



# Infinitas Bookshop

*science fiction, fantasy & horror*

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## Author Visit

### Elizabeth Moon

will be visiting Infinitas  
Thursday evening 12<sup>th</sup> April.



She is travelling through Sydney after attending Swancon in Perth. Book 4 in the Vatta's War series, *Command Decision* is available now as a hardcover and a paperback. You can pre-order your copies now, especially if you won't be able to make the signing. Her previous book, *Engaging the Enemy*, was our 3<sup>d</sup> best seller for 2006, so we are expecting this to be a busy event for us.



## News

**Leviathan 2007**, a annual wargaming convention held at Quakers Hill High School, will be held the weekend after Easter, 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> April. Leviathan is run by the Western Suburbs Gaming Society, and is full of table top war games, collectable card games, board games, miniature painting, etc. There are fees to enter the competitions but attendance is free. We have heard very positive feedback of the friendly atmosphere of previous years' events. Infinitas will be attend on Saturday, with relevant books and products. We have entry forms at the shop, or visit: <http://www.westernsuburbsgamesociety.com/>

**Necronomicon**, which was to run over the Easter long weekend has been postponed. This is due to new management at the venue for 15 years, Newtown High School of Performing Arts, has refused to hire the venue for this use. The Necronomicon organisers are hoping to find a venue for the June long weekend. Necronomicon is an annual roleplaying game convention which Infinitas has been proud to support. For developments, or if you can help with a new venue, visit <http://www.necronomicon.org/>

**NSW Writers' Centre** is running a genre novel competition. We would encourage you to submit novels in our genre. [http://www.nswwriterscentre.org.au/html/s02\\_article/article\\_view.asp?id=523&nav\\_cat\\_id=273&nav\\_top\\_id=73&dsb=692](http://www.nswwriterscentre.org.au/html/s02_article/article_view.asp?id=523&nav_cat_id=273&nav_top_id=73&dsb=692)

**GenCon**, one of the biggest annual roleplaying convention organisations worldwide, is coming to Australia with GenCon Australia to be held in Brisbane July 2008. <http://www.genconoz.com/>

**Easter Trading**: Infinitas will be closed Easter Saturday as well as Good Friday, Easter Sunday and Easter Monday.

**Ditmar Awards 2007** finalists have been announced. [http://www.natcon.org.au/2007/Noimination\\_shortlist\\_2007.html](http://www.natcon.org.au/2007/Noimination_shortlist_2007.html)

**Hugo Awards 2007** and **Campbell Award** finalists have been announced. [http://www.locusmag.com/2007/03\\_HugoNominations.html](http://www.locusmag.com/2007/03_HugoNominations.html)

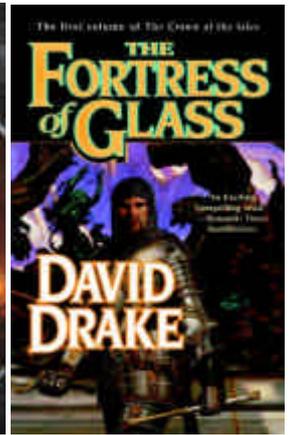
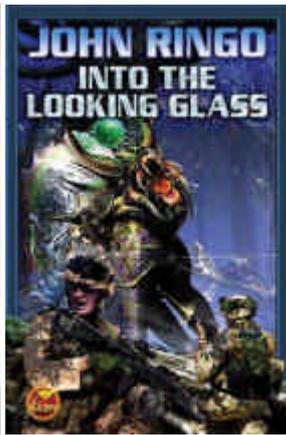
**Charles Stross** has submitted his next novel, *Halting State*, a near future thriller. Expected release in Sept 07.

**Mike Shepherd** (really Mike Moscoe) has submitted *Audacious* (Kris Longknife 5) to Ace, expect it in November 2007.

**Jack Campbell** (really John G Hemry) has submitted *Couragous* (Lost Fleet 3) to Ace.

**Scott Westerfeld** has sold *Extras* to Simon & Schuster, a new novel in his Ugliers series.

## Featured Books



**Elizabeth Moon**

**John Ringo**

**Black Library**

**Ben Counter**

**David Drake**

**Traci Harding**

**Charlaine Harris**

**Jennifer Roberson**

**Christopher & JRR Tolkien**

**David Sherman and Dan Cragg**

*Command Decision*, Vatta's War book 4 in paperback.

*Into the Looking Glass*, the first of a new series in paperback.

*The Art of Warhammer*, in large hardcover.

*WH 40K: Chapter War*, a Soul Drinkers paperback.

*The Fortress of Glass*, a fantasy paperback.

