



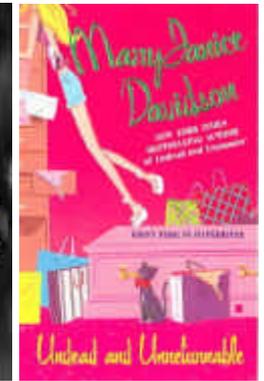
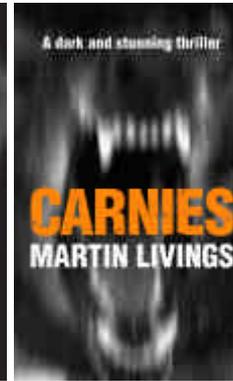
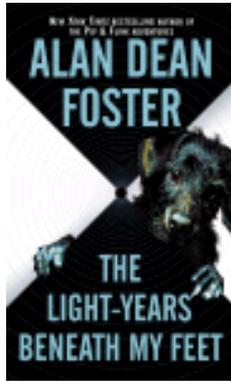
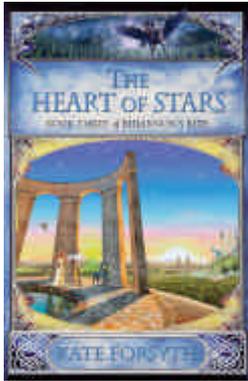
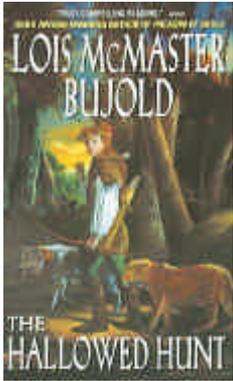
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Featured Books



Hallowed Hunt by **Lois McMaster Bujold** is out in paperback.

The Heart of Stars, book 3 in Rhiannon's Ride by **Kate Forsyth** is in store now in trade paperback.

The Light-Years Beneath My Feet by **Alan Dean Foster** is out in paperback.

Prismatic by **Edwina Grey**, new local horror in paperback.

Carnies by **Martin Livings**, more local horror in paperback.

Undead and Unreturnable by **Mary Janice Davidson** is out in paperback.

News

Nebula Awards best novel has been awarded to **Joe Haldeman** for *Camouflage* and best script to **Joss Whedon** for *Serenity*. For a full listing and photo go to: http://www.locusmag.com/2006/News/05_NebulaWinners.html

Pern to become a movie! Canadian company Copperheart Entertainment is adapting Pern to the big screen, however, it will be some time yet.

The Dresden Files by **Jim Butcher** is to appear on the small screen. SciFi Channel (USA) has ordered 11 episodes. Expected to premier in January 2007.

Neil Gaimen's *Corialine* is to be made into an animated feature film.

Marianne de Pierre's Parish Plessis novels have been adapted into a roleplaying game.

Justine Larbalestier's *Magic or Madness* has been nominated for the NSW Premier's Literary Awards.

Infinitas is supporting the launch of two horror books *Prismatic* by **Edwina Grey** and *Carnies* by **Martin Livings**. These will be launched at Conflux in Canberra over the June long weekend. It is not too late to join and attend. The programme is now available at <http://www.conflux.org.au/> and looks very interesting. Late changes: **Dan Abnett** will now be attending, but **Sara Douglass** will not.



Infinitas Flash Fiction

Red-Hot Poker by Bob Moore

A nine, ten, jack and king. Even as his discard floated into the light and onto the table, Philip couldn't quite believe what he'd just done. He had only three rules for poker: don't drink; never bet what you can't afford to lose and never, *ever*, draw to an inside straight. So why had he just split a pair to go for the middle pin? He was ahead, and wouldn't admit to being flustered, but the unknown man opposite him was playing with his mind. Had to be. The guy had already blown the other two players off the table, and what else could explain his change through the game? Philip would have sworn that the guy's posture was slumped; now he sat erect. The hair that looked ruffled was now shiny and slick. A trick of the light? Maybe. Light bounced off his receding hairline, and there was the kicker: two little bumps, at first no bigger than goose-eggs, as if some brave soul had knuckled his head. Twice. And now, as the room became steadily warmer, the goose-eggs were growing, curving and sharpening to points.

Philip's opponent kept three cards for himself. He then bet the maximum - which Philip numbly matched - dealt one card to Philip and two to himself. Philip left the card face-down on the table.

'Too scared to pick it up?'

Philip noticed his voice had deepened now too. The force of it reverberated across the table and raised Philip's head. He didn't reply, but turned up the edge of his card. *Please. Be a queen. Four of clubs. Oh shit.*

'Time is short,' rumbled the deep voice, pushing his entire stake into the centre of the table.

'You know I can't match that,' Philip said, wondering why he even wanted to.

'Yes Philip, you can.'

A pause.

The identity of the preternatural form could not be denied.

'Is this where I'm supposed to offer you my soul?'

A laugh thundered across the table, then abruptly stopped.

'How can you bet something you don't even believe you possess, Philip?'

'Then I'll fold.'

'No, Philip, you won't. You are in my debt. Payment is... expected.'

Philip swallowed the heavy stones of finality, closed his eyes and separated his life into boxes marked *Keep* and *Lose*. And he *would* lose. So, what part of himself could he live without? One eye? A kidney perhaps? His future happiness? He knew he could spare neither hope nor nerve. He met his opponent's eye.

'I match your bet with all of my hate; my prejudices; my intolerance; my pride and my greed.'

Silence from across the table.

His opponent then tossed his cards onto the table, smiling wryly.

'You play quite well,' he said. 'There are times when the audacity of a bluff should prevail.' He arched an eyebrow. 'And times when winning would bring no joy to the victor.'

Philip watched as a stooped man with dishevelled hair bowed with mock solemnity and dissolved into darkness.

Red-Hot Poker was the third place winner of the Magic Casements 2006 Flash Fiction competition.

Reviews

The New World Order by Ben Jeapes reviewed by David Bofinger

<http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780552550963>

Isn't it always the way. You're minding your own business when an army of more-or-less-but-not-exactly-humans magically appears, and welcomes you to their empire. They have weapons that are much better than yours, and they have magic. And just as you thought you were almost finished with the English Civil War.

The New World Order is a story of what Iain Banks calls an excession: the intrusion of a more advanced culture into the insular world of a less advanced one. It's a hard story to do well, keeping the struggle interesting without resorting as, say, Harry Turtledove did in Worldwar to making the intruders idiots. Ben Jeapes pulls it off a lot better than most. It's not a great book, but it is definitely a good one.

I'm reminded of the 163x Ring of Fire series, by Eric Flint and collaborators. Partly that's because the setting is related: there are even some historical figures, like Oliver Cromwell, that appear in both. The New World Order is less military and less multi-threaded, and a rarity in this degenerate age it brings the story to a sensible conclusion in a single volume, though there's room for a sequel if Jeapes wants it. It also has a viewpoint character who is a teenager, which is presumably why it's been put out by the Children's Books division of Random House. In fact it's suitable for either teenagers or adults.

This is the first Jeapes novel I've read, I doubt it will be the last. A book well-worth reading and an author to keep an eye on. I may even try to find out how his name is pronounced.

Monument by **Ian Graham** reviewed by Tim

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

Ballas is a survivor, thoroughly selfish, but tough and resourceful, if dysfunctional and paranoid. When he opportunely steals a magical object of greater value than a vagrant can sell, he finds the world turns out against him.

This book is very boyish, it has nasty humour, plenty of chase and fight scenes. It is classic fantasy with swords and arrows, and a little magic, but lots of tactics. The world building is sufficient and not dominant, though it works as Ballas is pursued across the country. The character development is amusing, as Ballas drinks to forget, and has forgotten why he started. Ballas makes a better enemy than ally. He suffers no more angst than any other scavenging omnivore predator. Shallow is not quite the word for him, for he is intelligent and talented, it is that he just does not care.

Highly recommended for fans of David Gemmell, for this is very much in the same style. However, where Gemmell writes stories about heroes, this is the a villain's story, and Ballas is a great villain. I greatly enjoyed this novel. This is a first novel by Ian Graham, and I will be eagerly awaiting his next, Blood Echo (publication date not yet known).

If you want a baddie to love, this is a romp.

The Grantville Gazette edited by **Eric Flint** reviewed by Dan

<http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780743488600>

1632 spawned a large online following on Baen's Bar (start at www.baen.com), discussing both the fictional chacters and settings, and the way the real life technology of Grantville would work if moved to the year 1632. A series of e-books of fan-fic chosen by Eric Flint, as well as scientific essays make up the Grantville Gazette line. The online popularity was high enough that a paper publication was then planned.

This is the first volume of the Grantville Gazette series. It's stories are set in and around the time of the first novel, 1632, and many of the chacters and ideas have later been built upon by Eric Flint in his later novels in the series. Most of the characters in this book are secondary to the main plotlines of the novels, but all the stories are well written. A great read for fans of the Ring of Fire series.

Infinitas Short Fiction

Stand Off by Alan Baxter

Gary wondered which one would kill him first. His terror was threatening to knock him out, his mind about to shut down. His body felt like it was nothing but a skin bag half full of cold water. His bladder had already let go. He could tell that his face was white from the cool sheen of sweat that covered him and the chill that filled him.

He sat on the filthy street, knees trembling together, feet splayed out at bizarre angles, hands somehow supporting him behind. Just as he had fallen. He could feel the cold tarmac under his hands and buttocks, the dampness seeping into the seat of his jeans, but that was probably cooling urine. He could feel tiny particles of gravel under the pads of his fingers. He was aware of all these things, but in a way that was detached, like they were somebody else's experiences. His whole body trembled with the vibration of abject terror and he stared wide eyed from one figure to the other as they stood either side of him and he wondered again which one would kill him first.

One of the figures let out a deep, rumbling chuckle. 'A Mexican stand off?'

The other figure smiled broadly, his long white teeth catching any available light. 'It would seem so.'

They stood facing each other over Gary's supine form, staring into each other's eyes with what looked like a wary respect. Gary knew that it would be pointless to run, assuming he could move. They might not be looking at him now but he knew they would move like lightning if he so much as twitched. The one with the teeth had appeared first. The vampire. *Can I really be looking at a vampire?* It had appeared like smoke from the shadows right in front of him, teeth gleaming in the darkness. Gary had leapt back in shock and rebounded awkwardly off someone coming the other way, falling backwards between them.

And what the hell was the other one? The vampire was easy to spot, if hard to believe, but this other one was different. He had a similar build, tall and strong looking, but his face was like granite, carved and rugged. He had regular looking teeth and his skin seemed tanned. Not a look consistent with vampires. In fact, he looked entirely human but exuded an aura of immense power. There seemed to be a pale blue shimmer of light around his hands. As Gary's fear addled mind began to make these observations the vampire circled slightly to the left. The other followed suit, circling with the vampire, the two of them keeping their eyes locked and Gary, seemingly ignored, between them.

The tanned one let out another small laugh. 'You seem tense.'

'With reason, I think. I've heard of you.'

'Really? I'm touched.'

The vampire smiled again. 'Hmm. You wouldn't normally spare a moment before destroying one of my kind, would you?'

The other shrugged slightly. 'Don't flatter yourself.'

The vampire's smile widened. It circled again to the left, the other following the movement as before. Gary began to tremble even more as the vampire disappeared from his field of view, moving behind him. His spine tingled at the thought

of it no more than a few inches from his exposed back. The other one came slowly around to stand directly in front of him, looking over him as though he didn't exist.

The vampire's voice came from behind. 'I just want his blood. You're welcome to whatever is left.'

The tanned one shook his head. 'I need him alive.'

'I could drain him but not kill him.'

'But he wouldn't be alive.'

Gary watched the tanned one's face. His eyes were deep and black, seemingly bottomless. He had shoulder length shaggy black hair and wore a scuffed and tattered leather jacket. His jeans were worn in places, tight across muscled thighs, and he wore strong, scuffed leather boots. He moved again, circling around Gary a little more, presumably responding to the vampire's movements. The vampire appeared again in Gary's field of vision, his black jeans seemingly new, a black shirt under a heavy coat.

'So it's his soul you want?' the vampire asked.

Gary's stomach seemed to flip over, his throat tightening. *My blood or my soul?*

'What makes you think that?'

The vampire raised one eyebrow. 'Isn't that what you do?'

'Is that really what people around here say of me?'

'In truth, most people round here don't believe you exist. But I know of you.'

'And how do you know of me?'

'Let's say we have a mutual acquaintance. He speaks quite highly of you. And, as far as I know, there aren't many vampires that you wouldn't kill.'

'Really? Interesting.'

The vampire laughed. 'Is it not true that you kill every vampire you come across? Every vampire, every lycanthrope, every witch, wizard and mage? Any creature that doesn't fit your ideal for the on-going protection of the human race?'

The other smiled. 'You say human like a swear word, like it tastes bad on your tongue. Yet you would not survive without them.'

'If the cattle ran out then the humans would eat dogs. If it came to it then we could do the same. But there are more than enough humans to go around. They have a habit of breeding. So, am I wrong about you?'

'My agenda runs deeper than you could understand. But get in my way and I won't hesitate to destroy you.'

The vampire circled again. Gary's hands were beginning to go numb from the coldness of the road and the pressure of holding himself up. His eyes were wide, flicking between the two figures. He could feel his hair swimming like it was in a static field, the air between these two charged like before a storm. There was a coppery scent to the air. The large man seemed to crackle with raw energy, electric and primal. The vampire kept alert, slightly crouched, moving like a cat.

The vampire paused in front of Gary, the other one directly behind him now. 'I could just rip his life from him. Are you quick enough to stop me tearing his throat out?'

'Are you quick enough to get away with it?'

The air seemed to vibrate over Gary, the tension palpable between the two.

'Convinced you could beat me in a fight, are you?' the vampire asked.

That low, rumbling laugh again. 'There's absolutely no question about it.'

The vampire smiled again, but the smile seemed to tremble just slightly. Gary's skin began to crawl at the thought of the one behind him. *What can scare a vampire?* It felt like he was watching a late night horror movie, only he had the mother of all front row seats. He began to wish that he had someone to pray to.

'Vincenzo says that you are the most powerful creature he has ever met,' the vampire said slowly.

The was silence from behind Gary.

'Vincenzo also says that any vampire that tried to bring you down would die in seconds.'

More silence. The static tension grew.

The vampire broadened his smile once more, slightly more confident. 'But Vincenzo also says that you and he are allies. Vincenzo and I are... shall we say, business partners?'

'So you don't want to fight me?' The big man sounded a little disappointed.

'I'd rather not. At least, not now.'

‘Very sensible, I suppose. Well, I wouldn’t say that we’re allies, but we don’t have to be enemies. Leave quietly and the fact that you exist ceases to bother me.’

The vampire dipped his head in a slight bow. Slowly he stepped back, away from Gary’s feet. He took a second small step, then a third. He slowly straightened up, his guard becoming more relaxed. With another nod he vanished. Quite literally disappeared. One moment Gary was staring at his handsome, pale face, then he was gone leaving nothing but a slight gust of air.

Gary sat staring into the space where the vampire had been, his trembling still making his teeth chatter gently. Slowly, he sat forward, taking the pressure off his numb palms, and brought his hands around to his lap. He began gently massaging each hand with the other. As he sat forward he felt the dull ache of a deep bruise near his tailbone.

There was a soft grinding of boots on tarmac as the big man with the shaggy black hair walked slowly around in front of Gary. He was looking up, watching the roof of a building across the road. Gary followed his gaze and saw a silhouette on the corner of the roof, like a gargoyle in a long coat that blew in the wind. Then it was gone. The big man crouched down in front of Gary and held out his hand. ‘Isiah,’ he said.

Gary looked at the big hand, then back up at those bottomless black eyes. ‘What?’

‘My name. Isiah.’

Gary’s eyes widened. ‘Oh, right. Sorry. Gary Blackwell.’ He shook Isiah’s hand and tried not to jump at the weight of it. The man’s hand felt like a warm rock, heavy, smooth, hard. ‘You, er... You just saved me from a vampire, right?’

Isiah smiled. ‘Yeah. You seem to be handling it pretty well.’

‘Well, I’m doing OK, I guess, considering. I just can’t help but wonder what the hell you must be to scare off a vampire!’

Isiah’s smile broadened and he nodded. ‘Fair point. Let’s just say that I’m a good guy.’

‘Are you? A good guy?’

‘Yeah. Kinda. As far as you’re concerned. Think you can stand?’

Gary looked down at himself for a moment, thoughtful. ‘I guess so. We’ll soon see.’ He began hauling himself, still trembling, to his feet. Isiah took a hold of his elbow and helped him up. He had the feeling that Isiah could have lifted him as easily as a rag doll if he’d chosen to.

On his feet, Gary took a deep breath. ‘So, you’re a vampire killer?’

Isiah shrugged. ‘Sometimes. Only if they get in my way. I have a task which is rather more important than spanking vermin like him and his ilk.’

Gary nodded, frowning. ‘You’ll excuse my confusion, but I thought of vampires as nothing more than fiction right up until about five minutes ago. I think there’s a lot I don’t know about, huh?’

Isiah laughed softly. ‘You don’t know how right you are.’

Gary’s trembling was slowly subsiding, but his eyes were still full of fear. ‘So you’re not a vampire, but you’re something that scares them. I don’t know which is more disturbing.’

‘There are so many things that the majority of people in the world have no conception of, I’m afraid.’

‘Including you. Who, or what are you exactly?’

Isiah chuckled again. ‘That is a question that I don’t know if I could answer, even if we had the time. Let’s just say that I’m a guide, of sorts. I protect people and guide them towards doing the right thing.’

Gary’s eyes narrowed at Isiah’s tone. He suddenly felt trapped again. ‘The right thing? What’s that then?’

‘It varies. I’m afraid there’s not much time.’

‘You have to go, do you?’ Gary was silently wishing that this was indeed the case so that he could run home and hide, pretend that this was all some twisted dream.

‘We have to go.’

‘We?’

‘Afraid so.’

Isiah could feel Gary’s shoulders trembling as he laid an arm across them and guided the young man back down the alley. Gary’s fear was justified, though there was no way that he could understand exactly how. Again, yet again, Isiah cursed his fate. Gary was just another in a long line of charges whose actions, small or large, reverberated through the world. Isiah grew more tired of manipulating it every time. Yet there was nothing he could do about it and no end in sight. His existence indeed seemed eternal and damned. Isiah ground his teeth.

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Stand Off is set in the world created by Alan Baxter in his novel *RealmShift*. For a longer read of Isiah see *RealmShift* by Alan Baxter
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Many books have more extensive information available on our website.

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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 June 1st: Which world would you like to live in and why?

Thursday July 6th: Dystopia

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.

June 15th: Katharine Kerr *Daggerspell* (Fantasy)
Polar City Blues (SF)

July 20th: Guy Gavriel Kay *The Summer Tree* (F)
Charles Stross *Singularity Sky* (SF)

Writers' Group: The group is for people who are currently writing (or even trying to write) science fiction, fantasy and horror related stories and pieces. If you think this might describe you, and you'd like to get involved in a group with others who understand what the genre is about, why not come along. Meetings are the 3rd Saturday of each month. Check out the website for more details.

Bestsellers for May

General Release

Dark Demon	Christine Feehan
The Gold Falcon	Katharine Kerr
Broken	Kelley Armstrong
Oakleaf Bearers	John Flanagan
Building Harlequin's Moon	Larry Niven
Last of the Wilds	Trudi Canavan
Sanctuary	Mercedes Lackey
Dead Beat	Jim Butcher
Bolo!	David Weber
Dead As A Doornail	Charlaine Harris
Even Vampires Get the Blues	Katie MacAlister
Against the Tide	John Ringo

Media and Games Related Titles

Horus Rising	Warhammer 40K
Evolution	Star Trek Voyager
Warrior Coven	Warhammer 40K
Feast of the Drowned	Doctor Who
Resurrection Casket	Doctor Who
Stone Rose	Doctor Who
The Chosen	Stargate Atlantis
Players Handbook II	Dungeon and Dragons

Science Fiction, Fantasy and Horror

Honorverse 2006 Calendar

The calendar shows the Terrestrial Standard date in conventional format, and runs from September 1903 (2005) to December 1904 (2006). The colored bands show the dates on Manticore, Sphynx and Gryphon, respectively - including where those dates overlap a Gregorian date. **\$26**

Andromeda Spaceways Inflight Magazine 22 January/February 2006 **MAG \$7.95**

Fantasy & Science Fiction June 2006 **MAG \$9.95**

Locus 544 May 2006 **MAG \$16**

Steve Alten

Resurrection

Less than a year after Michael Gabriel's December 21, 2012 disappearance, his grieving wife gives birth to twin sons, each possessing remarkable mental and physical abilities, who could be the Hero Twins who are destined to confront the Lords of the Underworld and rescue their father, while a third child, Lilith, is born possessing the same superhuman talents. **PB \$19.95**

Jennifer Armintrout

The Turning (Blood Ties 01)

When Dr. Carrie Ames is attacked by a patient who reanimates after being sent to the morgue, she starts feeling strange and, with the help of Nathan Grant, the owner of an occult bookshop, discovers that she has become a vampire and must choose between humanity or becoming a monster.

APB \$17.95

Robert Asprin

Hit of Myth

When the king decides to go on vacation, he orders Skeeve, a bumbling apprentice sorcerer, to take his place, marry his homicidal fiancée, and deal with the Mob's fairy godfather. **APB \$17.95**

James Axler

Strontium Swamp (Deathlands 74)

Ryan Cawdor and his warrior survivalists trek through the brutal deserts of the Southwest to the bayous of Louisiana, where they encounter a diabolical madman named Dr. Jean, who has harnessed pre-Dark technology to create an army of bloodthirsty zombies in an attempt to rule the Deathlands. **PB \$16.95**

R Scott Bakker

Warrior Prophet (Prince of Nothing 02)

Following the events of *The Darkness That Comes Before*, the Holy War continues its inexorable march southward. But the suspicion begins to dawn that the real threat comes not from the infidel but from within . . .

Steering souls through the subtleties of word and expression, Kellhus strives to extend his dominion over the Men of the Tusk. The sorcerer Achamian and his lover, Esmenet, submit entirely, only to have their faith - and their love - tested in unimaginable ways. Meanwhile, the warrior Cnaiur falls ever deeper into madness. Convinced that Kellhus will betray their pact to murder his father, Cnaiur turns to the agents of the Second Apocalypse and strikes an infernal bargain.

The Holy War stands on a knife edge. If all is not to be lost the great powers of the world will have to choose between their most desperate desires and the end of the world. Between hatred and hope. Between Anasurimbor Kellhus and the Second Apocalypse. **APB \$21.95**

Nina Bangs

Wicked Pleasure (Wicked)

In the sequel to *Wicked Nights*, Brynn McNair, a demon of desire trapped in eternal sexual enslavement, finds himself entranced by Kim Vaughn, a sensuous demon hunter. **TP \$28.95**

L A Banks

Forbidden (Vampire Huntress 05)

The Body of a Goddess...with the Heart of Hell itself.

The devil is a dead-beat dad and his consort Lilith couldn't care less. A stolen embryo stirs in Lilith's womb and a plan pulses through her veins: To unleash her child from the gates of hell—as soon as she destroys the only two vampire hunters who can possibly stop her...

