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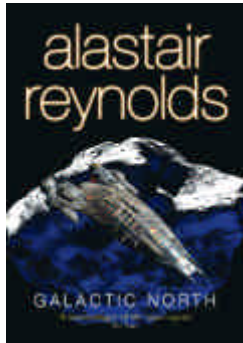
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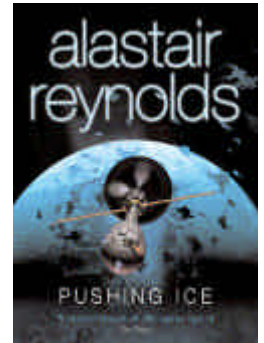
Author Signing

Alastair Reynolds will be visiting Infinitas on
January 6th 2007 at 1 pm.



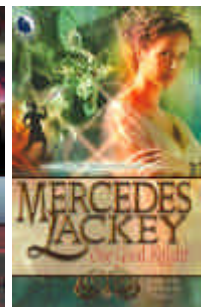
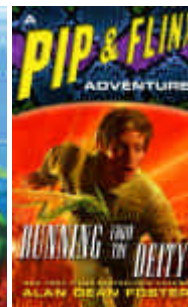
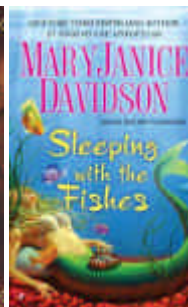
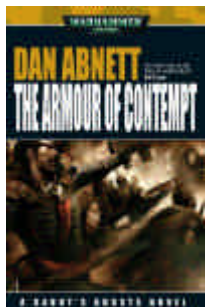
He has 2 new books out in January, *Galactic North* in trade paperback and hardcover, and *Pushing Ice* in paperback. Everyone is welcome to attend. Pre-order copies now to be picked up when they arrive or on the day.

If you would like to get some books signed, but cannot visit, please contact the shop to arrange for purchase beforehand and we will ensure they are signed.



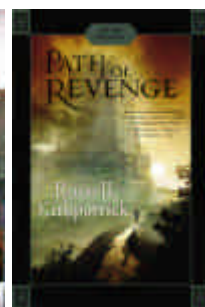
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Featured Books



Dan Abnett
Elizabeth Bear
Jim Butcher
MaryJanice Davidson
Alan Dean Foster
Laurell K Hamilton
Mercedes Lackey
Fiona McIntosh
Russell Kirkpatrick
Jack McDevitt

Armour of Contempt, a new Gaunt's Ghost hardcover.
Carnival, a new science fiction paperback.
Academys Fury, Codex Alera 2 in paperback.
Sleeping with the Fishes, a new story in paperback.
Running From the Deity, a Pip and Flinx paperback.
Mistral's Kiss, in hardcover and trade paperback.
One Good Knight, Five Hundred Kingdoms 2 in paperback.
Emissary, book 2 of Percheron in trade paperback
Path of Revenge, Husk book 1 in trade paperback.
Seeker, another Alex Benedict story in paperback.



December Trading Hours

Monday	9am – 5.30pm
Tuesday	9am – 5.30pm
Wednesday	9am – 5.30pm
Thursday	9am – 8pm
Friday	9am – 5.30pm
Saturday	9am – 2pm
Sunday	CLOSED

We will be CLOSED from Sunday December 24th until Monday January 1st inclusive.

We will re-open on Tuesday January 2nd.

News

Gift Vouchers: Would you like to choose your books yourself? Send your loved one in to ask for gift vouchers for Christmas. We do vouchers in any value. Get them bought against your name to enjoy the reward points as a bonus.

Men's Gifts: Looking for something for dad at Christmas, why not visit www.blokeystuff.com.au and see what gifts we've got. If Christmas is challenging, we can help.

Merger: The merger of CCP (Eve-online) and White Wolf (best known for World of Darkness / Storyteller role playing system) provides an opportunity for much greater potential audience for the products of each separate entity.

Infinitas Forums: We are setting up forums at <http://forums.infinitas.com.au> Sign up and chat in genre related groups. Suggestions invited, this is very much early days of a work in progress. We enjoy many discussions in the shop about books, role playing games, publishing, miniatures, etc. It makes sense to extend the community interaction online.

Jack Williamson died aged 98 on November 10th this year. He was one of the Grand Masters of Science Fiction.

The Hobbit, the hopefully forthcoming movie, is attracting controversy on various websites since Peter Jackson announced he has been told he will not be involved. However, this is far from certain with positive comments from MGM, surveys by fans and a legal dispute still underway. His 3 Lord of the Rings movies were fabulous and fans want him for the Hobbit too. <http://www.theonering.net>

Reviews

Feel welcome to submit a book review for us to publish here. If you have read a book and have an opinion on it share it with the other readers in our community. Also, in the shop we have several books for which we are seeking reviewers, and would exchange for a review. Ask us what is currently in the review book pile.

Hammered by **Elizabeth Bear**, review by Tim

<http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780553587500>

Hammered is the first published novel by US author Elizabeth Bear and the first in a trilogy. With this book Bear has appeared as a significant new talent in the genre.

The series is hard science fiction, somewhat military, set on a near future earth just reaching into space. Global warming has shifted the economic balance of the world economy. The fertile grain belt of USA has shifted north into Canada, leaving USA with massive soil erosion, crop failure, famine and civil strife. Christian Fascists are ruling USA in economic and social collapse. Canada and China are now the superpower rivals. Canadian troops run UN peacekeeping missions into the USA and the try to contain the racial wars in South Africa. This is all scene setting, and not the core of the story. Jenny Casey, the lead protagonist, is a veteran of these wars and now trying to live unnoticed in the drug and crime infested USA slums. She gets drawn into a gangland war, which leads to international espionage and a new space race. In treatment for her for various battle wounds, she has acquired a metal arm and various other bionic military modifications. Casey is now coveted by scientists and politicians because she is a rare success in this ethically suspect medical research. Casey is presented as a very accomplished soldier but the reader has long waits between combat scenes. This is not a pulpy shoot-em up book. It contains realistic romantic tension, detailed military combat, likely scientific advances and civilisation failures, all seeded with the hope that humans bring with their chaos.

Hammered, Scardown and Worldwired are a series and the reader needs all 3 to complete the story, however, each book is its own novel with a differing feel and plot focus, with progression through crises and character development, or death. In this way the trilogy is so much better structured than most. Many recently published series are either one long story truncated into convenient page length volumes or merely serial episodes with the same characters. Bear has created something better. I am keen for more.

I would like to commend the publisher for releasing the whole trilogy in paperback in the same year, 2005. This allowed anticipation and momentum amongst the readership. I really loved reading these books and have been introducing many other readers to the series.

Emissary by **Fiona McInstosh**, review by Josephine Crowley

<http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780732281816>

The Percheron Saga continues with *Emissary* which is Book Two. Set in the kingdom of Percheron and in particular its court, we are taken into the minds and lives of Ana and Grand Master Eunuch Salmeo and Valide Herezah who all live in the harem.

Once again we are intrigued by Pez, the court's mad dwarf, and the demon, Maliz, who is in disguise as the Grand Vizor.

Much intrigue follows in this story with its many characters. Magic abounds and war is on the horizon and a long journey is made.

I found it took me several chapters of reading before I became familiar with the story, although it was only a short few months since I had read Book One. As the story progressed I felt it was a little drawn out and almost repetitious. Even so it was an enjoyable read and I especially liked the cover picture, in itself intriguing.

Assassin's Apprentice by **Robin Hobb**, reviewed by Bill Browne

<http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780006480099>

The *Assassin's Apprentice* is a well written book set in the 'Six Duchies', a medieval nation. The focus of the book is the early years and coming-of-age of the protagonist, 'FitzChivalry Farseer', the bastard son of the heir to the throne. It also tracks Fitz's career as an assassin, but this is not as important as the title would suggest.

What is beguiling about this book is its mundanity. Most of the story is concerned with Fitz's training, pastimes, companions and politics, but because of the detail and richness of the characters these topics are made interesting. Although there is magic in the world (in fact, Fitz has the capacity for both the Wit, concerning animals, and the Skill, concerning humans), the Skill requires intense dedication and (it is commonly believed) royal blood. Burrich, Fitz's mentor and caretaker, sees practicing the Wit as 'filthy', and its use is punishable by death. As such, magic is used only sporadically throughout the book.

As well as exploring the Six Duchies and their people, Fitz learns something of the Outislanders and the Mountain Kingdom, two cultures that (like the Six Duchies) have no parallel in the real world but are inspired by several different societies. Hobb does not overburden the reader with facts, but lets them learn slowly about the world just as Fitz does.

If the *Assassin's Apprentice* has a flaw, it is that the main characters seem almost invincible. Some characters should, by rights, have died several times through the book. One lucky escape is understandable, but more is excessive.

However, this is a minor quibble. The book exposed me to an intricately designed world with deep, complex characters and many mysteries. Although the book involves a teenager, it is not written for young adults (although they can enjoy it, as I did). Its themes of politics, birthright, morals and ethics will make it most appealing to mature readers.

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.

Gravity Well

by Ashley Arnold

Try as he might, Kevin couldn't escape the gravity well.

The event horizon hung like a curtain of heavy clouds in front of him. That epiglottis of horizons looked so close yet was always out of reach. But that was the nature of the event horizon—things could come in, but nothing could ever get out.

So Kevin sat and waited. Despite the excitement that another day might bring, for there were always new gifts from outside, existence at the centre of the galaxy had become tiresome.

Then a phone emerged from the curtain, followed by an ever-increasing line of cable. Kevin snatched the receiver and put it to his ear. 'Hello?'

'Kevin? How are you boy?'

'Fine, I guess. Who's this?'

'I'm Dave, the Supreme Ruler of the Galaxy. We're going to get you out by piling all the matter in the galaxy in there. When we're done, you'll be able to climb out.'

'That sounds expensive.'

'The galaxy has voted in favour—unanimously. The fate of a boy stuck at the bottom of a gravity well has united the galaxy like nothing before.'

'Won't filling the hole with more matter only make the event horizon larger and stronger?'