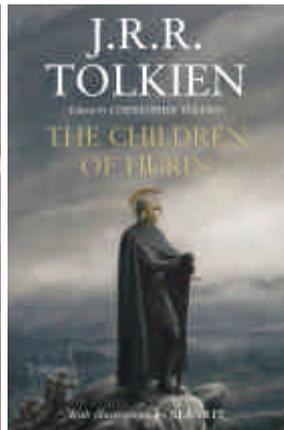
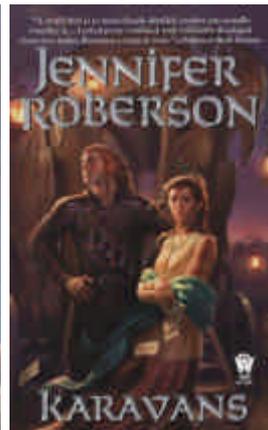
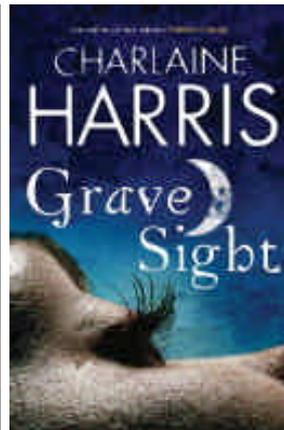
*The Dragon Queens*, in trade paperback.

*Grave Sight* in Gollancz hardcover and trade paperback.

*Karavans*, a fantasy paperback.

*The Children of the Hurin*, a hardcover Middle Earth novel.

*Flashfire*, Starfist book 11 in paperback.



## Reviews

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

*Lord of Light* by Roger Zelazny, reviewed by Adam Bales

<http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9781857988208>

When someone suggested that I read Roger Zelazny's "Lord of Light", my first thought was, but I don't read science fiction, I read fantasy. When I discovered that it was mythological science fiction I decided that was close enough.

"Lord of Light" is set on a planet where a group of humans are living out their life as gods from the Hindu pantheon. Technology, combined with an ability to harness certain powers, allows them to rule over the rest of society - who they deny access to modern innovations. Sam, who was once a member of this group, believes this technology should be shared. A battle is coming between Sam's followers and the god's but it is a battle that Sam is not sure he can win.

Zelazny creates a complex character who is coping with and growing in response to the events of his past. The narrative is well paced and leaves you thinking about humanity, technology and the role of both in the universe. This is a novel that is well worth reading if you enjoy thought provoking science fiction. In fact, a few weeks after I finished "Lord of Light", I decided something: From now on, I read science fiction, not fantasy.

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*The Immortal Prince* by **Jennifer Fallon**, reviewed by Isabelle

<http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780732283353>

The Immortal Prince is a story about lies. The story winds and unwinds around two main characters, Arkady Desean, a cynical young academic and Kyle Lakesh, a murderer who desperately wants to die, despite his self-proclaimed immortality. Arkady also happens to be the Duchess of Glaeba, married to the King's cousin and quietly confident she can expose this murderous charlatan for what he is – a fraud. Concerned at the political implications of the situation, Arkady can only scoff as the murderer claims to be Cayal, the Immortal Prince, a god-like figure of mythology and a character of the Tarot.

Arkady is well able to handle herself - strong, confident and intelligent, she is used to dealing with manipulative people attempting to gain favour, fortune and political advantage through deception. The more she hears of the prisoner's fantastic stories of heroism, despicable acts and cataclysmic destruction, the more convinced Arkady is that she can catch him out. Certain his wild tales will fail the test of scrutiny, Arkady wavers between contempt for his lies and concern for his sanity as the prisoner's stories become ever more complicated.

As we are introduced to the people in Arkady and Cayal's worlds, a web of sins and lies is revealed as the many characters work to hide their own secrets whilst attempting to uncover the truth about those around them. The story moves along quickly, meshing historical events with the present seamlessly, creating an intriguing insight into the motivations and character of the major players. Some of the twists and turns I could see coming, but others were utterly unexpected. It is the uncovering of the truth, both by the reader and by the characters that makes this book such a pleasure to read. In many ways, the twists I had second-guessed left me even more frustrated, as characters made decisions, unaware of the consequences of their actions. The fact that I cared about these consequences is testimony to the well crafted characters and the author's ability to spin a tale that is exciting and ever-expanding in scale.

The fantasy world Fallon has created has many parallels to our own, as she draws on mythology and archetypes to weave a story that spans, in some cases, generations. The book hints at many potential allies and enemies, plots and sub-plots and unrevealed secrets. I greatly look forward to the next volume in the Tide Lords trilogy, intrigued to see how the collision-course set in motion by the events in this book will manifest themselves.

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*Command Decision* by **Elizabeth Moon**, reviewed by Daniella

<http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9781841493794>

In a world with instant communication, those who have access to it have a distinct advantage over those who don't. It's been over a year since the system ansibles run by ISC stopped working across vast areas of space, and lines of communication have been dependent upon the traders moving between systems, and the speed they can travel at. The pirates have shipboard ansibles, and so far, the only other people who have it are the anti-pirate group led by Kylara Vatta. Now it's up to Ky and her fellow captains to work out how to best the pirates without giving away the fact they have the ansibles (and can spy on them somewhat) or getting themselves blown away in the process. Ky is aware that they need more ships to have any hope, but how to get them, and fund them is a problem.

Stella Vatta is at Cascadia, trying to get Vatta Transport back in business, and hopefully provide some funding for Ky's pirate hunting. Slotter's Key, the normal Vatta base of operations, has been out of touch since the ansibles went down, and the Vatta headquarters were attacked. Grace Vatta, Stella and Ky's aunt, and sometime family spook, is about to have a handful on her plate, as she becomes involved with running the planetary defences. Rafe, who had been travelling with Ky and Stella until recently, has headed back to Nexus to find out why ISC hasn't fixed the ansibles yet, and finds the situation is worse than he was expecting. There are dramas for characters at personal and professional levels, with characters having to weigh up responsibilities at both levels, and try to find a balance between them.