Damali Richards is a woman-child in a world running with blood, depravity and demons. Turned by her lover, Carlos Rivera, and brought back again, Damali clings to the one measure of purity that was handed down to her through generations of the wise, gifted and strong. Now, through the power of magic, through the ache of desire and the touch of her lover, Damali is on a journey from the streets of Philadelphia to the ancient earth of Africa. With a small army, with Carlos and with her own mad skills, she might just save the world from the demon seductress who wants her and her faith obliterated—before Armageddon begins... **PB \$19.95**

Alan Baxter

RealmShift

A force exists beyond all belief and knowledge. That force is the Balance. When the supernatural and the magical shape and shift the mundane all around us and fewer people every day are concerned with matters beyond the material, the actions of individuals can drastically upset that Balance. Deep within this world a powerful immortal must lead a powerful coward in a quest against the odds to prevent a descent into chaos. From the deepest planes of Hell to the sweltering Guatemalan jungle, the actions of a few people will shape the future in this contemporary fantasy and action packed adventure thriller, set in the here and now against the overlapping backdrop of the world we know and the myriad realms beyond. **TB \$30**

John Gregory Betancourt

Shadows of Amber (Amber)

Manipulated by a father who would render him a puppet ruler, Oberon, the newly crowned king of Amber, finds himself in the middle of a deadly political showdown, a situation that is complicated by his scheming siblings and rumors about an alternate sea world in which a distorted version of Oberon rules from an onyx throne. **APB \$17.95**

Thomas L Blair*The Sabatini Prophecy*

Davey Boehm has a lot to learn! He's the twenty-fifth magician in a family with a remarkable heritage, yet he knows little of magic or his strange ancestors. Fate brings him to an old mountain town where a struggle against ancient evil is underway. Years ago, his great grandfather foretold of an heir's arrival and then mysteriously disappeared. Now Davey, a mere thirteen-year-old, must destroy the evil force threatening the town. **HC \$47.95**

Ray Bradbury*Something Wicked Comes This Way (Fantasy Masterworks 49)*

It's the week before Hallowe'en, and Cooger and Dark's Pandemonium Shadow Show has come to Green Town, Illinois. The siren song of the calliope entices all with promises of youth regained and dreams fulfilled, but everyone touched will be destroyed, for Mr Dark collects souls. And as two boys trembling on the brink of manhood set out to explore the mysteries of the dark carnival's smoke, mazes and mirrors, they will also discover the true price of innermost wishes. **BPB \$21.95**

Patricia Bray*The First Betrayal*

Left with no memory of the past, supposedly because of a mysterious fever, Josan, an orphan, exile, and priest who has been sent to a lighthouse on the farthest edge of the kingdom, comes face to face with old secrets when Lady Ysobel Flordelis, a Seddonian trade representative, is shipwrecked on his island. **APB \$17.95**

Simon Brown Australian Author*Rival's Son (Chronicles of Kydan 02)*

After surviving battle and sorcery, the city of Kydan now faces internal division between native and Hamilayan colonist. Strategos Galys Valera and her allies must forge a new city from the old, in time to face the threat of a defeated enemy intent on bloody revenge.

Back in the old world, Empress Lerena of Hamilay, flushed with victory over her rivals, finds that she may yet have to go to war to finally secure her place as the most powerful Wielder of the Sefid, the great source of magic that shapes both city and empire. **PB \$19.95**

Lois McMaster Bujold*The Hallowed Hunt (Chalion 03)*

Lord Ingrey is sent to the country estate of the murdered Prince Boleso in order to smooth over the region's political turmoil, but discovers that the kingdom is in imminent threat of falling into malevolent hands. By the author of *Paladin of Souls*. **PB \$19.95**

Ramsey Campbell*Secret Story*

Hired to revise a film script that too closely resembles the murder case on which it is based, aspiring writer Dudley Smith hides from his director the sordid truth about his inability to write about heinous acts unless he actually commits them. **HC \$52.95**

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

Bean, Ender Wiggins' former right-hand man, has shed his reputation as the smallest student at Battle School. He has completed his military service for the Hegemon, acting as strategist and general in the terrible wars that followed Ender's defeat of the alien empire that attacked Earth.

Now he and his wife, Petra, yearn for a safe place to build a family - something he has never known. Yet no such place exists on Earth, a world riddled with Bean's enemies from the past. Once again he must follow in Ender's footsteps and look to the stars. **APB \$19.95**

Orson Scott Card*Magic Street*

Abandoned as an infant in a Los Angeles park, teenager Mack Street apparently suffers from strange spells when he simply freezes and stares off into space, but what the people around him do not realize is that Mack possesses the ability to see into other people's dreams. **TP \$30.95**

Jacqueline Carey*Kushiel's Scion (Kushiel 04)*

A first installment of a new trilogy set in the same world as the best-selling Kushiel's Avatar finds Terre d'Ange prince Imriel de la Courcel drawing on his abilities to inflict pain on others and working against his enemies in his determination to obey Blessed Elua's precept of love. **HC \$52.95**

Mike Carey*The Devil You Know*

Felix Castor is a freelance exorcist, and London is his stamping ground. At a time when the supernatural world is in upheaval and spilling over into the mundane reality of the living, his skills have never been more in demand. A good exorcist can charge what he likes - and enjoy a hell of a lifestyle - but there's a risk: sooner or later he's going to take on a spirit that's too strong for him.

After a year spent in 'retirement' Castor is reluctantly drawn back to the life he rejected and accepts a seemingly simple exorcism case - just to pay the bills, you understand. Trouble is, the more he discovers about the ghost haunting the archive, the more things don't add up. What should have been a perfectly straightforward exorcism is rapidly turning into the *Who Can Kill Castor First Show*, with demons, were-beings and ghosts all keen to claim the big prize.

But that's OK; Castor knows how to deal with the dead. It's the living who piss him off . . . **APB \$19.95**

P C Cast*Brigid's Quest (Partholon)*

Another story set in the world of Elphame's Choice

Torn between the possibilities...

Fleeing her centaur clan's increasingly militant beliefs, Brigid Dhianna has begun to find peace and acceptance among the humans of Clan MacCallan. She agrees, however, to leave her newly formed friendships to guide her clan Chieftain's grieving brother home. As she journeys, Brigid discovers that the long-dormant Shaman blood that runs so thickly in her veins will no longer be silenced. As seductive new powers begin to beckon, Brigid glimpses a future that is more impossible—and more magical—than any she could have dared to imagine.

But when tragedy summons her back to the Centaur Plains, Brigid must make a decision that will affect not only her friendship with the humans, but also the centaur herd, and indeed the world. For the Great Goddess Epona has set her on a new path that demands everything she has to give.

When the whole world is turning to her for help, healing the heart of a warrior doesn't sound so daunting... **BPB \$19.95**

Jayne Castle*Ghost Hunter*

Elly finds her new life in Cadence City taking a strange--and dangerous--turn when her best friend's disappearance immerses her in a realm of myths and legends where only her ex-fiancé Cooper Boone can help solve the mystery. **APB \$19.95**

Michael J Cavallaro*Cybernetica*

A debut novel explores the technological future of mind control by following two con-artists into a futuristic world where humans are mentally controlled by a technology called sublimation, a brain-to-computer interface system that influences not only thoughts, but events themselves.

TP \$32.95

Karen Chance*Touch the Dark*

When a bloodthirsty Mafioso sets his vengeful sights on Cassandra Palmer, who is gifted with the ability to communicate with the dead, she is forced to ask the vampire council for help and must pay a high price at the hands of a sensual master vampire. **PB \$17.95**

James Clemens*Shadowfall (Godslayer 01)*

Four thousand years ago, a great war took place among the gods, which shattered their heavenly realm. This Sundering created the land of Myrillia, where near-invincible gods live amongst men.

Yet the weapon that fashioned the Sundering may also strike down the immortals, as failed Shadowknight Tylar discovers. He witnesses the death of a god, whose blood heals his deformities but brands him a Godslayer and a hunted criminal.

Tylar flees with now god-like powers, seeking to avenge the god's death and clear his name. He must ultimately confront the greatest god of all and face the supreme treachery . . . **APB \$21.95**

Storm Constantine*The Ghosts of Blood and Innocence (Wraethu Histories 03)*

Inadvertently attracting the attention of the mysterious Thiede after an inception attempt gone wrong, unusual har Darquiel learns that his origins are more astounding than imagined, while favored son Loki, kidnapped to the stark realm of Thanatep, is forced to walk a secret path between worlds in order to escape. **HC \$56.95**

Conor Corderoy*Dark Rain* **HC \$45****Julie E Czerneda***Regeneration (Species Imperative 03)*

Biologist Dr. Mackenzie Connor and her disparate band of researchers must unlock the deadly mysteries of the alien Dhryn and the Ro by finding Emily Mamani, who holds the key to infiltrating the Ro and can lead them to the legendary Survivors before their world is hurtled into a region of space devoid of life. **HC \$51.95**

Peter David*Fall of Knight*

When Gwen De Vere Queen miraculously survives an assassination attempt, Arthur Penn is forced to reveal his true identity as King Arthur, as well as the existence of the Holy Grail, but when he is flooded by desperate requests for healing and enlists the assistance of a company to bottle water from the Grail, he is unaware that he is tainting the purpose of the holy cup's existence. **HC \$51.95**

MaryJanice Davidson*Undead and Unreturnable (Undead 04)*

Betsy the vampire queen is faced with the trials and tribulations of the holiday season, as she struggles to cope with a half-sister who is the devil's daughter, an evil stepmother, a fiend living in her basement, killers and spirits running amok, and a spring wedding to plan with her one-time nemesis, Eric Sinclair. **APB \$17.95**

Undead and Unpopular (Undead 05)

As her birthday approaches, vampire queen Betsy Taylor finds herself playing politics with a group of powerful European vampires who have come to pay their respects and coping with her best friend Janice's possible life-threatening illness and her reluctant fiance Eric, who is doing everything he can to dodge wedding plans. **HC \$47.95**

Cory Doctorow*Someone Comes to Town, Someone Leaves Town*

Having recently moved to a bohemian Toronto neighborhood, middle-aged entrepreneur Alan learns his next-door neighbor's struggle to conceal her wings and hides his own secrets about his unusual family, which includes Russian nesting doll brothers, one of whom is bent on revenge. **TP \$30.95**

Dave Duncan*Children of Chaos*

Fifteen years after they are forcibly taken from their city ruler father in order to save their people from the tyrannical Bloodlord, the four separated Florengian siblings learn that one of them is to be set up as their home city's puppet ruler while the other three will be condemned to death.

HC \$52.95

E Robert Dunn*Echelon's End Planetfall*

In a future where humankind has both spread to the stars and cast aside racial and sexual prejudice, five survivors of a brutal alien invasion struggle for their lives. Meanwhile there is tension at Sheey, a same gender orientated society where Echelons (gays) rule and Reproductionists are persecuted. **TP \$49.95**

Echelon's End Sidereal Quest **TP \$49.95**

Echelon's End Last Generation **TP \$49.95**

Tim Eldred*Grease Monkey*

In a future world where mysterious aliens have advanced the intelligence of simians, young Robin Plotnik, apprenticed to a cranky gorilla supervisor, works on an Earth defense station and becomes entangled in a scandal over a bet about the planet's top fighter squadrons. **HC \$56.95**

Mick Farren*Conflagration*

A continuation of the story that began with *Kindling* finds The Four waging a supernatural war against the invading forces of a fanatical priesthood while the Kingdom of Albany fights a decisive battle to reclaim the Virginia Freestate. **HC \$56.95**

Raymond E Feist*Flight of the Nighthawks (Dark War 01)*

The Conclave of Shadows have two problems: the final destruction of Leso Varen, and how to neutralise the thousands of Talnoy found by Nakor in Novindus. Magnus, go-between for the Conclave and the Great Ones on the world of Kelewan, realises that the Talnoy is acting as a rift 'magnet' - attracting the same dangers as on Midkemia. Will the Talnoy provide a doorway for the terrible Dasati to invade and decimate Kelewan? In Novindus, while studying the host of Talnoy secreted in the cave, Nakor is ambushed by a small group of bandits. Fortunately, Tomas - accompanying the small Islani - defeats the outlaws with ease. But one of their number fights with such ferocity that Tomas suspects him to be more than human. After several near-disastrous conflicts, Kaspar, Talwin and Amafi uncover the new nest of Nighthawks plotting against the royal house of Kesh. But when they attempt to warn the Emperor, it becomes clear that many of the truebloods - nobles related by birth to the Emperor - are already Varen's slaves, both willing and unwitting. *Flight of the Nighthawks* begins a fresh series from the master of fantasy. Set on a grand scale, it revisits the exotic political intrigue of Great Kesh (touched upon in the classic *Riftwar* books) and carries the reader into a dark underworld of crime and black magic. **TP \$32.95**

Jasper Fforde*The Big Over Easy (DI Jack Spratt)*

It's Easter in Reading - a bad time for eggs - and no one can remember the last sunny day. Humpty Dumpty, well-known nursery favourite, large egg, ex-convict and former millionaire philanthropist is found shattered beneath a wall in a shabby area of town. Following the pathologist's careful reconstruction of Humpty's shell, Detective Inspector Jack Spratt and his Sergeant Mary Mary are soon grappling with a sinister plot involving cross-border money laundering, the illegal Bearnaise sauce market, corporate politics and the cut and thrust world of international Chiropody. As Jack and Mary stumble around the streets of Reading in Jack's Lime Green Austin Allegro, the clues pile up, but Jack has his own problems to deal with. And on top of everything else, the JellyMan is coming to town. . . **PB \$22**

William R Forstchen & Newt Gingrich*Never Call Retreat (Getysburg 03)*

A final installment of the best-selling Civil War series by the co-authors of *Grant Comes East* traces the events surrounding the pivotal battle of August 1863, during which Lee and Grant both cross the Susquehanna and make decisions that culminate in the war's outcome. **TP \$30.95**

Kate Forsyth Australian Author*The Heart of Stars (Rhiannon's Ride 03)*

Lord Malvern swore he would have revenge on Lachlan the Winged for the death of his brother and nephew. Now Lachlan is dead and his children have all been stolen away. Lachlan's son Donnican is the new Righ of Eileanan, but after his abduction on his wedding night, his wife, Bronwen, daughter of the Ensorcellor, must rule in his stead in a court seething with intrigue, betrayal and suspicion. To rescue Donnican, the Keybearer Isabeau and the Stargazer Cloudshadow must brave the perils of the Heart of Stars and travel back a thousand years in time. If they fail, Donnican will be sacrificed and Brann the Raven, one of the most ruthless sorcerers in the history of Eileanan, will live again. With the ruling MacCuinn clan rent apart, there is no-one to stop Lord Malvern but Rhiannon and her winged mare, Blackthorn. She must try to save the one woman she hates more than anyone - the banprionnsa Olwynne, rival for Rhiannon's true love, Lewen. In her desperate flight to save Olwynne and her twin brother, Owein, Rhiannon risks losing all that she holds dear - Lewen, Blackthorn, her freedom, even her own life. **TP \$32.95**

Alan Dean Foster*Light-years Beneath My Feet (Taken 02)*

Kidnapped by aliens to be sold as a pet in a distant part of the galaxy, young Chicago commodities broker Marcus Walker and his companion, George, a speech-enhanced dog, have managed to outwit their abductors, only to find themselves stranded billions of miles from Earth, with no way home. **APB \$17.95**

Diana Pharaoh Francis*Path of Blood*

As the rift between the kingdom and the land of Cemanahuatl grows even wider, and the ruthless Aare, determined to overthrow the king, create a bloody swath of destruction, Reisel, her goshawk, Saljane, and her lover, Yohuac, must conquer unimaginable sorceries to save the throne.

APB \$19.95

Dave Freedman*Natural Selection*

Intrigued by a series of mysterious attacks on ocean wildlife, a group of scientists stumbles upon evidence of a prehistoric manta ray that has evolved into a dangerous predator, but when they set out to study the creature, they discover that the leader of the rays has figured out how to fly and is attacking people on a remote island in the region. **HC \$45.95**

Laura Anne Gilman*Staying Dead (Retrievers 01)*

When Wren Valere, a retriever who has a gift for finding things, is hired by a rich client to reclaim a spell infested cornerstone, she must call upon her friends when her mission goes terribly wrong, resulting in the release of a deadly ghost. **PB \$17.95**

Parke Godwin*Sherwood (Sherwood 01)*

A first installment of an epic series based on Robin Hood mythology finds sixteen-year-old Edward Aelredson, a lesser Saxon landowner, witnessing the conquest of his Anglo-Saxon England by William of Normandy in 1066, an event after which he transforms into an artful outlaw. **TP \$30**

Christopher Golden, Hank Wagner & Stanley Wiater

The Complete Stephen King Universe

A Guide to the Worlds of Stephen King. Looks at the interconnected elements among the works of Stephen King, including his novels, short stories, films, teleplays, and mini-series, examining the themes, plots, characters, influences, and TV and film adaptations. **TP \$45.95**

Arlene Golds

From Dream to Dream

Mysteriously torn from her home by an unknown force, Drew wanders a nightmare landscape, pursued by two shapeshifting monsters, and discovers that her dreams have the power to transform reality, but, despite her growing feelings for a man named Gryfree, she finds that her very presence poses a deadly danger to the delicate fabric of this new world. **HC \$51.95**

Simon R Green

Swords and Heaven (Hawk & Fisher 01, 02, 03)

The first three novels featuring an unlikely pair of heroes--Hawk and Fisher--follows the mismatched duo as they make their way through the sinister city of Haven, dispensing their own brand of justice on the miscreants, demons, spellcasters, and others who live there, in an omnibus edition containing Hawk & Fisher, Winner Take All, and The God Killer. **TP \$30.95**

Edwina Grey Australian Author

Prismatic

Outbreaks of irrationality and violence have erupted in Sydney. Caught in a whirlwind of examinations and autopsies, history student Jackie Cooper, realises that if anyone is to be saved she must get to the truth.

Jacqueline Cooper is a history student with a stalled thesis and a less than admirable past. When she and biologist Daniel O'Connor uncover what appears to be a hundred-year-old murder site, it might be the break she needs. But the cache contains medical records, detailing outbreaks of madness and violence dating back to 1789, and news of the discovery is quickly covered up. As deaths start multiplying, she starts putting the pieces together—a dangerous pastime. For Daniel O'Connor may not be what he seems, and there are parties who do not want the truth to come out.

They want Sydney locked down, terrorised and starving... and what happens then will be far, far worse. **PB \$19.95**

Michele Hauf

Rhiana

Gifted with the instincts of a dragon, Rhiana Tassot, forbidden by the lord of St. Renan to use her talents to defend her home from the beasts, is plunged into a conflict that exposes a long-buried secret linked to her past. **TP \$30.95**

Robin Hobb

Shaman's Crossing (Soldier's Son 01)

Young Nevare Burvelle is the second son of a second son. Traditionally in Gernia, the firstborn son is heir to the family fortunes, the second son bears a sword and the third son is consecrated to the priesthood. Nevare will follow his father - newly made a lord by the King - into the cavalry; to the frontier and thence to an advantageous marriage, to carry on the Burvelle name. It is a golden future, and Nevare looks forward to it with relish. For twenty years King Troven's cavalry have pushed the frontiers of Gernia out across the grasslands, subduing the fierce tribes of the plain on its way. Now they have driven the frontier as far as the Barrier Mountains, home to the enigmatic Speck people. The Specks - a dapple-skinned, forest-dwelling folk - retain the last vestiges of magic in a world which is becoming progressive and technologised. The 'civilised' peoples base their beliefs on a rational philosophy founded on scientific principle and a belief in the good god, who displaced the older deities of their world. To them, the Specks are primeval savages, little better than beasts. Superstitions abound; it is said that they harbour strange diseases and worship trees. Sexual congress with them is regarded as both filthy and foolhardy: the Speck plague which has ravaged the frontier has decimated entire regiments. All these beliefs will touch Nevare's training at the Academy; but his progress there is not as simple as he would wish. He will experience prejudice from the old aristocracy: as the son of a 'new noble' he is segregated into a patrol comprising other new nobles' sons, all of whom will encounter injustice, discrimination and foul play in that hostile and deeply competitive environment. In addition, his world view will be challenged by his unconventional girl-cousin Epiny; and by the bizarre dreams which visit him at night. And then, on Dark Evening, the circus comes to Old Thares, bringing with it the first Specks Nevare has ever seen. **PB \$14.95**

Tanya Huff

Smoke and Shadows (Smoke 01)

Tony, a former street kid-turned-wannabe producer, is working on the set of a TV series about a vampire detective, where he discovers the dead body of a cast member.

Tony fears it has something to do with the strange shadows he has seen around the studio and when he turns to special-effects wizard Arra Pelindrake for help, she turns out to be the genuine article. The wizard escaped from a dangerous alternate dimension and has more than a passing acquaintance with the shadows. Together, Tony and his vampire friend Henry Fitzroy try to persuade Arra to cooperate but can't get her to face her fears and confront the shadows.

But they are soon left with nowhere to run as they are drawn into battle, for the shadows are intent on gaining a foothold in this world. **APB \$19.95**

Smoke and Ashes (Smoke 03)

TV producer and fledgling wizard Tony finds it difficult to concentrate on his job when the Demonic Convergence allows lowly demons to enter the mortal world, which threatens the life of Leah, a sexy stuntwoman and an immortal Demongate whose death would unleash mass destruction.

HC \$51.95

Shaun Hutson

Twisted Souls

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

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

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

For Emma and the others there will be no waking from THIS nightmare . . . **PB \$19.95**

Julie Kenner*California Demon (Secret Life of a Demon-Hunting Soccer Mom 02)*

After fourteen years as the perfect suburban housewife, soccer mom, and political wife, Kate Connor secretly returns to her old profession as a demon hunter, fending off demon attacks, trying to keep an eye on a mysterious new high school teacher who looks strangely familiar, and dealing with her teenage daughter's infatuation with a surfer dude. **TP \$28.95**

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

Her career shattered by a public scandal, Seattle reporter Susan Michaels works as a tabloid reporter and is disgusted by claims linking the mayor to a vampire coven, a situation that turns bizarre when she adopts a cat that turns out to be a gorgeous shape-shifting vampire slayer. **HC \$40.95**

Sherrilyn Kenyon*Fantasy Lover (Dark Hunter)*

It might sound like a man's favourite fantasy - to live forever, destined to be the lover of thousands of women. But for Julian of Macedon, it's a nightmare. Once he was a proud Spartan general, now he's a love-slave, his essence magically held captive in a book, cursed to spend all eternity pleasing women. Then, one day, Grace Alexander summons Julian to fulfill her passionate dreams - and sees beyond the fantasy to the man himself. Long years as a sex therapist, listening to other people's bedroom problems, has taken a lot of the fun out of the physical side of love for Grace. She's remarkably understanding about Julian's situation - and that's disconcerting for all concerned. With or without sex, the rules of the enchantment cannot be changed. Julian is hers for the next month. And, as their time together slips by, Julian and Grace find more to share than sympathy and conversation - and they begin to wonder if love might be within their grasp. That leaves only one question. Is love enough to break a 2,000-year-old curse? **PB \$19.95**

Jack Ketchum*Off Season*

Five friends from New York City escape to the quiet Maine beach town of Dead River for some rest and relaxation, only to be terrorized by a cannibalistic family with an unquenchable hunger for human flesh. **APB \$17.95**

Tabitha King & Michael McDowell*Candles Burning*

In the wake of her father's torture, murder, and dismemberment by two women with no known motives, Calliope "Calley" Dakin and her mother flee to Pensacola Beach where, in a house that is identical to Calley's late great-grandmother's house, a woman waits for Calley, who is no ordinary little girl. **HC \$51.95**

Stephen King

<i>Cujo</i>	PB \$19.95
<i>Danse Macabre</i>	PB \$19.95
<i>The Dead Zone</i>	PB \$19.95
<i>Different Seasons</i>	PB \$19.95
<i>Eyes of the Dragon</i>	PB \$19.95
<i>Firestarter</i>	PB \$19.95
<i>Skeleton Crew</i>	PB \$19.95

Nicola E Kirk*Tiennador*

"First rule of an investigation - always go in pairs, at least."