'You'd think so wouldn't you? But apparently there's a point of diminishing returns. The more matter in there, the closer it all is to the edge. My mathematicians assure me it's true. They've shown me the calculations, and I've never seen more pages filled with numbers and obscure squiggles.'

Kevin thought for a moment over what he knew of black holes and event horizons. Supposedly nothing could escape the event horizon, so intense was the gravitational pull. 'How can you hear me anyway? How is my voice getting out of the well?'

'The mathematicians and the engineers, my boy. They can protect a tubular region the size of an electron so that an electric signal can get out. They assure me they can't make it large enough for a person to fit through, otherwise we'd have the fire brigade down there dragging you out as we speak.'

'Well, okay. Let me know when you're done.' But the line had gone dead, the cable having snapped.

Soon after, matter rained from the horizon. At first ladders and step stools, even a lift carriage, as if the universe thought it would help him to get closer to the edge if he had something to climb up. Although it was well intentioned, for Kevin it meant having to dodge a stream of bullets falling from the sky.

Soon larger items came down, until the crushed remains of entire planets and the gaseous remnants of stars—their reactions extinguished by liberal smatterings of nuclear retardant foam—came down. All the while Kevin had to continually stay on top of the latest barrage. It takes a long time to climb through a planet-sized bucket of matter, so it was just as well time had no meaning at the centre of a black hole. The horizon looked no nearer, or rather it looked as near as ever but always remained out of reach.

The onslaught went on and on—the universe was really making its best effort on his behalf.

When it finally happened, it took only a fraction of a second, close to a Planck length of time. One moment Kevin stood atop the pile of matter that was the galaxy, the next he had fallen through the event horizon, becoming the first person to do so.

Outside, in real space, there wasn't much light. The expected glow of countless stars was missing, as those stars no longer existed. Complete darkness surrounded him, except for a dull red line that marked the radiation leakage from the black hole.

Then a light clicked on. A man floated before him, a handheld torch pressed beneath his chin.

'Kevin. You're finally here.'

'Dave?'

'Yes, I'm Dave. Not *the* Dave you spoke to. That was millions of years ago for us, on our side of the well. But every Supreme Ruler of the Galaxy since then has been called Dave in his honour.'

'I'm free then?'

'Of course. But you'll have to excuse me though. The black hole is so huge now that even I, the last remaining matter in our galaxy, must fall through. Here, take this.'

Dave handed Kevin the torch, then rippled through the event horizon. Kevin was left alone again as the batteries slowly died.

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The books listed in this catalogue are listed to be released during this month. All books listed are available for order. If there is something that you want that you cannot find listed, or is not in the shop, please ask us to order it for you.

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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 7th December: Feminist Science Fiction
January No Meeting
Thursday 1st February: Best and Worst of 2006

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 December 14th:
Isaac Asimov *Foundation* (SF)
Esther Friesner (ed) *Chicks in Chainmail* (F)
Thursday January 16th:
Alistair Reynolds *Century Rain* (SF)
Lian Hearn *Across the Nightingale Floor* (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 November

General Release

Sorcerer in the North	John Flanagan *
Ghost	John Ringo
Voice of the Gods	Trudi Canavan *
Kris Longknife: Resolute	Mike Shepard
Afterburn	S L Viehl
Icebound Land	John Flanagan *
Light My Fire	Katie MacAlister
Sharing Knife: Beguilement	Lois McMaster Bujold
Hunters of Dune	Kevin J Anderson & Brian Herbert
Chicks in Chainmail	Esther Friesner (ed)

Media and Games Related Titles

Alliances	Stargate SG-1
His Last Command	Warhammer 40,000
Dawn of War: Tempest	Warhammer 40,000
Armour of Contempt	Warhammer 40,000
Tempest	Star Wars
Horus Rising	Warhammer 40,000
Bloodlines	Star Wars
Art of Destruction	Doctor Who
Price of Paradise	Doctor Who
Snake Eyes	CSI

Science Fiction, Fantasy and Horror

Analog November 2006

Magazine \$9.95

Analog October 2006

Magazine \$9.95

Locus 549 October 2006

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Locus 550 November 2006

Magazine \$16

The Demon Hunter's Handbook

Found behind the crumbling walls of an ancient German castle, this manuscript features what the demon hunter needs to know to wage a successful war against the creatures of doom. It features detailed pictures, spell books, and other useful notes. **HC \$39.99**

Sylvester Abanteriba *Australian Author*

Poetic Retribution From Mars

In a bid to divert attention from its deficiencies, a country sends a world renowned scientist to the moon for a year of make believe research. The troubles with this plan begin when the spaceship, unable to make its moon landing, also fails to make reentry to Earth. After a year of space travel, the ship finally lands. . . on Mars. What the scientist finds, however, is dramatically at odds with what was previously known about this planet. What's more, there is life on Mars, and it's not happy with what it hears about Earth's governance.

The scientist and his crew return from Mars with a dire ultimatum: the Earth must mend its ways to enable an interplanetary discourse to commence. The governments of Earth, however, do not take lightly to spaceborne demands. But in a war of the worlds, does Earth have any chance of survival? A challenging, detailed and introspective novel of the near future. **BPB \$29.95**

Isabel Allende

City of the Beasts

An ecological romance with a pulsing heart, in equal parts Rider Haggard and Chico Buarque. One of the world's greatest and most beloved storytellers broadens her style and reach with a Amazonian adventure which will appeal to all ages. Fifteen-year-old Alexander Cold has the chance to take the trip of a lifetime. With his mother in hospital, too ill to look after him, Alex is sent out to his grandmother, Kate - a fearless reporter with blue eyes 'as sharp as daggers' points'. Kate is about to embark on an expedition to the dangerous, remote world of the Amazon rainforest, and rather than change her plans, she simply takes Alex along with her. They set off with their team - including a local guide and his daughter, Nadia, with her wild, curly hair and skin the colour of honey - in search of a fabled headhunting tribe and a legendary marauding creature known to locals only as 'the Beast'. What they find is much much more - about the mysteries of the jungle and its inhabitants. **BPB \$22.95**

Evangeline Anderson

Take Two

Working undercover as a cybernetic prostitute on a Saturn mining colony to expose the intergalactic sex industry, reporter Sadie Thomas finds herself succumbing to out-of-this-world ecstasy at the hands of two vice detectives from Old Earth. **TP \$26.95**

Kevin J Anderson

Veiled Alliances (Saga of the Seven Suns Graphic Novel)

Eleven exploratory space ships leave an exhausted Earth in search of new resources and find intelligent, and apparently benevolent, aliens to assist their mission. **TP \$36.95**

V C Andrews

Broken Flower

On the verge of puberty, eleven-year-old Jordan March is sent to live with her spinster great-aunt, after her grandmother accuses her of having an incestuous relationship with her teenaged brother Ian, and stumbles upon a long-buried secret about her family's enigmatic past. **HC \$51.95**

Alex Archer

The Spider Stone (Rogue Angel)

When she finds a strange stone among the remains of the Underground Railroad, archaeologist Annja Creed, holding the key to Africa's ancient past and a terrible force, garners the attention of two powerful men who will stop at nothing to possess this relic of unimaginable evil. **APB \$16.95**

Neal Asher

The Voyage of the Sable Keech

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

An ancient hive mind, almost incomprehensible to the human race, has sent an agent to this uncertain world. Does it simply want to obtain the poison "sprine" that is crucial to immortality - and, if so, maybe Janer must find it and stop it. Meanwhile, still faced with the ennui of immortality, Erlin has her solitude rudely interrupted by a very angry whelk titanicus, and begins the strangest of journeys. Deep in the ocean the Spatterjay virus has wrought a terrible change that will affect them all. Something dormant for ten years is breaking free, and once again the aftershocks of an ancient war will focus on this watery world. And Sniper, for ten years the Warden of Spatterjay, finally takes delivery of his new drone shell. It's much better than his old one: powerful engines, more lethal weapons, thicker armour. He's going to need them. **APB \$19.95**

Robert Asprin

MYTH Inc Link (Myth)

As the "Myth Adventures" continue, Skeeve is now reluctant president of the corporation of work-for-hire magicians, that includes a pet dragon and an artistic vampire. Reprint. **BPB \$17.95**

James Axler

Hydra's Ring (Outlanders 39)

When a brutal Tong crime lord and his army invade a sacred pyramid in China, laying claim to a priceless artifact, Kane and his rebels are forced to go up against a four-thousand-year-old evil entity that is more powerful than anything they have ever encountered. **APB \$16.95**

James Barclay*Cry of the Newborn*

The Emperor of Estorea is young and idealistic. The Empire he has inherited has never been more powerful, never been so large. He believes he can bring in a golden age. But his armies are stretched thin, the border provinces are reluctant to pay homage and, even in his own court, dissent and betrayal is in the air. And into this troubled world four children are born. They are the result of centuries of careful study and selective breeding. They are completely at one with the world, they can sense the elements, they can use them. They have magic at their fingertips. A world that has not known magic is about to discover its wonder and its terror. And an Empire is about to fall. **PB \$22.95**

Clive Barker*Abarat II: Days of Magic, Days of War (Abarat 02)*

The Abarat; a magical otherworld composed on an archipelago of twenty-five islands - one for each hour of the day, plus an island out of time. Candy Quackenbush, escaping her dull, dull life from the most boring place in our world, Chickentown, USA, finds that in the Abarat she has another existence entirely, one which links her to marvels and mysteries-and even to murder...

In this, the second volume in Clive Barker's extraordinary fantasy for both adults and children, Candy's adventures in the amazing world of the Abarat are getting more strange by the Hour. Christopher Carrion, the Lord of Midnight, has sent his henchmen to capture her. Why? she wonders. What would Carrion want with a girl from Minnesota? And why is Candy beginning to feel that the world of the Abarat is familiar to her? Why can she speak words of magic she doesn't even remember learning?

There is a mystery here. And Carrion, along with his fiendish grandmother, Mater Motley, suspects that whatever Candy is, she could spoil his plans to take control of the Abarat.

Now Candy's companions must race against time to save her from the clutches of Carrion, and she must solve the mystery of her past before the forces of Night and Day clash and Absolute Midnight descends upon the islands.