While this book is definitely a military space opera, the focus is on personal battles, rather than military details. The jargon, both technical and military, is kept to a minimum, and is done in such a way that no prior knowledge (or dictionary) is necessary to understand what's happening. A thoroughly enjoyable read that will leave you impatient for more.

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### New Release Information

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

Many books have more extensive information available on our website.

Prices include GST and are correct at time of printing but may change without notice.

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

### Information on the Infinitas Groups

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

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

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> April: New Media and Science Fiction  
Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May: Merchandising and Science Fiction  
Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> June: Sequels and Prequels by different authors.

**Review Group:** The review group meets on the third Thursday of each month at 6.30pm. Two books (usually one science fiction, one fantasy) are chosen by group members for each meeting with participants encouraged to have read at least one prior to the meeting and bring their review/s along for discussion. The discussion is generally serious and insightful. All welcome.

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> April:  
Elizabeth Moon *Sheepfarmer's Daughter* (F)  
Greg Bear *Darwin's Radio* (SF)  
Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> May:  
Mary Gentle *1610* (F)  
Frank Herbert *The Judas Incident* (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 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month. Check out the website for more details.

**Infinitas Forums:** Visit the forums behind our website to read or post genre news, gossip, find role playing games, or just meet other fans. [forums.infinitas.com.au](http://forums.infinitas.com.au)

### Bestsellers for February

#### General Release

Command Decision	Elizabeth Moon
Watch on the Rhine	John Ringo & Tom Kratman
Immortal Prince	<i>Jennifer Fallon</i> *
Old Man's War	John Scalzi
Belladonna	Anne Bishop
The Grapple	Harry Turtledove
The Dream Hunter	Sherrilyn Kenyon
The Apocalypse Troll	David Weber
Lady Friday	<i>Garth Nix</i> *
Deadly Game	Christine Feehan

*\*Australian Authors*

#### Media and Games Related Titles

Flight of the Eisenstein	Warhammer 40,000
Ravenor Rogue	Warhammer 40,000
Allegiance	Star Wars
Another Life	Torchwood
Border Princes	Torchwood
Galaxy in Flames	Warhammer 40,000
Outbound Flight	Star Wars
Eldar Prophecy	Warhammer 40,000
Sons of Fenris	Warhammer 40,000
Magic Item Compendium	Dungeons & Dragons

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\$15.95

## *The Art of Oddworld Inhabitants*

The Art of Oddworld Inhabitants: The First Ten Years 1994 - 2004 is a high quality art book featuring the artistic journey of the legendary game company Oddworld Inhabitants from its first ten years - from Lorne Lanning's vision of the first Oddworld hero in 1994 to the present. The book is an extraordinarily high quality fine art production depicting the story of the art and vision of Oddworld and how the company approaches the art/design process. It also shows how the design process maintained the highest standards of creativity and quality while evolving a coherent universe populated with characters that expressed rich and unforgettable personalities. **TP \$52**

## *d'artiste: Character Modeling 2*

d'artiste: Character Modeling 2 presents the techniques of leading character modelers Kevin Lanning, Zack Petroc, and Timur "Taron" Baysal. Each master artist showcases his approaches and techniques in modeling characters and creatures for film and game projects through expansive graphic tutorials. Kevin Lanning of Epic Games takes you behind the scenes of creating characters for the triple-platinum Xbox 360 game 'Gears of War' with tutorials on workflows for creating high-polygon and low-polygon characters. An invited artist gallery provides the opportunity for the master artists to single out inspirational artists and comment on the character work of the greater cg community. **Slipcased TP \$63**

## *d'artiste: Digital Painting*

d'artiste: Digital Painting showcases the work and technical skills of: Linda Bergkvist, John Wallin, Philip Straub and Robert Chang. Each Master Artist presents their personal techniques through a series of tutorials starting with an original concept and stepping through their digital painting process to completion. In chapters based around each artist, Digital Painting includes personal and invited artist galleries, together with thoughts and inspiration shared by the artists. Over 80-pages of tutorial and more 100 digital paintings from some of the most talented digital artists in the world make this book a necessity for all digital artists **Slipcased \$63**

## *d'artiste: Matte Painting*

d'artiste: Matte Painting is the authoritative book dedicated to showcasing and teaching the skills behind the art of digital matte painting. Leading Hollywood matte painters Alp Altiner, Dylan Cole and Chris Stoski bring readers through the matte painting techniques used to create breathtaking, photo-realistic sets and backdrops for film, television and video games.

Matte Painting work for sequences in 'Star Wars: Revenge of the Sith' feature prominently, as does an impressive painting for the 'Lord of the Rings' trilogy.

