



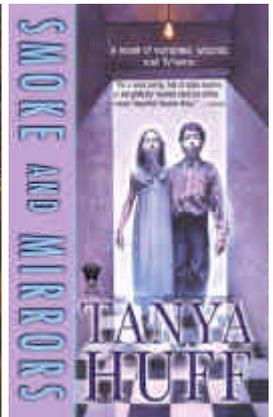
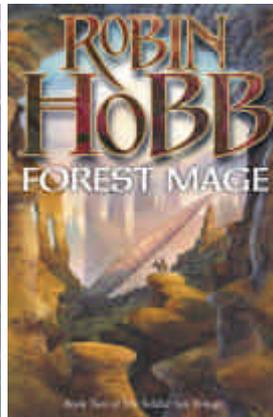
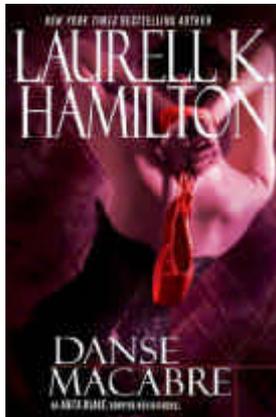
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Featured Books



Danse Macabre by **Laurell K Hamilton**, the 13th Anita Blake novel in hardcover.

Blood and Iron by **Elizabeth Bear** in trade paperback

The Oracle's Queen by **Lynn Flewelling**, the 3rd Tamir Triad in paperback.

Forest Mage by **Robin Hobb**, the 2nd Soldier Son in trade paperback and hardcover.

Smoke and Mirrors by **Tanya Huff** the Smoke novel in paperback.

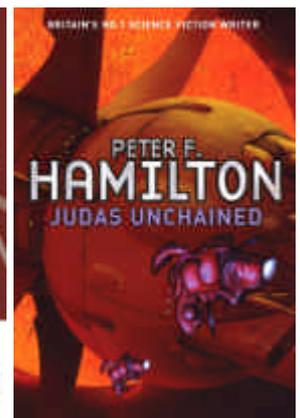
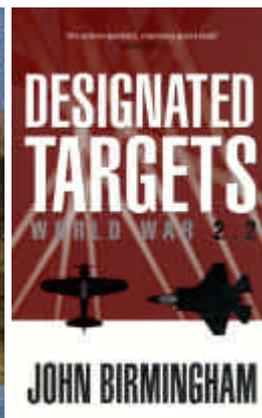
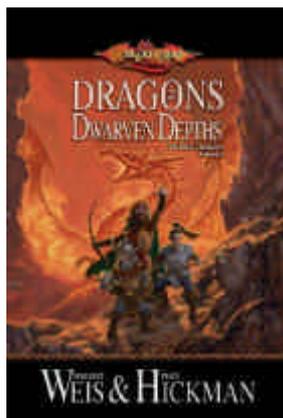
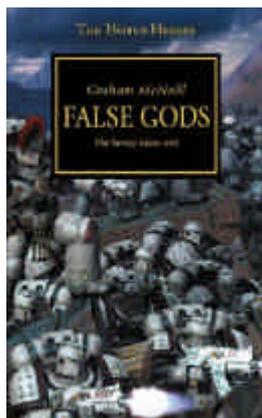
False Gods by **Graham McNeil**, the 2nd Warhammer 40K Horus Heresy novel in paperback.

Dragons of the Dwarven Depths by **Tracy Hickman** and **Margaret Weis** the 1st Dragonlance Dark Chronicles in hardcover.

The Year's Best Science Fiction Twenty Third Annual Collection edited by **Gardner Dozois**, in trade paperback and hardcover.

Designated Targets World War 2.2 by **John Birmingham**, 2nd Axis of Time in paperback.

Judas Unchained by **Peter F Hamilton**, the final in the 2 book Commonwealth series in paperback.



News

Trudi Canavan has sold world rights for four books to Orbit, which includes a sequel trilogy and a prequel to her Black Magician trilogy, for a seven figure sum in GBP.

J K Rowling, in a UK Channel 4 TV interview, has said that 2 of the central characters will die in the next, and final Harry Potter book. This has inspired an amusing local response requesting the death of Hermione to avoid the possibility of a “non-Rowling chick-lit sequel” with themes of “career witch or listen to that biological clock and become a stay-at-home witch.” (Alisoun Garrard, letter to the editor SMH 29/06/06)

Jim Baen of Baen Books died on June 28th, following a massive stroke on June 12th. Jim Baen was one of the most significant publishers of science fiction in the past 20 years. He did things differently from the mainstream publishers. Running Baen Books, he published well written stories but marketed them as pulp and thereby subverted many new readers to our genre, though he did publish many pulpy fun stories too. Baen Books gives away free e-books and publishes low priced first in series to introduce new readers to the popular authors. Baen Books pair well established successful authors with new unknown authors to write books together, thereby nurturing new talent into the industry. Infinitas has had only limited direct contact with Jim, but our thoughts are with his family and all at Baen Books.

For more information and an obituary by David Drake visit <http://www.david-drake.com/baen.html>

Naomi Novik has sold 3 new books in her *Temerine* series to Del Ray.

Locus Awards, which are based upon a reader poll by Locus Magazine have been announced.

Best science fiction novel: *Accelerando* by Charles Stross

Best fantasy novel: *Anansi Boys* by Neil Gaiman

Best first novel: *Hammered, Scardown, Worldwired* trilogy by Elizabeth Bear

For a full listing see: http://locusmag.com/2006/News/06_LocusWinners.html

Elizabeth Moon's *Engaging the Enemy* in paperback has finally arrived in store after a number of delays. This is book 3 in the *Vatta's War* series.

Discounted Books: We have recently added a lot of books to the specials table. Most of the books listed are the single copy left, many are out of print, and are discounted by up to 60%. This is a first in, first served system. You can check out the listing on our website <http://www.infinitas.com.au/ClearanceBooks.php>

Special price paperbacks: We have some new limited edition \$11.95 paperbacks to tempt you, each being the first in their popular series. Be warned, they are addictive:

A Game of Thrones by George R R Martin <http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780553588484>

On Basilisk Station by David Weber <http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9781416509370>

1632 by Eric Flint <http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9781416532811>

There Will Be Dragons by John Ringo <http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9781416532842>

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Gamebooks for Young Readers

This article was written by Louisa Dent, the author of *The Forgotten Spell*, the first book in a trilogy of Spellcaster Gamebooks.

Check out: <http://www.louisadent.com> or for details of her book see: <http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9781840467314>

Hands up who remembers the Choose-Your-Own-Adventure series? Or the more superior Fighting Fantasy series? When I was growing up in the eighties, I was hooked on these gamebooks, like many other kids. I was so hooked that I decided to start writing my own one. I went out and bought a nice blank notebook, then carefully numbered every single page and began to write. I soon realised how difficult it was! I had to draw maps to keep track of the multiple plots, and because I had no idea where the story was going (having not thought very far ahead), I ended up running out of puff. Still, a valiant effort it was, and it was about fifteen years later that I was able to take up where I left off. Using a computer this time, the cutting and pasting made it so easy that I didn't even have to draw a map. I somehow managed to contain the entire book in my head, and *The Forgotten Spell* was at long last born.

Writing gamebooks is tremendous fun, just as it is to read them. You can read them in a cavalier manner, taking dreadful risks and challenging your common sense, or you can choose to be an astute reader, acting somewhat like a detective to gather the clues which show the way. A good gamebook is one where the choices presented are not arbitrary. Sometimes gamebook writers will be lazy, offering you innocuous options that lead to death or dead-ends. But a good gamebook writer will leave enough clues to guide the reader, as well as ensure that every choice in the book makes sense.

To me, gamebooks are magical. The magic exists in the spaces between the pages, in that moment when you decide to go one way, not another. Each choice contains in it the power of autonomy and the promise of being the hero. For young readers gamebooks open the world of magic in a way that is utterly unique and rewarding.

Infinitas Flash Fiction

Paralysis by Karen Maric

Cradled within the earth, he drifted towards sleep. The soil's moist grittiness cushioned his skin. Rich odours of decomposition scented the air. Tiny bodies writhed and burrowed around him, tickling: worms, insects, spiders...

A distant snort jerked him into wakefulness. Somewhere far away, branches cracked.

The monsters hunted again!

Do you think they've scented us? One of his kin, nestled in the ground nearby, blasted out the thought.

Hope not, he replied, fighting for calm. *Perhaps they're after another colony.*

Around his earth-bed, a cluster of ferns sprouted, hiding him. Sheltering oak and yew trees towered overhead. No moon yet lit the sky; only a few stars glimmered between thin grey ribbons of cloud.

But the snorts, the cracks of wood, grew louder. Cloven hoofs pounded the forest floor, the noise muffled by a carpet of leaves. Still, he could feel the vibrations of the monsters' progress slamming against his inert body, convulsing the very soil like a series of earth-tremors. The monsters erupted into squeals and snuffles of excitement as they bounded nearer. He pictured the faces of those that had barely missed finding him the previous night: their twitching snouts, their small, greedy eyes. Their yellowed tusks, snapping. Streaming drool. If they found him, they'd tear and chop him to pieces. Boil up his flesh till nothing was left...

Beneath the thumps of the cloven-hoofed monsters, he could hear different footsteps now. These footsteps loped in long strides, slapping the leaves rather than pummelling them. These creatures spoke to the other monsters in grunts, in guttural commands, goading them on.

They're headed straight for us! said another of his kin.

Don't panic! he snapped. *Panic, and you'll give us all away!* He spoke the order as much to himself as to his kin, because just then a snort of foul air demolished his fern and leaf shield, separating the delicate fronds, tossing the leaf litter aside. One of the monsters stood right above him, sniffing!

Frantic, he struggled to burrow deeper into the soil. As usual, his soft-skinned body lay motionless, paralysed. Conscious of his unique, pungent smell wafting off him in waves? conscious, too, of his fear intensifying the smell? he could do nothing but listen. And wait.

Wet splats reached him: hoofs flinging aside clods of earth. The monstrous grunts and squeals reached a crescendo.

One of his kin screamed: *I'm found I'm found I'm?*

Silence.

Panic seized him then. With a tremendous exertion of will, he smothered it, but still his fear-smell built and built and?

? when hooves shook the ground above him, he knew he was finished. Paralysed, he lay there, and waited for the end.

A snout penetrated the soil. Rancid breath, hot with excitement, gusted over his skin. Two hungry black eyes stared down at him.

A hand like a pale five-legged spider reached for him.

He screamed without sound.

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Gerard tugged the leashed pigs away from their find. "Good work, boys." He patted them. "Good work."

"Twelve in an hour!" said his partner, Francois. "I tell you, these fungi are practically throwing themselves at us tonight!"

Laughing, he tore the truffle out of the soil and dropped it into his sack.

This is a commended story from the 2006 Magic Casements flash fiction competition. Karen is a member of the Infinitas Writers' Group.

Reviews

Forest Mage by Robin Hobb reviewed by Josephine Crowley

<http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780007196166>

Forest Mage, the second book in Robin Hobb's *Soldier Son Trilogy* continues the Life of Nevare Burelle as a second son and his destiny to be a soldier. But life does not run at all smoothly for Nevare.

Written in the first person we get a wonderful insight into the character of Nevare, his thoughts and feelings. I really wanted to push this story along as we travelled with Nevare in his quest to discover his destiny. But the journey is bleak, long and at times quite dark and I read on hoping for some happiness for Nevare in his lonely life.

This book is fantasy and because of the author's gift of story telling makes an interesting read, and is suitable for most readers except the very young, although some of the gory sections may upset some readers. Like most of Robin Hobb's novels this is a long read. It would have been more enjoyable for me if it were considerably shorter.

I look forward to the completion of Book Three of *Soldier Son* and hope for some happiness for Nevare Burelle.

Forest Mage by **Robin Hobb** reviewed by Catherine

<http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780007196166>

Forest Mage is the second book in the Soldier Son trilogy by Robin Hobb. It continues to follow the life and troubles of Nevare Gerar. The book starts where the first book left us, at the Kings Cavalla Academy, where Nevare was a cadet. Nevare and other survivors are recovering from the devastating effects of the Speck plague.

This is a complex novel and not the one to choose if you want a quick read. It is also not suitable for young readers. There are adult themes, with a lot of death. The central character is male and the book focuses in depth on his emotions as he deals with how his life has turned out. He feels miserable, but then there is a lot to be miserable about in his life. The speck magic that he encountered in the first book has changed his life greatly. The story is set in an American frontier like world with the population pushing its way to the edge of the known world to build the 'Kings road'. However, the unknown world is a magic one though and the clash between the two is the cause for Nevare's troubles. There is continual struggle by Nevare against his destiny. As I was reading I wondered how the book could possibly end, now I want to know where the story goes from here.

I enjoyed the Liveship trilogy more than I have these two books. These two books are very focused on the central male character's feelings and thoughts and 'why me' attitude. Female characters are on the periphery of his story, but true to this world the women's place is secondary.

Quest for the Sun Gem by **Belinda Murrell** reviewed by Dan

<http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9781741661705>

Ethan and Lily's father is the Royal Master of the Horse. So when the annual Royal Hunt for the White Stallion is ready to set out, Ethan sneaks into the woods to watch. He expects to watch a sacred ritual, but instead, he witnesses Sedah raiders kill the King and priestess, and kidnap the royal party, including the Queen and Prince, and Ethan's father as well. Of the party who were to head out on the hunt, only Princess Roana escapes, and now it's up to Ethan to warn the village. Along the way Ethan joins up with Roana, Lily and his friend Saxon, and together they plan to rescue the captives and regain the Royal Sun Sword.

Quest for the Sun Gem is a well paced children's fantasy suitable for all ages. The story will appeal to younger readers with its puzzles and adventures, while older readers will enjoy the more subtle hints of character secrets. The lead characters are all different in outlook and ability and provide plenty of differing views on how things should be done, like any group of 4 youngsters would.

Quest for the Sun Gem by **Belinda Murrell** Reviewed by Liam aged 12 years

<http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9781741661705>

The Quest for the Sun Gem is book 1 of the yet to be written Sunsword trilogy by Belinda Murrell. The story is a medieval fantasy set in the Kingdom of Tiregian. It follows the adventures of 4 children, 2 boys and 2 girls and their dog. The story follows their escape and quest to rescue their parents from the invading Sedahs. Also they need to find the magical gems of the royal Sunsword.

The story is easy to follow and made sense to me as a reader. It is similar in style to the Rangers Apprentice stories by John Flanagan. I will look forward to the next book as the children continue their quest.

I would recommend the book for competent 7-11 year old readers.

The Secret Hour (Midnighters 1) by **Scott Westerfeld** Reviewed by Karen Maric

<http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9781904233824>

Midnighters is based on a fascinating premise, reminiscent of that behind Alex Proya's 1998 science fiction film, Dark City.

In the town of Bixby, Oklahoma, a secret twenty-fifth hour exists after midnight. During this hour all machinery stops and all normal people are frozen. It is an hour in which only those teenagers who are gifted with various paranormal abilities can move around to explore the eerie, frozen midnight realm. These teenagers call themselves the Midnighters.

Strange creatures known as slithers inhabit the midnight hour, but it is not until a new girl, Jessica Day, moves to Bixby that the slithers mysteriously become aggressive. Jessica, with the help of the other Midnighters, must discover why the slithers hate her, and what her own special ability is, in order to defeat the shape-shifting creatures of midnight.

This is a highly imaginative story with a cast of fascinating and unusual characters, each of whom possesses paranormal abilities you'll sometimes wish you had? and sometimes be glad you don't.

Magyk by **Angie Sage** Reviewed by Julianne

<http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780747579267>

Book 1 of Septimus Heap

Magyk is story filled with Magyk and mayhem. It is a story about lost children, an evil necromancer, a purple clad snake-leather booted ExtraOrdinary Wizard, ghosts, living dragon boats, the Heap family and a princess in hiding.

Follow the Heap family on a journey of self-discovery and high adventure as they flee the evil necromancer DomDaniel as he attempts to take control of the castle and its population and rid the world of the Heap family - his only stumbling block in succeeding with his evil plans. Meanwhile, the Heap family together with the exiled ExtraOrdinary Wizard and others make plans to try and thwart the workings of this mad man.

Brought to you by the same publishers as the Harry Potter books, this is the first book in a new series. Aimed at a young adult audience, the story includes all the elements to make an interesting series of books, and I look forward to reading the next instalment.

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Information on the Infinitas Groups

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

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

Thursday July 6th: Dystopia
Thursday August 3rd: Europe and Science Fiction

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 July 20th:

Guy Gavriel Kay *The Summer Tree* (F)
Charles Stross *Singularity Sky* (SF)

Thursday August 17th:

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

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 June

General Release

Prismatic	Edwina Grey *
Carnies	Martin Livings *
Undead and Unreturnable	MaryJanice Davidson
Danse Macabre	Laurell K Hamilton
Hallowed Hunt	Lois McMaster Bujold
Light Years Beneath my Feet	Alan Dean Foster
Heart of Stars	Kate Forsyth *
Broken	Kelley Armstrong
Shaman's Crossing	Robin Hobb
Smoke and Mirrors	Tanya Huff

Media and Games Related Titles

False Gods	Warhammer 40,000
Horus Rising	Warhammer 40,000
Betrayal	Star Wars
Evolution	Star Trek Voyager
Dark Lord	Star Wars
Warpath	Star Trek Deep Space 9
The Chosen	Stargate Atlantis
Warrior Coven	Warhammer 40,000
Blood on the Sun	CSI New York
Death on Naboo	Star Wars

(* = Australian author)

Science Fiction, Fantasy and Horror

Analog June 2006

MAG \$10.95

Fantasy & Science Fiction July 2006

MAG \$9.95

Locus 545 June 2006

MAG \$16

Douglas Adams

The Restaurant at the End of the Universe (Hitchhikers 02)

In the sequel to *The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy*, Arthur Dent joins his longtime friend Ford Prefect; Zaphod Beeblebrox, the twoheaded former president of the galaxy; and Trillian, a sexy refugee, on a hilarious search for the current ruler of the universe. **CD \$60**

Life, the Universe and Everything (Hitchhikers 03)

The third installment of the zany Hitchhiker series finds Arthur Dent, reluctant space and time traveler, and his wacky entourage on a mission to prevent the destruction of the universe by killer robots. **CD \$60**

Catherine Asaro

The Charmed Sphere

What was the use of being a powerful mage if you couldn't learn the spells?

Once Chime had been the most promising mage in the land, fêted and celebrated for her potential future in the kingdom. Then Iris, her young competitor, made a stunning leap in skill and turned Chime's world upside down.

Now no longer the most powerful, no longer promised to a prince-and still unable to harness her magic properly -Chime was set adrift. As was the new king's cousin, and former heir, Lord Muller.

Yet when the neighbouring kingdom threatened war, Muller and Chime were tasked with uncovering the plot. Could this quest be the opportunity for redemption? Or would it lead them to their deaths? **APB \$16.95**

Robert Asprin

Myth-ing Persons (Myth)

Shares the humorous adventures of the Great Skeeve, a powerful magician, Aahz, his demon partner, and Gleep the dragon in Deva, the crossroads of dimensions. **PB \$17.95**

L A Banks

The Forsaken (Vampire Huntress)

With the death of the Chairman of the Vampire Council and the rise of the seventh level of Hell, Damali is confronted by her ultimate challenge, a once banished entity with the power to stop a Neteru. **TP \$30.95**

Elizabeth Bear

Blood And Iron (Promethean Age)

Seeker, a woman enchanted by the Faerie Queen and forced to kidnap human children for the pleasure of her mistress, goes after her latest prey, a Merlin, a child possessing a limitless magic that could tip the ultimate balance of power. **TP \$28.95**

Nigel Bennett & P N Elrod

Siege Perilous

Vampire Richard Dun, once known as Lancelot, faces a vengeful old enemy, Charon the Assassin, who has returned, possessing terrible new powers that threaten the very existence of both the Realside and Otherside planes. **APB \$19.95**

John Birmingham Australian Author

Designated Targets (Axis of Time 02 World War 2.2)

The nightmare of the Transition has given way to a world in chaos. The battlelines of World War II are being redrawn in dangerous and unpredictable ways, leaving the Allied forces scrambling for control and the Axis forces with undreamtof power.

But the military crisis is only the beginning. An awareness of how their future unfolds is sweeping the world, and the people of 1942 are split between clamouring for change and the freedoms their descendants enjoy, and resisting it to protect the values of their society.

Then Japan invades Australia, foreign agents begin a campaign of terror in the USA, and Germany prepares for an allout attack on Britain. The twentyfirstcentury forces must resort to the most extreme measures yet... **APB \$19.95**

Danny Birt

Ending an Ending (Laurian Pentology 01)

Existence is not supposed to be optional in this flat polytheistic world, but a seemingly amnesic individual named Sanct finds himself in possession of (or being possessed by) a staff that ignores this most basic of the gods' rules.

Throughout the course of battles with foes magical and holy, Sanct learns that another of the gods' rules is at the breaking point: the amount of Time allotted this world is running out as surely as sand runs from an hourglass. If it continues, the world will not reach the End of Time, and will instead simply disintegrate.

Around Sanct gathers a series of characters who hold the key to returning the world to its rightful path, provided they can figure out what they need to do, and have the courage in the end to carry through with their plans.

Thus begins the Laurian Pentology. **TP \$40.95**

David Bishop

Twilight of the Dead (Fiends of the Eastern Front)

APB \$16

Ben Bova

Titan (Grand Tour of the Solar System)

Titan Alpha has landed: the most complex manmade object to reach Saturn's largest moon. The ten thousand men and women of Habitat Goddard are once more at the frontier of science. From their huge, artificial paradise hanging in orbit above Saturn, some of them dream of landing on Titan's surface. Others will do anything to prevent such a landing. And yet others have darker, secret plans. But almost immediately, Titan Alpha goes silent. And minor, inexplicable faults start to affect Goddard. Is there a basic design flaw that could threaten the lives of everyone on board? Or has one of the many malcontents exiled to space decided to sabotage the probe or even the whole expedition? The newest chapter in Ben Bova's epic of space exploration brings to vivid, aweinspiring life a barren world of swirling smog, frozen methane seas and perhaps even a new sentient life form.