A final war is about to begin. And Candy is going to need to make some choices that will change her life forever... **APB \$19.99**

Stephen Baxter*Resplendent (Destiny's Children 04)*

This is the final part of the highly acclaimed Destiny's Children series, a collection of narratives that serve as a companion to the first three novels, answering the questions the reader was left pondering. Baxter is the acknowledged heir to Arthur C. Clarke, so the reader knows he is guaranteed not only a journey through outer space but also a journey of the mind, as once again Baxter opens the portals to his marvellous imagination and takes us on a bizarre trip into space and all that lies beyond. **HC \$59.95 TP \$32.95**

Elizabeth Bear*Carnival*

One time ambassador-spies for Old Earth, Michelangelo Kusanagi-Jones and Vincent Katherinessen are reunited when they are sent to New Amazonia, under the guise of returning priceless pieces of art, to gain control of the region's valuable energy supply, but their mission goes dangerously awry, thanks to the extraordinary women of New Amazonia and a force of unimaginable power. **PB \$17.95**

Jenna Black*Watchers in the Night*

Ex-cop-turned-private detective Carolyn Mathers is rescued from a mysterious stalker by her former fiancé Gray, who had left her at the altar, but when she sets out to bring Gray back into her life, she stumbles upon a previously unimaginable world inhabited by vampires and vampire hunters, killers and guardians, a world in which Gray is now an integral part. **APB \$17.95**

Ray Blackhall*Stealth Planet*

When David Striker discovers a hidden planet, it changes his life and unites the world. The international space community redirects the upcoming manned Mars mission towards the Stealth Planet. To become crewmembers, Striker and his partner, Margie Ritter, develop themselves, and their relationship, into ideals that everyone on Earth talks about. With more intellect and strength than luck, the diverse crew defeats challenges greater than anticipated--all the while being experiments in someone's selfish project. **TP \$45.95**

Drew Bowling*The Tower of Shadows*

The lives of three teenagers and those of the adults charged to protect them intertwine as a great evil from the past engulfs the land of Elynnrie, destroying everything it touches, forcing a former mercenary to once again take up his sword, and transforming a young student of magic into an untried wizard. A first novel. **HC \$40.95**

Jim Butcher*Academ's Fury (Codex Alera 02)*

In the sequel to Furies of Calderon, the precarious alliance between the people of Alera and the Furies, elementals of Earth, Air, Fire, Water, and Metal, is thrown into disarray by the death of the First Lord of Alera, and the fate of the Alerians lies in the hands of Tavi, an untried young man who must draw on all his courage and resourcefulness to save his world. **APB \$17.95**

Cursor's Fury (Codex Alera 03)

When the ambitious and ruthless High Lord of Kalare enters into a dangerous alliance with the Canim, bestial enemies of Alera, and treachery destroys the Aleran army's command structure, an inexperienced, young Tavi of Calderon finds himself leading a poorly equipped legion that is the only force standing between the Canim horde and Alera's future. **HC \$51.95**

Jonathan Carroll*Glass Soup*

Pregnant with Vincent Ettrich's child, who is destined to restore order to the mercurial worlds of the living and dead, Isabelle Neukor is targeted by the agents of Chaos who would trap her in the land of the dead, where bizarre everyday occurrences are based on mortal nightmares. **TP \$28.95**

Giles Carwyn & Todd Fahnestock*Heir of Autumn*

In the brutal world of Ohndarien, ruled by the Children of the Seasons, Brophy, the Heir to Autumn, falls victim to betrayal and deceit and is exiled, left to survive with only the aid of an ambiguous spy and concubine sorceress and to discover the secret hidden in the Vastness to save the kingdom from destruction. A first novel. **APB \$19.95**

Mark Chadbourn*The Age of Misrule (Age of Misrule omnibus)*

All over the country, the ancient gods of Celtic mythology are returning to the land from which they were banished millennia ago. Following in their footsteps are creatures of folklore: the Fabulous Beasts, shape-shifters and Night Walkers, and other, less wholesome beings. As they grow in power, so technology is swept away. It is myth and magic that now rule supreme in this new Dark Age: The Age of Misrule. The Eternal Conflict between the Light and Dark once again blackens the skies and blights the land. On one side stand the Tuatha de Danann, golden-skinned and beautiful; on the other are the Fomorii, monstrous devils hell-bent on destroying all human existence. But in times of trouble, come heroes. Five flawed humans, Brothers and Sisters of Dragons, are drawn together to search for the magical talismans with which to fight the powers of old. But time draws short and humanity looks set to be swept away. **TP \$24.95**

Glen Cook*The Tyranny of the Night (Instrumentalities of the Night 01)*

In a world in which humans are ruled by demons and dark gods, the Praman warrior Else inadvertently defeats a creature of the Dark and is subsequently forced to penetrate the center of a rival religious faction, sparking a dangerous conflict. **APB \$19.95**

S K Cooper Australian Author*Chrome*

Ryk McManus and Alx Richmond hunt the media systems of the Net for killers in the giant conurb of Pluz, the city of light. One finds them. His contact, a program, illicit and addictive, that bites into their flesh and mind. It promises to take them beyond death and back. To be like him. To be Chrome. They want it, they want him.

It takes them beneath the veneer of their slick, crafted world of Pluz; into the paradise garden of the Northland, into the forbidden world of the Grid of light data that holds Pluz together. Soon they understand. It is Chrome who has hunted them. To survive his trap they must find the woman he couldn't kill, tread the dark world of the Specials who deal in death, lift the skin on The Grid itself. All the time Chrome hunts them for his purpose. Ryk and Alx are to cut his bonds, let him loose on the world to discover it, to destroy it. **BPB \$19.95**

Avram Davidson*Adventures in Unhistory: Conjectures on the Factual Foundations of Several Ancient Legends*

A new edition of the long out-of-print fantasy anthology offers a collection of inventive studies of the world of the fantastical, covering such topics as Mermaids, Mandrakes, and Mammoths; Dragons, Werewolves, and Unicorns; the Secret of Hyperborea; and the adventures of Sinbad, Aleister Crowley, Prester John, and other unique individuals. **HC \$52.95**

MaryJanice Davidson*Sleeping With the Fishes*

When strange levels of toxins are found in the local water, Fred, a mermaid, is asked to help investigate by a gorgeous marine biologist and her merperson ruler. **PB \$19.95**

Cameron Dean*Luscious Craving (Candace Steele Vampire Killer 02)*

Returning to Las Vegas in the hopes of returning to her old life, sexy vampire killer Candace Steele plans to steer clear of Ash, the seductive vampire who threatens her peace of mind, until rumors of a New Year's vampire assault on the Scheherazade casino bring her face to face with her nemesis, who may hold the key to stopping the attack. **APB \$17.95**

Sara Douglass Australian Author*Druid's Sword (Troy Game 04)*

As Hitler unleashes his bombs on London, Another, more ancient, terror emerges... It is the early days of the Second World War. Grace; daughter of Asterion and Noah; remains bound in agony to Catling, her wrists cruelly scarred by the otherworldly restraints. There are none, it seems, who can help Grace. Certainly not her mother or father. Jack Skelton, Brutus; reborn and the love of Noah's life, is the only one able to break through Grace's carefully constructed barriers. It may be that Grace is not entirely help less after all. And while Genvissa-reborn and Coel-reborn attempt to identify exactly how to deal with the grip of a malevolent Troy Game, a killer stalks the streets of London creating terror upon terror as the bombers shadow the land. *Druid's Sword* is the final stunning instalment of *The Troy Game*, a fabulous labyrinthine journey through the secrets of the ancient world. To enter *The Troy Game* is to enter the imagination of one of the world's greatest storytellers in this epic series spanning 3000 years and the story of an incomparable city: London. **TP \$32.99**

Tananarive Due*The Good House*

Working to rebuild her law practice after her son commits suicide, Angela Toussaint journeys to the family home where the suicide took place, hoping for answers, and discovers an invisible, evil force that is driving locals to acts of violence. **APB \$19.95**

Will Elliott Australian Author*Pilo Family Circus*

You have 2 days to pass your audition. You better pass it, feller. You're joining the circus. Ain't that the best news you ever got? Jamie is plunged into the horrific alternate universe that is the centuries-old Pilo Family Circus, a borderline world between hell and earth from which humankind's greatest tragedies have been perpetrated. Yet in this place peopled by the gruesome, grotesque and monstrous, where violence and savagery are the norm, Jamie finds that his worst enemy is himself-for when he applies the white face paint, he is transformed into JJ, the most vicious clown of all. And JJ wants Jamie dead.... **TP \$29.95**

Christine Feehan

A Christine Feehan Holiday Treasury

Now, her magnificent novellas of dark forces and Christmas magic are brought together for the first time in a stunning hardcover edition. Each one will hold you in its thrall. . . .

After the Music

Terrified by mysterious threats, Jessica Fitzpatrick takes her twin wards to the island mansion of their estranged father, Dillon Wentworth, a famous musician who shut out the world after a fire claimed his wife's life and left him disfigured. With Christmas approaching, the spark between Dillon and Jessica might light the future, but the evil machinations of those who share his late wife's love of the occult may plunge the family into darkness -- unless a Christmas miracle occurs. . . .

The Twilight Before Christmas

Bestselling novelist Kate Drake, one of seven sisters with amazing powers of witchcraft, wants to open a bookstore in a charming but run-down mill in her California hometown. Decorated former U.S. Army Ranger Matt Granite, now a contractor, doesn't mind helping -- and getting closer to Kate. But when an earthquake exposes a crypt in the mill's foundation, a centuries-old evil threatens to destroy both Christmas and the gift of soul-searing passion Kate's hometown hero wants her to keep forever. . . .

Rocky Mountain Miracle

When Cole Steele, a womanizer rumored to have killed his father, meets Maia Armstrong, a veterinarian rumored to practice magic, the sparks that fly could melt all the snow on his Wyoming ranch. And when an injured horse brings them together, Cole can't help but believe that Maia casts spells on animals and men. What else could explain the burning passion he feels for her and the thawing of his heart around the holidays?