Each master artist presents their unique approaches through a series of step-by-step tutorials from concept to final painting. d'artiste: Matte Painting dedicates a section to each master artist, including a personal gallery, biography, up to 28 pages of tutorial content each and an invited artist gallery featuring 56 matte paintings from talented digital artists worldwide.

d'artiste Matte Painting features step-by-step tutorials from each master artist from concept to final painting.

d'artiste: Matte Painting showcases the techniques of each artist working in their respective software environments and challenges readers to apply these concepts to any software environment of choice. d'artiste: Matte Painting is the definitive guide to digital matte painting and is beneficial to any student or professional artist seeking to perfect skills in this niche craft. **Slip Cased \$63**

## *Elemental*

Elemental showcases the world's best Discreet 3D art. The first collaborative title in Ballistic Publishing's growing list of digital art books, the book has been created in partnership with Discreet, a division of Autodesk. To match the diverse fields that Discreet software is used in, we sought out high profile practitioners in the fields of visual effects, game development, architecture and software development. **HC \$61**

## *Elemental 2*

ELEMENTAL books showcase the world's best digital artwork created with Autodesk software. The first edition was released two years ago and has received critical acclaim around the world. ELEMENTAL 2 is packed with exciting imagery from Autodesk customers working in the fields of visual effects, animation, game development, architectural and design visualization. **HC \$63**

## *Expose 3*

EXPOSÉ 3 is the third edition of the industry's best art book celebrating the creative talents of digital artists worldwide. Surpassing the number of entries for both previous books, EXPOSÉ 3 sets a new benchmark for quality and quantity of entries across ten existing, and two new categories.

**TP \$59**

## *Machine Flesh*

Machineflesh is the first book in the CG Challenge series featuring the artwork and techniques of artists participating the online CG Challenges organized by CGNetworks.com and CGTalk.com. Machineflesh comprises of tutorials and artwork from the contestants of the Machineflesh Challenge. **TP \$44**

## *Vesage*

The members of the Visual Effects Society (VES) make their living creating the stunning visual effects we see on the big and small screen. Though they gain recognition and satisfaction contributing to the mesmerizing effects for movies, TV and games, they're all too frequently bringing someone else's vision to life. VESAGE showcases the art that the VES members create when they're not at work on visual effects. It offers a unique insight into the personal creativity of the people behind some of the most-recognized imagery in the world. **HC \$70**

## **Arkady, Boris & Strugatsky**

### *Roadside Picnic (SF Masterworks 68)*

Red Schuhart is a stalker, one of those strange misfits who are compelled by some unknown force to venture illegally into the Zone and, in spite of the extreme danger, collect the mysterious artefacts that the alien visitors left scattered around. His life is dominated by the Zone and the thriving black market in the alien products. Even the nature of his daughter has been determined by the Zone. And it is for her that Red makes his last, tragic foray into the hazardous and hostile depths. **BPB \$22.95**

## **Amanda Ashley**

### *Shades of Gray*

Dormant for one hundred years, vampire Grigori is awakened by the seductive scent of the blood of Marisa, and he vows to show her that not all of the undead are monsters. **APB \$17.95**

**Keri Arthur** *Australian Author*

*Full Moon Rising (Riley Jenson Guardian 01)*

A rare hybrid of vampire and werewolf, Riley Jenson and her twin brother, Rhoan, work for Melbourne's Directorate of Other Races, an organisation created to police the supernatural races - and protect humans from their depredations. While Rhoan is an exalted guardian, a.k.a. assassin, Riley is merely an office worker - until her brother goes missing on one of his missions. The timing couldn't be worse. More werewolf than vampire, Riley is vulnerable to the moon heat, the weeklong period before the full moon, when her need to mate becomes all-consuming... Luckily Riley has two willing partners to satisfy her every need. But she will have to control her urges if she's going to find her brother. Easier said than done as the city pulses with frenzied desire, and Riley is confronted with a very powerful - and delectably naked - vamp who raises her temperature like never before. In matters carnal, Riley has met her match. But in matters criminal, she must follow her instincts not only to find her brother but to stop an unholy harvest. For someone is doing some illegal cloning in an attempt to produce the ultimate warrior - by tapping into the genome of nonhumans like Rhoan. **APB \$19.95**

*Dangerous Games (Riley Jenson Guardian 04)*

Dhampire Riley Jenson, a hybrid of vampire and werewolf, journeys to Melbourne and into the heart of the city's seductive and dangerous urban underworld to find an enigmatic killer who has been using a nightclub that caters to its denizens' every fantasy as his stalking grounds. **APB \$17.95**

**Jonathan Barnes**

*The Somnambulist*

'Be warned. This book has no literary merit whatsoever. It is a lurid piece of nonsense, convoluted, implausible, peopled by unconvincing characters, written in drearily pedestrian prose, frequently ridiculous and wilfully bizarre. Needless to say, I doubt you'll believe a word of it.' So starts the extraordinary tale of Edward Moon, detective, his silent sidekick the Sonambulist and a devilish plot to recreate the apocalyptic prophecies of William Blake and bring the British Empire crashing down. With a gallery of vividly grotesque characters, a richly evoked setting and a playful highly literate style this is an amazingly readable literary fantasy and a brilliant debut. **TP \$32.95 HC \$55**

**John Barnes**

*The Armies of Memory*

Learning that he is being targeted in an assassination plot as his fiftieth birthday approaches, Giraut Leones, a special agent for the human Thousand Cultures' shadowy Office of Special Plans, returns to his native world to recover top-secret information from an illegal underground colony. By the author of *A Million Open Doors*. **APB \$19.95**