APB \$21.95

Simon Brown Australian Author

Daughter of Independence (Chronicles of Kydan 03)

In the new land, original inhabitants and their colonisers work together to turn Kydan from city state into trading empire, and bring it the wealth and strength it needs to survive the inevitable confrontation with the old world. Strategos Galys Valera knows Kydan must find a counter to the might of the Hamilayan empire, and believes the answer is in the papers left behind by her dead lover, Kitayra Albyn... But can it be found in time?

Across the Deepening Sea, Empress Lerena Kevleren is forging a new power base made from human sacrifice, fear and her overwhelming control of the Sefid, the source of all magic. But soon her gaze will fall on Kydan.

In the concluding volume of the Chronicles of Kydan, the final confrontation between old and new, magic and freedom, and between empire and a growing nation state, will determine the fate of millions not least the brave band of colonists who set out from Hamilay to settle Kydan with courage and hope in their hearts. **TP \$32.95**

Chris Bunch

Star Risk (Star Risk 01)

They're outnumbered, outgunned, and out of luck. But the mercenaries of Star Risk, Ltd. will take on any mission no matter how dangerous provided of course, the price is right.

M'chel Riss spent eight years of her life in the Alliance Marines, earning the rank of major, only to be assigned to a desolate outpost in the middle of nowhere. Then a rescue mission brought some excitement to her otherwise quiet existence and brought her to the attention of Star Risk, Ltd. A mercenary outfit struggling for recognition, Star Risk has the required ragtag bunch of misfits, including an alien willing to invest his life savings in the company. Now if only they can succeed with their first mission: to spring a dangerous supersoldier trapped in a maximumsecurity prison.

Why would Star Risk, Ltd., take on such an insane mission with so many odds stacked against them? Money, fame, glory . . . but mostly the money. **PB \$19.95**

Janine De Tillio Cammarata

Warriors Within

Michaela Sommers, a twentyfirstcentury martial artist, investigates her father's murder and is haunted by dreams of Celtic battles. Maecha Ruadh mac Art must save her father, the High King of Celtic Ireland, and become the leader of a male band of warriors. Michaela plunges into Maecha's dream world and teaches her the fighting skills needed to enter the Cave of the Warrior with her Champion, Kelan mac Nessa, and survive three deadly challenges. **TP \$30.95**

Orson Scott Card

Children of the Mind (Ender 04)

In the conclusion of the Ender saga, Ender Wiggin confronts his ultimate challenge when his adopted world, Lusitania, is threatened by his old planetdestroying weapon, and his computer intelligence ally, Jane, is about to be killed off by the Starways Congress.

11 CD's, 13.5 hours **CD \$85**

Paul Chafe

Destiny's Forge (Man-Kzin)

In the wake of their defeat by the humans, the ambitious KchulaTzaatz seizes ultimate power of the Kzinti Patriarchy, sending Pouncer, FirstSonofMeerzRitt, heir apparent to the galaxy's most powerful empire, on a desperate flight for survival following the collapse of his father's dynasty, and forcing Major Quacy Tskombe and Captain Ayla Cherenkova into a dangerous game in which the future of all humankind hangs in the balance. **HC \$51.95**

Dan Chernenko (Harry Turtledove)

Sceptre's Return (Sceptre of Mercy 03)

Two kings, Lanius and Grus, must reclaim the Scepter of Mercy, which is their only protection from the fallen god known as the Banished One, and save the people of Avornis, but their plan is thwarted by the enemy who is watching their every move. **APB \$19.95**

Arthur C Clarke & Stephen Baxter

Sunstorm (A Time Odyssey 02)

The observatory on the moon has the proof. Life on earth will be incinerated in April 2037 by a massive solar flare. It is building down and it is unstoppable. With only 18 months until doomsday mankind must unite and embark on the most ambitious engineering project ever: the construction, at the La Grange point between the sun and the earth, of a deflecting mirror the diameter of our home planet. the price of failure? Extinction.

One scientist, an expert on the sun, predicted the flare. One person who knew nothing about the sun nevertheless knew the exact date that life on earth would come to an end. She had witnessed the bizarre time dislocations brought by the 'eyes'. She knows who is responsible. This is hard SF in the tradition of the genre. **PB \$19.95**

Arthur C Clarke

Rendezvous With Rama (Rama 01 Science Fiction Masterworks 65)

Rama is a vast alien spacecraft that enters the Solar System. A perfect cylinder some fifty kilometres long, spinning rapidly, racing through space, Rama is a technological marvel, a mysterious and deeply enigmatic alien artifact. It is Mankind's first visitor from the stars and must be investigated. **PB \$19.95**

Will Clarke

The Worthy: A Ghost's Story

In the aftermath of a frat pledge's death during a brutal hazing incident at Louisiana State University, the angry spirit of nineteenyearold Conrad possesses the body of an unsuspecting pledge in his determination to exact revenge on the fraternity's unscrupulous chapter president. **HC \$47.95**

Josh Conviser

Echelon

The world is headed for disaster when Echelonthe global spy system created by the National Security Agency in the wake of World War II to provide complete surveillance of everything in the worldruns amok, controlling all global data portals and snuffing out all disagreement, unless agent Ryan Laing can stop it. **TP \$28.95**

MaryJanice Davidson

Undead and Unappreciated (Undead 03)

Undead shopaholic Betsy Taylor has found that being vampire queen has more problems than perks. It may be easy to find blood in the dark of night, but try finding a strawberry smoothie. And employees at her nightclub Scratch have been giving her nothing but grief since she killed their former boss. Some people... But Betsy's "life" takes an interesting turn at a baby shower for her wicked stepmother, who lets it slip that Betsy has a longlost half sister. Now twenty years old, this girl just so happens to be the devil's daughter and destined to rule the world. **PB \$17.95**

Undead and Unreturnable (Undead 04)

Just when Betsy Taylor thinks she's adjusted to her afterlife as a vampire queen, fate intervenes. It's bad enough having to view your own gravestone but now Betsy's even started seeing dead people an assortment of demanding ghosts who are determined to make her do their bidding. Betsy also has some personal stuff to deal with not least of which is planning her Spring and Midnight wedding to Sinclair. Meanwhile her halfsister is starting to display signs of inheriting her real mother's temper. And when your mother's the devil, that's cause for concern. . . **APB \$17.95**

Gail Dayton

The Barbed Rose (One Rose)

Demons are coming. One woman has been chosen to face them...

Demon hordes still threaten the Kingdom while open rebellion has broken out within its cities, separating Kallista from her new family.

Assassination attempts, magical attacks Kallista's surrounded by devastation unlike anything she's ever known, and her unique magic power no longer works as it should. Yet her own pain must yield to the needs of her country, for this military mage is charged with searching the four directions of the world for the other 'Godmarked'-the only ones who can help her keep demon invaders from shattering her world.

But can she find them in time? The One Rose: fourfold magic barely understood, or contained... **BPB \$19.95**

Paul Di Filippo

Creature From the Black Lagoon

Six decades after a powerful amphibian creature escapes from captors who conducted cruel experiments on it, a determined scientist journeys into the past with a time machine in the hopes of identifying the creature's true nature. **PB \$12.95**

George Alec Effinger

The Exile Kiss (When Gravity Fails 03)

A conclusion to a series that began with When Gravity Fails and A Fire In the Sun finds Marid Audran settling into newfound wealth and privilege as an enforcer for one of the city's most feared men, only to be accused of murder and sentenced to exile and death in the Arabian desert, where he and his employer must face harrowing odds in order to survive and exact revenge. **TP \$30.95**

Lynn Flewelling

The Oracle's Queen (Tamir Triad 03)

Skala was ruled only by Queens, in accordance with prophecy. King Erius, fearing that the prophecy might be evoked as a means to dethrone him, had his female relatives assassinated. When his sister fell pregnant with twins, two of Skala's wizards were warned by the oracle and took steps to conceal the girl who survived her twin brother at birth. **APB \$20.99**

Eric Flint

1632 (Limited Edition) (Ring of Fire 01)

Special priced limited edition paperback.

A mysterious accident in time causes twentyfirstcentury American democracy to collide headon with the Thirty Years War in seventeenthcentury Germany as Mike Stearn and a group of armed miners take on a gang of strangely attired invaders who are threatening peaceful Grantville, West Virginia. **APB \$11.95**

Alan Dean Foster

Candle of Distant Earth (Taken 03)

The epic conclusion of the Taken Trilogy, which began with Lost and Found and The LightYears Beneath My Feet, continues the space adventures of successful commodities broketurnedalien abductee Marcus Walker and his talking canine companion, George. **HC \$49.95**

Alan Garner

The Stone Book Quartet (Stone Book)

Through four interconnected fables of a way of living in rural England that has now disappeared, Alan Garner vividly brings to life a landscape situated on the outskirts of industrial Manchester. Smiths and chandlers, steeplejacks and quarrymen, labourers and artisans all live and work hand in hand with the seasons, the elements, and the land. There is a mutual respect and a knowledge of the magical here that has somehow, somewhere been lost to us. These fables beautifully recapture and restore that lost world in simple, searching prose. **PB \$22.99**

Kathleen O'Neal Gear

It Wakes in Me

A sequel to It Sleeps in Me finds Black Falcon Nation High Chieftess Sora, having been plagued since childhood by fits and blackouts that she cannot remember, accused by rival clans of committing seven murders, including that of her friend, Loon People War Chief Skinner. **TP \$28.95**

Jon George

Zootsuit Black

The world is panicking as, in seven days time, millions will "disappear" when our universe causes changes to reality.

Dr Jake Crux has proof that we must reacquaint ourselves with old powers his experiment demonstrates extrasensory perception is possible but his superiors intend to pervert the result.

Scott Anderson is convinced the Far Right is jeopardising our chances of survival his participation in a cult reality show exposes him directly to their mortal threats. Meanwhile both men are periodically thrust into dealing with adversity in temporary dimensions: one battles mythical dragons; the other fights Nazis in World War II.

And they call this evolution? **TP \$32.95**

Laurell K Hamilton

Danse Macabre (Anita Blake 13)

Anita Blake is worried that her careers as a Federal Marshal who raises the dead and as a vampire executioner may be jeopardized when she realizes that she may be pregnant and the father could be a vampire, a werewolf, or someone else entirely. **HC \$52.95 MP3 CD \$60 CD \$60**

Peter F Hamilton*Judas Unchained (Commonwealth 02)*

The highaction concluding novel of the Commonwealth Saga from one of the world's bestselling Science Fiction writers.

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

The invasion from Dyson Alpha continues with dozens of Commonwealth worlds falling to the enemy. The navy fights back with what it believes to be warwinning superweapons, only to find that the alien fleet has equally powerful weapons. How the aliens got them is the question which haunts Admiral Kime. Could it be that the Commonwealth's topsecret defence project has been compromised by the Starflyer's agents, or is the truth even worse? **APB \$21.95**

Kim Harrison*Fistful of Charms (Rachel Morgan 04)*

Witch and bounty hunter Rachel Morgan comes to the aid of Nick, a former lover haunted by his secret past and in possession of savage beasts that are willing to destroy the Hollows and everyone in it, and discovers that more than her own soul is at stake. **APB \$19.95**

Robin Hobb*Forest Mage (Soldier Son 02)*

The King's Cavalla Academy has been ravaged by the Speck plague.

The disease has decimated the ranks of both cadets and instructors, and even the survivors remain sickly. Many have been forced to relinquish their military ambitions and return to their families to face lives of dependency and disappointment.

As the Academy infirmary empties, Cadet Nevare Burvelle also prepares to journey home, to attend his brother Rosse's wedding. Far from being a broken man, Nevare is hale and hearty after his convalescence. He has defeated his nemesis, Tree Woman and freed himself of the Speck magic that infected him and attempted to turn him against his own people. A bright future awaits him as a commissioned officer betrothed to a beautiful young noblewoman.

Yet his nights are still haunted by dreams of the voluptuous Tree Woman, dreams in which his Speck self betrays everything he holds dear in his waking life. Has the plague infected him in ways far more mysterious than the merely physical?

Despite his fears, Nevare will journey back to Widevale in high spirits, in full expectation of a jubilant homecoming and a tender reunion with his beautiful fiancée, Carsina. But his life is about to take a shocking turn, as the magic in his blood roars to life and forces him to recognize that his most dangerous enemy, an enemy that seeks to destroy all he loves, might dwell within him. **HC \$54.95 TP \$32.99**

Tanya Huff*Smoke and Mirrors (Smoke 02)*

In the sequel to *Smoke and Shadows*, Tony Foster, a production assistant on the syndicated TV series "Darkest Night," is forced to draw on his magical ability to see and hear the dead when the show goes on location to shoot an episode at an actual haunted house. **APB \$19.95**

T M Jenkins*The Waking*

Los Angeles, 2006: Dr Nate Sheehan is casually murdered in a parking lot. His wife, also a doctor, hopes to rescue at least a part of him for cryonic preservation. She performs an unprecedented operation. Gamma Gulch Penitentiary, California, 2069: twentysixyearold Duane Williams is about to be sent to the death chamber for the rape and murder of a young woman. Icor Regrowth Programme, Arizona, 2070: sixtyfour years after his own violent death, Nate is resuscitated using the body of an anonymous donor. Despite the advances in science, neurotechnologist Dr Persis Bandelier and her colleague Garth Bannerman never expected their covert operation to be a success. So when the patient responds to their treatment, no one is ready...

And all too soon, an investigative journalist blows the cover of the sensational "waking". The news story threatens to expose the identity of both the mysterious donor and unravel the truth behind Sheehan's murder all those years ago... **TP \$32.95**

Liz Jensen*My Dirty Little Book of Stolen Time*

Supporting herself and Fru Schleswig who may or may not be her mother as a prostitute in 1890s Copenhagen, Charlotte Schleswig is delighted when she and Fru are hired as cleaning ladies for wealthy Widow Krak, but they get more than they had bargained for when they discover a time machine in the basement that catapults them both to modernday London. **HC \$49.95**

Susan Kearney*The Quest*

Kirek of Rystan's objective is to destroy the Federation's deadliest enemy, but he needs help. When assistance comes in the form of a sexy space pilot, he takes on a second goal to win her heart. Captain Angel Taylor's going after the biggest salvage haul in her career. Teaming up, Angel and Kirek risk their lives to fight the evil Zin empire. **PB \$17.95**

Anne Kelleher*Silver's Lure*

In this thrilling prequel to the *Through the Shadowlands* series, two allies; Catrione, a gifted Druid, and Sidhe must join forces to unleash a powerful spell known as the Silver Caul to stop evil magicks, which brings about betrayal, war, and sacrifice. **TP \$30.95**

Gregory J Keyes*The Blood Knight (Kingdoms of Thorn and Bone 03)*

As a deadly magic threatens to engulf the entire kingdom, Anne Dare is faced with the murder of her father, the king of Crotheny, the capture of her mother, and a madman's seizure of power, and joins forces with her faithful alliea loyal knight, a courageous swordsman, a brave woodsman, and others as she seeks to destroy the usurper. **HC \$52.95**

Stephen King*Bag of Bones (CD)*

When bestselling crime writer Mike Noonan's wife dies, he suffers from writer's block. Until he is drawn from Derry to his lakeside retreat, Sara Laughs a house once inhabited by a famous singer. It's a community run by rich, tyrannical, wheelchairbound Devore and his terrifying, skeletal female bookkeeper. Devore is hellbent on getting custody of his grandchild. Three year old Kyra and her young mother, Mattie, turn to Mike for help and Mike, besotted by Mattie, is powerless to resist. But there are others at Sara Laughs determined to prevent Mike's success and Kyra can feel them too. . . 22 hours **CD \$75**

Stephen King*Stationary Bike*

Haunted by the results of his physical, commercial artist Richard Sifkitz purchases a stationary bike that he plans to use to get back into shape, but when he paints a picturesque mural on the wall opposite his bike, he discovers that the mural is no ordinary picture and that his stationary bike is taking him on rides to places he really does not want to go. **CD \$40.95**

The Regulators

On a perfect summer afternoon in Wentworth, Ohio, many of the citizens who live on Poplar Street are killed mysteriously, and at the center of the mystery is a young boy named Seth Garon whose supernatural powers are just awakening **APB \$19.95**

Dean Koontz*Lightning*

The first time the lightning strikes Laura Shane is born. . . The second time it strikes, the terror starts. . . though eighty-year-old Laura is saved by a mysterious stranger from the perverted and deadly intentions of a drug-crazed robber. Throughout her childhood she is plagued by ever more terrifying troubles, and with increasing courage she finds the strength to prevail even without the intervention of her strange guardian. But despite her success as a novelist, and her happy family life, Laura cannot shake the certainty that powerful and malignant forces are controlling her destiny. Then the lightning strikes once more and shatters her world. The adventure and the terror have only just begun. **APB \$19.95**

Whispers

Hilary Thomas, a screenwriter scarred by abuse suffered in childhood, and Tony Clemenza, an ace cop and would-be artist, plunge into a love affair while pursuing the psychopath who had brutally assaulted Hilary. **TP \$28.95**

Ellen Kushner*The Privilege of the Sword*

Anticipating nothing more than a conventional life and marriage among the city's high society, young Katherine Talbert is stunned when her uncle, the Mad Duke, hands her a sword, relegates her to boy's clothing, and sends her on an adventure-filled odyssey of self-discovery. **TP \$28.95**

Mercedes Lackey & James Mallory*When Darkness Falls (Obsidian 03)*

A new installment of the series that began with *The Outstretched Shadow* and *To Light a Candle* finds the human race teaming up with hated magical beings in order to survive a war against Demon forces, while Knight-Mage Kellen and his band of unlikely companions head a vast Light army in a battle against Darkness. **HC \$56.95**

John Helfers & Denise Little *Editor**The Valdemar Companion (Valdemar)*

Highlighted by a Valdemar novella by Mercedes Lackey, this comprehensive reader's guide to Lackey's Valdemar universe features an interview with the author, detailed summaries of Valdemar novels, an essay on the series, a concordance of characters and events, and much more.

APB \$19.95

David Langford*The Wyrdest Link (Discworld Quizbook)*

First came *The Unseen University Challenge*, the *Discworld Quizbook* that left a trail of unexploded minds from London to Ankh-Morpook. Now *The Wyrdest Link* takes trivia to strange new heights, with hundreds more *Discworld* posers, questions in the merciless tradition of the *Star Chamber*, the *Spanish Inquisition* and *Anne Robinson* ... So is it a good thing or bad thing to be *THE WYRDEST LINK*? **HC \$22.95**

Richard Laymon*Into the Fire*

When a mysterious stranger rescues her from a deranged kidnapper, Pamela soon discovers that her situation is even more dire when her so-called savior, trapping her in a bus full of mannequins, takes her to a tiny, isolated town where unimaginable terror awaits. **APB \$19.95**

Richard Laymon Collection Volume 3

WOODS ARE DARK: In the woods are six dead trees. The Killing Trees. That's where they take them. Innocent travellers on the road in California. Seized and bound, stripped of their valuables and shackled to the Trees. To wait. In the woods. In the dark.

OUT ARE THE LIGHTS: The Vampire movie came first, then the story of the Axeman. This was the horror movie series to end them all. Cinema buffs admired the grainy, amateur camera work it suggested the action was the real thing. But it couldn't be could it? **PB \$18.95**

Sharon Lee & Steve Miller*Balance of Trade (Laiden Universe 08)*

When he is unexpectedly apprenticed to a Laiden ship, Terran Jethri Gobelyn, hired to bridge the gap between two rival clans, learns a valuable lesson in diplomacy when the balance of trade falls on his shoulders. **APB \$19.95**

Jane Lindskold*Child of a Rainless Year*

Remembering her exotic Las Vegas childhood, the flamboyant mother who abandoned her, and the foster parents who agreed to change their identities in order to adopt her, Mira Fenn returns to the home of her past and discovers her own latent powers. **APB \$19.95**

Jonathan Maberry*Ghost Road Blues*

The residents of Pine Deep, while preparing for the country's largest Halloween celebration, come face-to-face with terror when the ancient evil that had wreaked bloody havoc on their town thirty years earlier returns, determined to brutally shred the souls of everyone in its path. **APB \$17.95**

Ken MacLeod*Giant Lizards from Another Star*

Giant Lizards from Another Star is an anthology containing poems, short stories, convention reports, and essays, as well as the novellas "The Human Front" and "Cydonia". Cover art by Donato Giancola, design by Alice N. S. Lewis. Edited by Sheila Perry. **HC \$55**

Juliet Marillier *Australian Author*

Blade of Fortriu (Bridei Chronicles 02)

The kingdom of Fortriu has enjoyed five years of peace since Bridei came to the throne. But now Bridei is preparing for the long-awaited war that he hopes will see the Gaelic invaders driven from the west forever, and he must forge alliances where he can. The princess Ana, a hostage of Fortriu since childhood, is sent north to make a strategic marriage with a chieftain she has never met – and with it gain an ally on whom Bridei's victory relies. Her escort is led by a man she despises: the enigmatic Faolan, Bridei's assassin and spy.

The expedition is ill-fated, and when Ana arrives at the chieftain Alpin's stronghold in the mysterious Briar Wood, she is uneasy. This is a place full of secrets. When Ana discovers a prisoner kept within the bleakest of confinement, she is met with a conspiracy of silence. Faolan, torn between duty and an impossible love for the woman he has pledged to see safely wed, walks a delicate path between loyalty and betrayal.