These words come to haunt paranormal investigator, Heather King when she reluctantly agrees to let her best friend and colleague, Lynette Matthews, go off on her own to investigate spooky goings on deep in London's West End. When Lynette goes missing and an egotistical private investigator is brought in to track down the unfortunate woman, Heather can't believe things can possibly get any worse... until she meets the bloodthirsty clans of the Tiennador Lands. Caught up in a race to save Lynette's life as well as her own, Heather has three days to reach the Fortress of Kirator before hell is unleashed on earth. **TP \$64.95**

E E Knight*Valentine's Exile (Vampire Earth)*

Revered as a hero following the first major defeat of their Kurian enemies by rebel forces, David Valentine now confronts a dangerous enemy at home when he is accused of abusing Quisling prisoners, the human pawns of the vampire aliens, and undertakes a mission to rescue the wife of wounded fellow freedom fighter William Post. **HC \$49.95**

Joseph Laudati*In Darkness It Dwells*

Teen-aged filmmaker Tom DeFrank, through his hobby of stop-motion photography, conceives a monster: he builds and animates a demon puppet. Unbeknownst to Tom, however, the "toy" creates a subliminal bond with a dark entity. As he labors with the miniature beast, making his movie, the boy unwittingly summons a force that wreaks the terrible vengeance of Tom's repressed rage.

Only reclusive psychic Stephen Parrish and his daughter Julie know of the ancient evil awakened in their little town. As romance blooms between the teens, Parrish senses the strange presence within the troubled young filmmaker and seeks to unravel the mystery of the demon.

But people are dying as bitter grudges come to the fore. Rumors abound of a strange creature loose in the countryside, and a fearful public turns suspicious on Parrish. Will he be able to leash the monster and the will of its creator - a boy little conscious of his power to create ... or destroy?

APB \$17.95**Deborah LeBlanc***A House Divided*

After making what he believes to be the deal of a lifetime, a greedy and corrupt building contractor must move his new purchase, an old two-story house, to a new location by splitting it in half and, by doing so, unleashes an unimaginable evil that vows to destroy him. **APB \$17.95**

Sharon Lee & Steve Miller*Crystal Soldier (Liaden Great Migration 01)*

Centuries in the past, mankind fought a seemingly unbeatable adversary from sector to sector across the Spiral Arm until the war ground to a standstill and the Enemy withdrew. Now, hundreds of years after their withdrawal, the Enemy is back - and this time they'll be satisfied with nothing less than the extinction of the galaxy. **TP \$34.95**

Crystal Dragon (Liaden Great Migration 02)

You can't go home again...What do you do when home is a conspiracy that's been discovered and destroyed? When home is a planet in a star system that's gone missing? When home means working for the destroyers of galaxies? When home is a spaceship that's calling out to the enemy?

HC \$52.95

Martin Livings *Australian Author**Carnies*

The small south-west Australian town of Tillbrook has a secret, one that has been kept for over a hundred years. The Dervish Carnival is run by people who are neither human or animal, but live in the woods and howl at night. **PB \$19.95**

Karin Lowachee*Skybird*

Rescued by pirates from a desolate refugee camp following the destruction of his home colony by an alien enemy, Yuri Kirov is a killer, spy, and pirate captain doing a life term in prison, until Earthhub Black Ops agents release him and transform him into a weapon in their covert interstellar power struggle. By the author of *Burndive* and *Warchild*. **APB \$17.95**

Brian Lumley*Necroscope: The Touch (Necroscope)*

Mourning the loss of his wife when he is bestowed strange powers by the ghost of Harry Keogh, Scott has visions of a mysterious woman who reveals a devastating plot by rogue Shing't, a situation that is further complicated by dreams of a wolf who begs for help. **HC \$52.95**

Scott Lynch*The Lies of Locke Lamora*

Vowing to bring down the omnipotent crime boss running the city, a group of Gentlemen Bastards, led by the eccentric Locke Lamora, sets out to beat the Capa at his own criminal game, taking on other thieves, murderers, beggars, prostitutes, and thugs in the process. **HC \$47.95**

Patricia A McKillip*Od Magic*

Possessing a unique talent for connecting with the agricultural environment, Brenden Vetch's ability has brought him to the attention of the wizard Od, who hires him as a gardener, but Brenden's gifts make him far more than he seems and could tip the balance of power in the Kingdom of Numis back into the hands of the wizard community. **B+ PB \$28.95**

Linda Medley*Castle Waiting*

A single-volume collection of the Harvey and Eisner Award-winning graphic fantasy series follows the modern fable of an abandoned castle and its eccentric inhabitants, in an anthology that includes such pieces as "The Curse of Brambly Hedge," "The Lucky Road," and "Solicotine." **HC \$60**

L E Modesitt Jr*Hammer of Darkness*

Banished from his home planet for his unusual powers, Martin relocates to the vacation paradise world of Aurore, where he discovers disturbing truths about the cruel nature of its god-like rulers. By the author of *Flash*. **TP \$28.95**

John Moore*Bad Prince Charlie*

Agreeing to be a part of his uncles' dastardly scheme to wreak havoc in the kingdom of Damask by taking the throne, Bad Prince Charlie, renowned for his incompetence, is haunted by his father's ghost, who reveals an evil plot involving weapons of magical destruction. **APB \$17.95**

Christopher Moore*Practical Demonkeeping*

In Christopher Moore's ingenious debut novel, we meet one of the most memorably mismatched pairs in the annals of literature. The good-looking one is one-hundred-year-old ex-seminarian and 'roads' scholar Travis O'Hearn. The green one is Catch, a demon with a nasty habit of eating most of the people he meets.

Behind the fake Tudor facade of Pine Cove, California, Catch sees a four-star buffet. Travis, on the other hand, thinks he sees a way of ridding himself of his toothy travelling companion. The winos, neo-pagans, and deadbeat Lotharios of Pine Cove, meanwhile, have other ideas. And none of them is quite prepared when all hell breaks loose. **BPB \$22.95**

Chris Moriarty*Spin Control (Spin 02)*

Major Catherine Li and A.I. Hyacinthe Cohen join forces once again to track down a defecting clone who has stolen a radical genetic weapon capable of destroying the precarious balance of power throughout the universe, in the sequel to *Spin State*. **TP \$24.95**

C E Murphy*Thunderbird Falls (Walker 02)*

When homicide detective Joanne Walker, a reluctant shaman who saved humankind three months ago, stumbles upon a plot to unleash armageddon, she must learn to control her powers when she accidentally unleashes Lower World demons on Seattle while trying to save humanity. **TP \$30.95**

Kim Newman*The Man From the Diogenes Club*

The most valued member of the elite 1970s Diogenes Club, Britain's least-publicized law enforcement and intelligence agency, Richard Jeperson thrives in a private world of bad fashion sense, deadly enemies, and glamorous associates while tackling cases ranging from haunted trains to murders in utopian communities. **TP \$32.95**

Andre Norton & Lyn McConchie*Beast Master's Quest (Beast Master)*

An orphan refugee possessing the power to communicate telepathically with animals inherits a spaceship that she hopes will enable her to find the home planet of a cat-like creature with whom she has bonded, a quest that risks the lives of her friends and family. **HC \$51.95**

Naomi Novik*Black Powder War (Temeraire 03)*

In the wake of their adventure in China, Captain Will Laurence of His Majesty's Aerial Corps and his dragon, Temeraire, are sent on a mission to protect three valuable dragon eggs on a trip back to England from the Ottoman Empire, but the vengeful Chinese dragon Lien allies herself with Napoleon to stop them. **APB \$18.95**

Chuck Palahnuik*Haunted*

HAUNTED is a novel made up of stories: twenty-three of the most horrifying, hilarious, mind-blowing, stomach-churning tales you'll ever. They are told by the people who have all answered an ad headlined Artists Retreat: Abandon your life for three months. They are led to believe that here they will leave behind all the distractions of real life that are keeping them from creating the masterpiece that is in them. But here turns out to be a cavernous and ornate old theatre where they are utterly isolated from the outside world and where heat and power and, most importantly, food are in increasingly short supply. And the more desperate the circumstances become, the more desperate the stories they tell and the more devious their machinations become to make themselves the hero of the inevitable play/movie/non-fiction blockbuster that will certainly be made from their plight. **PB \$23.95**

Felice Picano*Dryland's End*

A group of cybernetic servents rebel against their creators using a cyber virus that could lead to the extinction of humans. The resulting political tension allows another faction to seek to overthrow the Matriarchy, **TP \$51.95**

Robin T Popp*Seduced by the Night (Night Slayer)*

A changeling who uses his supernatural strength to hunt vampires, Dirk Adams has dedicated himself to destroying renegade nocturnal blood-drinkers, until he meets Dr. Bethany Stavinowski, a leading biochemist whose latest research project has plunged her into unexpected and terrifying evil. **APB \$16.95**

Terry Pratchett*Jingo (CD) (Discworld 21 CD)***CD \$49.95***Last Continent CD (Discworld 22 CD)***CD \$49.95***Carpe Jugulum CD (Discworld 23 CD)***CD \$49.95***Fifth Elephant CD (Discworld 24 CD)***CD \$49.95****Mary Jo Putney***The Marriage Spell*

One of Wellington's most respected officers, Jack, Lord Frayne, successfully hides his talent for sorcery from his peers, until a near fatal injury leads him to Abigail Barton, a skilled wizard whose price for saving his life is his hand in marriage. **HC \$51.95**

Irene Radford*Guardian of the Freedom (Merlin's Descendants 05)*

As King George III ascends the throne, the Earl of Kirkenwood, a member of the magical Pendragon society, finds himself plagued by a mysterious illness, while his sister, Georgie, fights the Demon of Chaos abroad. **APB \$19.95**

Kevin D Randle*The Gate (Exploration Chronicles 04)*

When scientists open a Gate, which is a portal into a wormhole that allows travelers to bend and shape space at will, several test subjects, who believe they are hunting aliens, discover a deadly threat that could destroy humanity. **APB \$17.95**

Kit Reed*The Baby Merchant*

Pregnant and relegated to a home for unwed mothers on a world where healthy babies are rare commodities, Sasha Egan finds herself on a collision course with a famous broadcast journalist whose mentally unstable, barren attorney wife has demanded that he obtain a baby for her. **HC \$51.95**

Jenna Rhodes*The Four Forges (Elven Ways 01)*

On war-torn Kerith, a weapon master named Quendus prepares to shift the balance of power in his favor, while Lariel Anderieon, her brother Jeredon, and a group of rag-tag rebels, armed with Talents, search for the Elven Ways to stop a civil war and return to the home they had lost centuries ago. **HC \$49.95**

Adam Roberts*Gradisil*

Gradisil is a multi-generational story of murder, betrayal and revenge. It is told through the eyes of three characters and against a background where mankind's rush into space has faded away leaving individual pioneers to force their way independently into space after the collapse of the big government space agencies. They ride up into space on the lines of electromagnetic force that flower into space from earth like the mighty Ygggradisil - the earth tree of Norse myth. Leaving their weight behind they still carry a cargo of enmities and hatreds. **HC \$55 TP \$29.95**

Fred Saberhagen*Rogue Berserker (Berserker)*

Harry Silver takes on a deviant, rogue Berserker killing machine as he races against time to find his kidnapped family, in the newest novel in the popular Berserker saga. **APB \$19.95**

Mitchel Scanlon

Red Shadows (Anderson PSI Division)

In a bleak future overrun with crime, psychic powers are a dangerous reality. She knows what you're thinking. **APB \$16**

Frank Schatzing

The Swarm

A mysterious and intelligent life force called the Yrr takes control of various forms of marine life to exact revenge on all humankind for its environmental abuses, as whales begin sinking ships, toxic eyeless crabs poison Long Island's water supply, and a deadly tsunami devastates the coastal regions of the world. **HC \$54.95**

Helen Ruth Schwartz

The Meadowlark Sings

Cara Romero is a representative of the all homosexual nation of Cali, journeying to a near future USA which is openly hostile to all gays. Her mission is to share advanced knowledge developed in her country, but her quest is for more. A first novel. **\$30.95**

Robert Sheckley

Mindswap

Unable to afford a vacation on an alien world, college student Marvin purchases a "mindswap" through which he trades bodies with a life form from another planet, but finds the bargain going horribly wrong when he discovers that he has changed places with an interstellar criminal. **TP \$30.95**

Mary Shelley

The Last Man

A new edition of a neglected novel by the author of Frankenstein, first published in 1826, takes place in the twenty-first century, after a plague leaves only one man alive, a young Englishman and a onetime delinquent, to fathom his fate. **TP \$34.95**

Martin Sketchley

The Destiny Mask (Affinity Trap 02)

The stakes are heightened as the Seriatts develop time travel capacity. Delgado knows that with time travel capability Myson would represent a threat, one which he must prevent. While strange occurrences in the vicinity of the wormhole go unnoticed, on Seriatt, the Oracles predict the coming of a saviour; but who this will be, no one can tell. **PB \$19.95**

Beatrice Small

A Distant Tomorrow (World of Hetar 02)

Following her destiny to the world of Terah, Lara, using her newfound magical abilities, lifts an ancient curse and earns the love of its ruler, Magnus Hauk, who accompanies her back to Hetar, where, while trying to thwart a civil war, they are threatened by the animosity of a dangerous enemy named Prospero. **TP \$26.95**

Kerrellyn Sparks

Vamps and the City

The director of a reality TV show in which mortals vie with vampires for the title of The Sexiest Man on Earth, vampire Darcy Newhart falls for Austin, a sexy human contestant who, unbeknownst to Darcy, is really a vampire slayer. **PB \$15.95**

Brad Strickland

Dragon's Plunder

Eagerly joining a pirate band that has targeted him for his ability to control the wind, Jamie Falconer sails with his new crewmembers, only to make the shocking discovery that their captain is a dead man who has been struck by a curse that will prevent him from finding peace until his band plunders a dragon's hoard. **TP \$21.95**

Tricia Sullivan

Double Vision

Combining William Gibson's mistrust of consumerism with Philip K. Dick's ability to twist reality through ninety degrees, Double Vision is the stunning new novel from the Arthur C. Clarke Award-winning author of Maul.

When shy, psychic bookworm 'Cookie' Orbach watches television, she sees things. But not the things that you or I would see. Cookie sees The Grid - a strange, shifting landscape where human forces battle against an enemy they dare not kill. Her employer, the mysterious Dataplex Corporation, pays her well to watch this war, and asks only that she report her observations but take no direct action, which suits her passive demeanour just fine. But Cookie's quiet life is about to be shattered. Her two very different worlds are threatening to merge in a way that shouldn't really be possible. Everything is about to change. And we do mean everything . . . **APB \$19.95**

James Swallow

Jade Dragon (Dark Future)

America, tomorrow. A world laced with paranoia, dominated by the entertainment industry and ruled by the corporations. A future where the ordinary man is an enslaved underclass and politics is just a branch of showbiz. This is the Dark Future. **APB \$16**

Eldon Thompson

The Crimson Sword (Asahiel 01)

Amid the chaos following the assassination of the king of Alson, young guardian Jarom of Diln accepts a perilous mission on behalf of an enigmatic council to recover the Crimson Sword, one of the mythical Swords of Asahiel used by elven avatars to create the earth, taking on the dark forces of the Demon Queen Spithaera on his quest. **APB \$19.95**

Ronda Thompson*The Untamed One (Wild Wulfs of London)*

Running from angry villagers and the man who ravaged her, the witch Lucinda flees into the forest to have her child. But Lord Jackson Wulf hunts her down, believing her death will break the family curse that transforms him into a monster. Instead of killing the witch, Jackson is moved by her beauty and desperate plight. And Lucinda seizes the chance to find safety for herself and her babe when a bargain is struck between this outcast woman and this doomed man - and sealed by their marriage in name only...

In return for his protection, Lucinda has promised that her magick can free Jackson from his torment. But this pretty witch soon finds herself in danger of being seduced by Jackson's charms and pursued by the man who would see both her and her child dead. Can she trust a Wulf with her safety and the safety of her child? Can she trust her heart to Jackson? To surrender to a Wulf is a terrible risk, for love will either unleash the beast within the man... or finally set him free. **APB \$13**

J R R Tolkien *Translator**Finn and Hengest*

Professor J.R.R. Tolkien is most widely known as the author of *The Lord of the Rings*, but he was also a distinguished scholar in the field of Mediaeval English language and literature. In Anglo-Saxon studies, his celebrated lecture *Beowulf: The Monsters and the Critics* is widely recognized as a turning point in the criticism of the poem. The story of Finn and Hengest, two fifth-century heroes in northern Europe, is told both in *Beowulf* and in a fragmentary Anglo-Saxon poem known as *The Fight at Finnsburg*, but so obscurely and allusively that its interpretation had been a matter of controversy for over 100 years. Bringing his unique combination of philological erudition and poetic imagination to the task, however, Tolkien revealed a classic tragedy of divided loyalties, of vengeance, blood and death. The story has the added attraction that it describes the events immediately preceding the first Germanic invasion of Britain which was led by Hengest himself. This book will appeal not only to student of Old English and all those interested in the history of northern Europe and Anglo-Saxon England, but also admirers of *The Lord of the Rings* who will be fascinated to see how Tolkien handled a story which he did not invent. **PB \$24.95**

Sir Gawain and the Green Knight / Pearl / Sir Orfeo

Sir Gawain and the Green Knight and *Pearl* are two poems by an unknown author written in about 1400. *Sir Gawain* is a romance, a fairy tale for adults, full of life and colour; but it is also much more than this, being at the same time a powerful moral tale which examines religious and social values. *Pearl* is apparently an elegy on the death of a child, a poem pervaded with a sense of great personal loss: but, like *Gawain* it is also a sophisticated and moving debate on much less tangible matters. *Sir Orfeo* is a slighter romance, belonging to an earlier and different tradition. It was a special favourite of Tolkien's. The three translations represent the complete rhyme and alliterative schemes of the originals. **PB \$22.95**

John Varley*The Ophiuchi Hotline*

In a world devoid of technology, the humans who have survived an alien attack that caused billions of deaths relocate to the moon and other planets and find help from a mysterious ally who begins sending them advanced scientific data via the Ophiuchi Hotline **APB \$17.95**

Paul O Williams*The Song of the Axe (Pelbar Cycle 06)*

On a last run, Tor teaches his nephew, Tristal, the Shumai axeman ways, but Tristal must survive deadly encounters, endure a seductive captivity, and suffer enslavement before he masters the axeman's skill. **TP \$32.95**

The Sword of Forebearance (Pelbar Cycle 07)

After more than a millennium of conflict, the warring tribes that survived the apocalyptic destruction of the United States have united to form the Heart River Federation, but three rogue cities, led by Innanigani forces, threaten to unleash another war in their quest for land, power, and wealth, in the epic conclusion of the classic Pelbar series. **TP \$32.95**

Jack Williamson*The Stonehenge Gate*

Stumbling on ancient stones in the Sahara Desert, four adventurous excavators and poker buddies realize that they have discovered a gateway to other worlds, from technologically advanced planets to primitive civilizations ravaged by war and pestilence. **APB \$17.95**

Robert Wilson*Crooked Tree*

When, in Michigan's Crooked Tree State Forest, bears suddenly attack humans with gruesome ferocity, the Ottawa Indians begin speaking of a malevolent intelligence controlling the bears, and Axel Michelson tries to save his life and his Indian wife's soul. **HC \$51.95**

Gene Wolfe*Starwater Strains: New Science Fiction Stories*

The author of *Innocents Abroad* presents a follow-up collection of twenty-five primarily science fiction stories, in a volume that includes such tales as "Viewpoint," "Petting Zoo," and "Empires of Foliage and Flower". **TP \$32.95**

Timothy Zahn*Blackcollar: The Judas Solution (Blackcollar)*

After successfully seizing five hidden Nova-class warships from the Ryqril conquerors and retrieving a secret drug that can break Ryqril loyalty conditioning, Damon Lathe and his blackcollar team are given the perilous task of infiltrating a Ryqril tactical center to retrieve a sector's worth of sensitive military data, but a Ryqril secret weapon could destroy them all. **HC \$51.95**

Cobra Trilogy (Cobra)

Cobra warriors, a guerrilla force endowed with surgically implanted weapons and special guerrilla training, must learn the uses--and abuses--of their special abilities, as they launch a desperate, last-ditch attack on the alien Troft forces that are threatening Earth, in an omnibus edition containing the three novels of the Cobra Trilogy--Cobra, Cobra Strike, and Cobra Bargain. **TP \$28.95**

The Potter Pensieve (Harry Potter)

Trivial Delights from the World of Harry Potter.

In the world of Harry Potter, a pensieve is a receptacle for random thoughts. And in this little book you'll find a huge variety of random thoughts, facts, statistics and secrets about Harry's magic universe, about the woman who created him, the books, the movies, the actors... In fact, about everything Harry Potter!