**David Bishop**

*Fiends of the Eastern Front (Fiends)*

Containing *Operation Vampyr*, *The Blood Red Army* and *Twilight of the Dead* *Black Flames* most successful series ever is an unmissable mix of gritty realism, rich military detail and blood-soaked holy terror. **BPB \$22**

**Chaz Brenchley**

*Bridge of Dreams*

In the city of Maras-Sund, where magic has been outlawed, children are being born with raw magical talents, including Issel, a young water-seller from the poorest part of the city, who could hold the key to rescuing his people from the conquerors who have oppressed the people. **APB \$19.95**

*River of the World*

His homeland oppressed for more than twenty years after the events of *Bridge of Dreams*, Issel of the Sudain uses his magical ability to manipulate water as part of a plan to free his people, an endeavor in which he is aided by a Marasai general's daughter who possesses her own vendetta against the regime. **HC \$51.95**

**Caitlin Brennan**

*Shattered Dance*

Pregnant with Kerrec's child, Valeria, the first woman ever Called, must once again save the Aurelian Empire from its enemies and resist the call of the Unmaking in her soul, while Kerrec, torn between his love for Valeria and his duty to his family, is ordered to make a dynastic marriage to another. **BPB \$19.95**

**Steven Brust & Emma Bull**

*Freedom and Necessity*

Staying just one step ahead of the government factions and magical family conspiracy that want him dead, James Cobham embarks on an adventure that takes him into every corner of mid-nineteenth-century English society. **TP \$32.95**

**Kathleen Bryan**

*The Serpent and the Rose*

A powerful mage trained by the Ladies of the Isle, Averil, heir to the Duchy of Quitaine, returns home to take up her duties, only to discover that her land is under secret attack by the King of Lys, who seeks to release the Serpent God who had once enslaved all humanity, and joins forces with Gereint, a novice of the Knights of the Rose, to protect their people. A first novel. **TP \$30.95**

**Jim Butcher**

*White Knight (Dresden Files 09)*

Assigned to investigate a series of deaths of magic practitioners, all of whom lacked the ability to become full-fledged wizards, professional Chicago wizard Harry Dresden is shocked when the evidence points to his half-brother Thomas as the killer, until he uncovers a conspiracy within the White Council of Wizards that threatens both him and his family. **HC \$49.95**

**Rachel Caine**

*The Dead Girls' Dance (Morganville Vampires 02)*

When Claire Danvers and her equally outcast best friend Eve are invited to the annual Dead Girls' Dance at a fraternity, all hell breaks loose when the living party with the dead in a town rampant with bloodthirsty vampires. **APB \$15.95**

## **Jean-Claude Carriere**

### *Please, Mr Einstein*

A young woman enters a building in a nameless contemporary European city. She walks into a waiting room where a dozen people, with briefcases or sheaves of documents, are gathered. She is ushered into a large office where she meets Albert Einstein who is engaged in trying to figure out the equation that explains the universe. He is charmed by her, and agrees to answer her questions.

He seems very used to receiving visitors. Among them, Isaac Newton is certainly the most regular and the most argumentative, desperately trying to prove Einstein wrong.

Einstein and the student start discussing the concepts of time and space. He explains his theories about relativity and his responsibility in the creation of nuclear weapons. Einstein also talks about the difficulty of being famous, about his relationship with other scientists and how his dreams of worldwide peace were shattered. He appears bright, witty, hugely sympathetic but also tormented and dreamy.

This is a remarkable book that makes complex concepts of physics and philosophy accessible to the non-scientific reader in a captivating and utterly charming manner.

Translated from the French by John Brown. **BPB \$23.95**

## **P C Cast**

### *Divine by Mistake (Goddess by Mistake 01)*

Going... Going... Gone!

The most excitement teacher Shannon Parker expected on her summer vacation was a little shopping. But then her latest purchase—a vase with the Celtic goddess Epona on it—somehow switches her into the world of Partholon, where she's treated like a goddess!

A very temperamental goddess... It seems that Shannon has stepped into another's role as the Goddess Incarnate of Epona. And while it has some very appealing moments—what woman doesn't like a little pampering now and then?—it also comes with a ritual marriage to a centaur and the threat of war against the evil Fomorians. Oh, and everyone disliking her because they think she's her double. Somehow Shannon needs to figure out how to get back to Oklahoma without being killed, married to a horse or losing her mind... **BPB \$19.95**

## **Stoney Compton**

### *Russian Amerika*

In an alternate universe 1989 in which Alaska is still a Russian possession, charter captain Grigorivich Plesnett, a former major in the Czar's Troika Guard who had been cashiered for disobeying a direct order, suddenly comes face to face with his past, as his choices could violently alter the history of all nine of the nations of North America. **HC \$49.95**

## **Dan Confer**

### *Adaptive Significance*

Adaptive Significance provides an exciting excursion into the world of natural selection, competition, and primordial instincts. The young protagonist, Cole Grace, passively accepts his mutation of multi-consciousness until love interest Emily Mahoney urges him to use this distinction to protect his genetic line. The novel quickly moves from Michigan to Adamo, a utopic setting in Australia where the Grace family eventually takes on the powerful but corrupt President of the United States in all-out warfare. In addition to an engrossing story line covering 40 years, the novel examines a broad range of serious topics, such as the total renovation of the auto industry, and never disappoints. **HC \$54.95**