Mysterious and magical, like the holiday itself, these novellas reveal Christine Feehan to be a writer of extraordinary gifts. **HC \$29.95**

Eric Flint

1824: The Arkansas War

In the hotly contested election of 1824, the machinations of a ruthless Henry Clay to become the new president of the United States leave the nation on the brink of national disaster as Andrew Jackson and John Quincy Adams form a political alliance against Clay, and Clay launches a war against the Confederacy of the Arkansas, in the sequel to 1812: The Rivers of War. **HC \$51.95**

Alan Dean Foster

Running From the Deity (Flinx 11)

From science fiction legend Alan Dean Foster comes a thrilling new Pip and Flinx adventure, wherein a certain red-haired, green-eyed young man blessed (or cursed) with strange powers finds himself and his mini-dragon sidekick on a top-secret mission concerning deep space, alien worlds... and a primordial horror intent on devouring all of it.

In the outer depths of the universe lies the Great Emptiness, where something dreadful lurks, hidden behind a great gravitational lens of dark matter. Something horrific that howls and writhes and rages across three hundred million light-years of space - and is now heading straight for the Commonwealth and moving faster all the time.

One slim chance exists to avert catastrophe, and only Flinx can take it. Roaming the galaxy is a conscious planet-size weapons system, the legacy of a long-extinct race. As Flinx is the only one who has ever experienced mental contact with the machine, it is his job to find the powerful alien artifact and coax it into joining the battle against the behemoth from beyond.

So Pip and Flinx valiantly sail into the unknown aboard their little spaceship, which is immediately forced down for emergency repairs on planet Arrawd, home to less advanced sentients and therefore off-limits to space travelers. But what with Arrawd being very beautiful, and Flinx being Flinx, this particular rule doesn't stand a chance.

Now, Flinx is no stranger to murderous attacks and stalking assassins - evading them occupies most of his waking hours - but to be besieged by hordes bent on worshipping him as a god? Worse still, escaping this fate is going to be as impossible as fulfilling his dire mission. What's a deity to do? **APB \$15.95**

Trouble Magnet (Flinx 12)

Wandering out there in some remote region of the galaxy is a gargantuan sentient Tar-Aiym weapons' system. All Flinx has to do - while his pals look after his injured love Clarity Held - is find the hefty object and persuade it to knock out the monstrous evil that is hurtling through space to waste the entire Commonwealth.

A no-brainer, really, especially for Flinx, who is never without his loyal entourage of official snoops, crazed zealots, assorted goons, and the occasional assassin. Indeed, the boy wonder and his mini-drag, Pip, are eager to commence their heroic task... just as soon as Flinx visits Visaria - a dangerously depraved planet - to convince himself that humans are indeed worth saving. The chances of stumbling across high moral values and utopian ideals don't look promising - what with Flinx playing a lawless Pied Piper to a gang of lying, thieving juvenile delinquents. But prospects really go south when Flinx runs afoul of the corrupt planet's ruthless crime king. **HC \$49.95**

Robin Furth

Stephen King's The Dark Tower; The Complete Concordance (Dark Tower)

A encyclopedic reference, previously published in two separate volumes, is a fan's guide to King's seven-installment epic fantasy series and includes entries for each character, crossover references, and In-World, Mid-World, and End-World details. **TP \$45.95**

J F Gonzalez

The Beloved

Don Grant races against time to stop a beautiful succubus, who, seducing both men and women, drains the life force of anyone she encounters, before she destroys a whole new family. **APB \$17.95**

Jim Grimsley

The Last Green Tree

Three hundred years after the Conquest, as the Great Mage rules over all humankind, the long peace is over as a mysterious and omnipotent force rises on the planet Aramen, where sentient trees keep human symbionts as slaves, and a handful of survivors ventures into a hostile wilderness to uncover the source of the enemy's powers. **HC \$52.95**

Laurell K Hamilton*Mistral's Kiss (Merry Gentry 05)*

The time has come for Meredith Gentry to put aside her detective work and fulfill her ultimate obligation to the world of Faerie - where her efforts to conceive an heir to the throne of the Unseelie Court are crucial to restoring magic, and life itself, to the fey kingdom.

And though her quest may be bursting with pleasures, the shadows of intrigue continue to suffuse the royal court, and sabotage may lurk at any turn. While the Unseelie Mound reawakens in the dead gardens, powerful curses are at work. Merry's uncle, the King of Light and Illusion, schemes to accuse her immortal guardsmen of heinous crimes. And Merry's own command of magic has turned wildly, and dangerously, unpredictable. As plots and counterplots are hatched and strategies and subterfuges played out, the destiny of an entire world turns upon the fortunes of Merry Gentry: object of obsession, target of treachery, pawn of uncertain fate. **HC \$51.95 TP \$32.95 CD \$60 MP3 CD \$51.95**

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

APB \$19.95**Jim C Hines***Goblin Quest*

Tormented by bullies, lowly goblin Jig, along with his cowardly fire-spider, is kidnapped by a group of adventurers and forced to lead them to the Rod of Creation, a dangerous mission that pits him against a Necromancer and a Dragon. **APB \$19.95**

Emma Holly*Prince of Ice*

Xishi, a courtesan trained in the sensual arts, finds herself torn between love and duty when Corum, the Prince of Ice, and a man from her past, becomes her new owner, drawing her into a forbidden world where betrayal, lust, intrigue, and passion could cost them their lives. **APB \$19.95**

Shaun Hutson*No Dominion*

After saving his girlfriend and the other patrons of a downtown bar from an out-of-control thug possessing superhuman strength, vampire private detective Joe Pitt sets out to uncover the secret of the man's frightening power, journeying deep into Manhattan's vampire underworld and into the middle of a conspiracy that threatens the entire vampire community. **TP \$28.95**

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Dr. Montague, an occult scholar, and his team--Theodora, his assistant; Eleanor, a fragile young woman with a close acquaintance with the paranormal; and Luke, the future heir of Hill House--conduct an unusual research project in a reputedly haunted house. Reprint. **TP \$28.95**

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Seventy years after the conclusion of the Falthan War, three great continents - and their gods - are again at war for truth and immortality.

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But even Husk cannot know everything ... **TP \$29.99**

E E Knight*Dragon Avenger (Age of Fire 02)*

Fleeing a group of slave-trading dwarves, Wistala, a young female dragon, finds herself alone, after her brother, Auron, sacrifices himself to save her, and must overcome her grief, fear, and anger to find others of her kind and to seek revenge on those who would destroy them. By the author of Dragon Champion. **TP \$28.95**

Dean Koontz*Brother Odd*

Leaving Pico Mundo, the small desert town in which he has spent his life, Odd Thomas, a hero who lives between the living and the dead, seeks the peaceful solitude of an isolated monastery high in the western mountains, but he soon finds himself confronting an evil killer stalking the ancient, holy halls of his sanctuary. **HC \$54.95**

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As the dark forces and evil magic of the black mage threaten to engulf the kingdom of Neroche, the fate of the Nine Kingdoms lies in the hands of the woman destined to wield one of two magical swords in the possession of the king of Neroche, in the first volume in a romantic fantasy trilogy.

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Half-blood Deryni Alaric Morgan has been pledged as a child to the service of the Haldane king and his heir, Prince Brion, but the superstitious fears of the populace of Gwynedd, the suspicions of the Church, and the treachery and scorn of the Camberian Council could destroy his future before he ever reaches manhood. **HC \$51.95**

Mercedes Lackey

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When a champion arrives in the form of Sir George, who sortof defeats the dragon, former virgin sacrifice Princess Andromeda, along with her bumbling savior, must find the dragon's lair and destroy it before the Five Hundred Kingdoms bears the brunt of the beast's wrath. **APB \$17.95**

Glenda Larke Australian Author

The Shadow of Tyr (Mirage Makers 02)

Ligea Gayed has been lied to once too often. Now she has turned against her former employer, the secretive Brotherhood of the Tyrans Empire, and must evade Favonius and his Jackals while also recruiting others to fight with her.

Yet, despite her best efforts, a rebellion is hard to come by. Except within her own family, of course. Ligea's son, Arrant, is prey to feelings of inadequacy, and is angry about his mother's relationship with a man who is not his father. Unable to accept what is happening to him, he becomes susceptible to the blandishments of his mother's enemies.

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George R. R. Martin redefined epic fantasy and created a whole new generation of fantasy fans. Much loved and much copied, he is one of the few writers who can inhabit the worlds of science fiction, fantasy and horror - and his millions of fans love him for that. This colossal collection of his work spans Martin's entire writing career and contains multi-award-winning stories along with lesser known works of genius. Enhanced with over 40 beautiful illustrations, this is an essential purchase for all those people who love imaginative fiction. **HC \$59.95**

Robert Masello

Bestiary

When Beth Cox, a lovely young art curator, is commissioned to restore a centuries-old bestiary illuminated with creatures from the Garden of Eden, her husband unwittingly opens the Gates of Hell when this priceless artifact leads him into a world of wonder and horror. **APB \$19.95**

Anne McCaffrey & Elizabeth Ann Scarborough

Changelings (Twins of Petyabee 02)

Yana and Sean are now the parents of twins, Ronan Born for Water Shongili and Murel Monster Slayer Shongili. Born on Petyabee, their destiny is deeply intertwined with the sentient planet that is their home. For Ronan and Murel are more than human. Like their father, each can transform into a seal and converse telepathically with the planet's creatures - such as the friendly otter whose life they save one day from a pack of ravenous wolves. But the twins' bravery has unforeseen results when a visiting scientist witnesses their startling metamorphosis and becomes obsessed with their capture. To protect their children, Sean and Yana send them to stay with a powerful family friend on an orbiting space station. But no one realizes how curious Ronan and Murel are to discover the origins of their shape-shifting talent - and that their search for knowledge will place them squarely in the path of peril. Meanwhile Petyabee is changing - and much faster than an ordinary planet's natural evolution. It appears that portions of the sea are heating up and a landmass is suddenly rising from the depths. To investigate the startling occurrence, Sean heads out to the open water in his seal form. But the newly unstable region holds untold mysteries - and the potential for disaster. **HC \$49.95**

Erin McCarthy

Bit the Jackpot (Vegas Vampires)