So if you think you know all there is to know about the boy wizard, think again and delve into The Potter Pensieve – the ultimate Harry companion. (Not approved or endorsed by JK Rowling) **HC \$24.95**

Stephen Axelson *Australian Author*

The Steamer Demons (Piccolo and Annabelle 04)

Piccolo is waiting at the dock for his friend Stella to arrive home from her holiday cruise on the glittering Sea Princess. What arrives instead is a smoky, stinky steamer. Piccolo is the only one who can see that the scruffy sailors are actually demons. Even worse, they're heading for the zoo with their cargo of stolen African wildlife. What if they discover the fallen angel Elspeth, imprisoned at the zoo in the form of a baboon? Piccolo has to stop them! **HC \$16.95**

The Disastrous Party (Piccolo and Annabelle 02) 2 CD set. **CD \$19.95**

Blue Balliet

The Wright 3

When the Robie House is marked for demolition, Petra, Calder, and Tommy take action to save the historic landmark, yet ghostly sounds and moving shadows from within make the three friends think that there may be something strange about the special house and so begin to gather additional evidence with their sleuthing skills. **HC \$24.95**

Dominic Barker

Blart

Blart is not an average boy. He lives on a pig farm with his grandfather and doesn't care about being heroic or famous or legendary, but he does know that if you want to catch a pig you have to sneak up behind it and take it by surprise. So when a great wizard visits and explains that humankind depends on Blart joining his quest, Blart says no- until the wizard threatens his pigs. Reluctantly, Blart embarks on a very epic quest stuffed with brilliant characters: a feisty princess who likes dragons, a warrior who's a big softie at heart, a disaffected dwarf, and evil Zorab, trapped in a mountain, waiting for his minions to dig him out? **PB \$15.95**

K P Bath

The Secret of Castle Cant

The Barony of Cant is a land out of time, which exists alongside the modern world. Lucy Wickright, is a reluctant sidekick and maidservant to the Baron of Cant's daughter, Pauline. Lucy becomes a self-styled spy and player in a rebellion that is brewing not only throughout the Barony, but within the Castle itself, and with the aid of her friend. **PB \$14.95**

Joseph Bruchac

The Dark Pond

After he feels a mysterious pull drawing him toward a dark, shadowy pond in the woods, Arnie looks to old Native American tales for guidance about the dangerous monster lurking in the water. **HC \$34.95**

Eoin Colfer

Half Moon Investigations

The creator of no. 1 bestseller Artemis Fowl now brings you the fabulous boy detective, Fletcher Moon.

Fletcher Moon is a detective. But he's no ordinary detective: he's only 12 years old. When a series of mysterious crimes unfold at Fletcher's school, he starts to investigate his first real case. But could he be in more danger than he bargained for?

Witty, suspenseful and clever, this is Raymond Chandler for children. Budding detectives aged 9+ will love Fletcher Moon's first fantastic adventure! **PB \$19.95 CD \$24.95**

Zizou Corder

Lionboy: The Chase (Lionboy)

Charlie Ashanti is on the run from an amazing floating circus with six homesick beautiful Lions and an extraordinary sabre-toothed creature. Charlie has promised to help the Lions find their way home to Morocco but he has his own problems: his Mum and Dad have been kidnapped and he is determined to find them. His new friends, King Boris of Bulgaria and his security chief, Edward, have promised to help. But Charlie wonders if he was wrong to trust them when he and the Lions find themselves held virtually as prisoners in Venice. **BPB \$14.95**

MaryJanice Davidson & Anthony Alongi

Jennifer Scales and the Ancient Furnace (Jennifer Scales 01)

Fourteen-year-old Jennifer Scales learns the secrets of her family's past and her own terrifying present, realizing that everyone around her has something to hide. **BPB \$20.95**

Jennifer Scales and the Messenger of Light (Jennifer Scales 02)

Fifteen-year-old Jennifer Scales learns yet another secret of her family's past, and must help to track down and stop a murderous half-weredragon, half-werachnid. **PB \$22.95**

Louisa Dent *Australian Author*

The Forgotten Spell

This is no ordinary book. Dare to open it and YOU will be entering the strange and dangerous world of the Fey - a vast population of creatures that inhabit a realm just out of reach of mortals. It all lies just beyond the pale- the space between dawn and dusk. Few can find it and fewer still can return. YOU must decide your fate as you journey through one of the most evil and despised cities, Enruobelm. YOUR Quest is to search for the Forgotten Spell, long ago destroyed by the hand that first devised it - the powerful warlock, Olcrada. Here you must be prepared to test your courage, strength and wit against the myriad of evil foe that await you. Can YOU survive? **PB \$14.95**

John Dickinson

The Widow and the King

This stunning book opens twelve years after the end of *THE CUP OF THE WORLD* and tells the story of Ambrose, son of Phaedra and last in the king's line, who is living exiled with his mother in the dilapidated manor of Tarceny. Ambrose's life is threatened by the hooded priest of the Undercraft, an ancestral spirit of pure evil who must end Ambrose's life in order to survive himself. And even when Ambrose is hidden within the house of the Widow of Develin, a hallowed place of learning and haven of education, the priest and his minions slowly and subtly infiltrate within, subverting the minds of those most educated and powerful and leaving Ambrose in mortal danger. This book is about the meaning of kingship, the relationship between father and son, mother and son, the importance of courage and knowledge, innocence and experience. It is a huge and marvellous read - challenging and uplifting. **PB \$18.95**

Alan Gibbons

Shadow of the Minotaur

'Real life' or the death defying adventures of the Greek myths, with their heroes and monsters, daring deeds and narrow escapes - which would you choose? For Phoenix it's easy. He hates his new home and the new school where he is bullied. He's embarrassed by his computer geek dad. But when he logs on to *The Legendeer*, the game his dad is working on, he can be a hero. He is Theseus fighting the terrifying Minotaur, or Perseus battling with snake-haired Medusa. It feels as though he's really there *The Legendeer* is more than just a game. Play it if you dare. **PB \$15.95**

Vampyre Legion

What if there are places where our nightmares live and wait for us? Phoenix has found one and it's alive. Armies of bloodsucking vampyrs and terrifying werewolves, the creatures of our darkest dreams, are poised to invade our world. After his battle with the evil Gamesmaster in *Shadow of the Minotaur*, Phoenix knows this is for real. As he prepares to enter the second deadly computer game in *The Legendeer* series, he knows he must win or never come back. *The Legendeer* is more than just a game. Play it if you dare. **PB \$15.95**

Warriors of the Raven

The third and final novel in Alan Gibbons' fantasy trilogy. Phoenix, a present day boy, will meet the evil Gamesmaster, drawn into battle with him through a computer game that becomes all too real. The setting for the final conflict is the world of Norse and Viking myth and Phoenix must confront Loki and the ancient Norse gods in a terrifying struggle to save our world and fulfil his destiny. **PB \$15.95**

John Gordon

Giant Under The Snow

Three children find an ornate Celtic buckle. To them it's treasure, a fantastic find. They have no idea that it has awakened a giant who has lain at rest for centuries. Little do they know that an evil warlord and his Leathermen have also awaited this moment, this chance to wield their deadly power. In a chilling tale full of menace and suspense the final battle between good and evil must be fought. **PB \$15.95**

Odo Hirsch Australian Author

Will Buster the the Gelmet Helmet (Will Buster 01)

'Come closer, leaders. Come closer and see.'

The children gathered around. The Professor was holding something that looked like a helmet. But it wasn't shaped like any helmet they had ever seen before . . .

One Monday, Will Buster is sitting through another dull history lesson about the Wizard Wars of the 21st century, when he discovers that he has been selected for the opportunity of a lifetime. Or that's what his parents seem to think.

A high-speed HoverPod whisks Will away to Professor Alphonse Gelmet's Academy of Leadership Excellence. Here, special helmets effortlessly deliver information into the students' brains. Without doing any work at all, they'll become encyclopaedias of knowledge!

But what is it exactly that Will and his classmates are learning? And who's to say the Helmet isn't doing other things to their minds? **BPB \$17.95**

Erin Hunter

Starlight (Warriors New Prophecy 04)

Before there is peace, blood will spill blood...

The Clans have finally arrived in their new home, following the prophecies of their warrior ancestors. The journey was difficult enough, but now they must struggle to establish territories and learn the hidden dangers of this unfamiliar world. Most importantly, Leafpaw knows they must find a replacement for the Moonstone -- a place to communicate with StarClan. Otherwise there will be no way to choose new leaders, no way to share medicine cat secrets, and no way to know whether the Clans are on the right path.

The future seems uncertain, and more than one cat is harboring sinister plans that could lead to violence and darkness. As all the warriors wait for a sign, some of them begin to realize that the threats they face in the forest may not be as perilous as the threats they face from within. **B HC \$34.95**

Elizabeth Kay

Jinx on the Divide (Divide 03)

Felix is back at school, but things aren't back to normal! Rhino, the class bully, snatches the mysterious Brandee lamp he had kept from his last adventure in *BACK TO THE DIVIDE*, and next thing you know, a djinn has taken Rhino hostage and is demanding that Felix return him home to the mystical, back-to-front world. But no sooner is the djinn's wish granted than Rhino escapes into the villainous protection of Skullcap, new chief nasty of the Japegrins. It's up to Felix and Bettony to once again use their wits to save both worlds from the ultimate explosive threat of mixed-up science and magic. **PB \$16.95**

Garry Kilworth

Attica

A novel with echoes of timeless classics such as *The Lion*, *The Witch And The Wardrobe*, *The Borrowers* and *Alice In Wonderland*, Garry Kilworth's *Attica* reveals a twilight world of forgotten wonders, and extraordinary adventures - all happening just above our heads.

Join Jordy, Alex and Chloe as they cross the portal from our world to a strange and wonderful other place, accessible for just a moment in time through the trap-door of the attic in their family home. From hat-stand forests, to towering hills of old musical instruments, deserts of old books and a great water-tank lake, the vast continent they stumble upon is one of limitless surprises - and that's before they meet the inhabitants: strange clans of small and lumpen people who live in homes constructed from all manner of found things and drive vehicles powered by old sewing-machine parts. It is against this remarkable backdrop that the three children will embark on a spellbinding adventure to recover a prized possession, save a life, and - somehow - find a way back home. **TP \$19.95**

Kathryn Lasky

The First Collier (Guardians of Ga'hoole 09)

When Eyzlyrb tells Soren and Coryn to read the legends of Ga'Hoole hidden in his library, they find a world of treachery and magic in which the rulers struggle to keep peace. **PB \$9.95**

Emma Laybourn

Minus Magic

Ned is just starting at a new school, a worrying time as he is badly disabled: he can do no magic at all, although everyone else can. He is badly bullied at first and then just as he is finally settling in, the fearful Necromancers strike, and he and his friends are kidnapped. They find themselves in an airship, with many other stolen children, and they must all work magic to keep it flying. As Ned's friends resourcefully start an escape strategy, Ned is distracted by the arrival of his fabulous uncle, the best mage in the whole world. But he turns out to be in league with the Necromancers! Now they must fight him, too, to gain their freedom. Then he unleashes a spell which takes the magic from everyone - and the entire country. Everything held together by magic falls apart. The whole population must learn how to do everything properly, without the crutch of magic. **PB \$14.95**

C S Lewis

Chronicles of Narnia Boxed Set: Complete Treasury (CD) (Narnia)

CS Lewis' stories about the magical land of Narnia have enchanted generations of readers. The BBC Radio dramatisations feature Stephen Thorne as the mighty Aslan, with a host of stars including Martin Jarvis, Maurice Denham and Timothy Spall. **CD \$170**

Thom Madley

Marco's Pendulum

When Marco is dumped in Glastonbury to stay with his weird hippy grandparents for the summer, he's sure he's going to hate it. But he soon starts to recognise the magic of the place. With his mysterious new found talent for dowsing, Marco is quickly drawn into the dangerous struggle to protect the ancient mysticism of Glastonbury. **PB \$19.95**

Paul Magrs

Exchange

Following the death of his parents, Simon moves into his grandparents' bungalow, which quickly becomes a refuge from his bullying peers. United by their voracious appetite for books, he and his grandmother stumble across... This book is about a bookshop crammed with wonders, two love stories, a lost friendship rediscovered, and more. **PB \$19.95**

Sophie Masson Australian Author

The Tyrant's Nephew (Chronicles of El Jisal 03)

Omar didn't ask to be the nephew of the ruthless dictator of Mesomia - and he certainly doesn't want to inherit a country whose people are in fear for their lives. He hasn't a choice, though - until the day he is saved from a deadly ambush by Latifa, a beggar girl. When his uncle places Latifa under a Spell of Darkness, Omar can't stand by and watch his rescuer die. Neither can Ketta, Latifa's white cat and a jinn in disguise. Together, the two embark on an extraordinary adventure to find the spell's antidote - through the eerie, hostile marshlands, then flying on an enchanted carpet to the perilous mountain stronghold of a rebel werewolf clan. But they must face their greatest danger when they return to the palace.

Balancing on a knife-edge - at the mercy of the tyrant's terrifying mood swings and cruel punishments, the evil Secretary's machinations, and the rebels' own plans for the fate of the country - Omar will learn the true meaning of courage before his journey is over. **PB \$15.95**

John Matthews

Pirates **HC \$34.95**

M I McAllister

Urchin and the Heartstone (Mistmantle Chronicles 02)

A bright summer day dawns on Mistmantle as it prepares for the coronation of Crispin the Squirrel. Robes are stitched, cakes baked and wine brought up from cellars. And the Heartstone is readied, the unique gold- and silver-flecked stone that only the priest or the rightful ruler of the island can hold. But this newly established peace is soon under threat. A storm-ravaged ship from a distant land appears in the mists surrounding Mistmantle; a dramatic revelation about the revered Heartstone comes to light; and the extra-sensory powers of a young islander reveal the evil close at hand. Urchin will find himself journeying to a hostile island, where the maniacal King Silverbirch and his sorcerer Smokewreath await him. Urchin will have to face challenges greater than those he has ever faced before, and in doing so will learn something of his own past that will change his life irrevocably and for ever **PB \$15.95**

James Patterson

School's Out Forever (Maximum Ride 02)

It's 24 hours since Max Ride and her fellow bird-kids escaped the New York Institute, and they're still on the run. But the six companions - 98% human, 2% bird - came away with some vital information. If they can decode the garbled words and numbers, perhaps they'll find out where their parents are. There's a lot of trouble ahead for Max, Fang, Iggy, Nudge, the Gasman and Angel - not to mention Total, the talking dog. Their enemies, the fearsome Erasers, have acquired a new skill - they too can now fly. After an air-battle, the badly hurt Fang ends up in hospital. There the FBI track down the flock, who've become more visible than they ever wanted to be. They even end up going to school! But that doesn't quite fit in with searching for parents, or with what the insistent Voice in Max's head keeps reminding her - that her mission is 'to save the world'. **HC \$25**

Tamora Pierce

Cold Fire (Circle Opens 03)

Some people fear Daja's power as a mage, and her ability to bind fire to her will. But, she's determined to enjoy herself in the snowy city of Namorn, making friends with her host's feisty twin daughters. Soon, she finds the twins are in need of her mage skills, however, and they're not the only ones. **PB \$16.95**

Shatterglass (Circle Opens 04)

Tris is a storm mage, with the power of lightening at her fingertips. When the city of Tharios is shaken by a series of murders, Tris is shocked by how little the city-fathers seem to care. Equally disturbing is the discovery of a mage who is unaware of the magic he's working. Can Tris unravel his powers and find the killer before it's too late? **PB \$16.95**

Philip Reeve

A Darkling Plain (Mortal Engines 04) **HC \$24.95**

Justin Richards*Death Collector*

When Eddie 'Dipper' Hopkins steals George Archer's wallet he has no idea that he is about to enter a dark world of grave-robbing, assassins and zombies. For George Archer is no ordinary citizen. He has just been offered a job in the top secret Department of Unclassified Artefacts at the British Museum - a department that investigates the bizarre and the unexplained. And in George's wallet is a clue to one of the biggest mysteries of all. A secret that has remained hidden for millions of years. On the run for their lives, Eddie and George join forces to escape a depraved genius who needs the secret for his terrifying plan. Helped by the redoubtable Sir William Protheroe and actress Elizabeth Oldfield, they find themselves in a heart-stopping race against time. A race to unravel the secret before London is overrun by creatures from the dead . . . **HC \$24.95**

Valerie Rutt*The Mystery of the Darkstone*

Kate and Phil Reynolds are just an ordinary brother and sister - apart from their talking cat, Barking, and the magical heartstones that give them special powers. But when Phil ends up at the mysterious Caddington Lodge - a summer camp in Africa for 'difficult' boys - strange things start to happen. All the boys at the camp are oddly placid and subdued, and Phil finds a laboratory full of strange spheres, each labelled with a boy's name. Something very sinister is going on, and Kate and Phil's evil grandmother, Lorabeth Lampton, is sure to be behind it. As Phil, Kate, their eccentric Great Aunt Elizabeth and their friends travel across countries and through time to put a stop to Lorabeth's terrible plan, the truth about the Darkstone emerges. Only after a terrifying struggle can they all be free from Lorabeth Lampton, and continue the legacy of the Heartstones . . . **BPB \$14.95**

David Stahler Jr*A Gathering of Shades*

After the death of his father, Aidan, whose grandmother feeds the ghosts who linger on their land, begins to explore the spiritual world in the hopes of finding comfort, yet when he crosses the line too often, his perceptions of life versus death become dangerously blurred. **HC \$34.95**

R L Stine*The Best Friend (Fear Street)*

Honey Perkins just moved to Shadyside. But she's telling everyone that she is Becka Norwood's best friend from elementary school. Trouble is, Becka doesn't remember her at all. But that doesn't stop Honey. She insists on doing everything Becka does -- borrowing her clothes, borrowing her boyfriend...and then the horrible accidents begin. Honey swears she has nothing to do with them. She's just being a good friend. A best friend...to the end. **PB \$9.95**

Switched (Fear Street)

Nicole always thought her friend Lucy's life was so much better than hers. She had cooler parents, a cuter boyfriend . . . next to her, Nicole felt like a loser. So when Lucy asked if she wanted to switch bodies, Nicole thought it sounded like a fun idea. Good for a laugh. She didn't realize the switch would actually work. Or that Lucy's life might not be so sweet after all. Turns out, Lucy's got a few issues. And she's about to get her revenge -- using Nicole's body! **PB \$9.95**

Kate Thompson*The New Policeman*

Everyone in Kinvara is conscious that time is flying past, faster and faster - to such an extent that when JJ asks his mother what she would like as a birthday present she asks for more time. JJ dismisses this as mere wishful thinking, an impossibility, for who knows where the time goes? The Liddys have been musicians for generations and JJ is no exception but what he discovers is that a shadow from the past hangs over their family - did his great-grandfather murder the village priest? When he sets out to buy his mother time, he discovers the fate of a flute which will provide the key to both problems - it is the vital clue. He makes the transition to Tir na n'Og, the land of eternal youth, where the fairy people are also having a problem with time and it falls to his lot to locate the leak between the two parallel worlds. JJ finds where time goes! Music proves to be the touchstone for communication between the fairy and the human domains and the book is saturated with the lure of Irish music for JJ's whole existence is built round the ceili and each chapter relates to a tune, printed out as a heading so that the reader can also become a performer. As for the New Policeman, Larry O'Dwyer, he is an enigmatic figure who has a significant bearing on the plot but whose identity is kept a superbly guarded secret to the very last surprising moment. **PB \$17.95**

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Fairy tales, fantasy, and space exploration combine in this intriguing conclusion to the 'Sylvie' trilogy. **PB \$14.95**

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Skipper and Sam are back, four years after they vanquished Odoursin and saved humankind from his terrifying plans. But the Aurobon they return to is vastly different from the one they left. Vahlzi has been destroyed and all that remains of Firebrand's forces are scattered groups of resistance fighters. For after his defeat, Odoursin went underground, waiting until the time was right to unleash his new army and annihilate Vahlzi for good. Filled with grief and rage, Skipper and Sam are determined to help their surviving friends fight Odoursin and build a squadron of the fiercest insects ever seen. But their mission becomes heart-stoppingly urgent when they discover that Odoursin is once again plotting to destroy humankind - this time by using the President of the United States... **TP \$19.95**

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Presents a tale of approval and tolerance, or lack of it, in society. This book presents the story of a boy's difficult journey to adulthood, his craving for the magical powers of his mother and his search for love and acceptance, set against the backdrop of a world of magic. **BPB \$14.95**

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Alfred Kropp is just trying to survive high school when his guardian uncle gets him roped into a suspicious get-rich-quick scheme that changes his life forever: stealing Excalibur - the legendary sword of King Arthur. But having retrieved it, Alfred unwittingly delivers the all-powerful weapon into the wrong hands. Events unfurl and, with his only surviving relative brutally murdered before his very eyes, Alfred not only has a very important mission to complete but also a certain score to settle. So with an ancient order of knights in hot cars, thugs on motorcycles and a mysterious international organisation following his every lumbering step, Alfred undertakes a modern day quest to save the world from imminent destruction. This gripping, fast-paced, and often hilarious novel is both a thrilling adventure story and an engaging account of one boy's coming of age. **PB \$16.95**

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Alexander Levitzky *Editor*

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Featuring examples from a wide range of folk sources and periods, a collection of Russian science fiction and fantasy tales includes pieces by such top names as Pushkin, Turgenev, and Dostoevsky and offers insight into how the genre evolved throughout times of political, social, and technological upheaval. **HC \$70**

Non Fiction

Seth Lloyd

Programming the Universe

The universe is made of bits. The way in which the universe registers and processes information determines what it is and how it behaves. It has been known for more than a century that every piece of the universe - every electron, atom, and molecule - registers bits of information. It is only in the last ten years, however, with the discovery and development of quantum computers, that scientists have gained a fundamental understanding of just how that information is registered and processed. Seth Lloyd calls this fundamental understanding of the universe in terms of information processing 'the computational universe', and the purpose of this book is to show how the programmed, computational universe works. Starting from basic concepts of physics, PROGRAMMING THE UNIVERSE shows how all physical systems register information. It gives an accessible account of how information is stored and processed at the level of electrons, atoms, and molecules. It shows how the information processing power of the universe can be harnessed to build quantum computers and explains how the universe itself behaves like a gigantic computer, transforming and processing information. It traces the history of information processing from the big bang to the present day, and reveals how the computational ability of the universe promotes the evolution of complex structures such as life. PROGRAMMING THE UNIVERSE is the story of the universe and the bits it is made of. **HC \$65**

Robyn Williams

Unintelligent Design

Why make the earth, the solar system, our galaxy and all the rest when the Garden of Eden was all that was wanted? And then there's lifespan. During long periods of human history, the life expectancy of men was a mere 22 years and children were lucky to toddle, let alone grow up. Why the waste? And shouldn't we sue God for sinus blockages, hernias, appendix flare-ups and piles, not to mention bad backs? Using all sorts of examples from the natural and scientific world Robyn Williams takes on the stalking monster of fundamentalist religion and creationism in a short, wicked and witty debunk of intelligent design. This is a book to infuriate the Christian fundamentalists and amuse the rest of us. **PB \$16.95**

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Aliens v Predator 02

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Buffy the Vampire Slayer

Carnival of Souls

Nancy Holder

There's something troubling about Professor Caligari's Traveling Carnival. Perhaps it's that no one can recall the arrival of its hard-to-miss caravan of old-style wagons, countless performers, and horse-drawn carts. Maybe it's the creepy calliope music that tirelessly beckons visitors. Let's face it, an enigma that chooses Sunnydale nearly guarantees it's up to more than wholesome family entertainment.

After a visit to the carnival's Hall of Mirrors, a once-shy pair of homely sophomore twins parades the halls of Sunnydale High like diva supermodels on a runway. Intuiting the twins' abrupt personality change as more than a self-confidence boost, Buffy -- joined by Angel, Giles, and the rest of the Scoobies -- decides to investigate the suspicious carnival firsthand. But soon it's apparent that the price of admission is higher than she imagined. Those who enter the carnival's attractions exit...changed. Each of the gang soon shows extreme displays of vice. Willow is wracked with envy. Cordelia's greed consumes her. Xander unleashes his gluttony. Angel reveals a lusty new persona. And a dark anger rises in Giles. But it's Buffy's now-blinding pride that threatens to overpower her, and in the process destroy those she loves.... **PB \$14.95**

Charmed

As Puck Would Have It

Paul Ruditis

Three sisters sent on a wild goose chase --

A mystery to solve, a demon to face.