## **Janine Cross**

### *Shadowed by Wings (Dragon Temple 02)*

In the sequel to *Touched by Venom*, Zarq defies the Dragon Temple by undergoing the harsh training of an apprentice dragonmaster despite the ban against women, all the while struggling with her craving for the hallucinogenic dragon venom and trying to understand her link to the great beasts. **APB \$17.95**

### *Forged by Fire (Dragon Temple 03)*

Securing a dragon estate for herself despite the laws that forbid women to own property, Zarq Darquel is forced to abandon her home to journey deep into the jungle, accompanied by some of the female dragons from her estate, in search of an ancient dragon secret that will give her the power to overthrow Kratt and the corrupt Dragon Temple. **TP \$28.95**

## **MaryJanice Davidson**

### *Sleeping With the Fishes*

Fredericka Bimm - Fred - is a mermaid. But she is not the stuff of legends. A marine biologist, she knows what's in the water so chooses not to expose herself to those toxins. She's allergic to shellfish. The sea creatures she can communicate with won't do her bidding. She doesn't have long blonde hair or a perfect body. And she's definitely not perky! Fred's life is mostly spent trying to conceal her origins - and lately she's been trying to figure out just why there are weird levels of toxins in the local seawater. Then two strangers come into her life. Her new colleague is a sexy - if over-curious - hunk with a mermaid fixation. The other claims he is Artur, the high prince of the black seas - and Fred's rightful ruler! **APB \$17.95**

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Using his unique insight into the future of the human race, Donal Graeme, a mutant mercenary soldier, finds himself drawn into a potential confrontation with the powerful Bleys Ahrens, a mutant whose own quest for power and his complex machinations to spread his message have left him with an ever increasingly deficient sense of human values. **HC \$56.95**

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A lonely young woman feels isolated from the world: she uses mirrors to reassure herself that she is still alive - and then they change her life when, one night, a young man appears through the mirror and persuades her to come with him to his own land, where mirrors are magical gateways to other places. This strange new land is in conflict, for war has been foretold but the king appears completely uninterested in the fate of the world. It is left to the Imagers, masters of mirrors, to try to decide the fate of the realm. Donaldson's firm control of the plot and his terrific characterisation make *THE MIRROR OF HER DREAMS* and the sequel, *A MAN RIDES THROUGH*, a story of great intrigue and psychological intricacy, filled with sexual tension, lust and love, as well as magic, battles and excitement. *THE MIRROR OF HER DREAMS* is a compelling read: a book that should be on every fantasy fan's shelf. **TP \$39.95**

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Night Shade Books is proud to present Hammer's Slammers: This three volume set presents for the first time the genre-defining Slammers series in a uniform hardcover set. This volume features all of the Hammer's Slammer short fiction, as well as all of the interstitial material from the original Slammers collection, as well as new artwork, and new interstitial material. Also included is an original Slammers story, "A Death in Peacetime". Introduction by Gene Wolfe **HC \$70**

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## Hal Duncan

### *Ink (Vellum 02)*

It's twenty years since the Evenfall swept across the Vellum and the bitmites took reality apart; twenty years since Phreedom Messenger disappeared into the wilderness and Seamus Finnan was imprisoned in his own past. Twenty years of chaos; but the Dukes, the remnants of the Covenant, still cling to power in their enclaves of order in the bitmite-devastated wilderness... In their Havens in the Hinter.

Across the folds of time and space, though, rogues and rebels are rising up against the Empire. From a mediaeval fortress where wandering mummers stage a Harlequin play based on Euripides' The Bacchae and performed in the Cant, to Kentigern, where another Harlequin, Jack Flash, wreaks havoc on a fascist state that thought him dead. From a 1939 Paris where Jack Carter and Seamus Finnan, heroes of the International Brigades, seek to rewrite history – to a 1929 Berlin, where a very different Jack seeks to save the world from a history he has helped make real. Locked in an eternal battle of chaos and order, it seems everyone must play their part now, as rebel or tyrant, hero or villain. **TP \$32.95**

## Kate Elliott

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King Henry's kingdom has been ravaged by internecine warfare, in a conflict that has been both long and bloody. Furthermore, the spell holding the exiled Ashioi from the world has failed, and the land, ravaged by the fury of their return, is only now showing signs of recovery. Sanglant is struggling to legitimise his leadership as the returned Ashioi are planning war, and Stronghand has begun a march of conquest into the heart of Sanglant's realm. Adelheid and Antonia have made an unholy alliance, and Sabella and Duke Conrad are moving to seize Sanglant's crown. Cultures, religions, and races are clashing in what will be the ultimate struggle for control of this strange new world. **APB \$22.95**