Unable to wait for word from Ana, Bridei's forces march into battle. But it is revealed to those left behind that their king heads not only towards defeat, but certain death. There is only one messenger who can reach him in time, but to enlist his services will set brother against brother, and endanger what has become dearest to Ana's heart **APB \$19.95**

Jeff Mariotte

Dawn of the Ice Bear (Conan Hyborian Adventures Marauders 03)

In the dead of winter, Pictish warrior Kral and his loyal companions travel through the Cimmerian wilderness where they encounter many enemies in their mission to obtain the Teeth of the Ice Bear in order to save their people from extinction. **APB \$17.95**

Brandon Massey

Twisted Tales

This terrifying collection plunges readers into a nightmarish realm where nothing is what it seems as an elderly woman, obsessed with obituaries, finds herself unwillingly communicating with the dead, and a cheating husband gets what he deserves at the hands of his gorgeous new neighbor **APB \$17.95**

Anne McCaffrey & Todd McCaffrey

Dragon's Fire (Pern 19)

When a mine containing firestone, the mineral that gives the dragons of Pern their ability to breathe fire, explodes, killing the miners trapped there, young Cristov volunteers to take over the dangerous task of retrieving the explosive rock for the dragons, in the sequel to *Dragon's Kin*. **HC \$51.95**

Syne Mitchell

The Last Mortal Man (Deathless 01)

When a strange new technology wages war on the foundation of nanobiology, causing a wave of destruction that could destroy humanity, Jack Sterling, who is allergic to the very nanobiology that made his family's fortune, is the world's only hope of survival. **APB \$17.95**

Sarah Monette

The Virtu

A powerful wizard until his former mentor seizes his magic and uses it to shatter the Virtu, an orb that serves as the magical source and protection for the city's wizards, Felix Harrowgate's only chance of reclaiming his power is to restore the Virtu, joining forces with Mildmay the Fox, a cursed assassin and catburglar whose fate is linked with that of Felix. **HC \$51.95**

Paul Park

The Tourmaline

Tells the story of how Miranda, separated from her two best friends, Peter and Andromeda, who have been left behind in the forests of an alternate America begins to grow into her own personality. And how Peter and Andromeda are shockingly changed in the process of making their way to Roumania to find Miranda again. **HC \$51.95**

Lara Parker

The Salem Branch

Barnabas Collins has become a human again and is living in Collinsport, Maine. Although engaged to marry Dr Hoffman, Barnabas falls in love with a mysterious woman named Antoinette. Antoinette settled in the area because her daughter is being treated in a nearby mental hospital. Her daughter suffers from flashbacks of her previous incarnation. **TP \$26.95**

Mary Jo Putney

Stolen Magic

igned the task of ensuring that those of the Lineage do not misuse their powers, Simon Malmain, Earl of Falconer, confronts a rogue Guardian, Lord Drayton, who uses a spell to transform Malmain into a unicorn, an enchantment that only an ensorcelled girl named Meg can help him break.

APB \$17.95

John Ringo

Choosers of the Slain (Mike Harmon 03)

Settling down in the former Soviet country of Georgia, where he has built a powerful commando-quality militia from his local retainers, former SEAL Michael Harmon is called out of retirement to rescue a U.S. senator's daughter, who has been kidnapped and has vanished into the depths of the Balkans sexslave trade. **HC \$51.95**

There Will Be Dragons (Special Price) (Talbot 01)

A utopian future world in which there is no disease, poverty, war, or ill-timed death is turned upside down when the council that controls the Net quarrels and goes to war, leaving desperate survivors battling across an apocalyptic landscape to seek refuge in such places as Raven's Mill, the home of master smith and historian Edmund Talbot. **APB \$11.95**

Von Neumann's War (Von Neumann)

With the planet Mars rapidly changing from red to gray, scientists send a probe to investigate the situation, but when the probe is destroyed, they realize that the planet is being used as a staging ground for an invasion of Earth by a robotic race intent on destroying all human civilization.

HC \$51.95

J D Robb*Memory in Death (Eve Dallas 22)*

Eve Dallas is one tough cop. She can take on purse snatchers, drug dealers, and worse. But when Trudy Lombard a seemingly ordinary middleaged lady shows up at the station, it's all Eve can do to hold it together. Instantly, she is plunged back to the days when she was a vulnerable, traumatized young girl and trapped in foster care with the twisted woman who now sits smiling in front of her... Trudy claims she came all the way to New York just to see how Eve was doing. But Eve's fiercely protective husband Roarke suspects otherwise and his suspicion proves correct when Trudy, rebuffed by Eve, shows up at his office demanding money in exchange for keeping the ugly details of Eve's childhood a secret. Using every ounce of willpower he has to restrain himself, he shows her the door. Eve and Roarke will be satisfied if Trudy Lombard just heads back to Texas. Somebody else, though, wants her dead and just a few days later, she's found on the floor of her hotel room, a mess of faded bruises and fresh blood...

APB \$19.95

Brandon Sanderson*Mistborn (Final Empire)*

Experiencing an epiphany within the most daunting prison of the monstrous Lord Ruler who has enslaved his people for a thousand years, halfSkaa Kelsier finds himself taking on the powers of a Mistborn and teams up with ragged orphan Vin in a desperate plot to save their world. **HC \$56.95**

Elantris

Arriving in the kingdom of Arelon to enter a marriage of state, princess Sarene discovers that her intended has died and that she is considered his widow, circumstances that render her a lone force against the imperial ambitions of a religious fanatic. **APB \$19.95**

Al Sarrantonio*Queen of Mars (Mars)*

Princess Clara of Mars must lead the Second Republic to victory against an insane warriorousurper who wants to take control of the Red Planet, while trying to solve the ancient mysteries of the Old Ones to replenish their air supply before life is no more. **APB \$17.95**

John Saul*In the Dark of the Night*

The Brewster family's idyllic summer vacation at Phantom Lake turns to horror when their teenage son and his friends stumble upon a mysterious secret room, filled with a variety of disassembled objects, in their rental home, a room that has a strange influence over the boys, as they begin to suffer from nightmares, and another boy vanishes. **HC \$52.95**

Andy Secombe*Last House In the Galaxy*

The latest hilarious SF adventure from the new master of humorous fantasy.

Across the aching wastes of space a terrible war is raging. The Gologons, long relegated to being the garbage disposers of the Galaxy, have finally rebelled, and now rampage across the universe, led by the pitiless Gulgus Filch. The only thing standing between them and universal domination is a small breakaway faction of the United Planets Federation.

Meanwhile, in rural Devon, Sir Mortimer and Lady Trenchard are trying desperately to prevent their beloved, crumbling Hambleton Hall from falling into the hands of a City whizzkid who plans to turn it into a weekend conference centre. If the Universe is to have any kind of hope, the UPF needs to find a safe place where they can gather and plan a counterattack. And because of its handy location at the terminus of a wormhole (opening beside an azalea just beyond the haha), Hambleton Hall is ideally situated to provide just such a haven... **APB \$21.95**

Robert Sheckley*The Masque of Manana*

This volume contains the major short science fiction of Robert Sheckley. It is being produced for his Guest of Honourship at Interaction, the 2005 World Science Fiction Convention. NESFA Press has also published a collection of Robert Sheckley's short novels Dimensions of Sheckley.

HC \$62

M P N Sims & L H Maynard*Shelter*

When she buys a dilapidated old house, determined to restore it to its original beauty, Laura Craig unwittingly unleashes an ancient evil, bent on revenge and hungry for death, that has been trapped beneath the cellar for years. **APB \$17.95**

Michael A Stackpole*A Secret Atlas (01)*

In a strange world in which talent can give birth to magic, the tormented dreams of one young woman affect the Royal Cartographer, sending him slowly mad and threatening to bring the nightmares that they share to life. **APB \$17.95**

Andy Stanley*It Came From Within*

Suddenly a young wife files for divorce. Suddenly a college student's grades drop and his attitude changes. Suddenly a man's harmless pastime becomes a destructive habit. Each looks for someone else to blame. But the real enemy lurks within. Each of these people is a victim, but not in the way they might think. An invader, a deadly parasite, has wrapped its powerful, controlling tentacles around each victim's heart.

The heart. Not the organ that pumps blood through our veins, but that invisible, intangible place where we experience love, compassion, contempt, and jealousy. Like the physical heart, this other heart is highly susceptible to attack—by four nightmarish foes, in particular. Four malevolent forces that, left unchallenged, have the power to lay waste our homes, trample our careers, and leave our relationships in fiery ruins.

But hope is not lost. There is a way to fight back.

In this smart, revealing book, you will be introduced to these four invaders of the heart. More importantly, you will be given four weapons designed specifically to destroy them. Writing with deep honesty and gentle humor, Andy Stanley shows how you can overcome these monsters and save your world, starting now. **HC \$40.95**

Charles Stross*Accelerando*

The year is some time between 2010 and 2015. The recession has ended, but populations are ageing and the rate of tech change is accelerating dizzyingly. Manfred makes his living from spreading ideas around, putting people in touch with one another and leaving a spray of technologies in his wake. He lives at the cutting edge of intelligence amplification technology, but even Manfred can take on too much. And when his pet robot cat picks up some interesting information from the SETI data, his world and the world of his descendants is turned on its head. **PB \$19.95**

Charles Stross*Glasshouse*

Awakening in a clinic with most of his memories missing, Robin goes on the run from unknown enemies out to kill him, volunteering to take part in the Glasshouse, an experimental polity simulating a preaccelerated culture in which he will be assigned an anonymous identity, but he experiences radical changes that threaten everything. **HC \$51.95**

Koji Suzuki*Dark Water*

Suzuki demonstrates the power of his psychological insight into the mechanics of fear in this highly atmospheric collection of stories unified by the theme of water. Following her divorce, Yoshimi Matsubara lives with her five-year-old daughter Ikuko in a depressing and damp apartment block on reclaimed land in Tokyo Bay. But when a child's red bag keeps turning up in unexpected places, Yoshino's sanity seems to be threatened, and she soon begins to fear that her daughter's life is at risk. Kensuke Suehiro jumps at the chance to visit a restricted island in Tokyo Bay, about which he once heard a rather strange story. But when he arrives, he finds far more than he bargained for. Fisherman Hiroyuki is embittered and unhappy in his marriage. But getting rid of his wife turns out to be anything but easy, especially when his own boat seems to be against him. Family man Sugiyama finds himself trapped in an underwater cave. Can he find a way to communicate with his beloved son one last time? Just four examples from this beautifully crafted collection of stories filled with suspense, tension and drama. A perfect introduction to one of Japan's top literary stars. **PB \$19.95**

Eldon Thompson*The Obsidian Key (Legend of Asahiel 02)*

In the second volume in a fantasy series that began with *The Crimson Sword*, young Jarom has accepted his new role as Torin, king of Albion, only to be confronted by an all new enemy, the Illysp, foul spirits that possess the bodies and minds of humankind, which slipped through a dimensional pathway that opened when Torin reclaimed the *Crimson Sword*. **HC \$51.95**

Harry Turtledove*The Grapple (Settling Accounts 03)*

In the sequel to *Settling Accounts: Drive to the East*, the tide of battle turns against the Confederates, Northern forces overrun the Southern capitol, and their mad president, desperate for victory, threatens to unleash the ultimate weapon, the atomic bomb, in a reimagining of World War II.

HC \$54.95

John Varley*Mammoth*

Stumbling upon a perfectly frozen woolly mammoth in the northern wilds of Canada, a mammoth hunter is stunned when he also finds the mummified body of a Stone Age man, dating from around 12,000 years ago, wearing a modern-day wristwatch. **APB \$19.95**

Carrie Vaughn*Kitty Goes to Washington (Kitty 02)*

As the nation's only celebrity werewolf, reclusive late-night radio host Kitty Norville finds her life invaded by publicity after she is summoned to Washington, D.C., to testify at a Senate hearing on behalf of supernaturals, and is confronted by a slew of new friends and enemies, including the city's vampire mistress, a sexy Brazilian werejaguar, and a paranoid senator out to expose her. **APB \$17.95**

Jules Verne*Journey to the Centre of the Earth*

As irascible scholar Professor Lidenbrock pores over a rare Icelandic tome, he discovers a scrap of parchment with cryptic writing tucked away between the ancient pages. And when his nephew, Axel, finally breaks the writings' secret code, he learns of a hidden underground passageway that may lead deep into the center of the earth. Despite Axel's misgivings, he and the obsessed Lidenbrock travel to Iceland and, with a guide named Hans, set out on a perilous expedition in the course of which the trio will encounter an extraordinary new world of extinct yet living species, an underground sea, and gigantic, battling monsters. **PB \$9.95**

Lynn Viehl*Dark Need (Darkyn 03)*

When the clues lead her to Lucan, the darkly sensual owner of an exclusive nightclub, homicide detective Samantha Brown, on the hunt for a serial killer, becomes immersed in a shadowy underworld of vampires and immortal lust. **APB \$17.95**

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Repairman Jack takes on two challenging cases involving a nun who is being blackmailed by someone who has secret photos of her and an elderly woman's missing son, who has disappeared within a secretive cult with ties to some of the biggest names in entertainment, sports, and politics.

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Young Galen Waylock is the last watchman of the dream gate beyond which the ancient evils wait, hungry for the human world. For a thousand years, Galen's family stood guard, scorned by a world that dismissed the danger as myth. Now, the minions of Darkness have stirred in the deep and the long watch is over. **APB \$19.95**

Jane Yolen*Once Upon a Time (She Said)*

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Rebecca York*Shadow of the Moon*

Samantha Carpenter must join forces with reporter and werewolf Lance Marshall to find the truth surrounding her sister's mysterious coma by gaining entrance to a secretive club called The Castle, where they, while searching for answers, stumble upon a dark evil, and a passion like no other. **APB \$17.95**

Young Adult

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Deadly Encounters (Fire and Ice 02)

Silke is back and her private investigation business is booming. The feisty fire mage has been drafted in at the King's request to disengage the magic wards protecting her renegade brother's estate a dangerous job. But there is an upside in the form of the King's special agent, Jan Dufay, sent to enlist Silke's help and accompany her on the mission. In the meantime her associate, Lucius Stone, agrees to use his telepathic skill to track down a young novice who has mysteriously disappeared from her reclusive Order of earth worshippers.

But there is more to Jan Dufay than meets the eye, and the missing girl is not quite as innocent as she seemed, either. When the two cases come together. Silke and Stone suddenly find themselves in deep trouble again and needing all their ice and fire magic to survive.

The second fantasy thriller starring street wise Ellanoi private investigator, Silke and her human sidekick, Stone. **PB \$16.95**

Patrick Carman

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As the final battle for the land of Elyon looms, Alexa will need to muster all her strength and courage to rescue her friend Yipes, unlock the mystery of the Tenth City, and find a way to put an end to the evil plans of Victor Grindall once and for all. **PB \$19.99**

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The Queen and her Maids of Honour are spending the summer at a noblemans estate where a new manor house is being built. But the work has to stop when a mysterious spook appears. Could the ghost of a murdered Earl be haunting the site of his death? Grace begins to investigate and finds that there are many rumours about the ghost and uncovering the truth could be dangerous **HC \$19.95**

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Ingo (Ingo 01)

You'll find the mermaid of Zennor inside Zennor church. She fell in love with a human, but she was a Mer creature and so she couldn't come to live with him up in the dry air. She swam up the stream to hear him sing, then one day he swam down it and was never seen again. He became one of the Mer people Sapphires father told her that story when she was little. When he is lost at sea she can't help but think of that old myth; she's convinced he's still alive. The following summer her brother Conor keeps disappearing for hours on end. She goes to the cove to find him, but instead meets Faro, an enigmatic and intriguing Merman. He takes her to Ingo and introduces her to a world she never knew existed. She must let go of all her Air thoughts and embrace the sea and all things Mer. After her first visit she is entranced merely the sound of running water makes her yearn to be in Ingo once more. Ingo blood runs strongly in Sapphy and Conor fears she will leave the Air world for good. He pleads with her to ignore her craving for the sea and stay safely in their cottage up on the cliff. But not only is Sapphy intoxicated by the Mer world, she longs to see her father once more. And she's sure she can hear him singing across the water" wish I was away in Ingo Far across the briny sea". **BPB \$15.99**

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Tashi and the Stolen Bus (Tashi)

"The demons are crazy for buses!" Tashi always has a good story to tell, and this time he has to outwit the demons to get the Valley People's Very Own Bus back on the road to the market and when things are mysteriously disappearing from the village, Tashi has to catch a thief redhanded. Brave and tricky that's our clever Tashi. **PB \$11.95**

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Just as spring approaches and Will and Evanlyn can finally escape Skandia, Evanlyn is carried off by mysterious horsemen. Will sets out after them, but one boy against six fierce Temujai warriors is impossible odds even for a Ranger's apprentice. Halt and Horace arrive just in time to rescue them, and the four are overjoyed to be reunited. But there is no time to celebrate as Halt realises that the Temujai they discovered are only the scouts for a massive invasion force. The Skandians don't have a chance, unless they accept the help of their sworn enemies from Araluen. **MP3 CD \$29.95**

D C Green Australian Author

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In this, the second book in this series, Raz isn't allowed any more zapp trips until he achieves good marks. When he does, he zapps to a tropical island paradise inhabited by children (and a few useful rats). Poppoons roll around, chooks selfcombust, and you can travel around the island in seconds. Not only is the island beautiful, but the children who live there make him their King and give him a palace. But when Raz gets power crazy, everything starts to go haywire... And Raz discovers that the island is not as safe and idyllic as he thought.

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Jack Dawkins is trying to find the inspiration for a pirate story - its a school project. But he doesnt know any pirates and his dad wont let him have a parrot. But then he meets Captain Clawbeak and he has more story than her ever imagined and a pirates treasure map thrown in. And a lasting friendship between a boy and parrot is formed in the blood. Thats the way it is with pirates. **BPB \$12.95**

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Everybody says that Gwendolyn Chant is a gifted witch with astonishing powers, so it suits her enormously when she is taken to live in Chrestomanci Castle. Her brother Eric (better known as Cat) is not so keen, for he has no talent for magic at all. However, life with the great enchanter is not what either of them expects and sparks begin to fly! 3 audio CDs. **CD \$19.99**

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The childhood of Chrestomanci. Everything in this story happens at least twentyfive years before Charmed Life. Discovering that he has nine lives and is destined to be the next 'Chrestomanci' is not part of Christopher's plans for the future: he'd much rather play cricket and wander around his secret dream worlds. But he soon finds that destiny is difficult to avoid, and that having more than the usual number of lives is pretty inconvenient especially when you lose them as easily as he does! Then an evil smuggler, known only as The Wraith, threatens the ways of the worlds and forces Christopher to take action. 3 audio CDs. **CD \$19.99**

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When Jena's father falls ill and must leave their forest home over the winter, Jena and her older sister Tati are left in charge. Everything runs like clockwork until a tragic accident allows their greedy cousin Cezar to take control. When it becomes clear that their secret is in danger of discovery, Jena knows there is only one place, no matter how dangerous, she can go to for help... **BPB \$16.95**

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Life will never be the same for bookloving twelveyearold Ananka Fishbein after she ventures into a hole near her New York apartment. Not only does she discover the mysterious Second City beneath the streets of New York, she is introduced to Kiki Strike, a blackclad, Vespariding, cafaulaitdrinking girl superspy. Ananka joins Kiki as she recruits the delinquent Girl Scouts of Manhattan into an elite squad, the Irregulars, to fight crime and map the Second City. But someone else is after the secrets of the labyrinth below New York, and the cruel clique at Anankas school has taken an interest in the Irregulars as well. When it seems Kiki cant be trusted, Ananka must take matters into her own hands, risking lives, secrets, and the safety of New York City itself. **PB \$16.95**

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When the sacred royal dawn ceremony is attacked and their parents are taken prisoner by the ruthless Sedahs, brother and sister Ethan and Lily escape into the forest with their dog, Aisha. Using their courage and talents, they rescue Princess Roana and their best friend Saxon from the invaders. Together the four children set off on horseback on a dangerous quest to save their parents and the Queen and Prince Caspar and to find the magical gems of the Royal Sun Sword, which have been hidden, leaving the land of Tiregian powerless. The journey is fraught with dangers an Octamon sea monster, the loathsome creatures lurking under the City of Tira and the Sedah invaders themselves. The most dangerous of all is the sinister Sedah tracker the Sniffer, who is close on their trail. Along the way, there are puzzles, riddles and prophecies to be solved. Can the four friends find the Sun Gem in time? Can they outwit the tenacious Sniffer and Lord Lazlac? And can they solve the code to find the clue to the location of the Moon Pearl? **PB \$14.95**

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Samuel Godwin, an art tutor has two tutees, Marianne and Juliana. Assisted by their governess, Samuel begins to uncover why Marianne is emotionally fragile. But his discoveries lead to revenge and betrayal - and lives all around are turned upside down. This work is a novel in diary style, combining different voices and a different century. **TP \$29.95**

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J K Rowling*Harry Potter & The Half-Blood Prince (Harry Potter 06)*

Harry has yet again spent the summer holidays at the Dursleys'. He has had plenty to think about, though from the death of his beloved godfather Sirius Black, to the terrifying chase through the Ministry of Magic by the Death Eaters, to the fierce duel he witnessed between Professor Dumbledore and Lord Voldemort. It is the middle of the summer, but there is an unseasonal mist pressing against the windowpanes. Harry is waiting nervously for a visit from Professor Dumbledore himself. He can't quite believe that Professor Dumbledore will actually appear at the Dursleys' of all places. Why is the Professor coming to visit him now? What is it that cannot wait until Harry returns to Hogwarts in a few weeks' time? Harry's sixth year at Hogwarts has already got off to an unusual start, as the worlds of Muggle and magic start to intertwine. J.K. Rowling charts Harry Potter's adventures in his sixth year at Hogwarts with a mix of detail and humour that is unsurpassed, pace that is breathless and above all a flair that is magical. **PB \$19.95 HC \$19.95**

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The year is 2006, and a young college sophomore named Jenna Solitaire is going through her grandfather's belongings after his death. Hidden away in the attic of his sprawling house, Jenna finds a very old journal. That is when she begins to learn about her unique family history. **APB \$12.95**

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Corby Flood and her family are about to set sail on the rather ramshackle cruise ship, the Euphonia. Her boisterous brothers might not have noticed that anything is wrong, but Corby is highly observant and has a lot of time for notetaking and eavesdropping. Onboard, amongst all the odd passengers and eccentric crew, there is a strange group of men in bowlerhats who call themselves The Brotherhood of Clowns. There's also a melancholy wailing sound coming from the hold. It's strictly out of bounds but Corby can't help investigating. What could be inside the crate she discovers down in the hold? As the ship arrives at its destination, Corby must enlist the help of some very well moustachioed locals to uncover the contents of the crate and the dark secrets of the menacing Clowns. An enchanting illustrated story set in the same beguiling world as last year's stunning children's adventure FERGUS CRANE. **PB \$14.95**

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These people call themselves Midnighters. Each one has a different power that is strongest at midnight: Seer, Mindcaster, Acrobat, Polymath. For years the Midnighters and the dark creatures have shared the secret hour, uneasily avoiding one another. All that changes when the new girl with an unmistakable midnight aura appears at Bixby High School.