Tired of keeping tabs on his boss's wife and her female entourage, vampire Seamus Fox, the campaign manager for the Vampire Nation presidential candidate, finds himself falling for the enigmatic Cara Kim, a sultry but shy stripper who dances behind a screen to hide her identity. **TP \$28.95**

Jack McDevitt

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Thousands of years after the unsolved disappearance of an entire colony, antiquities dealer Alex Benedict stumbles upon a cup that appears to be from the Seeker, one of the colony's original ships, and, while attempting to establish the artifact's provenance, follows a trail that leads to the ship. **APB \$19.95**

Fiona McIntosh Australian Author

Emissary (Percheron 02)

Odalisque Ana is resigned to life in Percheron's famed harem and has little more than a blood-soaked veil to remind her that Spur Lazar, the man she loves, is dead. She is closely watched by the scheming Grand Master Eunuch, Salmeo, and the cunning and cruel Valide Herezah. The Valide, unhappy at Ana's influence over the young Zar, contrives a shrewd plan to bring about the beautiful young woman's demise. But greater forces are at work. The demon Maliz has taken the guise of Percheron's Grand Vizier in order to stalk Iridor, the traditional accomplice of the Goddess. And a war is brewing. A longtime enemy, Galinsea, intends to exact a vicious blood price for the death of its crown prince, Lucien, at the hands of the Percherese. However, the only person in the Stone Palace who can undertake the dangerous journey to Galinsea and negotiate for peace is about to die ... **TP \$32.99**

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When five cataclysmic hurricanes cause massive devastation in Texas, leaving thousands dead, a new threat emerges from the wreckage, a virus that brings the dead back to life with an unquenchable hunger for human flesh, and only a small group of survivors can stop the horror from spreading. **APB \$17.95**

Michael Paine*Stage Fright*

When Joanna Marshall, along with her friends, reopens the Imperial Opera House to the public, showcasing a new play that draws on its horrifying history, she becomes plagued by terrifying dreams that unleash a dark evil once the lights go down. **APB \$17.95**

Joshua Palmatier*The Cracked Throne*

When the mysterious White Fire sweeps through Amenkor for the second time in a millennium, Eryn, Mistress of the Skewed Throne, is submerged in a world of madness, plunging the city into devastation, and Varis, an assassin, is forced to take over the throne and save the people of Amenkor. **HC \$51.95**

Terry Pratchett*Hogfather Anniversary Edition (Discworld 20)*

It's the night before Hogswatch. And it's too quiet. There's snow, there're robins, there're trees covered with decorations, but there's a notable lack of the big fat man who delivers the toys... He's gone.

Susan the governess has got to find him before morning, otherwise the sun won't rise. And unfortunately her only helpers are a raven with an eyeball fixation, the Death of Rats and an oh god of hangovers.

Worse still, someone is coming down the chimney. This time he's carrying a sack instead of a scythe, but there's something regrettably familiar...

Ho. Ho. Ho. It's true what they say.

'You'd better watch out...' **BPB \$23.95**

Carpe Jugulum Anniversary Edition (Discworld 23)

Mightily Oats has not picked a good time to be priest. He thought he'd come to the mountain kingdom of Lancre for a simple little religious ceremony. Now, he's caught up in a war between vampires and witches, and he's not sure there is a right side. There's the witches - young Agnes who is really in two minds about everything. **PB \$19.95**

Fifth Elephant Anniversary Edition (Discworld 24)

Sam Vimes is a man on the run. Yesterday he was a duke, a chief of police and the ambassador to the mysterious, fat-rich country of Uberwald. Now, he has nothing but his native wit and the gloomy trousers of Uncle Vanya. It's snowing. It's freezing. And if he can't make it through the forest to civilization there's going to be a terrible war. **PB \$19.95**

Laura Resnick*Disappearing Nightly*

When off-Broadway female performers start mysteriously disappearing, actress Esther Diamond, filling in for the missing lead in the play *Sorcerer!*, sets out to find the truth, with a little magical assistance, before she meets the same fate. **APB \$17.95**

Alastair Reynolds*Zima Blue and other Stories*

Despite the fact that Alastair Reynolds has published fiction in professional venues since 1990, with over thirty stories now in print, and has published six novels, two of which were nominated for the Arthur C. Clarke Award, and one of which (*Chasm City*) won the British Science Fiction Association Award, this is his very first short fiction collection.

It spans almost the whole of his career, ranging from "Enola" (which appeared in 1991, only his third sale) right up to recent work such as "Understanding Space and Time," a novella written in 2005, and "Signal to Noise," a new piece written specially for this book. It is the perfect showcase for the evolution of his writing and themes over the last sixteen years, and features extensive story notes.

Since 2000, Reynolds has been publishing large novels at a rate of one a year, all but two of them are set against a consistent background known as the Revelation Space universe. The stories in "Zima Blue," however, while occasionally related to each other, do not partake of that claustrophobic, machine-haunted history. They represent a more optimistic take on humanity's future, a view that says there may be wars, there may be catastrophes and cosmic errors, but something human will still survive. **HC \$54.95**

John Ringo*Unto the Breach (Mike Harmon 04)*

Wanting nothing more than to kick back and relax, Mike Harmon and his elite Keldara confront their ultimate mission to stop an advanced form of smallpox plague from falling into the hands of terrorists and to prevent a series of WMD attacks on America's heartland, in the sequel to *Ghost, Kildar, and Choosers of the Slain*. **HC \$52.95**

Justina Robson*Living Next-Door to the God of Love*

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

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

Francine is a fifteen-year-old runaway, out to find a definition of love she can believe in. She finds a Palace whose rooms are made of bone, flowers and the hearts of heroes. She finds a scientist looking for the lost light of the universe. She finds herself at the centre of an unstoppable conflict that began long before she was born. **BPB \$21.95**

Rudy Rucker*Mathematicians in Love*

Friends Bela and Paul, two young mathematicians in love with the same woman, Bela's girlfriend Alma, embark on a reality-changing competition to see who gets the girl, unleashing a nightmarish and unexpected future in the process, in an inventive science fiction tale by the award-winning author of *Frek and the Elixir*. **HC \$51.95**

Donna Lea Simpson

Awaiting the Night

Count Kazimir Vasilov arrives at Wolfram Castle to prevent a deadly prophecy from being fulfilled, but when he meets Melisande Davidovich, she becomes a distraction he cannot afford, especially when she becomes the target of a twisted madman. **APB \$17.95**

Clark Ashton Smith

Lost Worlds

TP \$34.95

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Cordwainer Smith

We the Underpeople

C'Mell, the catwoman leader of the Underpeople--humanlike beings created from animals to perform the work in the utopia ruled by the mysterious Lords of the Instrumentality--joins forces with Rod McBain, a young man from Norstrilia who owns the planet Earth, to take on the Instrumentality in an epic struggle to gain freedom, in a volume that contains the classic novel Norstrilia, among other tales. **TP \$30.95**

Jeri Smith-Ready

Eyes of Crow

Bound to the Spirit of Crow, Rhia, feared by all due to her ability to foresee Death, must use her magic to guide her people to the Other Side, which requires her to make an unimaginable sacrifice. **TP \$30.95 BPB \$19.95**

Michael A Stackpole

Cartomancy (Age of Discovery 02)

In their war-ravaged land, the family of the Royal Cartographer risks everything to restore peace in a world in which ancient magical forces are coming back to life, as one young man discovers his ability to alter reality, another finds his own world forever transformed, and a young woman learns that her talent lies in building a bridge between them. **APB \$17.95**

Bart Stewart

Tales of Real and Dream Worlds

Tales of Real and Dream Worlds is a collection of surreal fantasy in the tradition of Richard Matheson, Rod Serling, and H.G. Wells. The emphasis here is on imagination of concept and skill of execution. A few of the nine stories are fully in the genre of horror. This is fiction that entertains and stimulates the mind. There are some dark passages, but only rare moments of violent imagery. **TP \$24.95**

Charles Stross

Missile Gap

It's 1976 again. Abba are on the charts, the Cold War is in full swing -- and the Earth is flat. It's been flat ever since the eve of the Cuban war of 1962; and the constellations overhead are all wrong. Beyond the Boreal ocean, strange new continents loom above tropical seas, offering a new start to colonists like newly-weds Maddy and Bob, and the hope of further glory to explorers like ex-cosmonaut Yuri Gagarin: but nobody knows why they exist, and outside the circle of exploration the universe is inexplicably warped.

Gregor, in Washington DC, knows but isn't talking. Colonel-General Gagarin, on a years-long mission to go where New Soviet Man has not gone before, is going to find out. And on the edge of an ancient desert, beneath the aged stars of another galaxy, Maddy is about to come face-to-face with humanity's worst fear. 1000 copies only. **HC \$70**

The Jennifer Morgue (Laundry 02)

When he's not trying to save the world from unearthly horrors, Bob Howard — an agent for the British supersecret organization known simply as The Laundry — has time sheets to complete and field liaison meetings to attend. (And don't get Bob started on how much he despises corporate PowerPoint presentations!)

In 1975, the CIA made an ill-fated attempt to raise a sunken Soviet ballistic missile submarine from the depths of the Pacific Ocean. At least, "ill-fated" was the information leaked to the press. In reality, the team salvaged a device, codenamed "Gravedust," that permitted communication with the dead — the very long dead. Enter Ellis Billington, glamorous software billionaire, who has acquired Gravedust by devious means. Billington plans to raise an eldritch horror, codenamed "Jennifer Morgue," from the vasty deeps, and communicate with this dead warrior for the purpose of ruling the world. Worse still, he's prepared occult defenses that can only be penetrated by one agent walking a perilous path.

But James Bond doesn't work for the Laundry. Instead, they send Bob Howard, geekish demonology hacker extraordinaire. Bob must inveigle his way aboard Billington's yacht, figure out what the villain is up to, and stop him. But there's a fly in Bob's ointment by the name of Ramona Random — a lethal but beautiful agent for the Black Chamber, the U.S. counterpart to The Laundry. Billington's yacht is docked in the Caribbean, and Her Majesty's Government is not allowed to operate in this area without an American minder. The Black Chamber has sent Ramona to ride shotgun on Bob, but Ramona has her own agenda that conflicts with her employer's . . .