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The launch of a spectacular new fantasy epic from one of the most exciting new fantasy authors to have emerged in recent years. For hundreds of years the Guardians have ruled the world of the Hundred, but these powerful gods no longer exert their will on the world. Only the reeves, patrolling on enormous eagles, still represent the Guardians' power. And the reeves are losing their authority; for there is a dark shadow across the land that not even they can stop. A group of fanatics has risen to devour villages, towns, and cities in their drive to annihilate all who oppose them. No one knows who leads them; they seem inhumanly cruel and powerful. Mai and Anji ride with a company of dedicated warriors and a single reeve, who may hold a key to stopping the deadly advance of the devouring horde. They must try to turn back the dark tide, or the world will be lost. But a young woman sworn to the Goddess may prove more important than them all...if they are not too late. A haunting tale of individuals swept up by the chaos of war, this is fantasy adventure at its best - rich in texture, filled with colour and excitement. **TP \$32.95**

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All is not well in the Letherii Empire. Rhulad Sengar, the Emperor of a Thousand Deaths, spirals into madness, surrounded by sycophants and agents of his Machiavellian chancellor, while the Letherii secret police conduct a campaign of terror against its own people. The Errant, once a farseeing god, is suddenly blind to the future. Conspiracies seethe throughout the palace, as the empire - driven by the corrupt and self-interested - edges ever closer to all-out war with the neighbouring kingdoms. And the great Edur fleet - its warriors selected from countless peoples - draws ever closer. Amongst them are Karsa Orlong and Icarium Lifestealer - each destined to cross blades with the emperor himself. That yet more blood is to be spilled is inevitable... Against this backdrop, a band of fugitives seek a way out of the empire, but one of them, Fear Sengar must find the soul of Scabandari Bloodeye. It is his hope that it might help halt the Tiste Edur, and so save his brother, the emperor. Yet, travelling with them is Scabandari's most ancient foe: Silchas Ruin, brother of Anomander Rake. And his motives are anything but certain - for the wounds he carries on his back, made by the blades of Scabandari, are still fresh. Fate decrees that there is to be a reckoning, for such bloodshed cannot go unanswered - and it will be a reckoning on an unimaginable scale...

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Chaos threatens to overwhelm two worlds as the most dangerous force ever encountered threatens to invade Midkemia, while the most treacherous magician in history, the madman Leso Varen, begins to wreak havoc on the world of Kelewan. Pug and the Conclave of Shadows are determined to find Varen, only to discover that he has usurped the body of one of the most powerful men in the Empire of Tsuranuani, a Black Robe and member of the Assembly of Magicians. Pug has the almost impossible task of uncovering the true identity of the fiendish magician in an entire city full of Black Robes. Murder, mayhem, horror, and the darkest evil await Pug's son, Magnus, and his companions as they attempt to discover the ultimate source of the terrible threat that hovers over Midkemia and Kelewan. Leading a desperate expedition into the realm of the Dasati, the vast and malevolent empire which is threatening his homeworld, Magnus hopes to find the key to defeating this enemy who is capable of overwhelming the combined might of two worlds. But even if he does, the companions will have a desperate struggle to return home with their vital information. Three worlds will teeter on the brink of destruction as the third Riftwar: the Darkwar, is unleashed. **TP \$32.99**

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Harper Connelly had a lucky escape when she was hit by lightning. She didn't die but sometimes she wishes she had, because the lightning strike left her with an unusual talent: she can find dead people - and that's not always comfortable. Everyone wants to know how she does it: it's a little like hearing a bee droning inside her head, a persistent, irregular noise that increases in strength as she gets closer to a body. It's almost electric: the fresher the corpse, the more intense the buzz. Harper and her brother Tolliver make their living from finding the dead, for desperate parents, worried friends and police departments who have nowhere else to look. They may not believe in her abilities but sometimes the proof is just too much for even the most sceptical of police chiefs to deny. But it's not always easy for someone like Harper, for the dead want to be found - and too often, finding the body doesn't bring closure; it opens a whole new can of worms. **TP \$29.95**

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The sequel to Frank Herbert's *CHAPTERHOUSE: DUNE* appears at last. Fleeing from the monstrous Honored Matres - dark counterparts of the Bene Gesserit Sisterhood - Duncan Idaho, the military genius Bashar Miles Teg, a woman named Sheeana who can talk to sandworms, and a group of desperate refugees explore the boundaries of the universe. Aboard their sophisticated no-ship, they have used long-stored cells to resurrect heroes and villains from the past, including Paul Muad'Dib, in preparation for a final confrontation with a mysterious outside Enemy so great it can destroy even the terrible Honored Matres. And, deep in the hold of their giant ship, the refugees carry the last surviving sandworms from devastated Arrakis, as they search the universe for a new Dune. **APB \$19.95**

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A police-state America confronts a nightmarish new insect enemy when the Agency discovers the horrific true nature of Dr. Hellstrom's Project 40 when it sends a special team of operatives in to destroy his secret laboratory, in a new edition of the award-winning classic science fiction novel.