Jessica Day is not an outsider like the other Midnighters. She acts perfectly normal in every way. But it soon becomes clear that the dark creatures sense a hidden power in Jessica . . . and they're determined to stop her before she can use it. **PB \$19.95**

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Asa and Rollo are orphans, the royal children of the Star Lands. Emperor Flood, the powerful court magician who has usurped the power of the king and queen, has caused the water to rise, turning the Star Lands into a series of hill islands, sunken towers, and deep, motionless bays. Flood commands the sky patrols, which watch the waterways from their huge black balloons. A loyal family friend, Egil Cripplehand, gives Asa and Rollo his enchanted ship, Northseeker, so that they can rescue their infant sister Una from their parents' killers. But first they must outrun the sky patrols, using their special gifts to outwit Emperor Flood's forces. **BPB \$9.99**

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A little way in the future, time is distorting. Time Tornadoes are causing havoc. People are whirled out of their own time, never to return, and a Woolly Mammoth has been seen on the banks of the River Thames. But time is big business, and whoever gets control of time controls life as we know it! In a house called Tanglewreck lives a girl called Silver and her guardian Mrs Rokabye. Unbeknown to Silver there is a family treasure in the form of a seventeenthcentury watch called the Timekeeper, and this treasure holds the key to the mysterious and frightening changes in time. When Silver goes on the run to try and protect herself and the Timekeeper a remarkable and compelling adventure unfolds, full of brilliance and wit.

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Stephen J Gould

The Richness of Life

There aren't many scientists famous enough in their lifetime to be canonized by the US Congress as one of America's living legends'. It is still more unlikely that the title should have been conferred on a man regarded by many in the US as a notorious radical and sometime Marxist controversialist throughout his life as a theorist and polemicist even amongst colleagues in his own chosen fields of palaeontology and evolutionary theory. Yet few would have grudged this accolade to Stephen Jay Gould, whose writings on history both of the natural world and of the study of that natural world had made him a household name by the time of his death in 2002. And not just in the Anglophone world, for his books and articles have been widely translated and read in their hundreds of thousands in every society in which debate about evolution and the human condition are the stuff of intellectual life. Gould's written legacy is prodigious the unbroken series of 300 essays published in Natural History magazine, a clutch of books culminating in the monumental 1400 page Structure of Evolutionary Theory, appearing just months before his death, and of course his academic papers. A committed Darwinian and robust critic of creationist myths, he nevertheless made major revisions to orthodox Darwinian theory, from his concept of punctuated equilibrium to his insistence on the importance of chance in the history of life on earth. **HC \$65**

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Sevenfeetall. Four hundred pounds. A bloodcrusted, rusty steel plate screwed into his skull. But perhaps the most terrifying thing about reclusive psychopath Jacob Goodnight are the razorsharp nails on his forefingers, the ones that circle around his victims' eyes just before he takes them.

Holed up within the longabandoned Blackwell Hotel, nine floors of hidden passageways and twoway mirrors that once acted as a playground for the rich and privileged, Jacob's disturbing gaze is now fixed on Kira, Christine, Michael, Tye, Zoe, Melissa, Richie, and Russell eight delinquents hoping to shave time off their county jail sentences by performing community service and restoring the building and detention officer Frank Williams, the former cop who put a bullet in Jacob's head four years prior. Goodnight sees the sins in their eyes he always does and he's going to pluck them out, one by one...

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08: Once Lost

Kirsten Beyer

A strain of the deadly Marburg virus has come up for sale on the black market, and the seller has showcased the wares by infecting an African village. APO has one potential lead: a researcher named Magrite whose success in treating Marburg victims may be the reason for his sudden disappearance.

Out in the field again, Agent Sydney Bristow and her father, Jack, close in on the kidnapper, but determining Magrite's location is only the first challenge in a chain of obstacles. Magrite has a dark secret that forces Sydney to confront her past, even as APO races to stop the distribution of a new and terrifying weapon. **PB \$14.95**

Aliens

DNA War

Diane Carey

The Aliens series of films were worldwide blockbuster events there is a huge fanbase, eager for new stories of humanity's conflicts with these ravenous killers. In an inhospitable galaxy, Rosumund 6 seems to have everything needed for human habitation: a moon, an atmosphere, a thriving biosystem. But although it looks like an oasis, the planet harbors a fatal secret: murderous aliens that have wiped out every life form in their path. Anthropologist Jocasta Malvaux is eager to prove her theory that the aliens can be reasoned with, so she sets up a n observation post on Rosumund 6. Amazingly, when the monsters become aware of Malvaux and her expedition, they don't attack. What's the reason behind the Alien's seeming lack of concern for the humans? Are they evolving? Or are they simply lying in wait? Expanding on Ridley Scott's classic film, **TP \$17.95**

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She does not believe members of her crew when they say they can hear an ancient bell ringing. A bell that strikes terror into their hearts.

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There is nothing special about Edward Grainger.

Except... from the day he was born, until the day he will die, he keeps meeting the Doctor. Sometimes a different Doctor, sometimes the same Doctor.

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Jeff Mariotte

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While running his dad's construction company, Danny learns that his exfiancée Mary is in danger, and takes it upon himself to do something about it.... Mike is working at a rival casino, but when he uncovers a suspicious plot afoot, he finds himself becoming the boy who cried wolf....

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Jude Watson

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Stargate

Approaching the Possible: the World of Stargate SG-1

Jo Storm

Stargate SG-1 has been a television hit for eight years (an almost unheard-of run in science-fiction television), with a ninth in production, and boasts a devoted and vocal online community. Based on the feature length movie, the series SG-1 is Sci Fi Channel's highest rated show. It follows the flagship team, designated SG-1, of a secret military base. Transported instantly by a Stargate to distant planets, Colonel Jack O'Neill (MacGyver star Richard Dean Anderson) and his team race to save the galaxy from ruthless enslaving aliens, the Goa'uld. What is it about this show that has made it so popular? What makes it different from other science fiction series on television today?

Approaching the Possible: The World of Stargate SG-1 answers these questions and more. It serves as a comprehensive introduction for those who are just starting to watch SG-1 with an episode guide to the series, examining SG-1 season by season. For the long-time viewer, author Jo Storm explores multi-season storylines and character developments. Interesting facts for each episode and numerous sidebars uncover the mythology and science not only of the stories, but of the writing, directing, and special effects used to tell the stories.

Exclusive interviews with cast members such as Teryl Rothery, Alex Zahara, writer Joseph Mallozzi, special effects supervisor James Tichenor, and Gateworld's Darren Sumner, engage the Stargate universe from multiple angles. Including chapters devoted to the franchise as well as the 'fanchise' element of the MGM original series, the book showcases the passion this show inspires in its viewers — from real-life scientists to fan fiction writers. Approaching the Possible offers insight into the multiple reasons for the show's popularity while tackling everything from the mythology of Ancient Egypt to the series' evolution as a CGI wunderkind. With no other episode guide on the market that covers every season of the series, this book is a must-have addition to any fan's library. **TP \$24.95**

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Spencer Lamm

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The Art of V for Vendetta contains production ephemera including: storyboard art, character sketches, original script, still photos, and the art from the original graphic novel, the inspiration for the movie.

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X-Men 3

Chris Claremont

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Falling for Julia is Clevenger's first mistake. Investigating the Bishops' twisted emotional landscape is his second. As his own demons rise to the surface, he must play the ultimate mind game to catch the thriller – and make it out alive... **APB \$21.95**

Cherry Adair*Edge of Danger*

An antiterrorism agent in TFLAC's paranormal unit, Gabriel Edge goes into action when a dangerous invention is stolen from a secret Arizona lab, using his secret telepathic powers to infiltrate the mind of Eden Cahill, the scientist who invented the device, but his mission could have unexpected and painful consequences, in the first volume in a new trilogy. **APB \$17.95**

Susan Wittig Albert*The Tale of the Cuckoo Brow Wood (Cottage Tales of Beatrix Potter)*

When Beatrix Potter returns to her new hometown of Sawrey after some time away, she finds her home overrun by rats, forcing her to enlist the assistance of some of the local cats, and the village threatened by a mysterious outsider who plans to destroy the pristine shoreline of Lake Windermere by constructing a number of villas. **HC \$49.95**

Sheryl J Anderson*Killer Deal (Molly Forrester)*

On a leave of absence from her advice column, journalist Molly Forrester is given the task of doing a feature article on the killing of maverick advertising executive Gordon Dean, matching wits with her NYPD boyfriend, Kyle, and her ex, a New York Times reporter, as she races against time to find a killer. **HC \$49.95**

David Angsten*Dark Gold*

Setting out for Mexico with a pair of college buddies to locate his missing brother, Jack Duran discovers that his brother had been searching for a shipwreck believed to be the site of a fortune in ancient gold and that the divers on the search team have been disappearing one by one. **HC \$51.95**

Reed Arvin*Blood of Angels*

Struggling to maintain a sense of purpose in a Tennessee county that has been significantly changed by ten years of immigration and diversity, senior prosecutor Thomas Dennehy tackles a difficult case involving a Sudanese murder suspect and racially charged locals. **APB \$19.95**

M C Beaton*Death of a Perfect Wife (Hamish MacBeth Mystery)*

When Paul and Trixie Thomas, an unemployed English couple, move to the sleepy Scottish Highlands village of Lochdubh, the villagers are wary of them, and when Trixie is found dead, killed by a lethal dose of poison, village police inspector Hamish Macbeth suspects her husband from the very start. **APB \$17.95**

Mark Billingham*The Burning Girl*

Enmeshed in a case involving a contract killer and a turf war between organized crime bosses, detective Thom Thorne agrees to help former DCI Carol Chamberlain in an old murder investigation and discovers a disturbing link between both cases and a ring of protection rackets. **APB \$19.95**

Victoria Blake*The Cutting Blades*

Increasingly paranoid over her feeling that she is being watched wherever she goes, private detective Sam Falconer undertakes an investigation into the disappearance of a young rower from Oxford University, uncovering a web of professional jealousy, resentment, vicious competition, and murder. **TP \$28.95**

Nero Blanc*Death on the Diagonal (Crossword Mystery with Puzzles)*

Crossword puzzle editor Belle Graham comes to the aid of her husband, Roscoe, as they investigate a devastating fire at the Collins family stables a fire being blamed on the harddrinking barn manager who somehow managed to rescue the horses and discover a dysfunctional family made of an aged patriarch, his grown children, and his muchyounger bride. **TP \$28.95**

Another Word For Murder

Crossword editor Belle Graham and her P.I. husband Roscoe come to the aid of their new friend, Karen Tacete, when her husband is murdered and her daughter falls victim to a series of bizarre threats that mirror a series of enigmatic crosswords with nursery rhyme clues that have been sent to Belle. **APB \$19.95**

Lawrence Block*Hit Parade*

Introspective professional assassin John Keller, the antihero of Hit Man and Hit List, continues to ponder his life, the ethics of his lethal career, and his possible retirement as he returns in an allnew mystery adventure. **HC \$51.95**

Stephen Booth*Blind to the Bones*

In the wake of a series of suspicious deaths on the moors of Dark Peak, detectives Diane Fry and Ben Cooper struggle with a twoyearold unsolved case involving a secretive clan and the death of a young woman whose parents insist that she is still alive. **APB \$18.95**

One Last Breath

In England's touristladen Peak District, Detective Constable Ben Cooper and his partner, Diane Fry, search for a convicted killer bent on the ultimate revenge who is hiding in one of the region's many caves, while protecting the prospective victims of the infamous Mansell Quinn, including Ben himself, whose father had arrested the murderer years earlier. **HC \$51.95**

Scared to Live

It was an ordinary house fire with tragic consequences: a wife and two children dead. But then for DS Fry and DC Cooper the ordinary always meant trouble. Trouble like a grieving husband behaving as though his life is in danger. Trouble like a shocking assassination – of an old woman living alone in a quiet Peak District village. Her death suggests that even the most harmless people have cause to expect the unexpected. But Fry and Cooper are certainly surprised to find a link between the two incidents, one that will take them halfway across Europe and back again in their search for the truth. Along the way, they discover some of the reasons why people can be scared to live – and the connection at the heart of the enquiry that proves to be the most surprising revelation of all... **TP \$32.95**

Kathy Brandt*Under Pressure*

When a chartered plane full of Caribbean tourists takes a nosedive next to her boat, Detective Hannah Sampson and her partner, after finding one survivor, launch their own investigation into a case that keeps getting stranger as they dig deeper. **APB \$17.95**

Elizabeth Bright*Deadly Greetings (Card-Making Mystery)*

While fending off the unwanted advances of her new downstairs neighbor, her exfiancé, and a drunken deputy, Jennifer Shane, owner of a cardmaking store, must solve a murder when one of her best customers is found dead and she receives a handmade card predicting this tragic event. **APB \$17.95**

Poppy Z Brite*Soul Kitchen*

Hooked on painkillers after being injured on the job and owing money to his source, the crooked Dr. Lamotte, Rickey agrees to open a restaurant on a lakefront casino boat in which Lamotte and a silent partner have invested a fortune, only to discover that the line cook, an old friend with a past, is a convicted murderer and that Lamotte's partner has some highly sinister connections. **TP \$26.95**

Christopher Brooknyre*All Fun and Games Until Somebody Loses An Eye*

As a teenager Jane Bell had dreamt of playing in the casinos of Monte Carlo in the company of James Bond, but in her punk phase she'd got herself pregnant and by the time she reaches fortysix she's a grandmother, her dreams as dry as the dust her Dyson sucks up from her hall carpet every day. Then her son Ross, a researcher working for an arms manufacturer in Switzerland, is forced to disappear before some characters cut from the same cloth as Blofeld persuade him to part with the secrets of his research. But they are not the only ones desperate to locate him. A team of security experts is hired by Ross's firm: headed by the enigmatic Bett, his staff have little in common apart from total professionalism and a thorough disregard for the law. Bett believes the key to Ross's whereabouts is his mother, and in one respect he is right, but even he is taken aback by the verve underlying her determination to secure her son's safety as she learns the black arts of quiet subterfuge and violent attack. **BPB \$22.95**

Julia Buckley*The Dark Backward*

Grieving over the loss of her partner, Danny, in a mysterious shootout that nearly claims her own life, police officer Lily Caldwell begins to suspect that Governor "Nob" Stevens is behind the killing and, on her own, without the police department behind her, launches her own investigation into the crime. **TP \$28.95**

James Lee Burke*Pegasus Descending (Dave Robicheaux)*

Precariously content in his strict AA lifestyle at the side of a woman he loves, New Orleans detective Dave Robicheaux finds his peace shattered by the appearance of a woman who is passing stolen money and the suicide of another woman who may be the daughter of Dave's longtime friend. **HC \$52.95**

Alafair Burke*Close Case*

While investigating the bludgeoning death of hotshot investigative reporter Percy Crenshaw, Deputy District Attorney Samantha Kincaid becomes caught in the middle of an escalating and increasingly personal battle between the DA's office and the Portland, Oregon, police. **APB \$17.95**

Milton T Burton*The Sweet and the Dead*

Retired Dallas deputy sheriff Manfred Eugene "Hog" Webern goes undercover in Biloxi, Mississippi, as part of a scheme to nail a group of Southern crooks known as the "Dixie Mafia," worming his way into the trust of the group and its leader, Jasper Sparks, while becoming involved with enigmatic exprosecutor Nell Bigelow. **HC \$49.95**

Andrea Camilleri*The Scent of the Night (06)*

The sixth novel in Camilleri's brilliantly atmospheric, savagely funny Sicilian crime series.

Half the retired people of Vigàta have invested their savings with a financial wizard who has disappeared, along with their money. As Montalbano investigates this labyrinthine financial scam, he finds himself at a serious disadvantage: a hostile superior has shut him out of the case, he's on the outs with his lover Livia, and his cherished Sicily seems to be becoming so ruthless and vulgar that Montalbano wonders if any part of it is worth saving.

Drenched with atmosphere, crackling with wit, *The Scent of the Night* is Camilleri at his most addictive. **TP \$32.95**

Andrea Canobbio*The Natural Disorder of Things*

Following themes of obsession, order, and paternal legacies, a literary thriller follows the experiences of reclusive garden designer Claudio Fratta, who struggles with his brother's fatal overdose and an elusive woman before pursuing revenge on a loan shark who bankrupted his father. **HC \$51.95**

Susan Carroll*The Bride Factor (Bride)*

When Madeline Breton is summoned by the wizard Septimus Fitzleger, otherwise known as the Bride Finder, to redeem the mysterious Anatole St. Leger from his isolation in a Cornwall castle, she becomes ensnared in an illusory world of dark forces. **APB \$17.95**

The Night Drifter (Bride 02)

In a sequel to *The Bride Finder*, a young widow struggles to summon the magical forces that will enable her to save her new love, a Cornish nobleman who roams the night in spirit form, from a shadowy enemy. **APB \$17.95**

Laura Childs*Death by Design (Scrapbooking Mystery)*

Scrapbooking shop owner Carmela Bertrand turns sleuth when her estranged husband is accused of murdering a New Orleans businessman in Keepsake Crimes, probes the killing of a neighboring shop owner in Photo Finished, and investigates the murder of a groom with a deadly secret in Bound for Murder, in an omnibus edition containing the three Scrapbooking Mysteries. **TP \$28.95**

Agatha Christie

At Bertram's Hotel (Miss Marple)

When *The Murder at the Vicarage* was published in October 1930, little did the literary world realise that Agatha Christie, already famous for her early Poirot titles, was introducing a character who would become the bestloved female sleuth of all time. The 14 Marple books would appear at intervals over the next 49 years, with *Miss Marple's Final Cases* published in 1979, three years after Agatha's death. To mark the 75th anniversary of Miss Marple's first appearance, and to celebrate her renewed fortunes as a primetime television star, this collection of facsimile first editions will be the perfect way to enjoy these books in their original form – 12 novels and two short story collections. Reproducing the original typesetting and formats from the first editions from the Christie family's own archive copies, these books sport the original covers which have been painstakingly restored from the best available copies, reflecting five decades of iconic cover design. **HC \$29.99**

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Mary Jane Clark

Dancing in the Dark

Setting aside her vacation plans to interview a kidnapping victim whose story was not believed by authorities, news correspondent Diane Mayfield becomes increasingly alarmed when subsequent victims are discovered murdered, a situation that places Diane and her family in danger. By the author of *Hide Yourself Away*. **APB \$19.95**

Lights Out Tonight

Having received a fair share of angry retaliations in her work as a film and theater critic, Caroline Enright is nevertheless unprepared for a murder in a quaint Berkshires college town where her stepdaughter is performing a small part in a summer theater festival. **HC \$49.95**

Paul Cleave

The Cleaner

Surprising and compelling this powerfully written novel is a terrifyingly vivid rendering inside the mind of a serial killer. Joe is in control of everything in his simple life, including both his day job at the police department and his 'night work'. He remembers to feed his fish twice a day and visit his mother at least once a week, although he occasionally peppers her coffee with rat poison. He is not bothered by the reports of *The Christchurch Carver*, who, they say, murdered seven women. Joe knows the carver has only killed six women. He knows that for a fact. And Joe is going to find that copycat killer, punish him for the one and then frame him for the other six. It's a perfect plan because he already knows he can outwit the police. All he has to do now is take care of all the women who keep getting in his way his domineering mother for one. Then there is Sally, the maintenance worker who sees him as a replacement for her dead brother, and the mysterious Melissa, the only woman to have ever understood him, but whose fantasies of blackmail and torture no longer have any place in Joe's investigation **TP \$29.95**

Alison Clement

Twenty Questions

Shocked by a local murder involving the parents of two students, cafeteria worker June visits the victim's home, becomes a mother figure to the victim's orphaned daughter, and discovers a shocking truth that jeopardizes her own marriage. **HC \$47.95**

Barbara Cleverly

Ragtime in Simla

When his traveling companion is assassinated at his side while they drive through the Indian countryside in a touring car, Scotland Yard detective and recent arrival in the postWorld War I Raj Joe Sandilands investigates the crime and soon finds himself digging into another, earlier murder that is almost certainly related. **TP \$26.95**

The Last Kashmiri Rose

After a half decade in which the wife of an officer in the Bengal Grays in Panikhat, India, has died violently each March, one for the past five years, the governor of Bengal, local police authorities, and visiting Scotland Yard detective Joe Sandilands find themselves probing the bizarre coincidences that link the deaths as they pursue a dangerous serial killer. **TP \$26.95**

The Palace Tiger

The fourth installment of the author's series follows Joe Sandilands, a Scotland Yard detective sent to help a Maharajah hunt a tiger that has been terrorizing the countryside, but Joe's suspicions are raised when the choice of weapons for the expedition seems more appropriate for hunting humans. **TP \$26.95**

Martina Cole

Take

Freddie Jackson thinks he owns the underworld when he gets out of prison. He's done his time, made the right connections, and now he's ready to use them. His wife Jackie just wants her husband home, but she's forgotten the rows, the violence, and the girls Freddie can't leave alone. Bitter, resentful, and increasingly unstable, Jackie watches her life crumble while her little sister Maggie's star rises. In love with Freddie's cousin Jimmy, Maggie is determined not to end up like her sister. Families should stick together, but behind closed doors, jealousy and betrayal can fester until everyone's life is infected. And for the Jacksons, loyalty cannot win out. Because in their world you can trust no one. In their world everyone is on the take. **APB \$19.95**

Michael Collins*The Secret Life of E Robert Pendleton*

It's been over a decade since Professor E. Pendleton published his brilliant short story debut, and his hopes for a dazzling literary career now lie in tatters. His simmering despair boils over with the arrival on his university campus of Pendleton's onetime friend, now nemesis, the bestselling author and king of the coffeetable book, Allen Horowitz. For Pendleton, death seems to be the only remaining option, but his attempt to kill himself is wrecked by the intervention of Adi Wiltshire, a graduate student battling her own demons of failure and thwarted ambition. While Pendleton recovers from his suicide attempt, Adi discovers a novel hidden in his basement: a brilliant, bitter story with a gruesome murder at its core. The novel's publication causes a storm of publicity, into which Adi and Horowitz are drawn along with the sister of a young girl whose real life, unsolved murder bears an uncanny resemblance to the crime in Pendleton's novel, and a burntout cop determined to prove that in this case fact and fiction are one and the same. **TP \$29.95**

Michael Connelly*The Lincoln Lawyer*

They're called Lincoln Lawyers: the bottom of the legal food chain, the criminal defence attorneys who operate out of the back of a Lincoln Town Car, taking whatever cases the system throws in their path. Mickey Haller has been in the business a long time, and he knows just how to work it. When a Beverly Hills rich boy is arrested for brutally beating a woman, Haller has his first highpaying client in years. The evidence mounts on the defence's side, and Haller might even be in the rare position of defending a client who is actually innocent. But when his case starts to fall apart and neither the suspect nor the victim are quite who they seem, Haller quickly discovers that when you swim with the sharks, it's easy to wind up as prey. **PB \$19.95**

Robin Cook*Crisis*

Shocked and humiliated by a medical malpractice lawsuit that compromises everything he has worked for, devoted physician Craig Bowman receives help from his estranged brother-in-law, medical examiner Jack Stapleton, who discovers a Pandora's box of trouble after exhuming the body of Craig's alleged victim. **HC \$52.95**

Stephen Coonts*The Traitor*

Sent to investigate a French spy agency director's covert investments in the Bank of Palestine, retired CIA agent Jake Grafton teams up with fellow operative Tommy Carmellini to uncover an elaborate strategy to infiltrate the highest levels of Al Qaeda. **HC \$52.95**

Patricia Cornwell*Predator*

Benton Wesley is working on a secret project involving convicted killers, one of whom appears to confess to an even higher number of murders than the authorities had known about. It is a project that gives Scarpetta deep disquiet, as does the behaviour of her niece Lucy, who is spending too much time drinking and indulging in casual pickups in cheap bars.