Bob and Ramona become entangled (literally), and are then captured by Billington and used to further his insidious plot. But let's not forget Bob's significant other, Dr. Dominique "Mo" O'Brien, also an agent of The Laundry, who has been trained especially for this mission. Can these intrepid agents stop Billington from raising the dead horror and thus save the world from total domination? The Jennifer Morgue takes the reader on a wild adventure through the worlds of Lovecraft and Ian Fleming, non-Euclidian mathematics and computer hackerdom — sort of like Austin Powers, only more squamous and rugose — with fast cars and faster women.

In addition to the novel-length The Jennifer Morgue, this volume also includes an added bonus story, "Pimpf," featuring agent Bob Howard in the world of virtual gaming, along with a thought-provoking Afterword entitled "The Golden Age of Spying." **HC \$52.95**

J R R Tolkien

Letters From Father Christmas

Every December an envelope bearing a stamp from the North Pole would arrive for J.R.R.Tolkien's children. Inside would be a letter in strange spidery handwriting and a beautiful coloured drawing or some sketches. The letters were from Father Christmas. They told wonderful tales of life at the North Pole: how all the reindeer got loose and scattered presents all over the place; how the accident-prone Polar Bear climbed the North Pole and fell through the roof of Father Christmas's house into the dining-room; how he broke the Moon into four pieces and made the Man in it fall into the back garden; how there were wars with the troublesome horde of goblins who lived in the caves beneath the house! Sometimes the Polar Bear would scrawl a note, and sometimes Ilbereth the Elf would write in his elegant flowing script, adding yet more life and humour to the stories. No reader, young or old, can fail to be charmed by the inventiveness and 'authenticity' of Tolkien's Letters from Father Christmas. 'Letters from Father Christmas' has been reformatted into an attractive and affordable new paperback format, with the inclusion of every one of the delightful letters and pictures that Tolkien sent to his children. **HC \$24.99**

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For more than three hundred years a monster known as the Shriker has roamed Shalem Wood, slaughtering those unfortunate enough to wander into his path. The people of Noor have lived in fear for so long that most have forgotten that the Shriker was once a loyal dog... until the day he was cruelly betrayed by his master and cursed to live a bloodthirsty life, always seeking revenge for the fate his owner had dealt him.

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Gail Carson Levine

Fairest

I was born singing. Most babies cry. I sang an aria.

Or so I believe. I have no one to tell me the truth of it. I was abandoned when I was a month old, left at the Featherbed Inn in the Ayorthaian village of Amonta. It was January 12th of the year of Thunder Songs.

The fairy Lucinda has once again given a dreadful gift. This time it's a mysterious magical mirror.

The gift is disastrous when it falls into the hands of Aza, who never looks in a mirror if she can help it. In the Kingdom of Ayortha, Aza is most definitely not the fairest of them all. Many spurn her. Many scoff at her. She keeps out of sight.

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Billie Piper

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A great GM is always thinking about his campaign, scribbling down a note about a cruel trick to play on his players in one notebook while composing diabolical dungeons in another. Instead, we suggest the Campaign Workbook, a handsome leatherette-bound campaign journal small enough to carry with you at all times but big enough to handle all your campaign planning needs.

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The boy who had been abused and strangled in that hideous little room looked so like her, he could have been her brother.' A teenage boy is found mutilated and murdered in a Glasgow flat. Forensic scientist Rhona Macleod is called to the scene, but her grim task is made even more unsettling than usual by the boy's remarkable resemblance to her - and the fact that she gave up a baby boy for adoption seventeen years before. Racked with guilt, she sets out to find the boy's killer and determine whether he is her long-lost son - but in doing so, she immerses herself in the sinister world of an internet paedophile ring. Some very powerful men have a lot to lose if she succeeds, and everything to gain if she dies. **APB \$19.95**

Lori G Armstrong

Hallowed Ground

Grisly murders are rocking the small county of Bear Butte where Julie Collins has spent the last few months learning the PI biz without the guidance of her best friend and business partner, Kevin Wells. Enter dangerous, charismatic entrepreneur Tony Martinez, who convinces Julie to take a case involving a missing five-year-old Native American girl, the innocent pawn in her parents' child custody dispute. Although skeptical about Martinez' motives in hiring her, and confused by her strange attraction to him, Julie nevertheless sees the opportunity to hone her investigative skills outside her office.

But something about the case doesn't ring true. The girl's father is foreman on the controversial new Indian casino under construction at the base of the sacred Mato Paha, and the girl's mother is secretly working for a rival casino rumored to have ties to an east coast crime family. Local ranchers - including her father - a Lakota Holy group, and casino owners from nearby Deadwood are determined to stop the gaming facility from opening.

With the body count rising, the odds are stacked against Julie to discover the truth behind these hidden agendas before the murderer buries it forever. And when Julie unwittingly attracts the attention of the killer, she realizes no place is safe ... not even hallowed ground. **APB \$17.95**

Ann Benson

The Physician's Tale

Spanning two worlds caught in the midst of a horrific crisis, a new novel by the author of *The Plague Tales* ranges from a fourteenth-century Europe devastated by the Black Death to a near future world in which survivors of another deadly plague struggle to rebuild the broken bonds of civilization.

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The Templar Legacy

The ancient order of the Knights Templar possessed untold wealth and absolute power over kings and popes... until the Inquisition, when the Knights were wiped from the face of the earth, their riches left hidden - forever? Cotton Malone is enjoying his quiet new life as an antiquarian book dealer in Copenhagen, when he is unexpectedly plunged back into the cloak-and-dagger world he thought he'd left behind at the U.S. Justice Department. Cotton's former supervisor, Stephanie Nelle, is in Europe on a personal mission: armed with vital clues to a series of centuries-old puzzles, she means to crack a mystery that has tantalized scholars and fortune-hunters through the ages - by finding the legendary cache of wealth and forbidden knowledge thought to be lost forever when the order of the Knights Templar was exterminated in the 14th Century. But she's not alone. Someone else is competing for the historic prize and they are prepared to kill to win. **APB \$19.95**

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Carol Higgins Clark & Mary Higgins Clark

The Christmas Thief

The folks who picked a beautiful eighty-foot blue spruce from Stowe, Vermont, to be Rockefeller Center's famous Christmas tree don't have a clue that Packy Noonan, a scam artist just released from prison, hid priceless diamonds in it more than twelve years ago. But when Packy learns that his special tree will be heading to New York City the next morning, he knows he has to act fast.

What Packy does not know is that Alvirah, everyone's favorite lottery winner turned amateur sleuth, and savvy private investigator Regan Reilly are visiting Stowe with their friend Opal, who lost all her lottery winnings in Packy's scam. And just when they're supposed to head home, they learn that the tree is missing . . . and that Opal has disappeared. **APB \$14.95**

Carol Higgins Clark & Mary Higgins Clark

Santa Cruise

Alvirah Meehan, the lottery winner turned amateur sleuth; her husband, Willy; recently hitched private detective Regan Reilly and her groom, Jack, head of the NYPD Major Case Squad; and Regan's parents, Nora and Luke, are guests on the Royal Mermaid's maiden voyage, the Santa Cruise. The cruise is Commodore Randolph Weed's gift to a select group of people who in the last year "made the world a better place." What he really wants is good publicity that will generate future bookings for his struggling new venture. He also plans to scatter his beloved mother's ashes at sea during this four-day odyssey in the Caribbean. What he doesn't know is that his ne'er-do-well nephew, Eric, has smuggled two escaping criminals on board. Alvira won the cruise at a charity auction and persuaded the Reillys to accompany her and Willy. Other passengers include members of the Oklahoma Readers and Writers group, who volunteer their time teaching people to read. The group is planning a mystery seminar dedicated to a Ghost of Honor, the late Left Hook Louie, a champion prizefighter turned bestselling author. There are also ten men on board who had donated their time playing Santa Claus during the holiday season as well as assorted other charitable folk, all planning on a restful post-Christmas vacation. The hoped-for tranquility soon vanishes. A terrified mystery fan swears she has spotted the Ghost of Honor in the ship's chapel. Two Santa suits disappear from a locked supply room. A storm develops, and in the infirmary an attempt is made on the life of a seemingly feeble passenger. Back in Miami, a TV reporter is turning the cruise into a public-relations nightmare, thanks to her spies on the ship. As the Royal Mermaid sails through troubled waters, Alvira, Regan, and Jack are uncovering the clues that lead them to dangerous criminals who were not on the original guest list! **HC \$29.95**

Bernard Cornwell

Sharpe's Fury (Sharpe)

In the winter of 1811 the war seemed lost. All Spain has fallen to the French, except for Cadiz which is now the Spanish capital and is under siege. Wellington and his British army are in Portugal, waiting for spring to spark the war to life again.

Richard Sharpe and his company are part of a small expeditionary force sent to break a bridge across the River Guadiana. What begins as a brilliant piece of soldiering turns into disaster, thanks to the brutal savagery of the French Colonel Vandal who is leading his battalion to join the siege of Cadiz. Sharpe extricates a handful of men from the debacle and is driven south into the threatened city.

There, in Cadiz, he discovers more than one enemy. Many Spaniards doubt Britain's motives and believe their future would be brighter if they made peace with the French, and one of them, a baleful priest, secures a powerful weapon to break the British alliance. He will use a beautiful whore and the letters she received from a wealthy man. The priest will use blackmail, and Sharpe must defeat him in a sinister war of knife and treachery in the dark alleys of the city.

Yet the alliance will only survive if the French siege can be lifted. An allied army marches from the city to take on the more powerful French and, once again, a brilliant piece of soldiering turns into disaster, this time because the Spanish refuse to fight. A small British force is trapped by a French army, and the only hope now lies with the outnumbered redcoats who, on a hill beside the sea, refuse to admit defeat. And there, in the sweltering horror of Barossa, Sharpe finds Colonel Vandal again.