To save a soul before time runs out,

Learn when to trust and when to doubt!

It's tough to get good service these days -- at least if you're a Charmed One. Piper has an odd altercation with a housekeeper, Phoebe receives some strange advice from a computer technician, and Paige witnesses the questionable wilderness skills of her hiking guide all in the same day. The sisters come to the conclusion that magic must be to blame. They soon deduce that the mythological and literary troublemaker Puck has decided to pay them a visit. Just as they realize who is responsible for all the chaos, Puck -- who is as curious as he is mischievous -- appears and announces that he has devised a plan that will let him see the Power of Three in action: The circus has come to town, and he knows of an Innocent in need of protection.

At the circus the three sisters must find the one in peril while a devilish, shape-shifting Puck leaves them second-guessing their every move. With an unknown Innocent in danger and time running out, will the Charmed Ones be able to outsmart Puck and defeat evil before it's too late? **PB \$14.95**

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Devin Grayson

When Slade Wilson, the hired assassin known as Deathstroke, fails to kill the young son of a visiting Quarc dignitary, Batman, Green Arrow, and Aquaman join forces with Nightwing, Arsenal, and Tempest to stop Slade and uncover the mastermind behind a global conspiracy that could destroy all of Gotham. **APB \$17.95**

Doctor Who

Aliens & Enemies

Picking up where MONSTERS & VILLAINS left off, this fully illustrated guide documents the return of the Cybermen, as well as the Sycorax & other foes from the new series.

The Cybermen are back to terrorise time and space - but luckily the new Doctor, played by David Tennant, and Rose are back to stop them. Picking up where "Monsters and Villains" left off, this fully illustrated guide documents the return of these metal menaces, as well as the Sycorax and other foes from the new series, plus first series terrors like the Gelth and the Reapers. More classic baddies such as the Celestial Toymaker, Sutekh and the Robots of Death also make a welcome appearance. **TP \$19.95**

I Am A Dalek

Justin Richards

Equipped with space suits, golf clubs and a flag, the Doctor and Rose are planning to live it up, Apollo mission-style, on the Moon. But the Tardis has other plans, landing them instead in a village on the south coast of England; a picture-postcard sort of place where nothing much happens.

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The Tardis brings the Doctor and his companions to Robespierre's Paris, where they discover the French Revolution to be in full swing. Separated from each other, the group find themselves caught up in history as they struggle to stay alive and find their individual way back to the Tardis. Linking narration will be by a member of the original cast and a bonus interview will give a fascinating insight into the making of the adventure. Duration: 2 Hours 25 mins. **CD \$29.95**

Hellboy

Unnatural Selection

Tim Lebbon

Hellboy, a bloodred, cloven-hoofed demon raised by the United States government, is a top field agent for the Bureau for Paranormal Research and Defense. He questions the unknown -- then beats it into submission. A dragon is seen perching on the statue of Christ the Redeemer overlooking Rio de Janeiro . . .

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Kate Westbrook

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Lost 03

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Frank Thompson

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Star Trek

Deep Space 9: Warpath

David Mack

They were created to be killing machines. Highly intelligent, resourceful, and deceptively complex, the Jem'Hadar are a species engineered for war and programmed at the genetic level for one purpose: to fight until death as soldiers of the sprawling stellar empire known as the Dominion. No Jem'Hadar has ever lived thirty years, and not even their masters, the shape-shifting Founders, know what such a creature is capable of becoming were it to be freed of its servitude.

One Founder, however, has dared to wonder.

Appointed by Odo himself to learn peaceful coexistence aboard Deep Space 9™, Taran'atar, an Honored Elder among the Jem'Hadar, had for months been a staunch, if conflicted, ally to the crew of the station, ever struggling to understand the mission on which he was sent . . . until something went horrifically wrong.

Consumed by self-doubt and an ever-growing rage, Taran'atar has lashed out against those he was sworn to aid. While Captain Kira Nerys and Lieutenant Ro Laren both lie near death aboard DS9, their assailant has taken a hostage and fled into Cardassian space, pursued by Commander Elias Vaughn on the U.S.S. Defiant. But as the hunt unfolds, Taran'atar's true objective becomes increasingly less certain, as the rogue Jem'Hadar leads the Defiant to a discovery even more shocking than his crime. **PB \$16.95**

Star Wars

Dark Lord

James Luceno

The newly created Darth Vader flexes his Force-muscle as the Emperor's enforcer to maintain order and obedience in a galaxy reeling from civil war and the destruction of the Jedi Order. To the galaxy at large, Jedi Knight Anakin Skywalker - the Chosen One - died on Coruscant during the siege of the Jedi Temple/ And, to some extent, he was true - Anakin was dead. But from the site of Anakin Skywalker's last stand - on the molten surface of the planet Mustafar, where he sought to destroy his friend and former master, Obi-Wan Kenobi - a fearsome spectre in black has risen. Once the most powerful Knight ever known to the Jedi order he is not a disciple of the dark side, a lord of the dreaded Sith, and the avenging right hand of the galaxy's ruthless new Emperor. Seduced, deranged and destroyed by the machinations of the Dark Lord Sidious, Anakin Skywalker is dead... and Darth Vader lives... **PB \$19.95**

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Luke Skywalker fights side-by-side with a shipwrecked veteran from the Clone Wars, Han Solo's flirtations with an old flame land him in the fire, and BoShek (the galaxy's second-coolest smuggler) attracts a whole lotta blaster fire from Rebels and Imperials alike in this collection featuring some of the most unexpected stories in the era of the Empire! Whether it's BoShek transporting an innocent-enough looking girl, Han making a supply run for the resource-strapped Alliance, or Luke flying escort for a Rebel Intelligence team on a supposedly deserted planet, these adventures may start as routine missions, but their endings are anything but predictable! **GN \$30.95**

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Karen Traviss

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Marv Wolfman

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Will McDermott

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Warhammer 40,000 Quiz Book

Within these pages you will find Warhammer 40,000 teasers and brain busters to challenge even the most sharpened mind. This Quiz Book will separate the men from the boys.

How many Great companies are there in the Space Wolves? What is tactical dreadnought armour more commonly known as? What is the name of the elder god of war? Who are the Legio Custodes?

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Deathwatch 02: Warrior Coven

C S Goto

In the hallowed ranks of the Ordo Xenos - Inquisitorial masters of the elite alien hunters known as the Deathwatch - there exists an ancient pact. When Octavius of the Deathwatch and his brothers are called away on a mission so secret it officially does not exist, he learns of that bargain. In return for advanced warning of an invasion by the forces of Chaos, the inquisition has agreed to aid the alien race known as Eldar in their hour of need as they battle against their evil kin, the dark elder.

But when they arrive at the Eldar craftworld they quickly learn that nothing is as it seems. Can the really trust the Eldar? With other imperial forces coming to destroy the craftworld. The Deathwatch must race against time to avert catastrophe as a plot is revealed to summon a daemon into the real world.

Warrior Coven is the action-packed sequel to Warrior Brood and features the battle-hardened Deathwatch Space Marines. **APB \$16**

Warhammer

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Aaron Rosenberg

When the day of the daemon comes, the Old World will be torn asunder! Packed with grim action and adventure, Day of the Daemon is the first instalment in a hot new series of rip-roaring fantasy adventures.

In the dark and gothic Old World, the Realm of Chaos encroaches on physical reality; a terrifying alternate dimension of gods and daemons. Although these monstrous creatures can only exist in the real world for a short amount of time, their influence is eternal and many foolish mortals choose to worship them. When archaeologist Alaric and his companion Dietz return to the city of Middenheim, they find it shattered following the great war against Chaos. As they become caught up in a foul plot to summon a terrible daemon prince using the blood of innocents, they must do all they can to uncover the dark followers of Chaos! **APB \$16**

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Monte Cook

The City of Ptolus. A place where the supernatural is expected and treachery lies around every corner— or is it that the supernatural lies around every corner and treachery is expected? Either way, Ptolus is a city of danger, magic, intrigue, and above all: adventure.

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Jeffrey Archer

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When an aristocratic old lady is brutally murdered in her country home the night before 9/11, it takes all the resources of the FBI and Interpol to work out the connection between her and the possible motive for her death – a priceless Van Gogh painting.

But in the end, it's a young woman in the North Tower when the first plane crashed into the building that has the courage and determination to take on both sides of the law and avenge the old lady's death.

Anna Petrescu is missing, presumed dead, after 9/11 and she uses her new status to escape from America, only to be pursued across the world from Toronto to London, to Hong Kong, Tokyo and Bucharest, but it is only when she returns to New York that the mystery unfolds.

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When a brutal murder occurs on the grounds of West Point, retired NYPD detective Gus Landor, now living in the Hudson Valley, is enlisted to solve the case, recruiting the assistance of an eccentric young cadet named Edgar Allan Poe to help him uncover the clues to the case and to find the culprit. **HC \$51.95 TP \$32.95**

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To his friends, his foes and even to himself it looks as though Tom Thorne's career is on the skids. On his last case he had seriously over-stepped the mark, and now gardening leave has been suggested and all he has to tend is a window box. So when it appears someone is targeting London's homeless community it seems perfectly natural for Thorne to take a step nearer to the gutter and go undercover amongst them. He blends into the sometimes invisible community easily - too easily perhaps - but the information he gleans quickly proves that this is no random killer, it is someone with a very distinct purpose and a very specific list of victims, only the team supporting Thorne from the outside don't have the key to motive or identity. Then somehow the fact that a policeman is working under cover becomes public knowledge . . . With acute observation of character and place, combined with his acknowledged mastery of plotting, *Lifeless* raises the Thorne series to an even higher level. **PB \$19.95**

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When Elizabeth Glendinning QC dies of a sudden heart attack while making a desperate phone call to the police, her colleagues and family are devastated, and mystified. What was she doing in east London at the time of her death, and what was she trying to tell Inspector Cartwright in her last phone call?

After Elizabeth's funeral, her son Nicholas, a former colleague, Anselm, who knew Elizabeth at the Bar before he became a monk, and Inspector Cartwright all receive packages from Elizabeth pertaining to one particular case from years before: R v. Spendle; plus newspaper cuttings relating to the accidental drowning of a young man, Teddy Jones -- the son of the principle Prosecution witness in that case, George Jones. Why is Elizabeth still following this case? And what does she want each of them to do with the information she has sent them? **TP \$29.95**

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What should you do if the world has turned against you? When Father Anselm is asked this question by an old man in the nave at Larkwood Priory, his response is simple: claim sanctuary. Then the old man demands just that: his name is Eduard Schwermann and he is wanted by the police as a suspected war criminal.

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When a ship steward is murdered, Darcy Cavanaugh's amateur sleuthing turns deadly serious. She's barely had time to think before her friend Marie is declared a suspect and is taken off the ship for questioning. Suddenly alone in a sea of senior citizens--plus one really cute but possibly homicidal dance host--Darcy must solve the mystery before she, too, becomes fish food. **TP \$26.95**

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Agatha Christie

1950s Omnibus

The Agatha Christie Years

Agatha Christie's imaginative crime novels and thrillers made her a household name from the 1920s right through to her final books in the early 1970s. Best known as the creator of Hercule Poirot and Miss Jane Marple, her prolific output would bring her publisher William Collins at least one book every year. Twenty of her contemporary crime novels were to feature neither Poirot or Marple, instead a wide range of ingenious plots would be played out by a selection of amateur sleuths, professional detectives, young adventuresses or unwary bystanders caught up in unforeseen events. This collection of five omnibuses gathers together the twenty stand-alone novels, presenting them chronologically and providing a fascinating window on a changing world though six decades of investigation. Presented in this way, recurring characters - including Superintendent Battle, Tommy and Tuppence Beresford, Colonel Johnny Race and Ariadne Oliver - rub shoulders with many who would appear only in one book, and the result is a selection of some of the finest mystery writing ever. Here is the answer to the question of what Agatha Christie might have been had she not invented Poirot or Marple - and the answer undoubtedly is still *The Queen of Crime!* **TP \$39.95**

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Setting out for a last adventure with her best friend Kit before her nuptials, Regan Reilly heads off to the Hawaiian Islands, where the murder of a young woman involves Reilly in a multi-island investigation and sparks a romance between Kit and an enigmatic retiree who is unnerved by the case. **PB \$19.95**

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As the First World War ravages Europe, the daily life of a small French town near the front is little disturbed by the war, until the deaths of three innocents--a charming schoolmistress who takes her own life, the wife of a local police officer who dies in childbirth, and a young girl, found murdered--turns the town upside down. **HC \$47.95**

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This is ostensibly a detective story, about a crime that is committed in 1917, and solved 20 years later. The location is a small town in Northern France. The war is still being fought in the trenches, within sight and sound of the town, but the men of the town have been spared the slaughter because they are needed in the local factory. One freezing cold morning in the dead of winter, a beautiful ten year old girl, one of three daughters of the local innkeeper, is found strangled and dumped in the canal. Suspicion falls on two deserters who are picked up near the town. Their interrogation and sentencing is brutal and swift. Twenty years later, the narrator, a local policeman, puts together what actually happened. On the night the deserters were arrested and interrogated, he was sitting by the bedside of his dying wife. He believes that justice was not done and wants to set the record straight. But the death of the child was not the only crime committed in the town during those weeks. **APB \$21.95**

Kate Collins

Snipped in the Bud (Flower Shop Mystery)

Flower shop owner Abby Knight, forced to deliver a black rose to her old law school nemesis, finds herself the prime suspect in a murder case when a professor who recently had her arrested at an animal rights protest is found dead with a black rose next to his body. **PB \$17.95**

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It Might Have Been What He Said

Marrying charming writer James in spite of his drinking and womanizing past, disturbed publishing executive Isabel confounds her concerned friends and family members with their unlikely mutual devotion, a situation that erupts when Isabel deteriorates into mental instability and attempts to murder her husband for a reason she cannot remember. **HC \$49.95**

Michael Connelly

Crime Beat

Michael Connelly was a Pulitzer prize-winning journalist before he became one of the leading crime writers of his generation. These true stories help to chart the development of his work as a novelist - guaranteed to make fascinating reading for any serious fan of crime writing. One morning an editor called me and told me to swing by a murder scene on my way to the office. Just like that, I was picking up a coffee on the way to work. The murder was on Woodrow Wilson Drive in the Hollywood Hills. I went as instructed and got the story. I also got the place where I would put the home of the fictional detective [Harry Bosch] I had secretly been writing about ... **HC \$49.95 TP \$29.95**

Thomas H Cook*Red Leaves (Otto Penzler)*

When his teenage son, Keith, is accused in the disappearance of an eight-year-old girl, Eric Moore struggles to shelter Keith from the subsequent police investigation and local suspicion while seeking legal counsel and wondering in the face of mounting evidence about his son's possible guilt. **TP \$28.95**

Bernard Cornwell*The Lords of the North (King Alfred 03)*

The year is 878 and Wessex is free from the Vikings. Uhtred, the dispossessed son of a Northumbrian lord, helped Alfred win that victory, but now he is disgusted by Alfred's lack of generosity and repelled by the king's insistent piety. He flees Wessex, going back north to seek revenge for the killing of his foster father and to rescue his stepsister, captured in the same raid. He needs to find his old enemy, Kjartan, a renegade Danish lord who lurks in the formidable stronghold of Dunholm. Uhtred arrives in the north to discover rebellion, chaos and fear. His only ally is Hild, a West Saxon nun fleeing her calling, and his best hope is his sword, with which he has made a formidable reputation as a warrior. He will need the assistance of other warriors if he is to attack Dunholm and he finds Guthred, a slave who believes he is a king. He takes him across the Pennines to where a desperate alliance of fanatical Christians and beleaguered Danes form a new army to confront the terrible Viking lords who rule Northumbria. 'The Lords of the North' is a powerful story of betrayal, romance and struggle, set in an England of turmoil, upheaval and glory. Uhtred, a Northumbrian raised as a Viking, a man without lands, a warrior without a country, has become a splendid heroic figure. **HC \$49.95 TP \$32.95 CD \$39.95**

Patricia Cornwell*At Risk*

A 'one-off' from the best-selling creator of the Dr Kay Scarpetta series, based on the serialisation in the New York Times.

Moving between the chill of Cambridge, Massachusetts and the sultry humidity of Knoxville, Tennessee, Winston Garano, a police investigator, is instructed to look into a twenty-year-old murder case. Although Win reckons there are many more pressing current cases which should have higher priority, he gets on with the task, unaware of the can of worms he will prise open. With her hallmark qualities of deft characterisation, perfect research and tense story-telling, Patricia Cornwell has created a novel which entertains, intrigues and satisfies. **HC \$35 CD \$39.95**

Dick Couch*Pressure Point*

A team of Navy SEALs must stop a band of Arab terrorists who have captured one of the Navy's Trident submarines and are threatening to destroy it unless Israel relinquishes the occupied territories. **APB \$19.95**

Philip R Craig*Dead in Vineyard Sand (Martha's Vineyard Mystery)*

When the body of a radical environmentalist is discovered in a golf course sandtrap, J. W. Jackson finds himself named a prime suspect and sets about identifying the true killer from among a horde of developers, golfers, and other potential culprits. **HC \$49.95**

James Crumley*The Right Madness*

Take private eye C W Sughrue, ex-alcoholic and recovering gunshot victim. He thought he knew better than to do any work for Doctor Will "Mac" Mackindrick - even if he is his buddy. But 30,000 big ones does a whole lot of talking. So who's blackmailing Mac? One of his patients maybe? This is the thriller from the author of "The Final Country". **APB \$19.95**

Barbara D'Amato*Death of a Thousand Cuts*

A gala reunion of the former staff and residents of a pioneering autistic children's school turns violent when the institution's revered founder, Dr. Jack Schermerhorn, highly respected for his innovative and compassionate work, is found tortured to death. **PB \$19.95**

Casey Daniels*Don of the Dead*

A former rich girl whose life has fallen apart around her, Pepper Martin takes a job as a tour guide in a local cemetery, but a head-on collision with a gravestone has left her with the ability to communicate with the disgruntled deceased, including a nasty Mafia don who is threatening to haunt her forever unless she can track down his killers. **PB \$17.95**

Lindsey Davis*See Delphi and Die (Marcus Didius Falco)*

Now a member of the equestrian rank and married to his beloved Helena Justina, Marcus Didius Falco cannot get away from his trade as an informer when he is hired to take on a murder investigation that will require him and Helena to travel to Olympia, Greece, disguised as tourists to uncover the truth about a series of disappearances. **HC \$51.95**

Kyra Davis*Passion, Betrayal and Killer Highlights*

When her unfaithful brother-in-law is murdered and her sister is accused of the crime, mystery writer Sophie Katz, along with gorgeous P.I. Anatoly Darinsky, decides to investigate and, as usual, gets into a world of trouble that brings her face-to-face with the real killer. **HC \$45.95**

Jeffrey Deaver*The Cold Moon (Lincoln Rhyme)*

In the aftermath of two brutal New York City murders, quadriplegic detective Lincoln Rhyme and his team work doggedly to prevent additional killings by a time-obsessed serial murderer, while Amelia Sachs tackles her first solitary homicide case and discovers disturbing truths that threaten her partnership with Rhyme. **HC \$52.95**

Vicki Delany*Burden of Memory*

Answering an ad for a writer placed by the elderly Moira Madison, a member of a fabulously wealthy Canadian family, Elaine Benson, a once successful author whose own life and career are in disarray, takes the job assisting the woman in writing her memoirs, but she soon discovers that the first writer hired to assist in the project died mysteriously. **HC \$51.95**

Diana Diamond*The Other Woman*

A mistress and aide to a powerful Washington lobbyist loses her job when her affair compromises his cabinet nomination, a situation that worsens when she realizes that one of several suspects is trying to kill her. **HC \$51.95**

The Stepmother

When a lonely widower and father of three grown children marries a much-younger personal trainer, the woman becomes the target of a murderous attack that inadvertently causes the death of her husband, forcing her to prove her innocence by identifying the killer from among her stepchildren. By the author of *The Trophy Wife*. **PB \$17.95**

Paul Doherty*Cup of Ghosts*

"By 1322, Mathilde of Westminster was considered the finest physician in London. But in her years as lady-in-waiting to Princess Isabella, she was drawn into the murky politics of the English court, where sudden, mysterious death was part of the tapestry of life. Many years later, Mathilde looks back and chronicles her turbulent life. With her sharp, suspicious intellect ready to distinguish between a fatality and an unnatural death, Mathilde is confronted by a host of chilling murders. The source of these horrors is the fierce political rivalry between Philip of France and Edward of England. This manifests itself in a series of gruesome killings, one of which actually took place during Edward II's Coronation, when a knight of the Royal Household, Sir John Baquell was crushed to death." **PB \$18.95**

Nick Drake*Nefertiti*

She is called 'The Perfect One', the most famous and beautiful woman in the world. Nefertiti rules equally with her husband, the Pharaoh Akhenaten, over the richest, most sophisticated and powerful society in the modern world. At home the wealthy enjoy their hunts and love affairs, their new jewellery and fashions, and invest their money in elaborate tombs for the afterlife. The rest of the population labour on the land as they have done since time began. Yet behind the glorious facades of luxury and pleasure an epic power struggle is taking place; Akhenaten and Nefertiti inaugurate an enlightened new religion, and build a magnificent and mysterious new capital in the desert in which to worship the God of the Sun. The delicate balance of power in Egypt is thrown into confusion; the old priesthood is stripped of its traditional authority and wealth, the army is enraged by the growing turbulence on the country's borders, and the people resent the loss of the ancient Gods. Old alliances are brought into doubt, and generations of inherited power and wealth are suddenly at stake. And then, shortly before the crucial festival to celebrate the new capital, to which rulers and representatives from across the world are invited to attend, Nefertiti suddenly vanishes. Rai Rahotep, the youngest chief detective in the Thebes division, with a rising reputation for his original methods, is secretly assigned by Akhenaten himself to investigate. He has ten days to find the Queen and return her in time for the celebrations. **Succ TP \$32.95**

Pete Earley*The Apocalypse Stone*

When the ancient stone held by Christ during His "He that is without sin" lesson passes through history into the possession of a county judge with his eye on a Supreme Court seat, it reveals his shameful past to him and prompts him to enlist the aid of an aging reverend expert on stigmata cases. **HC \$52.95**

Lethal Secrets

When a nuclear bomb that was smuggled into Washington, D.C., at the height of the Cold War falls into the hands of Chechen rebels, disgraced Deputy U.S. Marshal Wyatt Conway is called into action because of his past friendship with one of the terrorists. **APB \$19.95**

Ake Edwardson*Never End (Erik Winter)*

A second Erik Winter novel to be translated into English finds the Swedish detective struggling with a local heat wave, the responsibilities of new fatherhood, and a serial murder investigation with possible links to a five-year-old unsolved case. **HC \$51.95**

Robert Fleming*Fever in The Blood*

Filled with rage against everyone around him--the family he lost to a vicious gang, the foster family that "rescued" him, and the cops who caught him with blood on his hands--Eddie Stevens embarks on a killing spree to free his body and soul from the anger that consumes him. **APB \$15.95**

Earlene Fowler*Delectable Mountains (Benni Harper Mystery)*

"Volunteered" to take over rehearsals of a children's play for the musical director of her church, Benni Harper's entertainment career comes to a dismal end when she stumbles upon the corpse of the church handyman in front of the altar. **PB \$19.95**

Christopher Fowler*Ten Second Staircase (Bryant & May)*

Just after his agoraphobic granddaughter joins the Peculiar Crimes Unit, Detective John May and his partner, Arthur Bryant, find themselves tackling a bizarre serial killer nicknamed "The Highwayman," whose crimes are not only terrorizing the city of London, but also bear a striking similarity to other series of murders spanning London's history. **HC \$49.95**

Dick Francis*Smokescreen*

An actor who plays a superstar detective in films is asked to go to South Africa to investigate the questionable training of race horses. **PB \$19.95**

Alan Furst*The Foreign Correspondent*

In 1939 Paris, the murders of an Italian political TmigrT--editor of a clandestine newspaper opposing Italian facism--and the wife of a French politician by OVRA, Mussolini's secret police, brings new danger to his successor, Carlo Weisz, who finds himself the target of OVRA, MI6, Stalin's NKVD, and Hitler's Gestapo as the war in Europe escalates. **HC \$51.95**

Elizabeth Gaffney*Metropolis*

New York. 1868: Irish Beatrice is a 'hot-corn girl', selling corn-on-the-cob to passers-by, and picking their pockets into the bargain. German Georg, arriving in Manhattan on the run from a scandal - or perhaps a crime back in his native Hamburg, becomes a stableboy, tending circus-owner Barnums menagerie, until he is framed for an arson attack and finds himself once again on the run. He falls into the hands of the Whyos, Beatrice's gang, with whom he is reborn as an Irish labourer before being led to take a job as a sewerman, unaware of the part in crime they have in mind for him. Happy in his new job, as he falls in love with Beatrice, whom the Whyos have selected to teach him to pass as an Irishman, all seems well, until the gang's leader chooses Beatrice as his First Girl and their criminal plans begin to become clear **PB \$24.95**

Ed Gaffney*Suffering Fools*

Defense attorneys Zack Wilson and Terry Tallach--friends, partners, and complete opposites--find themselves in a no-win situation with a client who is a complete fool, has no alibi, and cannot even testify to his real name, not to mention a determined police detective and a couple of private investigators who are all convinced of his guilt. **PB \$17.95**

Roberta Gellis*Alinor*

Alone and afraid since the death of her husband, Lady Alinor Lemange risks everything for the forbidden and dangerous love of dark knight Ian de Vipont. **PB \$13.95**

Robert Goddard*Days Without Number*

Nick Paleologus is summoned to the unyielding bosom of his family to help resolve a dispute which threatens to set his brothers and sisters against their aged and irascible father. Michael Paleologus, retired archeologist and supposed descendent of the last Emperors of Byzantium, lives alone at Trennor, a remote and rambling house on the Cornish bank of the Tamar. A ridiculously generous offer has been made for the house, but he refuses to sell despite the urgings of his children, for whom the proceeds would solve a variety of problems.