The Academy is called in to assist in the discovery of a young woman's remains in Massachusetts. She has been tortured, sexually abused, her body tattooed with handprints. The same sort of handprints Lucy saw on her latest pickup. Meanwhile, Scarpetta and Marino are investigating the disappearance of a family in Florida. A neighbour has appealed to them directly, insisting that the local police are not taking the case seriously. But as they search and find the telltale signs of abduction rather than disappearance, they also discover that somebody had assumed the caller's identity, and she is now dead. They've been set up. And it becomes terrifyingly clear that someone is tracking their every move. **TP \$32.95**

Philip R Craig*Vineyard Prey (Martha's Vineyard Mystery)*

Spending the winter offseason at Martha's Vineyard with his wife and children, retired cop J. W. Jackson is asked to help an old friend sneak back into his Vineyard home and discovers that the friend, a Vietnam agent, has been targeted for a past involvement in a dangerous mission. **APB \$17.95**

Austin Davis*Shoveling Smoke (Clay Parker Crime)*

Tired of the corporate hassle, burntout attorney Clay Parker abandons Houston to set up practice with a small firm in an East Texas town, only to find himself caught up in the middle of a fraud case and defending the nasty Bevo Rasmussen, accused of torching the stables housing his overinsured thoroughbred horses. **TP \$26.95**

Lindsey Davis*Scandal Takes a Holiday (Marcus Didius Falco Mystery)*

When the scribe of ancient Rome's daily scandal column goes missing in seaside Ostia, firstcentury investigator Marcus Didius Falco learns that the scribe had been working on a story about an underworld kidnapping racket involving pirates. **APB \$17.95**

Dee Davis*Eye of the Storm*

It was time to destroy the ghosts of her past before they destroyed her!

Everyone has skeletons in the closet Simone Cooper Sheridan's involve secret CIA operations in the steamy jungles of South America. Now, after years of disguising her true identity, Simone is finally forced to confront her previous life.

Reece Sheridan knows that a smart man doesn't think with his heart-after all, he is the one who divorced Simone because their marriage just couldn't overcome her mysterious past.

But Reece has never got over her. And now Simone's secrets have captured the two of them in a deadly game with a ticking clock... yet nothing can tear him from her side. **PB \$14.95**

Jeffrey Deaver*Cold Moon*

It's the night of the full Cold Moon the month of December according to the lunar calendar. A young man is found dead in lower Manhattan, the first in a series of victims of a man calling himself the Watchmaker. This killer's obsession with time drives him to plan the murders with the precision of fine timepieces, and the victims die prolonged deaths while an eerie clock ticks away their last minutes on earth. Lincoln Rhyme, Amelia Sachs and the rest of the crew are tapped to handle the case and stop the Watchmaker and his partner, Vincent Reynolds, a repulsive character with a special interest in the female victims of the killer. Amelia is not only Lincoln's eyes and ears at crime scenes on the Watchmaker case, but she's now running her own homicide investigation, her first case as lead detective. The policewoman's unwavering efforts in pursuing the killers of a businessman, who left behind a wife and son, sets into motion clockwork gears of its own... **TP \$32.95**

Jim DeFelice & Richard Marcinko

Holy Terror : Ames (Rogue Warrior)

Revealing a terrorist plot during a NATO conference in Rome, former SEAL commander Demo Dick is directed to investigate an attempted theft of nuclear bombs from a U.S. base, a situation that is complicated by a trap set for him in the Thailand jungle. **HC \$51.95**

Vengeance (Rogue Warrior)

The Rogue Warrior walks the razor's edge of alarming reality in this blazing thriller of the war on terror. Former SEAL Team Six leader Richard Marcinko and his Red Cell II team give Homeland Security a wakeup call with a series of simulated terror attacks. But there's nothing fake about the railroad bridge wired with explosives or the dismembered corpse the team unearths while they're busy scaring the daylights out of the American public. With the enemy on the brink of unleashing hell on U.S. soil, the Rogue Warrior launches an all-out international manhunt. And when it's clear that Marcinko himself is a moving target, Demo Dick wants more than dead terrorists he wants vengeance. . . . **PB \$16.95**

Jo Dereske

Bookmarked to Die (Miss Zukas Mystery)

With her life falling apart, thanks to professional jealousy on the part of her conniving boss, library director May Apple Moon, librarian Wilhelmina "Helma" Zukas finds herself blackmailed into participating in group counseling sessions, a situation that becomes complicated by the murders of two of the participants. **APB \$17.95**

Dania Deschamps

Thirst

Dominique Olivet has come home to practice law in sultry Key West, an island of closeknit natives, Catholicism, and an enduring belief in brujas, the Latino witches. Appointed to represent a medical student accused of murder, she finds herself pitted against a psychopath with a thirst for human blood. He will lead her into the darkest recesses of the mind, or perhaps, into a reality too frightening to acknowledge. **TP \$28.95**

Garry Disher Australian Author

The Dragon Man (Challis and Destry 01)

It was as easy as that. Inspired, really. That first one, last week, she hadn't been a challenge at all. Drunk, halfdrugged, hitchhiking, she'd been too easy. At least he'd got to use his head a little tonight. His headlights probed the darkness as he carried her away, high above the rottenness that was always there under the light of the sun.

Summer on the Peninsula. The heat's ramping up, the usual holiday madness building. D.I. Hal Challis already recycling his shower water and starting to dread Christmas.

But this year there's something more. Women abducted and murdered on the Old Highway. A pall of fear over the scorched paddocks. The media are demanding answers and Challis's sleepy beat is set to explode. **BPB \$22.95**

Carole Nelson Douglas

Cat in a Hot Pink Pursuit (Midnight Louie Mystery)

Investigating the appearance of bizarrely mutilated Barbie dolls throughout Las Vegas, amateur detective Temple Barr, assisted by feline companion Midnight Louie, agrees to go undercover on a reality TV show among a horde of ruthless teen blondes, one of whom appears willing to kill in order to secure her victory. **APB \$17.95**

Cat in A Quicksilver Caper (Midnight Louis Mystery)

Overseeing a prestigious hotel exhibition at which a priceless Russian scepter is being displayed, FR freelancer Temple Barr finds the exhibit threatened by a murder case that is complicated by an aerial magic act being held in the same hotel. **HC \$40.95**

Brendan DuBois

Final Winter

'We're fighting a new kind of war against determined enemies. And public servants long into the future will bear the responsibility to defend Americans against terror.' George W. Bush's words as he signed the Homeland Security Act. Neither he nor anyone else suspected that a traitor could be one of those public servants.

Deep inside Homeland Security a group of elite officers is gathered from the police, the FBI and the CIA operating in deep cover, their contact with each other and with other agencies strictly compartmentalised.

One is Brian Doyle, an NYPD detective, chosen for his determination as much as his deductive prowess. Another is ruthlessly using the carefully gathered intelligence to unleash a biological attack across America.

And when Doyle does work out that person's identity it seems as though he will be too late to prevent the attack. **BPB \$19.95**

Margaret Dumas

How to Succeed in Murder

Newlywed theatrical producer and heiress Charley Fairfax once again becomes involved in murder when, as part of her husband Jack's investigation into a California software company whose executives are turning up dead, Charley goes undercover at the company and gets a quick lesson in corporate murder. **HC \$51.95**

Carola Dunn

Styx and Stones (Daisy Dalrymple Mystery)

Called in by her brother-in-law to investigate a series of nasty poisonpen letters that have been tormenting his small English village, the Honorable Daisy Dalrymple uncovers a web of hateful resentment and intrigue that soon leads to murder. **APB \$17.95**

Paul Eddy

Flint's Code (Flint 03)

The incredible Grace Flint is back. She is the best undercover cop in the business, a chameleon personality who can assume many different personas. She is a driven woman, tortured by past betrayals and now she has a burning desire to avenge her tormentors. Karl Grober is a vicious East European moneylaunderer, one of the FBI's Ten Most Wanted criminals. Flint is assigned the task of infiltrating his organisation and bringing him to justice, dead or alive. She is going deep undercover. She joins a financial investment company as a tax expert and attempts to pull off an outrageous sting; she sows the seeds of doubt in Grober's ally Alexander Carcani, an Albanian running a prostitution and child bodyfarming ring. But Flint has a young son the chink in her armour and when she realises somebody knows everything about her and is determined to target her weakest point, it's inevitable that all hell will break loose. . . . **TP \$32.95**

Barry Eisler

Killing Rain

Hired by the Mossad to perform a series of strategic assassinations in Asia, John Rain, accompanied by ex-Marine Dox, inadvertently botches the assignment and finds himself seeking assistance from alluring Israeli agent Delilah. **APB \$19.95**

One Last Kill

Assassin John Rain has a new employer the Mossad which wants him to fix a 'problem' in Manila and a new partner Dox whose good ol' boy persona masks a sniper as deadly as Rain himself. He also has a new hope: that by using his talents in the service of something good he might atone for all the lives he has already taken. But when Rain's conscience causes him to botch an assignment, he finds out that he's Mossad's next target. And when Delilah, the alluring Israeli agent he once fought and then loved, reappears in his life, he can't be sure whether she is there to help him or to finish him off. **TP \$29.95**

Aaron Elkins

Unnatural Selection

Heading for the Isles of Scilly, off the Cornwall coast, with his wife, who has been invited to attend a consortium hosted by Russian expatriate Vasily Kozlov, forensics professor Gideon Oliver is delighted to spend the time puttering around local Neolithic sites, until he stumbles upon a much newer bone that could be tied to a brandnew murder. **HC \$49.95**

Kate Ellis

Unhallowed Grave (Wesley Peterson 03)

When the body of Pauline Brent is found hanging from a yew tree in a local graveyard, DS Wesley Peterson immediately suspects foul play. Then history provides him with a clue. Wesley's archaeologist friend, Neil Watson, has excavated a corpse at his nearby dig a young woman who, local legend has it, had been publicly hanged from the very same tree before being buried on unhallowed ground five centuries ago. Wesley is forced to consider the possibility that the killer knows the tree's dark history. Has Pauline also been 'executed' rather than murdered and, if so, for what crime? To catch a dangerous killer Wesley has to discover as much as he can about the victim. But Pauline appears to have been a woman with few friends, no relatives and a past she has carefully tried to hide. . . **APB \$19.95**

Funeral Boat

When young Carl Palister unearths a skeleton on a Devon smallholding, DS Wesley Peterson and his boss Gerry Heffernan are called in to investigate. Heffernan is convinced that the remains are those of Carl's father, a local villain who vanished from the Tradmouth area three years before. Wesley isn't so sure he discovers evidence that suggests the skeleton is a good thousand years older than they first thought. A keen amateur archaeologist, Wesley is intrigued by the possibility that this is a Viking corpse, buried in keeping with ancient traditions. But he has a more urgent crime to solve the disappearance of a Danish tourist. At first it appears that Ingeborg Larsen may just have gone away for a few days without telling her landlady, but Wesley finds disturbing evidence that the attractive Dane has been abducted. Gerry Heffernan believes that Ms Larsen's disappearance is linked to a spate of brutal local robberies and that Ingeborg witnessed something she shouldn't have. But is her disappearance linked to far older events? For it seems that this may not have been Ingeborg's first visit to this far from quiet West Country backwater **APB \$19.95**

Tracey Enright

Claire Fontaine Crime Fighter: A Novel of Life and Death and Shoes

As private detective Henry Bennett, a sloppy, middleaged former cop, and his partner or assistant, depending on the point of view Claire Fontaine, a wealthy, sophisticated young lady with a penchant for sleuthing, investigate the murder of a young party girl, they stumble upon a host of secrets that the rich and famous will do anything to hide. **HC \$49.95**

Janet Evanovich

Eleven on Top (Stephanie Plum 11)

Trouble seems to find Stephanie everywhere she goes, and once again she's struggling with her tangled love life, chaotic family, and her Godgiven gift for destroying every car she drives. This time, Plum has decided to quit her job as a bounty hunter. She's tired of creeps, weirdos and stalkers. But just when she thinks she's out, they pull her back in! So fasten your seatbelt and hang on Stephanie's back in town. **APB \$19.95 CASS \$27.95**

Twelve Sharp (Stephanie Plum 12)

Bounty hunter Stephanie Plum's typically chaotic life is thrown into greater turmoil by the appearance of a mysterious female stalker with a close connection to Ranger. By the bestselling author of Ten Big Ones and To the Nines. **HC \$54.95 TP \$32.95**

Jonathan Evans

Invisible Armies

In a world where companies are more powerful than governments and security cameras can track your every move, if you can manipulate the web you can change the world. You can also get away with murder over and over again. Danielle Leaf thought she was just doing an innocent errand to help out a friend. Then she was abducted in remote rural India. Her daring escape is only the beginning. Now she has been drawn into a war between anticorporate activists and an international mining company that is poisoning thousands of Third World farmers. It is a dizzying world of desperate escapes and whirlwind romance on the Goa coast; bloody street battles in Paris; shadowy computer hackers and mysterious benefactors. Danielle is in love, vibrantly alive, and fighting for a better world. But then she crosses the steadily blurring line between right and wrong, and stumbles across an awful revelation. Soon she is running for her life. **TP \$32.95**

Monica Ferris

Embroidered Truths (Needlecraft Mystery)

Needlework shop owner and amateur sleuth Betsy Devonshire becomes embroiled in a dangerous and alltoopersonal case, when her friend Godwin is arrested for the murder of his significant other, John, after a nasty quarrel. **APB \$17.95**

Sins and Needles (Needlecraft Mystery)

When adoptee Lucille Jones arrives in town to research her roots, she finds that she bears a striking resemblance to local Jan Henderson, but the situation becomes complicated when Jan's wealthy greataunt is murdered, Jan becomes the prime suspect in the crime, and amateur sleuth Betsy Devonshire follows a trail of clues, including a mysterious embroidered pillow, to find the truth. **HC \$49.95**

Dan Fesperman

The Prisoner of Guantanamo

Assigned as an interrogator at the Guantánamo prison, veteran FBI agent and Arabic speaker Revere Falk is put in charge of the investigation when the body of an American soldier washes up in Cuban territory and finds himself drawn into a highstakes game involving military authorities, the Cubans, the Defense Intelligence Agency, and an enigmatic figure from his own past. **HC \$51.95**

Joseph FINDER*No Hiding Place*

Nick Conover, the son of a factory worker, is the CEO of a major corporation in a company town. Once the most admired man in Fenwick, Michigan, Nick having presided over massive layoffs is now the most despised. A single parent since the recent death of his wife, he's struggling to insulate his ten-year-old daughter and angry sixteen-year-old son from the town's hostility. Then his family is threatened by a nameless stalker, events spin quickly out of control and suddenly Nick is faced with a dead body and damning circumstances. To protect his family, he must cover up the homicide but a police investigator with an agenda of his own is determined to connect Nick to the homicide. Nick, in the meantime, begins to unravel a web of intrigue within his own corporation ... and, with everything he spent his life working for hanging in the balance, Nick Conover discovers that life at the top is just one small step away from a long plunge to the bottom. **PB \$19.95**

Clyde W Ford*Deuce's Wild (Shango)*

John Shannon's son J. J. is a huge fan of hip-hop artist Yousef alSalaam, formerly Deuce F., who recently converted to Sufism. The popular musician also happens to be on a terrorist watch list. When alSalaam is shot, Shannon agrees to investigate the murder as a favor to J. J. Was alSalaam entangled in a feud with East Coast gangsta rapper TMO? Or was he caught on the wrong side of Islam extremism? **TP \$28.95**

G M Ford*Blown Away*

On the road to investigate an unsolved bombing case involving a possible suicide bomber, writer Frank Corso uncovers the possibility that the supposed bomber may have been a victim himself, forced to strap explosives on by a cruel mastermind, but before he can uncover the truth, someone tries to kill him twice and another similar bombing occurs in L.A. **HC \$49.95**

Michael Thomas Ford*Gods and Legions*

In the year 354 AD, Julian, a sheltered scholar and pacifist, lives in peace until a summons from Emperor Constantine the Great changes the young man's life forever. Dispatched to Gaul to help reclaim a beaten Roman territory from German barbarians, Julian displays a surprising and brutal genius for survival against impossible odds. Emerging as an unlikely hero and adored by a legion of zealots, his untapped ambition is ignited to reign as the new emperor. It's a position of power that'll test the loyalty of his friends, stir the ire of enemies, and cast an ominous shadow over his mad, and most magnificently impossible conquest of all...

From the author of the acclaimed *The Ten Thousand* comes a breathtaking recreation of the historic rise to power of a ruthless yet unlikely leader plunged into the chaos of war and his shocking fall that would become one of the most fascinating mysteries of the ages. A novel of courage and conviction, of loyalty and betrayal, of personal victory and dark ambition, *Gods and Legions* is epic storytelling at its most riveting. **PB \$14.95**

Michael Thomas Ford*The Ten Thousand*

In 401 BC, a thundering army of mercenaries, camp followers, dreamers, and glory seekers set off to help a rebellious foreign general named Cyrus. In the months that followed, ten thousand men trained and hardened in three decades of war in Greece would engage in pitched battles, witness untold horrors, and begin a desperate march across the desert, over raging rivers, and into the jaws of hell itself. By the time it was over, some would be alive, others dead, and one among them would emerge as the greatest hero of all.

In a novel of high adventure and riveting historical drama, Michael Curtis Ford brings to life an amazing true story from Greek antiquity: Xenophon's march of the ten thousand. A tale of war and peace, of loyalties and betrayals, and of a soldier's love for a mysterious and dangerous woman, *The Ten Thousand* captures the eternal spirit of courage in the face of impossible odds. **TP \$14.95**

Karin Fossum*Calling Out For You*

Gunder Jomann, a quiet, middle-aged man from a peaceful Norwegian community, thinks his life has been made complete when he returns from a trip to India a married man. But on the day his Indian bride is due to join him, he is called to the hospital to his sister's bedside. The local taxi driver sent instead to meet the bride at the airport returns without her. Then the town is shocked by the news of an Indian woman found bludgeoned to death in a nearby meadow. Inspector Sejer and his colleague Skarre head the murder inquiry, cross-examining the townsfolk and planting seeds of suspicion in a community which has always believed itself to be simple, safe and trusting. For what can only have been an unpremeditated and motiveless act of violence, everyone is guilty until proven innocent. **PB \$19.95**

He Who Fears the Wolf

When a woman who lived alone in the woods is brutally murdered, Inspector Sejer investigates the chief suspect, a schizophrenic loner who recently escaped from a mental institution, in a case that also involves a young delinquent and an emotionally disturbed bank robber. **TP \$28.95**

When the Devil Holds the Candle

In the aftermath of a purse-snatching that resulted in the death of an infant, Inspector Konrad Sejer and his colleague, Jacob Skarre, investigate a connection between the case and the disappearance of a local delinquent, whose fate unfolds within the house of an elderly woman he was trying to rob. **HC \$49.95**

Dick Francis*Bonecrack*

In charge of his father's stables after a grisly accident lands the old man in the hospital, Neil Grifton finds himself brutally assaulted, abducted, and forced to make a tough decision about the business. **APB \$19.95**

Stephen Frey*The Power Broker*

Christian Gillette, the hero of *The Protégé*, is confronted by a difficult choice when a powerful and mysterious organization sets out to gain a partnership in Gillette's company, Everest Capital; Jesse Wood, a charismatic liberal politician, asks him to be his running mate in his candidacy for president; and he discovers that there is no one left to trust. **HC \$51.95**

Scott Frost*Never Fear*

Seventeen years after an unidentified killer murdered three women in Los Angeles, detective Alex Delillo, whose own father had been the prime suspect, reopens the case as a means of solving the murder of the brother she never knew. **HC \$51.95**

P L Gaus*A Prayer for the Night (Ohio Amish)*

When a group of Amish teenagers on their Rumschpringe test is torn apart by the murder of one and the abduction of another, Professor Michael Branden joins forces with Holmes County Sheriff Bruce Robertson and Pastor Cal Troyer to find a murderer and a kidnapper, break up a deadly drug ring, and find the missing teen, all the while struggling with the reluctance of the Amish to trust the law. **HC \$51.95 TP \$26.95**

Tess Gerritsen*Gravity*

A medical suspense novel. Chosen to conduct a threemonth series of NASA experiments with singlecell organisms called Archaeons, Dr. Emma McCallum soon discovers the terrifying nature of these organisms and must try to stop a deadly disease that could threaten the entire world.