Sharpe's Fury is based on the real events of the winter of 1811 that led to the extraordinary victory of Barossa, the battle which saw the British capture the first French eagle of the Napoleonic Wars. **TP \$32.99**

Peter Corris

The Undertow

Frank Parker, retired senior policeman and Cliff Hardy's long time friend, has a problem. A case from early in his career involving two doctors, one of whom was convicted of hiring a hit man to kill the other and went to gaol for the crime, is coming back to haunt him. The convicted, now dead doctor may have been innocent, and Parker had been the lover of the beautiful Catherine Castiglione, the doctor's wife. Hardy tracks back through the now ageing names and faces, trying to tease out the truth. If the doctor was set up, who was responsible and why? Along the way Hardy encounters dodgy plastic surgeons, a broken-down ex-copper, a voyeuristic cripple and a hireling who wields a mean baseball bat. A charismatic player is the son of Catherine Castiglione, a super-bright charmer, who just may be Frank Parker's love child. Animosity, arrogance and ambition create a spider's web around the violence that breaks out as Hardy searches for the spider. **PB \$19.95**

Michael Crichton

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Is your loved one missing some body parts? Are blondes becoming extinct? Is everyone at your dinner table of the same species? It's 2006: do you know who all your children are? Do you know humans and chimpanzees differ in only 400 genes? And why does an adult human being resemble a chimp foetus? There's a new genetic cure for drug addiction – is it worse than the disease? Ever want to design your own pet? Change the stripes on the fish in your aquarium? Ever think to sell your body fat – or donate it to charity? Or sell your eggs and sperm online for thousands of dollars? Did you know one fifth of all your genes are owned by someone else? Come to think of it, could you and your family be pursued cross country just because you happen to have certain genes in your body?

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Jennifer Crusie & Lori Foster

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A trio of Christmas novellas celebrate the holidays with Jennifer Crusie's title work, in which a determined shopper, who manages to grab the last hot toy action figure off the shelf, finds herself caught up in the middle of an all too real spy game with a sexy secret agent, as well as other tales by Lori Foster and Carly Phillips. **APB \$19.95**

Umberto Eco

Foucault's Pendulum

This novel by the author of "The Name of the Rose" follows that book's format of a complex intellectual thriller. The plot ranges back and forth through the centuries, full of arcane knowledge, secret societies, love, death, passion and perversion. **BPB \$24.95**

Bill Fitzhugh

Heart Seizure

When a heart becomes available for donation, a slew of zealous competitors goes to outrageous lengths to claim the organ, from a dogooding lawyer to a pair of unscrupulous government agents, in a tale that follows a wacky crosscountry auto race. **TP \$28.95**

Colin Forbes*The Main Chance*

At the urgent plea of his old friend, Commander Buchanan of Scotland Yard, Tweed, once ace detective, now Deputy Chief SIS, visits Mrs Bella Main, formidable matriarch controlling the Main Chance, the most powerful private bank in Europe. Bella tells Tweed and Paula Grey, his assistant, that she has refused an enormous offer from Calouste Gubenkian, the most ruthless and villainous man in Europe. Within days of their visit Bella is murdered.

Tweed and Paula return to investigate the atrocious act. The bank's HQ is based in a huge Elizabethan manor hidden in The Forest, a vast area in the deep south of England. Tweed has already met members of the two families, run by their forefathers for generations. Was Bella murdered by one of them - or is it the work of the vicious Calouste?

The movement never stops, changing to Calouste's Chateau Les Rochers in the Belgian Ardennes. A ferocious battle takes place. Two more murders are committed at the manor. Tweed and Paula race to tiny Seacove on the rugged Cornish coast to prevent another murder. Finally, Tweed proves the Bank, founded in 1912, was based on a brutal crime all those years ago. **APB \$18.95**

Scott Frost*Never Fear (Alex Delillo)*

Set in the suburbs of simmering Los Angeles, NEVER FEAR is a fast-paced thriller featuring Alex Delillo, detective and single mother, which proves that Scott Frost is an exciting new addition to the crime arena. Seventeen years ago, three young women were murdered; their bodies dumped in the wasteland of the Los Angeles River. The serial killer was never found. Now, Lieutenant Alex Delillo, is forced to re-open the case after the brother she never knew existed, a private investigator, is found murdered. As Alex gets closer to the truth behind her brother's murder, alarming flashbacks from her childhood start to plague her and she realises that the truth may lie closer to her life than she could have ever imagined. Alex will have to reach deep into her past to uncover the truth behind the killings and will have to use all her resources if she is to find out the truth before those that want to cover it up find her. **TP \$32.95**

Lisa Gardner*Gone*

For ex-FBI profiler Pierce Quincy, it's the beginning of his worst nightmare: a car abandoned on a desolate stretch of Oregon highway, engine running, purse on the driver's seat. And his estranged wife, Rainie Conner, gone, leaving no clue to her fate. Did one of the ghosts from her troubled past finally catch up with Rainie? Or could her disappearance be the result of one of the cases they'd been working - a particularly vicious double homicide or the possible abuse of a deeply disturbed child Rainie took too close to heart? As the clock winds down on a terrifying deadline, Pierce plunges headlong into the most desperate hunt of his life, into the shattering search for a killer, a lethal truth, and for the love of his life who may be forever gone. **PB \$19.95**

Julie Garwood*Slow Burn*

When a woman returns to her tiny hometown after a long absence, she is stunned to find herself implicated in a decadesold murder and is left in the position of not knowing whom she can trust, or whom she should fear the most. **PB \$19.95**

Ann Granger*Rare Interest in Corpses*

A gripping Victorian crime novel set in the heart of London from a highly respected author. It is 1864 when Lizzie Martin takes up the post of companion to a wealthy widow who is also a slum landlord. Lizzie is intrigued to learn that her predecessor as companion disappeared, supposedly having run off with an unknown man. But when the girl's body is found in the rubble of one of the recently demolished slums around the prestigious new railway station at St Pancras, Lizzie begins to wonder exactly what has been going on. She has re-made the acquaintance of a childhood friend, now Inspector Benjamin Ross, and with his help starts to investigate, risking her life to unearth the truth about the death of a girl whose fate seems interlinked with her own. **APB \$19.95**

Lois Greiman*Tempting the Wolf*

The warrior guards a dangerous secret . . .

To the ladies of the ton he is the "Irish Wolf," an unobtainable object of their most hidden desires. But centuries ago, O'Banyon fell victim to an enchanting witch. Once ruthless in battle-and in the bedchamber- he is now cursed . . . and the wolf is set free.

The lady has a dark gift . . .

Antoinette Desbonnet knows there is much to fear from this dashing, magnificent stranger who stirs heated longings deep within her. And, in turn, O'Banyon's aroused senses warn him to beware this alluring young countess in shimmering white-for he knows he can never conquer her . . . yet cannot resist her. Something mysterious and powerful in her is calling to him. And he must have the bewitching beauty-even if it costs him his twice-damned soul. **APB \$14.99**

Lisa Jackson*Deep Freeze*

Jenna Hughes left Hollywood for a farm in Oregon to get away from fame. But someone has followed the former movie star - an obsessed fan whose letters are personal and deeply disturbing. And while Jenna's already shaken up by what she's seen on paper, she'd be terrified if she knew what Sheriff Shane Carter is investigating. It's a shocking case that started with the discovery of a dead woman in the woods. Now two more women are missing, and one of them looks just like Jenna. As a blizzard bears down on their small town, the merciless killer's grisly work has only just begun. Jenna is getting close to meeting her biggest fan - the one who wants to own her forever. Bestselling author Lisa Jackson combines a compelling heroine's search for security with a terrifying story of spellbinding suspense. **TP \$32.95**

Christian Jacq*The Conspiracy of Evil (Mysteries of Osiris 02)*

Despite the best efforts of the Pharaoh Sensusret and his generals, the beautiful acacia tree of Abydos is dying. But the beautiful priestess Isis has an idea: to save the 'Tree of Life', a new pyramid must be built in honour of Osiris. Sensusret agrees to the plan -- but what the pharaoh doesn't know is that a triple conspiracy has been hatched against him.

On the one hand, the Herald, the bearded devil who preaches to the desert tribes, has decided to seize power by having the pharaoh murdered. On the other, within Sensusret's own court, an ambitious, thieving traitor is plotting to get rid of his master. Finally, Iker the scribe, deceived by appearances, believes that the time has come to settle his scores.

Never has the pharaoh seemed so alone or so vulnerable. And never before has the future of Egypt been in such great peril. **APB \$19.95**

Michael Jecks*Death Ship of Dartmouth*

Another fascinating murder mystery from 14th century Devon. When a body is found lying in the road, many in Dartmouth assume that a drunk had fallen and killed himself. At the same time, the town is on alert because a ship has been found ravaged by pirates out at sea, the crew killed or captured. Is this the beginning of a new onslaught by pirates, or is something more sinister happening? Sir Baldwin de Furnhill has been told of spies and messengers being sent to the great traitor Roger Mortimer in France. If the messengers reach Mortimer, civil war in England will soon break out. This is the most important investigation of their lives: it could result in their own execution if they fail to learn the facts. But if they succeed, other men will want them silenced forever. **APB \$19.95**

Omar Khayyam*The Rubaiyat***PB \$9.95****Cormac McCarthy***Child of God*

A violent, dispossessed man roams the Tennessee hill country caught up in his own depravity **BPB \$26.95**

Blood Meridian

Based on incidents that took place in the southwestern United States and Mexico around 1850, this novel chronicles the crimes of a band of desperados, with a particular focus on one, "the kid," a boy of fourteen **BPB \$30.95**

Don Pendleton*Homeland Terror (Executioner 336)*

When Mack Bolan discovers a conspiracy deep within the U.S. government involving domestic militia groups that are responsible for an unauthorized attack on CIA headquarters, he must race against time to stop a senator from unleashing a revolution in his quest for absolute power. **APB \$13.95**

State of Evil (SuperBolan 111)

Extracting a young man from a cult called The Process at the behest of an old friend, Mack Bolan makes his way through the Congo, where he stumbles upon a plot to detonate an atomic weapon in an attempt to satisfy an African cult leader's thirst for his own personal Judgment Day.

APB \$16.95**Don Pendleton***Ultimate Stakes*

When the Washington National Opera becomes the scene of the brutal murder of a young soprano, Mac Smith and his wife, gallery owner Annabel Reed Smith, launch their own investigation that leads them into a race against time to stop an assassination plot targeting the president of the United States on opening night at the Kennedy Center. **APB \$16.95**

Sarah Rayne*Spider Light*

"The dangerous thing about spider light is that it hides things -- things you never knew existed. But once you have seen those things, you can never afterwards forget them..."

