TP \$32.99**

Gayle Wilson*The Inquistitor*

The serial murderer dubbed the Inquistitor has already killed over a dozen women in various cities, and there's no clue to his identity. He is organised, methodical and certain to kill again. This time, it seems, he's set his sights on psychologist Jenna Kincaid. Convinced that the Inquistitor killed his only sister, ex-army ranger Sean Murphy has been hunting the murderer with one thing in mind: revenge. Now, if his instincts are correct, Jenna will lead him to his prey... Jenna has got to Sean in a way no one has for a very long time. And now he's desperate to keep her safe. The madman is taking a terrifying pleasure in the game unfolding - and if he wins, it's Jenna who will pay the ultimate price... **APB \$14.95**

Brian M Wiprud*Crooked*

Hired by an insurance company to find a recently stolen painting called Trampoline Nude, 1972, hustler Nicholas Palihnic follows a trail that leads to a hoard of treasure buried beneath Manhattan, a murdered art thief, and Beatrice Belarus, a ruthless Manhattan art dealer. **APB \$17.95**

Robyn Young*Brethren***TP \$32.95**