APB \$19.95

Life Support

No hospital could have been prepared for the man Dr Toby Harper admits one quiet night to the Springer Hospital. Delirious and in critical condition from a possible viral infection of the brain, he barely responds to treatment. And then he disappears without trace. Under fire from the hospital administration for literally losing a patient, and fearful that she's missed a lifethreatening diagnosis, Toby knows she must find the patient. Her hunt is intensified when a second delirious patient dies in the hospital's care. But even more chilling is the discovery that the infection can only be spread through direct tissue exchange. As this disturbing news threatens to surface, Toby follows a trail that winds from a sixteenyearold prostitute who is being stalked to a curiously secretive home for the elderly. And then, as unexpected tragedy hits close to home, Toby discovers the unthinkable: a terrifying and deadly epidemic is about to be unleashed... **PB \$19.95**

Danielle Girard*The Rookie Club*

An inspector in the sex crimes department, Jamie Vail finds herself caught between two violent cases the murder of her exhusband's lover and the brutal attacks on female officers who are members of the "Rookie Club" leading her to believe that the killer is one of their own. **APB \$17.95**

Paul Goldstein*Errors and Omissions*

A man on the verge of personal and professional collapse, Michael Seeley, an intellectual property litigator, heads for Hollywood to confirm that United Pictures owns the legal rights to their lucrative Spykiller film franchise, only to come face to face with a morass of political intrigue dating back to the blacklist era and to the evil of Nazioccupied Poland. **HC \$51.95**

Alan Goodwin*Gravity's Chain*

When Jack Mitchell watched streams of water pouring down a window pane after another fight with his wife, he glimpsed the infinite.

At last he grasps the elusive chain of thought which will ultimately lead to his solution of the scientific disparity between the theories of Relativity and Quantum. However, amidst the triumph of creating the radical new Superforce Theory, the young scientist's wife has her own appointment with eternity.

Her suicide the day after Superforce's birth begins a reckless journey for Jack. The technological implications of Superforce are immense and, as first his theory and then his life are taken over by a multinational corporation, Jack begins to unravel. With his life spinning dangerously out of control, his corporate minders, who are grooming him for a Nobel Prize and a return on their investment, send him home to New Zealand to cool off. But a rival theory emerges and in the tense months leading up to the Nobel announcement old demons reemerge ... and someone who knows him very well begins sending anonymous letters that stir painful memories ... with disastrous consequences. **TP \$32.99**

Clio Gray*Guardians of the Key*

The first in a rich and atmospheric new historical crime series, full of action, vivid characters and conspiracy. Napoleon and his armies are at the gate of the ancient walled city of Lucca, Italy. In one last desperate attempt to preserve their proud heritage, the Lucchese Council despatch a secret message to their compatriots in England. Unknown to them, ruthless conspirators have got there first. But neither they nor the Council know quite what they are looking for, and the one man who could have told them has just entered a church near the prosperous Italian silk community on the London borders, and slit his own throat. Witness to this gruesome death is Mabel Flinchurst. When her good friend, a vagrant boy called Toby, is kidnapped, she is caught up in a conspiracy beyond her understanding. She has no idea that the fate of a small Italian city lies in her hands, and that she, and now anyone connected to her, is in mortal danger... **TP \$32.95**

Denise Hamilton*Savage Garden (Eve Diamond)*

Eve Diamond has been looking forward to a date at the theatre with her new man, Silvio Aguilar. But when the play's beautiful and notoriously unstable lead actress, Catarina Velosi, fails to appear, Eve learns that Silvio and the missing woman share a complicated past. A messy scene at Catarina's house suggests she may have been abducted or worse and when it becomes clear that Silvio is no stranger to the actress's home, or her bed, Eve must stifle her own feelings of betrayal and fight to clear his name. She knows Silvio is innocent ... doesn't she? Summoning her journalist's skills and steeling herself for further revelations, Eve approaches the players in Catarina's personal tragedy, including Alfonso, the actress's sometime lover and director, and the highstrung and evasive Marisela Reventon, Alfonso's jealous wife. Is one of them hiding something that might lead Eve to the truth? And who is responsible for attacking her in a darkened street and threatening her life? Frequently compared to Raymond Chandler, but with a sleek, modern veneer, Denise Hamilton cuts a swath through the diverse streets of Los Angeles, revealing both the glory and the corruption pulsing through the city. **TP \$29.95**

John Harvey*Darkness & Light (Frank Elder Mystery)*

Called once again out of retirement when his exwife asks for his help in locating a friend's missing sister, former cop Frank Elder uncovers disturbing secrets about the woman's sexual life before discovering her dead at home, a situation for which he reluctantly recruits the assistance of a former colleague. **HC \$51.95**

Flesh and Blood (Frank Elder Mystery)

Betrayed by his wife and recently retired from the police, Detective Inspector Elder is drawn out of his reclusive life to solve an old murder case that will not let him rest. **TP \$28.95**

Robin Hathaway

The Doctor Rocks the Boat (Doctor Fenimore Mystery)

Renewing his membership at his old boating club in a nostalgic attempt to recall his days of rowing on Philadelphia's Schuylkill River, Dr. Fenimore is reunited with former fraternity brother Charlie Ashburn, but when he is enlisted to check the health of Charlie's son Chuck, he suddenly discovers that someone is out to stop him, forever. **HC \$49.95**

Daniel Hecht

Bones of the Barbary Coast (Cree Black)

When a skeleton is unearthed in the foundation of a Victorian home, apparently the bones of a victim of the 1906 earthquake, San Francisco homicide detective Bert Marchetti enlists the aid of Cree Black to help investigate the body, which bears peculiar anatomical deformities, in a mystery that spans two periods of San Francisco history. **HC \$51.95**

Peter Helton

Slim Chance

Discovering a second wouldbe victim of a murderer dubbed "Dr. Atkins" by police for his practice of slowly starving his captives to death, artist and parttime private investigator Chris Honeysett finds himself targeted for revenge by the killer. **HC \$51.95**

Anne Holt

What is Mine

The American debut of a popular Scandinavian crime writer finds Norway police commissioner Stubo teaming up with troubled FBI profiler Johanna Vik for an investigation into the disappearances and murders of several young children. **HC \$51.95**

Kay Hooper

Chill of Fear (Bishop / Special Crimes Unit)

Haunted by a twentyyearold, unsolved crime, FBI agent Quentin Hayes returns to the secluded resort in a final attempt to put the mystery to rest and is joined by Diana Brisco, a woman struggling to unlock the secrets of her troubled past and the meaning of her nightmares about a longvanished child. **APB \$18.95**

Sleeping With Fear (Bishop / Special Crimes Unit)

An agent for the FBI's Special Crimes Unit in the middle of an undercover operation, Riley Crane awakens alone, covered in blood, with no memory of the past two weeks of her life, and unable to distinguish friend from foe. **HC \$51.95**

David Hosp

The Betrayed

A followup to Dark Harbor finds Sydney Chaplin returning to her Washington, D.C., hometown after the brutal murder of her sister, drawing her back into the recesses of her powerful and wealthy family, whose circumstances she risks in her determination to help authorities solve the crime. **HC \$51.95**

Linda Howard

Killing Time

Twenty years after a time capsule is buried under the front lawn of a smalltown courthousedesigned to be reopened in 2085the capsule is dug up and its contents stolen, an event that is also marked by the sudden mysterious appearance of the enigmatic Nikita Stover and the murders of the contributors to the time capsule. **APB \$19.95**

Tess Hudson

Invisible Girl

When her father, a former CIA agent, is murdered, bar owner Maggie Malone, along with her criminally inclined brother, enlists the help of her boyfriend, Detective Bobby Gonzalez, to find the truth, an investigation that leads them to Vietnam where dark and horrifying secrets come to light. **TP \$28.95**

Harry Hunsicker

The Next Time You Die (Lee Henry Oswald Mystery)

Hired by an alcoholloving Baptist preacher to recover a stolen file, tough Dallas detective Lee Henry Oswald finds himself matching wits with a psychopathic assassin out to retrieve the same file, while confronting dark memories of the incident that cost his former partner, Billy Barganier, his life. **HC \$49.95**

Alrene Hunt

Black Sheep

BLACK SHEEP is the powerful new thriller by Arlene Hunt. The brutally murdered body of a young girl is discovered in the Wicklow mountains. Her identity is unknown. One month later David Reid, a successful designer, is found dead in a Dublin canal. Close to his body is a broken silver key ring with the words Meridian Club on it. Gardai are keen to chalk it up to death by misadventure, but his brother refuses to accept their findings, and enlists the help of rookie detectives John Quigley and Sarah Kenny of Quick Investigations. As the investigation progresses, Sarah and John begin to learn that there was more to David Reid than his brother knew. And in no time at all, the body count is rising and everyone is lying to protect their own. What happened to David Reid that night? Is he connected to the young dead girl? What is the Meridian Club? As John and Sarah struggle to find the answers to those questions, little do the realise their investigation is starting to ruffle dangerous feathers. **TP \$32.95**

Jimmy Hurd

Ice Dancer

A standalone sequel to Turnaround finds Carney Light rendered an innocent pawn when her drugdealing boyfriend, Nathan, uses her to distribute methamphetamines, a situation that takes Carney and her friends Jerzy, Charlie, and Robinson on a highstakes chase from Georgia to Texas. **TP \$28.95**

Jessica Inclan

When You Believe

On the run from three ruthless killers, San Francisco poet Miranda Stead unwittingly enters into a strange and secret realm where she is drawn to Sarel Valasay, a magical telepath and healer who, after one night of undeniable passion, must make her forget his world and his people **TP \$26.95**

Arnaldur Indridason

Silence of the Grave

Building work in an expanding Reykjavik uncovers a shallow grave. Years before, this part of the city was all open hills, and Erlendur and his team hope this is a typical Icelandic missing person scenario; perhaps someone once lost in the snow, who has lain peacefully buried for decades. Things are never that simple. Whilst Erlendur struggles to hold together the crumbling fragments of his own family, his case unearths many other tales of family pain. The hills have more than one tragic story to tell: tales of failed relationships and heartbreak; of anger, domestic violence and fear; of family loyalty and family shame. Few people are still alive who can tell the story, but even secrets taken to the grave cannot remain hidden forever. **PB \$21.95**

Bill James

Wolves of Memory (Harper & Iles Mystery)

When an inside informant of a foiled cashintransit raid is threatened by the perpetrators' friends and family members, Deputy Constable Colin Harpur and Assistant Constable Desmond Iles are delegated the job of protecting the informant and his loved ones. **HC \$49.95**

Easy Streets (Harper & Iles Mystery)

An illicit agreement between the local authorities and the corrupt owners of a city club erupts into violence when a smalltime criminal and his daughter are killed in a firebombing attack, a situation that escalates into increasingly competitive rivalries between local drug dealers. **TP \$30.95**

The Girl With the Long Back (Harper & Iles Mystery)

His mutual agreements with local mobsters compromised by the arrival of a new chief of police, Harpur and Iles witness growing animosity between local drug lords and send in a female undercover agent to infiltrate a particularly threatening gang. **TP \$30.95**

Peter James

Looking Good Dead

Tom Bryce did what any decent person would do. But within hours of picking up the CD that had been left behind on the train seat next him, and attempting to return it to its owner, he is the sole witness to a vicious murder.

Then his young family are threatened with their lives if he goes to the police. But supported by his wife, Kellie, he bravely makes a statement, to the murder enquiry team headed by Detective Superintendent Roy Grace, a man with demons of his own including his missing wife to contend with.

And from that moment, the killing of the Bryce family becomes a mere formality and a grisly attraction. You can log on and see them on a website. They will be looking good dead. **HC \$45**

Quintin Jardine

For the Death of Me

It's summertime in Monaco and Oz Blackstone is sitting on the verandah of his opulent mansion idly gazing at Roman Abramovich's luxury yacht as it gently cruises into the harbour. Life doesn't get much better than this. But somebody knows where he lives. A struggling author sweet talks him into buying the movie rights to his latest novel for \$50,000, and a shocking trap is laid. The demons of the past begin to creep up on Oz's sunny life: blackmail and murder are lurking in the shadows. Oz travels all the way to Singapore to track down the owner of some incriminating photographs but he's in grave danger of overexposure. And when organised crime muscles in on the picture, Oz is getting perilously close to losing a lot more than his wealth and reputation... **PB \$19.95**

Michael Jecks

A Friar's Bloodfued

Bailiff Simon Puttock's servant, Hugh, has been granted leave to look after his wife Constance and help raise her child. One day she is attacked and raped by a gang of men at her home. She sees her son being murdered and then her man Hugh is struck down, before she is killed and the house set on fire. When Simon and Sir Baldwin Furnhill, Keeper of the King's Peace, arrive on the scene, the cottage has burned to the ground and the body of the child lies outside. Inside there is a woman's torso, badly burned, but no remains of Hugh. The fire raged so fiercely, all believe Hugh died inside. However, things are not so simple, and not only does Simon vow revenge, there are dark forces lurking which will cause no end of mischief and bloodshed. **APB \$19.95**

T M Jenkins

The Waking

Los Angeles, 2006: Dr Nate Sheehan is casually murdered in a parking lot. His wife, also a doctor, hopes to rescue at least a part of him for cryonic preservation. She performs an unprecedented operation. Gamma Gulch Penitentiary, California, 2069: twentysixyearold Duane Williams is about to be sent to the death chamber for the rape and murder of a young woman. Icor Regrowth Programme, Arizona, 2070: sixtyfour years after his own violent death, Nate is resuscitated using the body of an anonymous donor. Despite the advances in science, neurotechnologist Dr Persis Bandelier and her colleague Garth Bannerman never expected their covert operation to be a success. So when the patient responds to their treatment, no one is ready...

And all too soon, an investigative journalist blows the cover of the sensational waking. The news story threatens to expose the identity of both the mysterious donor and unravel the truth behind Sheehan's murder all those years ago... **HC \$45**

Solomon Jones

C.R.E.A.M.

Seeking to rebuild her life after being convicted for refusing to testify against her drugdealer boyfriend, Karima Thomas enlists the aid of her politically savvy but opportunistic aunt Marilyn, but when Marilyn uses her to further her career, and Karima is set up for murder, she is forced to return to the tough streets of Philadelphia to clear her name **HC \$40.95**

Chris Jordan

Taken

When her son Tommy is kidnapped, widow Kate Bickford is forced to play a deadly game with a twisted abductor who intends to frame her for the murder of her son's baseball coach, Sheriff Fred Corso. **TP \$29.95**

Morag Joss

Half Broken Things

A haunting novel of moral ambiguity looks at the nature of love and what a person will do in its name as it follows the lives of three strangers an aging housesitter, a struggling con man, and a young pregnant woman who seek refuge at Walden Manor, a remote country estate, as they attempt to rebuild their individual lives. **TP \$26.95**

Susan Kearney*On the Edge*

How much did she really know?

Four years ago Kaylin Dancroft's sister Jenna was kidnapped from the bedroom where they both slept. Ever since, Kaylin has been trying to recall some memory of that night, details about the kidnapper anything that might help investigators. But to no avail.

Kaylin is clairvoyant and has been haunted all her life by dreams. Now she is experiencing vivid nightmares. Could they be connected to her sister's abduction? Night after night terror jolts Kaylin awake, but leaves her with nothing more than disjointed fragments until Shane Lynch comes to her aid.

Shane is exCIA and a psychic himself. The connection between them is immediate and far beyond anything Kaylin has ever experienced. Can he help her reach the dangerous truth lurking behind her dreams? Can she trust him with her mind, her body and her sister? **PB \$14.95**

Gordon Kent*The Spoils of War*

In Tel Aviv, Commander Alan Craik, a US Navy veteran agrees to check out the death of a former Navy enlisted employee. He plans to be out the door and on to his real work in half an hour. But what should have been a routine investigation becomes something very ugly. This is a tale of modern espionage and adventure. **TP \$32.99**

Jack Kerley*The Death Collectors*

Thirty years after his death, Marsden Hexcamp's "Art of the Final Moment" remains as sought after as ever. But this is no ordinary collection. Hexcamp's portfolio was completed with the aid of a devoted band of acolytes – and half a dozen victims, each of whom was slowly tortured to death so that their final agonies could be distilled into art. When tiny scraps of Hexcamp's "art" begin appearing at murder scenes alongside gruesomely displayed corpses, Detective Carson Ryder and his partner Harry Nautilus must go back three decades in search of answers. Meanwhile an auction has been announced and the death collectors are gathering. These wealthy connoisseurs of serialkiller memorabilia will pay millions to acquire Hexcamp's art – unless Carson and Harry can beat them in their quest for the antigrail. **PB \$19.99 Cassette \$24.99 CD \$29.99**

J A Konrath*Rusty Nail (Jack Daniels Mystery)*

When someone begins sending her snuff videos starring people that she knows who had been involved in one of her previous cases, Lt. Jacqueline "Jack" Daniels of the Chicago Police launches a personal investigation, jeopardizing her career, her closest friends, and her love life in pursuit of a deadly and savvy killer. **HC \$49.95**

Tim LaHaye & Bob Phillips*The Europa Conspiracy (Babylon Rising 03)*

Biblical archaeologist Michael Murphy embarks on a quest to uncover one of the Bible's most significant artifacts, a search that forces him to match wits with the evil Talon, a mysterious opponent working with a group of shadowy conspirators with dire plans for all humankind, in the sequel to Babylon Rising and The Secret on Ararat. **TP \$28.95**

Vicki Lane*Art's Blood*

A young widow, Elizabeth Goodweather finds herself caught between the modernday, gentrified world of Asheville, North Carolina, and the traditions of the hill country when she becomes involved in the investigation into the murder of a flamboyant performance artist whose death could be tied to a magnificent, historical piece of folk art. **APB \$17.95**

Rocky Lastinger*The Tear Harvester*

Leanne dies by overdose after rockstar husband Smokey **TP \$28.95**

Michael Lawson*The Inside Ring*

Following an assassination attempt that wounds the president and kills the president's longtime best friend, General Andy Banks, the Secretary of Homeland Security, who had warned the Secret Service about the attack, ignites an investigation, with the help of honest attorney Joe DeMarco, that follows a twisted trail to the highest level of government. **APB \$17.95**

Rebecca Lee*The City Is A Rising Tide*

Obsessed with a boss whom she first met in Beijing during her childhood, Justine Laxness embezzles money from her employer to help an old college flame, screenwriter James Nutter, a decision that has unforeseen ramifications. **HC \$45.95**

Simon Levack*Aztec: City of Spies (Yaotl 03)*

Tetzco, the second city of the Aztec realm, is a bustling, cosmopolitan town; a city of poets, artists and legendary kings. It's also a place torn by unrest, as rival claimants fight over the throne, and spies and assassins stalk each other through the streets and marketplaces.

It is here that Yaotl seeks refuge from his master, the Aztec Chief Minister. Lord Feathered in Black has decided to rid himself of his disobedient slave, and plans to have Yaotl sacrificed in the most gruesome manner possible provided he can catch him first.

Yaotl's former lover Lily is in Tetzco too, on a mission of her own. A mission that goes badly wrong, with the discovery of a bloodsoaked corpse and Lily's arrest for murder. Yaotl faces a desperate race against time to find the evidence that will prove Lily's innocence and save her from execution.