Nick accomplished little in the role of mediator, but the stalemate is soon tragically broken. Only then do Nick and his siblings discover why their father was bound at all costs to reject the offer and what may really be the motives of the prospective buyer.

Their increasingly desperate efforts to conceal the truth drag them into a deadly conflict with an unseen and unknown enemy, who seems as determined to force them into a confrontation with their family's past as he is to conceal his own identity.

Late in the day, perhaps too late, Nick realizes that the only way to escape from the trap their persecutor has set for them is to hunt him down, wherever- and whoever- he may be. But the hunt involves excavating a terrible secret from their father's archeological career. And once that secret is known, nothing will ever be the same again. **PB \$9.95**

Never Go Back

Harry Barnett is leading a contented life in Vancouver with his wife and daughter when he is brought back to England by the death of his mother. He intends to spend just a few days sorting out her affairs when a chance meeting he will regret for the rest of his life makes him change his plans. Two old acquaintances from his National Service days track Harry down to his mother's house - the last address they had for him. A lavish reunion has been organised to mark the fiftieth anniversary of their RAF days. Harry decides to go.

During the war Harry and his fellow RAF conscripts spent three months in a Scottish castle where they acted as guinea pigs in a psychological experiment. The reunion is to take place in the same castle. It will be a chance to see friends, settle old scores and lay a few ghosts to rest. The party begins on the train up to Aberdeen, until the apparent suicide of one of their number shatters the holiday atmosphere. Their arrival in Scotland seems under a cloud. And when another comrade dies soon after their arrival, Harry is gripped by a sense of foreboding. The recollections of the old comrades of their time in the castle are frighteningly different and unexplained events from 1955 still haunt them. As Harry tries to solve the mystery of what really happened fifty years ago, he uncovers an extraordinary secret that convinces him he will never leave the castle alive. **TP \$32.95**

Judith Gould*Dreamboat*

Determined to turn her life around, shy Crissy Fitzgerald signs up for a month-long, transatlantic cruise, only to find her voyage undermined by a shocking international conspiracy, betrayal, threats of violence, and murder. **APB \$19.95**

Chris Grabenstein*Mad House (John Ceepak Mystery)*

A sequel to Tilt-A-Whirl finds young part-time cop Danny Boyle and his beach buddies targeted by a vengeful madman and assisted by honor-bound officer John Ceepak, who helps Danny negotiate high-stakes challenges that threaten everyone and everything he loves. **HC \$49.95**

Ann Granger*A Rare Interest in Corpses*

A gripping Victorian crime novel set in the heart of London from a highly respected author. It is 1864 when Lizzie Martin takes up the post of companion to a wealthy widow who is also a slum landlord. Lizzie is intrigued to learn that her predecessor disappeared, supposedly having run off with an unknown man. But when the girl's body is found in the rubble of one of the recently demolished slums around the prestigious new railway station at St Pancras, Lizzie begins to wonder exactly what has been going on. She has re-made the acquaintance of a childhood friend, now Inspector Benjamin Ross, and with his help starts to investigate, risking her life to unearth the truth about the death of a girl whose fate seems interlinked with her own **HC \$60 TP \$32.95**

W E B Griffin & William E Butterworth IV*The Saboteurs (Men At War)*

A new OSS adventure, co-authored by the series' writer's son, finds the agents of Wild Bill Donovan fighting the Battle of the Atlantic on two fronts, a situation that is compromised by a possible saboteur. **HC \$52.95**

Michael Gruber*Valley of Bones*

After a Sudanese businessman falls ten stories from his hotel-room balcony, Paz investigates and finds a most unlikely suspect – an otherworldly creature named Emmylou Dideroff who claims to commune with the holy saints. Her "Confessions", scribbled in a series of notebooks, tell a remarkable tale of a woman from the wrong side of the tracks – a thief, a drug dealer, a prostitute – who would be called into the service of God in a most unusual way. Might this service include the murder of the Sudanese businessman, whose knowledge of oil reserves may be contributing to African genocide?

It is left to police psychologist Lorna Wise to determine whether Emmylou is legally insane. But when people associated with the suspect start turning up dead, both Paz and Lorna begin to suspect that there's something much larger at stake than Emmylou's guilt or innocence – and that the search for justice might bring them up against an even more elemental force... **PB \$21.95**

John Harvey*Darkness and Light*

She wore a gold dress, short-sleeved, its skirt full-length and slightly flared. He could see the faint indentation on her left hand, a pale circle of skin giving away the fact that, until recently, a wedding ring had been there. She looked peaceful, lying there on the bed, her arms resting easily together, the left hand on the right, a slender silver cross and chain encircling her neck, and not a wrinkle, not a fold of her dress out of place. And, perhaps, she truly was at peace. For she was dead. This was the sight that greeted Detective Inspector Frank Elder on his first case with the Serious Crimes Unit. His first case and never solved; no one was ever charged; the murderer never found. At liberty to walk the streets, and to kill again. Eight years later, Elders estranged wife contacts him in his Cornish hideaway. Her friends sister Claire - a quiet and withdrawn widow in her fifties - has mysteriously disappeared. Elder, reluctantly, agrees to dig around and see what he can find. Then Claire is found, dead, arranged with meticulous detail on her bed, and it doesn't take long for Elder to make the connection. It's obviously the work of the same unbalanced individual and, to find the killer, Elder must shine a light into the darkest recesses of human behaviour, the dark and twisted recesses of a disturbed human mind... **TP \$32.95**

Mo Hayder*The Devil of Nanking*

Obsessed by the past, a young Englishwoman arrives in Tokyo to seek a long-lost piece of film footage dating back to the 1937 Nanking Massacre, journeying from the decadent hostess bars and palatial apartments of yakuza kingpins in Tokyo to deep inside the secret history of the massacre in her pursuit of the truth. **APB \$19.95**

Georgette Heyer*Death in the Stocks*

A moonlit night. A sleeping village. And an unaccountable murder. An English bobbie returning from night patrol finds a corpse in evening dress locked in the stocks on the village green. He identifies the body immediately. Andrew Vereker was not a well-loved man, and narrowing down the suspects is not going to be an easy job. The Vereker family are corrupt and eccentric - and hardly cooperative. It's another case for the resourceful Superintendent Hannasyde, who sets off on the trail of a killer so cunning that even his consummate powers of detection are tested to their limits **PB \$22.95**

They Found Him Dead

The sixtieth birthday party of Silas Kane was marred by argument and dissension amongst his family. And then, the morning after the celebrations, Kane is found dead at the foot of a cliff. The theory that Silas accidentally lost his way in the fog is confirmed when the coroner returns a verdict of death by misadventure. But then Kanes nephew and heir is murdered and threats are made on the next in line to the fortune, throwing a new and sinister light on Silas Kanes death. All clues point to an elderly lady of eighty as the killer. But as the redoubtable Superintendent Hannasyde delves further into the case he discovers that nothing is quite as it seems **PB \$22.95**

Susan Hill*The Risk of Darkness*

Simon Serrailleur's story began in THE VARIOUS HAUNTS OF MEN (about a serial killer) and continued with THE PURE IN HEART (about a kidnapped schoolboy). Susan Hill is not afraid to tackle difficult issues, nor to face up to the realities of stress in an ordinary English police station. Her third crime novel, THE RISK OF DARKNESS, even more compulsive and convincing, follows up the child abduction and explores the crazy grief of a widowed husband, a derangement which turns to obsession and threats, violence and terror.

Meanwhile, handsome, introverted Simon Serrailleur, whose cool reserve has broken the hearts of several women, finds his own heart troubled by the newest recruit to the Cathedral staff: a feisty female Anglican priest with red hair...

THE RISK OF DARKNESS is packed with action and adventure. Like THE VARIOUS HAUNTS OF MEN it hinges on a terrific twist which comes as a complete surprise to the reader; and like THE PURE IN HEART, it deals in depth with complex daily problems. **HC \$45**

Tony Hillerman*The Shape Shifter (Joe Leaphorn)***HC \$55****Metsy Hingle***Black Silk***PB \$14.95****David Hosp***Dark Harbor*

Rising from his disadvantaged youth to obtain a position at a Boston law firm, lawyer Scott Finn works for the defense of a high-profile client after the murder of a co-worker and former flame, a case involving billions of dollars, Scott's own credibility, and a determined police lieutenant.

APB \$17.95**Elizabeth Hyde***The Abortionist's Daughter*

When Diana Duprey, a female doctor and director of the Center of Reproductive Choice, is found murdered two weeks before Christmas, the crime threatens to reveal the small Colorado town's long-buried secrets and animosities, including those of the victim's husband, an attorney in the D.A.'s office, and teenage daughter. **HC \$49.95**

Greg Iles

Blood Memory

Raced to an even higher position on the New York Times bestseller list than DARK MATTER. BLOOD MEMORY in hardcover outsold Iles's previous novel by over 30% and sales continue to grow. The evocative jacket has a completely new look. Paperback immediately went to number 8 on the New York Times bestseller list. **PB \$19.95**

The Quiet Game

Reissued with superb new jacket, alongside the brilliant new paperback BLOOD MEMORY, and superb new hardcover TURNING ANGEL, which also features Penn Cage in a new story. This will have many readers wanting to know about his earlier life. BLOOD MEMORY was a New York Times bestseller in hardcover in 2005. **PB \$19.95**

Spandau Phoenix

Reissued with a new jacket alongside new trade paperback TURNING ANGEL and new paperback BLOOD MEMORY. Author on an upward sales curve in UK, US, and Australia. **PB \$18.95**

India Ink

A Blush With Death

When a rival bath and body boutique owner resorts to sabotage and thievery to put Venus Envy out of business, which results in murder, Persia Vanderbilt, the niece of the owner of Venus Envy, goes undercover and follows the scent of a killer. **PB \$17.95**

Christian Jacq

The Tree of Life (Mysteries of Osiris 01)

PB \$19.95

Maxim Jakubowski *Editor*

Chronicles in Crime: Second Ellis Peters Memorial Anthology of Historical Crime

A second memorial anthology written in tribute to the late Ellis Peters traverses a range of periods and locales from the ancient world to suffragette times, in a volume that includes contributions by such writers as H.R.F. Keating, Ed Gorman, and Peter Tremayne. **TP \$26.95**

Peter James

Looking Good Dead

The chilling new Detective Superintendent Roy Grace mystery by one of Britain's master crime writers.

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. **TP \$32.95**

Michael Jecks

The Abbot's Gibbet

Former Knight Templar Sir Baldwin Furnshill and Simon Puttock, bailiff of Lydford, are called in to investigate a grisly case of murder when a headless corpse is discovered by the local butcher, and the pair must unravel a complex web of violence, intrigue, and death to reveal the victim's identity and to find a killer. **APB \$18.95**

Matti Joensuu

Priest of Evil

There have been a strange succession of deaths at Helsinki tube stations. The police are baffled: nobody has seen anything and the tapes from the CCTV show nothing.

Detective Sergeant Timo Harjunpää of the Helsinki Violent Crimes Unit has experienced more than enough of the seamier side of human nature in his career, but the forces of evil have never crossed his path in such an overwhelming fashion. Who is the mysterious old woman hanging out religious tracts in Latin or the Priest who preaches to commuters? Can they be connected to the killings?

Originally written in Finnish. **TP \$27.95**

Iris Johansen

Killer Dreams

When Sophie Dunston, a sleep therapist who specializes in night terrors, and her ten-year-old son are threatened by a shadowy figure, mother and son are pitted against a killer who is the stuff of nightmares. **HC \$52.95**

William W Johnstone & Fred Austin

American Jihad (Black Ops)

Accused of being a murderer by his own country, Lieutenant Colonel Art Jensen, a direct descendent of the legendary mountain man Smoke Jensen, becomes an army of one, hired to take down a billionaire Saudi prince and his terrorist cells that are determined to destroy America. **APB \$17.95**

Linda O Johnstone

Fine-Feathered Death (Kendra Ballantyne, Pet-Sitter Mystery)

When her law partner is murdered and the only witness is a blue macaw named Gigi, attorney and pet-sitter Kendra Ballantyne, with the help of her hunky P.I. boyfriend, must teach Gigi to sing like a canary and reveal the killer. **PB \$17.95**

Daniel Judson

The Darkest Place

As a series of mysterious drowning deaths terrorizes a small summer resort community on Long Island's Shinnecock Bay, local college professor Deacon Kane, recovering from the accidental drowning death of his only son with the help of too much alcohol and a messy love affair with a married woman, finds himself the prime suspect in the crimes. **HC \$49.95**

Daniel Kalla

Resistance

As a horrific superbug immune to all antibiotics begins to spread across the world, members of the medical, scientific, and law enforcement communities begin to suspect that someone is spreading the lethal germ deliberately and join forces to find the source before it is too late. **PB \$19.95**

Susan Kandel*Sam Spade in the Green Room (Cece Caruso Mystery)*

Delighted when her biography of Dashiell Hammett is optioned for film and she is hired to tutor Rafe Simic, the gorgeous if somewhat dim actor hired as the movie lead, in his role, L.A. writer Cece Caruso finds herself up to her ears in trouble when a woman's body turns up and Rafe becomes a prime suspect in the killing. **HC \$49.95**

Joseph Kanon*Alibi*

In a historical thriller set in postwar Venice, Adam Miller, a U.S. Army war crimes investigator, is forced to confront a city still at war with itself and haunted by the atrocities of the recent past when he falls in love with a Jewish woman. **TP \$28.95**

Lauren Kelly*Blood Mask*

After Drew Hildebrand, a wealthy, controversial, and charismatic art benefactor, mysteriously vanishes from her estate on the Hudson River, apparently kidnapped during the night, her young niece Marta is found in a nearby woods, too traumatized to provide any clues to the abduction.

HC \$49.95

The Stolen Heart

Sixteen years after a young classmate is kidnapped, Merilee Graf attends to her late mayor father's estate and finds herself involved with two men, including the kidnapped classmate's older brother and her father's mysterious executor. By the author of *Take Me, Take Me with You*. Reader's Guide available. **PB \$24.95**

Bill Kent*Street Legal*

Thanks to her mentor, elderly, agoraphobic obituary writer Shep Ladderback, Andy Cosicki once again finds herself plumbing the dark depths of Philadelphia after she witnesses a sand truck pouring its cargo through the broken window of a parked car containing a corpse. **HC \$51.95**

Jack Kerley*The Death Collectors*

Thirty years after a renowned artist and serial killer is shot dead in the courtroom on the day of his sentencing, homicide detectives Carson Ryder and Harry Nautilus investigate a murder scene that resembles the work of the long-dead killer. **APB \$19.95**

A Garden of Vipers

Investigating a possible link between a missing informant and a serial killer, Mobile detectives Carson Ryder and Harry Nautilus are simultaneously drawn into the dealings of a socialite philanthropist family with ties to Ryder's girlfriend. **HC \$51.95**

Simon Kernick*Relentless*

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

Confused and terrified, Meron scoops up his children and hurries out of the house. Just in time. Within minutes, a car pulls up outside, and three men get out. It's clear that they're coming for him. He's being hunted and has no idea why. And with his wife missing, an unidentified corpse in her office, and the police after him for murder, his life's about to get one hell of a lot worse. **HC \$42.95**

Gene Kerrigan*The Midnight Choir*

Tense and expertly plotted, *THE MIDNIGHT CHOIR* is a stunning portrayal of life on the edge of society.

Dublin. Joshua Boyce watches a jewellers from a rented flat across the road, noting the comings and goings as he plans a job; Dixie Peyton, desperate for cash, attempts to mug an American tourist, threatening him with a syringe purporting to contain HIV-infected blood; Detective Inspector Synott calls on an alleged rape suspect, already convinced of the boy's guilt; gangland leader Lar MacKendrick is working out, getting back in shape after brother Jo-Jo was viciously murdered. Meanwhile in Galway, Garda Joe Mills apprehends a jumper from a pub roof and discovers that the man is covered in dried blood.

In *LITTLE CRIMINALS*, Kerrigan gave a small insight into a previously unseen underworld. In *THE MIDNIGHT CHOIR* that world explodes. We enter a gritty landscape of characters with questionable and contrary ideals; all struggling to survive in a time and place that's constantly knocking them back. Everyone has an axe to grind; criminals and police alike live by their own code, with both sides resorting to desperate measures as a means to an end. Law enforcement is often murky, and getting away with it is everything, no matter which side you're on.

THE MIDNIGHT CHOIR is a magnificent accomplishment, a powerful and intricate novel, driven to the last page at a tremendous pace by an original voice. **HC \$42.95**

Raymond Khoury*The Last Templar*

"It has served us well, this myth of Christ." (Pope Leo X, 16th Century)

Four masked horsemen, dressed as Knights Templar, storm an exhibition of Vatican treasures at the Metropolitan Museum of Art, stealing artefacts and beheading a security guard. Archaeologist Tess Chaykin sees their leader select a piece that turns out to be an ancient decoding device used by the Knights Templar.

Consequently, she becomes involved in an investigation in pursuit of her former colleague, William Vance, whose obsession is fuelled by the most personal of tragedies. Sean Reilly leads the FBI's investigation and Tess takes him through the dark history of the crusading Knights and on a journey which forces them through the sewers of New York, to the barren Turkish coastline and to the highest point of command at the Vatican. Their growing relationship plunges Reilly into a spiritual and professional conflict. Meanwhile Vance's desperate wish to reveal the reason for the persecution of the Knights threatens to shake all modern religions to the very core. **PB \$19.95**

Diana Killian*Sonnet of the Sphinx*

Grace Hollister's stay in England's picturesque Lake District has proven doubly fruitful -- the American literary scholar just sold her first book, and her romance with charming antiques dealer and ex-jewel thief Peter Fox has begun a new chapter. Sorting through a hoard of papers found in an old farmhouse, Grace and Peter discover an old letter that refers to a lost Shelley sonnet, "Sate the Sphinx." Before Grace can start tracking down this poetic treasure, though, Peter's shady past rears its head -- a particularly ugly head, belonging to a menacing Turk who's eager to see Peter dead. But there's plenty more trouble in store. Suddenly Grace and Peter are suspects in a murder investigation, and someone has tried his level best to kill her -- not once, but twice. The hieroglyphics are on the wall: unless Grace can unravel an inscrutable riddle and unearth the villain amid a cache of likely suspects, her story might be at an end. . . . **PB \$14.95**

Bernard Knight*The Elixer of Death (Crownier John Mystery)***PB \$19.95****J A Konrath***Bloody Mary (Jack Daniels Mystery)*

Chicago Police Lieutenant Jacqueline "Jack" Daniels struggles to cope with a turbulent personal life--an ailing mother, jealous boyfriend, difficult ex-husband, hyperactive cat, and partner in the midst of a midlife crisis--while tracking down a vicious serial killer who is littering the city with pieces of his victims. **PB \$17.95**

Dean Koontz*The Husband*

When landscaper Mitchell Rafferty receives a phone call that his wife has been kidnapped and there is a two million dollar ransom, his extraordinary commitment to his wife will take him on a harrowing, seventy-two hour journey of adventure, sacrifice, and redemption. **HC \$54.95**

Velocity

William Wiles is an easygoing thirty-something, a bartender who lives a quiet life alone until a serial killer singles him out - not to kill him, but to force him to decide who the next victim will be. On his SUV Billy finds the first note: 'If you don't take this note to the police and get them involved, I will kill a lovely blonde schoolteacher. If you do take this note to the police, I will instead kill an elderly woman active in charity work. You have four hours to decide. The choice is yours.' Billy pays an informal visit to an acquaintance, Lanny Olson, who is a policeman, and who thinks the note is a prank. The schoolteacher dies. The next note reverses the choices: if Billy takes the note to the police, a mother of two young children will die. If he doesn't, an unmarried man who won't be much missed will die. Lanny has to take this note seriously but the deadline runs out before he can decide how to make his involvement official. Billy doesn't hear from him again because Lanny himself, unmarried, who will not be much missed, has become the next victim. There will be more communications from the killer, more hideous choices, with ever tighter decision times, and with each choice Billy is drawn deeper into an accelerating nightmare, which steadily becomes more personal, more confrontational, until he is isolated, with no one to turn to and no one to rely on but himself. Finally he must risk everything to save the intended victims. **PB \$19.95**

Jake Lamar*The Ghosts of Saint-Michel*

In the suspenseful sequel to *Rendezvous Eighteenth*, Marva Dobbs is risking her profitable Paris-based soul food restaurant and thirty-year marriage for an affair with her sous chef, an enigmatic Algerian named Hassan, but when Hassan vanishes, it is revealed that he has become the prime suspect in a Paris bombing. **HC \$51.95**

William Lashner*Falls the Shadow*

Defense attorney Victor Carl has never been particularly concerned about trivial things like "ethics" and "morality." A beautiful woman has been brutally slain, but as long as the price is right, Carl will do whatever he can to get convicted wife murderer François Dubé out of prison -- whether his client deserves it or not.