Antonia Weston has come to the sleepy market town of Amberwood in search of peace and anonymity after a shattering and all-too-public tragedy in her life. But shortly after her arrival, a series of disturbing incidents occur -- incidents that eerily echo a past she is trying to forget.

As Antonia struggles to re-build her life, she becomes increasingly fascinated by the macabre history surrounding her: the disused watermill, Twygrist, with its brooding darkness, and the now-vanished Latchkill Asylum. Memories of Latchkill still linger: memories of how, when the autumn dusk -- the 'spider-light' -- fell, no one would dare walk past its gates. Because a hundred years ago, people lost their identities inside Latchkill's walls. People such as the innocent Maud Lincoln, jolted out of that innocence by a brutal plot.

But Antonia's fascination with the linked histories of Latchkill and Twygrist has alerted someone from her own past. Someone who knows all about Twygrist's darkness. Someone prepared to use that knowledge in the most horrific way... **TP \$29.95**

Nicholas Sparks*At First Sight*

There are few things Jeremy Marsh was sure he'd never do: he'd never leave New York City: never give his heart away again after barely surviving one failed marriage: and most of all, never become a parent.

Now, Jeremy is living in the tiny town of Boone Creek, North Carolina, married to Lexie Darnell, the love of his life, and anticipating the birth of their daughter. But just as his life seems to be settling into a blissful pattern, an unsettling and mysterious message re-opens old wounds and sets off a chain of events that will forever change the course of this young couple's marriage . . . **APB \$19.95**

A Bend in the Road

Miles Ryan's life seemed to end the day his wife was killed in a hit-and-run accident two years ago. As a deputy sheriff in the North Carolina town of New Bern, he not only grieves for Missy, but longs to bring the unknown driver to justice. Then Miles meets Sarah Andrew.

The second-grade teacher of his son, Jonah, Sarah had left Baltimore after a difficult divorce to start over in the gentler surroundings of New Bern. Perhaps it is her own emotional wounds that make her sensitive to the hurt she sees first in Jonah's eyes and then in his father's. Tentatively, Sarah and Miles reach out to each other. Soon they are both laughing for the first time in years . . . and falling in love.

Neither will be able to guess how closely linked they are to a shocking secret -- one that will force them to question everything they ever believed in . . . and make a heartbreaking choice that will change their lives for ever. **APB \$19.95**

The Guardian

Julie Barenson's young husband left her two unexpected gifts before he died - a puppy named Singer and the promise that he would always be watching over her. Now, four years later, twenty-nine-year-old Julie is far too young to have given up on love. She may be ready to risk caring for someone again. But who?

Should it be Richard Franklin, the sophisticated, handsome engineer who treats her like a queen? Or Mike Harris, the down-to-earth nice guy who was her husband's best friend? Choosing one of them should bring her more happiness than she's had in year. Instead, Julie is soon fighting for her life in a nightmare spawned by a chilling deception and a jealousy so poisonous that it has become a murderous desire . . . **APB \$19.95**

Nicholas Sparks

Message in a Bottle

Divorcee Theresa Osborne, newspaper columnist and mother of a twelve-year-old son, picks up a bottle on the beach during a seaside vacation. Inside is a letter from a man called Garrett.

My dearest Catherine, I miss you my darling, as I always do, but today is particularly hard because the ocean has been singing to me, and the song is that of our life together . . .

For Garrett, his message is the only way he knows to express his undying love for a woman he has lost. For Theresa, wary of romance since her husband shattered her trust, the message raises questions that intrigue her. Who are Garrett and Catherine? What is their story? Challenged by the mystery and unaccountably drawn to find him, Theresa embarks on a search that takes her to a sunlit coast town and an unexpected confrontation . . .

APB \$19.95

Nights in Rodanthe

At forty-five, Adrienne Willis must rethink her entire life when her husband abandons her for a younger woman. Reeling with heartache and in search of a respite, she flees to the small coastal town of Rodanthe, North Carolina, to tend to a friend's inn for the weekend. But when a major storm starts moving in, it appears that Adrienne's perfect getaway will be ruined -- until a guest named Paul Flanner arrives. Paul has just sold his medical practice and comes to Rodanthe to escape his own shattered past. Now, with the storm closing in, two wounded people will turn to each other for comfort -- and in one weekend, set in motion feelings that will resonate throughout the rest of their lives. **APB \$19.95**

The Notebook

Set amid the austere beauty of the North Carolina coast, *The Notebook* begins with the story of Noah Calhoun, a rural Southerner recently returned from the Second World War. Noah is restoring a plantation home to its former glory, and he is haunted by images of the beautiful girl he met fourteen years earlier, a girl he loved like no other. Unable to find her, yet unwilling to forget the summer they spent together, Noah is content to live with only memories . . . until she unexpectedly returns to his town to see him once again.

Like a puzzle within a puzzle, the story of Noah and Allie is just the beginning. As it unfolds, their tale miraculously becomes something different, with much higher stakes. The result is a deeply moving portrait of love itself, the tender moments and the fundamental changes that affect us all. It is a story of miracles and emotions that will stay with you forever. **APB \$19.95**

The Rescue

When confronted by raging fires or deadly accidents, volunteer fireman Taylor McAden feels compelled to take terrifying risks -- risks no-one else in the department would ever take -- to save lives. But there is one leap of faith Taylor cannot bring himself to make. He cannot fall in love. For all his adult years, Taylor has sought out women who need to be rescued, women he leaves as soon as their crisis is over, as soon as the relationship starts to become truly intimate.

Then, one day, a raging, record-breaking storm hits his small Southern town. Denise Hilton, a young single mother, is driving through it when her car skids off the road. With her is her four-year-old son, Kyle, a boy with severe learning disabilities for whom she has sacrificed everything. Taylor finds her unconscious and bleeding, but when she wakes, the chilling truth is clear: Kyle is gone.

During the search for Kyle, a connection between Taylor and Denise takes root. **APB \$19.95**

True Believer

Jeremy Marsh, a science journalist and debunker from New York, has set his sights on finding the real reasons behind the mysterious lights that appear in an ancient southern cemetery, and he heads to the tiny town of Boone Creek, North Carolina, in search of the truth.

Sceptical by nature, he comes face to face with Lexie Darnell, the town's librarian, and as he slowly finds the answers he's looking for, he gradually begins to understand that science can only go so far when it comes to unravelling the mysteries of the human heart.

Part love story, part ghost story, *True Believer* makes us believe in the impossible, trust in fate, and the undeniable power of love . . . **APB \$19.95**

A Walk to Remember

The last person Landon thought he would fall for was Jamie Sullivan, daughter of the town's Baptist minister. A quiet girl, Jamie seemed content living in a world apart from the other teens. She took care of her widowed father, rescued hurt animals and volunteered at the local orphanage.

Landon would never have dreamed of asking her out, but a twist of fate threw them together when he found himself without a partner for the school dance. In the months that followed, Landon discovered truths that most people take a lifetime to learn - about the joy of giving, the pain of loss and, most of all, the transforming nature of love. Being with Jamie would show him the depths of the human heart and lead him to a decision so stunning it would send him irrevocably on the road to manhood . . . **APB \$19.95**

The Wedding

After more than 20 years of marriage, Wilson Lewis, son-in-law of Allie and Noah Calhoun (of *THE NOTEBOOK*) is forced to admit that the romance has gone out of his marriage. Desperate to win back his wife Jane's heart, he must figure out how to make her fall in love with him . . . again. Despite the shining example of Allie and Noah's marriage, Wilson is himself a man unable to easily express his emotions. A successful tax attorney, he has provided well for his family, but now, with his daughter's upcoming wedding and an impending empty nest, he is forced to face the fact that he and Jane have grown apart and he wonders if she even loves him anymore. Wilson is sure of one thing - his love for his wife has only deepened and intensified over the years.

Now, with the memories of his in-laws' magnificent fifty-year love affair as his guide, Wilson struggles to find his own way back into the heart of the woman he adores. **APB \$19.95**

Three Weeks With my Brother

Having lost their parents to a horse-riding accident and a car wreck, and their sister to brain cancer, Nicholas and Micah Sparks, in their mid-thirties, took a three-week journey to some of the wonders of the world - the lost city of Machu Picchu high in the Andes, the mysterious Easter Island and Ayers Rock in the Australian outback - to reawaken their shell-shocked selves, hoping to recapture lost faith and shore up ailing optimism along the way.

Daredevil Micah and the more serious, introspective Nicholas recall their childhood adventures and the tragedies that tested their faith. As moving and emotionally riveting as Nicholas Sparks's bestselling works of fiction and narrated with irrepressible humour and rare candour, *Three Weeks With My Brother* reminds us to cherish the joyful times of our lives . . . **APB \$19.95**

Jill Paton Walsh*Debt of Dishonour*

Hoping to attract a generous endowment, St Agatha's College, Cambridge, invites fabulously wealthy Sir Julius Farran to dine. The evening is a disaster for everyone but Imogen Quy: Farran invites her to come and work for him. She declines, but when Farran dies, suddenly and shockingly, she has to look into it. His death left a large hole in his company accounts that could mean financial ruin for St Agatha's. To save her college, Imogen starts to cast her cool eye over the financier's heirs, employees and enemies. What is right about the death of Sir Julius? What is wrong about it? And why did it happen? After all, her name rhymes with why... **APB \$19.95**

Kate Westbrook*Secret Servent (Money Penny Diaries)*

Jane Money Penny may project a cool, calm and collected image but her secret diaries reveal a rather different story. In the grip of an uncertain love affair and haunted by a dark family secret, the last thing she needs is a crisis at work. But the Secret Intelligence Service is in chaos. One senior officer is on trial for treason, another has defected to Moscow and her beloved James Bond has been brainwashed by the KGB. Only a woman's touch can save them. Money Penny soon finds herself embroiled in a highly-charged adventure infused with the glamour of the Cold War espionage game. Alone on a dangerous Russian mission she turns, with breathless intimacy, to writing a truly explosive private diary. **TP \$32.95**