The wily slave's search for the truth will lead him through palace corridors and darkened streets into a lethal trap, laid for him by his most pitiless and implacable enemy. **TP \$29.95**

Laura Levine*The PMS Murder (Jaine Austin Mystery)*

When her new friend Pam, an aspiring actress, invites her to join the PMS Club, a woman's support group, Jaine Austen discovers that murder is on the agenda when Marybeth, an interior decorator who is having an affair with the husband of another PMS member, falls victim to a clever killer. **HC \$40.95**

Laura Lippman*No Goods Deeds (Tess Monaghan)*

Tess Monaghan becomes involved in the investigation into the unsolved murder of a young federal prosecutor when her boyfriend brings home a young street kid who could hold the key to the case and whom Tess agrees to protect, but the killing of one of the boy's friends and federal authorities who will do anything to find the youngster put Tess in the hot seat **HC \$51.95**

Chuck Logan*Homefront*

Taking an extended leave from the army and moving to a Minnesota resort town in order to recover from a psychopath's attack, Nina Pryce finds her life further challenged when her secondgrade daughter, Kit, begins acting out and incurring the wrath of a violent local family. **APB \$19.95**

Gabrielle Lord Australian Author*Dirty Weekend (Jack McCain)*

An earlymorning phone call shatters Jack McCain's sleep. As Chief Forensic Scientist for the Australian Federal Police, he knows that violent criminals don't keep office hours, but three murders in quick succession draw him into investigations that threaten to change his life forever. Using all his forensic knowledge, and that of his team, Jack attempts to uncover what the exwife of a cop had in common with a beautiful research scientist and a frail old man besides the fact that they were all brutally murdered. From a nightclub to an agricultural research station to a quiet country hamlet, Jack McCain is determined to link the pieces. But what does a casual sexswapping group have to do with a rare native orchid and Terminator Bunnies? As Jack races to make sense of the evidence, an unsolved murder from the past complicates matters further. With one suspect missing and another refusing to talk, Jack knows that he is running out of time if he wants to stop a murderer from killing again. But will the search cost him the woman he loves? **PB \$19.95**

Elizabeth Lowell*Always Time to Die*

Hired by the eccentric aunt of New Mexico's multimillionaire governor Quintrell to research their family, genealogist Carolina May gets more than she had bargained for when she finds herself falling for the enigmatic Daniel Duran and stumbles into a dark and dangerous secret about the Quintrell family that threatens her life. **APB \$19.95**

The Wrong Hostage **TP \$27.99****Patricia MacDonald***Married to A Stranger*

Anticipating a happy life at the beginning of her marriage, pregnant crisis counselor Emma Webster becomes terrified when her husband disappears just before she is nearly killed by an axewielding assailant, a situation that worsens when authorities tell her they believe her husband is her attacker. **HC \$49.95**

Phillip Margolin*Gone, But Not Forgotten / Wild Justice*

A tenyearold New York case involving vanishing wives returns to haunt Portland, Oregon, as the D.A. embarks on a manhunt for a killer and feminist defense attorney Betsy Tannenbaum is hired by a wealthy developer, in *Gone, but Not Forgotten*, and the discovery of two severed heads and a mass grave leads investigators to a troubled surgeon, but when he disappears and the murders begin anew, attorney Amanda Jaffe must unravel the mystery, in *Wild Justice*. **TP \$23.95**

Lost Lake

Writing sensational stories based on her own paranoid fears, Washington, D.C., tabloid reporter Vanessa Kohler pursues a theory about a government conspiracy to cover up a secret military unit and stumbles across a clandestine operation that has resulted in the murder of a congressman. **PB \$22.95**

Proof Positive

When defense attorney Amanda Jaffe, representing a derelict charged with a brutal killing, takes a closeup look at the case, which involves overwhelming forensic evidence, as well as one in which her father is defending a mobster accused of a junkie's murder, she discovers that the evidence may not be what it seems and that someone with the power to alter the truth is on the loose. **HC \$52.95**

Javier Marias*Your Face Tomorrow, Volume 2: Dance and Dream*

A second installment of a threepart tale that began with *Fever and Spear* finds MI6 recruit Jacques Deza discovering a dark side of his employer when Tupra, his spymaster boss, unrepentantly participates in a disturbing act of violence. **HC \$51.95**

Francine Mathews*Blown*

An unexpected telephone call from Eric Carmichael, a onetime ace CIA operative believed killed in a bloody attack in Sarajevo that left the U.S. vice president dead, sparks a desperate effort by his wife, CIA analyst Carolyn Carmichael, who fears that her husband may be a traitor, to stop another terrorist strike by the 30 April terrorist organization on U.S. shores. **APB \$19.95**

Ed McBain*Alice in Jeopardy*

When her children are stolen by a kidnapper who demands her late husband's life insurance premiums in exchange for their return, widowed real estate agent Alice Glendenning turns for help to new friend Charlie Hobbs, but the situation worsens when other people scheme to take her money. **APB \$19.95**

Fiddlers

It started with the blind violinist shot twice through the head at pointblank range in the alley outside his dingy restaurant. But it's only when the omelette lady gets shot with the same gun in the same way twentyfour hours later that the 87th Precinct really starts to sit up and take notice. But Steve Carella and the boys at the Precinct always seem to be one step behind the killer, and are unable to prevent the death toll rising. The trouble is, while the gun is the same, none of the victims seem to be related in any way. And why is the killer heard to introduce himself as 'Chuck' before pumping two bullets into their bodies? *Fiddlers* is a brilliantly twisting puzzle of a book where nothing is as it seems and the pace never lets up. Ed McBain at his very best. **PB \$19.95**

Ed McBain*Learning to Kill*

Personally selected by the author as examples of some of his best early works, a collection of short mystery tales, originally written under his legal name or pseudonyms, pairs each story with individual introductions that offer insight into the writer's literary development. **HC \$51.95**

Cormac McCarthy*No Country For Old Men*

Stumbling upon a bloody massacre, a cache of heroin, and more than \$2 million in cash during a hunting trip near the Rio Grande, Llewelyn Moss removes the money, a decision that draws him and his young wife into the middle of a violent confrontation in which their only hope of survival is local sheriff Ed Tom Bell. **TP \$28.95**

Judi McCoy*Almost A Goddess*

After receiving a poor performance appraisal from her father (and CEO) Zeus, Kyra, the Muse of Good Fortune, is relegated to spending a year at the famed Acropolis Casino in Las Vegas, but her mission is undermined when she falls in love with mortal Jake Lennox, a professional gambler turned investigator, with whom she is forbidden to become involved. **APB \$15.95**

Pat McIntosh*The Merchant's Mark (Gil Cunningham Murder Mystery)*

When Gil Cunningham and his old friend, Glasgow merchant Augie Morison, report their discovery of a severed head to local authorities, Morison is jailed for the crime, and Gil sets out on a personal quest to identify the victim and uncover the truth about the crime, following a trail that leads from the court of James IV at Stirling to the site of another murder in the Pentland Hills. **HC \$51.95**

Clinton McKinzie*Badwater*

Special Agent Antonio Burns is struggling to keep out of trouble in order to preserve what is left of his career and to deal with the personal crises and family problems plaguing him, when he is assigned to investigate the death of a young boy in a drowning incident in Badwater, Wyoming, and the tourist who may have been responsible for the death, as well as to cope with the media frenzy that results. **APB \$17.95**

Leslie Meier*Father's Day Murder*

Leaving Tinker's Cove to attend a conference in Boston, Lucy Stone's thoughts are focused on being away from her family on Father's Day, but the murder of newspaper magnate Luther Read turns her thoughts to Luther's children as possible suspects. **APB \$16.95**

Kyle Mills*Fade*

Welcome to the new war on terror... A secret wing of US Homeland Security is recruiting agents to work undercover in the Middle East, and the director wants his second in command, Matt Egan, to bring aboard an old friend. Salam Al Fayed 'Fade' is perfect. An exNavy Seal, he is the son of immigrants and speaks Arabic like a native. But Fade's retired. Embittered and alone, he's not too fond of anyone in the government. Least of all his exbest friend, Matt Egan. Against Egan's wishes, the director tries to persuade Fade to join the team. But Fade, angry and hopeless, is prepared to fight back at any cost. The chase is on: will Matt be able to find his friend turned fugitive before Fade can take the ultimate revenge? **APB \$19.95**

Denise Mina*Field of Blood*

When her fiancé's cousin is implicated in the sensational murder of a young boy and a rival reporter leaks the story, fledgling Scottish journalist Paddy Meehan is forced to salvage her relationship with her future inlaws by clearing the cousin's name. **APB \$18.95**

The Dead Hour

A blonde woman with a poodle perm standing in the doorway of the elegant villa with blood dripping from her chin. There was a story. No doubt about it. Paddy Meehan, Glasgow's aspiring journalist is back on the beat, trawling the streets of Glasgow for a story something to prove she can write; that she's better at her job than all her male colleagues; anything that will get her off the terrible night shift that is slowly turning her brains to mush and her insane. And then she meets the woman with the poodle perm at the door of a wealthy suburb in the north of the city. It's just a domestic dispute, Paddy's told, although her instincts are raised when she's slipped a 50 note to keep the story out of the papers. By the next morning the woman is dead; she's been tortured first, beaten, and left to die. Paddy has found her story, but she's still got the 50; and with her father and brothers unemployed, and her upright Roman Catholic family perilously short of money, this could solve a lot of problems. A day later, Paddy sees a body being pulled from the river. Another death, she's told; it's nothing to do with you; go home. But when Paddy talks to the wife of the dead man, she finds that the relationship between him and the murdered woman was rather closer than the police had imagined. Why have these people died? What were they trying to hide? And could this be the break Paddy's been waiting for? **HC \$42.95**

Casey Moreton*The Greater Good*

First, there is the bullet fired from the rifle of one of the world's most elusive assassins.

Second, there is the body that of the vice president of the United States.

Finally, there is the secret, a secret poised to wreak chaos so potent as to bring the highest powers of government to their knees.

Welcome to the world of *The Greater Good* a highvelocity political thriller from a gifted firsttime novelist who goes deep inside the corridors of Washington where stakes are high and secrets can be deadly. **APB \$16.95**

Kate Morton Australian Author*The Shifting Fog*

Summer 1924: on the eve of a glittering Society party, by the lake of a grand English country house, a young poet takes his life. The only witnesses, sisters Hannah and Emmeline Hartford, will never speak to each other again. Winter 1999: Grace Bradley, 98, onetime housemaid of Riverton Manor, is visited by a young director making a film about the poet's suicide. Ghosts awaken and memories, long consigned to the dark reaches of Grace's mind, begin to sneak back through the cracks. A shocking secret threatens to emerge; something history has forgotten but Grace never could. Set as the warshattered Edwardian summer surrenders to the decadent twenties, *The Shifting Fog* is a thrilling mystery and a compelling love story. **TP \$29.95**

Marcia Muller*Cape Perdido*

When an outside corporation threatens the livelihoods of the citizens of Cape Perdido with its water harvesting plan, four people are swept up in efforts to save the town, including a community liaison specialist from New York City, an environmentalist haunted by his past, a restaurateur, and a former lumber mill owner who harbors personal secrets. **APB \$19.95**

Vanishing Point

After finally agreeing to marry her longtime boyfriend Hy Ripinsky, San Francisco private investigator Sharon McCone tackles two difficult cases involving a pair of dark marriages, from a longmissing woman who may have led a double life to the disappearance of the woman's abandoned daughter. **HC \$51.95**

Tim Myers*FA licker of Doubt*

Candle shop owner Harrison Black finds his idyllic morning of kayaking on the lake shattered by the discovery of his exgirlfriend's dead body who, according to police, committed suicide, but when he decides to delve deeper into her death, things start to heat up as he gets closer to the truth. **APB \$17.95**

Barbara Nadel*Deadly Web*

The young go to extremes to get their kicks nowadays. A naked teenage girl is found dead near the beautiful Byzantine Yoros Castle in Turkey. She has stabbed herself through the heart but there is evidence of bizarre sexual practice. In another part of Istanbul, a young boy seems to have committed suicide in similar circumstances. What dark rituals could have compelled them to fatal self abuse? Inspectors Cetin Ikmen and Mehmet Suleyman follow an internet trail that leads them to an underworld of Goth nightclubs and Satanic worship. But even those murky shadows hide more than they reveal and the answers to an ever increasing number of suspicious deaths is more shocking and terrible than they could ever have imagined. **PB \$18.95**

Reggi Nadelson*Bloody London*

As New York basks in a fine Indian summer, no one notices the feral teenagers in Central Park, or the homeless living by the river. Certainly noone connects them to the Russian gangsters buying into respectability on the East Side, or to the dead Englishman in the swimming pool... Thomas Pascoe, a superrich, elderly investment banker, is found gorily murdered on the day he was due to return to London, floating in the pool of the most exclusive apartment block in town. As head of the 'coop' for the luxury apartments, where the residents own the shares, Pascoe had his say in who got to live in them, and who didn't. Could this be a motive for his murder? The investigation takes Artie Cohen to London, where the gripping plot unfolds with a series of murders, an encounter with his longtime girlfriend, and a meeting with a figure from the past. The momentum of apparently tangential events builds to a trademark thrilling conclusion. **APB \$19.95**

Fresh Kills

Artie Cohen is alone in Manhattan when his nephew Billy Farone is released from the young offenders' institution where he has been since he fatally stabbed Heshey Shank (and tasted his flesh, just to see what it was like). And Artie is the one Billy wants to come home to Artie who is family, who can speak languages like he can, who is an outsider who uses charm to get what he wants who is the only person Billy cares about, and in whom Artie sees his own KGB father all over again. But Billy is not the scarred childvictimhero Billy the Kid who was portrayed by the press years before and in the weekend that follows his return Artie is swept into a case that faces him with some terrible choices... **TP \$32.95**

Hot Poppies

A murder in New York's diamond district; a dead Chinese girl with a photograph in her pocket; a plastic bag of irradiated heroin lying on the mantelpiece in an empty apartment; a fire in a sweatshop in the city's swarming Chinatown; the worst blizzard in New York history... These events conspire to bring excop Artie Cohen out of retirement and back into an obsessive world of murder and politics that nearly killed him. Artie's struggles to link them take him from New York, his own back yard, to Hong Kong, site of the last big grab on earth, where everything, and everyone, is for sale... **PB \$19.95**

Red Hook

Reggie Nadelson's stunning new Artie Cohen novel, set in a New York haunted by the fear of further terrorist attack.

It's a late summer Sunday in downtown New York City, and Artie Cohen is getting married. Watching the sun rising over the East River, he's content.

A message comes in from an old friend, Sid McKay, asking Artie to come out to Red Hook in Brooklyn. It's his wedding day, but Artie owes Sid, so he goes.

On arriving he finds a dead man spreadeagled in the water off the old docks. When Sid eventually shows up, he's scared, edgy and evasive, Artie suspects he's holding something back.

Even at his own wedding party, later that day, Artie can't stop thinking about Sid. Why has the death of a vagrant spooked him so much? It's not his case, but the more he digs, the more it drags him in, implicating and threatening his closest friends... **PB \$19.95**

Red Mercury Blues

Presenting Artie Cohen, Reggie Nadelson's street-smart, good-looking New York cop, with a cast of characters including Artie's glamorous girl Lily Hanes, and his gnarly superior Sonny Lippert. Originally from Russia, Artie has a taste for girls and jazz and a secret past. In RED MERCURY BLUES he has scarcely returned from a month's leave and thoughts of quitting when he becomes involved with a case that drags him painfully back into that past. His investigations take him first into the heart of the Brighton Beach Russian mafia, and then deeper into the terrifying world of atomic smuggling and the secrets of the lethal but elusive substance known as Red Mercury. **PB \$19.95**

Skin Trade

Artie Cohen's longtime girlfriend Lily Hanes, has been found beaten up, raped and left for dead in an empty Parisian apartment. In the wintry French capital, where drugs are sold like fries at Macdonalds and the hookers are trucked in with the vegetables, Artie goes after Lily's attackers and finds himself drawn in to a web of sex, death and deceit, struggling with the all-too personal implications of the case as Lily lies in a coma. A brilliantly conceived plot moves Artie from Paris through Europe to Vienna and then, finally, back to his native New York on a rollercoaster ride where there is no return ticket. **APB \$19.95**

Jonathan Nasaw*Twenty-Seven Bones*

Assisting a friend in the Virgin Islands with a disturbing serial murder case, retired FBI special agent E. L. Pender investigates his suspicions about the killer's connection to the latest victim and discovers that the truth is even more unsettling than anticipated. **APB \$19.95**

Naomi Novik*Temeraire (Temeraire 01)*

As Napoleon's infantry rampages across Europe and his armada lies in wait for Nelson's smaller fleet, the war does not rage on land and water alone. Squadrons of aviators swarm the skies. This novel captures the Napoleonic period, and layers history with imagination by adding a Dragon Air Force to the battle for England. **APB \$20.99**

Andrew Nugent*Second Burial for A Black Prince*

Dublin police detectives Dennis, Jim, and Molly join forces with the victim's brother, Jude, to investigate the bizarre death of Shadrack Nwachukwu, a young Nigerian immigrant who has died from the loss of blood following the mysterious amputation of his leg. **HC \$49.95**

Neil Olsen*Icon*

A religious icon, thought to have been destroyed during World War II, reappears in contemporary New York in this debut thriller that blends faith, art, history and suspense. In a remote Greek village, Captain Elias and his guerrillas in the resistance are engaged in battle with the Nazis. A church burns to the ground in an act of betrayal, and several die trying to protect a religious icon hidden there. What happens that day lies shrouded in mystery until, sixty years later, the icon surfaces on the New York art market, generating keen and possibly deadly interest from a variety of interested parties, each wanting it for a different reason... THE ICON is an accomplished first novel of adventure and intrigue set in both Nazioccupied Greece and modernday New York. **APB \$18.95**

Perri O'Shaughnessy*Case of Lies*

Back from a stint in Monterey, where her love life took a tumble, Nina Reilly has returned to her South Lake Tahoe law office. Two years earlier, the wife of a new client had been killed during a robbery at the Aces High motel. The robbery victims, three students staying at the hotel, disappeared without a trace and the police still have no suspects and no leads. Nina's first port of call is to track down those witnesses. Her search leads her to Europe, where she finds two of the missing students in a town not far from the home of Kurt, her exlover and the father of her teenage son. As Nina unravels the events of the night of the murder, she begins to expose the secrets and lies lurking behind the tragedy. But, threatened with exposure by her activities, someone sets in motion a string of violence to silence Nina, and those close to her, for good. **APB \$19.95**

Case of Lies

Returning to her South Lake Tahoe law office after a stint in Monterey, attorney Nina Reilly becomes caught up in a twoyearold homicide case involving the murder of the wife of a new client during a casinodistrict robbery when she is assigned to track down the robbery victims, all student witnesses who had lied about their identities. **APB \$19.95**

Katherine Hall Page*The Body in the Snowdrift (Faith Fairchild)*

Traveling to Vermont to attend her fatherinlaw's birthday, caterer Faith Fairchild stumbles upon the dead body of a local lawyer and wonders if his death was accidental or intentional, in a case that is complicated by the disappearance of a ski slope resort's star chef. By the author of The Body in the Attic. **APB \$17.95**

Robert B Parker*Appaloosa*

Arriving in a small nineteenthcentury western town only to discover that its sheriff has been killed and its residents placed at the mercy of renegade rancher Randall Bregg, itinerant lawmen Virgil Cole and Everett Hitch find themselves facing an unusually challenging adversary who works by playing psychological games. **APB \$19.95**

Ann Parker*Silver Lies*

When the body of Joe Rose, a preciousmetals assayer, turns up trampled behind her saloon, Inez Stannert is asked by the victim's widow to help settle his affairs, a job that leads Inez into a web of skewed assays, counterfeit money, blackmail, and murder. **TP \$30.95**

James Patterson*Judge and Jury*

It's the trial of the decade Dominick Cavallo, the modernday Godfather, has finally been put in the dock, and there's enough evidence to make it certain he'll be convicted. Heavy security surrounds the courtroom, and Nick Pellisante, the FBI agent who helped to nail Cavallo, keeps a close eye on proceedings. But things quickly start to go wrong. Faced with anonymous threats, the jury is sequestered. Then, the bus taking them to their hotel is blown up, and only Andie Echeverra survives. Andie's child was on the bus too so she now has the strongest possible reason for wanting to see justice done, not to Cavallo alone, but to whoever planted that bomb. She and Pellisante both know that will be difficult, but they can't foresee just how difficult. **TP \$32.95 HC \$60 CD \$49.95**

Edmundo Paz Soldan*Turing's Dilerium*

A chilling literary thriller follows the leader of a group of computer hackers who oppose the government and the big corporations, the founder of the government's codebreaking unit, and a government agent who fears he works for the wrong side. **HC \$49.95**

Matthew Pearl*The Dante Club*

In 1865, the preparations of the Dante Clubwhose members include Longfellow, James Russell Lowell, and Oliver Wendell Holmesto release the first translation of Dante's The Divine Comedy are threatened by a series of murders that recreate episodes from the Inferno. **APB \$19.95**

Don Pendleton*Assault Force (Executioner 331)*

When religious fanatics take over a hotel in Barcelona, brutally slaughtering many innocent guests for all the world to see, Mack Bolan, in the presence of insanity and great evil, will stop at nothing to take down the enemy. **APB \$13.95**

Doom Prophecy (Stony Man 83)

Stony Man must stop a notorious cybercriminal named KA55ANDRA whose deadly campaign of destruction and mass murder, targeting one of America's most powerful men, takes the lives of hundreds of lawmen, soldiers, and intelligence officers. **APB \$16.95**

Louise Penny*Still Life*

Chief Inspector Armand Gamache of Canada's Sûreté du Québec is called to Three Pines, a tiny hamlet south of Montreal, just north of the U.S. border, to investigate the suspicious hunting "accident" that claimed the life of Jane Neal, a local fixture in the village. **HC \$47.95**

Manjiri Prabhu*The Astral Alibi*

Sonia Samarth and her Stellar Investigations Detective Agency use a unique blend of traditional Indian wisdom, ancient astrology, and modern detection techniques to investigate a series of puzzling problems plaguing the city of Pune, India, from a bride in an arranged marriage with possibly murderous inlaws, to a theatrical team that ends up dead, to a happy couple faced with a dangerous prophecy. **APB \$17.95**

Bill Pronzini*The Crimes of Jordan Wise*

Obsessed by the gorgeous Annalise Bonner, a young woman who cares only for adventure and the good life, ordinary accountant Jordan Wise risks everything to use his bookkeeping skills to embezzle a half a million dollars from his company and to plan an escape to the Virgin Islands, only to come face to face with the realities of skating too close to the edge. **HC \$49.95**

Amanda Quick*Second Sight*

It isn't as though attractive widow Venetia Jones doesn't have enough problems. She has worked hard to become a fashionable photographer catering to Victorian society's elite. Her career has enabled her to provide a comfortable living for her brother, sister and elderly aunt. Disaster looms, however. Venetia has some closely held secrets, not the least of which is her uncanny psychic ability. Now her life is in danger because she has viewed the unique aura of a killer fleeing the scene of his crime. But the really unsettling news is that her conveniently dead husband has just returned from the grave. . . **TP \$32.95**

Keith Raffel*Dot Dead (Silicon Valley Mystery)*

When Silicon Valley executive Ian Michaels stumbles upon the body of a young woman in his home, and the Palo Alto police make him the prime suspect in her stabbing murder, he embarks on his own investigation to find out why the victim, his maid, had been disguising herself as an elderly woman and why someone is out to frame him for murder. **TP \$28.95**

Frederick Ramsay*Impulse*

Heading for Baltimore to attend his fiftieth reunion at Scott Academy, Frank Smith leaves behind suspicious police detective Ledezma, who is investigating Smith's missing wife, while in Maryland, he becomes embroiled in his own investigation into the twentyfiveyearold disappearance of a group of young boys from the school. **HC \$51.95**

Kathy Reichs*Break No Bones*

Its the secondtoast day of archaeological field school. Dr Temperance Brennans students are working on a site of prehistoric graves on Dewees, a barrier island north of Charleston, South Carolina, when a decomposing body is uncovered in a shallow grave off a lonely beach The skeleton is articulated, the bone fresh and the vertebrae still connected by softtissue; the remains are encased in rotted fabric and topped by wisps of pale, blond hair a recent burial, and a case Tempe must take. Dental remains and skeletal gender and race indicators suggest that the deceased is a middleaged white male but who was he? Why was he buried in a clandestine grave? And what does the unusual vertical hairline fracture of the sixth cervical vertebrae signify? While Tempe is trying to piece together the evidence, her personal life is thrown into turmoil. When a bullet intended, perhaps, for her puts Tempes estranged husband Pete in hospital, her unexpectedly emotional response complicates her onoff relationship with Detective Andrew Ryan But before long, another body is discovered and Tempe finds herself drawn deeper into a shocking and chilling investigation, set to challenge her entire view of humanity **HC \$59.95 TP \$32.95**

Elizabeth Rigbey*Total Eclipse*

Julia told Lomax they had been the perfect family, and Lomax believed her. But Sheriff Murph McLean is convinced she has committed the perfect murder. The circumstantial evidence against Julia is so damning that her attorney advises her to plead guilty to killing her husband and stepdaughter. But Julia says she is innocent. Lomax knows she is so he sets out to prove it. But as Lomax peels back the layers of deceit he uncovers a picture that is very far from perfect. It is a picture of a broken family, driven by guilt, incest and obsessive jealousy, ready to explode into violence at any moment. And then Lomax stumbles onto the darkest secret of all. **PB \$19.95**

David L Robbins*The Assassins Gallery*

As World War II begins to draw to a close, a hired killer targets President Franklin D. Roosevelt, and only a professor whose specialty is the study of assassinations can stop her, but first he must get close to the president himself. **HC \$51.95**

Madeleine E Robins*Petty Treason (Sarah Tolerance Mystery)*

Miss Sarah Tolerance is an Agent of Inquiry, a private investigator of sorts the sole one of her kind in 1810 London. Her newest case poses a puzzle unlike any she has faced before: who killed the Chevalier d'Aubigny? The French emigre was beaten to death in his own bed and found by his retainers the next morning. **APB \$17.95**

Peter Robinson*Meet Inspector Banks (Inspector Banks)*

Gallows View / A Dedicated Man / A Necessary End

In one volume, the foundations of the internationally bestselling series discover how it all began...