But a major distraction has blown into Carl's world: a strange, obsessed "guardian angel" who's insinuating himself into every aspect of the lawyer's life, an unbidden interloper who may be too close to the Dubé case for comfort . . . and close enough to Victor Carl to kill. **APB \$19.95**

Marked Man

Awakening following a troubled night to find his memory and clothing in tatters and with a strange tattoo on his chest, attorney Victor Carl is faced with his most challenging case ever as he attempts to discover what has happened to him, assist a client in possession of a stolen Rembrandt painting, and deal with an unknown enemy with lethal intentions. **HC \$49.95**

Jim Lavene & Joyce Lavene*Fruit of the Posioned Tree (Garden Mystery)*

Botanist, detective's widow, and owner of the Potting Shed, Peggy Lee must dig deep for the truth when her friend Beth is accused of murdering her husband to cash in on his ten-million-dollar life insurance policy. **PB \$17.95**

David Lawrence*Cold Kill (Detective Stella Mooney)*

Despite the common belief that it is an open-and-shut case, Detective Stella Mooney has her doubts when a man walks into a Notting Hill police station and confesses to the brutal murder of a young woman whose body has been discovered in a London park. **HC \$49.95**

Jim Lehrer*The Franklin Affair*

Following the death of his longtime mentor, a young historian's peaceful and orderly life is undermined by personal and professional crises when he receives a letter dating back to the Revolutionary War that reveals a scandal that could alter forever American history and joins a committee investigating plagiarism charges against a female biographer who will do anything to stop them. **TP \$26.95**

Laura Levine*Shoes to Die For (Jaine Austen Mystery)*

Finding herself at her friend Lance's favorite boutique, freelance writer-turned-sleuth Jaine Austen gets a job writing the shop's new magazine ads, but when she arrives for work the next day, she finds one of the staff dead, stabbed in the neck by a stiletto. **PB \$17.95**

Mary Logue*Poison Heart*

The only female deputy in Fort St. Antoine, Wisconsin, a tiny town on the Mississippi River, Claire Watkins launches a probe into a series of suspicious deaths plaguing the town, an investigation that leads to a local woman with a bizarre history of serial widowhood. **PB \$17.95**

Dustin Long*Icelander*

A satirical crime tale follows the story of Our Heroine, a daughter of a dead legendary mystery-solver, who reluctantly takes up the investigation of her murdered close friend through the sewers and karaoke bars of Iceland, all the while endeavoring to remain out of the clutches of the inhuman Refusirkir. **HC \$45.95**

Elizabeth Lowell*The Wrong Hostage*

The latest masterwork from one of the leading writers of suspense . . . New York Times bestselling author Elizabeth Lowell returns with a chilling tale of the law gone wrong and a kidnapping that threatens more than one life.

Orphaned at thirteen, Grace Silva clawed her way out of poverty and violence to become one of the most respected judges on the federal bench. Grace believes in the rule of law -- lives it, breathes it. She has always been buttoned up and buttoned down. Except once.

Joe Faroe has learned that laws are made by politicians, and politicians are all too human. He believes in the innocents, the ones getting ground up by governments that are too polarized or too corrupt to protect their own citizens. He's been through the political meat grinder himself. It cost him his career, his freedom, and the woman who still haunts him. Since then Faroe has worked outside the rules and politics of government as a kidnap specialist for St. Kilda Consulting, a Manhattan-based global business that concentrates on the shadow world where governments can't go. He is good at his work -- intelligent, confident, ruthless. Until a friend dies trying to kill him. Now Faroe is out of the business. Retired. He's through trying to save a world that doesn't want to be saved. Then Grace comes to him, past and present collide, and Faroe finds himself sucked back into the shadows, tracking a violent killer who holds the life of Grace's son in his bloody hands. **HC \$49.95**

Gayle Lynds*The Last Szymaster*

Hoping to reconcile with the mother of his child, reluctant contract killer John Rain inadvertently places them in the path of dangerous enemies and is forced to recruit the help of his nemesis from the Japanese FBI and an ex-marine sniper to preserve all of their lives. **HC \$51.95**

Jackie Lynn*Down by the Riverside (Shady Grove Mystery)*

Abandoned by her husband for a younger woman, Rose Franklin seeks solace from her heartache and anger by taking off in a camper, arriving at a camp site in Shady Grove, North Carolina, only to become caught up in the mysterious apparent suicide of a respected and well-liked man from the community. **HC \$51.95**

Stuart MacBride*Cold Granite*

It's DS Logan McRae's first day back on the job after a year off on the sick, and it couldn't get much worse. Four-year-old David Reid's body is discovered in a ditch, strangled, mutilated and a long time dead. There's a killer stalking the Granite City and the local media are baying for blood. If that wasn't enough, Logan also has to contend with a new boss, DI Insch, who doesn't suffer fools gladly and thinks everyone's a fool, and his own ex-girlfriend, the beautiful but chilly Isobel MacAlister, who also happens to be the chief pathologist. The only good news is WPC 'Ball Breaker' Watson, Logan's new guardian angel. The dead are piling up in the morgue almost as fast as the snow on the streets, and Logan knows time is running out. More children are going missing. More are going to die. If Logan isn't careful, he's going to end up joining them. Set in Aberdeen, where the rainy season lasts all year, criminal gangs vie for supremacy on the streets and the oil industry brings an influx of wealth and vice, this is a gritty, powerful and page-turning debut thriller by a writer with a wonderfully observant eye and a characteristically Scottish sense of gallows humour. **PB \$19.95**

Anna MacLean*Louisa and the Crystal Gazer (Louisa May Alcott Mystery)*

In 1855, Louisa May Alcott is working as a seamstress by day and writing her secret "blood and thunder" stories at night, until she is drawn into a web of otherworldly mystery when she and her friend Sylvia stumble upon the dead body of Boston's most famous crystal gazer after attending a seance. **PB \$17.95**

Paul Malmont*The Chinatown Death Cloud Peril*

Meeting regularly at a New York City tavern, rival authors Walter and Lester debate the nature of L. Ron Hubbard's fictional works and become embroiled in a pulp adventure of their own involving a madman who would create a new global empire. **HC \$49.95**

Adrian Mathews*The Apothecary's House*

When an old woman storms into the Rijks Museum demanding the return of her painting, archivist Ruth Braams cannot quell her curiosity. Ruth delves into the history of the piece of looted Nazi art and discovers an enigmatic picture with a disturbing wartime provenance. It also appears that the elderly Lydia is not the only claimant and, against strict bureau regulations, Ruth endeavours to help strengthen her case. Days later, Ruth begins to receive sinister anonymous threats, warning her to stay away from Lydia and the painting. As the threats escalate, Ruth realises that there must be far more to the painting's popularity, and she enters into a series of increasingly lethal adventures as she investigates the painting's secret symbolism... A brilliant evocation of Amsterdam that combines fascinating historical detail with a cast of sharply realised characters – a fast-paced, finely crafted, riveting mystery. **PB \$22.95**

Colleen McCollough Australian Author*On, Off*

Realizing that a brutalized young woman is a latest victim of a serial murderer, 1960s lieutenant Carmine Delmonico traces clues that identify the killer to be one of several secretive employees at a leading world center for neurological research. **HC \$52.95**

Cody McFadyen*Shadow Man*

Once the FBI's hottest serial killer hunter, Smoky Barrett is left scarred in body and mind, with her husband and daughter dead, following a brutal encounter with a psychotic killer, and is on the verge of suicide, when she is confronted by an all new evil called the Shadow Man. **HC \$49.95**

Cammie McGovern*Eye Contact*

In the aftermath of a child's shocking murder, the mother of the only witness, an autistic boy, struggles to work through her son's trauma and his communication disabilities in order to help the police to solve the case. **HC \$51.95**

G A McKeve*Corpse Suzette (Savannah Reid Mystery)*

Full-figured P.I. Savannah Reid, accompanying her assistant's cousin Abigail, who has won an extreme makeover, to a glamorous new luxury spa called Emerge, investigates the mysterious disappearance of a renowned plastic surgeon, a strange case that reveals the dark side of beauty.

HC \$45.95

Adrian McKinty*Dead Yard*

Michael Forsythe crosses and double-crosses, escapes his own lies by a hair's breadth, buries a woman's shredded, ravaged body in the dunes of Plum Island, and vows to avenge her life at the expense of his own. He insinuates himself into the terror cell's inner circle, falls in love, experiences mind-numbing torture, and kills, and kills again. **TP \$27.95**

Leslie Meier*Wedding Day Murder (Lucy Stone Mystery)*

While helping her friend plan her daughter's wedding to an Internet millionaire, Lucy Stone delves into a world of white lace, caterers, and floral arrangements where she is unexpectedly faced with murder when the groom is found floating next to his yacht. **PB \$16.95**

D R Meredith*Murder by the Book*

When reference librarian Megan Clark stumbles upon corpses all over town, she becomes the prime suspect in the killings and must find the real killer, who is mimicking murders contained within the pages of Agatha Christie's novels, leading her to believe that it might be one of her reading group members. **PB \$17.95**

Sam Millar*The Redemption Factory*

In the aftermath of a young woman's witness to a corrupt businessman's murder, Paul Goodman, an embittered slaughterhouse employee who wrongfully believes that his father deserted him in childhood, is befriended by a man who Paul does not realize is responsible for his father's death. **TP \$30.95**

Alan Mills Australian Author*The Raft*

It was intended as a family getaway. It became a nightmare of survival.

It should have been a simple holiday in far north Queensland. A chance for Martin and Lydia Napier to repair their faltering marriage. A time-out with their young daughter Ami from a pressured city life. It should have been ... But the brutal power of nature means a drastic change of plans for the Napier family when they're forced to flee rising floodwaters. Within hours the family find themselves marooned with a small group of survivors on the roof of an isolated farmhouse, with dwindling hopes of rescue and a killer in their midst ...

The Raft is a novel of heart-stopping suspense that will keep you guessing till the very end. **PB \$19.95**

Lisa Miscione*Twice (Lydia Strong)*

When a New York City artist with a dubious past is accused of murdering her second husband, Lydia Strong and her partner, private investigator Jeff Mark, find themselves having to confront a killer from their past in order to solve the mystery. **PB \$17.95**

Karen Marie Moning*Spell of the Highlander*

While studying a group of ancient artifacts, Jessi St. James encounters the image of a handsome, half-naked man inside the glass of an old mirror and discovers that she could hold the key to releasing Cian MacKeltar, a ninth-century Highlander, from the prison in which he has been trapped for more than a millennium. **APB \$17.95**

Richard Montanari*The Skin Gods*

The streets of Philadelphia are blistering in the summer heat, the homicide rate is soaring and the nights belong to the mad. Detectives Kevin Byrne and Jessica Balzano are prowling the streets with a growing sense of unease. Where next will evil rear its ugly head? When a series of seemingly unrelated crimes shatter the restless silence of the city, their worst fears are confirmed. A beautiful secretary is slashed to death in a grimy motel shower. A street hustler brutally murdered with a chainsaw. Piece by piece, a strange and sickening puzzle presents itself: someone is meticulously recreating Hollywood's most well-known and horrifying murder scenes, capturing them on film and inserting the clips into videos for an unsuspecting public to find. While Kevin Byrne begins furtive investigations of his own, Jessica Balzano goes undercover to work the steaming back alleys of Philadelphia, entering a violent world of underground film, pornography and seedy nightclubs, hidden to all but the initiated. Discovering that none of The Actors victims are as innocent as they appear to be, the two detectives arrive at a terrifying reality: They are not just chasing a homicide suspect. They are stalking evil itself **TP \$32.95**

Casey Moreton*Hit and Run*

A political thriller by the author of The Greater Good pits financially disadvantaged Oklahoma father Allan Adler against some of the nation's most influential power brokers when his Harvard junior son is framed by his one-time best friend for a gruesome crime. **TP \$28.95**

James Morrow*The Last Witchfinder*

Jennet is the daughter of the Witchfinder of Mercia and East Anglia. Whilst her father roams the countryside with her brother Dunstan in search of heretics, Jennet is left behind to be schooled by her aunt Isobel in the New Philosophy principally expounded by Isaac Newton. But her aunt's style of scientific inquiry soon attracts the attention of the witchfinders. To save her aunt, Jennet travels to Cambridge to seek the help of Newton himself. On the way she meets Dr Barnaby Cavendish and his 'Museum of Wondrous Prodigies', including the Bird-Child of Bath, the Lyme Bay Fish Boy and the Sussex Rat Baby. What they haven't bargained on is being hoodwinked by Newton's great rival Robert Hooke. Isobel is burned at the stake but in her dying moments, begs Jennet to devote her life to overturning the Parliamentary Witchcraft Act. This is a huge rollercoaster of a novel as Jennet travels to America and witnesses the Salem witch trials; is abducted by Indians; begins a long-lasting affair with Benjamin Franklin; travels back to England and finally meets the real Newton; is shipwrecked; then ends up back in America where her brother is now the Witchfinder Royal. In a great final showdown between old superstition and new science, Jennet decides to have herself accused of witchcraft in order to disprove its existence. What makes this novel even more unusual is that Jennet's story is narrated by a book, the Principia Mathematica, making this a hugely original, witty, clever and utterly unique novel. It's very tongue in cheek **TP \$32.95**

Tamar Myers*The Cane Mutiny (Den of Antiquity Mystery)*

Winning the bid at an auction for the contents of an old locker that has been sealed for years, Abigail Timberlake Washburn is delighted to discover a collection of beautiful old walking sticks--as well as a gym bag containing a human skull--and joins forces with her assistant and future sister-in-law C.J. to uncover a killer. **PB \$17.95**

Reggi Nadelson*Fresh Kills*

With his wife Maxine out of town, Artie Cohen is alone in Manhattan when his nephew Billy Farone is released for a couple of weeks from the young offenders' institution where he has been since he stabbed Heshey Shank to death. Artie is the one Billy wants to come home to - Artie who is family, who can speak foreign languages like he can, an outsider who uses charm to get what he wants. He's the only person Billy cares about, the only person Billy wants to be.

Now a handsome, intelligent and funny boy of fourteen, Billy seems to be cured, to be free of whatever it was - sickness, evil - that made him kill Shank. Artie believes, wants desperately to believe that Billy is OK. But from the moment a small plane crashes on to the beach at Coney Island, bombs go off in London, and New York is shaken out of the sense that the bad times are over, Artie begins to wonder. Over four days in Manhattan and on Staten Island, the alien suburban borough across the Hudson, there are signs that Heshey Shank's family want Billy locked up for good. And Billy's mother doesn't want him coming home.

The bodies begin to appear and Artie, up against a brick wall of his own hope and despair, doesn't know what or whom to believe. **HC \$39.95**

Meg O'Brien*The Final Kill*

Abby Northrup, using the former monastery she purchased as a safe haven for abused women and children, is plunged into a world of murder, corruption, and betrayal leading to the highest levels of the government, when she takes in the wife and daughter of a wealthy business tycoon with political ties. **APB \$17.95**

Constance O'Day-Flannery*Best Laid Plans*

When Cristine's partner decides that he does not want to renew their relationship contract, the Yellow Brick Road Gang, a group of women who have gotten together for a spiritual search, devise a metaphysical ritual to find a lover for Cristine, unaware that Daniel Burns, the man whom they have summoned, is no ordinary man. **PB \$17.95**

Neil Olson*The Icon*

Sixty years after Nazi resistance captain Elias and his team of guerrillas witness the destruction of a Greek church that housed a religious icon, the icon resurfaces on the New York art market, sparking a violent rivalry among potential buyers who harbor very personal agendas. **APB \$19.95**

Carol Anne O'Marie*Murder at the Monk's Table (Sister Mary Helen Mystery)*

While attending the Oyster Festival in the village of Ballyclarin, Ireland, with Sister Eileen, Sister Mary Helen stumbles upon a corpse in the ladies' room of the Monk's Table, a local pub, and soon finds herself assisting the Irish police in solving the crime. **HC \$49.95**

Linda Palmer*Love You Madly (Daytime Drama)*

Co-executive producer of daytime drama Love of My Life, Morgan Tyler, dealing with new plot twists in both her work and personal life, must stop a delusional stalker from terrorizing her cast and crew as they prepare to promote the show in Las Vegas. **PB \$17.95**

Sara Paretsky*Fire Sale (V I Warshawski)*

A brilliant example of Paretsky at her best which will bring new readers to V.I. Warshawski as well as reawakening the allegiance of former fans who've drifted away. Sara Paretsky was the founder of a subgenre of crime fiction. **\$19.95**

Ann Parker*Iron Ties (Silver Rush Mystery)*

In the sequel to Silver Lies, as Inez Stannert struggles to deal with her shaky partnership in Leadville's Silver Queen saloon, a missing husband, and a child still back East, President Ulysses S. Grant prepares to make an appearance to celebrate the coming of the railroad, but old enemies, general lawlessness, and ruthless competitors could ruin everything. **HC \$51.95**

Robert B Parker*Blue Screen (Sunny Randall)*

Hired to protect a spoiled C-movie actress, Boston private investigator Sunny Randall teams up with chief of police Jesse Stone when the actress's sister is murdered, a partnership that reveals seedy complications behind the actress's producer boyfriend's lifestyle. **HC \$51.95**

James Patterson & Andrew Gross

Lifeguard

Everything is going right for lifeguard Ned Kelly. He is involved with Tess, the most beautiful woman he has ever seen and what's more, a million dollars is within touching distance; his share of the score for the robbery of some world-class art. All he has to do is trigger alarms to throw the cops off the scent. But when Tess is brutally murdered and the others involved in the robbery are massacred, Ned is the prime suspect. He has been set up... **PB \$19.95**

James Patterson *Editor*

Thriller

This unrivaled collection of thirty-two tales of pure suspense features contributions from such noted authors as Heather Graham, Lincoln Child, Denise Hamilton, Michael Palmer, Douglas Preston, Alex Kava, Michael Palmer, and John Lescroart, among others. **HC \$51.95**

Matthew Pearl

The Poe Shadow

In 1849 Baltimore, following the death of Edgar Allan Poe, Quentin Clark, a young city dweller fiercely loyal to his favorite author, discovers that Poe's final days had been marked by a series of bizarre, unanswered questions and, inspired by Poe's fictional detective C. Auguste Dupin, launches his own investigation to resolve the mystery of Poe's death. **HC \$51.95 CD \$95**

Joanne Pence

A Cook in Time (Angie Amalfi Mystery)

Always thinking of new and better business ideas, culinary queen Angie Amalfi is sure she's got a winner with "Fantasy Dinners," one-of-a-kind thematic feasts specifically created to suit a client's unique tastes. Unfortunately no one's biting except the Prometheus Group, a crackpot cadre of UFO-chasers and conspiracy geeks. Still, even a wacko customer's better than none, and designing an otherworldly repast should keep Angie busy while her overworked policeman beau Paavo investigates a series of bizarre murders. But the more time she spends dealing with these alien abduction enthusiasts, the more Angie believes that maybe there is some kind of conspiracy afoot and that the Prometheans and Paavo's cases are somehow connected -- which is inspiring just the kind of unhealthy curiosity that could end up launching Angie out of this world, for good!

PB \$16.95

Cooks Overboard (Angie Amalfi Mystery)

Food writer and culinary entrepreneur Angie Amalfi imagined a high-seas cruise aboard a ship bound for Acapulco with her homicide detective boyfriend Paavo Smith would be heaven. With no crowds or pending police business, it might even provide Paavo the perfect opportunity to propose. But Angie's "Love Boat" fantasy starts springing leaks almost immediately, beginning with the cook's bizarre attempt to jump ship . . . in the middle of the ocean! Add an oddball collection of fellow passengers, yawningly unimaginative onboard meals, Paavo's increasingly peculiar behavior, and the fact that someone's been rifling through her luggage, and Angie's soon ready to leap overboard herself. But it's not until she offers to help out in the galley and murder is abruptly added to the menu that Angie finds herself heading into very dangerous waters indeed. **PB \$16.95**

To Catch A Cook (Angie Amalfi Mystery)

Culinary expert, gourmet chef, and amateur sleuth Angie Amalfi comes to the aid of her boyfriend, Homicide Detective Paavo Smith, a man tormented by the childhood abandonment of his mother, when an antique brooch that belonged to his mother vanishes, the jeweler repairing it is murdered, and his surrogate father is wounded by a would-be thief. **PB \$17.95**

Don Pendleton

Dual Action (Executioner 330)

When a newly designed weapon with armor-piercing capabilities falls into the hands of a neo-Nazi group in the American Midwest, Mack Bolan must infiltrate the enemy and stop them from unleashing their wrath on Israel. **APB \$13.95**

Path To War (Super Bolan 108)

The Phoenix Consortium, a group of former CIA-DOD operatives, is determined to create a new world order by controlling oil and diamond monopolies, and, as they use traitors and fanatics to reach their goal, Mack Bolan is sent in to stop the human savagery and save America from its enemies. **APB \$16.95**

Otto Penzler *Editor*

Murder in the Rough: Original Tales of Bad Shots, Terrible Lies, and Other Deadly Handicaps

An anthology of original short mysteries in the tradition of *Murder Is My Racquet* is comprised of murder stories set on the golf fairway, in a volume that includes contributions by such top genre writers as Lawrence Sanders, H. R. F. Keating, Ian Rankin, Simon Brett, and John Sandford.