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Two orphans on the run, each with the power to save the world. . . When Molly Templar witnesses a brutal murder at the brothel she has just been apprenticed to, her first instinct is to return to the poorhouse where she grew up. But there she finds her fellow orphans butchered, and it slowly dawns on her that she was in fact the real target of the attack. For Molly carries a secret deep in her blood, a secret that marks her out for destruction by enemies of the state. Soon Molly will find herself battling a grave threat to civilization which draws on an ancient power thought to have been quelled millennia ago. Oliver Brooks has led a sheltered life in the home of his merchant uncle. But when he is framed for his only relative's murder he is forced to flee for his life. He is accompanied by Harry Stave, an agent of the Court of the Air - a shadowy organization independent of the government that acts as the final judiciary of the land, ensuring that order prevails. Chased across the country, Oliver finds himself in the company of thieves, outlaws and spies, and gradually learns more about the secret that has blighted his life, but which may also offer him the power to avert the coming catastrophe. Their enemies are ruthless and myriad, but Molly and Oliver are joined by indomitable friends in this endlessly inventive tale full of drama, intrigue and charm. **HC \$45**

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They say that the Thorn of Camorr can beat anyone in a fight. They say he steals from the rich and gives to the poor. They say he's part man, part myth and mostly street-corner rumour. And they are wrong on every count. Only averagely tall, slender and god-awful with a sword, Locke Lamora is the fabled Thorn and the greatest weapons at his disposal are his wit and cunning. He steals from the rich - they're the only ones worth stealing from but the poor can go steal for themselves. What Locke cons, wheedles and tricks into his possession is strictly for him and his band of fellow con-artists and thieves: the Gentleman Bastards. Together their domain is the city of Camorr. Built of Elderglass by a race no-one remembers, its a city of shifting revels, filthy canals, baroque palaces and crowded cemeteries. Home to Dons, merchants, soldiers, beggars, cripples and feral children. And to Capa Barsavi, the criminal mastermind who runs the city. **BPB \$22.95**

**Katie MacAlister***The Last of the Red-Hot Vampires (Paranormals 06)*

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**A Lee Martinez***In the Company of Ogres*

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King Conrig Ironcrown now rules the entire island of High Blenholme. But the peace he achieved after ruthlessly uniting its four quarrelling kingdoms into a Sovereignty is about to be challenged by enemies both mortal and supernatural. Rumours abound that his vengeful first wife, Maudrayne, believed to have committed suicide when she discovered his infidelity, is in fact still alive and about to reveal a secret that could cost Conrig his throne. A more tangible threat is posed by the ambitious sorcerer Beynor, and his crony, Conrig's traitorous former alchemist Kilian, who have stolen a trove of currently inactive moonstones capable of drawing tremendous power from the mysterious supernatural Beaconfolk. After initiating a civil war, the pair hope to utilize this power to vanquish Conrig's fatally divided realm and rule it themselves. The King's unlikely champion is his royal intelligencer, Deveron, a young man secretly possessed of magical talents. But Deveron is torn between his loyalty to the iron-willed king and his own conscience. The resulting clash involves not only human beings, but also the ancient races who inhabited High Blenholme before them - and who now intend to take back their lost homeland. **APB \$19.95**

**Sandra McDonald***The Outback Stars*

Recovering from injuries sustained during the loss of her last ship, bored hero Lieutenant Jodenny Scott takes a berth on the next ship out, the Aral Sea, a ship full of misfits, malcontents, and criminals, and journeys to the Alcheringa, an alien-controlled space warp, where she comes face to face with a powerful force that will turn her life upside down. A first novel. **HC \$52.95**

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An investigation into a mammoth explosion that led to the destruction of the the University of Central Florida and much of the surrounding countryside leads physicist William Weaver and Navy SEAL Command Master Chief Robert Miller to the discovery of a series of interdimensional gateways, one of which is disgorging demonic alien visitors intent on annihilating all life on Earth. **APB \$19.95**

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With the alien Posleen invaders advancing on the strategically important Panama Canal, the United States, overstretched as it prepares to defend the U.S. itself, sends a handful of advanced Armored Combat Suits, rejuvenated combat veterans, and three antiquated warships to assist the Panamanians in preventing the canal from falling into enemy hands. **HC \$51.95**

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When their home is destroyed by the vicious, tribal Hecari, Audrun and her husband Davyn, along with their four children, must join a caravan that will pass the demon-infested deepwood of Alisanos, but luck is on their side when they discover that their fellow passengers are gifted with various forms of magic. **APB \$19.95**

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Alabama businesswoman Neva Jones suddenly finds herself on a quest after being told to acquire a lock of pale hair and a lock of dark hair, to take off all the iron she is wearing, and to jump into a lake, a decision that takes her into the heart of a bizarre dreamworld in which she must save the gorgeous man she met during a business trip to Wales from a strange curse. **APB \$17.95**

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But, like his father, Turin refuses to be cowed by Morgoth and as he grows so does the legend of the deadly hero. In a land overrun with marauding Orcs, Turin gathers to him a band of outlaws and gradually they begin to turn the tide in the war for supremacy of Middle-earth.

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No, the real threat is far more terrifying. There is something out there that haunts the frigid darkness, which stalks the ships, snatching one man at a time - mutilating, devouring. A nameless thing, at once nowhere and everywhere, this terror has become the expedition's nemesis.

When Franklin meets a terrible death, it falls to Captain Francis Crozier of HMS Terror to take command and lead the remaining crew on a last, desperate attempt to flee south across the ice. With them travels an Eskimo woman who cannot speak. She may be the key to survival - or the harbinger of their deaths. And as scurvy, starvation and madness take their toll, as the Terror on the ice becomes evermore bold, Crozier and his men begin to fear there is no escape. **TP \$32.95**

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