Former London policeman Alan Banks relocated to Yorkshire seeking some small measure of peace. Unfortunately, depravity and violence are not unique to large cities. His new home, the quaint little village of Eastdale, seems to have more than its fair share of malefactors.

In this collection of Inspector Banks first three cases in Yorkshire, CWA Dagger in the Library and Edgar Awardwinning author Peter Robinson introduces a detective as brilliant as he is complex. These intricately plotted, gritty novels of suspense lay the foundation for a remarkably acclaimed detective series. **TP \$32.95**

Ghost Force

Tensions between Siberia and Moscow are running high, but the sudden disappearance of leading toptier Siberian politicians and oil executives sparks open outrage in the vast lands east of the Ural. Terrified that Siberia will sever their ties and deprive Russia of its most important oil source, Moscow turns to a new supplier in the South Atlantic: the Falkland Islands. In an undercover mission, they persuade Argentina to invade the islands again. In return for oil rights, Moscows hunterkiller submarine, Viper 157, will take out the British aircraft carrier arriving to recapture the islands, leaving Argentina free to claim the malvinas. The United States are furious at this act of international piracy and the fact that their largest oil giant owns the very same oil rights. Under the stern eye of Admiral Morgan, the navy Seals bring in the legendary Commander Rick Hunter. Their mission: to hammer Argentinas military and free the Falklands. For the fabled Hunter, the assignment has struck close to home. His English brotherinlaw and an SAS special forces team are trapped on East Falkland, on the run from an Argentinean shootokill manhunt, out of contact. **TP \$32.95**

Hunter Killer

Saudi Arabia, the world's leading oil nation, is on the brink of revolution. While the Royal Family is ransacking the dwindling coffers, the country seethes with unrest. Vowing to end the destructive rule, Crown Prince Mohammed sets in motion a topsecret operation to destroy the Saudi oil industry. In search of an ally, a nation with a naval power willing to help in return for a share of the oil wealth, he turns to France. Her lethal Hunter Killer submarines can inflict devastating damage to the country's massive oil installations and help shift the power structure of the world's oil giant.

On the other side of the globe, as the ferocious battle for the desert kingdom begins and the world's oil markets plunge into chaos, Admiral Morgan, former Security Advisor to the President, and Lt. Commander Ramshawe are summoned to the White House. Here, they discover the masterminds behind the evil plot: a mysterious French Colonel they call 'The Hunter,' and none other than Morgan's arch enemy, HAMAS General Ravi Rashood. **APB \$21.95**

Strange Affair

Heading to London after receiving a disturbing call from his estranged brother, Inspector Alan Banks makes disconcerting revelations about his brother, while back in Eastvale, detective Annie Cabbot's investigation into a young woman's death uncovers a startling connection to someone close to Annie. **APB \$19.95**

James Rollins*Black Order (Sigma Force)*

Painter Crowe, Commander Gray Pierce, and the other members of Sigma Force enter into an uneasy alliance with an old enemy to unravel a baffling scientific mystery, the origins of life, the secret of which is locked within cryptic runes that could hold the key to the very future of all humankind. **HC \$51.95**

Michelle Rosen*Angel With Attitude*

Just kicked out of Heaven, former angel Valerie Grace is determined to overcome her banishment and find redemption, but her quest is complicated by her best friend, a somewhat perverted humanturnedtalkingrat, and by Nathaniel, a Tempter Demon who is doing his best to lure her to Hell. **APB \$16.95**

JoAnn Ross*Impulse*

Hoping to raise his son in a safer environment, former undercover vice cop Will Bridger returns to his hometown of Hazard, Wyoming, to take a job as sheriff, only to discover that the peaceful community is being stalked by a ruthless and evil killer for whom the townspeople have become prey. **APB \$18.95**

Charles Ryan*Typhoon*

Lt. John "Red" Parnell and his elite Blue Team commandos arrive on the Philippine island of Luzon to rescue Allied POWs, who are being used as slave laborers, while dodging a relentless Japanese Marine officer who is determined to thwart their mission by any means necessary. **APB \$17.95**

Catherine Sampson*Out of Mind*

Robin Ballantyne is directing a "missing persons" documentary series for the Corporation; a haunting project that will attempt the reconstruction of vanished lives. But when Robin begins enquiring about missing colleague Melanie Trent she is advised by one of her shadowy superiors to leave this case alone.

Fearful for Melanie's safety, Robin discreetly unravels her last known movements and is forced to juggle the investigation and the demands of her threeyear old twins. Meanwhile her questions are leading her into the depths of a dangerous, conspiratorial world.

As her dependable mother withdraws to California to "find herself", her criminal father sets up home where he's not wanted and her relationship with DCI Finney hits its toughest challenge yet, Robin knows this is not the ideal time to be searching for a possible killer... Can she stay in control, and out of danger? **APB \$21.95**

John Sandford*Broken Prey (Lucas Davenport)*

The first corpse is found on a river bank. The second in an isolated farmhouse. Both have been savagely beaten, the skin flayed from their bodies, their throats cut. For both victims, there's a DNA match. Charlie Pope, a convicted sex offender recently released from the Minnesota Security Hospital, has cut himself free from his courtimposed ankle bracelet and disappeared. Now all Lucas Davenport has to do is find him.

But something about this case doesn't smell right. The killings were meticulously calculated and methodical. Pope is of low mental intelligent, incapable of careful forethought and planning. All the evidence points to Pope but Davenport has his doubts. To find the answers, he must track down his key suspect. And to do that, he'll need the help of the Big Three: three vicious serial killers locked up in the state Security Hospital. Three killers as cunning as they are deranged... **PB \$18.95**

Simon Scarrow*Young Bloods (01)*

Europe in the late eighteenth century was a tumultuous place, with war and rebellions breaking out on many fronts. Young Arthur Wesley (later Wellington) and Napoleon Bonaparte grow up worlds apart yet immersed from youth in a culture where a military career is a natural choice for men of ambition. While Wellington is blooded in Ireland and Flanders, Napoleon is caught up in the dramas of the French Revolution and war with Prussia, Britain and Holland. None of this is enough to distract Wellington from his pursuit of Kitty Pakenham or Napoleon from his future bride, Josephine, for these men throw themselves into all aspects of life as enthusiastically as they rush to battle. A wonderful, multilayered introduction to an epic series. **TP \$32.95**

Eagle's Prophecy (04)

It is spring 45 AD and Centurions Macro and Cato, dismissed from the Second Legion in Britain, are trapped in Rome, waiting for their involvement in the death of a fellow officer to be investigated. It is then that the imperial secretary, the devious Narcissus, makes them an offer they can't refuse; to rescue an imperial agent who has been captured by pirates operating from the Illyrian coast. With him were scrolls vital to the safety of the Emperor and the future of Rome. However, Narcissus also sends Vitellius, an old enemy of the two centurions. The three officers set out from Ravenna with the imperial fleet but the pirates are forewarned and the Romans pay a heavy price. Outnumbered by the enemy, surrounded by rumours of treachery and endangered by Vitellius' desire to redeem himself, Centurions Macro and Cato must find the pirate base to avert a disaster that could destroy the Emperor. **APB \$18.95**

Richard B Schwartz*Last Voice You Hear*

In this twisted tale of vengeance, a congressman is impaled on an escalator in a London tube station and a real estate agent is poisoned on a Disneyland ride. Unusual swordlike weapons, public settings, and expert executionmurders that are worlds apart from the crimes he usually deals with Jack Grant finds a sordid connection between the victims and a heinous crime never brought to light that will blur the line between right and wrong. **TP \$30.95**

Sandra Scoppettone*This Dame For Hire*

When her boss, the owner of a private investigation firm, joins the Army during World War II, secretary Faye Quick reluctantly takes on the job of private detective, only to quickly discover that she has an aptitude for solving crimes, especially when she stumbles over the body of a murdered woman. **APB \$17.95**

Michele Scott*Murder by the Glass (Wine Lovers Mystery)*

While attending a high society wedding at a Sonoma mansion with vineyard owner Derek Malveaux, Nikki Sands stumbles upon the dead body of the blushing bride and, sifting through a wealth of suspects, including her best friend, puts a cork in a killer's clever plan. **APB \$17.95**

Tim Severin*King's Man (Viking 03)*

Constantinople, 1035: Thorgils has become a member of the Varangian lifeguard and witnesses the glories of the richest city on earth but also the murderous ways of the imperial family. Under the leadership of warrior chief Harald Sigurdsson he is set up as the unwitting bait in a deadly ambush to destroy Arab pirates harassing the Byzantine shipping lanes in the Mediterranean.

When Harald eventually ascends the throne of Norway, his liegeman Thorgils is dispatched on a secret mission to Duke William of Normandy with a plan to coordinate the twin invasions of England. On 20 September 1066 Harald's fleet of three hundred ships sails up the Ouse, confident of success, but a prophetic dream warns Thorgils that Duke William has duped his allies and the Norsemen are heading for disaster at Stamford Bridge. Thorgils embarks upon a race against time to reach and warn his liege lord before the battle begins. But will Odinn's devout follower really be able to anticipate what fate has decreed and save the heritage of his Viking ancestors? **PB \$19.95**

Jeff Shelby*Wicked Break (Noah Braddock Mystery)*

A followup to Killer Swell finds surfer and private investigator Noah Braddock reluctantly accepting a case involving a missing undergraduate student with dubious ties to a white supremacist group and a cache of illegal weapons, a situation that threatens numerous lives. **HC \$51.95**

Killer Swell (Noah Braddock Mystery)

When a former high school girlfriend goes missing, private investigator Noah Braddock is hired by the missing woman's mother to help in solving the case, which is complicated by the mother's ongoing hatred for the investigator. **APB \$17.95**

Georges Simenon*A Man's Head (Inspector Maigret Mystery)*

Inspector Maigret makes his way from Paris's luxury hotels through the seedy and squalid streets and alleys of Paris as he tracks a killer on the run. **TP \$26.95**

Lock 14 (Inspector Maigret Mystery)

When a woman is found strangled in a stable near Lock 14, Inspector Maigret investigates, but finds her husband both unmoved and unhelpful as he follows a dark trail of whiskeyfueled orgies and a nomadic lifestyle to find the killer. **TP \$26.95**

Georges Simenon

The Yellow Dog (Inspector Maigret Mystery)

Inspector Jules Maigret investigates the murder of a prominent citizen of a little town on the coast of Brittany and, rather than make a quick arrest of a saideyed waitress who has seen too much, stays until justice is done. **TP \$24.95**

Julia Spencer-Fleming

To Darkness and to Death (Clare Fergusson / Russ Van Alstyne Mystery)

Episcopalian priest Clare Fergusson and married police chief Russ Van Alstyne have more to contend with than their mutual attraction when they are reunited to investigate the strange disappearance of a woman in their small upstate New York town, a mystery tied to the proposed sale of one of the last great Adirondack summer mansions. **APB \$17.95**

Jason Starr

Lights Out

The people of Brooklyn are getting ready to party. Millionaire baseball star Jake Thomas is coming home to announce his engagement to his high school sweetheart, Christina. He may have spent the last few years playing the field in every sense but Jake knows it's time to settle down. And a big news story might help mask the sex scandal lurking in his past...Ryan Rossetti isn't in the mood to celebrate. He grew up with Jake and they played together in the minor leagues until injury forced Ryan to quit. Now he paints houses for a living and watches Jake getting richer and living the dream. But Ryan has something that Jake needs: Christina. Recently Ryan has been her shoulder to cry on, and one thing has led to another. There's no way Ryan is about to let Jake walk off with the prize again...Christina Mercado longs to escape her Brooklyn tenement and dull job. Ryan treats her better than Jake ever has, but life with Jake would mean that she and her family would never have to worry about money again. Christina will have to make a choice, and there's a hefty price tag attached ...As the 'Welcome Home Jake' banners go up on East EightyFirst Street and the crowds begin to gather, it's clearly going to be one hell of a party. **TP \$29.95**

John Suter-Linton

An Almost Perfect Murder

On a Sunday evening Ricky Conway, mother of two and estranged wife of a serving police officer, was found deceased in her Canberra suburban home. Police suspected Ricky had committed suicide, as the day before she had tried but failed. But one detective on the case noticed something unusual, the toilet seat had been left up. Ricky, however, had been home alone all weekend. From this one observation, suspicions grew and an exhaustive investigation was launched into her death. Some thought the detectives were wasting their time, particularly as they began to focus on one of their own. Despite criticism, the investigation continued, uncovering an evil conspiracy of deceit and manipulation. Even so, there was no hard evidence to incriminate their prime suspect, John Conway. The pressure was on the investigators to find the evidence or disband. It seemed Ricky's murder would be unsolved, that was, till a breakthrough came from an unlikely source. Without it, Ricky's death would have been a perfect murder. **PB \$24.95**

Frank Tallis

Vienna Blood (Dr Max Liebermann 02)

In the grip of a Siberian winter in 1902, a serial killer in Vienna embarks upon a bizarre campaign of murder. Vicious mutilation, a penchant for arcane symbols, and a seemingly random choice of victim are his most distinctive peculiarities. Detective Inspector Oskar Rheinhardt summons a young disciple of Freud his friend Dr. Max Liebermann to assist him with the case. The investigation draws them into the sphere of Viennas secret societies a murky underworld of German literary scholars, race theorists, and scientists inspired by the new evolutionary theories coming out of England. At first, the killers mind seems impenetrable his behaviour and cryptic clues impervious to psychoanalytic interpretation; however, gradually, it becomes apparent that an extraordinary and shocking rationale underlies his actions Against this backdrop of mystery and terror, Liebermann struggles with his own demons. The treatment of a patient suffering from paranoia erotica (a delusion of love) and his own fascination with the enigmatic Englishwoman Amelia Lydgate raises doubts concerning the propriety of his imminent marriage. To resolve the dilemma, he must entertain the unthinkable risking opprobrium and accusations of cowardice. **TP \$32.95**

Will Thomas

The Limehouse Text

Discovering a pawn ticket that leads them to London's Chinatown district, Victorian enquiry agent Cyrus Barker and his assistant, Thomas Llewelyn, retrieve a seemingly innocuous book that turns out be a rare stolen text containing martial arts secrets that are forbidden to the West. **HC \$49.95**

Victoria Thompson

Murder on Lenox Hill (Gaslight Mystery)

Hired by the wealthy Linton family to confirm that their teenage daughter, a mentally deficient young girl who is constantly protected, has somehow become pregnant, turnofthecentury midwife Sarah Brandt investigates when one of the prospective fathersand suspectturns up dead, the victim of poison. **APB \$17.95**

Rupert Thomson

Divided Kingdom

It is winter, somewhere in the United Kingdom, and an eightyyearold boy is removed from his home and family in the middle of the night. He learns that he is the victim of an extraordinary experiment. In an attempt to reform society, the government has divided the population into four groups, each representing a different personality type. The land, too, has been divided into quarters. Borders have been established, reinforced by concrete walls, armed guards and rolls of razor wire. Plunged headlong into this brave new world, the boy tries to make the best of things, unaware that ahead of him lies a truly explosive moment, a revelation that will challenge everything he believes in and will, in the end, put his very life in jeopardy? **PB \$22.95**

Brad Thor

Blowback

When a lethal, unidentified illness with a suspicious source begins working its way through the United States and Europe, Navy SEALturnedHomeland Security operative Scot Harvath teams up with a mysterious British counterpart to find out who is responsible. **APB \$19.95**

Kathryn R Wall

Resurrection Road (Bay Tanner Mystery)

Still struggling with the idea that her husband's murderers remain free, Bay Tanner is forced to put the past to rest when a young boy arrives to accuse her of killing his father. **APB \$17.95**

Michelle Wan*The Orchid Shroud (Death in the Dordogne)*

Stumbling upon the body of a murdered infant, dead for more than a century, while restoring the home of wealthy Christophe de Bonnefon, designer Mara Dunn teams up once again with orchidologist Julian Wood to investigate the case, which may be linked to the modernday killing of genealogist JeanPaul Fournier, in the sequel to Deadly Slipper. **HC \$49.95**

John Weisman*Direct Action (Covert War)*

When the CIA, incapable of taking effective measures against America's enemies, outsources the war on terror, a team of private contractors wages a covert shadow war to prevent terrorists from launching simultaneous attacks. **APB \$19.95**

Patricia Wentworth*The Alington Inheritance (Miss Silver Mystery)*

Jenny is 18 when her guardian is killed and her wealthy relations the Forbes invite her to stay. Consoled by the affectionate attentions of their little girls and the charming elder son, she starts to find her feet again. Then she overhears a private conversation and realises she is in terrible danger. Terrified and bewildered, Jenny flees from the village, desperately hoping her enemies will forget all about her. But she's wrong. . . **APB \$19.95**

Miss Silver Comes to Stay (Miss Silver Mystery)

When he was 21 James Lessiter told Henrietta Cray that he loved her before all things and so broke Catherine Lee's heart. But James has a side to him that most people do not see. When the engagement is broken off no one is sure why and Rietta refuses to explain. Twenty years later James returns to the village an extremely wealthy man. Rietta is still unmarried and Catherine is a penniless widow living in a cottage on the Lessiter estate. Trouble is inevitable, for Catherine has started to sell some of the valuable contents of the cottage to keep up a lifestyle she cannot afford but James has his suspicions and is looking forward to exposing her. He has always enjoyed seeing someone else suffer whatever the cost. When he is brutally murdered there all too many people who would benefit from his death but fortunately Miss Silver is ready to investigate. **APB \$19.95**

The Benevent Treasure (Miss Silver Mystery)

Somewhere among the dust and cobwebs of the sinister Benevent Mansion lies the legendary Benevent treasure. But a terrible death has been prophesied for whoever uncovers it. When Candida Sayle is invited to visit her elderly maiden aunts, she dismisses such gloomy thoughts. But as Candida begins to discover the family's dark secrets she puts herself in grave danger. Thankfully Miss Silver has investigative skills of her own. **APB \$19.95**

The Eternity Ring (Miss Silver Mystery)

Mary Stokes was walking through Dead Man's Copse one evening when she saw, in the beam of a torch, the corpse of a young woman dressed in a black coat, black gloves, no hat and an eternity ring set with diamonds in her ear. But when she and Detective Sergeant Frank Abbott went back to the wood the body had vanished. This would have been mystery enough for Miss Silver to solve if a woman had not also reported that her lodger had gone out on Friday dressed in a black coat, black beret, black shoes and large hoop earrings 'set all round with little diamonds like those eternity rings.' She never came back. . . **APB \$19.95**

Robert Westbrook & Jack Anderson*The Saudi Connection*

Having forfeited a Pulitzer Prize and his marriage in the wake of a coverup scandal, former Washington Post journalist Ron Wright receives a cryptic message from an old friend that brings him to New York City, where he investigates a possible link between the Saudi Arabian royal family and a powerful group that is plotting an attack on American soil. **HC \$51.95**

Donald E Westlake*Lemons Never Lie*

When theater owner and professional thief Alan Grofield refuses to help Andrew Myers knock over a brewery, he must protect his family from this angry criminal who vows to get revenge. **APB \$17.95**

Rick Yancey*The Highly Effective Detective*

Inheriting a substantial fortune from his late mother, Teddy Ruzak quits his job as a night watchman to pursue his longtime dream of becoming a private eye, enlisting the help of his new secretary Felicia, a former waitress, to solve his first case, the hitandrun of a family of geese, a case that is soon complicated by an alltoohuman murder. **HC \$49.95**

Mark Richard Zubro*Everyone's Dead but Us*

Hoping to escape the hoopla following his marriage to his longtime lover, former professional baseball player Scott Carpenter, Tom Mason and Scott head for the private Aegean resort island for a quiet vacation, but after a fierce storm cuts them off from the outside world, the murders of the island's owner and other guests and employees force them to race against time to stop a killer. **HC \$51.95**