HC \$51.95 TP \$28.95

Kate Pepper

One Cold Night

When his fourteen-year-old daughter is kidnapped, New York Police detective Dave Strauss soon discovers that she is in the hands of "the Groom"--the man responsible for kidnapping a young girl several years earlier--a case Dave had never been able to solve. **APB \$17.95**

Elizabeth Peters

The Mummy Case

Disgusted when he is denied access to the pyramids of Dahshoor and assigned to a "rubble heap," Egyptologist Radcliffe Emerson, aided by his archaeologist wife Amelia Peabody, finds his curiosity piqued when an antiquities dealer is murdered and a mummy case disappears. **PB \$19.95**

Chris Petit

The Passenger **TP \$29.95**

Henry Porter*Brandenburg*

The Stasi was among the most sophisticated intelligence organisations in the world, but by the end of the 1980s the Orwellian state of East Germany was collapsing around it. The special squads of armed officers, the torture chambers in the Stasi jail, the hundreds of thousands of informers could do nothing to prevent the rebellion that saw the fall of the Berlin Wall. It is in the context of these last few paranoid weeks of the Communist world, when a population that had been oppressed for nearly sixty years found the will to rise up, that this outstanding thriller is set. Its hero is Dr Rudolf Rosenharte, an academic from Dresden and agent for MI6; his controller is Robert Harland, from *A Spy's Life and Empire State*. When Rosenharte's security is compromised he is faced with a stark choice: to defect to the West, leaving his beloved family to the mercies of the Stasi, or return to East Germany to carry out a dangerous assignment under the Stasi's suspicious eye ... **APB \$19.95**

Jeff Povey*The Serial Killers Club*

Killing a serial murderer while defending himself against an attack on his life, a man inadvertently enters an exclusive club of murderers who address one another with celebrity names and share a mutual love of "the hunt," an organization that the protagonist decides to stop by systematically killing off its members. **HC \$51.95**

Douglas Preston & Lincoln Child*The Book of the Dead (Dance of Death 02)*

In a sequel to *Dance of Death*, psychotic killer Diogenes faces down his incarcerated FBI agent brother, while the Museum of Natural History reopens a long-closed tomb exhibit, a decision that coincides with a series of murders and sparks rumors about an ancient curse. **HC \$52.95**

Amanda Quick*Lie By Moonlight*

Believing her four young orphan charges to be in mortal danger, tutor Concordia Glade places their safety in the hands of private inquiry agent Ambrose Wells, who endeavors to protect them from a notorious crime lord. **PB \$19.95**

Sheila Quigley*Living on A Prayer*

A week before Christmas Debbie Stansfield's life falls apart. Her son - her funny, cheeky, kind Richard - has been found hanging from a tree at the Seven Sisters. The police think it's suicide but Debbie won't - can't - accept it. Her son would never kill himself. Not her Richard. No way. Richard's four friends know something about his death. Detective Inspector Lorraine Hunt can feel it. The teenagers are clearly terrified about something - something that scares them more than the police. But they're not about to tell. As the days tick down to Christmas, Lorraine, increasingly overworked and under pressure, can't ignore her suspicions that there's more to Richard's death than meets the eye. And when Richard's friends start going missing, her worst fears are confirmed. Just who is preying on the young people in Houghton-le-Spring? And will Lorraine be able to stop them, before another vulnerable teenager is found dead? **TP \$32.95**

Sarah Rayne*Roots of Evil*

Lucy Trent is used to having the legend of her disreputable grandmother disinterred from time to time - the infamous silent-screen actress Lucretia von Wolff, whose lovers were legion, whose scandals were numerous, whose life ended abruptly in a bizarre double murder and suicide at the Ashwood film studios in 1952. Lucy rather enjoys Lucretia's legend - although most of the family would prefer it to be quietly forgotten.

But when a body is found in the now-derelict studios, brutalised in a macabre echo of the 50-year-old case, disturbing facts about the past begin to emerge... Facts which point back to the eerie legend of the child known simply as Alraune. The child named after Lucretia's most famous film. The child who may never have existed at all.

In the ensuing murder investigation, Lucy is to discover the truth about her family's dark and often poignant history - a history which spans the glittering concert halls of 1920s Vienna to the bleak environs of wartime Auschwitz.

And at the heart of it all lies the shocking truth about the mysterious child called Alraune. **PB \$19.95**

Cornelia Read*A Field of Darkness*

Married outside of her blue-blood class to a genius investor who takes frequent business trips, features writer Maddie Dare endures long weeks alone in her industrial-city home and becomes involved in an investigation to clear her favorite cousin from a double murder charge. **HC \$47.95**

Ruth Rendell*13 Steps Down*

Elderly Gwendolyn Chawcer and her colorful group of friends become increasingly suspicious of her tenant, Michael "Mix" Cellini, an eccentric with an obsession for a model he has only seen once, who idolizes serial killer Reggie Christie, as his odd behavior and obsessions take an ever darker turn. **TP \$26.95**

Shelly Reuben*The Skirt Man*

An eccentric man's inclination to wear a skirt erupts into chaos in his small New York town when he dies in a house fire that some believe to be a case of spontaneous combustion, an event that reveals shocking truths when investigated by state trooper Sebastian Bly and her fire marshal uncle. **HC \$51.95**

Michael Ridpath*On the Edge*

How close to the edge would you go? From his past as an RAF fighter pilot to his job as a bond trader in the City, Alex Calder is a man known for taking big risks and winning. But when colleague Jennifer Tan decides to pursue a sexual harassment case against her boss, Calder witnesses the ugly side of his world, and the tragic. For Jen commits suicide and Calder quits in disgust. One year on, Calder is running a flying school in Norfolk. But the past won't disappear. When a former colleague of Jen's vanishes, while visiting Jean-Luc Martel the infamous *Man Who Broke the Euro* - in his mountain paradise in the Rockies, Calder sees the tragic events of twelve months earlier in an even more sinister and terrifying light. And this time, he'll risk his reputation, his livelihood and even his life on seeing justice is done . . . **APB \$19.95**

Michael Ridpath*See No Evil*

When an old college friend pays Alex Calder an unexpected visit he is drawn once more into the City's shady underbelly. For Kim is married to Todd, son of South African newspaper tycoon Cornelius van Zyl. Todd wants Alex's help to investigate the murder of his mother 18 years ago. It was assumed Martha was killed by guerrillas but the recent discovery of a letter sent shortly before her death now suggests a crime far closer to home. When an attempt on his life puts Todd in a coma, Alex vows to uncover the truth. Then a sudden blast shatters his world . . . **TP \$32.95**

Stella Rimington*At Risk*

A deadly terrorist threat draws British Intelligence Officer Liz Carlyle into a dangerous pursuit that will test her talents to the ultimate as she discovers that her unique ability to get inside the enemy's head could be the only hope of averting a horrific disaster, in a debut novel by the first woman director general of Britain's MI5. **APB \$19.95**

Candace Robb*A Cruel Courtship*

Scotland, 1297. Passionate, brave and fiercely loyal, Margaret Kerr - a young woman estranged from her husband - is determined to play her part in saving Scotland from the hammer of Edward Longshanks - King of England and would-be King of the Scots. And so she travels to Stirling to discover why the informer upon whom the Scottish rebels depend has become unreliable. It is an important and difficult mission, for he who holds Stirling Castle holds Scotland, and with fresh English recruits marching forth, a bloody battle for the castle is imminent. As the Scots prepare to cast off the English yoke once and for all, Margaret soon realises she can trust no one, not even her closest friends. Is she prepared to give her life for her country? **PB \$21.95**

Peter Robinson*Piece of My Heart (Inspector Banks)*

The sixteenth Inspector Banks novel, and the first for Hodder, is the best yet, and will take Peter Robinson to the top of the bestseller lists. Always incredibly well-received by critics and peers alike, Peter Robinson is perceived to be on the edge of huge bestsellerdom. Classic crime for all fans of Colin Dexter or Ian Rankin Inspector Banks series under option for television to Granada. **HC \$45 TP \$32.95**

Hunter Killer

When a rogue Saudi Arabian prince plots a coup d'etat with the assistance of the French, American admiral Arnold Morgan is assigned to counter the work of HAMAS terrorist Ravi Rashood in the face of mounting international opposition. **APB \$19.95**

Nancy Taylor Rosenberg*Sullivan's Evidence*

When twisted murderer and serial rapist Carl Holden is set free after the evidence against him is discredited, probation officer Carolyn Sullivan is assigned to his case and is plunged into a nightmare that challenges her professional and personal beliefs when the killings start again. **HC \$49.95**

Craig Russell*Brother Grimm*

A girl's body lies, posed, on the pale sand of a Hamburg beach, a message concealed in her hand. 'I have been underground, and now it is time for me to return home...'

Jan Fabel, of the Hamburg murder squad, struggles to interpret the twisted imagery of a dark and brutal mind. Four days later, a man and a woman are found deep in woodland, their throats slashed deep and wide, the names 'Hansel' and 'Gretel', in the same, tiny, obsessively neat writing, rolled tight and pressed into their hands.

It becomes clear that each new crime is a grisly reference to folk stories collected almost two hundred years ago by the Brothers Grimm.

The hunt is on for a serial killer who is exploring the darkest, most fundamental fears hidden in ancient fairy tales. A predator who kills and then disappears into the shadows.

A monster we all learned to fear in childhood. **HC \$39.95 TP \$32.95**

Alan Russell*Political Suicide*

Foiling a murder attempt on a recently deceased congressman's daughter, investigator Will Travis finds himself in over his head when the woman tells him that her father was actually murdered by a presidential candidate. **PB \$17.95**

John Sandford*Broken Prey*

After a series of killings that disturbingly emulate the works of a trio of inmates currently being held at the Minnesota Security Hospital, Lucas Davenport investigates a missing man who was released from the hospital weeks earlier **APB \$22.95**

Angela Savage*Behind the Night Bazaar*

Jayne followed Didier into the Night Bazaar, a concrete building that could pass for an underground carpark. As they zigzagged along aisles laden with clothing and souvenirs she wondered who created the demand for stuffed cobras wrestling with mongooses, scorpions in glass boxes and metre-long wooden penises. She paused briefly to feel the fabric of a crimson and black sarong: one hundred per cent polyester.

Who said crime doesn't pay? Australian expat Jayne Keeney lives in Thailand and works as a PI in Bangkok. When she heads north to Chiang Mai to visit her good friend Didier, she soon discovers that the local police have an especially cosy relationship with money and illegal acts. But as Jayne learns of this she realises her own life is in danger.

Murder, child prostitution, police graft and other stalwart crime subjects are all uncovered by Jayne in an exotic Thai setting in this thrilling series debut. **BPB \$22.95**

Steven Saylor*A Gladiator Only Dies Once (Further Investigations of Gordiana the Finder)*

Set against the backdrop of the later Roman Republic, a new collection of short mystery tales featuring ancient Roman sleuth Gordianus the Finder follows the early career of the classical sleuth. **TP \$28.95**

Dylan Schaffer*I Right the Wrongs (Misdemeanor Man Mystery)*

In the sequel to *Misdemeanor Man*, Gordon Seegerman is content with his low-end legal practice, dealing with misdemeanors for the Santa Rita, California, public defender's office, until he takes the case of a high school quarterback arrested for marijuana possession and dognapping, a case complicated by the murder of the dog owner's wife. **TP \$30.95**

Sandra Scoppettone*Too Darn Hot*

In 1943 New York City, private detective Faye Quick is hired by a distraught young salesgirl to find her missing boyfriend, an AWOL Army private, only to be drawn into a bizarre murder investigation, and joins forces with NYPD officer Marty Mitchum and her faithful secretary, Birdie Ritter, to uncover the truth. **HC \$51.95**

Lila Shaara*Dark Circles*

A former model, Gina Paletta abandons the glamour of fashion for the peaceful life of an academic in a small college town with her two young sons, but her idyllic haven is threatened when several students, already suspects in the murder of a classmate, develop an unhealthy obsession with their professor, and she must turn to police detective Tommy Galloway for help. **HC \$51.95**

Karen Shepard*Don't I Know You?*

The brutal, unsolved 1976 murder of Gina Engel, a single mother, has a profound impact on the lives of three very different people, including the victim's son Steven, who discovered his mother's body; Lily Chin, who encounters an enigmatic woman who warns her of her fiancé's secret life; and Louise Carpanetti, a dying woman whose own son may have been involved in the crime. **HC \$49.95**

Leslie Silbert*The Intelligencer***PB \$19.95****Ian Spiegelman***Death's Little Helpers*

Hired to find missing Wall Street analyst Gregory Danes, a volatile financier obsessed with restoring his tattered reputation, private detective John March uncovers a deadly web of family upheaval, business betrayals, and financial deception as his investigation leads him through the corrupt inner workings of the financial world. **TP \$28.95**

Stephen Spignesi*Dialogues*

A series of dialogues with the doctor assigned by the court to assess her competence to stand trial, as well as conversations with her mother, lawyer, nursing staff, former English professor, and others, offers a revealing glimpse inside the mind of Tory Troy, a young woman and certified animal euthanasia technician, who is in a Connecticut mental hospital facing six charges of felony murder. **TP \$24.95**

Erica Spindler*Copycat*

Five years ago, three young victims were found dead, posed like little angels. There were no witnesses. Strangely clean scenes.

The case immobilised the close-knit community of Rockford, Illinois, and nearly destroyed homicide detective Kitt Lundgren... During the investigation Kitt tragically lost her own child through sickness and, overwhelmed by the death of her daughter, the final blow was the crushing realisation that she let the killer get away.

Now the Sleeping Angel Killer is back.

But Kitt senses there's something different about this new rash of killings—a tiny variation that opens terrifying new possibilities. Is the Sleeping Angel Killer really back, or is it a copycat?

Young, ambitious detective Mary Catherine Riggio is in charge this time. M.C. is smart enough to realise that Kitt's obsession with the case has given the detective an insight that she, herself, lacks. But she's determined to prove herself and fears Kitt will blow the investigation—again.

Then Kitt starts receiving disturbing phone calls. It's him, the Sleeping Angel Killer, with an unthinkable offer: help find his copycat. Forced to rely on each other, Kitt and M.C. must decide whether to trust a murderer...or risk becoming victims of a fiend who has taken the art of the perfect murder to horrific new heights **TP \$29.95**

Lyndon Stacey*Six to One Against*

Damien Daniels has been murdered; shot out of the saddle by an expert marksman while exercising his horse. It looks like a professional job, but who would want to kill a popular ex-jockey who trains racehorses for living?

Animal behaviourist Gideon Blake witnesses the shooting and is able to provide information that leads to an arrest, however, many questions remain unanswered. Do a series of mysterious break-ins have any bearing on the case? What is the significance of the cryptic list found amongst the dead man's things?

Gideon soon finds himself drawn deeper into the mystery, and before long, a dark and terrible conspiracy comes to light which threatens to destroy the lives of those closest to him. **HC \$65**

Will Staeger*Painkiller*

His directionless life in the British Virgin Islands interrupted by a murder case involving a tattooed and scarred shooting victim, sometime CIA operative W. Cooper finds his investigation linked to that of junior analyst Julie Laramie, who has discovered evidence of a massive arms buildup in China. **APB \$19.95**

Public Enemy

When a terrifying, ruthless, and unstoppable enemy infiltrates the United States, leaving hundreds dead in their wake, it is up to Julie Laramie, an independent intelligence analyst for the CIA, and her old friend, a quasi-retired Virgin Islands operative know as W. Cooper, to stop the threat.

HC \$51.95

Mike Stewart*A Clean Kill*

Set against the lavish backdrop of the Eastern Shore of Mobile Bay, a riveting novel of suspense, murder, and legal intrigue follows Tom McInnes as he investigates the mysterious death of a juror and finds himself charged with murder, confronted with disbarment, and embroiled in a conspiracy that reaches all the way to the top levels of the government. **PB \$16.95**

Mariah Stewart*Dead End*

Two years after her fiance, FBI agent Dylan Shields, is murdered, FBI profiler Annie McCall is on the verge of starting a new life with Detective Evan Crosby, but she puts everything on hold to uncover the truth about the night Dylan had been gunned down, unaware that his assassin is close by, watching her every move. **APB \$19.95**

Final Truth

Working with FBI Special Agent Mitch Peyton on the case of convicted rapist/murderer Edgar Barnes, true-crime writer Regan Landry and her partner turn up a number of irregularities that insure his release, but when North Carolina's Outer Banks are plagued by a series of brutal, sexual killings, Regan and Mitch confront the possibility that they have unleashed a monster. **HC \$40.95**

Jonathan Stone*Parting Shot*

Trapped in a loveless marriage, local TV journalist Sam Stevens becomes obsessed with a ruthless sniper terrorizing Webster County as the killer continues to claim victim after victim, an obsession that has him fantasizing about escaping from his beleaguered personal life and could have devastating repercussions for all concerned. **HC \$49.95**

James Swain*Deadman's Bluff*

Cheating expert Tony Valentine and his son, Gerry, are called in to discover how blind poker player Skip DeMarco has been scamming the Las Vegas poker tournament, only to discover that their quarry is linked to some desperate and dangerous characters who will do anything to ensure that he will win. **APB \$17.95**

Phoebe Atwood Taylor*The Perennial Boarder (Asey Mayo Mystery)*

Miss Olive Beadle's thirtieth consecutive summer as a boarder at the Ye Olde Whale Inn in Cape Cod is marked by an untimely murder with bizarre ties to seemingly random events throughout the community, from a sprained ankle to an order of bad clams. By the author of *Death Lights a Candle*. **TP \$21.95**

Andrew Taylor*A Stain on the Silence*

A man's past crashes into his present, with deadly results . . .

In the late 1970s James Reed spent all his school holidays at the sprawling country home of Humphrey and Lily Murthington. They were wonderful days of freedom and excitement. But then something chilling happened that turned James's teenage years upside down . . . Twenty-four years later, out of the blue, James is summoned to Lily Murthington's bedside. She is dying and has some devastating news. For Lily was James's first lover, and now she tells him that he fathered a child. Not only that, their daughter Kate is on the run for murder. James's stable, middle-class life is about to be turned upside down once more. And a secret far more sinister than a long-lost child is about to bubble to the surface. . . **TP \$32.95**

Aline Templeton*Darkness and the Deep*

Rare in high-profile crime writing, the protagonist is a wife and mother whose home life conflicts with the demands of her career - core readership will strongly identify with DI Margery Fleming. Aline Templeton is Scottish, well-connected on the Scottish literary scene, and this series has a strong Scottish setting. Aline Templeton's first book in the series featuring DI Marjory Fleming raised the standard and this book will take her to a new level again. 'An unalloyed pleasure - an intelligent, character-driven crime novel.' - Andrew Taylor on *COLD IN THE EARTH* **HC \$55**

TP \$32.95

Will Thomas*The Linehouse 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 to be a rare stolen text containing martial arts secrets that are forbidden to the West. **TP \$28.95**

Victoria Thompson*Murder In Little Italy (Gaslight Mystery)*

When a young mother who had safely delivered a new baby the day before is found dead and accusations begin to fly between the girl's Irish mother and her Italian in-laws, midwife Sarah Brandt joins forces with Detective Sergeant Frank Malloy to unravel the truth before the entire community erupts into deadly violence. **HC \$49.95**

Brad Thor*Takedown*

In the aftermath of a Fourth of July terrorist bombing that has destroyed all of the bridges and tunnels leading out of Manhattan, an elite cadre of highly trained Middle Eastern soldiers performs a methodical search to locate a man who holds a powerful secret of key importance to both sides. **HC \$51.95**

Aimee Thurlo & David Thurlo*Prey for a Miracle (Sister Agatha Mystery)*

Serving as the link between her cloistered sisters and the outside world at the Our Lady of Hope Monastery in the New Mexico desert, Sister Agatha is asked to investigate when a young girl claims to be receiving visitations from the Virgin Mary, but her inquiries become complicated when the girl vanishes, the apparent victim of a kidnapping. **HC \$51.95**

Thief in Retreat (Sister Agatha Mystery)

Investigating events that forced a monastery to close twenty years earlier, Sister Agatha searches for clues within a local legend in the wake of a series of thefts and ghost sightings that mimic past events. **PB \$17.95**

P J Tracy*Dead Run*

It should have been a simple journey a drive from Minneapolis to Green Bay, Wisconsin. But a couple of unplanned detours lead Grace MacBride, Annie Belinsky and police Deputy Sharon Mueller deep in the northern woods, far from civilization and a mobile phone signal. Then the car breaks down. The nervous search for a landline and a mechanic leads the women to Four Corners, a sleepy crossroads town. And place they soon wish they'd never stumbled on - because something terrible happened in Four Corners . . .

Filled with the same crackling dialogue, pace and rich vivid characters as *Want to Play?* and *Live Bait*, *Dead Run* firmly establishes P.J. Tracy as one of the most exciting thriller writers in the world. **APB \$19.95**

Andrew Vachss*Two Trains Running*

Royal Beaumont, the corrupt crime boss who controls Altonville, a thriving center for vice tourism, finds his empire up for grabs when another crime syndicate threatens to seize control, as the town erupts into violence thanks to a new black revolutionary movement, a neo-Nazi organization, juvenile gangs, and hired killers. **TP \$30.95**

Pip Vaughan-Hughes*Relics*

Rural England, 1235 - Brother Petroc is living a simple life as a novice monk. Struggling to keep his soul fairly clean and worrying most about resisting the local girls, he stumbles headlong into vicious trap. Framed by a sinister Templar Knight for a brutal murder of a church official and accused of the theft of a priceless relic, he is forced to run for his life. Soon his best friend has been murdered and he has left the shores of England completely...Trusting his fate to an enigmatic relic-hunter and scoundrel, he must dodge the long arm of the church and somehow get revenge on the man who wrecked his life. And in the end, it will all come down to a mysterious island in the Mediterranean and to a saint who died a thousand years before... **TP \$29.95**

Lea Wait*Shadows at the Spring Show (Antique Print Mystery)*

In a fourth installment of a popular Agatha-nominated series, antique print dealer and American history professor Maggie Summer organizes an antiques show to benefit a local New Jersey adoption agency and begins to fear for her safety in the wake of threatening phone calls and letters.

TP \$24.95

Irving Wallace*The R Document*

As crime and violence threaten to engulf the country, culminating in an attack on the White House itself, the president of the United States proposes an amendment to the Constitution that would allow for the suspension of the Bill of Rights during times of national emergency, but the Attorney General begins to suspect that a larger conspiracy is at work. **PB \$19.95**

Christopher Whitcomb*White*

On the brink of capturing one of the world's most wanted terrorists, FBI special agent Jeremy Waller finds his multi-agency task force turned upside-down by the arrival of two mysterious Americans who may be higher-level agents or dangerous national traitors. By the author of *Black and Cold Zero*. **PB \$19.95**

Stephen White*Kill Me*

He's a rich, anonymous white guy. When he's not making money in the boardrooms of multi-national pharmaceutical companies, he's at one of his palatial homes with his wife and daughter, or he's heli-skiing in the Canadian Rockies or deep cave-diving in Belize. He enjoys power as well as money, and in all matters - business, pleasure, sexual - he's happiest on dangerous ground. He only has one fear, that an accident or disease will render him totally dependent on others. But he has the means to circumvent such indignity and he buys into an organisation, which he dubs 'Death's Angels', who guarantee to kill him if he ever reaches that point. Certain of the parameters he's set he continues with his privileged life. Then his past and his genes catch up with him and he wants to change those parameters. But he can't. He can't evade Death's Angels fulfilling their side of the bargain - or can he? **TP \$32.95**

Kate White*Over Her Dead Body*

Losing her job with a celebrity magazine, Bailey Weggins turns for help to old friend Robbie Hart, who successfully refers her to a magazine company that is under the thumb of a tyrannical senior editor, a situation that is complicated when the editor is murdered and Robbie is blamed.

TP \$28.95

Jacqueline Winspear*Pardonable Lies (Maisie Dobbs)*

Psychologist-sleuth Maisie Dobbs is called in by Sir Cecil Lawton--fueled by a deathbed plea from his dying wife--to investigate the mystery behind the death of his wife's aviator son during World War I, a mission that tests her feelings for her mentor, Maurice Blanche, and brings her face to face with a college friend with ties to the missing pilot. **TP \$28.95**